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## Transfer students make the grade at most universities

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OCCC transfer students are keeping up with the grade point averages of undergraduate students at the University of Central Oklahoma and even surpassing that of students at Oklahoma State University.

However, they are showing lower GPAs than the undergraduate students at the University of Oklahoma.

All three are state universities that see a high number of transfer students from OCCC.

Stu Harvey, executive director of Planning and Research, said OCCC analyzed transfer student data to see what they could learn from the numbers.

"One of the reasons we look at this is we want to see how well

prepared our students are for going on to a four-year education, and a short answer is, they are," Harvey said.

He said one of the goals at OCCC is to ensure students who transfer to another college or university have a grade point average equal to, or higher than, all undergraduate students at that same institution.

In spring 2009, the average GPA of OCCC transfer students at UCO was at the same level as all undergraduate students, a 2.80, and slightly higher at OSU, 3.03 versus 2.98, Harvey said.

"This has been consistent the last few years," he said.

However, the report shows the average GPA for OCCC transfer students at OU was 2.72, while the average GPA

## Give blood, give life



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

Crystal Hogg, phlebotomist, instructs donor Teresa DeFranco, special education major, to pump her fist to get her blood to flow. The Oklahoma Blood Institute held a blood drive on campus Nov. 18 and 19.

for all undergraduates at OU was 3.09.

Mary Green is a student who completed 24 credits at OCCC before transferring to OU where she graduated in 2005.

Green said her GPA

remained the same during her transition, and said she didn't find the coursework at OU to be much different from OCCC.

"The difficulty of coursework really depended upon each

professor and varied by class," she said.

Student Laura Brinkman has a different story.

She earned 36 credits at OCCC before trans-

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### COLLEGE OFFICIALS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

## Students encouraged to apply for internships

BLAIR CHANEY  
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OCCC held a workshop Nov. 11 to stress the importance of internships.

Having an internship before graduation gives students on-the-job training while creating partnerships with businesses that can help in the future, said Judi Mc-

Gee, Employment Services coordinator.

McGee said creating these relationships while still in college helps ease the stress when the time comes to find a job.

The key to getting an internship before entering the job force is to use the resources available, she said.

One helpful resource, McGee said, is [www.greatergrads.com](http://www.greatergrads.com).

greatergrads.com.

Greater Grads is an online service that allows students to discover internships available in Oklahoma City, she said.

"Some of the internships offered are part-time and some are full-time," McGee said.

According to the website, Tinker Air Force Base and the Federal

Aviation Administration currently have paid internships available, and are looking for prospective students to take advantage of the opportunity.

She said the Air Force Office of Special Investigations has a paid college internship position for students who are interested in seeking a career in federal law en-

forcement.

More information on these internships are available by visiting the websites of each group.

McGee said the Disney Internship Program also is a great opportunity.

"This program is offered all year 'round and at the different Disney

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# OPINION

**EDITORIAL** | Linguistic diversity a desirable skill

## Learning a second language can provide numerous opportunities



**WHITNEY KNIGHT**

In a world of hard economic times and culturally diverse communities, it is all but impossible to overstate the importance of learning a second language.

The benefits of bilingualism are both immediate and long term, and the obstacles minimal.

In terms of community, learning a second language provides an unmatched sense of understanding, compassion and even kinship toward other cultures. This provides a powerful tool for combating stereotypes and other forms of bigotry.

That a person would even make the effort to learn another culture's language is an appreciable gesture in itself. After all, wouldn't you have that much more respect for a foreigner who at least tried to understand your nation's tongue?

As for the dog-eat-dog nature of today's business

world, having a second or even third language on a résumé is practically a requirement for any job-seeking professional.

Employers recognize that workers with the ability to fluently speak a second language are invaluable assets to their companies.

So, with the benefits of bilingualism so clearly in mind, the question becomes not one of why should one learn a second language, but how to do it?

Luckily, you don't have to go far. You don't even have to leave campus.

The World Languages and Cultures Center is a free facility here at the college that provides students with access to a rich variety of resources, support, and technologies for learning world languages — all for no additional cost. Programs such as Rosetta Stone and Satellite TV allow lab visitors to immerse themselves in 11 different languages, and a squadron of lab assistants are only too eager to help.

Lab hours range from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, making it an easy stop for any student.



MARK PARISI/OFFTHEMARK.COM

In addition, if you are seeking more hands-on learning experience, OCCC offers a small plethora of foreign language classes, including Spanish, French and Russian.

With resources such as these in such close proximity, it is a downright shame they aren't used more frequently.

Students should take advantages of these resources while they can, to reap the benefits of the future.

They won't have the chance forever.

**YOUR VOICE** | Officer should have been better trained

## Alternative methods were possible, but not exercised

**To the editor:**

As the author of the letter, "Was shooting the correct approach," from the Nov. 2 edition of the Pioneer, I'd like to rebut Mr. Coates' highly inflammatory statements from his Nov. 16 letter, "Blame owner, not officer for dog death."

First, I am white. It is purely a symbol of human ignorance to call someone racist without first knowing anything

about them and as such, I take the derogatory comments made about me as nothing more than a sign of the writer's obvious close-mindedness.

