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Help available on campus

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From finding jobs to helping with homework, OCCC offers services to students that will enhance their college experience.

Student Employment and Career Services is available to help current students and former students find work, said Judy McGee, Employment Services coordinator.

"We help students write résumés, cover letters and teach other interview techniques," McGee said.

She said two job fairs are held on campus each year.

"The job fairs consist of over 100 employers and are open to the public," McGee said. "We also have a job board that helps students search for employment positions that are available on campus."

For more information, contact McGee at 405-682-1611, ext. 7369.

Learning labs include the Biology Science Center, Physical Science Center, Math Lab, Communications Lab and the Accounting Lab.

The Biology Center, located on the second floor of the Main Building, has plenty of qualified lab assistants to help students, said Ross Kiddie, Biology Lab assistant.

"All of us in blue coats have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in biology," Kiddie said.

The Biology Center is accessible from Entry 24 and is open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through

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Alisha O'Lague, Business Professionals of America president, searches for service learning projects for her club. For more information about getting involved in clubs or service learning, call Student Life at 405-682-7523.

TWO-WEEK GRACE PERIOD GRANTED FOR MINOR PARKING AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ON CAMPUS

Follow traffic rules to prevent fines

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Students who wish to avoid costly fines should educate themselves on OCCC's parking and traffic regulations, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

"Even though security will be in full force

the first two weeks of school, students will have a grace period on minor violations until Sept. 8," Sloas said.

Depending on the seriousness of the offense, fines can range from \$3 to \$100, he said.

Sloas said one of the most common parking violations on campus is vehicles parked in faculty-designated spaces

without a permit.

Vehicles parked in faculty spaces without a permit could be fined \$15, he said.

"Faculty spaces have recently been restriped," Sloas said. "Therefore, students should have no reason to mistake the blue stripped spaces for a student space."

Students could face the heftiest fine of \$100

for parking in a handicapped designated space without a permit or in a fire lane, he said.

Sloas also said students who fail to stop at a stop sign or go the wrong way on a one-way street could be fined \$25.

Students who double-park, park improperly,

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SAFETY

SECURITY CAMERAS

Parking lot crimes on campus have drastically declined over the past few years. Security officials say the decline can be attributed to security cameras installed in 2007. With more cameras being installed, OCCC's parking lots will be safer than ever.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Health care reform should focus on the people, not insurance companies

Democrats, Republicans must find common ground on health care

The debate for health care reform continues to lead both political parties away from compromise. Health care reform is such a passionate subject that citizens at town hall meetings are going at each other's throats instead of giving rational arguments of what should be done.



JUSTIN COMBS

Health care pertains to every individual and is crucial to maintain a healthy life.

Our health policy should give citizens the opportunity to seek medical help when they need it, not just the elite or those who find health care through employment.

Options should be available for everyone. There shouldn't be any difference in the kind of treatment that is received between privatization and socialized help.

There's a large argument that the health care system only benefits the insurance companies with their

discretion about who gets what help and what the conditions are.

The discrimination practiced by insurance companies is what's making this so hard.

It's the insurance companies that need to adjust. An overhaul of the entire health care industry is not necessary.

Throughout the headlines, political party rivalry is present in every lead.

The ones in charge of making this work for everyone are more concerned with getting their way and making their core group happy.

I thought compromise was an element of democracy. Having government run health care is not the option the citizens should be saddled with. The arguments give the impression that some people's health is more important than others.

Until one experiences life threatening health issues, either oneself or from a close relative or friend, the issue can be rather hard to relate to.

One day we all will face the truth of our mortality. Then the blessing to have the medical help available will never have seemed more important.

YOUR VOICE | On-campus assistance in abundance

Student Support Services here to help

To the editor:

We in Student Support Services want to welcome all our students and wish each of you a fun and productive semester.

We are located on the first floor of the Main Building near Entry 12.

We provide support to our students who may need it. Three primary kinds of support are housed here: services for students with

disabilities, mental health counseling, and academic/learning support.

If you have a documented disability, bring us that documentation, and we can work with you to help you receive appropriate accommodations within your classes.

Please understand that your professors cannot make accommodations for you un-

less you have registered with our office.

If you do not have documentation but believe you may have a learning disability, we may be able to assist you in locating appropriate testing.

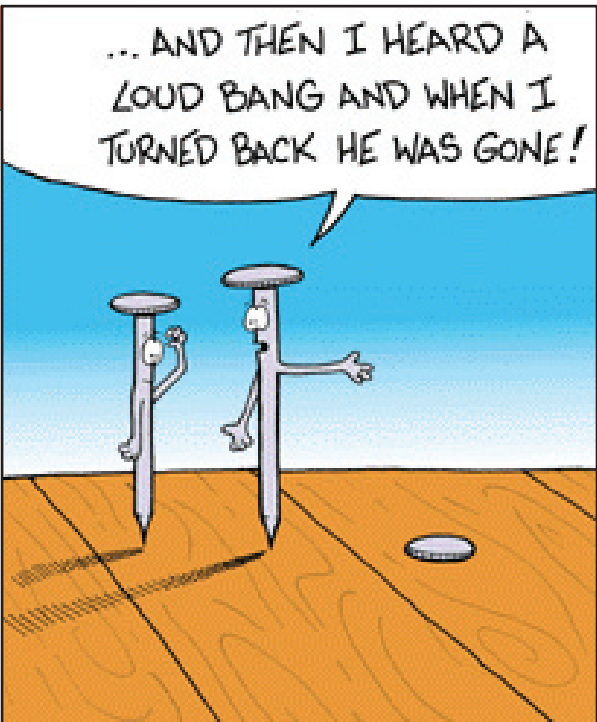
Life can be stressful and uncertain. It can feel overwhelming at times. Should you begin to feel the weight of the world on your shoulders, call us and

schedule an appointment with our licensed counselor.

