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COVERING OCCC SINCE 1978

Cadaver lab offers students hands-on anatomy training

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Part I of a three-part series: Look for follow-up stories in the Oct. 26 and Dec. 14 issues

Few students are aware of the six bodies hidden away in an inconspicuous classroom on campus. Even fewer realize that OCCC offers two sections of cadaver-based Human Anatomy each semester.

In this 16-week course, students learn various aspects of human anatomy by dissecting human cadavers, said Julian Hilliard, biology professor.

"Learning anatomy from a cadaver is a privilege that most students don't receive the chance to be a part of," Hilliard said.

Cadaver donations are not as common as some professors would like. Therefore, Hilliard said, the college limits the number of students enrolled in the class to include only students who need it for their careers.

Cadaver availability also requires two classes share a cadaver, he said. One class will start the dissection, and the next day another class will begin the next part. They will continue to rotate each lab until the body has given up all its secrets, Hilliard said.

Students will have the opportunity to learn what

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Matt Merrill, premed major; Daniella Peters, pre-allied health major; and Anny Duangvilay, sonography major, discuss the different body parts during their cadaver-based anatomy class. Human Anatomy is a course where the student's learning is based on exercises in dissecting human cadavers. The class and lab are under the instruction of Julian Hilliard, biology professor. For more information, contact Hilliard at jhilliard@occc.edu.

'ART' CHOSEN AS NEXT THEATER PRODUCTION

Play to focus on artistic value

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playwright Yasmina Reza.

"We chose this play to take a look at how people define art and respond to it emotionally and intellectually," said Charnay, who will direct the performance.

What is beauty and what has artistic value will be at the center of a play to be performed on campus at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 through 12, in the Bruce Owen Theater, said Ruth Charnay, department director for Communications and the Arts.

The comedy is simply called "Art." It was written in 1994 by French

Charnay serves as department director of Communications and the Arts, which contains the college's drama program.

Charnay said the play is about a man who pays a lot of money for

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We chose this play to take a look at how people define art and respond to it emotionally and intellectually.”

—RUTH CHARNAY

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

a white painting on a white canvas.

"When he brings it to show his friends, they ridicule him," she said.

"The play also questions friendship and how people can keep friends who may see

things so differently."

The cast includes Brent Noel, theater arts professor; Rick Lippert, adjunct professor; and Matt Charnay, University of Central Oklahoma

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Safety and Security officials say the shelter-in-place-or-exit drill conducted on campus Sept. 1 went smoothly, but there are still areas in need of improvement. Many students and staff believe OCCC is taking the proper steps to ensure safety on campus. Read to find out reactions from both sides.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Everyone is accountable

Littering on campus not only ugly but also costly to remove

Clogged drains, litter infested ponds, cigarette butts in doorways, and wasted time and money spent cleaning up after students and employees is a serious problem at OCCC.

Some students would rather leave their garbage in the parking lot than carry it to one of the 50 or 60 trashcans on the edges of the lots.

"I have actually seen people get out of their car and set their trash on the ground," said Wesley Klein, site grounds manager for TruGreen LandCare.

TruGreen LandCare, the landscaping contractor for OCCC, spends about 30 to 40 hours each week cleaning up litter, Klein said.

Some people may throw litter into the drains thinking it helps the landscapers with their trash collection.

However, students are hurting the wildlife on campus by doing that.

"All college drains empty into the pond," Klein said. "The pond is home to frogs, geese, turtles, fish, and other animals."

"The trash and cigarette butts cause harm to these animals as well as cause unsightly piles of trash on the banks."

Where does the madness end, and how can we stop this from continuing? The college has a Green Task Force and Student Life organizes volunteer groups to help make the Earth a cleaner place.

Maybe the Green Task Force and Student Life could work together discourage littering on campus by having clean up days and training lectures on the consequences of litter.

Students can take more responsibility by speaking out. When students see another person littering, they can bring the consequences to that person's attention.

Smokers can have more consideration by using the butt disposal containers.

Teachers can take a few minutes on the first day of class to make students aware of the problem and offer solutions.

If everyone does their part, then this is one less problem that OCCC has to face.



MARK PARISI/OFFTHEMARK.COM

YOUR VOICE | Employee walk competition

Walk for health

To the editor:

OCCC is having an employee walking competition during October. Employees set individual goals with the ultimate goal of increasing daily activity by walking more steps than currently walked. As goals are reached employees set higher goals throughout October. Each week there will be prize drawings for employees that reach weekly goals. On Oct. 31 all employees meeting ultimate goals will have names entered into a drawing for grand prizes which include a one-hour massage from Massage Envy and a two-day, one-night stay at an Oklahoma State Park of your choice.

Sign up by e-mailing your name and first target goal to walktober@occc.edu from Monday, Sept. 14 through Wednesday, Sept. 30. Registered employees receive a daily log and pedometer. Logging steps is on an "honor" system. Logs are turned in every Friday by 5 p.m. at the Recreation and Fitness or Risk Management offices. Steps will be calculated with weekly winners announced on Mondays. Grand prize winners will be announced Tuesday, Nov. 3.