Second, I am a long-time volunteer for a local dog rescue organization. I have some experience in working with aggressive animals and I know from watching the video footage that Officer Wheeler

was not using common caution in approaching the dog.

Third, I do not believe Officer Wheeler is racist and I never said such a thing in the original article.

What I did was ask if our campus security officers might be engaging in racial profiling by assuming a pit bull accompanying a black man was aggressive.

I will not be making

any apologies for asking a perfectly legitimate question.

Fourth, Mr. Coates is correct when he says the student is at fault. However, there is nothing the college can do to prevent students or visitors from exercising irrational judgment.

There are things the college can do to regulate the activities and actions of its employees. Training in han-

dling aggressive animals should be required for our security staff, or, at the very least, they should be given the phone number to animal control.

Even use of a taser would have been better than shooting this dog, aggressive or not.

I suggest Mr. Coates spend some time with homeless, abandoned and abused animals.

If the only thing he

took away from my original article was the assumption that I am racist, then he was missing the point entirely and did not pay much attention to anything else I wrote.

The point is that there are other ways to deal with unpredictable and possibly aggressive animals besides just shooting them.

—NAME WITHHELD  
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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**FILM REVIEW** | From comic book pages to the silver screen

## Evil is no match for 'Astroboy'

In the October theatrical release of "Astroboy," Toby is the bright young son of Dr. Tenma, a leading scientist in Metro City, a giant floating city in the sky.

Dr. Tenma and his colleague Dr. Elefun, have recently captured two new energy sources — a blue, positive core and a red, negative core.

Under orders from the evil President Stone, Tenma is forced to put the negative core inside a new war robot. The robot goes on a rampage and the scientists are forced to seal the robot in a

containment field.

Toby, who has sneaked into the testing room, is locked inside the containment field by accident and is vaporized by the robot before the scientists can shut it down.

Stricken with grief over the death of his son, Tenma creates a new, state-of-the-art robot equipped with all the latest advancements in robot technology.

Using a strand of Toby's hair, he gives the robot Toby's looks along with his memories.

Tenma is overjoyed to have his son back

and takes him home. However, he soon realizes Astroboy cannot replace Toby. Astro runs away from his father and President Stone tries to capture him.

In the ensuing battle, Toby is knocked off Metro City to the Earth below. He meets several new friends but hides his identity as he seeks to find out what he is.

He learns the joys and emotions of being human, and eventually gains the strength to accept who he is.

Using his X-ray vision, super strength, flying

and super speed, Astro defends Metro City and learns what it means to be a true hero.

Summit Entertainment does a wonderful job of bringing a 50-year-old comic book icon to life. The visual effects and animation are amazing but the plotline leaves a little bit to be desired.

Overall, "Astro-Boy" — rated PG — is a fun, safe movie the entire family can enjoy, something that is becoming a rarity in today's movies.

**Rating:** B+

—**ETHAN HENDRICKS**  
STAFF WRITER

## JOB & CAREER POWER

Are you undecided on your future career field and college major? Please visit the OCCC Student Employment and Career Services office for career testing and guidance. And, don't be alarmed as most college students change their major at least twice during their college career.

Some of the considerations are whether you will pursue an Associate of Applied Science which "... prepares students to enter the job force following completion." Or, you may decide to work toward an Associate of Arts or Sciences. Both degrees are "... designed for students planning to continue their education at a four-year college or university." Regardless, we stand ready to assist you as you make this important decision.

The quotes above are taken directly from the OCCC catalog. The hard copy and the online copy [www.occc.edu/CoursePatterns](http://www.occc.edu/CoursePatterns) provide full details about required coursework in the degree programs originating from the divisions of Arts and Humanities, Business, Health Professions, Information Technology, Science and Mathematics, and of Social Sciences. The college catalog is a wonderful resource.

You may also visit our office and register for the DISCOVER career exploration program from ACT. The program is not a test; it is a survey of your career interests, abilities and values.

The Inventories Summary will provide specific career and college major information as well as salary figures from each of the 50 states. Each survey is individualized and based on the 26 career fields in the program.

It is easy, it is fun, it can give you tons of up-to-the-minute stats. The average time required to complete the surveys is approximately 10 minutes.

Again, we look forward to serving you through the OCCC Student Employment and Career Services office.

We are located in the Main Building, first floor, room 1G7. See you soon.

—**DEBRAH VAUGHN**  
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER  
SERVICES DIRECTOR

**FILM REVIEW** | Real-life relationships capture viewers

## Love and passion lift Disney's 'Up'

Few movies soar above our expectations with flying colors. Even fewer do so with a slew of rainbow-colored balloons attached.

"Up" is a heartwarming and at times, heart-breaking, tale of a widower who sets out to fulfill his and his late wife's lifelong dream of visiting a secret paradise in South America.

The film is the latest masterpiece from Disney's Pixar Animation Studios, the company that has delighted audiences with whimsical, family-friendly adventures for years.

And now they've done it again.

