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Enrolling early helps students in many ways

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Students who plan to return in the spring can register now for classes, said Marcelene Mahsetky-James, personal and academic adviser.

"Students who register early can have more control over their schedules," she said. "They can ensure that their schedule doesn't interfere with work or family."

Mahsetky-James said returning students can add and drop classes online.

However, she said, new students and students on probation and suspension do not have the option of adding classes online.

They are required to physically register with an

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Reading to our future



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

Kayla Cottrell, 3, shows Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, the most colorful part on a butterfly. VanSchuyver read to children in the Child Development Center and Lab School as part of the national Jumpstart Read For The Record Day. For complete story, see page 6.

POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS IN SHOOTING DEATH

OCCC student found dead inside vehicle

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An OCCC student was found dead around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at SW 119th street and S Meridian Avenue.

Oklahoma City Police spokeswoman Sgt. Jennifer Wardlow said officers found Thyler L. Payne slumped inside his 1997 Nissan Maxima with multiple gunshot wounds.

According to the crime report, Payne's vehicle was in a ditch on the side of the road.

Payne was pronounced dead at the scene.

Wardlow said there are no suspects or any



Thyler Payne

leads at this time.

"Police are making every effort to find who is responsible for Payne's death," Wardlow said.

Payne lived at home with his mother in southwest Oklahoma City.

Margarett Payne,

mother of the victim, said she returned home around 12:30 a.m. Sunday to find her son using the computer next to her bed.

"When I went to bed, he was on the computer," Payne said. "He seemed fine."

She said when she woke up during the night, she found that her son was no longer home.

Police woke her up at 8 a.m. Sunday to tell her that her son was found dead about a mile away from her home.

Even though the event happened close to home, Margarett Payne said she

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I don't want to make any assumptions because right now I can barely deal with what I have actually seen — my dead son with all those gunshot wounds.”

—MARGARETT PAYNE
THYLER PAYNE'S MOTHER

doesn't know anything more than what police have said publicly.

"I don't want to make any assumptions because right now I can barely deal with what I have actually seen — my dead son with all those gunshot wounds," his mother said.

Police said they have no suspects at this time. Ike Sloas, OCCC Safe-

ty and Security director, alerted the college community via e-mail Monday, Oct. 12, after learning of the event earlier that day.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, contact Crime Stoppers at 405-235-7300.

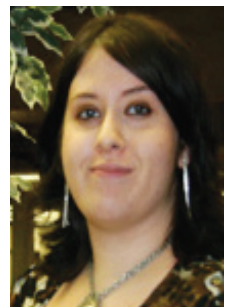
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OPINION

EDITORIAL | An overlooked cause

Often hidden issue needs to be recognized throughout the year

October is a busy month, full of professional and collegiate football games, baseball playoffs, and the perennial favorite of kids and kids-at-heart: Halloween.



WHITNEY
KNIGHT

Even the worthiest of causes can become forgotten amidst such excitement. Such is the case of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an October staple that, tragically, has often been overlooked since its 1987 inception.

For the many unfortunate victims of domestic abuse — at least 25 percent of women and 8 percent of men — this topic is not one to be outshone by sports games and trick-or-

treating.

For these brutalized women, men and children, it is a terrifying reality in which a family's home becomes an unimaginable place of fear, hopelessness

and pain from which they cannot escape. Often, breaking the silence and seeking help is the hardest thing for victims of domestic violence to do.

It shouldn't have to be. No one should have to live their lives in fear or be damned to remain in the toxic confines of an abusive environment.

Efforts such as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month can make all the difference by spreading awareness, educating the public, and providing resources for the victims.

If even one individual, male or female, who is in an abusive relationship, gains the courage or means to make a change in his or her life, then these efforts should be hailed as a tremendous success.

It is important that anyone facing such challenges understands he or she is not alone and there are people out there waiting to make a difference in their lives. Each and every one of us can be one of those people. If you or someone you know is being abused, please don't hesitate to reach out to help. Call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

We can make a difference.



MARK PARISI/OFFTHEMARK.COM

YOUR VOICE | Statewide look out

More Vaccines

To the editor:

Pregnant women and children with certain chronic diseases will benefit from new shipments of the novel H1N1 influenza vaccine expected to arrive in the state early next week. State health officials expect an additional 44,100 doses of vaccine including both nasal spray and the initial shipment of injectable vaccine to reach the state.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health is projected to receive H1N1 vaccine in weekly shipments through early January. Initial doses will be provided to those priority groups most at risk from complications of H1N1 influenza, including the following:

- Pregnant women
- People caring for infants less than 6 months of age
- Children and young adults from 6 months to 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 to 64 who have underlying medical conditions
- Health care workers and emergency medical responders

—PAMELA WILLIAMS

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

YOUR VOICE | Not everything is what it seems

Controlling you with misconceptions

To the editor:

There are fake women's clinics near college campuses all around the country.