Counseling services are available to current students. All of our services are confidential and free.

For more information, give us a call at 405-682-7520 or check us out online at www.occc.edu/support.

—**MARY TURNER**
LEARNING SUPPORT
SPECIALIST



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YOUR VOICE | Lab-related materials only

Printing policy changes inside WLCC this fall

To the editor:

The World Languages and Cultures Center have just established our new printing policies starting this fall.

The lab is still open to everybody, but the lab printer is now only to be used for printing language class related materials, such as Composition I, II, foreign languages and cultures.

We assume that students are responsible for the cost of printing materials for class and lab printers are for back up.

A lot of students who asked for printing materials were not aware or didn't know which lab supports printing their class materials or about the free printing card in the library.

We don't want to send (students) around from one lab to another for printing.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | Previews are the best part of 'District 9'

Peter Jackson presents a sci-fi bust with summer blockbuster

"District 9" previews show an impressive spaceship looming in the sky. The trailers also show a few exciting scenes of the movie.

If you have seen the previews, you have seen the best of this film.

A race of extraterrestrial-prawn-people is forced to live like cockroaches in a slum area of Earth.

They are treated badly by the Earthlings who use them for experimentation purposes.

The film, made in South Africa, is science fiction meets holocaust in the ghetto.

Much of the beginning of this film is laughable right down to the "drug-lords" getting the aliens hooked on, of all things, cat food. Whether it was designed that way is in question.

The documentary-style movie shows an alien life force capable of creating advanced flight and weapon systems. The storyline would then have the viewer believe these intelligent beings are reduced to a violent and primal lifestyle by a world-government on Earth.

The premise is ludicrous, the acting leaves

much to be desired, and the violence is overdone. In fact, the movie is rated "R" for bloody violence and foul language.

There are a few great action scenes toward the end of the film, but that does not justify sitting through the other 110 minutes. The movie is 112 minutes long.

The sign on the fence surrounding District 9 states "You are not welcome here."



Save your money and heed the sign.

Rating: B-

—CYNTHIA PRAEFKE
STAFF WRITER

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The fall semester signals the beginning of a new academic year.

To those returning students, welcome back. To our new students, let me be one of the first to extend a warm welcome.

Your choice to further your education and earn a college degree is one of the most powerful and life-changing decisions you will ever make.

A college degree has never been as important for your financial security as it is today.

OCCC is one of the best community colleges in the nation. Because of the high quality and low cost, OCCC is often the first choice when selecting a college or university.

Whether you are here to eventually transfer to another college or begin your career, the faculty and staff at OCCC are dedicated to seeing you achieve your dreams.

I do urge you to take full advantage of the resources that are designed to maximize your potential.

Our faculty maintain regular office hours and want you to stop by to talk about the class, brainstorm options including what courses to take in the future, and explore career opportunities.

There are open labs throughout the campus that provide free tutoring and help with your classes.

Getting involved with a student organization is a great way to make new friends and build support.

Remember you are not alone as you pursue your college education.

Welcome, and have a great semester at OCCC.

—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

FILM REVIEW | New film chronicles cooking legend

Meryl Streep continues to display her ageless talent in ambitious film

"Passion, ambition, butter, do you have what it takes?"

That is the question asked by director Nora Ephron in her latest film "Julie and Julia."

Ephron has an impressive resume of movies she's been a key part of throughout the past three decades.

She was the screenplay writer and director for the romantic comedy hit "Sleepless in Seattle" and also the writer of the classic romantic comedy, "When Harry Met Sally."

So, the abundance of charm in "Julie and Julia" is rather familiar from the veteran writer/director.

Even those not familiar with the life story of



Julia Child will find the delightful humor of this movie easy to enjoy.

This adaptation of the book written by Julie Powell simultaneously follows the evolving career of Child, and Pow-

ell's struggle to make an impact on the world.

Child wrote the first French cookbook for American cooks.

Powell challenged herself by cooking her way through Child's cook-

book in one year, and writing about it.

Meryl Streep displays her amazing talent in her portrayal of Julia Child. She and Stanley Tucci, as her husband Paul, are a perfect on-

screen reflection of the romance between the pair.

Amy Adams, as Powell, evokes sympathy for a character that has been punched in the emotional gut and is trying to find her niche.

The film flips back and forth between the lives of these two women.

It shows the impact Child had on the world of gourmet cooking, as well as on the life of Powell.

The two shared a bond although they never met.

The two-hour movie is funny, heartwarming, and easy to follow.

The movie is rated PG13 because of a few outbursts of profanity, but this is done in such a way that it is not vulgar.

After all, it is a film about the outspoken Julia Child.

Rating: A

—CYNTHIA PRAEFKE
STAFF WRITER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | Unrated DVD release of scary flick a bust

‘Unborn’ DVD falls short of too terrifying

He wants to be born now. The critically-maligned “The Unborn” screamed and skulked its way into stores July 7 with a highly-touted, unrated version of the flick deemed too terrifying for theaters.

Unfortunately, the only horror to be found within the single-disc set is the movie itself.