"Up" mostly revolves around the aforementioned widower Carl Fredrickson, an old man whom we first meet as a young, introverted boy who idolizes Charles Muntz, a famous explorer last seen soaring towards South Amer-

ica in a dirigible full of dogs.

Fredrickson's obsession leads him to buck-toothed and extroverted Ellie, a sassy little girl who shares his desire to travel to the fabled Paradise Falls — and who eventually becomes his beloved wife.

After Ellie dies, Carl realizes with a heavy heart that their lifetime dream has gone unfulfilled.

Rather than idly watch what remains of his long life fade from within the walls of a retirement home, Carl decides to go out — or rather up — with a bang.

Strapping thousands of balloons to his and Ellie's beloved house, they float away toward South America.

Along for the ride are Russell, a portly Boy Scout with a passion for adventure reminiscent of Ellie's, and Dug, a squirrel-obsessed poin-



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ter who communicates with humans via a specially-made collar.

Though simple in concept, "Up" is truly a masterpiece for moviegoers of all ages to enjoy.

Scene after scene of brilliant storytelling and splendid animation delights both visually and emotionally, though no moment in the film is quite as heart-wrenchingly beautiful as is the opening montage of Carl and Ellie's life together from start to finish, all told wordlessly and in

less than five minutes.

Sadly, as is rapidly becoming typical in Disney DVD releases, the standard one-disc edition of the movie is sorely lacking in the extras department — only two — while the Blu-ray copy is filled with more than a day's worth of features.

This is disappointing, but by no means should it deter anyone from buying this instant classic.

"Up" is absolutely not your average animated feature.

Topics range from lighthearted talking dogs to chocolate-loving birds to the poignant, such as Ellie's miscarriage and Russell's absentee father.

It is not punctuated by cutesy characters and childish jokes, but

rather by love, passion, and an important lesson to be learned: no matter where your life's journey takes you, there is always room for one more adventure.

**Rating:** A+

—**WHITNEY KNIGHT**  
STAFF WRITER

## GAMERS COMPETE IN TOURNAMENTS TO HELP RAISE MONEY

# Video game expo held for National Game Day Nov. 14

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About 50 students joined OCCC and the nation in celebrating National Game Day Nov. 14 on the second and third floors of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

Akram Taghavi-Burris, computer aided technology professor, said the students in the Digital Media Program, with the help of Student Life, decided to participate in the event by hosting a video game expo.

"This is the first time OCCC has participated in the National Game Day," she said. "We wanted to let people know

*The Pioneer asked 141 students if were aware of the Video Game Expo held Nov. 14 and if not, would they have been interested in attending the event.*

**84%** of the students did not know about the expo

**73%** said they would have been interested in attending

there is a day which celebrates gaming."

The expo started with presentations from speakers in the gaming profession.

Gamers of all ages participated in three tournaments, which cost \$5 for ages 16 and older and \$1 for ages 15 and younger.

Taghavi-Burris said they would donate the money raised to Child's Play, a non-profit or-

ganization founded by Penny Arcade.

"Child's Play donates video games to children who are in hospitals," she said.

Children competed in a Super Smash Bros Brawl tournament on the Nintendo Wii game system.

Children were divided into age groups of 10 and under and 10 to 16 to ensure fairness, Taghavi-Burris said.

“

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—AKRAM TAGHAVI-BURRIS

COMPUTER AIDED TECHNOLOGY PROFESSOR

Winners of the Super Smash Bros Brawl competition received Nintendo Wii games as prizes.

Gamer Derek Griffey, 8, said he loves video games.

"My favorite is 'Sonic the Hedgehog' because he runs really fast."

Teenagers and young adults ages 16 and older could be heard yelling and pounding their fists against the table as they competed in the Unreal Tournament 3 tournament on computer.

Kyle Jackson, 18, said he was excited to be involved in a tournament which not only was fun, but it also helped children and promotes video gaming.

"I love video games," Jackson said. "My favorite is 'Call of Duty.'"

Since video games are a favorite hobby of his, Jackson said he plans to take Video Game Design when he enters college.

Unreal Tournament 3 winners received Xbox live game cards.

Winners of the college's Super Smash Bros Brawl have the opportunity to participate in the nationals.

OCCC has two children who placed second and third place. However, the names of those children were unavailable at press time.

Many students said they were unaware of the event.

"I didn't know about the gaming expo," said Hannah Williams, history major. "I personally wouldn't have gone, but I have friends who would if it had been publicized."


For more information about the Computer Aided Design programs, the expo, and Child's Play, contact Taghavi-Burris at 405-682-1611, ext. 7498.

Staff Writer Whitney Knight also contributed to this story.

## Video Game Facts

- Video game playing introduces children to computer and information technology.
- Games can give practice in following directions.
- Some games provide practice in problem solving and logic.
- Games can provide practice in use of fine motor and spatial skills.
- Games can provide occasions for parent and child to play together.
- Players are introduced to information technology.
- Some games have therapeutic applications with patients.

\*Source: [www.mediafamily.org](http://www.mediafamily.org)



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## STUDENTS CAN EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR TRAVELING ABROAD

# College plans trip to England, Ireland

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Getting away from campus while still earning college credit is one option for a travel class being offered during the second half of May.