For more information, contact Lisa Vaughan at lvaughan@occc.edu or ext. 7148.

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YOUR VOICE | CLEP Exams are not easy

Be careful what you get yourself into

To the editor:

The Language Arts faculty would like to address some misleading Composition I and Composition II CLEP information printed in the April 6 issue of the Pioneer.

First, the CLEP English Comp I and Comp II essay exam is difficult; it offers students the opportunity to earn credit for college level courses, but students must demonstrate college level knowledge of essay

writing.

Second, the essay exam allows a 90 minute time limit to write two essays on topics selected by the computer.

The student is not allowed to use spell check or grammar check.

Even under the very best of circumstances, it would be difficult to write two essays in 90 minutes that meet the requirements of composition courses and deserve col-

lege credit.

Students must demonstrate the writing skills and level of writing accomplished upon successful completion of English Comp I and II courses.

Third, the article referred to how soon the students would be informed of the exam scores.

The essay exam results take four to six weeks for notification due to the grading process.

Many times students

wait until the last minute to take the exams before enrolling for the next semester.

By the time the essays reach the division, faculty may be on semester break; therefore, the essays wait the return of the faculty to evaluate the essays.

If students intend to take the CLEP exams, they need to do so early in the semester.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Diner an inexpensive and well-preserved place

Fresh air of friendly hospitality

Just south of the Oklahoma City limits lies a well-kept secret.

Pickles, located at 2713 N. Service Road in Moore, is a local staple known for its delicious, low-priced food, well-mannered servers and familial atmosphere.

Nondescript on the outside, stepping inside of the restaurant is a bit like taking a step back in time. Wooden panels, glowing lanterns, and all-around country décor add to Pickles' delightfully old-fashioned feel.

It is not the charming furnishings, however, that keep customers coming back for more. It's the cuisine.

With menu choices ranging from a mouth-watering array of hamburgers to seafood and Italian pastas, Pickles offers a variety of foods sure to satisfy even the pickiest of palates.

A favorite of mine is the scrumptious mushroom Swiss burger. It is a luscious burger sandwiched between two lightly-toasted halves of bun and smothered in melted Swiss cheese, mushrooms, and — true to the restaurant's moniker — pickles.

For just \$5.99, this stuffing meal is served with your choice of freshly-sliced French fries, hand-battered onion rings or crispy tater tots.

Every meal at Pickles also comes with a complimentary wheat roll, freshly-baked and served with a delectable smattering of cinnamon butter.

Established in 1996 as a simple Burger King, Pickles has abandoned the limitations of its franchise legacy and defined itself by its local flavor. It has already proven its longevity.

On May 3, 1999, the restaurant received considerable damage when a deadly tornado ravaged the Moore area.

The building standing there today is the very same one that weathered the lethal storm 10 years ago, said the restaurant's full-time manager.

"It is the same building," she said, "It just received a facelift."

In an age where many restaurants have become generic, mundane and just plain inhospitable, Pickles — with its great food, great prices, and always-friendly wait staff — is a much-needed breath of fresh air.

So, the next time you find yourself craving a restaurant with delicious food and some good ol' Southern hospitality, look no further than Pickles

Rating: A

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FILM REVIEW | Childhood revisited

New explosive 'G.I. Joe' movie will have you digging out your toys

With its incredible history of toys, cartoons and comic books, G.I. Joe is a name almost everyone will recognize. Now it is also a movie.

Director Stephen Sommers delivers an action-packed adventure filled with classic confrontations, high-tech weaponry and enough Joe-versus-Cobra battle scenes to please fans of all ages.

It's an entertaining movie that takes men from different age groups back to their childhood and opens the franchise up to a new generation of little Joes. The film has all the key ingredients that make for a great guy movie.

Battle scenes between



rival ninja characters Snake Eyes (Ray Park) and arch nemesis Storm Shadow (Byung-Hun Lee) are so much fun to watch, it makes you want to break out the action

figures and have at it.

"G.I. Joe" takes place in the not-too-distant future, where a man named McCullen, owner of a corporation called M.A.R.S., has developed

a weapon that can eat through tanks and even entire cities.

During a delivery of the weapon to a group led by Duke and Ripcord, a mysterious and violent force attacks, killing nearly all of their men.

Before the remainder can be taken out, they are rescued by another equally mysterious and violent force, which appears and drives the bad guys away.

Their rescuers reveal themselves as G.I. Joe, a secret organization founded to track down bad guys and destroy them. Duke and Ripcord want in and receive advanced training.

The action scenes are

well done and there are a lot of them. With the film clocking in around one hour and 45 minutes, viewers are never far removed from an action scene.

The Snake Eyes-Storm Shadow rivalry will make the fans happy.