The supernatural thriller follows the life of Casey Beldon, played by Odette Yustman, a young woman who suddenly finds herself haunted by eerie nightmares of a blue-eyed child.

When Casey begins to suspect that the entity haunting her is the vengeful ghost of her unborn twin brother, she turns to the spiritual Rabbi Sendak, played by Gary Oldman, in hopes of exorcising the spirit from her body.

The film also stars Cam Gigandet as Mark, Casey’s loving boyfriend, and Meagan

“If you are a fan of the horror genre — or at least a fan of laughing along with cheesy horror movies — there may be enough life in “The Unborn” to warrant at least a rental at your nearest DVD store.”

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Good as Romy, her sympathetic best friend.

“The Unborn” is nothing you haven’t seen before.

Its somewhat promising plot is underdeveloped and undermined by poor execution, largely mediocre acting, and downright laughable special effects that may have been impressive — if only they were produced a decade ago.

The DVD itself continues to disappoint with its sparse offering of extras. Special features on the disc consist only of six deleted scenes that, shockingly enough, actually added some substance to the sorely-lacking storyline.

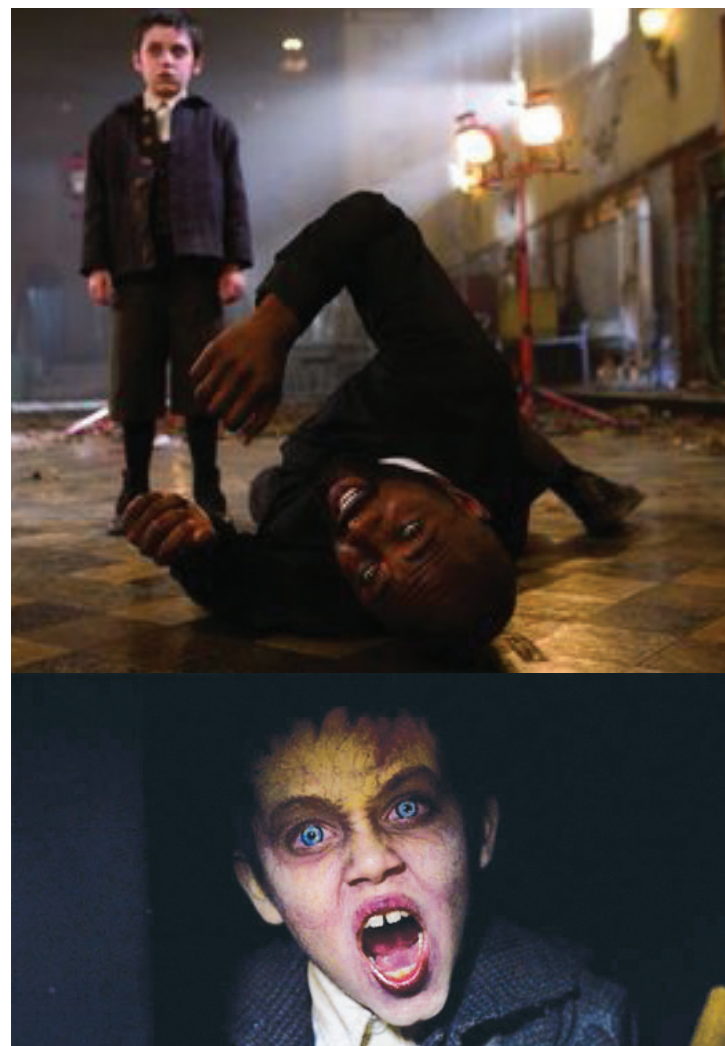
The same cannot be said for the abovementioned unrated version of the movie. Indistinguishable from its theatrical counterpart, the unrated cut adds only a minute to the film’s hour and a half run time and falls dreadfully short of its “too terrifying” tagline.

If you are a fan of the horror genre — or at least a fan of laughing along with cheesy horror movies — there may be enough life in “The Unborn” to warrant at least a rental at your nearest DVD store.

Otherwise, I’d stay away.

Rating: D

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER



FILM REVIEW | ‘Orphan’ features creative writing

Summer horror flick surprisingly intriguing, keeps viewers entertained with character twists

The suspenseful movie “Orphan” hit theaters on July 24. The movie features a talented cast but, as with many horror movies, the actions of the characters can be foretold.

However, the writers were able to throw in an interesting twist to the main character. The movie is directed by Jaume Collect-Serra, who also directed “House of Wax.”

The storyline involves 9-year old Esther (Isabelle Fuhrman) being adopted by Kate and John Coleman. The couple turned to adoption after the tragic loss of their unborn child.

Esther seems to be the perfect child; however, she does admit she is a little different.



The couple’s other children, son Daniel and daughter Max, react differently when meeting Esther.

Daniel, played by Jimmy Bennett, does not welcome Esther into the family; whereas Max, played by Aryana Engineer, does.

As the Coleman family begins to include

Esther, anyone who seems to infringe into Esther’s new life is suddenly put into harm’s way.

Tragic accidents catch the eye of Kate and she begins to question whether Esther is the reason behind them.

As Kate begins her investigation, her own family’s dark secrets start to arise. Kate, played by Vera Farmiga, is a recovering alcoholic and her husband

John, played by Peter Sarsgaard, was once a cheater.

Every interaction between Esther and Kate allows the audience to put the full story together piece by piece; however, Esther’s past is unexpected.

The accidents reveal just how far a manipulating and threatened person will go to hide her deep and darkest secrets.

Fuhrman’s performance of an angelic child turned heartless and manipulating once threatened is convincing and a little unsettling.

