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Transferring an easy move for prepared students

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Transferring to a university can be frustrating, but preparation is the key to a smooth transition, a transfer official said.

The most effective way for students to ensure an easy transfer process is to earn their associate degree before moving on, said Sara McElroy, Transfer and Academic Advising coordinator.

Transferring without an associate degree allows the university to pick and choose what classes may satisfy its requirements, she said.

"When you graduate with your associate degree and then transfer, it goes as a package," McElroy said.

Associate of arts and associate of science degrees are "university parallel degrees," which are designed to completely transfer to a four-year university, she said.

In addition, McElroy said, students should be aware of the

steps that must be taken when applying to a university.

The admission process requires various paperwork and students should begin collecting their documents as early as possible, McElroy said.

She said students will need an official OCCC transcript and transcripts from any other college they have attended.

Nathan Steinman, sophomore music major, will transfer to East Central University in Ada after graduating this spring. He said it's important to be patient about the process.

"Some applications are really long and require a lot of information," Steinman said. "I also applied at Oklahoma City University and OU and both of those schools required an essay as part of the application."

Steinman said because of his major, he not only had to do the general paperwork every student does but also had to contact ECU's music

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Candle creations



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Adam Nmili, pre-engineering major, constructs a free candle Feb. 16 at the Hog Wild Entertainment booth. Students were able to mix colors of wax and choose a scent for their candle.

JOB FAIR, HEALTH PROFESSIONS JOB FAIR WILL BE HELD MARCH 3

OCCC hosts businesses seeking employees

Job seekers can expect to talk to scores of potential employers at the annual Job Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, in the College Union.

A Health Professions Job Fair will be held the same day, running from noon to 6 p.m.

Attending the job fairs

can be beneficial for students looking at opportunities for future employment, as well as those needing work right now, said Judi McGee, Employment Services coordinator.

"It's an opportunity to meet with hiring managers to find out what they are looking to hire in vari-

ous positions," she said.

"It's also a chance to find out what coursework they want you to have taken and to learn about possible education assistance."

Although the unemployment rate in Oklahoma has dropped to 6 percent as of December, reports www.BLS.gov,

job hunting is still tough, said OCCC student Jennifer Janousek.

"It's hard to find a lot of good paying jobs because they're more strict. They require more of applicants," Janousek said.

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WHAT: Job Fair and Health Professions Job Fair

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DETAILS: Call Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519

OPINION

STAFF COLUMN | Don't let stress cause poor health

We must take healthier steps

The necessity of staying healthy has become increasingly clear to me this semester. And healthy doesn't just mean not getting sick.



**ETHAN
HENDRICKS**

Let's start off with the most important thing: Sleep. Even if a student manages never to get sick, eats right and exercises regularly; if he or she doesn't get enough sleep it won't matter.

Studies show that without enough sleep, the thinking process and reaction time slows, faulty decisions can be made, and your attitude is negatively affected. Bottom line: Get plenty of sleep.

Students also need to eat right. Instead of getting a pizza or a burrito for lunch in the cafeteria, opt for a healthy salad instead. Foods with a large amount of fat increase the chances of obesity. This in turn raises the risk of coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, high

blood pressure and sleeping disorders.

It's difficult as a student, but try eating a diet low on fat, moderate on protein, moderate on carbohydrates and high fibers (otherwise known as vegetables). While it's not the tastiest diet, it keeps people healthy.

Exercising also is good. It burns fat and calories while also releasing endorphins, which can make a person feel happier.

While students don't have to work out every day, at least three times a week would be helpful. An elevated heart rate increases oxygen flow to the brain, which allows for better performance.

Of course, there's always personal hygiene — washing hands after using the restroom, sneezing or coughing. This will prevent the spread of germs.

Finally, remember to find some time to relax. Take an hour every day to put aside homework and responsibilities and relax. Read a book, play videogames, surf the Web — taking time to relax can reduce stress levels.

Together, all of these will keep student healthy and increase performance in class.

YOUR VIEW | Setting the record straight on the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative

‘Relationship U’ given by unbiased source

To the editor:

The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative would like to thank OCCC for partnering with us to provide relationship education on campus through our Relationship U program.

We also would like to correct several inaccurate statements that appeared in a letter to the editor in the Feb. 12 edition of the Pioneer.

The OMI is not part of the Oklahoma Family Policy Council and does not weigh in on legal issues such as abortion

and gay rights. Instead, our focus is on providing communication skills and other relationship tools designed to strengthen relationships and families throughout the state.

Funded by the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, we provide services to both singles and couples through free workshops.

The OMI does not teach marriage at all costs. We support the development of healthy relationships. Not all marriages are healthy. We work closely

with both the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to ensure that safety is of utmost concern and that resources are available should couples or individuals need more extensive services.

The OMI's Relationship U program is designed to help students learn important skills they can use in all relationships, including those with friends, roommates,

classmates, professors and employers. The program is designed to help students learn how to create healthy romantic relationships from the start.

Relationship U will continue to be offered at OCCC on Mondays and Wednesdays through March 3. For more information on the OMI, visit www.okmarriage.org. Additional information about Relationship U is available on Facebook.

—KENDY COX
OMI SERVICE

DELIVERY DIRECTOR

YOUR VIEW | Fed up with 'rude' OCCC smokers

Former smoker:
Heed the 25 feet

To the editor:

Hi ya'll, it's Feb. 11. Another cold and slightly snowy day, it will warm again. I just know it will.

I've arrived on campus as usual looking for a decent place to park — one where I won't get door dinged. You know, this is a peeve of mine; rude people who don't even hold their doors. They just let them fly right into yours. Hmmp!

Is it me or does it seem that there are more students who come to school on Thursdays than any other day?

I think so; there wasn't a place to park out front this morning. I went around back trying the next area. I got lucky, perfect little spot for me although I was a little tardy and I had a ways to walk.

I don't mind walking. I think more people should. It's good for the body and soul.

So here is the kicker: as a former smoker, it does not bother me to be near smokers or even stand outside while a friend of mine is smoking.

However, some of the smokers on this campus are rude and frankly, my dear, I am fed up.

State law does not allow smoking within 25 feet from a door, but this rarely happens.

I do see people obeying this law and standing near the ash cans, but more often than not, they are next to the doors you have to walk, hobble or wheel your way in.

Listen up, you smokers who are guilty of this: Please walk out 25 feet to smoke your cigarettes. Do not stand by the doors.

There are many people with health problems, on oxygen and many people who just don't like the smell of cigarette smoke.

Thinking of others is something I was always taught and I think most of you were too.

The next time you decide to light up by the door, go ahead and walk the 25 feet out and in case you're not sure where that is, then just start walking and count out 25 steps.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | Monster movie fans should enjoy “The Wolfman”

Universal nails classic remake

Vampires everywhere, beware: there’s a new monster in town.

“The Wolfman,” a thrilling remake of the 1941 classic horror movie, roared into theaters everywhere Feb. 12.