These clinics call themselves "Crisis Pregnancy Centers" and "Pregnancy Resource Centers" and pose as comprehensive women's health clinics, when they actually do not offer abortion services, contraception or referrals.

They also specifically target college students seeking information about abortions and use deceptive advertising to lure students in and then deny them accurate information and services.

CPC's use scare tactics and misinformation to manipulate women into choosing motherhood or adoption while pressuring them not to consider abortion or

birth control.

Many claim abortion leads to breast cancer, infertility, suicide and that condoms will not protect you from HIV/AIDS or other sexually transmitted infections, all claims that have been disputed by studies conducted by the American Medical Association, American Psychological Association and the World Health Organization.

According to a congressional investigation of CPCs, 87 percent of fake clinics provide false or misleading information about the health effects of abortion.

Women need to be warned of the deceptive practices of CPCs, so they can make educated, informed decisions about their health.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | Another quality movie by DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures

Unlikely alliance forms to save the world from invasion

For an alien problem, one needs a monstrous solution.

"Monsters vs. Aliens" is a lighthearted, endearingly wacky flick about a bubbly young woman who turns into a gargantuan monster after being struck by a meteorite on her wedding day.

The film crash-landed its way into homes and hearts everywhere with its Sept. 29 DVD release.

"Monsters vs. Aliens" is the latest cartoon creation from DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures, the dynamic duo responsible for most of today's computer-animated delights.

This charming comedy revolves mostly around the aforementioned bride-to-be, Susan, after she is walloped by a meteor laced with quantonium, a rare and powerful substance that causes her to mutate into a colossal version of herself.

Deemed a monster by the U.S. government, Susan is promptly whisked away from her nuptials and taken to a secret holding facility where monsters have been stowed away from the general populace for the past 50 years.

There she is imprisoned alongside a ragtag team of fellow mutants: Dr. Cockroach, a brilliant, mad scientist who accidentally transformed himself into a roach-human hybrid; B.O.B., a jellylike, brainless blob brought to life after an experiment gone wrong; The Missing Link, an amphibious cross between a fish and an ape-man; and Insectosaurus, a skyscraper-sized grub that is even larger than Susan.

When deranged alien overlord Gallaxhar learns of the presence of quantonium on Earth, the U.S. President calls upon the monsters to ward off his impending invasion in exchange for their freedom.

"Monsters" is a never-ending adventure full of wonderfully-animated action sequences, lots of laughs, and even a few tender moments as the misfit monsters struggle to find their place in society.

Though some mild profanity and scenes of peril might make this flick somewhat inappropriate for the younger set, its lightheartedness, humor, and good morals make for an enjoyable, family-friendly treat for moviegoers of most ages to enjoy.

The DVD itself continues to delight with a plethora of fun extras, including deleted scenes, filmmaker commentary, and music videos.

Even if you can't find a permanent place for mutants in your home, "Monsters vs. Aliens" certainly deserves at least a rental at your nearest DVD store.

Rating: B+

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
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JOB & CAREER POWER

Recruitment for the Disney College Program will be visiting the OCCC campus Friday, Oct. 23, in CU3.

Session I will be held from 11 a.m. to noon with Session II following from noon to 1 p.m.

Benjamin Paston, a former Disney Intern through the University of Oklahoma, will present application details and explain benefits to interested students.

As a "Fortune 100" company, Disney offers college-level internships in a wide variety of career fields at both the Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla., and the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif.

The Disney recruitment website asks:

Are you a college student who is looking for:

- A paid internship opportunity that will stand out on a résumé?
- A chance to work with world-renowned leadership and gain useful, transferable skills?
- A custom-designed learning curriculum that offers opportunity to gain college credit?
- An opportunity to meet people from around the world, make lifelong friends and have fun?

If so, please mark your calendar and be sure to attend this workshop event. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519 or visit our office located in room 1G7 of the Main Building.

—DEBRA VAUGHN
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PLAY REVIEW | The Metroplex Church of the Nazarene delivers a fantastic original play

Quirky characters brought to life during play by local church

Imagine waking up to find yourself in a coffin.

But that's not all. You manage to get out of the coffin to find yourself in a used car workshop that has been temporarily converted to a funeral home.

You go into the next room and you find your entire family mourning your death.

Weird, right?

This is exactly what happens to the character Papaw in "The Funeral," the second installment

in a series of plays titled, "Chken Fer Dnr."

The plays, performed at The Metroplex Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, were written by Rhonda Thompson and directed by Michael Hocking.

The cast and crew consisted entirely of members from the church who served every audience member free cheesecake and tea before the performance.

These plays revolve around a small, odd and

unnamed town in Oklahoma populated by hillbillies.

The town members all have their quirks and oddities.

One character, Uncle Ernie, wears a sock on his hand and refers to him as Edgar, an alien from the planet Krug.