Students will travel across England and Ireland, and explore places like the Blarney Castle, Stonehenge and Shakespeare's birthplace, said Ruth Charnay, Communication and the Arts Department director.

Charnay will be leading the group.

Students can enroll for college credit in humanities, theater arts or another area specifically designed for the student, she said.

The exact dates of the trip are still pending, Charnay said.

She said she knows departure will be a few days after final exams, which end May 15, and the trip will be 16 days long.

The trip is not only for OCCC students, Charnay said. It also is available to their friends and family members, and even students enrolled at other colleges.

Just a few of the many locations travelers will experience on this trip are sightseeing tours of Dublin, Edinburgh, York, and London, she said.

Charnay said the trip will cost \$3,159 for people age 22 years old or younger. For participants 23 years old and

older the cost is \$3,704.

This fee includes airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner every day, as well as all sightseeing tours, walking tours, and visits to any attractions the group goes to, she said.

For those wishing to earn college credit for the trip, the type of credit can be tailored to the student's individual degree requirements, Charnay said.

One option is a Theatre Arts Special Topics course-International Travel where students concentrate on theatrical topics.

Another is Humanities credit International Travel where students would study something more in line with

“The benefit for students to go abroad is that it reminds us that most of the world isn't American ... There's a lot of stuff out there that doesn't revolve around who has been voted off 'Dancing with the Stars' or 'American Idol.'”

—BRENT NOEL  
THEATER PROFESSOR

the humanities courses offered at OCCC, which are a requirement in every degree plan.

Tuition cost is not included in the cost quoted for the trip.

Brent Noel, theater professor, said he is planning to go on this year's trip.

“The benefit for students to go abroad is that it reminds us that most of the world isn't American,” Noel said. “We

tend to get myopic if we don't engage other cultures. There's a lot of stuff out there that doesn't revolve around who has been voted off 'Dancing with the Stars' or 'American Idol.'”

To register for the trip or for more information, contact Charnay at 405-682-1611, ext. 7143, or e-mail [rcharnay@occc.edu](mailto:rcharnay@occc.edu).

## Automotive students trained for natural gas powered vehicles

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When gasoline is replaced by compressed natural gas, a newer and cleaner fuel, automotive technicians need new tools for their trade.

With this in mind, OCCC has decided to lend a helping hand.

The Automotive Technology Department offers a training program in alternative fuel so students can work on vehicles that have been converted to run on natural gas, said Richard Steere, Automotive coordinator.

Steere said the program began in spring 2008 because so many fleets in Oklahoma were using natural gas.

Some of the companies that run natural gas fleet trucks are Oklahoma Natural Gas and Chesapeake Energy, among others.

It's estimated that 130,000 vehicles are run on natural gas in the U.S. On the other

hand, Argentina has roughly 1.5 million cars running on natural gas, according to Clean Vehicle Education Foundation Web site.

Since so many companies are switching to cheaper and cleaner natural gas to run their fleets, the department decided there was a need to train students to meet the demand for those technicians, Steere said.

He said it's a good idea because natural gas is a renewable energy source.

Natural gas is a renewable fuel because anything that decays, such as landfill material, can be turned into methane, which is a natural gas, Steere said.

Liquefied natural gas also is cheaper than gasoline, he said, costing about a dollar a gallon.

“To work on a car with natural gas, mechanics have to be Oklahoma State Certified Alternative Fuel Technicians and have the card that goes

along with it,” Steere said.

“The certification class is not a credit class, and other people are more than welcome to enroll.

“I really suggest students take Engine Performance and Automotive Electrical classes before enrolling in this class.”

The alternative fuel program is run through Corporate Learning at OCCC.

Information can be found on the Automotive Technology Web site [www.occc.edu/Automotive](http://www.occc.edu/Automotive).

“Once technicians have received their certificate, they have to renew it every year,” Steere said.

The alternative fuel program is taught in the Automotive Department.

Steere said the department will be offering two classes in the spring, the certification class and the installer class.

For more information, contact Jim Schwark, Business Division dean, at 405-682-7550.

## Vandalism, accident top latest crime

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Topping the latest crime reports was a non-injury traffic accident.

On Monday, Nov. 9, drivers Glenna Hargrave and Lori Lowe told Safety and Security Officer Larry Lundy they were pulling out of their respective parking places and failed to see each other.

Lowe told Lundy her vehicle received damage to the right rear bumper and tail light assembly.

Damage to the other vehicle included damage to the driver's side rear door and quarter panel, Hargrave said.

Later the same day, student Brenton Dick reported his gym locker had been broken into in the campus Wellness Center.

Safety and Security Officer Tim Densmore reported finding Dick's lock in a nearby garbage can. The hasp was broken on the lock.

The items missing from the locker were jeans, belt and buckle, and car keys.

Later in the week, Densmore reported finding graffiti in the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library's first floor bathroom.

No arrests have been made or any other information made available at press time.

For more information about these incidents or to report a crime or accident, call Safety and Security at 405-682-1611, ext. 7691.