Not only do viewers get a great battle between them in present day, you learn how they met and see a solid fight between them as kids.

Channing Tatum, (Duke) is a likable presence, and makes for a good action hero. Marlon Wayans (Ripcord) does a good job too. Sienna Miller is a surprise

as The Baroness.

The action sequence, though it starts out rather small, explodes around the halfway point. The assault on Paris was a rip-roaring sequence, filled with more wanton destruction than your average action movie.

At the end, a new villain rises and an old bad guy assumes a position of great power. "This has only just begun," one of them says, explicitly promising or threatening a sequel.

It is a good movie for G.I. Joe fans of all ages.

Rating: A

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ADVISER'S 411

Every semester the Transfer Center hosts the Transfer and Graduation Fair.

The Transfer Fair is a place where four-year colleges and universities gather to recruit OCCC students who are interested in continuing their education.

The recruiters are there to give information, answer questions, and show you when and how to apply for their college.

This semester, the Transfer Fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the Main Building.

Some other ways you can learn about possible transfer institutions is by attending a campus tour. This semester the Transfer Center will be taking groups of OCCC students to the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City University.

UCO TOURS: Tuesday, Sept. 22, leaving OCCC at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 4, leaving OCCC at noon

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OCU TOUR: Tuesday, Oct. 27, leaving OCCC at 9 a.m.

For more information, visit our website www.occc.edu/TransferCenter.

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Emergency drill a success, security head says

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The emergency drill conducted on campus Sept. 1 went very well, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

People across the campus evacuated to their designated places within three minutes of the alarm being sounded, he said. The shelter-in-place-or-exit drill was designated for the possibility of a shooter on campus, or some similar emergency.

Sloas said staff and students were most successful at locking themselves into their shelters and keeping them locked.

"This is the most important aspect of the drill," he said. "Ensuring the safety of our students and employees."

Sloas said there was one problem during the drill that is being looked at.

"There are still some areas

on campus where there are no phones or loud speakers," he said. "Therefore, we are working on correcting this problem."

Another problem Sloas encountered was some students refusing to participate in the drill, he said.

"A majority of the people on campus took the drill seriously," Sloas said. "However, there were a few people in the Main Building who didn't want to participate."

Even though security officers cannot force anyone to participate in the drill, Sloas said, he urges everyone to participate.

"Safety and Security relies on the data received in drills to ensure 100 percent preparedness in an actual event," he said. "Therefore, everyone's involvement ensures our data is correct."

Overall, Sloas said, the college is prepared for the event of an actual shooter on campus.

Erika Ochoa, psychology major, said she believes OCCC is taking the right steps to be prepared.

Ochoa was in TRIO working during the drill, she said.

"We evacuated into one of the inner offices," she said.

"I feel that we are prepared for the real deal," Ochoa said.

Kendra Roberts, psychology major, has the same perspective.

Roberts was working in the Print Shop during the drill, she said.

"We were calm and collected as we turned the lights off and locked the doors," she said.

Some teachers also concluded the drill was a success.

Ali M. Alli, adjunct math professor, said the drill was efficient and well laid out.

"We lined up and went to our designated shelter area," he said.

Alli said he feels confident that security officers would lead well if a real life shooter incident were to occur.

Even though the drill went well, there are still some improvements to make, Sloas said.

Chiaki Troutman, World Languages and Cultures Center lab assistant, said she sees some changes that could be made.

Troutman said students don't always know where to

seek shelter in an emergency.

Although signs are posted in various places around campus that tell people what to do in emergencies, students don't always read and follow these signs, she said.

Troutman said students should be made aware of what to do in the event of different types of emergencies.

She suggests that time be taken during New Student Orientation to educate students and even show them the location of emergency shelter areas, she said.

For more information on emergency preparedness, contact Safety and Security at 405-682-1611, ext. 7691.

Car break-in, possible gang graffiti reported

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Vehicle larceny, school property destruction, and stolen books were reported to Safety and Security the week of Aug. 24.

On Aug. 26, student Jonathon Bolton reported to Sgt. Kevin Tipton that his 2001 Jeep Wrangler had been broken into. Bolton's turnpike pass and earphones were stolen and his center console vandalized.

The day before, Officer Jeff Porter reported finding graffiti on the walls of the OCCC Family and Community Education Center, located at 6501 S. Land. According to Porter's report, the graffiti resembled the style of the Grand Barrio Central and Latin Kings gangs. Porter said in his report he was advised by Tipton not to call the Oklahoma City Police Department at that time.

An employee from Western Heights High School reported to Porter seeing a white four-door car, possibly a Honda Accord, driving slowly past the center. The school employee said there were three men in the car. The witness told Porter the same car had been seen when the building was vandalized last year.

Books were reported stolen two days later in the Main Building of the college. Student Areej Mahmoud said she left her books at the Communication Lab Aug. 27 to check on her schedule. When she returned, her College Reading and Psychology books were missing. After searching the lab and checking with the bookstore, she was unable to locate the books.