Another character, Bubba, has an infatuation with chickens.

Sissy keeps snakes in her pockets and talks to them like real people.

And of course, don't

forget trigger-happy Junior who carries his rifle everywhere.

The character Papaw, who has the sleeping disorder narcolepsy, falls into a deep sleep at any random moment.

After one episode of narcolepsy, he is unable to be awakened by his friends and family and they assume him to be dead. They promptly prepare a hillbilly style funeral in a car repair shop that doubles as a funeral parlor.

The new pastor from the city does his best to hold a respectful funeral service but things quickly get out of hand with a building full of rowdy, rude and not-so-bright hillbillies.

After many hilarious situations and funny dialogue, Papaw awakens from his deep sleep, shocking his friends and family, and almost getting shot in the pro-

cess.

"The Funeral" is a hilarious, quirky and entertaining play that will have the audience laughing during the entire 45 minute performance.

Thompson said the next installment of "Chken Fer Dnr" is currently being written.

Rating: A-

—ETHAN HENDRICKS
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GROUP COMPRISED OF MUSIC MAJORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ALIKE

Jazz band to give free concert Oct. 22

CHASE COOK

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Brazilian Bossa Novas, funk, and selected songs from Miles Davis will be on the program when the college's Jazz Combo gives its fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in the Bruce Owen Theater.

Music Professor Michael Boyle, concert emcee and

double bass player, said concertgoers can expect to be entertained.

"[The audience] can expect great lighting and sound, as well as music that's on par with any jazz club in Bricktown," Boyle said.

Johnlee Lookingglass, band vocalist, said students can expect to "get their faces melted off."

Two bands will alternate in performing the show.

The first band will open the show with the funk tune, he said, and then give way to the second band.

The opening band will then return to finish off the night with a closing number, Boyle said.

He said both bands are comprised of music majors and interested community

members.

The concert will be a first for some of the members, who have not performed in a college jazz band before.

Boyle said they expect it to be a first for many of the audience members as well.

The band hopes to put on an exciting show, he said.

"It's our job as educators and performers to keep the show lively," Boyle said.

Blake Renton, computer science major, is the only student in the group who is not a music major, Boyle said.

Renton plays the trumpet for the band, he said, thus making him their "Miles Davis."

"He has a challenging role in the concert," he said.

However, Boyle expressed confidence in Renton's "killer

“ [The audience] can expect great lighting and sound, as well as music that's on par with any jazz club in Bricktown.”

—MICHAEL BOYLE
MUSIC PROFESSOR

trumpet" skills.

Another band member, Boyle said, also has a difficult role in the concert.

Paul Collins, saxophone player, will play some of the trumpet work as well.

Asked how he felt about playing the work of the legendary Davis — whose album "Kind of Blue" just celebrated its 50th anniversary — Collins laughed.

"I was trying not to think about it," he said.

Band members said they are excited about the concert

and said they would love for their fellow students to come support them.

Members of the band include Rob Webb and Thien Nguyen on guitar; Sean McDuffie, Dominic Dangora and David Traxler on drums; Collins on saxophone; Lee Williams on bass; Renton on trumpet; and Jonathan Lovelless, Lauren Dale and Lookingglass on vocals.

The jazz concert is one of the six concerts the music department is putting on this year, Boyle said.

If you go

WHAT: Jazz Combo fall concert

WHERE: Bruce Owen Theater

DETAILS: Concertgoers can hear a variety of music including selected songs from Miles Davis. The event is open to the public, free of charge.

Nursing program adds chemistry to curriculum

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Chemistry has been added to the nursing program this fall, one of two changes in the curriculum. All students admitted to the nursing program in Fall 2009 will have to comply with the new curriculum changes, said Rosemary Klepper, program director.

Klepper said Principles of Chemistry with a lab has been added in place of Math for Health Careers, while Microbiology replaces Microbiology of Infectious Diseases.

"Principles of Chemistry teaches students about equations, and that's how we as nurses solve medication problems," she said.

Students will have to demonstrate mathematical competency at the level of intermediate algebra, either through assessment testing or the actual course, prior to enrolling in Principles of Chemistry.

As a result of the change, enrollment in chemistry is up.

"At the beginning of September, we had 262 students enrolled in seven

lecture sections and 212 students enrolled in our 10 lab sections, so we were very close to capacity in all of our sections," said Steven Shore, Physical Sciences program coordinator.

To meet the needs of the nursing program, the chemistry course and labs are now offered during the summer, which has not been done before, Shore said.

Klepper said the changes are due to a deficiency in nursing student knowledge of important science principles including acid-base and fluid-electrolyte imbalances.

The Microbiology change will expand the knowledge future nurses will need in their profession.

"Nurses today need more than just knowledge of infectious diseases," she said. "Our students need a broader understanding of microbiology."

