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## College trims budget for third month in a row

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For the third consecutive month, all Oklahoma state agencies have been asked to trim their budgets by 5 percent — this includes OCCC, said President Paul Sechrist.

Sechrist said the cuts would not affect the college's ability to provide quality instruction. Instructional tools and labs that enhance a student's education will continue to be funded, he said.

With a softening economy and after similar reductions in August and September, the cut was not surprising, Sechrist said.

"We're a state college and about half of our operating budget comes from the state," he said.

Sechrist said since the economy has remained down, OCCC has prepared for the possibility of year-long reductions.

He said the college will not be spending money on some maintenance repairs that were previously scheduled.

"Maintenance that we would schedule for this year, we would defer for another year," he said. "There are some things we want to do and should but that we could live without for a little while."

Should the reduction in state appropriations continue, Sechrist said, the college has a number of ways to cut budgets.

"These include reducing department budgets

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## Study spot



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Nicki McClain, nursing major, studies for her government class in front of the OCCC Coffee Shop. The coffee shop offers Starbucks coffee as well as smoothies, pastries and cold sandwiches.

### LOCAL AND REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES WILL ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT OCCC STUDENTS

## Transfer Fair to be held on campus Sept. 30

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About 24 colleges from Oklahoma and around the region will recruit students to transfer to their institutions at OCCC's Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednes-

day, Sept. 30, in front of the Communications Lab in the Main Building, said Sara McElroy, Transfer and Academic Advising coordinator.

Each college will be answering questions and offering transfer advice. Therefore, students are encouraged to prepare questions

they might want to ask, McElroy said.

"Students will be able to get a better feel for each university by talking with the university's representatives," she said.

McElroy said a few colleges attending the fair include: Oklahoma State Uni-

“Some students will transfer to a college just because their friends go there. However, it may not be the right school for them.”

—SARA MCELROY

TRANSFER COORDINATOR

versity, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma Christian University, University of Tulsa, and Southwestern

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# OPINION

**EDITORIAL |** Overflow parking lot is needed

## Campus parking situation may be bearable now, but just wait

The parking lot situation is no longer a situation.

That's why the grassy overflow parking lot that many OCCC students had become accustomed to was closed for the remainder of the fall semester as of Sept. 17.



**WHITNEY KNIGHT**

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said the lot was deemed "no longer necessary."

"We have adequate parking spaces," Sloas said.

A few students beg to differ.

"I think it's stupid that they closed it," said Kelsea Burton, film and video major and student ambassador for recruitment and admissions.

"With eight-week classes starting up soon, we will be swamped again and without overflow we

will all be left circling the parking lot until someone leaves," Burton said.

Most students have witnessed first-hand the chaos of the parking lot: the frustration that comes with hunting down that one elusive spot, the frantic worry of being late to one's next class, and the near-misses with other cars as they, too, jockey for their rightful place in the concrete battlefield.

Even though the pandemonium of the parking lot has waned some since those first few crazy weeks, it is sure to come back with a vengeance Oct. 20.

That's when late eight-week classes begin and bring with them a whole new influx of students. The sparse amount of spaces readily available now will likely be snapped up.

Without the overflow parking lot to ease students' woes, we should all brace ourselves for round two of the OCCC parking insanity.

It is sure to come, especially with the spike in enrollment. Preparation should be heeded in the expectation of vehicles flooding the school with not enough parking spaces to go around.



MARK PARISI/OFFTHEMARK.COM

**YOUR VOICE |** Halloween bash

## For the benefit of the children

**To the editor:**

Friends of St. Jude, Oklahoma City, a young professionals group, will host the Inaugural Halloween Boo Bash at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at The Harn Homestead Museum.

Joe Worrel and The Last Free Exit Band and CounterFall will entertain attendees. There also will be free food and drinks, costume contests, and premier raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and available online at [www.friendsofstjude.org/okc](http://www.friendsofstjude.org/okc) or by calling 405-217-9200.

Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A local St. Jude family will attend the event to remind participants of why their involvement is so important to the world-renowned St. Jude Hospital for its work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

For more information about St. Jude and the services they provide, please visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

—CHRISTINE JEPSON  
FRIENDS OF ST. JUDES

**YOUR VOICE |** A call for a silent protest

## Understand the words you are saying

**To the editor:**

Every day the words "fag," "that's so gay," or "don't be a queer" are said in classes and the halls, and not once have I heard a teacher or an administrator step up and put a stop to it.

Those disgusting words that are rooted in hate are permitted every day on campus by those who either are too ignorant to know how hurtful they are or by those who

hate gays and lesbians so much that they allow students and staff members to use them.

These simple words and phrases are emotionally damaging to students who are gay, lesbian or bisexual.

These students, who need someone of power to defend them, are left by themselves to take on the slurs alone and either stand up for their rights or keep quiet. There's

really no choice to be made.

Most of the time gay and lesbian students are so scared to say anything to defend themselves that they keep quiet to keep safe.