## SIXTEEN STUDENTS INCLUDED IN INAUGURAL CLASS

# Business honor society inducts members

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News Writing Student

Sixteen students formed the inaugural class of Kappa Beta Delta International Honors Society for business students.

The OCCC chapter held its first induction ceremony Nov. 13 in the College Union.

Jerry Steward, executive vice president, gave the keynote speech on the meaning of leadership.

"I remember when I was a teenager and I marched in the civil rights movement," Steward said. "That was the first time I ever witnessed leadership."

Steward said a leader has to have the ability to inspire people to do well and want to better others.

Germain Pichop, Kappa Beta Delta adviser, gave a

brief explanation of the organization.

"Kappa Beta Delta is based on the principles which these Greek words represent," Pichop said. Kappa is the initial letter of the word "kratiseou," which means to excel.

"Beta is the initial letter of the word "bebaous," which means trustworthy.

"Delta is the initial letter of the word "dokimos," which means genuine and esteemed."

The colors of Kappa Beta Delta are blue and gold. Blue signifies aristocracy and evokes radiant energy. Gold implies riches, values and strength, Pichop said.

Pichop also introduced the new faculty adviser, Charles Wayne Myrick, business and economics professor.

"It is such a great honor that

the society trusted me with stepping into the leadership role," Myrick said.

Students inducted during the ceremony include Feruza Isahodjaeva, Sharon Adams, Angela Haggard, Emily Tarp, Kristen Hoaglin, Katye Wood, Cassady Blakesley, Pamela Bradley, Kyle Woods, Jackie Dawes, Scott van Houten, Jarod Poertner, Tino Ceballos Jr., Alisha O'Lague, David Rackley, and Natasha McDaniel.

After being inducted, members received their certificates from Pichop and Steward.

After receiving his certificate, business major Kyle Woods said he felt honored to be accepted into the organization.

Woods said he believes this accomplishment will help him find a job in business.

To be eligible for Kappa Beta Delta, business students must rank in the top 20 percent of their class and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Kappa Beta Delta fall 2009 inductees

Sharon Adams  
Cassady Blakesley  
Pamela Bradley  
Tino Ceballos Jr.  
Jackie Dawes  
Angela Haggard  
Kristen Hoaglin  
Scott van Houten  
Feruza Isahodjaeva  
Natasha McDaniel  
Alisha O'Lague  
Jarod Poertner  
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Kyle Woods



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Tino Ceballos, business major, signs the guest book Nov. 13 at the first Kappa Beta Delta induction ceremony. Sixteen students were inducted into the business honor society.

# Communications Lab hosts Documentation Day Nov. 30

COLBY DANIELS  
News Writing Student

Plagiarism is a serious academic offense that can be avoided.

All the secrets of properly documenting outside sources in college essays and research papers will be revealed at the first-ever Documentation Day, said Tonya Kymes, Communications Lab supervisor.

Kymes said the Communications Lab is hosting the event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30.

Students will learn how to document correctly to avoid committing plagiarism, she said.

Plagiarism is using the words of another as your own and not giving credit to the original source.

Kymes said the idea for Documentation Day is to incorporate a fun experience with a clear understanding of the nature of plagiarism.

The most common miscon-

ceptions students have about documenting are that they do not feel they need to give credit or they do not understand the importance of citing their sources, she said.

With the end of the semester looming, Kymes said, many students come into the lab looking for help on documentation.

Two workshops will be hosted by the Communications Lab, she said.

The first workshop begins at 11 a.m. and will cover APA style documentation.

The second workshop is over MLA style documentation and begins at 1 p.m.

Kymes said MLA and APA are the most popular styles of documentation on campus.

Both workshops take place in CU 2 and will last 45 minutes each, she said.

Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant and workshop coordinator, will give the presentations.

The Communications Lab

regularly serves approximately 20 percent of the student population, Kymes said.

"We would love to see that many students pop in and out throughout the day," she said.

Cake, cookies and other refreshments will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kymes said the workshops and refreshments are open to all students.

"We are celebrating the idea of documentation," she said. "We want students to have fun with it."

The Communication Lab is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information on Documentation Day or the Communications Lab, contact Kymes at 405-682-1611, ext. 7247.



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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILDREN BUSY

# Curiosity about trees prompts lesson plan

Sixteen preschoolers took a field trip Nov. 18 to the college's tree farm on the south edge of campus.

The excursion was part of their lesson on trees in the Child Development Center and Lab School, said Lee Ann Townsend, Child Development lab supervisor.

Maddisen, 5, said she already knew about trees. "Acorns fall from acorn trees, and trees need water and sunshine to grow," she said.

Maddisen and her classmates said they were excited to learn more at the tree farm.

Townsend said the idea for the lesson came after the children noticed the change in colors of the leaves and started expressing interest.

Peyton, 4, said she noticed that "leaves change colors and fall on the ground when it gets cold outside."

Child Development teachers plan activities that reflect the interests and developmental levels of the children, Townsend said.

Right now, she said, the lessons consist of building the children's knowledge of trees by using a variety of subjects including science, math and language experiences.

The children will observe and compare different kinds of trees, examining various components of trees, and counting leaves, Townsend said.