Klepper said she thinks the new requirements will help students pass the license exam required to become registered nurses, and ultimately help them throughout their nursing career.

"I believe it is going to serve our students very well," Klepper said.

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SAFETY AND SECURITY NOTIFY COLLEGE OF FATALITY NEAR CAMPUS THROUGH E-MAIL ALERT

Stabbing death, car accident highlight crime

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A death near the college and a car accident were among campus crime reports for the week of Oct. 5.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, alerted the college community that a stabbing death had been confirmed Oct. 7 at the Cambridge Inn located across the street from the college at 7400 S. May Ave.

Sloas sent an e-mail to inform all students and employees of the event.

He said no arrests had been made, and there are no suspects at this time.

In addition, Sloas urged anyone who has any information to contact the Oklahoma City Police at 405-297-1126.

Steve Duncan, Facilities Management's materials control supervisor, reported he was involved in a two-vehicle traffic accident near campus.

Duncan reported to Safety

and Security Officer Larry Lundy that Wednesday, Oct. 7, he was driving a college vehicle southbound on May Avenue when a car came into his lane from the right hand lane.

He told Lundy the car swerved in front of him and causing him to collide with the vehicle.

According to the report, Duncan exchanged information with the driver of the other vehicle.

On Oct. 9, Stacey Poston

reported to Safety and Security Officer Tim Densmore that her Apple iPhone had been stolen from the women's restroom near entry 12.

Densmore reported he checked the security cameras, however, due to the number of people going in and leaving the restroom, a suspect could not be determined.

Densmore and Safety and Security Officer Eddie Connally responded to a report of possible computer misuse in the library Oct. 8.

Jason Kimball, lead library circulation assistant, told Densmore and Connally that Ashton Martin Hicks, an OCCC visitor, was viewing websites with nude people having sex.

In Connally's report, the officers approached Hicks, who was still viewing the pornographic website.

Both officers informed Hicks of the college's policies about viewing inappropriate websites.

Hicks was issued an official Notice to Leave.

Hicks told both officers he felt his privacy was being violated and that he had a right to view what he wanted.

Connally said in his report that this was not the first time Hicks has acted inappropriately in the library.

Earlier this year campus security had to call Oklahoma City Police when Hicks refused to turn the sound down on the music he was listening to on the computer.

No arrests were made in either incident.

Corrine Aguilar, Carson's Food Services general manager, reported her car had been damaged on campus Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Aguilar told Connally when she was pulling out of parking lot E, she could hear her car making a rattling sound.

When Aguilar got out of the car, she discovered the front of her car was damaged.

Connally reported he reviewed surveillance camera footage. However, it was inconclusive what caused the damage.

If anyone has any information regarding these or any other crimes, contact campus Safety and Security at 405-682-1611, ext. 7691, or the Oklahoma City Police Department at 405-297-1126.

Faculty Association garage sale Oct. 28, 29

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The fourth annual Faculty Association garage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 28 and 29, in College Union rooms 1, 2 and 3, said Professor Jennifer Ball, scholarship committee member.

In these harsh economic times, Ball said, students and the community can look forward to saving money by purchasing lightly-used items at the garage sale.

She said last year an elliptical exercise machine sold for \$40.

"One hundred percent of

the money raised goes to benefit student scholarships," Ball said.

The more items sold equals more money raised, she said, which means additional scholarships for deserving students.

Ball said last fall semester, 15 scholarships were given away totaling \$4,500.

Linda Boatright, scholarship committee chair, said last year's garage sale raised close to \$3,000.

Clothes, crafts, decorations, books, exercise equipment and some electronics will be sold, Ball said.

She said all electronics are plugged in and tested to see if they work before they are

sold.

Boatright said furniture — such as couches and chairs — sold for around \$5 and a dishwasher sold for \$10 last year.

Ball said donations are still being accepted.

"We still need more items, so clean out your apartment and give to a great cause," she said.

"It doesn't matter how much we get (donated), we always want more."

If anyone is interested in a sneak peek of the items, Ball said she invites them to volunteer unloading and pricing the items from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27.

"You will get a first eye on all the stuff," she said.

Ball said, volunteers also are needed to staff the garage sale and box up the remaining items once the garage sale is finished.

Items not sold will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, she said.

Ball said the garage sale is the Faculty Association's number one fundraiser.

Other fundraisers include staffing a Coke Wagon — which was set up during Arts Festival Oklahoma — and the "Make It, Bake It" sale, which will be held during the spring semester.

The money raised at these events also go to help fund student scholarships, she said.

Ball said fall scholarship applications will be available the first week of November.

To apply for a scholarship, she said, students must have a faculty member recommendation.

For more information regarding garage sale donations, contact Boatright at 405-682-1611, ext. 7468, or e-mail lboatright@occc.edu.

