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## Many careers available with an associate

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There are several respected positions that only require an associate degree, said Judi McGee, Student Employment Services coordinator.

McGee said with the economic climate the way it is, right now people feel it's very important to get to work.

"An associate degree allows students an opportunity to get into a career within a two-year time frame," she said.

"It can open doors to a career, especially in the health professions and computer science."

The expanded role

of the registered nurse to provide professional services has put the position in high demand, said Rosemary Klepper, nursing program director.

"Registered nurses are needed in school nursing positions, hospital positions, long-term care positions, assisted living positions and home health," Klepper said.

The increasing complexity of health-care needs and treatment options also have contributed to the demand for nurses, she said.

"Nursing care is more complex," Klepper said. "Patients are sicker and they require more technology for treatment."

## Cultural awareness



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The Mariachi Lopez band performs in the College Union during Hispanic Heritage Week. The week was sponsored by HOPE to raise awareness of the Hispanic culture and to raise funds.

She said not only are nurses needed in the clinical department, but also insurance companies hire nurses to review claims.

Two hundred and nine nursing degrees were granted this past year, according to the

2009 commencement program.

Another growth area is for occupational therapy assistants.

"Labor statistics projected a 25 percent growth rate for occupational therapy assistant jobs between 2006

and 2016," said Reeca Young, Occupational Therapy Assistant professor.

Occupational therapy assistants work with occupational therapists to help clients with basic life functions, See **DEGREE** page 9

DOCUMENTARY WRITTEN, DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY OCCC PROFESSOR, ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

## Emmy award-winning film to screen on campus

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Robert S. Kerr was a visionary, a man who spent his life enduring great tragedy to rise from the ashes and become one of Oklahoma's most influential politicians.

This is the basis of the Emmy Award-winning documentary "Dream No Little Dream," which will screen on campus at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, in the Bruce Owen

Theater.

Film professor Greg Mellott wrote and directed the film, which was released in 2007. He and Gray Fredrickson, OCCC Artist-in-Residence who produced the film, will be part of a panel discussion that will immediately follow the screening.

Also included on the panel will be historians



Greg Mellott and Gray Fredrickson

who contributed to the documentary, which runs about 60 minutes.

Kerr is best known for his company Kerr McGee, but his life was so much more than the businesses he owned,

Mellott said. Kerr lived through many family tragedies that molded him into the man he was.

Having lost three children and his first wife, Kerr spent a year healing and writing poetry to his family, Mellott said. He would later become the first man born in Oklahoma to be both governor and U.S. senator of the state.

"It took him a while to heal but ultimately he came out of that stron-

ger, and as a result of coming out of that experience stronger, that's how he became the man he became," Mellott said.

When Kerr began his career as governor of Oklahoma in 1943, the state was \$36 million in debt. Many believed that he should raise taxes, but Kerr believed the way to bring Oklahoma out of its financial

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# OPINION

**EDITORIAL |** Remember what we lost

## Catastrophic event needs to be remembered for what was lost

September 11, 2001, is a day that almost everyone will always remember.

Those who went through that horrific day have stories and memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



**DANIEL THOMPSON**

And, whether it be the smoke filled towers, the debris in a Pennsylvania field, or the carnage at the Pentagon, vivid images of that early September morning remain with most others.

The eight-year anniversary of what may be the worst day in American history has passed.

Ground Zero is a gathering place for the family of victims, survivors and politicians.

Instead of the two memorials designed by architect Michael Arad, visitors will see the barest outlines.

Instead of elegant skyscrapers, the steel for the tallest tower is only five stories high.

The centerpiece of the project properly remains the memorial, its park and eventually, the underground museum. But around that somber place, there should be more than dark skyscrapers at night.

There should be a vibrant 24-hour museum, a true dedication to what the towers signified. Also, a museum honoring the bravery of the people who had the urgency to save the lives of strangers.

The area should become a district of remembrance and celebration of the country binding together and the triumph of the human spirit in such a dark moment.

It needs to be remembered as an event that pulled people together under such devastating circumstances. Where has that unity gone?

In a time where we are spending billions of dollars on bailouts of every kind, can we not have a memorial for the family of the victims of this terrible attack?

There still must be an invested interest in remembering the day and the days after, so the country doesn't forget how it feels.

The memorial is scheduled to be completed September 11, 2012 — 11 years after the attack.

**YOUR VOICE |** Privacy is protection

## Protection from where you escaped

**To the editor:**

Domestic violence affects about 1.3 million women and 835,000 men within the United States each year. It is a difficult situation to separate yourself from when you are the victim.

If you are fortunate and have a support system in place, it is less difficult to accomplish; however, it is extremely difficult to feel secure and safe again once you

have moved back into mainstream society.

I am a survivor of domestic abuse and even though I have been separated from the situation by various degrees for a year and a half it continues to pull me back into relapses of recovery.