Throughout the movie, the family is forced to believe either Esther is innocent or she is the reason for the terrible mishaps.

Although there is a sex scene, there is very little profanity. The movie does carry an R rating. The 123-minute-long movie will keep the audience intrigued.

Rating: B

—LANDA MCCLURE
STAFF WRITER

Copper wiring disappears from construction site

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Last week, the college experienced incidents of a \$150,000 larceny, a visitor viewing pornography on a library computer, a repeat trespasser, and a small fire inside of a cigarette disposal container.

At 9:17 a.m. Aug. 12, Safety

and Security received a report that there had been a larceny of metals and copper from the former John Glenn School building — now owned by OCCC — Eddie Connally in his report.

His report showed that 17 of the 30 rooftop condensers had been stripped of copper tubing, condenser coils and electrical wiring.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said, “There was \$150,000 worth of material stolen from the building.”

Even though no suspects have been caught, Oklahoma City police are investigating the matter, Sloas said.

Connally responded to another incident Aug. 14 at the campus library.

At 11:31 a.m. Jason Kimball, lead library circulation assistant, reported to Connally that a person later identified as Manny Garcia had been observed viewing pornography on a library computer, according to the reports.

According to Connally’s report, Garcia was uncoopera-

tive when the officer tried to talk with him.

Campus security escorted Garcia to his car in parking lot B and called in his license plate numbers to check for any warrants. Afterwards, the report stated, Garcia left the property.

Around noon Aug. 7, Kimball reported to Safety and Security that a person who had been warned to not return to the college for six months was in the library, according to a report by Security Officer Larry Lundy.

Lundy said in his report that Brian Wilkerson said he was given a warning in February not to come back for 30 days.

The report states Lundy told Wilkerson No Trespass Warnings last for six months.

After checking for outstanding warrants, Lundy told Wilkerson not to come back until his six months warning expired, according to the report.

A small cigarette disposal container fire was extinguished Aug. 12 by Security Officer Brandon Wheeler, according to an incident report.

Officer Wheeler said in his report that it seems that the fire was caused by a cigarette igniting trash placed in the container.

According to the report, no one was injured in the fire.

Campus security keeps watchful eye

Officers provide many services including battery jumps, escorts

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OCCC has seen a large drop in vehicular-related crimes since installing security cameras in 2007, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

In the 2006-2007 school year, 34 vehicle break-ins were reported, Sloas said.

However, he said, school years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 had only three break-ins reported each year.

“That is a tremendous reduction,” Sloas said. “I believe that the cameras were the largest reason for the reduction.”

He said in addition to more cameras being installed in 2009, campus security officers have been monitoring the property 24 hours a day.

“There are two mobile units patrolling the grounds during business hours and one vehicle during the hours that the college is closed,” Sloas said.

“Furthermore, students have access to emergency call boxes located on light poles in the parking lots.

“All a student has to do is press the button for help.”

The mobile units offer assistance to motorists with

battery jumps, keys locked in cars, and escorting students, visitors, and staff to their vehicles, Sloas said.

In addition, students who experience an emergency may dial extension 7747 on any college phone.

Sloas said he urges students to call the campus emergency extension instead of 911.

“Calling security cuts down on time and allows the caller to receive immediate medical assistance from trained staff,” Sloas said.

If needed, security will call the appropriate authorities, send a security officer and first responder to the caller’s location, and direct the ambulance and police to the exact location the call came from, he said.

“If a person calls 911 from their cell phone, then they may not be able to direct the dispatcher to their exact location,” Sloas said.

“Those problems could make all the difference in the world in an emergency.”

For more information, contact Safety and Security at 405-682-7691.

CORRECTION:

•IN THE OCCC NEW STUDENT SPECIAL ISSUE, IT WAS INCORRECTLY REPORTED THE BUR-SAR’S OFFICE MAILS CHECKS. THEY DON’T.

•IN THE OCCC NEW STUDENT SPECIAL ISSUE, THE NUMBER TO THE ONLINE LEARNING HELP DESK WAS INCORRECTLY REPORTED. THE CORRECT NUMBER IS 405-682-1611, EXT. 7574.

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Ample parking available says college officials