For information about the garage sale or to volunteer, contact Ball at 405-682-1611, ext. 7305, or e-mail jball@occc.edu.

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FIELD TRIP TAKEN TO FORT SILL AND THE WICHITA MOUNTAINS

International students explore Oklahoma

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A group of 23 international students braved looming clouds and threatening rain Oct. 5 to take a trip to Fort Sill and the Wichita Mountains near Lawton.

The weather forced the group to spend most of their time indoors.

One of the buildings they visited was the U.S. Army Field Artillery Museum on base.

There they learned about the development of the U.S. Army into a military force, including some all-Indian units, Comanches being one of them.

The museum is usually closed Mondays. However, Towana Spivey, director and curator of the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark, provided a special tour.

He talked about the Comanches, a Native American ethnic group, who were originally great hunter-gatherers with a typical Plains Indian

culture.

Comanche women wore long deerskin dresses and men wore buckskin war shirts and breech cloths with leather leggings. In cold weather, they wore buffalo-hide robes, Spivey said.

Ginnett Rollins, professor of modern languages and one of the sponsors on the trip, said the museum was the high point of the trip.

"It was a wonderful privilege that the museum curator was willing to open the museum and give us a presentation regarding the important role of Native Americans in American and Oklahoma history," Rollins said.

Before the group left campus, Abra Figueroa, English as a Second Language professor, assured them the weather would be no barrier to the success of the field trip.

Students seemed excited about the trip.

"This is my first trip to see buffalo," said Aaron Ling, a student from Malaysia who was not quite sure what an

American buffalo would look like.

Unfortunately, no live buffaloes were seen because of the unfavorable weather.

Students still enjoyed Oklahoma's natural beauty from inside the van.

The gateway to the Wichita Mountains, Mt. Scott, was closed because of the weather. So the group headed to the Wichita Mountain National Wildlife Refuge.

At the visitors' center, students watched a documentary called "The Wild Side of Eden," which showed the life of buffalo on the preserve.

About 500 buffaloes and 300 longhorn cattle roam the 59,000 acres of land in the Wichita Mountain wildlife refuge which is one of the oldest reserves in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife System, according to the film.

"I did not know all these things about buffalo, so this is great," said Saad Nmili, a student from Morocco.

Nmili said he enjoyed making new friends on the trip



PHOTO COURTESY ABRA FIGUEROA

International students (L-R back row) Chalermphol Thiensingchai, Khoa Vu, Chuyen Do (L-R front row) Saad Nmili, Quynh Nguyen, Linh Chau and Ngoc Tran spend time at the Wichita Mountain Nation Wildlife Refuge. Twenty-three students took a trip to Fort Sill and the Wichita Mountains near Lawton on Oct. 5.

Another student from Morocco, Mohammed Almouta, said he enjoyed the trip but wished the weather had been better.

Another student, Sean Jun, from South Korea, said he enjoyed getting to know other students better.

"I do not talk much in class but this trip gave me an opportunity to interact more," Jun said.

The next ESL trip is scheduled Monday, Nov. 1, to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum.

College joins in nationwide reading program

Employees take time to read to children at Child Development Center

ABBEY REXING
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Dressed in a pink outfit, golden haired Peyton, 3, stood out of the crowd of 10 children listening to Felix Aquino read an animated rendition of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Peyton's eyes were the size of quarters when the caterpillar turned into a beautiful butterfly. Her buddy Kylie, 4, giggled when the caterpillar decided to eat strawberries.

This scene at the Child Development Center and Lab School was replicated many

times across the country at 11 a.m. Oct. 8. The Jumpstart Read for the Record program attempted to break a world record for the largest shared reading experience ever when 688,000 read the same book.

The Child Development Center handpicked a group of OCCC employees to read Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to preschoolers in an effort to build the children's reading, language and social skills.

Aquino, vice president for Academic Affairs, was joined by Susan Vanschuyver, dean of Arts and Humanities, Susan Tabor, Child Development professor, and Barbara King, Library Services director.

Professor Cecilia Pittman, Child Development Program director, sponsored the event.

"Reading to children is the single most important activity for building knowledge required for eventual success in reading," Pittman said in an e-mail.

Pittman said reading aloud builds language skills and contributes to young children's future reading success. It also stimulates their imagination.

Bertha Wise, English professor, also was one of the chosen readers for the day.

Wise reflected on her past when her mom and dad used to read to her. She said she believes this is the reason she already knew many words by the time she started kindergarten and enjoyed learning to read.

"Reading provided me with a way to learn things on my own and satisfy my endless

curiosity — always asking what and why," Wise said.

Madison, 5, said reading is her favorite thing to do when she gets home from school. She was happy to say that her mom reads to her every night before she goes to bed.

"It helps me learn to read," Madison said.

Pittman put books in relation to children when she said, "A special bond develops as children equate books with feelings of warmth, security, love, and family unity."