The Universal Studios flick focuses on Lawrence Talbot (Benicio Del Toro), a Shakespearean actor whose emotionally dead father (Anthony Hopkins) banished him to the U.S. as a child after he stumbled across the bloody body of his mother in a supposed suicide.

Decades later, Lawrence returns to his paternal childhood home in the U.K. after receiving word of his brother’s disappearance.

Unfortunately, his brother’s mangled and mutilated corpse is discovered the next morning, leaving Lawrence

to wonder: What being could have committed such a heinous deed?

Was it a wild beast, or an animalistic madman? What if it was a combination of both?

It is that ominous vibe that carries “The Wolfman” from start to finish in a never-ending journey full of thrills, scares and even a few tears.

Fans of the original “Wolfman” will remember the flick not as a terribly frightening one, but instead as a resonant tragedy of a man cursed to kill when the moon is full.

The 2010 version continues this legacy. While jump scenes and decibel-piercing sound effects abound, the real story is not about the monster — it is about the man trapped within him.

Unlike its precursor, the new “Wolfman” also

offers a psychological edge to the story that will leave moviegoers questioning whether the monster is really even a monster at all, or simply the fantastical creation of a lunatic’s mind.

Visually, the film is a smorgasbord of excellently choreographed action sequences and scenery that are at once beautiful and ghastly.

However, it is the werewolves’ transformations that truly steal the show.

These beasts are not the watered-down, family-friendly versions made famous by “Twilight,” but instead the original, gritty, humanoid figures who burst out of their clothing with crackling limbs, enormous teeth

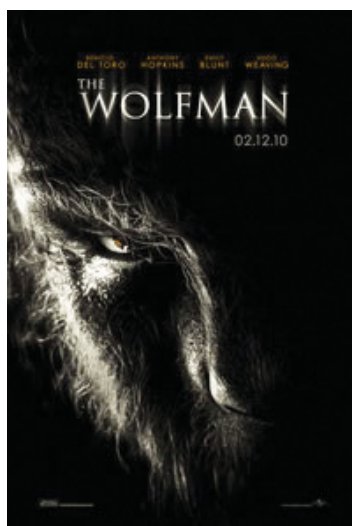


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and wickedly curved claws.

For adrenalin junkies looking for a genuinely frightening movie, “The Wolfman” may rely a bit too heavily on jump scenes to provide thrills.

But for true fans of monster movies, it delivers on every level.

Rating: A

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Steps are being made in positive direction

Black History Month provides all Americans with an opportunity to more fully understand our American history, which includes a history of slavery, segregation and racial discrimination.

It also provides an opportunity to appreciate the significant contributions African-Americans have made to advance our society. Check out the exhibit created by our Black Student Association members near the Communications Lab in the Main Building — it provides us with an excellent reminder of just some of what African-Americans have done for our country and for the world.

For me, it also is an opportunity to reflect on diversity at OCCC. The college’s current long-range strategic plan, The Way Forward and Why it Matters, includes as one of the 10 key initiatives, a focus on increasing the diversity of faculty and staff, especially in leadership positions — including ethnic and racial diversity. It is an initiative that has my highest priority.

There is great value for our diverse student population to see diversity at all levels at OCCC. As positions become available across all areas of the campus, we want to ensure that we have a diverse group ready to be promoted, and that our applicants for positions reflect the diversity in our community and student body.

Since becoming president, both the Board of Regents and my cabinet have included, for the first time, people from racial and ethnic minority groups — but I do recognize that while we have made progress on the initiative, we must continue our efforts.

OCCC’s vision as a significant college that plays a prominent role in creating our community’s future will best be realized as the college embraces and values diversity. Where all racial and ethnicities that are represented in our community and student population have an opportunity to participate in the leadership of OCCC — including African-Americans, whose legacy and contributions we focus on during Black History Month.

—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

LOCAL MUSIC REVIEW | Oklahoma City band debuts new lineup

Shattered rocks Valentine’s Massacre

The newly reformed band, Shattered, played its first show of 2010 at the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre on Feb. 13, at the Coca-Cola Bricktown Events Center.

The five-piece rock band is from the Oklahoma City area.

The band’s performance at the Valentine’s Day Massacre was enjoyable; however, it had a small crowd and a limited crowd response, which may have been a result of its time slot. Shattered played second out of 13 bands.

The band’s lead singer, Tim Cruz, tried to get the crowd involved and achieved some participation especially when the band covered a Blink-182 song.

Band members Zach Wright, rhythm guitar; Josh Tassinari, lead guitar; and Adam Pierce, bass guitar, showed an enthusiastic performance by jumping around the stage and head banging.

OCCC student and drummer Mike Harris showed great crowd interaction when he tossed his drumsticks into the audience.

Overall, the band members gave a good stage

performance, but they needed to interact more with the audience and get the crowd involved.

Songs performed by the band were energetic and had good beats and rhythms.

“Confessional” was the one original song that seemed to draw the crowd in the most.

The lyrics were powerful and let the audience know what the songwriter was feeling.

Shattered are excellent musicians and songwriters.

The band’s overall performance was good, but showed the fact that the band, which added two new members two months ago, has not had a chance to become comfortable performing in front of a live audience.

For more information about Shattered, visit its Web site at www.shatteredokc.com.

Rating: B

—LANDA MCCLURE
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Check it out

WHO: Shattered, a five-piece alternative rock band from Oklahoma City

WHERE: MySpace: www.myspace.com/shatteredokc

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SCREENING OF 'THE MALTESE FALCON' FEB. 23

Students have opportunity to see American-classic film

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A screening of the 1941 film "The Maltese Falcon," starring Humphrey Bogart will be free to students and faculty alike this week.

The event will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in CU 2 and 3.

Elizabeth Anthony, a film historian who runs the Website www.ReelClassics.com, will be speaking briefly before the showing, said Barbara King, Library Services director.

The movie is being shown in conjunction with The Big Read, a program that aims to foster reading by influencing faculty and curriculum in the nation's colleges.

The selection chosen for the spring semester is the 1930 detective novel "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett.

"It's a classic American private investigation novel. It

helped start that genre," King said. "It's a quick and easy read and brings exposure to the culture of the early 1900s."

Professors are key to the success of The Big Read, King said.

"The primary focus is for the faculty to get familiar with the book, get the book to students, and incorporate it into the curriculum," King said.

On Feb. 18, professors who had read the novel were to gather to discuss the book and familiarize themselves with other people's views and opinions of it.

This is to help professors devise a way to use it in their classroom.

History professor Ray McCullar, along with English professor Marybeth McCauley, have partnered to use "The Maltese Falcon" in their curriculum.

McCullar and McCauley are not new to using The Big Read in the classroom.

In fall 2008, the selection was the 1953 dystopian novel "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury.

"The students liked it," McCauley said. "It helped create a learning community and helps students enjoy reading."