Recent expansions to lots D, E and F offer plenty parking spaces

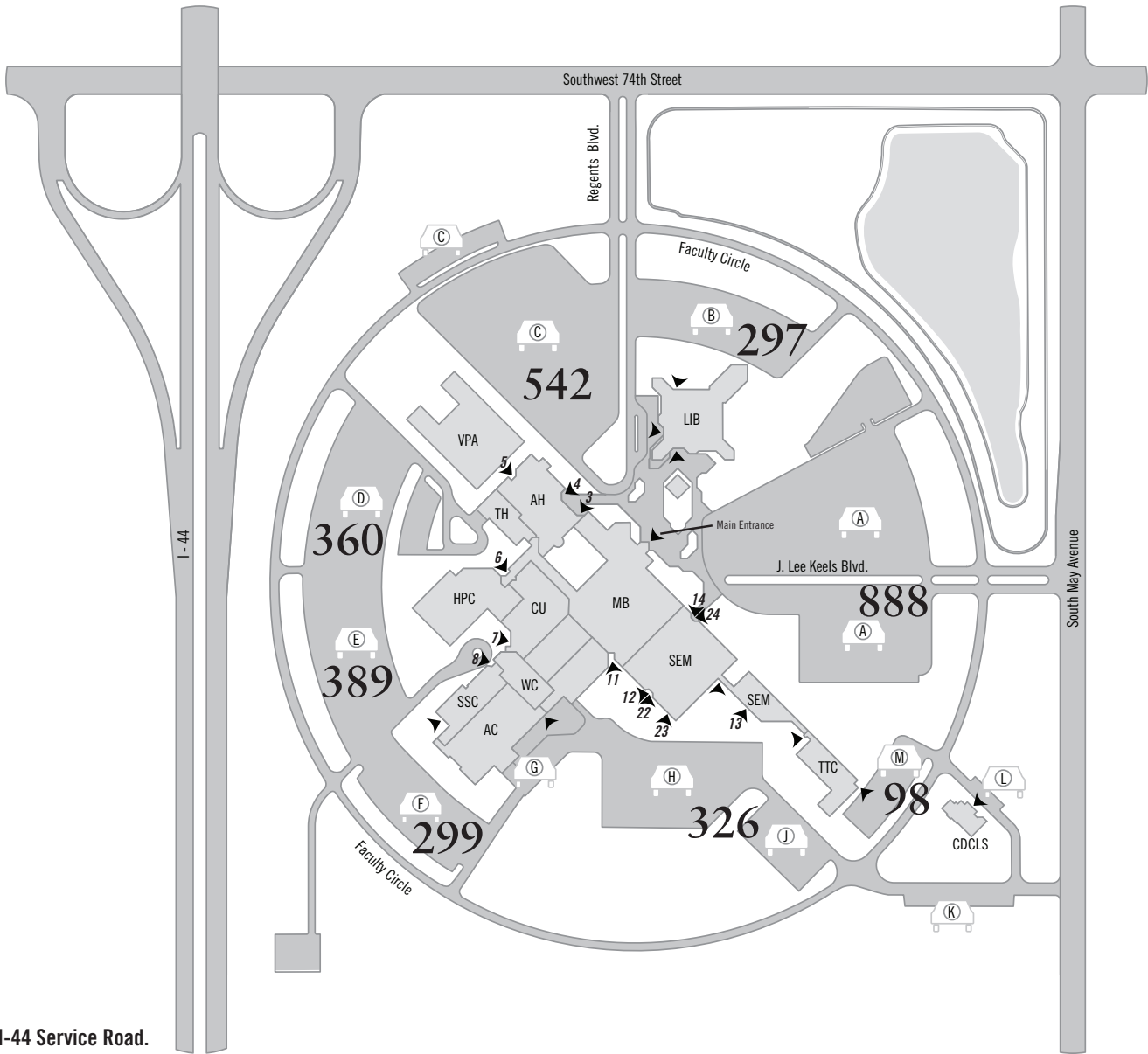
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Parking Areas

Entrances



- AC Aquatic Center
- AH Arts and Humanities Center
- CDCLS Child Development Center & Lab School
- CU College Union
- HPC Health Professions Center
- LIB Library
- MB Main Building
- SEM Science, Engineering, and Math Center
- SSC Social Sciences Center
- TH Bruce B. Owen Theater
- TTC Transportation Technologies Center
- VPA Visual and Performing Arts Center
- WC Wellness Center



The OCCC John Massey Center is located at 11919 South I-44 Service Road.

Parking: Offenses can cost \$3 to \$100

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place their decals in the incorrect location, fail to display a parking decal, and other minor offenses could have to pay smaller fines of \$5 to \$3, Sloas said.

For more information,

contact Safety and Security at 405-682-1611, ext. 7691.

For more information about registering vehicles and parking decal placement, contact Records and Graduation Services at 405-682-7512.

Comments? Opinions?

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Let your voice be heard!

What happens if you get a fine?

“Fines may be paid in the Bursar’s Office. When a fine is paid, a receipt will be issued and the Safety and Security Department notified. Once all fines have been paid, all restrictions on the person will be removed.

Failure to pay or appeal any fine within 15 calendar days will result in the following action:

- For students, a letter will be sent advising the student that a citation that was received on the vehicle has not been paid, resulting in a Safety and Security hold being placed on the student’s records until such time that a copy of the receipt of payment of the citation is presented to Campus Safety and Security.
- For employees, notifications will be sent to Human Resources.