I have painstakingly tried to cover my escape and whereabouts from my abuser. But one slight breach of the security I thought that I had in

place put me in jeopardy of my abuser once again being able to locate me. It was one piece of mail from this school, sent to the wrong address. Yes, that would have been enough to once again bring him into my life.

This school needs to have policies in place to protect all abuse survivors from their attackers. This procedure could allow victims to place red flag alerts into their

records that immediately take precedence over earlier records.

There could be one place where a student could have alerts given simultaneously to any and all instructors, security officers, records, financial aid, even down to student organizations. It is imperative in many situations that the abuser not find the victim.

—NAME WITHHELD  
BY REQUEST

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**YOUR VOICE |** Animal Rescue

## Red Dirt Boxer Rescue event

**To the editor:**

Bring your dogs, kids and motorcycles to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Red Dirt Boxer Rescue Hounds for Hounds event from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 26.

This fun-filled event will be held at Ray Trent Park in Del City.

There will be dog games and contests, an obstacle course, prizes, a silent auction, vendors, live music and a poker run. Many local animal rescues will be there with dogs and cats looking for forever homes.

The poker run will begin at 9 a.m. and you can pre-register on our website or at the event.

Red Dirt Boxer Rescue is a local non-profit organization rescuing boxers that have been neglected, abused or are no longer wanted.

All profits go to help feed, provide medical care and rehome loving dogs that deserve a second chance. Come support your local rescue.

For more information or to pre-register go to [www.reddirtboxerrescue.com/events.htm](http://www.reddirtboxerrescue.com/events.htm)

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## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

PLAY REVIEW | Professors featured in Play

# OCCC professors display acting talent in recent play

A full house packed the Bruce Owen Theater Sept. 10 for a spectacular rendition of Yasmina Reza's award-winning "Art."

The cerebral comedy, which first debuted in France in 1994, revolves around three men who find their long-time friendship on the line after art enthusiast Serge, wonderfully played by film and video professor Rick Allen Lippert, drops an extraordinary amount of money for a less-than-extraordinary painting.

The canvas, much to the scorn of Marc, played by enigmatic theater professor Brent Noel, is pure white in color, and painted with a few white lines.

Serge, fully expecting his friends to marvel at his expensive acquisition, is taken aback when Marc derisively proclaims the painting to be a worthless piece of trash.

But is it really the artwork that irks Marc, or is it the feeling that his 15-year-long friendship with Serge is beginning to wane?

Caught amongst the animosity is awkward, overstressed Yvan, played flawlessly by University of Central Oklahoma graduate Matthew Charnay. He tries valiantly to play peacemaker between his

quarrelling best friends.

The one-hour, 15-minute play follows the three companions as their nonsensical banter quickly becomes less about the painting and more about each man's own personal shortcomings.

Though comedic in nature, "Art" poses some very serious questions to its audience: what is art, what is the value of art, and perhaps most importantly, what is the value of friendship?

The play skillfully answered both, and kept the audience rolling in the process.

Brilliant performances by Lippert, Noel and Charnay made "Art" a true delight to watch and brought tears of laughter to all in the crowd.

When the lights dimmed for the final time, the auditorium filled with thunderous applause. The audience rose to their feet to give the actors a richly-deserved standing ovation.

One cannot help but feel sorry for anyone who missed the play during its three-day stint.

They missed a real show-stopper.

**Rating:** A+

—WHITNEY KNIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

FILM REVIEW | Creativity Embraced

# Not much of a cloudy chance that viewers will walk out on 3D movie

This classic tale of a town where food rains down from the sky has animated genius written all over it, and the film really embraces the creativity.

I got to see an early screening of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" in 3D, and it was quite the adventure.

Flint Lockwood (Bill Hader) always dreamed of becoming a great inventor, although most of his ideas ended in failure or exploded in disastrous ways.

His mother was a supporter of his dreams, although once she died, his fisherman father Tim

(James Caan) just could not relate to his quirky son.

Bill Hader, star of "Saturday Night Live" and "Night of the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," voices Flint Lockwood, a young inventor who dreams of creating something that will improve everyone's life.

Anna Faris takes on the role of Sam Sparks, a weathergirl covering the phenomenon who hides her intelligence behind a perky exterior.

Andy Samberg plays Brent, the town bully who has plagued Flint since childhood.

Bruce Campbell plays

Mayor Shelbourne, who figures out that Flint's invention can put the town, and more importantly himself, on the map, and Mr. T plays the by-the-rules town cop Earl Devereaux.

The voice cast is rounded out by some excellent surprises, including Andy Samberg, Mr. T, Benjamin Bratt, Al Roker, and Neil Patrick



Harris in a very small role.

**Rating:** B

—DANIEL THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

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**Q:** Does OCCC have a dress code?

**A:** "Students are allowed to wear anything they desire as long as it doesn't disrupt the school's integrity or distract from academic learning. We don't actively dictate what a student wears. However, we expect all students to dress appropriately."