She said the children also will read books about trees, and weigh and measure leaves and tree branches.

The lesson on trees will lead to a project on recycling because trees are often made into paper, Townsend said.

"We hope that they will see the importance of saving our trees," she said.

**Text by Abbey Rexing  
Photos by Jennifer Pearsall**



Top: Lisa Beeman, preschool A teacher's assistant, and Kylie Love, 4, read "Up, Up, Up! It's Apple-Picking Time." Beeman said the class will learn about trees through science, math and language experiences.



Cooper Gordan, 4, from preschool B, hides a felt acorn as part of the tree project in the Child Development Center and Lab School. This project incorporates music and activities into learning.



Bottom: Baylee Means, 3, from preschool A, finds the felt acorn under the red leaf. Lisa Beeman, preschool A teacher's assistant, said the tree project will go on as long as the interest is there.



## SPORTS



## Pumping iron

Chris Riley, fitness instructor, guides Alvin Medina, dermatology major, through his daily workout routine in the college's Wellness Center.

The Wellness Center is open 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The center is open to students, faculty and the community.

Students and faculty can use the facility using their student ID. Individuals can purchase a membership fee of \$120 for the year.

The center contains an aerobic room, three basketball courts, a cardio room and a weight room.

For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit [www.occc.edu/RF](http://www.occc.edu/RF).

LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

## UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Nov. 30:** Youth Basketball: Pre-season coaches meeting at 7 p.m. in the Recreation and Fitness Center's gymnasium.

• **Dec. 1-22:** Hatha Yoga classes held Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

• **Dec. 1-22:** Zumba classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.; Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

• **Dec. 1-23:** Pilates classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 12:55 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

• **Dec. 1-22:** Shallow water exercise classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

• **Dec. 1-22:** Body Sculpting classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

• **Dec. 2-23:** Combo Aerobics classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:55 p.m. Classes are held in the Wellness Center.

• **Dec. 2-23:** Cardio Boot Camp classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:55 p.m.

• **Dec. 5:** Youth Basketball: free pre-season tournament for registered teams. Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held at the Recreation and Fitness Center's gymnasium.

• **Dec. 5:** The Aquatic Center's pool will be closed for the Joe Stocker High School Swimming and Diving Invitational. Open warm-up will begin at 8 a.m. and the meet will start at 10:15 a.m.

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

## INTRAMURALS | Football team suffers two losses

## Club football eliminated from tournament

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The OCCC Club Flag Football team was eliminated from the National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association regional flag football tournament Nov. 14 after suffering two defeats, said Eric Watson, Sport and Recreation specialist.

The team lost to Stephen F. Austin University 28-6 in the first round of the tournament that was held Friday, Nov. 13.

The second round pitted OCCC against the University of New Mexico Saturday, Nov. 14.

New Mexico defeated OCCC 21-8, ending the team's chance to advance.

Even though OCCC went home empty handed, Collin Gentry, captain, said all the players had fun, but added they were not as prepared as

they should have been.

"NIRSA rules are different than OCCC's and we didn't know 'til we got down there," Gentry said.

"We should have kept up to date and we needed to practice more," he said. "We needed to make plays, but we didn't."

Lack of players was a large factor in the games' outcome, Gentry said.

"We also had a hard time because some of our players backed out, so we were short handed," he said.

"Everyone on the team had fun though and it was a good experience," Gentry said.

Watson said he is very proud the team competed this year.

"The experience is good for the boys because OCCC is not a traditional college, so it's good NIRSA offers championship tournaments," he said.

Club Flag Football members include Collin Gentry, Aaron Riggsby, Nick

Pinkerton, Tyler Hamilton, Steven Myers, Ben Dunn and Brian Back.

The team was accompanied by Charlie Tarver, Recreation and Fitness sport assistant.

Watson said the team attended the NIRSA tournament Nov. 13 to 15 at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

He said NIRSA allows all registered flag football teams to compete in the regional tournament.

However, he said, the players must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at an accredited community college or university.

For a complete listing of all colleges participating in the NIRSA tournament and their scores, visit their website at [www.nirsa.org](http://www.nirsa.org).

For more information about flag football and other athletic events, contact the Recreation and Fitness Department at 405-682-7860.



## INTERN: Disney, Tinker Air Force Base internships currently available

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locations,” McGee said.

Interns are paid, as well as given assistance with housing and career development, she said.

There is no need for a car since transportation is provided to all parks, the mall, sometimes the beach and Wal-Mart, said Benjamin Paston, a representative of Disney who took part in the internship.

“This internship is one that

will stand out on a résumé, one that will give the chance to work with world-renowned leadership and gain useful, transferable skills,” Paston said in an e-mail.

Paston said he started as an intern for Disney and now recruits for the program at OCCC and the University of Oklahoma.

He also said he works as an emcee for RadioDisney Oklahoma and volunteers for Disney VolunteARS.

“The networking and learn-

ing opportunities were immense,” Paston said.

“I talked with so many professionals and networked with many personnel with high positions in the company.”