Hundreds of children have been injured or have died because of dangerous power windows in vehicles. The average power window has the power to cut a cucumber or a carrot or a grapefruit in two. And, today, too many cars on the road have "rocker" or "toggle" switches that are too easy to push and windows that do not automatically reverse when encountering resistance. A child in a car, with their head out of the window, a knee inadvertently pushing the switch, is a disaster in the making.

The message to parents is clear: Never, ever leave a child alone in a car. Not for one minute. The message to auto manufacturers is also clear: Every single car should have the safer switches that must be pulled up to raise the car window. And, just as garage doors, every car should come with "auto-reverse" mechanisms on all power windows. Power windows have the power to kill.

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Never ever leave a child alone in a car alone. Not for one minute.

OCCC'S FIRST FACULTY PHOTO EXHIBIT COMING UP

Faculty to display photographs and digital art

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An upcoming photo and art exhibit will showcase the talents of professors and other college staff when the Visual and Performing Arts Center hosts a Faculty Photography and Digital Art Exhibit, said Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean.

An opening reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 with the artists in attendance and refreshments served, Vanschuyver said.

The exhibit will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 8 through 30.

"This is the first time this has been held," Vanschuyver

said. "I'm really excited that we have so many faculty members involved."

Thomas Ashby, Computer Science professor and acting Information Technology dean, will display some of his photography pieces that, he said, started as a hobby and developed into something more.

Ashby said he's had an interest in photography since his teenage years and the advent of digital photography rekindled his love for it.

"Digital photography made all the difference in the world," Ashby said.

"I could be creative on both ends, taking the picture and using the computer as my darkroom."

He also was one of the first professors to teach the Photoshop class on campus, he said.

Ashby said his children inspired him further. He said he wanted to capture shots of them playing high school sports. Ashby now does senior memoirs for several high school across the metro.

"I do work for various high school booster clubs doing game shots and posters, mostly senior memento posters," Ashby said.

Ray Dockery, PC Support specialist, also will show his photography.

Dockery said he started when his son was a high school senior in marching band and his wife wanted

more photos of their son.

"It started as just shooting photos of my kids," Dockery said.

"Now I provide all the photos to the parents for free," he said.

"I also do other work such as wildlife."

He said the ability to be creative with digital photography is what drew him in.

"To me, the post-processing is half the fun," he said.

"You can start making the pictures come alive," Dockery said.

Mike Reeves, Student Computer Center evening/weekend supervisor, will be featured in the exhibit as well, showcasing his enthusiasm for landscape photography

that he's been serious about for the past three years.

"I teach the digital imaging class in the Information Technology division and would like to show our students what you can do with it," Reeves said.

Reeves said he was lured to digital photography by the creative control and doing away with the hassle of film.

"You don't have to go buy a roll of film, pay to have it developed and find out you only have a couple that turned out well," he said.

Other faculty whose work will be on display are Vice President of Academic Affairs Felix Aquino, adjunct professor Hugh Scott and adjunct professor Charles Rustin.

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ELVEN GRAY, EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR AND ROBERT P. TODD AWARDS GIVEN

Employees recognized at convocation

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Three employees were recognized as Employees of the Year for their outstanding involvement with the college at the 2009 Fall Convocation and Employee recognition.

Vicky Wilson, Adaptive Technology specialist, received the Classified Employee award. Wilson has worked at the college for the past 12 years.

Wilson said she works with students with disabilities to teach them how to use adaptive software and hardware so they can use computers more easily.

"If somebody has low vision, they might need an adaptive software that enlarges the screen so they can see it better," she said.



Vicky Wilson
Classified Employee
of the Year



Carlotta Hill
Faculty Employee
of the Year



Michael Bates
Professional Employee
of the Year

She said winning the award was unexpected.

"I was really excited and surprised to win the award," Wilson said. "It's a very meaningful award."

Carlotta Hill, Learning Skills professor, was the recipient of the Faculty of the Year award.

Hill has taught at the college for 28 years. She teaches college reading, college writing and African-American Literature class.

"I am so honored to win this award," Hill said.

"I was really shocked and almost embarrassed because of

all the outstanding faculty we have at the college."

"I love this job," she said. "There's not a day that I'm not happy about it."

"To get recognition on top of that just blows me away."

Michael Bates, Video Broadcast engineer, was recognized in the Non-Teaching Professional category. Bates said he has been at OCCC for almost 15 years. He said the continuing advancement of media technology and enjoyment of working at the college is more than he could ask for in a job.

"The award certainly caught me by surprise," Bates said. "I always look forward to coming in here every day."

Tech dean wins Robert P. Todd award

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At this year's employee convocation, the Robert P. Todd Leadership Award went to Vicki Gibson, Instructional Technology dean and acting chief technology officer.

Gibson said winning the award was "a shock."

She said the award was



Vicki Gibson
Robert P. Todd Award

incredibly meaningful, especially because the nomination came from

fellow employees.