—Marion Paden  
Vice President for Enrollment and  
Student Services

**Q:** How can I get more information on gaining access to the Health and Wellness Center?

**A:** "The Recreation and Fitness website offers a large number of resources, including information on gym memberships, operating hours, class schedules and intramural sports. You can visit the website at [www.occc.edu/RF](http://www.occc.edu/RF). You can also call Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-7860, or the Wellness Desk at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310."

—Kristen Hoaglin  
Recreation and Fitness Secretary

**Q:** What is the history of OCCC?

**A:** "OCCC first opened on Sept. 25, 1972, as South Oklahoma City Junior College. In 1973, construction on the Main Building started and the first five students graduated."

—Cordell Jordan  
Media Relations Coordinator

**Q:** How can I get help buying my books if my Pell grant and loan have not come in yet?

**A:** "OCCC has a program in the bookstore that allows some students who have been approved for Pell grants and/or loans to charge their books and supplies until their Pell grant or loans come in. Students should check with Financial Aid for more information about this service."

—Linette McMurtrey  
Financial Aid Client Service Specialist

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## SMARTHINKING OFFERS TUTORING IN ALL ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

# Online tutoring available 24 hours a day

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Very few students know about one educational resource offered by the college and paid for by the students.

This service is called Smarthinking, located at [www.smarthinking.com](http://www.smarthinking.com).

This online tutoring service offers students 24-hours-a-day supplemental instruction to help with various academic subjects, said Mary Turner, Learning Support specialist.

The college offers several learning labs on campus.

However, students who take classes exclusively online are not usually on campus

regularly, said Greg Gardner, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

"OCCC wanted to offer students who couldn't use the learning labs an opportunity to receive help with their classes," Gardner said.

Even though the program is advertised throughout the campus, only 669 students actually used the services from July 1, 2008, to July 1, 2009, he said.

"These numbers reflect the fact that most students use learning labs on campus," Gardner said.

Most students who are on campus regularly go to one of the various learning labs for academic assistance, he said.

For example, students can go to the Communication Lab for one-to-one English tutoring and for help writing essays, he said.

However, some students are not able to come to campus during regular business hours for help, he said.

"Sometimes students are not on campus during regular business hours but still need help," Turner said.

"Smarthinking offers student the ability to obtain qualified help at anytime," she said.

Therefore, Smarthinking allows students to receive guidance in academic writing, Gardner said.

With Smarthinking, stu-

dents also can submit questions for the online instructors to answer, he said.

In addition, Turner said, students can receive tutoring in most academic subjects and schedule chat times.

Another benefit Smarthinking offers is essay writing assistance, Gardner said.

To receive the benefits of this program, students should visit MineOnline and click the link on the student's page, he said.

After being redirected to the Smarthinking homepage, students will be directed to enter basic information in order to log in, he said.

The school has contracted with the company to offer 20

hours of tutoring per student, Gardner said.

However, students who go over the allotted hours can talk with OCCC's Center for Online Learning and possibly receive more hours, he said.

Gardner said OCCC has spent more than \$34,000 on Smarthinking.

Funds are provided partly through student fees, he said.

For more information on Smarthinking, students can go to the Communications Lab for assistance or call Smarthinking directly at 1-888-430-7429, ext. 1.

For more information about learning labs on campus, contact Academic Affairs at 405-682-1611, ext. 7546.

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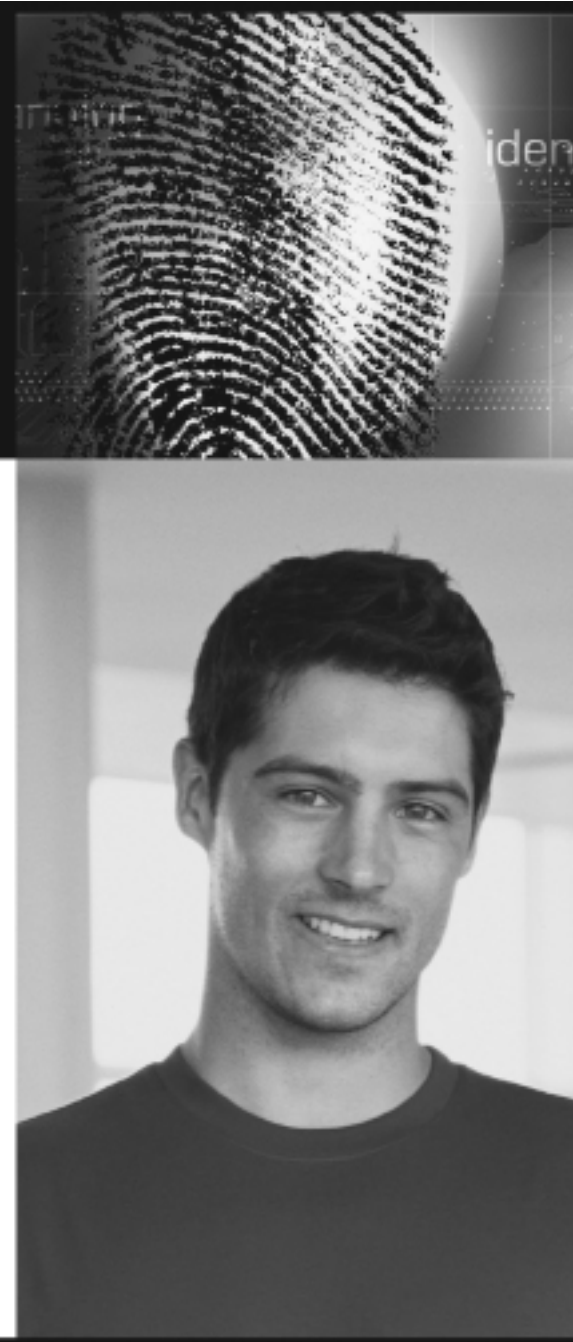
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# Stolen car reported to campus safety office