The OCCC Gay Straight Alliance wants that practice to stop, NOW!

On Thursday, Oct. 8, everyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or a supporter

or friend of someone who is glbt is asked to keep quiet. Don't speak up in class; don't verbally exchange greetings; don't talk — period.

I know it will be hard and it will be uncomfortable, but just think how hard or uncomfortable it is for students who are gay bashed every day at OCCC.

—THE 57 MEMBERS  
OF THE GAY STRAIGHT  
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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**FILM REVIEW** | Family-friendly comedy with a great message

## ‘Do Bad’ best Perry film to date

Tyler Perry has once again made an extraordinary movie about hard times, family and love.

Perry took on the duties of director, producer and writer to top himself again as a man of many hats.

“I Can Do Bad All By Myself” is an excellent movie that teaches the importance of staying true to oneself.

Opening scenes show Madea Simmons being awakened by three kids breaking into her house. Madea and her brother Joe confront the children and question the burglars as to why they are stealing.

The children say they are hungry and have not seen their grandmother, Mama Rose, for four days. Madea lets the children stay with her until morning when she drops the children off with their aunt, April (Taraji P. Henson).

April is a singer at a local night club, dating a married man, and only cares about herself. When Madea shows up with the children, April initially rejects the children, but reluctantly takes them back.

Sandino (Adam Rodriguez) has recently moved to the United States from Mexico and is in need of help, so he turns to the Zion Liberty Baptist Church to look for a place to stay and to find work.

The pastor asks April if Sandino can stay at her house, as long as Sandino fixes her house. April agrees and continues to search for her mother, Mama

Rose.

Mama Rose is found and sadly, she has passed away.

Faced with the loss of her mother, April decides to give the children to child services.

Sandino tries to show April what real love is and how to truly care about someone else. The struggles will keep the audience's attention and will even involve their emotions.

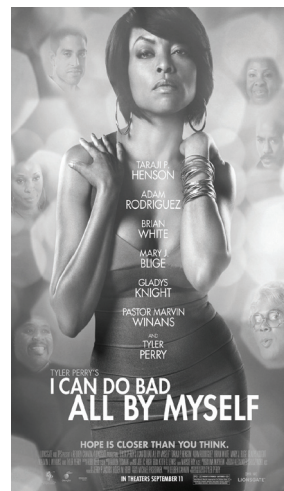
The movie also features singing sensations Mary J. Blige and Gladys Knight. The soundtrack will be a must listen with both Blige and Knight contributing their talents.

“I Can Do Bad All By Myself” is a true comedy that is fun for the whole family. It teaches very important and tough life lessons.

The movie is the best so far in the Perry series.

**Rating:** A+

—LANDA MCCLURE  
STAFF WRITER



## View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



OCCC has developed a reputation for being prepared to effectively deal with a variety of emergency situations, including the current situation related to precautions taken in response to the H1N1 flu.

Some have asked me if OCCC puts too much emphasis on preparation. Some have complained we have too many drills and have had too many notices about limiting the spread of the flu.

I do recognize that having practice drills is disruptive and we often put considerable effort into preparing for a variety of crisis situations that do not develop into real emergencies.

However, the safety of students, guests, faculty and staff is one of the top priorities at OCCC and I recognize you must be a part of the preparation if our plans are to work if we ever face a true campuswide emergency.

The consensus of security and safety experts is that institutions that prepare, drill and plan for emergencies will best survive and restore operations in an emergency event.

OCCC has three major safety drills per year. Generally these drills last only 15 to 20 minutes and have proven to be extremely valuable by letting us know what works, what does not work, and what needs to be changed to improve the safety of everyone. In the end, you play the most important role in making sure you remain safe and healthy.

I encourage you to take the OCCC drills seriously, your safety will depend on you knowing what to do in a crisis.

The same applies to the current H1N1 and upcoming seasonal flu season. Follow the recommendations provided to you through the OCCC website and e-mail notifications.

Your health and the health of others at OCCC will depend on you following the recommended precautions and actions if you become ill.

Hopefully we will never have a serious emergency situation or health crisis at OCCC. I plan to do my part to prepare myself and OCCC, but I need your help to make all of the preparations work to ensure a safe and healthy OCCC.

—PAUL SECHRIST  
OCCC PRESIDENT

**MUSIC REVIEW** | Musical juggernauts combine to create a masterful album

## ‘Monsters of Folk’ an excellent album

In 1988, George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Roy Orbison came together as The Traveling Wilburys and recorded a highly successful album on which they shared lead vocal duties.

Now 20 years later, M. Ward, Mike Mogis, Jim James and Conor Oberst have taken a page out of the Wilburys' playbook to form a star-studded ensemble of their own.

The supergroup — appropriately titled Monsters of Folk — released their self-titled album Sept. 22 on Rouge Trade Records to much acclaim.