The Big Read is a national program of the National Endowment for the Arts to "restore reading back to the center of American culture."

Many colleges around the country participate in the program, which chooses a selection of books, usually classic titles, from which the school can choose.

OCCC and Rose State College have partnered in bringing this program to the area.

Students can pick up a free copy of the novel at the library.

For more information on the event e-mail King at bking@occc.edu, or visit occclibrary.wordpress.com/tag/bigread or www.neabigread.org.

Disturbance results in two being taken to county jail

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Two campus visitors caused a disturbance that led to both of them being arrested and taken to the Oklahoma County jail Feb. 11.

Campus Safety and Security Officer Chad Clingman and Sgt. Kevin Tipton responded to a disturbance call at the Welcome Center.

According to the report, Clingman encountered Christopher Cornelison, the person he had been told was causing the problem.

Cornelison said he was on campus taking a placement test in the Testing Center and

was on break looking for his girlfriend to get a cigarette.

As the officers escorted Cornelison to the Testing Center to recover his ID, both officers reportedly smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Cornelison. When asked if he had been drinking, Cornelison said he had.

Cornelison was eventually taken to the Safety and Security office where he agreed to be placed in handcuffs.

Once detained outside the office, Officers Brandon Wheeler and Jeffrey Porter arrived with Cornelison's girlfriend, Amber Joslin, who was belligerent and reeked of alcohol, according to the report, also was detained.

Clingman made copies of their IDs while Tipton contacted the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Once Sgt. Mosier from OCPD arrived, Joslin continued her outburst and began kicking cabinets as Mosier called for another officer to help take the two to the county jail.

Joslin was issued a trespassing warning by Clingman.

The sounding of a fire alarm in the Southeast Science Center on Feb. 9 spurred an evacuation of the college.

According to the report, security spoke with Professor Nguyen Truong, who said her class was igniting bunsen burners and that the first bun-

son burner did not light. The gas was turned up causing a 12-inch flame and smoke to rise from the bunsen burner, activating the alarm.

In another incident Feb. 9, Safety and Security Officer Tanya Vroenen was dispatched on a possible vehicle break in.

Vroenen met with Cassie Williams in Parking lot G at her Ford F-150. Williams told Vroenen when she returned to her pickup at 11:05 a.m., she

found her door handle was broken and she was unable to get into her vehicle through that door.

Vroenen examined the handle and reported that she could not find any evidence to indicate someone had tried to break into the vehicle with force or any other object.

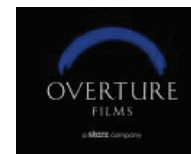
According to the report, the handle had been over extended and would not go back into place, but no type of tool marks or holes were visible.

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OPENS IN THEATERS FEBRUARY 26

STUDENTS TO BE TAUGHT HOW TO DEAL WITH TEST ANXIETY, SPEAKER SAYS

Test preparation topic of next Brown Bag

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Anxiety can play a role in whether a student does well or poorly on a test, even if the student is well prepared, experts say.

Coping with test anxiety is one of several topics to be addressed in the Test Taking Brown Bag workshop at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in CU 1.

The Brown Bag sessions usually last 45 minutes, said Katie Treadwell, Service Learning and Student Life programs coordinator.

Sarah French, Disability Services assistant director, will



Sarah French

speak at the session.

French said dealing with anxiety is an important subject for students to hear about.

"Anxiety does stress students

out and I will discuss how to handle the anxiety," she said.

French said she will discuss how students can maintain a positive mind set before and after a test.

French also said she will cover the basics for taking a test.

"Many students treat a test like a major event," she said. "We will cover how to help students realize tests are just a part of the learning process."

French said she will discuss answer strategies for test formats including true or false, short answers, essay or multiple choice.

There are different ways to handle each test, she said.

French said being prepared

“ There are different ways to handle each test and being prepared is helpful. During the Brown Bag, we will cover how to prepare a week before the test, a day before the test and that day.”

—SARAH FRENCH
DISABILITY SERVICES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

for a test is most helpful in test taking.

"During the Brown Bag, we will cover how to prepare a week before the test, a day before and that day," she said.

French said after the test is over, there are certain strategies students should use to retain the information. She plans to cover

those skills during the session.

French said the Brown Bag workshops are designed to help students in the education process. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch and listen while they eat.

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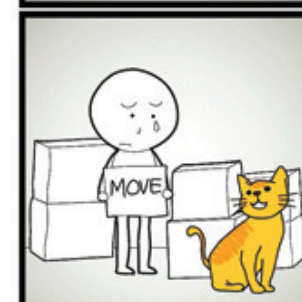
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it's a small world

Haitian student fondly remembers home despite recent tragedy, poor conditions

BISHAL MALLA
Staff Writer

Love for his native country of Haiti shines in the eyes of Junior Demas, 19, biology major.

"For me, Haiti is always a beautiful and wonderful country to live," Demas said.

His childhood memories of home are not eclipsed, even by the catastrophic earthquake that struck the country Jan. 12.

Demas said he was "sad and shocked" after hearing the news of the earthquake.

Fortunately, Demas said, his family survived.

He said though none of his family members were injured, he felt bad for all those people who died or were left homeless and coping with severe pain.

Demas said he desperately

wanted to go back to his native country to help his people.

He said he spoke with the American Red Cross of Norman to see if they could take him as a volunteer to his homeland.



Junior Demas

"The Red Cross people said they could not take me to Haiti, because I needed to have formal training in first aid and safety," Demas said.

"However, I helped my people by donating some money from my bank card."

Demas said he has not returned to Haiti since coming to the U.S.

He said he misses the land, sea, food and every single thing about Haiti.

Hopefully, Demas said, he will have the opportunity to go back to Haiti in the future.

Demas said he desires to be a humanitarian. He wants to go to Third World countries and help people with the skills and education he has gained in the U.S.

Demas was born in Leogane, a small town in Haiti located 18 miles west from Port-au-Prince, the capital city.

Haiti, officially the Republic of Haiti, shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with its neighbor, the Dominican Republic.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Demas said he moved to Miami, Fla., in 2002 and started attending middle school.

Demas, who didn't speak English until he came to America, recalled his beginning days with a gloomy face.

Haitians speak French and Creole as their first language, Demas said.

Communication problems

“For me, Haiti is always a beautiful and wonderful country to live.”

—JUNIOR DEMAS
OCCC STUDENT FROM HAITI

made it very difficult for him to adjust to the U.S. environment, he said.

Demas still laughs about an incident that took place the first week after he moved to the U.S.

He said a girl said "hi" to him, but he was not able to reply because he had not been taught how to respond to a greeting in English. Demas could simply wave his hand and smile back at her.

"I took this as a challenge and tried my best to learn English," he said. "Later it was fun and I enjoyed talking with people."

Now a U.S. citizen, Demas said he believes America is a country full of ethnic diversity.

Demas said meeting with people from different countries, cultures and religions is his favorite thing about America.