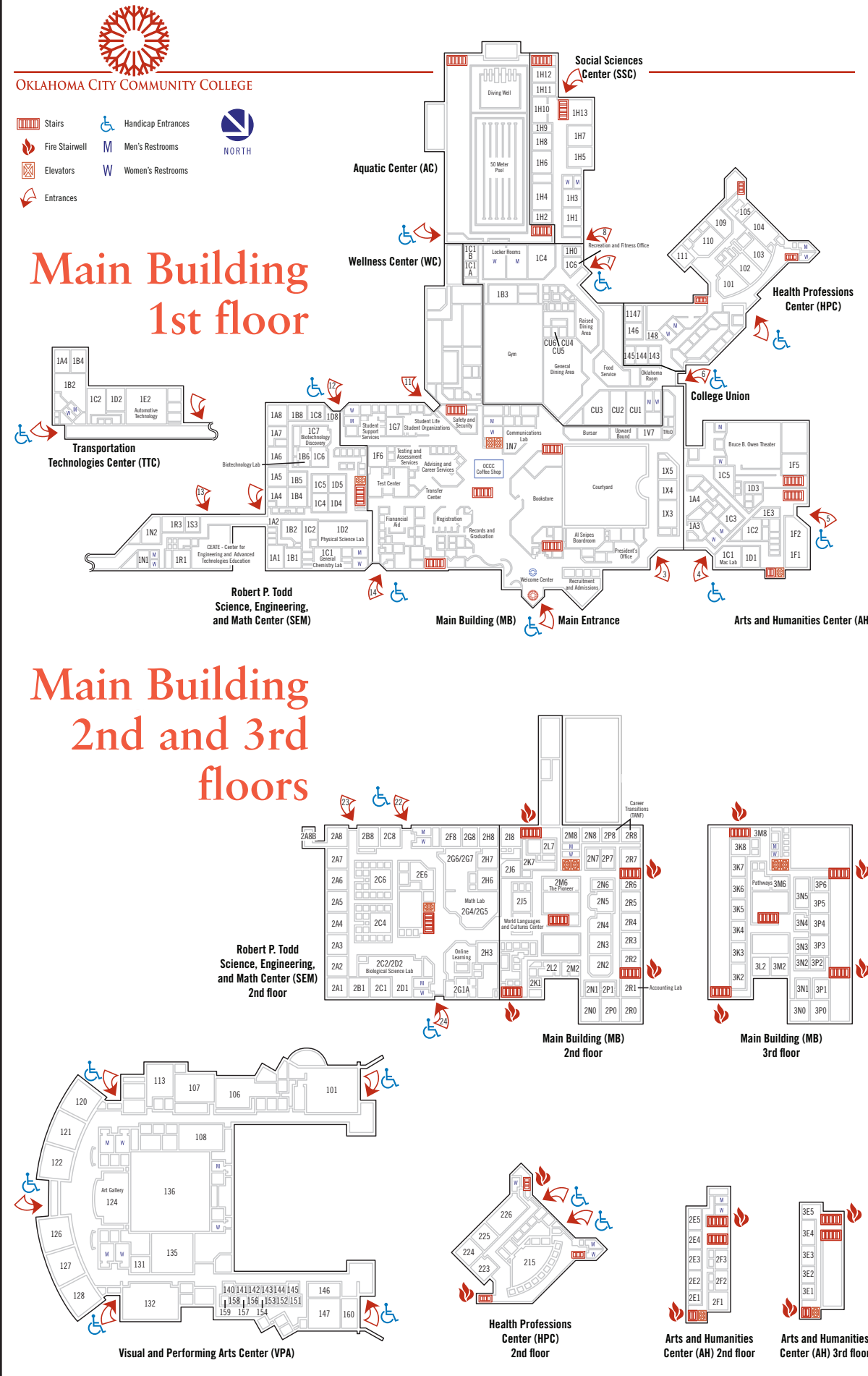
—According to the “Campus Traffic and Parking Regulations” brochure, available in the Safety and Security office on the first floor of the Main Building.

Navigating OCCC a map away

Shown are maps to all three floors of the Main Building on campus where OCCC's labs, bookstore and other helpful offices are located.

For the fall semester, the Main Building will open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The campus is closed Sundays.

Students are encouraged to ask any college employee for directions if they have difficulty navigating any of the buildings.



Services: Lab and building hours posted

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Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, and Saturdays.

The Physical Science Center, located on the first floor of the Main Building near Entry 14, helps students in physics, chemistry and other physical sciences.

The lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Christine Peck, Math Lab senior assistant, said the Math Lab has tutors available to help students with any math subject taught on campus.

The Math Lab is located on the second floor of the Main Building and is accessible from Entry 24.

Math Lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.

The Communications Lab, located on the first floor of the Main Building, helps students with reading, essays and language skills, said Brandon Isaak, Communications Lab assistant.

"When students come in with papers for classes we don't just proof read them," Isaak said. "We also discuss with the student about what is in their paper and how to improve it."

Communications Lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

The Accounting Lab is helpful to accounting and business majors, said Julie Young, accounting

Lab tutorial assistant.

"We offer one-on-one tutoring for our accounting majors," Young said. "Business majors can use our computers for their business courses as well as get help in the accounting aspects that pertain to their major."

The Accounting Lab is located in room 2R1 in the northwest corner of the Main Building on the second floor.

The Accounting Lab is open 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

The World Languages and Cultures Center offers students tutoring and other learning resources, said Chiaki Troutman, World Languages and Cultures Center lab assistant.

In addition to the center's basic resources, the lab will host two workshops during the fall, Troutman said.

She said the Japanese Business Culture workshop will be held from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16.

There also will be a Japanese Conversation workshop from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, Troutman said.

"Language learning software, audio CDs for language classes are some other learning resources we have available," she said.

The World Languages and Cultures Center is located on the second floor of the Main Building in room 2J4.

The center is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

SPORTS

To the hoop



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

Donald Worth goes up for a layup but is fouled by his brother, Dallas Worth, while playing basketball in the Wellness Center. The center is open to everyone from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS | Learn about new recreation and fitness activities

Recreation and Fitness Bash Sept. 2

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The Recreation and Fitness Bash will occur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the gym, said Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist.

Watson said students can receive information about all OCCC's intramural sports as well as the various fitness classes offered.

Students can also register for sports and classes at the Recreation and Fitness Bash, he said.

Watson said instructors will demonstrate the fitness programs and provide activities for the audience to participate in. Free food will be provided.

He said he encourages students to attend this event.

Students looking to participate in

sports can look into the different intramural sports offered including: kickball, bowling, flag football and volleyball, Watson said.

"Intramural sports were created so students could form teams and play against their peers," he said.

Registration is free for students. Most of the teams are co-ed and make their own practice schedule, Watson said.