The album tackles religion, nature, love and lust. And as The Traveling Wilburys did two

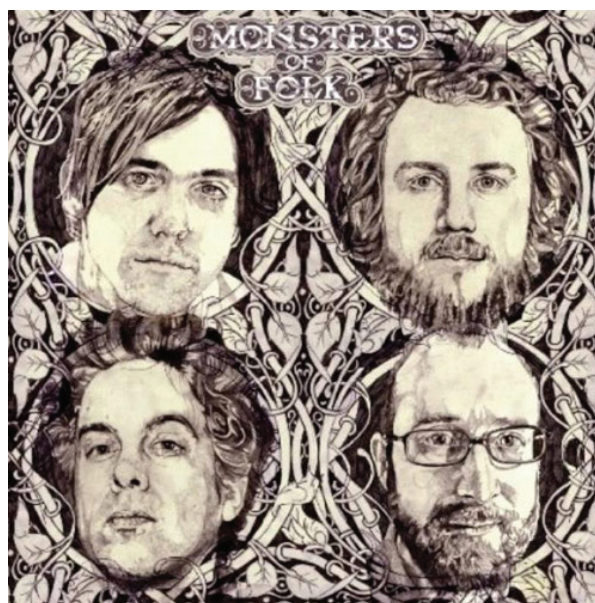
decades prior, all four songwriters share vocal and songwriting duties.

Naturally, Oberst (Bright Eyes), James (My Morning Jacket) and Ward (She & Him) bring the best of their previous work to the table. Their artistry and talent blend together beautifully and pull the best out of each other.

However, it is Mogis who is the surprise of the album.

Mogis, who rose to prominence by playing a central but somewhat hidden role in Bright Eyes, receives slightly less screen time than the others, preferring instead to remain behind the scenes as producer and sideman.

Even so, his guitar solo



during “Say Please” is one of the album's most raw moments, and his production helps connect the album's slew of songwriting styles.

Folk is defined broadly in this instance, as the album encompasses ev-

erything from trip-hop to roots rock to homely pop.

Spread over 15 tracks, the combination wears thin at several points, and several songs feel more like their creator's solo work than a com-

posite product.

However, “Monsters of Folk” has moments of undeniable beauty.

When the musicians pitch their voices atop one another — as they do on the gorgeous “Slow Down Jo” — the benefits of teamwork are more than clear.

This is a record music fans in general can connect to and appreciate.

The sheer talent behind “Monsters of Folk” is enough to carry the album to great heights.

**Rating:** A

—CHRIS LUSK  
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WRITER



# Charles Tarver uses job to pass along love for sports

**Sports assistant says staying healthy important**

ETHAN HENDRICKS  
News Writing Student

Charles Tarver loves basketball.

That love, Tarver said, is one reason he enjoys his job as sports assistant at OCCC, because he gets to share that passion with students who play in the intramural basketball league each year.

"I think staying healthy is a good goal for students," he said. "The activity of sports helps students to relieve the large amount of stress they receive from the pressure of school, work and even fam-

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—CHARLES TARVER  
OCCC SPORTS ASSISTANT

ily."

Tarver said he began playing basketball at age 7, and played all the way through high school in Georgia.

He said his basketball coach sent a video of him playing to an old friend, B.J. Smith, who was the assistant coach of Southwestern College in Kansas.

Tarver said Smith was impressed and invited him to play basketball for Southwest-

ern.

As a result, he said, he moved halfway across the nation in 1993 and attended college in Kansas for two years.

Then Tarver decided to put college on hold, he said.

After working in restaurant jobs for several years, he said he accepted an internship in 2003 at Oklahoma Christian University that allowed him to return to his love of sports.

Tarver said he worked at OC for a year with churches in athletic camps.

"I got to teach kids how to play sports," said Tarver, who is now 34 years old. "It helped me get closer to God.

"My previous job at the restaurant had burned me out on God and life. I was doing my best and they asked more and more from me.

"It just wore me out."

He said his new job also helped him see the need to return to higher education.

Tarver said he enrolled at OCCC in 2004. During the next two years, he completed an associate degree in psychology.

After earning his degree, Tarver said, he got a job working as the assistant to Eric Watson, Sports and Recreation specialist.

"The sports at OCCC are good for the community," Tarver said.

"It gives the students something they can do to stay in shape."

Tarver said he plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma next fall to complete his bachelor's degree in psychology.



Charles Tarver

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CONCERT TO BE HELD OFF CAMPUS TO ACCOMMODATE CROWD

# OCCC choirs to perform together Oct. 1

**Director says choir will sing variety of music, have something for everyone**

**MIA CANTU**

News Writing Student

All three OCCC choirs will join their voices to present a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the auditorium at Mid-America Christian University at 3500 SW 119th St. said Ron Staton, music professor and choir director.

Staton said the choir concerts draw such a large crowd, the audience can't fit in OCCC's Bruce Owen Theater, which has 287 seats.

Some of the featured songs in this fall's concert include "Domine Uno Genite," "Simple Gifts" and "If Music be the Food of Love," he said.