Kelsey Gray, business major, attended the workshop and said she was impressed with the Disney Internship

“The Disney Internship sounds fun but it’s also a learning experience,” she said.

“The availability of contacts and new people is enormous. So many good things can come out of this opportunity.”

Disney offers a variety of jobs including entertainment, merchandise, lifeguarding, costuming, transportation, full- and quick-service food

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—KELSEY GRAY  
OCCC BUSINESS MAJOR

and beverage, Paston said.

“The participants could work at any of the resorts or parks or Downtown Disney,” she said.

Paston said downtown Disney is an outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment complex located at the Walt Disney World Resort.

“The internship can last from five to eight months, and credit is offered through

most universities,” she said.

McGee said internships can be found in many ways: online, through OCCC, or by calling and asking her about internship opportunities.

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

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## TRANSFER: Success on par with local universities

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ferring to OU, where she is now a senior.

She said she feels the coursework at OU is more difficult compared to her classes at OCCC.

Brinkman said her professors at OU are less lenient about assignments and expect work to be turned in on time.

“The funny thing is, I work a thousand times harder (at OU), and my GPA is lower,” she said. “It just goes to show it’s a lot more difficult.”

Brinkman said her experience at OCCC helped make school work a regular priority and habit, which is important for junior- and senior-level courses.

A recent study from OU indicates OCCC students who transfer as sophomores or juniors do better than students who transfer as freshman.

Freshman transfers from OCCC reported a deficit of 0.73 in GPA compared to all

OU undergraduates when they transferred from OCCC to OU between the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters, as compared to a loss of 0.58 by sophomore transfers during the same time period.

Junior and senior transfers reported a loss of only .40 in GPA during their first semester at OU, compared to their OU counterparts.

Harvey said the data shows the longer students stay at OCCC, the better they do when they transfer.

Students who complete a degree at OCCC before transferring to a four-year institution have a higher success rating at OU, he said.

“Our students still do reasonably well (at OU),” Harvey said.

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# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## Cultural awareness



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Chiaki Troutman, World Languages and Cultures Center lab assistant, explains the different activities planned for the Modern Language Festival, part of International Education Week. The festival, held Nov. 16 in the World Languages Lab, offered students the chance to learn about various cultures while enjoying tasty foreign food.

**STUDENT LIFE** | Nursing Student Association holds Christmas fundraiser

## Baskets spread holiday cheer

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An assortment of festive gift baskets will be made available for bidding as well as immediate purchase Monday, Nov. 30, when the Nursing Student Association holds its annual Christmas basket fundraiser.

Kandice Edwards, club president, said this is a longtime tradition pre-dating her time as a club member.

"The NSA does this every year," Edwards said. "It's been going on since before I was even a student here."

A variety of gift baskets filled with items ranging from candy to Christmas gifts will be available, she said.

"A selection of baked goods will also be available."

Linda Cowan, faculty sponsor, said much of the fundraiser's success is owed to Jacqueline Frock, nursing professor

and fellow club sponsor.

"She loves to go to thrift stores and collect items for the event," Cowan said.

Edwards said the event is primarily a silent auction, though some baskets will be sold for a fixed price.

Money raised will go toward sending club members to the American Association of Occupational Health Nursing, to be held in Orlando, Fla., next April, she said.

Last year, Cowan said, the club raised more than \$600.

"We do various things for various organizations throughout the year," Edwards said. "This one is focused on us."

"We hope everyone comes out to see what we have to offer."

For more information, visit the Nursing Student Association Web site through Student Life at [www.occc.edu/studentlife](http://www.occc.edu/studentlife).

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### First Documentation Day celebrated

Celebrate APA and MLA documentation styles with the Communication Lab's first ever Documentation Day, held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, in CU2. Help fight academic dishonesty with workshops on both APA and MLA style. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Nick Webb at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

### Absolute submissions sought by Dec. 4

Submissions for Absolute, OCCC's literary and art 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](mailto:mmccauley@occc.edu). The submission deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 4. For more information, contact Clay Randolph at 405-682-1611, ext. 7238.

### Food drive planned

The children of the Child Development Center and Lab School will host a canned food drive during the month of November. For more information, contact Lee Ann Townsend at 405-682-7561.

### Baptist club offers free lunch

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will offer free lunches to all students, faculty, and staff during their meetings this semester, 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.

### Generator program planned

Beginning in spring 2010, OCCC Corporate Learning will offer a Generator and Emergency Power Technician certificate program. During the course, students will learn how to keep their facilities running even when electricity fails. This class is designed for anyone involved with power generation in the work place. Dates and times for the upcoming course have not been set. For more information, please contact Corporate Learning at 405-682-7562.