"Everyone that I've worked with at the college is so helpful," Gibson said.

"They help make me a better person."

Established in 2006, the award recognizes employees who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their work, according to college officials.

The award is named after former OCCC

President Robert P. Todd, who died in December 2005.

Todd valued leadership and dedicated his life to making a difference in the lives of his students, according to OCCC's staff newsletter the Communicator.

The Robert P. Todd Leadership Award honors faculty and staff who go above and beyond the duties expected of them.

Elven Gray award goes to Anderson

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The 2009 Elven Gray Award was presented to David Anderson, Information Technology Infrastructure director, Aug. 18 at the Fall Convocation and Employee Recognition ceremony.

The award is presented to extraordinarily dedicated employees



Dave Anderson
Elven Gray Award

who have distinguished themselves by exhibiting great devotion to the

college, according to a handout describing the awards.

Anderson said he was shocked to be awarded for what he considers to be typical work day actions.

"I love my job and enjoy what I do," he said.

Anderson will have worked for OCCC for 15 years in December, he said.


He said he has no plans

to leave OCCC any time soon.

"Working to help students is a pleasure," he said. "I believe that I will be around for a while."



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Sean Gleeson finds success in game design

Professor's new game set to be released this fall

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Web design professor Sean Gleeson said his freelance job as a flash game designer is a labor of love.

Flash games are online games that do not require installing software to play. Normally, they are found by links on websites, Gleeson said.

He said he has created more games than he can count and has sold them to companies such as Wingo and networks like TBS.

Gleeson's most recent efforts include "Feed Me, Seymour" and "Zarble."

Like many of his students, Gleeson said his affinity for video games began during his childhood, when he was growing up in Chicago.

"I liked video games as much as the next kid," he said. "I think we were the first family on the block to have an Odyssey.

"Odyssey was an early gaming system that would hook to the TV and play games like pong.

"Neighbors would come play the game at our house to move these two rectangles around the screen."

After graduating from Loyola University in 1990, Gleeson said he started working at an advertising agency.

He said his ad agency started doing layout and production on a computer in the mid '90s.

Even then, Gleeson said he knew that it was going to be big.

Gleeson is currently teaching Webpage Design I and II, as

"I liked video games as much as the next kid. I think we were the first family on the block to have an Odyssey. ... Neighbors would come play the game at our house to move these two rectangles around the screen."

—SEAN GLEESON
WEB DESIGN PROFESSOR

well as Webpage Animation II at OCCC.

Gleeson has been living in Oklahoma since 1996. He has been teaching at OCCC for four years.

"Wichita Faro" was the first game he designed, he said. It debuted online in 2004.

Wichita Faro is based off an early card game played in the old west called Faro. Wichita Faro can be found at gleeson.us/faro.

Gleeson said he is currently working on a game due to launch in September called "Zarble."

"Zarble" is a marble maze where, as the player progresses through the maze, it gets more challenging. In the game there are locks, keys, power walls, and many other surprises that will delight and test the player, he said.

Information about the upcoming game can be located at www.zarblegame.com.

Gleeson's most recent game was "Feed Me, Seymour" for Wingo, he said.

Wingo, along with the The Daily Oklahoman, are owned by Oklahoma Publishing Company. Wingo works along with the Oklahoman to help advertise and call attention to various upcoming events.

The game was designed to promote the musical "Little Shop of

Horrors" which was showing from Aug. 18 to the 22 at the Lyric Theatre in Oklahoma City.

Gleeson said anyone can play the game by going to www.wingo.com/little-shop-of-horrors.

Gleeson said he also has designed online games for networks such as TBS and Turner Broadcasting.

One of the games is a Texas Hold'em-style poker game where players can compete against the cast of My Boys, he said.

The game can be accessed at www.tbs.com/shows/myboys then clicking the games link on the sidebar.

"I like to use realistic physics when making my games, even card games," Gleeson said. "I like to make my card games to where the cards glide across the screen and turn, as if a dealer actually dealt you a hand."

He said getting into flash game designing is relatively easy.

The only obstacle is a computer and software, which can be relatively cheap if you use your student discount, Gleeson said.

Webpage Design and Webpage Animation are important classes if a student is interested in being a game designer, he said.

Gleeson said Webpage Animation I introduces the students to flash software while Webpage Animation II actually has the students creating games.

He said he remembers one student who created a game called Easter Egg Hunt.

"You think you know what an Easter egg hunt is, where you look for Easter eggs," Gleeson said. "This student actually had Easter eggs going across the screen and you had to pick them off with a rifle."

An attention to detail is critical when it comes to being a web game designer, he said.

Gleeson said it is extremely important a designer get the



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Sean Gleeson, graphic communications professor, displays Zarble — his latest online flash game. Gleeson said he debuted his first flash game in 2004 and has since designed more games than he can count.

game right without having errors. When players spot an error, they sometimes post on the Internet that the game is no good. It would result in "trash talking" about your game and negative reviews, he said.