"In the U.S. nobody knows whom you will meet the very next day," he said.

Demas also said he believes there are plenty of opportunities in this country.

"If I work hard, anything is possible here," he said.

He said, unlike Haiti, education here is not expensive for citizens.

Many families cannot afford private schools for their children in Haiti, Demas said.

Demas, who attended private school, said families can't pay school fees when most don't

have enough money to eat two meals per day.

Being away from his family is the most frustrating aspect of living in the U.S., he said.

Demas said although some of his family members have moved to the U.S., his mother still lives in Haiti.

He came to Oklahoma in 2006 and graduated from Norman High School in 2009.

After spending a few years in Florida and Georgia, Demas said, he thinks Oklahoma is the best place to live.

He said he likes Oklahomans. "Oklahomans are very friendly," he said.

Demas said he plans on attending the University of Oklahoma after he completes his basic courses at OCCC.

He said the small classes are one of the factors he likes about OCCC.

"I am a slow paced student and I need the teacher's attention when I am in the class," he said.

Even though he has met many good people, Demas said not everyone has been nice to him.

He remembers once when his friend teased him after learning he was from such a poor country.

For those people, his answer is: "Yes, it's me. I am a Haitian and I am proud to be a Haitian."



Haiti — (HAY-tee)

Capital: Port-au-Prince

Population: 9,035,536

GDP: \$11,610,000,000 (USD)

Size: 27,750 sq. miles (slightly smaller than Maryland)

National Languages: French, Creole

Currency: Gourde

Government: Republic

Religions: Roman Catholic, Protestant

Details: In the early 17th century, the French established a presence on Hispaniola — a Spanish colony. In 1697, Spain ceded the western third of the island, which became Haiti. The French colony, based on forestry and sugar-related industries, became one of the wealthiest in the Caribbean, but only through the importation of African slaves and environmental degradation. Late in the 18th century, Haiti's nearly half million slaves revolted and after a prolonged struggle, Haiti became the first black republic to declare independence in 1804. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti has been plagued by political violence for most of its history. The country inaugurated a democratically elected president and parliament in May 2006. A massive 7.0 earthquake struck the island in January, with an epicenter near the capital, Port-au-Prince. An estimated 2 million people live within the zone of heavy to moderate structural damage. The earthquake was the worst in the region in more than 200 years.

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REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTATIVES LOOK TO RECRUIT

Transfer Fair planned to help students explore options

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Like many of his fellow students, history major Lance Bynum is unsure where he will transfer after he finishes his associate degree at OCCC.

It is with students like Bynum in mind that OCCC hosts a Transfer Fair each semester, so students can explore their options, said Sara McElroy, Transfer and Academic Advising coordinator.

Representatives from colleges and universities in the state and region come to recruit prospective transfer students, McElroy said.

The next fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Building.

The event will give students more information to choose the right university after they complete their associate degree, McElroy said.

"It helps students by giving them

different options," she said.

Bynum said he will attend the Transfer Fair and look at universities in Oklahoma.

The 25-year-old freshman said three schools are at the top of his list: the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University.

Event information

WHAT: Transfer Fair

WHEN: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday

WHERE: Outside the Communications Lab

DETAILS: Call Sara McElroy at 405-682-7567

Scholarship opportunities are the main thing Bynum said he will be looking forward to learning about during the fair.

He said the Transfer Fair will help him to choose

the right university. Bynum believes the fair will help students learn more about their choices.

"It can help students decide whether they want to proceed in the same major or take a different one," he said.

The Transfer Fair will give students

more knowledge about degree programs, admission requirements and financial aid at various universities, McElroy said.

The fair will be held in the hallway outside the Communications Lab where lots of students pass each day. So she expects a good number of participants to attend.

"I would expect to see at least 300 students walking through but probably well over that the amount."

Kristen Garcia, fine arts major, said she was excited to hear about the Transfer Fair.

Garcia said she will attend the fair to check out OU, where she plans to transfer.

Garcia, a 19-year-old freshman, said she will be looking for information about courses, financial aid and the opportunity to study abroad.

For more information about the Transfer Fair, contact McElroy at 405-682-7567, or by e-mail at smcelroy@occc.edu.

Transfer Fair participants

University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
University of Central Oklahoma
Oklahoma City University
Southwestern Oklahoma State
University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Baptist University
Southwestern Christian University
University of Tulsa
Oklahoma Christian University
DeVry University
University of Central Oklahoma-ROTC
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University of North Texas
Southern Nazarene University
Cameron University
Grand Canyon University
Southwestern College Professional Studies
Mid-American Christian University
Newman University

**Source: Sara McElroy, Transfer coordinator*

Transfer: Getting started early is encouraged, transfer officials say

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department to schedule auditions.

Students should check with the university they are transferring to and be sure they complete any additional admission requirements for specific departments, he said.

For instance, Steinman said, "you may be accepted into the school, but you may not be accepted into the music program."

Students need to pay especially close attention to application deadlines as some are earlier than expected, McElroy said.

For instance, the University of Oklahoma's deadline for summer and fall enrollment is April 1.

Many applications are available online, McElroy said.

OU's application fee is \$40. The application can be downloaded from its Web site.

Michael Hoggart, OU transfer and recruitment associate director, said students should plan ahead so they aren't rushed

Where to start: Application process

Admission applications can be found for the following state universities on their Web sites:

- University of Oklahoma — www.ou.edu
- University of Central Oklahoma — www.ucok.edu
- Oklahoma State University — www.okstate.edu
- Oklahoma City University — www.okcu.edu
- East Central University — www.ecok.edu
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University — www.swosu.edu
- Oklahoma Baptist — www.okbu.edu
- Southern Nazarene University — www.snu.edu

into a decision.

"You want to give yourself enough time to compare and contrast various schools and find one that best fits your academic pursuit," Hoggart said.

Oklahoma State University also has a \$40 application fee, said Jessie Porter, OSU administrative assistant.

She said the university does not have a specific application deadline, but in order to enroll, transfer students must submit their application one week before classes begin. OSU's summer classes begin May 17 and fall classes begin Aug. 23.

Amy Graham, ECU transfer

enrollment manager, said there is a \$20 application fee at her university but no deadline. Students can enroll for the summer semester up until June 1 and for the fall semester until Aug. 16.

George Anaya, University of Central Oklahoma transfer counselor, said it costs \$25 to apply to UCO. The form also is available online.

While there is not an application deadline, Anaya said, students are encouraged to apply before the early enrollment deadline, which is April 2.

"Students who apply after the deadline will have to wait behind current juniors and

“You want to give yourself enough time to compare and contrast various schools and find one that best fits your academic pursuit.”

—MICHAEL HOGGART

OU TRANSFER AND RECRUITMENT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

seniors to enroll," Anaya said.

It will take UCO two weeks to respond to the application, Anaya said.

"If the process does take longer than expected, the college will notify the student that their application is still pending," he said.