Staton said "Domine Uno Genite" is a Latin song branched from a larger work, Vivaldi's "Gloria."

"Simple Gifts" is an American folk tune that will be accompanied by Jeremy Scott on the piano and "If Music Be the Food of Love" is a song from the romantic genre, he said.

Staton said a lot of hard work has been put in by the choir members.

"The choirs this year have been working extremely hard and I'm very proud of the work they're doing," he said.

"I'm sure the audience will love the concert."

Staton said the concert will offer a variety of different music.

"We try to have something for everyone in the audience," he said. "I try to expose the students to all styles of composition."

OCCC's three choirs are: the Chamber Singers, the Symphonic Community Choir and the Concert Choir.

Staton said the Chamber Singers is the smallest choir, made up of OCCC students who audition to join.

Right now there are 27 members of the Chamber Singers, but there is no limit on the number of students who may participate in the group, he said.

The Concert Choir is comprised of all OCCC students who want to participate. The choir has 42 members this year and auditions are not required.

A wide variety of people make up the Symphonic Community Choir. The members of this choir are a combination of OCCC students and adults from the community, he said.

It is the largest of the three choirs with 77 members.

Both choir members and fans expressed their excitement for the upcoming concert.

Taylor Jones, sophomore, became a choir fan after going to a concert last school year out of curiosity.

"It was a good experience," Jones said. "They



PHOTO COURTESY MIA CANTU

Ron Staton, choir director, leads choir practice as OCCC combined choirs prepare for their upcoming performance. The college has three choirs: the Chamber Singers, the Concert Choir, and the Symphonic Community Choir. The choirs put on two concerts per semester, Staton said.

knew how to keep the audience interested."

Lauren Jones, Concert Choir member, said she got her first choir experience in high school.

She said it was then she attained her love for singing.

Jones said the concert is something all the choir members are anxious for.

"We've been working really hard, and I'm really excited about our concert," she said. "We all love performing."

OCCC's choirs put on two concerts a semester, Staton said.

He said the choirs have been working on this particular set of music for four weeks, and will continue to practice until the performance date.

Lisa Barsaleau, choir accompanist, said she has been helping the group.

"I'm anticipating a fantastic evening of music," Barsaleau said.

The choir will perform a second concert Dec. 10.

## Combined choir concerts

- 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1
- 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10

*Both concerts will be held at Mid-America Christian University, 3500 S.W. 119th.*

*Admission is free for both performances.*



# Job Fair scheduled for Oct. 7 in College Union

Know someone looking for employment? Tell them about the fall Job Fair hosted by OCCC scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 in the College Union.

Individuals seeking general employment should attend anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Those seeking employment in health professions should attend between noon and 6 p.m.

More than 100 employers

are expected to attend the fair, including:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Oklahoma Department of Transportation
- Association of Oklahoma General Contractors
- Bank of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
- Metropolitan Library System
- Deaconess Hospital
- Duncan Regional Hospi-

It's important to remember a few easy and professional tips when attending a job fair:

- Dress professionally
- Bring several copies of your résumé (proofed and updated)
- Review standard interview questions and formulate your responses
- Obtain the list of companies before attending the fair (see below and contact OCCC Employment Services)

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All community members are welcome to attend. For additional information, please call OCCC Employment Services at 405-682-7519, or visit [www.occc.edu/es](http://www.occc.edu/es).



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# OCCC celebrates 37th anniversary

**The college opened its doors in 1972 as an innovative place to earn a degree**

**JENNIFER PEARSALL**

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**B**alloons and birthday cake capped a week-long celebration marking the college's 37th anniversary.

The college originally opened its doors in 1972, as an open space campus called South Oklahoma City Junior College.

Student Life hosted events in the college union all week with the final party being held Sept. 25.

A display, complete with pictures and facts about OCCC's history, drew the attention of students all week.

Each day, students were treated to different activities, ranging from a photo booth to a special film screening.

Early in the week, students had a chance to capture photos of themselves, either alone or with friends, when Hog Wild Entertainment brought the NEOPrint Photo Booth to campus.

Students said they liked the opportunity to create a free OCCC anniversary keepsake.

"It's fun to take pictures after a stressful class," said Perla Donato, photography major.

Shana McLaughlin, criminology major, also had her photo taken.

"I like to be involved in school activities and they're always fun," McLaughlin said.

Thursday night the OCCC Bruce Owen Theater hosted the film "Dream No Little Dream: Legacy of Robert S. Kerr." A panel discussion followed.

Free snow cones and popcorn also played a part in the festivities during the week.

Students also were given an opportunity to celebrate by helping the community.

On Sept. 22, the Oklahoma Blood Institute held a blood drive in the College Union where 73 units of blood were collected. The blood institute gave free T-shirts to those who donated.

Students also had the chance to learn about community service opportunities at Tuesday's volunteer fair.

The fair brought several non-profit groups to recruit help, including Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts of America, and Oklahoma Heritage Museum.