Gleeson said testing the game is crucial to making sure it runs smoothly without glitches.

Making sure the game is fun is another important consideration, he said.

"I love to put details in my games like shadows, textures, and realistic physics," Gleeson said. "I really sweat over the small details."

One of the games where Gleeson provided a considerable amount of detail is "Dashabooja," a card game that operates casino style.

A Hindu god with 10 arms deals out 52 cards. Characters and shadows move across the screen and the colors are very re-

alistic. A total history of Dashabooja, complete with pictures, was created by Gleeson.

Dashabooja prizes are based on poker hands but no real knowledge of poker is required, Gleeson said.

You can play Dashabooja at www.dashabooja.com.

There is money to be made as a flash game designer, Gleeson said. Depending on the complexity of the game, designers can make \$1,000 and up.

Gleeson said he would be willing to talk to anyone about becoming an online game designer if it's something they want to pursue.

"Even if they are not my students, if they have the desire and ambition, I would be more than willing to give them advice," he said.

For more information on web design, contact Gleeson at www.mr.gleeson.us.



SPORTS

SCUBA DIVING | Experience a new world



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Scuba diving students take a break from their water training at the Aquatic Center's diving well. For information over scuba diving or enrolling in the classes, contact Blue Water Divers of Oklahoma at 405-631-4433.

Scuba diving held at OCCC

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The gateway to the underwater world of coral reefs and exotic sea creatures opens through the swimming pool on campus.

OCCC has partnered with Blue Water Divers of Oklahoma to provide students and anyone else the opportunity to become certified in scuba diving.

Scuba diving is an acronym for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. Divers use oxygen tanks to breathe underwater.

Blue Water Divers has been on this campus for at least four years. "OCCC's diving well is a good training pool and it is why we hold the water training there," said Garrett Nelson, one of the instructors at Blue Water Divers and a current OCCC student. "Blue Water Divers is a five star business, which means we can certify beginner divers all the way to professionals."

The water training is held at the 18 foot diving well. The classroom work will be held at the Blue Water Divers shop located at 922 Straka Terrace, near the campus.

The cost of the class is \$175 and the

open water dive costs an additional \$99, said Kristen Hoaglin, Recreation and Community Service secretary.

Nelson said the open water dive is held at Tenkiller Lake, but students can do it somewhere else if they prefer.

"Some of the students prefer to conduct their open water dive in Florida," Nelson said. Blue Water Divers can sign a referral, but it may be more expensive. "At Tenkiller, we camp at one of the cabins and have a cook-out," Nelson said. "The dive is a lot of fun."

Equipment for the water training is provided and covered by a \$175 fee. Drop-ins or extra practice is available on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will need to pay \$4, already have at least a beginner's certification and bring a buddy just in case something happens, Hoaglin said.

Students can complete the beginner's class at their own pace. "Participants can receive their open water beginner's certification within a week if they want," Nelson said. Class sizes range from one to five students per instructor.

Nelson said the class work is held on Mondays usually from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Training in the water is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the college swimming

pool.

Blue Water Divers offers a program called Discover Scuba Diving. "This program is for people who are not sure if scuba diving is for them," Nelson said.

"We take the person to the pool and show them how scuba diving works. There is a \$25 refundable fee. If they like scuba diving, the \$25 will go towards their account."

Nelson said scuba diving opens the door to a completely different world. "The experience is something new. It's peaceful, calm, exciting, adventurous and life changing," he said.

"I enjoy seeing things that no one has seen."

Scuba divers often take trips to Cozumel and Fiji because those are ideal vacation and scuba diving places.

College credit is available. The number of credits depends on the class taken.

Students interested in scuba diving lessons or have any questions concerning the college credit can call Blue Water Divers at 405-631-4433.

Blue Water Divers is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 922 Straka Terrace, near the Lightning Creek Park and South Western Avenue.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Sept. 8:** Co-ed kickball meets in the Recreation and Fitness gym at 12:30 p.m.

• **Sept. 9:** Co-ed circuit training level 1 meets in the Recreation and Fitness gym at 12:30 p.m.

• **Sept. 9:** Co-ed volleyball meets in the Recreation and Fitness gym at 12:30 p.m.

• **Active:** Open enrollment for fitness classes.

• **Active:** Total Body Workout class from 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. on Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

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• **Active:** Cardio Boot Camp class from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center.

• **Active:** Combo Aerobics class from noon to 12:55 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Wellness Center.

• **Active:** Pilates class from noon to 12:55 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

• **Active:** Hatha yoga class from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Wellness Center Gym.

• **Active:** Zumba class from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center. Also, 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

• **Active:** Spinning class from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center. Also, 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

CADAVER: Students nervous, excited to learn through dissection

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the previous class found during dissection, he said.

"None of the students will remove any body parts from the body; therefore, each student will have the same opportunity to discover something new," Hilliard said.