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A report of a stolen car topped the list of incident reports filed with Safety and Security between Sept. 2 and 9.

Talha Rizwan reported his green 1995 Acura Integra hatchback missing at 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 9.

He reportedly left the car parked in the Arts Festival parking lot earlier that day.

OCCC security officer Eddie Connally said in his report that Rizwan had just purchased the vehicle so it had only the dealer's tag affixed.

The report shows that video footage of the area did not provide any helpful informa-

tion. The loss was reported at \$3,000. Rizwan said he would file a report with the Oklahoma City Police Department.

On Sept. 2, Macintosh Lab assistant Cathy Bowman re-

ported a Mighty Mouse computer mouse and a Macintosh keyboard missing. Sgt. Kevin Tipton reported the stolen items to be worth \$45 each.

That same day at 11:30 a.m.,

student Janis Flanagan reported her physics textbook missing after leaving it in the Physical Science Lab, according to OCCC Security Officer Jeff Porter's report.



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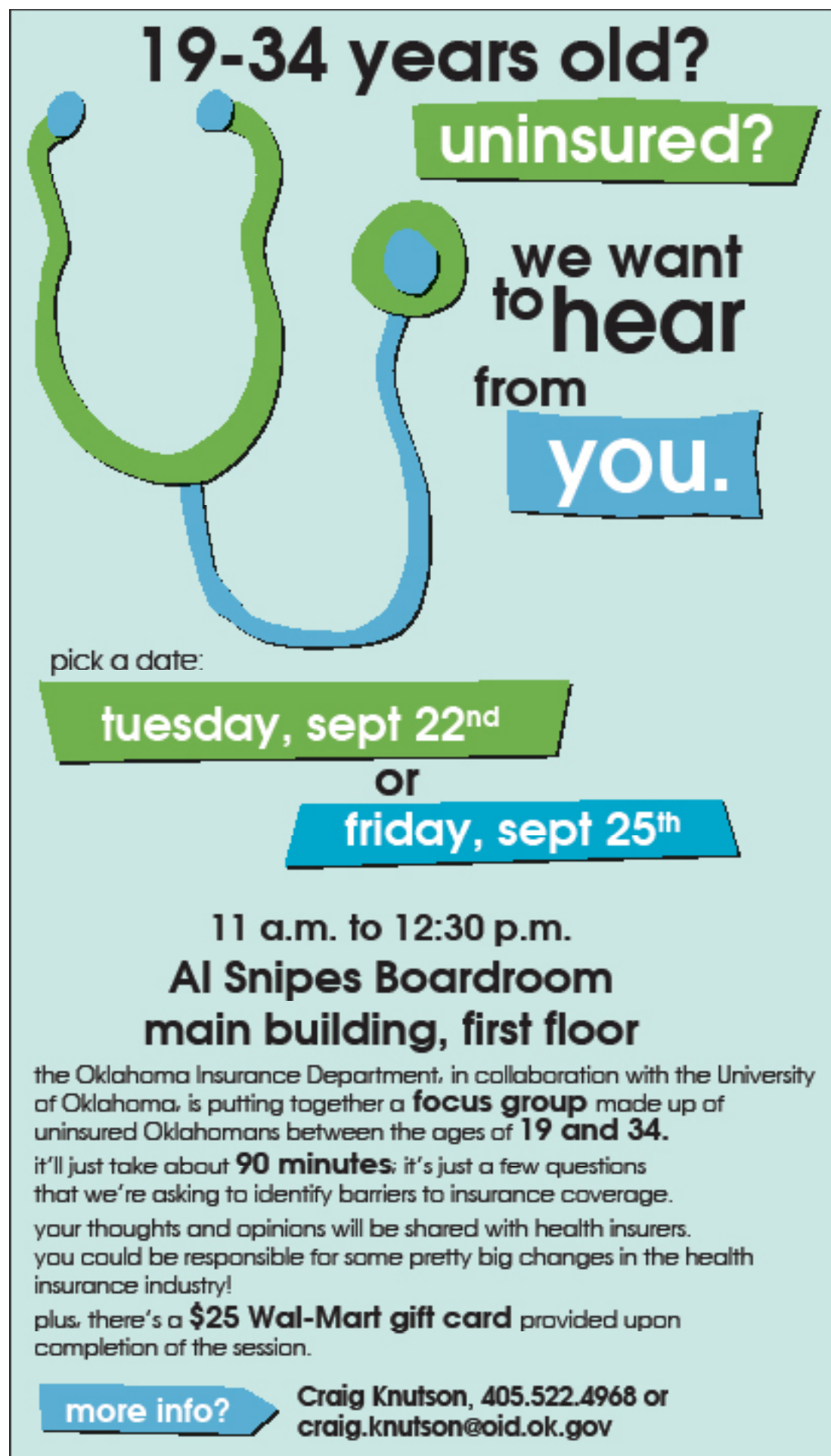
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# Digital photography featured in art show