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Shonda Jones, physical therapy major, grabs a free hand sanitizer and popcorn at an anniversary week event. Student Life sponsored several free events the week of Sept. 21 through 25 in celebration of OCCC's 37th birthday. Balloons and birthday cake capped a week-long celebration marking the college's anniversary. The college originally opened its doors in 1972 as an innovative open space campus called South Oklahoma City Junior College.



# Students treated to week of fun



Left: Jorge Vasquez, pharmacy major, reads OCCC facts. Did you know Oklahoma City Community College was originally named South Oklahoma City Junior College?

JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER



Perla Donato, left, photography major, and Shana McLaughlin, criminology major, took part in OCCC's anniversary celebration Sept. 23. Hog Wild Entertainment provided a photo booth for students as part of the festivities.

JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Angela Gutierrez, business major, gets a free strawberry snow cone. Student Life provided the free treats as part of OCCC's anniversary week.

## OCCC ...

- is the fifth largest college in the state in terms of enrollment numbers, following Tulsa Community College, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma.
- OCCC graduated five students in its first graduating class in 1973. In May 2009, more than 1300 graduated for the 2008-'09 year.



# University tours help students preview area colleges

## Five more tours scheduled during the fall semester

SHANNON WEST  
News Writing Student

Students who plan to transfer after their time on campus should take advantage of OCCC's university tours this fall, said Sara McElroy, Transfer and Academic Advising coordinator.

McElroy said university tours offer students a preview of campuses they may be planning to attend after OCCC.

"[It's] a good way to get more comfortable with a new campus," McElroy said.

Although the first tour — to the University of Central Oklahoma — was held last week, five more tours are scheduled, she said.

The next tour on Tuesday, Sept. 29 will visit the University of Oklahoma, McElroy said. The group will leave OCCC at 11:30 a.m.

Tour lengths vary depending upon the university being visited, but students always return to campus by 5 p.m., she said.

McElroy said she encourages all students to familiarize themselves with the university to which they eventually plan to transfer.

Touring a campus gives students a chance to see the institution as a whole and

make connections, as well as learn about coursework and transfers, she said.

McElroy said touring campuses in a group is beneficial for many.

"Students feel less exposed if they go with a big group," she said.

Doug Idlett, engineering major, said he would consider going with one of the groups.

"I've seen signs and heard it talked about," Idlett said. "I've thought about going to Oklahoma State University."

Signing up for a tour is easy, McElroy said.

Students can call or e-mail McElroy, or they can sign up through OCCC's Facebook page, she said.

McElroy said space is typically limited to 15 students per tour, but said more students can be accommodated if she knows beforehand.

On the day of the tour, students meet near the OCCC Coffee Shop before the designated departure time. There, they sign general release forms, she said.

The campus visits start with basic information about the university. Then, stu-

dents are taken around the campus. Students are given a bag of goodies and a T-shirt, McElroy said.

Other university tours include: Tuesday, Oct. 13, at OSU; Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Oklahoma City University; Wednesday, Oct. 28, at OU; Wednesday, Nov. 4, at UCO.

For more information, contact McElroy at 405-682-7567 or e-mail [smcelroy@occc.edu](mailto:smcelroy@occc.edu).

## Upcoming university tours

- Tuesday, Sept. 29 — *University of Oklahoma*
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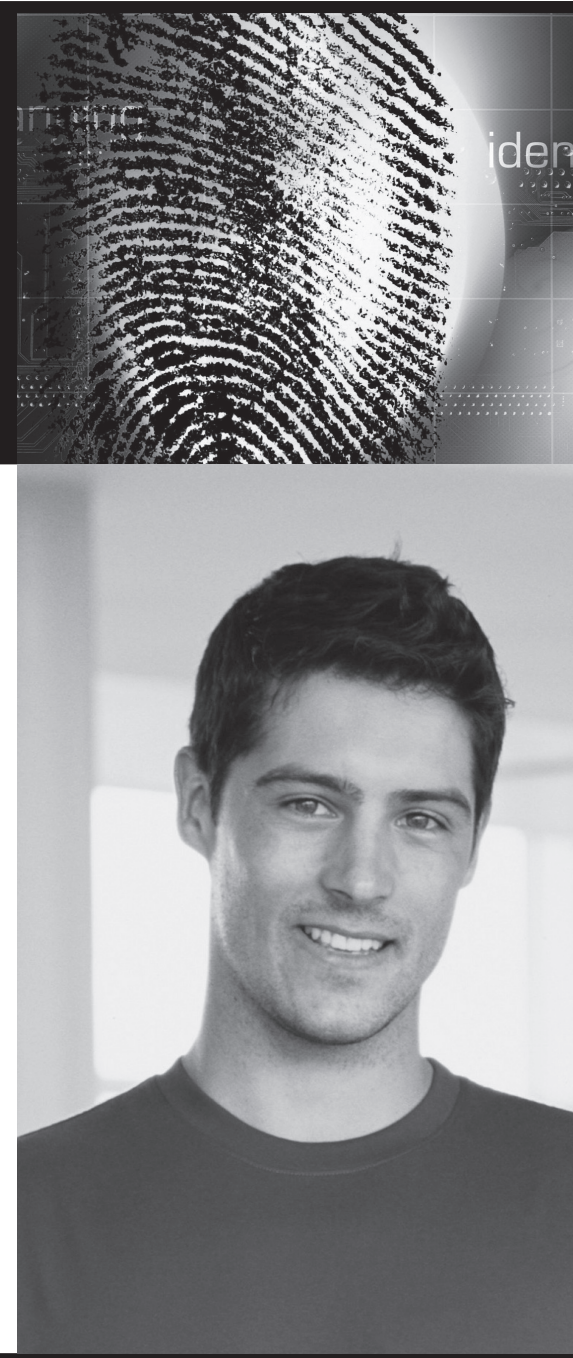
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## SPORTS