He said games are usually held between noon and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Club sports are available for soccer, basketball and flag football, Watson said.

He said flag football is new this year.

Club sports are different from the intramural sports in that club sports are generally more competitive, Watson said.

He said the teams have an assigned

coach and compete against other clubs in Oklahoma.

Students can start signing up for club sports Monday, Aug. 24, Watson said. Some fees may apply.

Watson said he has high hopes for club sports.

"I am hoping to see enrollment at its highest this year," he said.

Along with intramural sports, the Recreation and Fitness Center also offers classes such as: swimming, weight lifting, Pilates, and body sculpting.

Watson said he expects the fitness classes to become popular.

Students interested in joining an intramural team, club sport, or to sign up for fitness classes, can go by the Recreation and Fitness office. Students can also visit the Wellness Recreation Desk. Students also can go online and print off a registration form, he said.

For more information, contact Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **Ongoing:** Open enrollment for fitness classes at the Wellness Center Desk. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Aug. 31:** Coed flag football meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 8:** Men and womens kick ball meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 9:** Coed volleyball meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 9:** Circuit Training Level 1 meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. Circuit Training includes a variety of strength building exercises. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 14 - Oct. 2:** Circuit Training Level 1 events held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 18 - Oct. 23:** Flag football games every Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

- **Sept. 30:** Circuit Training Level 2 meeting for men and women at 12:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

Have sports news? Contact Sports Writer Landa McClure at 405-682-1611, ext. 7440, or e-mail staffwriter2@occc.edu.

I.D. THEFT GOOD DETERRENT TO CRIME

Public records make I.D. theft easier

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Citizens who have accumulated a public record in Oklahoma counties are in danger of having their personal information stolen.

When interacting with public courts, information such as Social Security numbers, drivers license numbers, home addresses and phone numbers are sometimes posted on the internet.

"All one needs to open a bank account is a drivers license number and \$10," said International Bank of Commerce employee, Erin Beatty.



Former OCCC student Chad L. Hyde is a victim to what he considers an invasion of privacy. After receiving a reckless driving ticket through Cleveland County

on Dec. 20, 2008, Hyde's ticket was visibly posted on www.oscn.net revealing his home address and phone number.

"I feel so violated," said Hyde. "My personal safety is

at risk."

According to the Open Records Act of Oklahoma, courts are to "ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government record so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power."

In an effort to abide by these regulations, courts are irresponsibly releasing personal information that does not advance citizens in exercising political power, but yet gives them power over the individual's personal information.

OCCC student Daniel DeLaRosa also had his home

address, date of birth, drivers license number, and car tag number posted on www.oscn.net when he received a speeding ticket on April 19, 2005.

"What's happening is scary," said DeLaRosa.

"Why should I have to worry about my personal life being tampered with because of a speeding ticket that happened years ago?"

DeLaRosa said he quickly filed a complaint to the court that administered the ticket and notified the public agencies that may have been subject to DeLaRosa's identity theft.

Tuition Waivers available for Chamber Singers

Auditions for Chamber Singers will be held Aug. 24 to 25

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Students with a love for music could receive a tuition waiver by auditioning for the Chamber Singers choir, said Ronald Staton, music professor.

Auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 24 and 25 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, Room 150, said Staton.

There are no specified times to audition. Students may come by anytime that fits their schedules, Staton said.

"There are no costs to audition. Nor are there any requirements other than a love for music," Staton said.

However, students will need to bring a copy of the song that they will be singing, he said.

Staton said he would select about 20 singers based on their ear for music, voice quality, sight reading ability, and passion for singing. Students

wishing to audition need not to be music majors.

After being selected as a member of the Chamber Singers, singers should expect to have three rehearsals a week.

Students will also have the opportunity to perform in at least two concerts per semester, Staton said.

The Chamber Singers group provides a wonderful way for musicians to obtain performing experience, said Nathan Steinman, 25, OCCC music major.

The Chamber Singers perform for the YWCA, Lions Club, and different schools, said Steinman who is auditioning this year.

"One of the highlights of the choir is the opportunity to perform for other community college choirs at Fort Smith," Steinman said.

In addition to the Chamber Singers choir, OCCC has two other choirs that students may join, Staton said.

The Symphonic Choir is a larger choir that basically covers every aspect of music, he said.

However, the Concert Choir has more show style performances, he added.

Students that are not interested in Chamber Singers might want to sign up for the 35-person Concert Choir or the larger 70-person Symphonic choir, he said.

Students who are involved with more choirs could receive an increase in the amount of money they receive through tuition waivers, said Staton.

Regardless of the differences, students could benefit from becoming a member of

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—NATHAN STEINMAN
OCCC STUDENT

ant of the choirs, he said.

The Concert and Symphonic choirs require no auditions, involve some of the same activities, and offer the same performing experience without the harder pressures of

the Chamber Singers, he said.

For more information on auditioning for the Chamber Singers or other choirs, students may contact Ron Staton, music professor, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7249.



FILE PHOTO/PIONEER

Ron Staton, music professor, leads the Chamber Choir during a performance. Staton said students who have a love for music could receive a tuition waiver by auditioning for the Chamber Singers choir. Auditions are Monday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 25 in Room 150 of the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT LIFE | Leadership skills promoted at annual retreat



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Tino Ceballos Jr., Business Professionals of America public relations coordinator; Christian Kotoucek, Nursing Students Association vice president; and Kandice Edwards, Nursing Student Association President, perform a skit to demonstrate club procedures. The annual Leadership Retreat was held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Students attend fall retreat to improve valuable leadership skills and tactics

Annual Student Life event a success

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Fifty-four people attended a leadership retreat at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford Aug. 7 to 9, said Darin Behara, Student Life director.