He said the four male and two female cadavers, which are stored in the cadaver lab here on campus, range from age 61 to 85.

Each cadaver is donated by individuals who stipulate their body be used for the purpose of education, he said.

Furthermore, students who plan to enter some part of the medical field can benefit from the hands-on anatomy taught

in the class, Hilliard said.

He said the class will prepare students for gross anatomy — the study of anatomical structure without a microscope — at a university.

Cadavers are not the only component of this class. Student will learn at least a thousand anatomy terms in addition to gaining an in-depth knowledge of anatomical functions, Hilliard said.

The State Anatomical Board has high standards for the proper criteria for using these bodies, he said.

Out of respect for the donors and their families, no one except students who are taking the class, professors who teach the class, and lab assistants are allowed inside

the lab, Hilliard said.

He said there is a certain amount of anxiety for students who will be dissecting human cadavers for the first time.

Anny Duangvilay, ultrasound technician student, said human cadaver dissection is a bit scary, but she is excited about it too.

Daniella Peters shares that perspective.

"I am scared, but excited to be a part of this class," Peters said.

Even though she is scared, learning the body more in depth is worth it, she said.

To ease the nervousness and fear of the upcoming cadaver experience, Hilliard uses humor and facts, he said.

“ Learning anatomy from a cadaver is a privilege that most students don’t receive the chance to be a part of.”

—JULIAN HILLIARD
BIOLOGY PROFESSOR

"However, if students have moral, personal, or religious reasons for not dissecting the cadavers, there are other lab tasks they can perform," Hilliard said.

It is rare for a student to pass up the chance to dissect. They are usually over their initial fear in the first couple of weeks, he said.

Matt Merrill, pre-med/paramedic student, said he shares this opinion.

"Even though I am ner-

vous, the class sounds exciting," Merrill said.

For more information about the experiences of Peters, Duangvilay, and Merrill, read the second part of this series in October, after students have progressed further through the cadaver-dissection course.

For more information, contact the Cadaver Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7322, or e-mail Hilliard at jhilliard@occc.edu.

ART: Panel discussion to follow Thursday night play performance

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graduate.

Noel said this well-known play has won the Tony award for best play and the Olivier award for best comedy, among others.

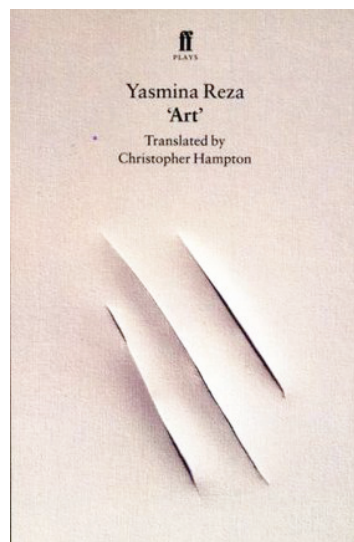
He said the play will answer the questions: what is the value of art, what is the purpose of art, and what is the meaning of friendship.

Noel said the play deals with deep concepts in a humorous way.

"It's not a graduate school seminar," he said. "Even though the topic is art, it is as much about friendship as it is about art."

Charney said the play presents a good opportunity for students to take a different approach to learning about issues they would normally discuss in class.

She said a panel discussion will follow the performance Thursday night, Sept. 10. Panelists will include the cast, along with Doug Blake, art professor; Jeff Stokes, executive director of the Individual Artists Oklahoma Gallery and an adjunct art professor at OCCC; and Victoria



"Art" will answer the questions: what is the value of art, what is the purpose of art, and what is the meaning of freindship, said Theater professor Brent Noel.

Christofi, a psychologist with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Thursday evening's show is free for students and staff with an OCCC ID. Tickets for Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12, will cost \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

The play will last about an hour and 15 minutes. Due to some adult language, Charney said the play is not recommended for children.



MARCELLA ROGERS/PIONEER

Theater professor Brent Noel, Film and Video professor Rick Lippert and student Matthew Charney rehearse for OCCC's latest theater production "Art." The play, which has won numerous awards, opens at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and runs at that same time each night through Sept. 12 in the Bruce Owen Theater. Thursday evening's show is free for students and staff with an OCCC ID. Tickets for Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12, is \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. For more information, go to the college's website www.occc.edu.

"Art" Awards and nominations

Awards

- 1998 Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy
- 1998 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy
- 1998 Molière Award for Best Commercial Production

- 1998 New York Drama Critics' Circle Best Play
- 1998 Tony Award for Best Play

Nominations

- 1998 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding New Play

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT LIFE | Club fair draws crowd



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Betty Schwartz, Student Art Guild vice-president, tells Morgan Miller, undecided major, about her club during the Student Organizational Fair.

Annual club fair held at OCCC

Clubs recruit new members with treats, video games

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Campus clubs enticed students to look at their organizations by offering free popcorn, candy, and video games at the annual Student Clubs and Organizations Fair held Sept. 2 and 3 in the College Union.