OCU has a \$40 application fee and accepts applications up until classes begin — May 17 for the summer semester and Aug. 23 for the fall, said Joel Durham, OCU transfer admission counselor. The application also requires a 250-word essay, he said.

OCCC graduate Murod Mamatov transferred to OCU and said the process wasn't as tedious as he thought.

He said the university presented clear guidelines of what needed to be done.

"I went to a student orientation where we became better acquainted with the campus," Mamatov said. "I was able to sit in classes in the summer and observe lectures."

Steinman said after doing research, filling out applications, paying fees and submitting all necessary paperwork, transferring students should remain patient but not stress out.

"You put in a lot of work at making it this far," he said. "So, after you jump through all the hoops, you just need to put some trust into what you've done and wait for things to work out."

THEATER DEPARTMENT READY FOR FIRST PLAY OF THE SEMESTER

‘Odd Couple’ set to premier in college theater

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In 1965, playwright and screenwriter Neil Simon introduced “The Odd Couple” to the world.

Now, 45 years later, the OCCC theater department will perform it at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in the Bruce Owen Theater.

Adjunct professor Jacque Hocking, director of the play, spoke about what separates “The Odd Couple” from other plays of the past.

“Neil Simon wrote it,” she said. “He knows how to blend tragedy and comedy together.”

The plot of the story revolves around two men with opposite personalities trying to live under one roof.

Hocking said she helped the students prepare for their roles during the winter break.

She told them to “read through the entire play, get a sense of what happened and watch the movie.”

In the story Felix Unger, with his neat habits, is divorced from his wife. He then moves in with his friend Oscar Madison, a free-spirited and less tidy individual.

When the movie debuted, Walter Matthau played Oscar Madison, and Jack Lemmon played Felix Unger.

The movie was well known in 1968, as well as its sequel in 1998 with Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon playing the same two roles.

“The Odd Couple” also became a popular television sitcom, from September 1970 to July 1975.

Hocking said she felt revisiting Neil Simon’s play was a reward in itself.

She said she had a good response to auditions in December.

Eighteen males and seven females tried out for the six male and two female roles.

Hocking said making the students feel as comfortable as

possible with their roles was a priority.

“Seeing the students experiment with their lines, seeing their brains process things, and allowing them the freedom to do what they want made this entire process fulfilling,” Hocking said.

For the second year in a row, the poster for the play is being designed by OCCC graphics design students.

For Thursday’s performance, admission is free to faculty, staff and OCCC students with valid ID. Otherwise, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with valid ID from any other school or university.

For Friday and Saturday, tickets will be \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

This play is best suited for children in the middle school age group and older, Hocking said.

For more information, call the Arts and Humanities office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7558.



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

John-Printes Davis, journalism and broadcasting major, performs a scene from the upcoming play “The Odd Couple,” with cast member Philip Aken, psychology major.

Military Career Fair scheduled

Armed forces will look to recruit students during fair, officials say

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Recruiters from all branches of the U.S. armed forces will be on campus for the Military Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the College Union, said Judi McGee, Student Employment and Career services coordinator.

These include the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and the Coast Guard.

McGee said Veterans Affairs Medical Center representatives will be available to answer questions veterans may have about health care.

“We’re wanting to offer as many options for students to pay for college.”

—DEBRA VAUGHN
STUDENT CAREER AND SERVICES DIRECTOR

The Reserve Officer Training Corps programs from the University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma will be on hand for students interested in going into the military with officer training, said Debra Vaughn, Student Career and Services director.

“We’re wanting to offer as many options for students to pay for college,” Vaughn said.

She said the GI bill provides up to 100 percent of tuition, plus a monthly living stipend, and \$1,000 a year for books and supplies.

Also new to the GI bill, she said, is a one-time relocation allowance and the option to

transfer benefits to family members, such as a spouse or children, Vaughn said.

In addition, a person with Veterans benefits can use them to pay for training, such as the new Wind Turbine program offered at the college, Vaughn said.

“Corporate learning will have a table for information on the Wind Turbine program and how veterans can use their benefits for the program,” Vaughn said.

For more information about the Military Career Fair, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519.

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TICKETS TO SEE VALERY KULESHOV

Skilled pianist returns to OCCC March 2

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After five years, pianist Valery Kuleshov will return to OCCC at 7 p.m. March 2, in the Bruce Owen Theater to perform in the Cultural Program's Cultural Arts Series.

Lemuel Bardeguez, Cultural Programs director, said the audience could expect to hear a lot of music from the Romantic Age as well as other styles of music.

Kuleshov, originally from Chelyabinsk, Russia, earned his master's at Gnessin Academy of Music and his Ph.D from the State Jewish Academy, both in Moscow.

In a telephone interview, he said while in Russia, he studied under well-known pianists Dmitry Bashkirov, Nikolai Petrov and Vladimir Tropp for several years.

Kuleshov had nothing but praise for his teachers — especially for Bashkirov.

"Bashkirov was the best piano teacher in the world and very famous," he said.

Kuleshov said he then entered the prestigious International Piano Foundation in Italy and studied there for several years, again learning from some of the best pianists in the world.

In an online bio, it shows that Kuleshov's first major national success was when he won second place at the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition while also tying for first.

At his North American debut in New York, Kuleshov won the silver medal at the Ninth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and went on to earn numerous awards in competitions before being named as "Honored

Artist of the Russian Federation" by decree of Boris Yeltsin, President Russia.

Kuleshov came to the United States in 2000 and now serves as artist-in-residence at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma.

He maintains an international performing schedule and also performs a duo piano repertoire with his talented daughter, Tatianna Kuleshova.

"Kuleshov's performances have been compared to Vladimir Horowitz," Bardeguez said.

"In fact, Vladimir himself complemented Kuleshov on his playing skills.

"That is a very big honor because Vladimir is one of the greats of Russian pianists."

Bardeguez said scheduling a pianist like Kuleshov wasn't the easiest thing to do.

"We don't schedule a classical pianist that often," he said.



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Pianist Valery Kuleshov will perform at 7 p.m. March 2 in the Bruce Owen Theater as part of the Cultural Arts Series.

"When you bring in a classical pianist like Kuleshov you either have to rent a piano or borrow one.

"Not only that," Bardeguez said, "but the piano has to be fine tuned to perfection to ensure the best quality during the show."

Bardeguez said the college is

renting a nine-foot Steinway for the March 2 show.

Tickets are \$22 for general admission; \$17 for seniors; faculty, staff and alumni; and \$10 for children and students.

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Fair: Career Services offers many helpful services, coordinator says

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a high-quality résumé can get help from Student Employment and Career Services, McGee said.

She said workers are available to assist students with résumés and other employment tools.

The department is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Janousek said she has used these resources and she was pleased with outcome.

“[Student Employment and Career Services] has helped me a lot,” Janousek said.

After actively seeking employment for more than six months, Janousek said she knew she needed to do something different.