The event was sponsored by Student Life.

He said Student Life required one representative from each campus club to attend the retreat in order to retain their funding.

Although the retreat targeted club officers,

the event was open to all students, Behara said.

He said attendees paid \$25 to cover transportation, a two-night stay at a motel, all meals during the stay, and a T-shirt.

The students, faculty and staff in attendance were treated to bowling, rock climbing, swimming and movies, Behara said.

He said activities at the retreat vary.

"We have students that have attended the retreat three and four times," Behara said. "So the activities are fresh and new each year."

The activities are focused on active learning methods, which required student participation and collabora-

tion, he said.

Muhamad Ades, who represented the newly formed Muslim club Salaam at the retreat, said it was a great experience.

"It helped build my leadership skills," Ades said.

"It was also great in developing intercultural relations."

"I would definitely attend the next one and would recommend anyone attending."

Stephanie Baird, Student Life Programs coordinator, said she facilitated a skit type activity.

The students were given a manual of rules, policies and procedures, Baird said.

She said the students

were split into groups and performed a five-minute skit on different topics.

Baird said the objective of the activity was to make sure that students were referencing the book and applying the steps from the book.

Annalyn Gill, an officer from the Advocates of Peace club, said she really enjoyed the guest speaker.

"Tracy Knofla was a fantastic speaker," Gill said. "Student Life could not have picked a better person."

"She kept everyone involved, and interacting with each other."

For more information, contact Karlen Grayson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7185.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Student Life welcomes students

All activities will be held in the general dining area

- **Aug. 24**
Student Life will be offering free breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- **Aug. 25**
Student life presents make your own chap stick from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Aug. 26**
Free popcorn and musician Sheree Chamberlin will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Aug. 27**
Student Life will have the game Deal or No Deal at 12:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 28**
Free sno cones from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Campus to hold survivor training

OCCC will hold two seminars on how to survive an active shooter. The first event will be held Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second, event will be held Thursday, Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Both events will be held in the Science Engineering and Math Center in room 2E2.

Communication Lab to hold workshops

The Communications Lab will hold a seminar on proper organization of papers on Monday Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Each workshop will last one hour. For more information, Contact Nick Webb at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

Emergency drills planed for Sept. 1

OCCC will have two emergency drills on campus. The morning drill will start at 9:10 a.m. and end at 9:20 a.m. The evening drill will start at 7:50 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. The drill will be activated by the IP phone system. For more information, contact Ike Sloas 405-682-1611, ext. 7891.

OCCC Appreciates the Arts

OCCC has teamed up with Oklahoma City Downtown College Consortium to offer a behind the scenes look at museum operations from Aug. 27 through Oct. 15. Oklahoma City Arts Alive class will be held Oct. 23 through Dec. 18 meeting at the Civic Center Music Hall. For more information, call 405-232-3328.

All Highlights are due Tuesday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located on the second floor of the Main Building, across from the elevator.

Have a club story idea?
E-mail Anthony at
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- 17 Lusters
- 18 Before, poetic
- 19 "I'm — your tricks!"
- 20 Road signal
- 23 Dish
- 26 Actor Majors
- 27 Curvy letters
- 28 Several
- 29 Rower's need
- 30 Took a break
- 31 Famous magician
- 33 Gab
- 34 Yank
- 37 Ques. comeback
- 38 Male title
- 39 Ajar, to a poet
- 40 1932 film "Three — Match"
- 41 Zee's predecessor
- 42 Mayday!
- 43 Glider's need
- 45 Phoenix player
- 46 Tampa — Buccaneers
- 47 "Garfield" dog
- 48 Bert's friend
- 51 Have a cold
- 52 Stops eating
- 53 Storm sight
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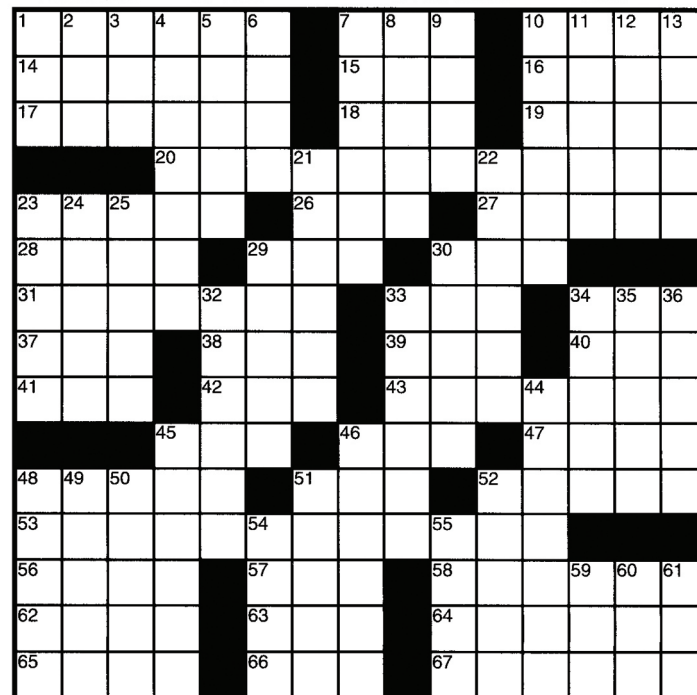
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