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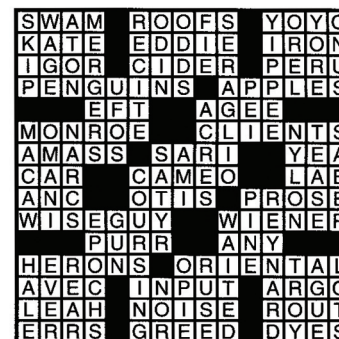
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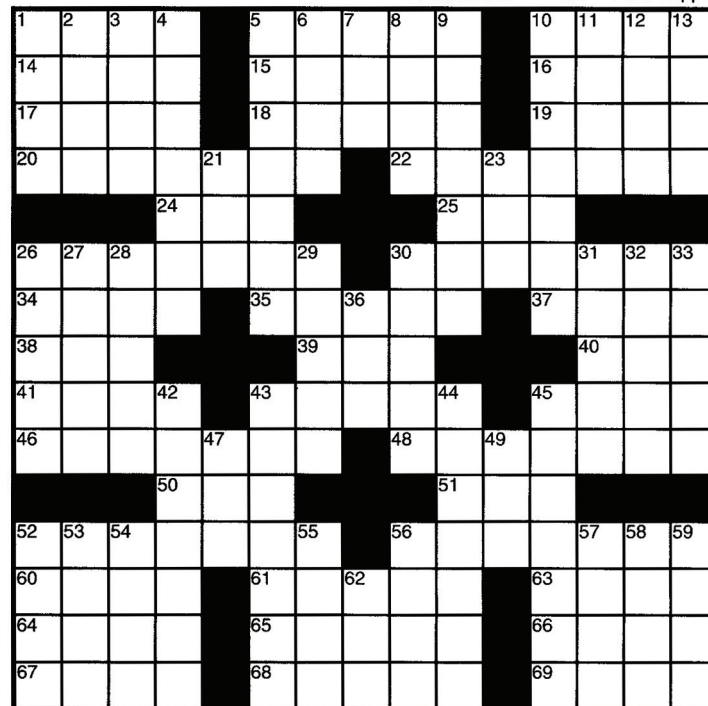
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## MUSIC STUDENTS TAKE ON BUILDING PROJECT

# Prof heads recording studio effort

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Plans for a recording studio that were put on the back burner for lack of funding have resurfaced and are progressing quite nicely, said Michael Boyle, music professor.

"A recording studio was slated for construction with the Visual Arts and Performing Center," he said. "However, [it] got slashed due to the economy."

So, Boyle said, he and several music students worked together and began building a recording studio in the Visual and Performing Arts Center on their own this past summer.

"The studio may not have been built by the college," he said, "but there are funds available that we can use to build the studio."

Boyle said they buy the components they need, such as speakers, cables, and microphones and then assemble them in the studio room.

"We used money from our regular spending budget and student technology fees to pay for most of it," he said.

Boyle said the Film and Video Department even chipped in to pay for several speakers and to have the room acoustically treated.

Overall, he said, they have spent about \$19,000 so far.

However, they still need another \$90,000. They hope to attain part of this money through a government grant, Boyle said.

"We have applied for the Federal Stimulus Plan," he said. "It's a massive program that President Obama has set forth, in which he is going to send \$12 billion to community colleges over the next 10 years."

"We are hoping to be [the lucky] recipient of probably \$25,000 to \$35,000 of that \$12 billion."

Boyle said he is a firm believer in having students practice and record using the same software that potential employers will be using.

In order to achieve this, he said, he wants to have the most up-to-date technology in the studio.

"Our recording software, Logic, is a professional recording software made by Apple," Boyle said. "This is the same

stuff that Hollywood recording studios use.

"The software itself was \$500. So, you know, this equipment isn't cheap."

Music and Film and Video students are excited about the studio and what they will be able to do with it.

"The studio looks pretty cool," said Jean Locke, film and video major.

"It's still got a little way to go, based on what we're learning about sound. It's still missing a few components."

"I haven't recorded anything in the studio yet but today I'm hoping to record some bytes in there ..."

David Traxler, music major, said the studio looks cool.

"It's amazing what we can do in there," Traxler said. "I was surprised when we were told last semester we were getting a studio."

"It's really white though," Traxler quipped. "Definitely needs some color."

Boyle said the only downfall is that the project has forced him to cancel the December Jazz Concert after the studio project absorbed the practice hours they would have spent preparing for the fall concert.

## Four Freshman concert sold out

**Related master's class still has seats available**

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Grammy-nominated jazz group, The Four Freshmen, will perform a sold out concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Bruce Owen Theater, said Lemuel Bardeguez, Cultural Programs director.

"The Four Freshman is the longest-running four-part vocal jazz harmony ensemble still in existence," Bardeguez said.

For those without tickets to the concert, he said, the Four Freshmen will hold a master's class at 11 a.m. the next day, Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Bruce Owen Theater.

"The Four Freshman will perform a song and then work with the OCCC Jazz ensemble critiquing and listening to them perform and probably play a song with them," Bardeguez said.

"The concert is sold out, but students can attend the Master's Class and gather an idea of what it's about and some insight into the music's style and history."

What makes the group unique, he said, is the musi-

cians handle both instrument and vocal duties.

Bardeguez said it is a requirement for musicians in the group is to be proficient at singing while playing.

"It's very unusual for that kind of group, where the four part harmonies are being sung by the musicians playing the music," he said.

The group has undergone several changes over the years, Bardeguez said, but the original style and music have remained untouched with the help of original members.

"Two of the four original members are still involved in the production of the show," Bardeguez said.

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