“They helped me completely redo my cover letter and tweak my résumé,” she said. The goal was to help grab employers’ interest. They know what they are doing.”

McGee said some students believe they have no work history to include on a résumé.

“Sometimes they have a job history but they don’t think about it,” she said.

Volunteer work and independent services such as mowing lawns all count as job history.

Students who do not have a job history can still benefit from the Job Fair, McGee said.

Some jobs offer incentives to future employees and pay portions of college tuition.

“It’s worthwhile to go and find out what is being offered,” she said.

Several employers including Frito Lay, Integris Health, Tinker Credit Union and OU Medical Center have already signed up to attend the fair. And more are still signing up, McGee said.

A complete list of the companies will be posted online as soon as possible, McGee said.

She said students are encouraged to

Job Fair employers include:

Frito Lay
Adecco Employment Services
Bank of Oklahoma
Baptist Village of OKC
Braums
City National Bank
City of Midwest City
Edmond Medical Center
Farmers Insurance
HealthCare Innovations
Integris Health
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Valir Health, LLC
Vericrest Financial


For a complete list, visit www.occc.edu/news/jobandhealthjobfairspring2010

dress professionally, review standard interview questions that might be asked, and bring several copies of their updated résumés.


Copies of standard interview questions can be obtained in Student Em-

ployment and Career Services, McGee said.


For more information contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519, or e-mail at employmentservices@occc.edu.



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SPORTS

INTRAMURALS | Students compete in free throw shooting contest

Gentry, Robinson win Hot Shots

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OCCC students Jaleesa Robinson and Collin Gentry shot their way to the winners circle in the 2010 Hot Shots competition for basketball free throws.

In the male division, Gentry was one of eight who participated.

In the first round, Gentry scored 20 out of 25 free throws to advance to the second round.

Alex Savage made 24 out of 25 baskets in the first round and advanced to the second round.

The first round of competition had Ezra Bitseedy making 23 out of 25 free throws, Wesley Okeke shooting 19 out of 25, Saajan Patel scoring 18 out of 25, Tim McCoy shooting 17 out of 25 baskets, Zak Huggins making 13 out of 25 and Donald Worth scoring 8 of 25.

Savage was able to make 6 out of 10 baskets in the second round.

Bitseedy also advanced to the second round with Gentry and Savage.

Gentry shot 8 out of 10 baskets in the second round to secure himself as the male free throw champion.

Robinson was the only female competing; however, she thought she was competing against the males, too.

"I didn't know I was in a division by myself," she said. "They told me after I started shooting during the first round."

Robinson said she was confident going into the competition because she is the only female who participates in intramural basketball. She is a member of the Ballaholics.

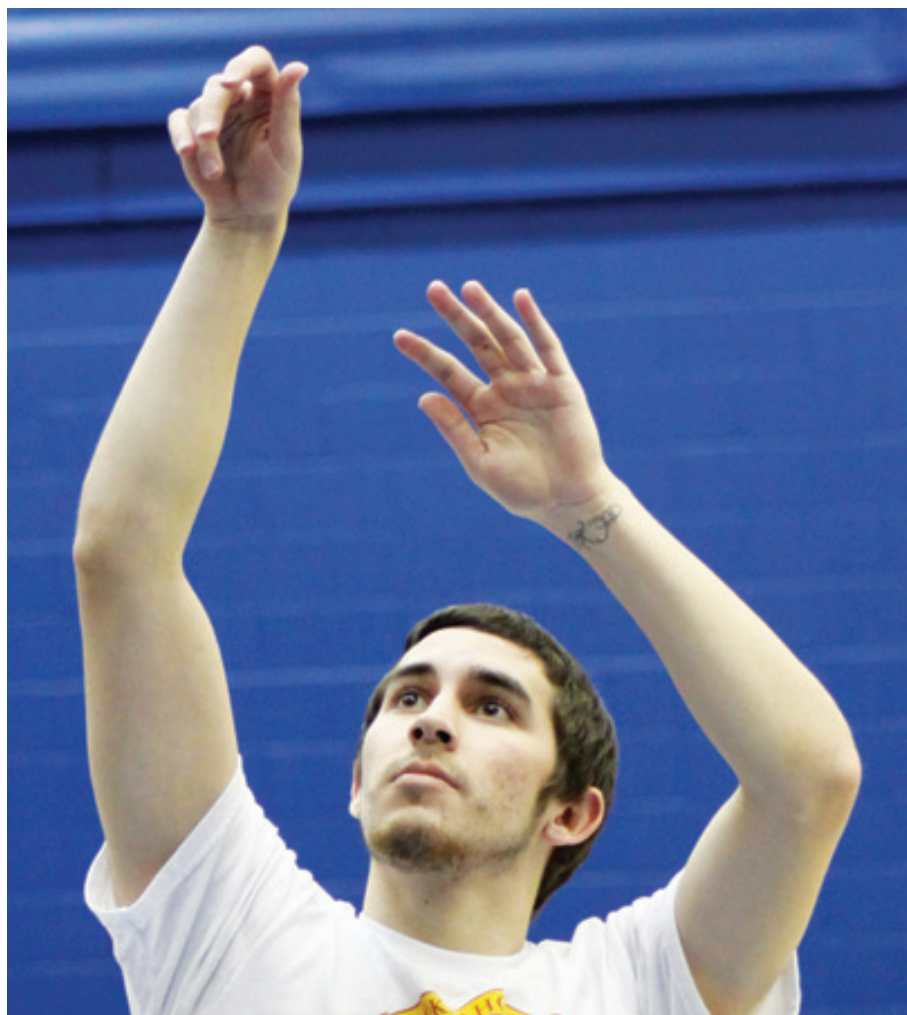
Robinson scored 20 out of 25 points in the first round, then claimed the championship by scoring 6 out of 10 free throws in the second round.

"I was a little sad I didn't have competition," she said. "It would have been good if I could have competed against the males."

She said she will be competing in the 3-point competition and hopes to see more female participation.

"I encourage females to participate," Robinson said. "You get to meet new people and have fun."

She said she hopes to organize a team for the women's three-on-three basketball tournament that will be



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

Jaleesa Robinson, psychology major, prepares to shoot one of her winning shots in the first round of the Hot Shots Challenge. The challenge was held Feb. 12 in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

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—JALEESA ROBINSON

FEMALE FREE THROW CHAMPION

held March 12.

In the competition Feb. 12, contestants were split up on both ends of the basketball court where Recreation and Fitness staff kept score.

Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness Specialist, said he was pleased with the number of participants.

Charlie Tarver, Recreation and Fitness sports assistant, said the competition had a good turnout and the competitors had a fun time.

The 3-point shooting competition will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Wellness Center gym.

Competitors in the 3-point competi-

tion will shoot as many 3-pointers as they can in a minute in the first round.

Contestants who make the most 3-pointers will advance to the second round.

Contestants will then make as many 3-pointers as they can in 30 seconds.