Parents often ask what kinds of books should be read to children, and what books are right for specific age groups. Pittman said lots of resources are available to help those questioning parents out there.

She highly recommends "The Read-Aloud Handbook,"

by Jim Trelease. It lists age-appropriate books and offers lots of valuable information about the literacy development of young children.

Pittman also has developed a list of her own, "100 Picture Books Every Teacher (Parent) Should Read." Pittman was a first grade teacher for 20 years and the list is based on the books that she had read and used in her classroom. She said she would be glad to share it with anyone who is interested.

This is the first year that OCCC has done the Jumpstart Read for the Record Day, but Pittman said it would not be the last.

For more information contact Cecilia Pittman at 405-682-1611, ext. 7159, or e-mail cmpittman@occc.edu.

SILENT WITNESSES PROGRAM PERSONALIZES NATIONWIDE ISSUE

Domestic abuse victims focus of display

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Domestic violence victims who died at the hands of their abusers will have a chance to tell their stories Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the College Union when the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault hosts the Silent Witnesses Program, said Jenna Howard, OCCC mental health counselor.

"This is such an important cause," Howard said. "I am so excited that OCCC can offer this experience to its students."

According to their website, Silent Witnesses is a program started by a group of artists and writers who bring attention to the issue of domestic violence with "life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a woman who once lived, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children — whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance."

Howard said each cut-out has the abuse story of the victim it represents.

"This allows the deceased to pass on their stories."

She said Oklahoma City's YWCA also will be on hand to offer support and answer questions.

The YWCA is one of the many resources that offers help to victims of domestic violence, Howard said.

"Groups like these have helped save many women from further abuse and even death."

She said domestic violence victims will leave their tormentors an average of seven times be-



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fore they finally leave for good. Therefore, Howard said, it is important for victims and other to see the Silent Witnesses.

"Hopefully, a victim or friend of a victim will see the statues and say 'hey that could be me or that could be my friend' and save their life."

For more information about domestic vio-

lence, call the Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 405-524-0700.

In addition, students who are victims of domestic abuse or rape, or know someone who is, can call the domestic abuse hotline at 405-917-9922, the rape hotline at 405-943-7273, or the Oklahoma State SafeLine at 1-800-522-7233.

YWCA offers help via two hotlines

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Victims of rape and domestic violence are encouraged to seek help from the YWCA's rape and domestic violence advocates.

A YWCA spokeswoman said the organization has two hotlines victims can call for help — one for each area.

According to the spokeswoman, rape victims who call the hotline will receive personalized care from a nurse who specializes in rape crimes as well as receive help from a sexual assault advocate.

Furthermore, the spokeswoman said, the nurses there have received more than 40 hours of specialized training.

The spokeswoman said this training allows the nurses to perform sometimes necessary invasive procedures while remaining compassionate and supportive.

Rape victims can call the YWCA rape hotline at 405-942-7273.

Domestic violence victims can call 405-917-9922.

An alternate number, staffed by YWCA counselors and open 24-hours a day, is the Oklahoma SafeLine at 1-800-522-7233.

October Domestic Violence Awareness month

"Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance. A family's home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, a child witnesses the abuse of a loved one, or a senior is victimized by family members. Since the 1994 passage of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, championed by then Senator Joe Biden, our Nation has strengthened its response to this crime and increased services for victims. Still, far too many women and families in this country and around the world are affected by domestic violence. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to ending violence within our homes, our communities, and our country.

To effectively respond to domestic violence, we must provide assistance and support that meets the immediate needs of victims. Facing social isolation, victims can find it difficult to protect themselves and their children. They require safe shelter and housing, medical care, access to justice, culturally specific services, and economic opportunity. The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act supports emergency shelters, crisis inter-

vention programs, and community education about domestic violence.

In the best of economic times, victims worry about finding a job and housing, and providing for their children; these problems only intensify during periods of financial stress. That is why the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$325 million for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). This funding will supplement the Federal VAWA and VOCA dollars that flow to communities every year, and enable States, local governments, tribes, and victim service providers to retain and hire personnel that can serve victims and hold offenders accountable. These funds will also bring relief to victims seeking a safe place to live for themselves and their children.

Victims of violence often suffer in silence, not knowing where to turn, with little or no guidance and support. Sadly, this tragedy does not just affect adults. Even when children are not directly injured by violence, exposure to violence in the home can contribute to behavioral, social, and emotional problems. High school students who report having experienced physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide, and may carry patterns of abuse into future

relationships. Our efforts to address domestic violence must include these young victims.

During this month, we rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle of violence. By providing young people with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that domestic violence can be prevented. We must build the capacity of our Nation's victim service providers to reach and serve those in need. We urge community leaders to raise awareness and bring attention to this quiet crisis. And across America, we encourage victims and their families to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. Together, we must ensure that, in America, no victim of domestic violence ever struggles alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I ask all Americans to do their part to end domestic violence in this country by supporting their communities' efforts to assist victims in finding the help and healing they need."