The fair, held during the second week of each new semester, was created to get students interested in being involved on campus, said Lori Harless of Student Life.

"Students involved in clubs perform better academically," she said.

Harless said that 24 of OCCC's 40 clubs and organizations were represented at the fair.

"It's been great," she said.

Several clubs competed by enforcing the idea that their organizations were not only educationally beneficial, but also fun.

The Nursing Student Association had Guitar Hero: World Tour set up on a PlayStation 3 console for students to enjoy.

Many people took advantage of this as a nonstop stream of students played, laughed, and rocked out to their favorite songs.

Kandice Edwards, NSA president, said she was trying to recruit as many people as possible.

sible.

"The NSA is a fantastic organization to be a part of," she said.

She encouraged not only students in the nursing program to join, but also anyone considering a career in the medical field.

Lawrence Cagle, journalism major, said he wants to be involved.

"I am in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, but I am looking for another organization to be a part of," he said.

Cagle said his activity in the BCM not only keeps him active in school, but also in the community.

Also capitalizing on the video game theme was the Business Professionals of America.

Alisha O'Lague, BPA president, said she wanted to bring her Nintendo Wii for entertainment.

tainment.

She said she had already recruited four new members in the first hour, but was dedicated to recruiting more.

O'Lague said students majoring in business, computer science or accounting should consider joining the club.

She also encouraged entrepreneurs to join.

O'Lague said that she is scheduling meetings that will be enjoyable and beneficial for the club.

"We are trying to show students this is a fun club to be in," she said.

Anyone who missed out on this opportunity may still sign up for the organization of their choice by contacting Student Life at 405-682-7523 or visiting their website at www.occc.edu/studentlife.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Auditions to be held

Auditions for Moliere's "Tartuffe" will be held at 8 p.m. Sept. 16 and 17, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Auditions are open to all students. No experience is necessary. For more information, call Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, or e-mail bnoel@occc.edu.

Club to offer free lunch

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will offer free lunches to all students, faculty, and staff this semester. Meetings will be held at noon on Mondays, in the Bruce Owen Theater, and at 12:20 p.m. Thursdays, in room 3NO of the Main Building. For more information, contact Mark Barnett at 405-323-0583 or e-mail Chris Verschage at cverschage@occc.edu.

Having trouble with research citing?

The Communications Lab will hold a workshop on MLA style at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in room CU2. For more information, contact Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

What websites are credible?

The Communications Lab will host a workshop to help students determine what websites are credible with a Power Point presentation and activities. The workshop will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in room CU2. For more information, contact Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

Nurses sponsor run

The nursing faculty and Nursing Students Association will sponsor a 5-kilometer race and a 1-mile fun run Saturday, Oct. 3. The event's proceeds will go to help fund nursing scholarships at OCCC. For more information, contact Debbie Myers, assistant program director, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7138.

All Highlights are due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Highlights can be e-mailed to staffwriter1@occc.edu.



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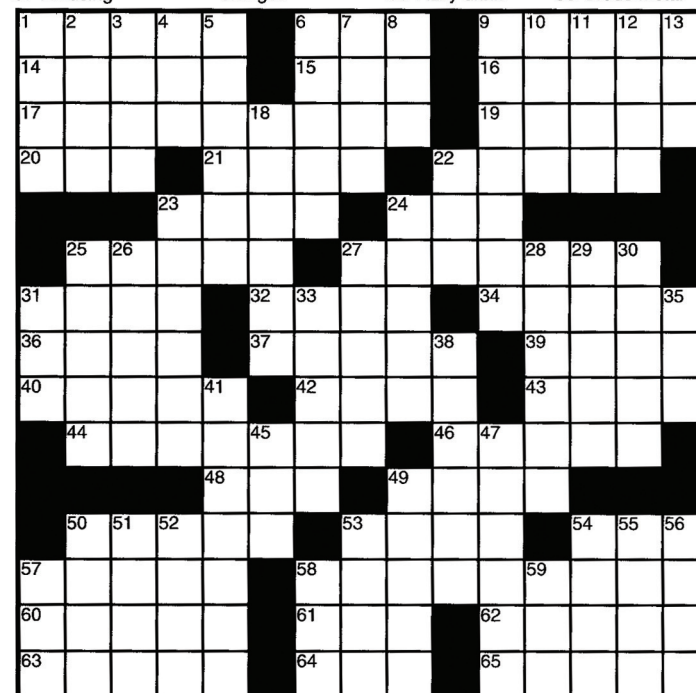
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Fire alarm set off by water pressure change

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The sound of fire alarms forced hundreds of students and staff to evacuate the Main Building at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said they waited outside for about 10 minutes, until his officers determined it was safe to return. No fire had occurred. A change in water pressure caused the alarm to go off, Sloas said. The main city water line lost pressure and the computer that controls this suspected the fire sprinkler had been activated.

All students were back in class by 9:35 a.m., Sloas said.

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