Winners will be recognized at the Intramural Sports Banquet that will be held later in the semester.

A date has not been set at this time.

Students interested in competing can register in Recreation and Fitness Center's office or e-mail Tarver at ctarver@occc.edu or Watson at ewatson@occc.edu.

UPCOMING
INTRAMURALS
EVENTS

• **Monday:** Registration for co-ed volleyball due with payment. Payment is \$230 per team. League is open for women and men ages 18 and up. Games will be held Mondays.

• **Tuesday:** Registration for men's spring basketball with payment due. Payment is \$250 per team. League is open for men ages 18 and up. Games will be held Thursdays.

• **Tuesday:** Hot Shots Challenge, 3-point competition, at 1 p.m. in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

• **Friday:** Intramural basketball: The Untouchables vs. DBA at 1 p.m. court 2; Ballaholics vs. Da Team at 1 p.m. court 3; Jar Heads vs. US at 2 p.m. court 2; Crusaders vs. The Untouchables at 2 p.m. court 3; Jar Heads vs. Back To Back Champs at 3 p.m. court 2; and Team of Me vs. Crusaders at 3 p.m. court 3. Games are held in the Wellness Center gym.

• **Feb. 23-27:** Aquatic Center to host Mountain West Conference Championship Swim Meet. Pool will close Monday, Feb. 22, and reopen Monday, March 1.

• **March. 2:** Co-ed volleyball league starts. Games will be held in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

• **March. 3:** Women's 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

• **March. 4-7:** Aquatic Center to host Sectional Swim Meet. Pool will close March 3, and reopen March 8.

• **March. 5:** Intramural basketball: Da Team vs. Jar Heads at 1 p.m. court 2; The Untouchables vs. Team of Me at 2 p.m. court 2; and US vs. DBA at 3 p.m. court 2. Games are held in the Wellness Center gym.

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

SPORTS

INTRAMURALS | Fouls lead to Jar Heads downfall against Crusaders

Jar Heads forced to forfeit game

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The Crusaders won in a forfeit against the Jar Heads in intramural basketball play Feb. 12, after the Jar Heads had two players ejected.

Early in the game it was apparent the Crusaders had come ready to win the game and at first it seemed like they would pack away the Jar Heads.

The Jar Heads, however, had no intention of being defeated and fought their way back from an early deficit.

Unfortunately for them, foul trouble forced the Jar Heads to forfeit the game.

Throughout the game, both teams were plagued by fouls.

Jar Head Demetrius Merkerson was ejected after drawing a charging foul in the first half, a call he did not agree with.

"I don't think they were being fair on the foul calling," he said after the game.

The game was called with five minutes and 30 seconds left in the second half when a second Jar Head was ejected from the game.

This left the Jar Heads with only three players, making them ineligible to continue the game.

In an earlier game Feb. 5, defense was the key to the Jar Heads romping all over Team of Me 57-41.

This time around, defense once more would have allowed the Jar Heads to emerge victorious if not for foul trouble.

That, along with a superb effort by the team captain Matthew Scott.

When asked why the Jar Heads had so much trouble getting started, Scott said the team had to warm up.

"We got to the court late,"

Scott said.

"So the first half, we were still trying to find our rhythm while the Crusaders were all warmed up and ready to go."

The Crusaders seemed to be in firm control of the game from the start, scoring several three pointers within minutes.

The Jar Heads struggled to get going, scoring only 6 points in the first 10 minutes.

Things looked bleak for the Jar Heads with nine minutes left in the first half and the score sitting at 17-6.

Scott, however, refused to allow the deficit to decide the outcome.

Twice within 20 seconds he stole the ball, drove down the court and slammed the ball home as if making a statement.

With under five minutes left in the first, the Jar Heads' defense allowed only one 3-pointer from the Crusaders for the rest of the half.

At one point, Jar Heads Donni Emerson stole the ball before passing it behind his back to Scott.

Scott, about to run out of bounds, passed the ball behind him, between his legs, to Thomas Walker who promptly scored.

The Jar Heads came alive in the second half as their zone defense began to shut down the Crusaders, often double teaming key players.

Despite a 5-on-4 advantage after the Jar Heads' first ejection, the Crusaders still were unable to seriously threaten the Jar Heads.

As the Crusaders' offense fell apart, the Jar Heads' offense roared to life, going on to score 24 more points in the second half.

Scott was 9-18 from the field, 2-2 on free throws, with two assists and seven steals. The score was 46-34 in favor



LANDA MCCLURE/PIONEER

Jar Head's Thomas Walker runs the ball down the court away from Crusader's Zachary Higgins and Sergio Lopez as Jar Heads' Captain Matthew Scott trails. The Jar Heads had to forfeit to the Crusaders with them being in the lead 46-34.

of Jar Heads when the game abruptly ended.

The Crusaders will face US at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, on court 2.

The Jar Heads say they are eager to face their next opponent, the Ballaholics, whom they will play at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, on court 3.

The Ballaholics are 2-1 in intramural basketball.

When the Jar Heads were asked about their loss to the Back-To-Back Champs two weeks before, the team said circumstances prevented them from winning.

"If we had played the Back-To-Back Champs first," said Richard Sango, "we probably

"If we had played the Back-To-Back Champs first we probably could have won. But we were tired from our first game and they were fresh so they had the edge."

—RICHARD SANGO
JAR HEADS PLAYER

could have won.

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For a complete schedule, check the gymnasium billboard located inside the Wellness Center gymnasium.

Intramural basketball week 2 results

DBA 45, Team of Me 29
Ballaholics 56, Crusaders 52
Untouchables 82, Ballaholics 39
Jar Heads 46, Crusaders 34
Da Team 42, DBA 39
Back-To-Back Champs 56, US 51

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Just desserts

Li Wong, Communications Lab assistant, enjoys a strawberry shortcake dessert during an OCCC work-study and student workers training luncheon Feb. 17. The luncheon was provided by Student Employment and Career Services.

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WRITING WORKSHOP | Communications Lab offers MLA help

Workshop helps students better understand MLA documentation

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More than two dozen students gained a better understanding of MLA style documentation Feb. 15, during a presentation sponsored by the Communications Lab.

"MLA Style: A Royal Pain" explored the fundamentals of MLA style, including why it is necessary and tips on properly citing sources.

Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant, presented the 30-minute workshop, which included a PowerPoint presentation full of images of Chuck Norris and funny cats.

The event was the first in a two-part series about

MLA documentation.

"Any kind of documentation is a pain," Webb said. "But we have to do it."

Documentation is needed for four basic reasons, he said.

"The biggest thing is, it gives creators of intellectual property credit for their work."

In addition, Webb said, it allows readers to easily locate the source information, establishes the author's credibility with the reader and achieves a higher level of professionalism.

"It's a necessary evil, but it will make your writing better in the end," he said.

Webb said one of the most confusing aspects of MLA style is citing

sources within the text, as well as the works cited page.