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The gallery in the Visual and Performing Arts Center was alive with the gentle murmurings of students and artists as the Faculty Photography and Digital Art Show premiered Aug. 13.

A collection of art pieces lined the walls, bursting with the brilliance of color and composition.

The images ranged from Tom Ashby's telling sports shots to Charles Rushton's plastics and ice.

Ashby's photo of a softball pitcher shows the energy stored from the wind-up being released as the viewer observes every muscle in her flexed arm.

The poise in Ashby's black-and-white still of a football player, whose jersey's red color is spotlighted, can be seen

in the player's ability to calmly seek a receiver amidst the chaos of players crashing around the field.

"Concentrating on taking pictures rather than the game" allows him to capture the emotions of the players, said Ashby, who serves as acting dean of the Department of Information Technology.

Ashby also teaches computer science.

Other art included pieces ranging from Oklahoma to all over the world.

"It's fun to see what I can get," said adjunct photography professor Hugh Scott on his photos of lightning.

Scott, whose full-time job is working as a photographer for The Oklahoman, described his technique for photographing storms to two students.

One of the more abstract collections on display was Charles Rushton's "Trash Series," which puzzled viewers.

His plastic bags and other common refuse have been rendered in Photoshop to transform them into what Rushton calls basic art form.

Rushton, a formalist, said he finds his inspiration any where from his backyard to the streets of Rome.

Viewing his photos of ice and graffiti, the viewer observes all of the basic principals of art demonstrated.

"I just want to reach out and tear it," said one viewer about a Rushton photo of several torn posters stacked on top of each other.

"It's my own way of recycling," said Rushton, an adjunct professor of photography.

Starting out with just a darkroom kit at age 11, Rushton said he soon became a year-book freelance photographer and in 1976 was appointed head of the audio-visual department of the library at Eastern New Mexico University, he said.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Shown is a black-and-white still photo taken by Tom Ashby, acting dean of the Department of Information Technology. Ashby's photos are just a few of many on display at the faculty photography and digital art show.

Later, Rushton said, he attended four workshops on photography and went on to pursue his master's degree in

fine arts at the University of Oklahoma.

Several who saw Rushton's work at the gallery said it made them more observant of their surroundings and may lead to them taking a photography-as-art class in future sessions.

"It was a learning experience for hobbyists and students alike," said one student.

The exhibit will remain until the end of the month.

The gallery will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., so others can venture over to take a look.

## 'Art' examined friendship under stress, panelists say

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An unraveling of the ties that bind friends together, not the value of abstract art, was the focus of the play "Art," a group of panelists concluded after the Sept. 10 performance.

Written by French playwright Yasmina Reza, "Art" was performed on campus Sept. 10 through 12. The play is comedy about three long-time friends — Marc, Serge and Yvan.

Serge buys a white painting on a white canvas for 200,000 francs, a large amount of money. Marc is outraged about Serge's outlandish purchase and Yvan is caught in the middle of the quarrel.

This begins one of the key debates — what is art?

Other questions followed. If the price of the painting were different, would the friends act differently? If the painting were something other than a painting, would it have the same effect? These were a few of the topics discussed by the panelists and the audience.

One audience member asked how the play might

have been different had the characters been female instead of male.

Panelist Victoria Christofi, a psychologist with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, said "if the characters were women, it would all be over in 20 minutes."

Christofi said women get straight to the point whereas guys refrain from revealing their true emotions.

The discussion also brought up one of the lines about a person being who he is because of someone else. University of Central Oklahoma graduate Matthew Charnay, who portrayed the character Yvan, recited his line:

"If I'm who I am because I'm who I am, and you're who you are because you're who you are, then I'm who I am and you're who you are."

"If, on the other hand, I'm who I am because you're who you are and if you're who you are because I'm who I am, then I'm not who I am and you're not who you are ..."

Theater professor Brent Noel, who portrayed the character Marc, agreed with the line.