SPORTS

INTRAMURALS | Lack of interest

Bowling league cut to one day

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Bowling has been reduced from a full season sport to a one-day event, said Charlie Tarver, Recreation and Fitness sports assistant.

Tarver said, bowling was scheduled to start Oct. 2 but, due to lack of responses from the people who registered, the games were canceled.

“We had quite a few people signed up to play, but when I tried contacting them to see if they were still interested in playing, no one replied,” he said.

“We are trying to schedule a one-day event probably for late October or early November,” Tarver said.

Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson said the one-day event is scheduled for a Friday.

“All we know for sure about bowling is the games will be at the Moore AMF bowling lanes,” Watson said.

“The other details concerning the league are still being decided.

“We are going to have a meeting to decide on the date and any other questions surrounding the league.”

“Although many students who registered are not still participating, we will offer bowling next year,” he said.

“Once we offer a sport or a class, we like to keep offering it every year.

“We won’t cancel a sport or a class because it does not do so well one year,” Watson said.

“The money situation, such as if the players will have to pay for their shoe rentals or the game itself, is still being discussed.

“We have to know how many people are going to play,” Watson said.

It is not too late for students to sign up to play. Students who want to bowl should contact Tarver at 405-682-7860 or by emailing charlie.e.tarver@email.occc.edu.

For more information contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or e-mail ewatson@occc.edu..

To the basket



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

James Morrison, prelaw major, tries to avoid fouling Jerrone Montgomery, computer networking major, as Willie Lee, civil engineering major, prepares for a possible rebound. The Recreation and Fitness Center’s gym is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Volleyball Power Rankings			Flag Football Power Rankings		
RANK	TEAM	RECORD	RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1.	Handlin’ Bizz	5-0	1.	Swagga	2-1
2.	The Titans	3-2	2.	Devil Dogs	2-1
3.	Higgins	3-1	3.	Grim Reapers	1-2
4.	Hard Hitters	1-4	4.	Free Agents	1-2
5.	Yellow Jackets	0-4			

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UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **Oct. 19:** Volleyball: Higgins vs. Yellow Jackets at 4 p.m. Games are held at the Recreation and Fitness Center’s gym.
- **Oct. 19:** Volleyball: Garder vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates at 7 p.m. on court 1. Serendipitty Slammers vs. Brookwood at 7 p.m. on court 2. Coasties vs. Serendipitty Slammers at 8 p.m. on court 1. All Set Are Off vs. Can You Dig It at 8 p.m. on court 2. Coasties vs. All Set Are Off at 9 p.m. on court 1. The Bow-Legged Pirates vs. Brookwood at 9 p.m. on court 2.
- **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.
- **Oct. 26:** Volleyball: Garder vs. Brookwood at 7 p.m. on court 1. Coasties vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates at 7 p.m. on court 2. Garder vs. Can You Dig It at 8 p.m. on court 1. Coasties vs. Brookwood at 8 p.m. on court 2. All Set Are Off vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates at 9 p.m. on court 1. Serendipitty Slammers vs. Can You Dig It at 9 p.m. on court 2.
- **Oct. 30 - Nov. 1:** Soccer: National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Regional Tournament at Kansas State University for the north region which includes OCCC. The south region will be held at the University of Texas-San Antonio.
- **Oct. 30 - Nov. 1:** Aquatic Center’s pool closed for the Chesapeake Halloween Swim Meet.
- **Nov. 7:** Soccer: OCCC vs. UCO at the University of Oklahoma at 1 p.m. in Stillwater.
- **Nov. 8:** Soccer: OCCC vs. OSU at the University of Oklahoma. Game will be at 3 p.m.

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

ENROLL: Current students in good standing can enroll online now

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academic adviser.

Since students registering online do not have an academic adviser to help make the choices, Mahsetky-James said, she recommends running a degree program evaluation.

Students can do this by first logging into their MineOnline account at mineonline.occc.edu.

After logging on, she said,

click on the evaluation link and a document should open.

This document will list all the classes a student has taken, registered to take, and needs to take in order to graduate.

"This evaluation will help guide students in what classes they should take," she said.

Students who prefer a sit-down advising session can still come to Academic Advising for an interview, Mahsetky-James said.

She said she recommends students to come during the times Academic Advising is less busy.

Lines are shorter from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., Mahsetky-James said.

"However, the best thing to do is call ahead and make an appointment," she said. "That way students can avoid a long waiting time and ensure that they will be seen."

However, registering early doesn't mean a student is locked into their schedule, she said.

Mahsetky-James said a student could select another course at a later date if they find out a favorite professor is teaching the new class.

Enrollment is currently

"... the best thing to do is call ahead and make an appointment. That way students can avoid a long waiting time and ensure that they will be seen."