"Cite anything that isn't common knowledge," he said. "It doesn't matter if it's a fact, a quote, or any other general information. If it's something you didn't know coming into the project, you need to cite it."

When it comes to citing online sources, Webb said, students must be extra careful.

"Beware of online sites with no author," he said. "There's a lot of misinformation floating around out there."

Micah Livingston, engineering major, said he walked away from the workshop with a better understanding of MLA style documentation.

"I honestly wasn't sure what MLA even was before," Livingston said. "I get it now."

In addition, Webb said, if a student requires any additional help with MLA documentation or any other writing-related issue, the Communications Lab is always on-hand to help.

"You can come down to the office or e-mail us," he said. "We even have a Facebook page now."

"We'll even accept your Farmville friend requests," Webb said, grinning. "If you need you need more friends on Mafia Wars, go on and add us."

For more information, contact the Communications Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Lunar New Year to be celebrated

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Asian Student Association from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in CU3. Food, drink, entertainment and PowerPoint presentations will be provided. A \$5 fee is required. For more information, contact Jiapeng Song at 405-361-4017.

Child development workshop to be held

Learn how to better understand your child's developmental characteristics and how to build healthy relationships with your children with the Building Positive, Productive Relationships presentation, held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in 3L2. Jane Humphries, Oklahoma State Department of Health Child Development Services director, will present the workshop. For more information, contact Anita Carson at 405-682-7561 or e-mail acarson@occc.edu.

Military Career Fair to be held

Learn about the new G.I. educational benefits and career field training at the Military Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the College Union. The event includes all military branches plus ROTC programs from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma. Also present will be the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center as well as OCCC Veteran Services. For more information, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519 or e-mail employmentservices@occc.edu.

Jazz photography on display

A series of black-and-white photographs taken by Pulitzer-prize winning photographer Dan White is now on display from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. The exhibit will remain until March 5. For more information, contact OCCC Cultural Programs at 405-682-7576.

Scholarship available

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Dr. Bruce B. Owen Memorial Scholarship. To qualify, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at OCCC, have a minimum GPA of 2.0, have a declared major, and be intent on completing an associate degree at OCCC. The winning student will be awarded \$300. Applications may be obtained at Recruitment and Admissions and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. For more information, contact Linda Sapp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7654.

All Highlights are due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue.

Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located on the second floor of the Main Building, across from the elevator.

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Daniel French

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PLAY TREASURE HUNT

Each week search the pages of the Pioneer for answers to treasure hunt questions. Submit your answers, including the page number where each answer was found, to adman@occc.edu. The first two people to correctly answer all the questions will each be awarded a prize.

THE QUESTIONS ARE:

- 1) Complete this sentence: "Power without is just....." ?
 - 2) Which classic movie will be shown on campus Tues, Feb.23 ?
 - 3) What is the web site that offers information about the Post-911 G.I. Bill?
 - 4) What is the reference to Cobra or Lazer?
 - 5) When will the next Job Fair be held at OCCC?
- Good luck. Enjoy reading the Pioneer.

TODAY'S
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**

 - 1 Mist
 - 6 Breakfast order
 - 10 Play group
 - 14 Marry in haste
 - 15 Stringed instrument
 - 16 Lab-culture medium
 - 17 Pries
 - 18 Corsica's neighbor
 - 19 Tree trunk
 - 20 — and only
 - 21 Hairstylist's tool
 - 24 Quicksilver
 - 26 Apartment-dweller, usually
 - 27 Biddy
 - 28 Alberta natives
 - 30 Fourth dimension
 - 33 Small amounts
 - 35 Mink or sable
 - 38 Foul-up
 - 40 Over there
 - 41 Choice group
 - 43 Singer Starr
 - 44 Wanderers
 - 47 Sandwich cookie
 - 48 Smelled bad
 - 49 Coal scuttle
 - 51 Even though
 - 54 Ennui
 - 58 Fall sky sight
 - 61 Greek letter
 - 62 Buffalo's lake
- DOWN**

 - 1 Rattlesnake's weapon
 - 2 Without help
 - 3 Tough question
 - 4 Unlock, poetically
 - 5 Save
 - 6 Each and —
 - 7 Fish part
 - 8 Mongolian desert
 - 9 Tilted
 - 10 Liner compartments
 - 11 Greek market
 - 12 Beauty —
 - 13 English river
 - 22 Coffee servers
 - 23 Silly ones
 - 25 Escoffier, for one
 - 28 Pond sound
 - 29 Split
 - 30 Expression of disapproval
 - 31 "— jiffy!"
 - 32 Spring month
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 - 64 Pseudonym
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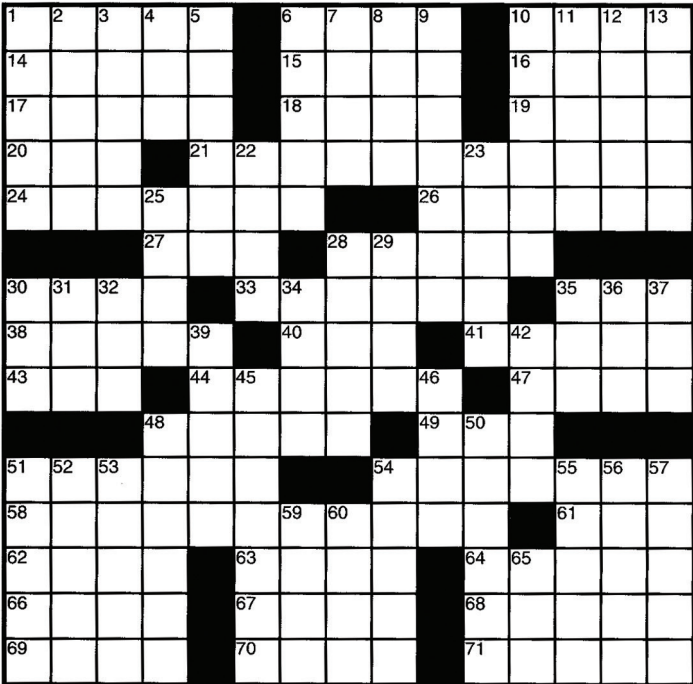
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 - 35 Evergreen
 - 36 Colorado Indian
 - 37 Antique auto
 - 39 Loosen
 - 42 Mother —: rich source
 - 45 Not in the house
 - 46 Drive away (birds)
 - 48 Rigorous
 - 50 Overly decorated
- 51 "Full steam —!"
 - 52 Insect stage
 - 53 Prickly plant
 - 54 Filleted
 - 55 Uses a dishcloth
 - 56 Actress Maureen —
 - 57 Unlike a rolling stone
 - 59 Waiter's burden
 - 60 Masculine
 - 65 Fleur-de- —



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CORRECTIONS:

In the Feb. 12 edition of the Pioneer, it was incorrectly reported that a Pharmacy class offered on campus is a 32-week program. The class is a 32-hour program.

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