He talked about how people do change with the

company they keep.

Whereas Jeff Stokes, Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery executive director and OCCC adjunct art professor, disagreed with the line. Stokes argued people are who they are, no matter who their friends may be.

Other panelists included Doug Blake, art professor, and Rick Allen Lippert, actor and theater arts and video production professor, who played the character Serge.

Audience members also had a chance to comment on the meaning of the play.

"Given the title was 'Art,' (it) would imply the production was about art, but the art was kind of a side thought," said Robby Sawey, pre-engineering major.

"I didn't know it was about the friendships the people had."

Sawey said the discussion was worthwhile.

"It pointed things out I missed and cleared up a few things I was confused about," he said.

Noel said he enjoyed the panel discussion.

"It's always great when people can talk about theater," he said.



## SPORTS

INTRAMURALS | Teams confident heading into season

# Flag football, volleyball leagues kick off season with big match-ups

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Intramural athletes have formed their teams and are now prepared for competition to show off their skills.

Flag football started their season on Friday, Sept. 18, with a game pitting the Grim Reapers against last year's champions, the Devil Dogs.

The Free Agents received a bye, said Charlie Tarver, Recreation and Community Service sports assistant.

"Flag football games will be held at the soccer field located near the Aquatic Center on the southwest side of campus," he said.

Flag football teams will face off again on Friday Sept. 25. The Grim Reapers will play the Free Agents at 1 p.m. and Swagga will play the Devil Dogs at 2 p.m.

Flag football games will take place Fridays, with the first game at 1 p.m. and the second game at 2 p.m.

"I have a good team and the members always give 100 percent," said Jamaal Surrell, captain for the flag football team, Grim Reapers. "No matter what, they keep a calm head on their shoulders.

"The team possesses good communication skills," he said. "Since one thing could change the whole game, it is important to communicate with each other.

"I decided to be captain because I am a leader and I try to make the best decisions," Surrell said. "I have always enjoyed playing sports. It is fun and competitive."

Volleyball will begin its season Monday, Sept. 21. Volleyball games will take place in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

The first games will feature the Hard Hitters against Handlin' Bizz at 2:30 p.m. and the Yellow Jackets will face off with the Titans at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Latinos will play against Higgins at 1 p.m. Volleyball games will be played on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Volleyball captain for Handlin' Bizz, Chris Riley, said, "My team is guaranteed to win. They are all talented.



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Jamaal Surrell, the Grim Reapers flag football captain, stands ready to defeat his opponents. Flag football games are held every Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the soccer fields (the grass area near the Aquatic Center.)

"Everyone on the team jokes around, but we critique each other so we can continue to improve," Riley said.

"The team is very competitive and we will bring it.

"I chose to be captain mainly because no one else was interested. Also, I am a very competitive person," he said.

Latinos volleyball captain Kandiz Gramajo said she is ready to have fun this year and hopes her team has fun too.

"It is our first year as a team and we are going to do our best," she said. "The main thing is to have fun.

"Everyone on the team has a good time when we practice. Everyone is goofy but we are serious at the same

"I have a good team and the members always give 100 percent."

—JAMAAL SURRELL  
GRIM REAPERS CAPTAIN

time," Gramajo said.

"I became captain because I have played volleyball before and no one else has that is on the team," she said.

The Latinos and Handlin' Bizz are two of six volleyball teams. The other teams include the Titans, Higgins, Yellow Jackets and Hard Hitters. The volleyball teams are coed.

For schedules and more information concerning the intramural teams, call Recreation and Fitness specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit [www.occc.edu/rf](http://www.occc.edu/rf).

## UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Sept. 21:** Volleyball: Hard Hitters vs. Handlin' Bizz at 2:30 p.m. Yellow Jackets vs. The Titans at 3:30 p.m. Games are held in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Sept. 22:** Volleyball: Latinos vs. Higgins at 1 p.m. Games are held in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Sept. 25:** Flag Football: Grim Reapers vs. Free Agents at 1 p.m. Swagga vs. Devil Dogs at 2 p.m. Games are held at the soccer field.

• **Sept. 26:** Free flag football clinic for young children from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic will be held at the field near the Aquatic Center.

• **Sept. 26:** NFL: Pepsi-Pass, Punt and Kick competition for 8 to 15 year olds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The competition will be held at the field near the Aquatic Center.

• **Sept. 28:** Volleyball: Handlin' Bizz vs. Yellow Jackets at 2:30 p.m. Hard Hitters vs. The Titans at 3:30 p.m. Games are held in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Sept. 29:** Volleyball: Higgins vs. Latinos at 1 p.m. Games are held in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Sept. 26:** Flag Football: Devil Dogs vs. Grim Reapers at 1 p.m. Swagga vs. Free Agents at 2 p.m. Games are held at the soccer field.