INTRAMURALS | Flag football season begins with a blowout



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Devil Dogs player Zack Buckner grips the football as he confronts his opponent, Michael Curtis of the Grim Reapers. Behind the play, from left to right, are Devil Dogs Sonny Sandoval and Timothy Nguyen. Devil Dogs beat the Grim Reapers in a landslide 50-19.

## Devil Dogs dominate Grim Reapers

LANDA MCCLURE  
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In a 50-19 win, the Devil Dogs dominated the Grim Reapers in a Sept. 18 flag football game. Experience was the key factor in the opening flag football game between last year's champions and a new team.

Devil Dog Brian Back started the game by running the ball for a touchdown in the first few minutes of the game. From the beginning, it was clear the Devil Dogs were out to prove why they were last year's champions.

Even though the Grim Reapers looked ready to return a touchdown of their own, an interception by the Devil Dogs shut the idea down.

Within the first five minutes of the game, the Devil Dogs were up by two touchdowns. More interceptions by the Devil Dogs led to more touchdowns.

By halftime, the score was 28-0, Devil Dogs on top.

A halftime speech for the Grim Reapers proved to have taken effect once the game restarted.

Grim Reaper Jerrone Montgomery received a quick pass and from there, was able to rush the football to put his team's first points on the scoreboard.

After finally receiving the ball, the Devil Dogs were stopped after gaining only a few yards.

The Grim Reapers' defense was able to shake the Devil Dogs and force them to hand over the ball.

With the Grim Reapers looking to score a back-to-back touchdown, quarterback Micheal Curtis passed the ball to his teammate.

However, it was intercepted by Back of the Dogs.

After the interception, the game was all Devil Dogs for the next few plays. The Devil Dogs were able to make more touchdowns. The score was now Devil Dogs 42 and Grim Reapers 13.

The Devil Dogs had control of the game.

However, Grim Reapers captain Ja-

maal Surrell made an interception of his own.

When the Grim Reapers seemed to finally have found their spark again, the Devil Dogs thought and acted quickly. They once again made an interception.

Managing to hold onto the ball, the Devil Dogs scored another touchdown despite overthrows from their quarterback.

Back, Devil Dogs' leading scorer, said, "It is our second year as a team and we're a well-rounded team. We came here to win and that is what we did."

"We almost had to forfeit because only three guys showed up when the game was supposed to start, but everyone eventually showed up and we were able to pull out a win."

The second round of games is scheduled for 1 and 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. All games are held at the soccer field located behind the Child Development Center and Lab School on the southeast side of the campus.

## UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **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.

• **Oct. 2:** 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.

• **Oct. 6:** Volleyball: Latinos vs. Higgins at 1 p.m. Games are held at the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Oct. 9:** Flag Football: Grim Reapers vs. Swagga at 1 p.m. Devil Dogs vs. Free Agents at 2 p.m. Games are held at the soccer field.

• **Oct. 12:** Volleyball: Hard Hitters vs. The Titans at 2:30 p.m. Handlin' Bizz vs. Yellow Jackets at 3:30 p.m. Games are held at the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Oct. 13:** Volleyball: Higgins vs. Latinos at 1 p.m. Games are held at the Recreation and Fitness Center's gym.

• **Oct. 16:** Flag Football: Devil Dogs vs. Swagga at 1 p.m. Free Agents vs. Grim Reapers at 2 p.m. Games are held at the soccer field.

• **Oct. 23:** Flag Football: Free Agents vs. Swagga at 1 p.m. Grim Reapers vs. Devil Dogs at 2 p.m. Games are held at the soccer field.

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



## BUDGET: President says reductions will not affect education quality

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and leaving decisions up to each budget manager to decide what particular items should be cut," he said.

Sechrist said if the budget cuts deepen more than 5 percent, or are sustained over a long period of time, the college would be forced to look at other alternatives such as raising revenue, cutting back on student services, or cutting programs the college can no longer afford.

He said a 5 percent reduction for the entire year's budget would total about \$1.3 million.