—MARCELENE MAHSETKY-JAMES
PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC ADVISER

open to all students, she said.

In addition to students wanting to have more control over their schedules, certain days may be more desirable, she said.

"Generally, Tuesday and Thursday classes fill up faster because more students work Monday, Wednesday and Friday," Mahsetky-James said.

Furthermore, she said nursing majors would want to make sure they register ear-

lier.

"Nursing classes have less space available than other courses," Mahsetky-James said. "Therefore, nursing majors should take care not to register too late and miss the chance to get in the class."

For more information about enrolling for classes or to make an appointment with an academic adviser, contact Academic Advising at 405-682-1611, ext. 7546.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Eric Rodgers, Oklahoma Go Association member, enjoys a game of Go, a classic Asian board game, during the Lunar Moon Festival Oct. 12. The Asian Student Association hosted the festival that also included traditional Asian cuisine.

STUDENT LIFE | Health Professions Club, professors offer feedback

Interviews planned to help students

Preparation the goal of Health Professions Club

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Prepping OCCC students for the next step in their careers is the goal of Health Professions Club members who will host mock interviews from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, and 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in the Center for Teaching and Learning conference room in the Main Building.

Steven Kamm, faculty sponsor and science

professor, said the mock interviews help students when they apply to a medical school or job.

Kamm said the interviews are held every year, and have been met with overwhelmingly positive feedback.

"Students in the past have enthusiastically said they were very helpful," he said.

"The competition in the medical field is very fierce. We want our students to be prepared."

Kamm said those who apply to medical school are very smart and have good grades.

"The interview conducted by the medical school or program is a major part which deter-

mines if a student is accepted or not," he said.

Kamm said the practice helps students understand their strengths and weaknesses in that stressful situation.

"The mock interviews help students feel comfortable when being interviewed and help them realize what they need to work on," he said.

"I tell the students this is a good opportunity for them because in the mock interviews, it is OK to make mistakes. They will help you later."

Kamm said students will need to dress professionally when they attend the interview.

A panel of faculty members and former health students will conduct the interviews, where three panelists will interview three students at a time.

Kamm said the interviews will last 30 minutes with 15 minutes devoted to questions and answers and the other 15 minutes used for feedback.

The event is limited to 36 students, according to Student Life.

For more information, contact Steven Kamm at 405-682-1611, ext. 7268, or visit the Health Profession Club website through Student Life at www.occc.edu/studentlife.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Digital camera class offered

Learn which camera is best for you with the How to Buy a Digital Camera class, held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the OCCC John Massey Center. In this class, participants will learn the difference between point-and-shoot and DSLR cameras, pixels, the importance of selecting a lens, how to select camera accessories and where to buy the best camera. The course costs \$30. Students will receive a non-credit photography certificate. For more information, contact Rose Beam at 405-682-7562 or e-mail rbeam@occc.edu.

Faculty garage sale scheduled

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 Jennifer Ball at 405-682-1611, ext. 7305, or e-mail jball@occc.edu.

Carnival volunteers needed

The Health Professions Club is looking for students willing to volunteer at the OCCC Family Halloween Carnival, held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, in the College Union. Earn up to two community service hours and have fun! For more information, contact Van Pham at 405-921-3754.

Tuition fee waiver applications available

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for the spring 2010 semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525.

Absolute submissions sought by Dec. 4

Submissions for Absolute, OCCC's journal, are currently being accepted for publication in April 2010. Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to submit poetry, short stories, personal essays, black-and-white photographs and drawings to mmccauley@occc.edu. The submission deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 4. For more information, contact Marybeth McCauley at 405-682-1611, ext. 7405, or Clay Randolph at 405-682-1611, ext. 7238.

Baptist club offers free lunch

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will offer free lunches to all students, faculty, and staff during their meetings this semester. Meetings will be at noon on 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 at cverschage@occc.edu.

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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THYLER PAYNE

Mother recalls slain son, 19

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The mother of an OCCC student found dead Sunday, Oct. 11, said her son was studying to be a veterinarian.

She said her son Thyler L. Payne, 19, premed major, loved animals and always had a pet of some kind since he was a child.

"Iguanas, snakes and dogs were a part of his life ever since I can remember," said Margaret Payne, of Oklahoma City.

Thyler Payne's mother said he was a good student in high school.

She said he graduated in 2006 from Northeast Academy Mid-High in Oklahoma City.

Payne also was involved with sports and other extracurricular activities, his mother said.

"Thyler has gone on missionary trips to Cancun with Westminster Road Baptist Church," she said.

In addition, she said, he played for Westminster's basketball team.

Payne's mother said his hobbies included computer games, programming, rapping and animals.

The Payne family will miss him, said his mother.

"He loved life so much," Margaret Payne said.

"We are so sad to see him go."

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