• **Oct. 5:** Volleyball: Yellow Jackets vs. Hard Hitters at 2:30 p.m. The Titans vs. Handlin' Bizz at 3:30 p.m. Games are held in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

**For more information about any sports program, contact Recreation and Fitness Specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit the Wellness Center website at [www.occc.edu/rf](http://www.occc.edu/rf).**



# DEGREE: Health professions, computer science jobs in high demand

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Young said.

"Occupational therapy practitioners work with people who have any type of dis-

ability, physically or mentally," she said.

Young said they work to adapt the environment for people with disabilities.

"We use a lot of assistive

technology or adaptive equipment, like switches for people with bad motor skills to operate appliances or computers," she said. "We also teach them how to work around environ-

ments that won't change."

Young said occupational therapy focuses on helping those with disabilities still participate in life and maintain the quality of living.

Seventeen Occupational Therapy Assistant degrees were granted from OCCC this past year, according to the commencement program.

Computer technology also has become an important part of careers today, and people to maintain the technology are in high demand.

"Computers are complicated and the typical user likes to turn it on and have it work," said Tom Ashby, acting dean of Information Technology. "The more businesses network them together, the more complicated the

problem becomes.

"People to track those problems down are in demand."

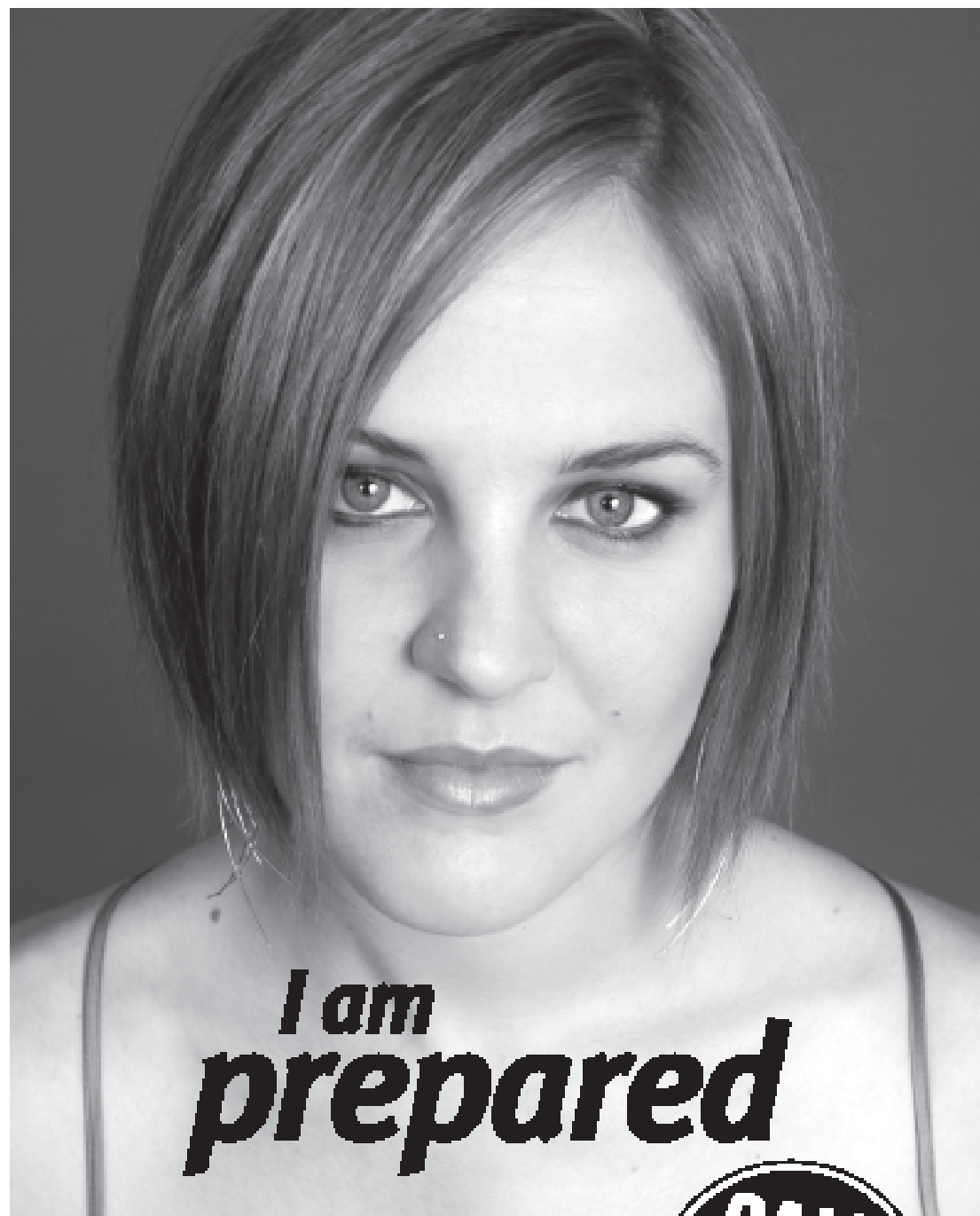
Ashby said computer support specialists play an even bigger role in today's market.