"Cutting programs that affect students is always a last-case scenario," Sechrist said. "We will be looking at other ways to maximize revenue."

The college's annual budget is about \$61 million and of that, \$26 million comes from the state, he said.

Sechrist said OCCC's state appropriation comes in 12 equal monthly payments.

He said the rest of the budget comes from district funds, reserve and carryover funds, federal stimulus, and student tuition and fees.

Student tuition and fees accounted for about \$19 million of this year's operating budget, Sechrist said.

Although there was no increase in tuition this year and he hopes there won't be one next year, Sechrist said it would be considered as a last resort if the state is not able to provide additional state appropriations.

"We're a ways from making that decision for next year," he said. "But I strongly doubt it will be a consideration."

Many students said while they do not want their tuition to increase, they would understand.

Autumn Mansfield, junior nursing major, said she thinks the college should not be excluded from the decrease in state appropriations.

"The college is a business too," Mansfield said. "If tuition were increased I would just accept it."

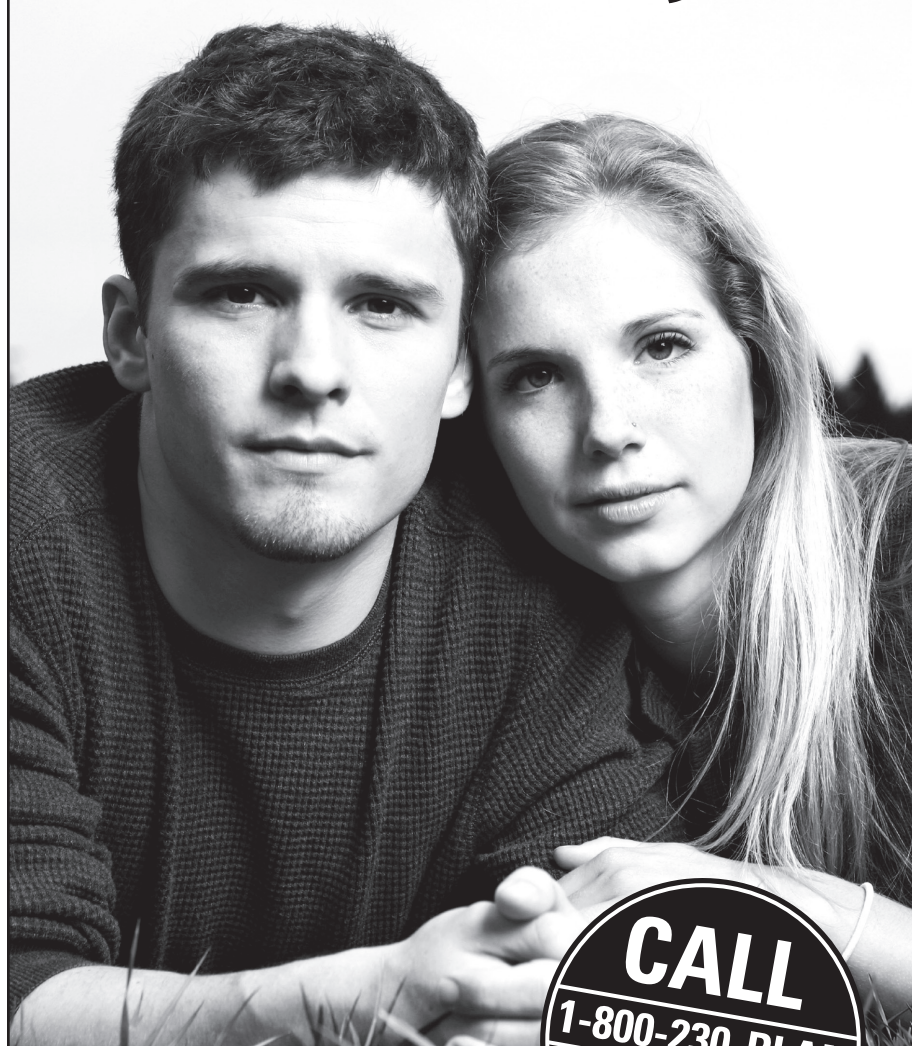
Some students expressed their concern about where their tuition money would be going.

If tuition is increased, the money should be reinvested into the college, said Alicia Summers, sophomore.

"(A tuition increase) should be for the students' benefit so we don't lose that money just because of problems with the state," Summers said.

"We should put our interest in education versus other opportunities that don't add on to our future as a state."

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## FAIR: More than 24 local, regional colleges will be on campus

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Oklahoma State University.

McElroy suggests students gather information about what each university has to offer before making a decision.

"Some students will transfer to a college just because their friends go there," she said. "However, it may not be the right school for them."

McElroy said she encourages students to take tours of each campus they are considering.

Transferring to a university involves many factors, she said.

Meeting admissions criteria, applying for scholarships and other forms of financial aid, and even possibly relocating to another city or state are all part of the transfer process, McElroy said.