Gowdy said OCCC granted 27 AAS degrees in computer science this past year.

Ashby said a computer support specialist is an entry-level position. He encourages students not only to acquire the associate degree, but other certifications as well.

"A lot of businesses [want] you to have A+ certification and maybe a couple of others from Microsoft to show that you know what you're doing," he said.

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## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### Food for funds



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Centerrria Wright, political science major, purchases a tamale from Christy De Lara, pre-law major and member of the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education. The club held a fundraiser Sept. 15 as part of Hispanic Heritage Week.

**STUDENT LIFE** | Police recruiting officer makes impromptu visit to OCCC

## Dallas police come to campus in search of potential officers

**Officer says past OCCC recruitment successful**

**MARK SMITH**  
Senior Writer  
seniorwriter@occc.edu

The city of Dallas came to campus Sept. 10 looking for police candidates.

The Dallas City Police Department Recruiting Division visited campus and set up a recruiting station in the College Union's entrance.

Senior Cpl. Karl Kemper, recruiting officer, said he was at a job fair in the Oklahoma City area and decided to make an impromptu appearance at OCCC since

he had success here before with recruiting police officers.

"I usually go to all the community colleges in the area for better results and a larger recruiting pool," Kemper said.

He said he was looking for people who have extraordinary language skills, basic computer knowledge and good interpersonal communication skills.

He said he encourages others who might be interested to apply online.

Qualifications for working at the Dallas Police Department are U.S. citizenship, 21 years old with 45 college credit hours and 2.0 GPA, or 19 years old with 60 college credit hours and a 2.0 GPA, Kemper said.

**"Officers have more opportunities not to get burnt out in one division. Gone are the days where police only sat in the cars and wrote tickets."**

—KARL KEMPER

SENIOR CORPORAL, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dallas police offers several departments such as computer crimes, intelligence and data fusion, he said.

"Officers have more opportunities not to get burnt out in one division," Kemper said. "Gone are the days where police only sat in the cars and wrote tickets."

For more information, contact the Dallas Police Department at 1-800-527-2948.

In addition, more in-

formation and online job applications can be obtained by visiting the Dallas Police Department's official website at [www.dallaspolice.net](http://www.dallaspolice.net).

**Do you have a club-related story you would like to share? We want to hear about it! Contact Whitney at [StaffWriter3@occc.edu](mailto:StaffWriter3@occc.edu) or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7440.**

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Anniversary festivities planned

Join Student Life in celebrating OCCC's 37th anniversary Sept. 21 through 25 in the College Union. Participate in free events and activities throughout the week. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

### Volunteer fair to be held

Need to complete service hours for a class or interested in volunteering? Stop by the College Union at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 to meet representatives from OCCC's service-learning partner agencies. Learn more about services opportunities, schedule your service and more. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

### Food bank service day to be held

OCCC's Regional Food Bank Service Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 through Student Life. Participants can earn eight hours of service credit. Transportation and lunch provided. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

### Faculty garage sale to be held

The Faculty Association Garage sale will be held Oct. 28 and 29 in CU 1, 2 and 3. All proceeds from the garage sale will go towards student scholarships. For more information, contact Linda Boatright at 405-682-1611, ext. 7468 or e-mail [lboatright@occc.edu](mailto:lboatright@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 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](mailto:cverschage@occc.edu).

### 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 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, or visit the event website at [www.occc.edu/lifesaver](http://www.occc.edu/lifesaver).

**All Highlights are due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Highlights can be e-mailed to [staffwriter1@occc.edu](mailto:staffwriter1@occc.edu).**



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## DREAM: Kerr a man who made big impact

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turmoil was to bring in business.

"So much of what Oklahoma looks like today was because of things he started," Mellott said.

Kerr began to travel the nation at his own expense, encouraging agricultural businesses to come to Oklahoma.

"After he survived his tragedies, the thing was his ability to talk to and relate to people," Mellott said.

Kerr built cheaper oil-based roads as opposed to expensive concrete. He brought in military bases and focused on creating jobs for the people of Oklahoma. He planted trees, built dams and implemented different types of irrigation for farmers, Mellott said.

Once Kerr brought the state out of debt, he focused on education and technology.

Children, he believed, were the future and investing in them was a priority.

"He had a very moral upbringing," Mellott said. "He taught Sunday school every week, which he continued all of his life."

"Dream No Little Dream" is a film about a man who made an impact on generations in Oklahoma and the U.S., Mellott said.

Kerr is memorialized in the documentary as a man who kept moving forward even when everyone around him said his ideas were impossible.

The purpose of the screening is to allow the public to view the documentary and ask questions of the panel afterward, Mellott said.

This is the first time the film will be screened in the Owen Theater. Admission is free.

Funding for the film was provided by Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

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