By starting early, she said, students can make the entire transfer process run smoother.

"It is never too early to start looking at colleges and making plans to transfer," McElroy said.

She said students also can speak with her for help with preparing to transfer.

"At the very least I can refer a student to the appropriate contact person at the university they are planning to attend," McElroy said.

In addition, she said, she could advise students about several transfer scholarships available to students

who meet the criteria, she said.

For more information about transferring to a university and about transfer scholarships, contact McElroy at 405-682-7567 or e-mail [smcelroy@occc.edu](mailto:smcelroy@occc.edu).

In addition, students can go to [www.occc.edu/transfer](http://www.occc.edu/transfer) for transfer information about universities in Oklahoma and around the country as well as scholarships, transfer equivalencies and other transfer information.

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# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## Give life



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Kathryn Meador, literature major, signs in at the blood drive held during the OCCC Anniversary Week. According to [www.obl.org](http://www.obl.org), the Oklahoma Blood Institute needs 220,000 units of blood a year.

**STUDENT LIFE** | First service day of the semester held at the Regional Food Bank

## Student Life to help hungry Oklahomans with service day

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Helping the hungry by working a day at the Regional Food Bank will be the assignment of student volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, said Katie Treadwell, Service Learning and Student Life programs coordinator.

Treadwell said the event, held two to three times every semester, is a way for students to become more aware of their community.

"We are always trying to educate students about issues in the community," she said.

"With the food bank especially, we can talk about issues of poverty in Oklahoma."

Treadwell said the service day is open to all OCCC students.

"Some will just be students interested in helping others through service, while others require these hours for classes," she said.

Students who participate in the event can earn eight hours of service, which can be

counted for classroom requirements, scholarship needs and award programs, according to the Student Life website.

The site also states that transportation and lunch will be provided for participants.

Because transportation arrangements are already in place, Treadwell said, the event is limited to 25 students.

The service day provides invaluable insight for students of all majors, she said.

"Psychology students may look at how hunger affects the psychological

development of a person," Treadwell said. "A nursing student would be looking at the situation from the health perspective."

"But no matter what, we always try to tie that back to societal issues."

Treadwell said other service days will be held Nov. 12 with Habitat for Humanity and Dec. 5 with the Salvation Army.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523, or visit their website at [www.occc.edu/studentlife](http://www.occc.edu/studentlife).

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Club to host bake sale fundraiser

The Black Student Association will be holding a bake sale fundraiser at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the College Union. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

### Second 'Voices' lecture to be held

Join Student Life in welcoming David Cid, acting director of the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, for OCCC's second Campus Voices lecture of the semester from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in CU 2 and 3. Cid will discuss counterterrorism, civil liberties, and MIPT's efforts to fight domestic terrorism. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

### Food bank service day to be held

OCCC's Regional Food Bank Service Day will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 405-682-7523.

### 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 toward 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 during their meetings this semester. Meetings will be held at noon Mondays in the Bruce Owen Theater, and at 12:20 p.m. Thursdays, in room 3N0 of the Main Building. For more information, contact Mark Barnett at 405-323-0583 or e-mail [Chris.Verschage@occc.edu](mailto:Chris.Verschage@occc.edu).

### Nurses to sponsor run

The nursing faculty and Nursing Students Association will sponsor a 5-kilometer race and a 1-mile fun run at 8 a.m. 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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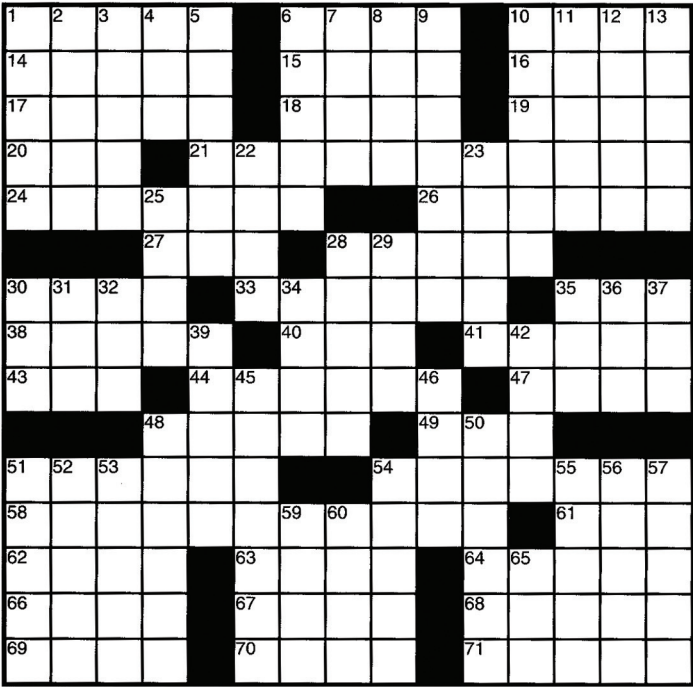
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