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Ciara Cegura, first-year medical assistant major, checks out a college T-shirt in the OCCC bookstore, located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Regents give green light to building plans

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In a unanimous vote Aug. 16, the OCCC Board of Regents approved the design plans for the construction of the new John Massey Center.

This included an estimated budget of between \$2.1 and \$2.3 million to construct a building of about 18,000 square feet.

President Paul Sechrist said the budget for building the new center was directly correlated to the final sale price of the original building, located near the intersection of SW 119 Street and May Avenue.

"OCCC sold the building for \$2.6 million," Sechrist said. "These funds are being held by the college for the sole purpose of using the funds to build the new John Massey Center."

Sechrist said it was important to ensure that proceeds from the sale would be sufficient to cover the costs of a replacement building.

Regent James White said employees now working at the John Massey Center, which currently houses

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STUDENT QUESTIONED CLASSROOM TEACHING METHODS

Biology professor chooses not to return

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A controversial part-time biology professor will not return to OCCC this fall semester. Michael Talkington has announced his decision not to continue teaching biology at the college, Media Relations Coordinator Cordell Jordan said.

Talkington had been an adjunct professor at the college for 17 years.

This decision was made after an issue that arose during the spring semester when one of Talkington's students wrote comments on his website complaining that the professor spent a lot of time in class talking about creationism, while spending very little time covering evolutionary concepts.

Creationism is a doctrine that contends that matter and all things were created by an omnipotent creator, whereas evolu-

tion stipulates that life forms evolved or developed over time, a theory accepted by most biologists.

Student Bryan Jaden Walker complained about the professor's views on evolution versus the belief of creationism on his blog at jadeneternal.wordpress.com.

In his blog Walker described the structure and content of Talkington's

“He glossed over the scientific explanation very quickly, then explained creationism for about five minutes.”

—BRYAN JADEN WALKER
OCCC STUDENT

lecture. Throughout the blog, Walker expressed his dismay with the topics that were discussed.

Walker wrote that Talkington brushed over the topic of evolution in favor of the theory of creationism when discussing the origins of life.

“... He glossed over the scientific explanation very quickly, then explained creationism for about five minutes,” Walker wrote.

Walker also wrote that

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Community colleges offer many benefits to students

More than a degree at OCCC

Whether the classes you attend this week are the first of your college career or the last few hours needed to complete your degree, attending a community college is an excellent first step in your journey to higher education.

For students who have recently graduated from high school or those who are returning to school after several years, community colleges offer a smooth transitory stage.



WHITNEY KNIGHT

Classes at OCCC usually range from 20 to 30 students per instructor. They provide a comfortable environment and plenty of opportunities for one-on-one interaction with professors.

Conversely, freshman classes at schools such as the University of Oklahoma often house hundreds of students in an auditorium-like classroom.

The sheer multitude of students makes building

a relationship with instructors difficult at best. The ability to commute back and forth is another alluring aspect of community college. For recent high school graduates, it provides familiarity.

For others, who may have full-time jobs and families at home, it provides some much-needed flexibility. In addition, two-year college tuition is a source of major savings for students.

A 15-hour fall semester at OCCC costs about \$1,429. The same schedule at OU would cost more than double: \$3,741. Despite so many advantages, community colleges are often viewed as nothing more than a quick, cheap way to get basic courses such as English, mathematics and science out of the way before transferring to a four-year school.

However, the value of an associate degree should not be underestimated. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, some of the fastest-growing occupations — such as computer specialists, dental hygienists, flight attendants, broadcast technicians and physical therapist assistants — require only an associate degree. Many of these jobs offer an annual pay of at least \$60,000.



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Holding an associate degree also makes for a smoother transition if you do decide to transfer to a four-year school. Whether you've come to OCCC to obtain a degree, save money, sharpen your skills or simply get your basics and get out, the fact remains that you have made a life-altering decision.

Study hard, attend your classes, manage your time wisely and always keep your goals in sight. Before you know it, success will be yours.

YOUR VOICE | Take time to talk to those who know

Lazy reporters get facts wrong, says OCCC librarian

To the editor:

As a former journalist, I'm always pleased to see the Pioneer's young reporters exploring the pros and cons of various issues relevant to OCCC students.

However, I cannot abide the final product reeking of lazy journalism.

The opinion page in [the July 26 issue of the] Pioneer addresses an interesting question: should the campus li-

brary be open to the public?

Having served as a librarian for years, I definitely have an opinion on that question.

My opinion is of little importance here though; it is the lack of due diligence on the part of both writers that troubles me.

Whitney Knight states "Every week, it seems at least one library patron, including a registered sex offender last month, is escorted off campus for

viewing inappropriate content on the computers."

Every week? I'd like to see supporting documentation for that statement.

While violations of the Acceptable Use Policy ebb and flow throughout the year, reports of violations have dropped drastically since the implementation of the login system in January.

I'm skeptical that they approach the level re-

ported by Knight.

It is also worth noting that not all violations of the Acceptable Use Policy are committed by visitors; a number of students have been charged with violating the student conduct code for misusing Library computers.

In his rebuttal, Jeremy Cloud states, "The college could also implement the Metropolitan System's computer sign-up software, which limits users to a single hour if others

are waiting."

The OCCC Library did implement such a system in January. The plans for this system were reported in the Dec. 7, 2009, issue of the Pioneer.

Surely Cloud could have searched the Pioneer archives and discovered this information prior to publication?

If not, Cloud could have contacted a librarian who would have been happy to discuss the system with him.

Neither I nor my colleagues were contacted by either writer.

Knight and Cloud, I appreciate your attempt to address a topic of interest to the campus community. However you will be taken much more seriously as journalists if your supporting evidence and solutions are valid.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | New group sure to entertain no matter what genre you prefer

'Broken Bells' will inspire listeners

An album that will have you dancing and thinking at the same time is Broken Bells' self-titled debut. It's catchy hooks and thought-provoking lyrics can liven up any party.

Broken Bells is the duo of hit-making producer Danger Mouse (Brian Burton) and Shins front man James Burton.

Danger Mouse had recently been half of the band Gnarls Barkley while Mercer had received much acclaim for his band The Shins.

The duo has been recording together for less than a year but has already received praise from Rolling Stone and Spin.

The two had previ-



ously collaborated on "Insane Lullaby" which was released on 2009's "Dark Night of the Soul." The two began recording in Burton's Los Angeles based studio later that year.

The album is a collection of very different songs that span many different genres yet fit together seamlessly. The album themes shift from

moody to funky but at no time does the album feel contrived or cliché.

The album's first single, "The High Road," is a unique look at modern society. In it Mercer laments that "the high road is hard to find." Mercer's voice is similar to Pink Floyd's Roger Waters and also has a psychedelic feel to it.

On "The Ghost Inside"

Mercer and Burton get funky, and give the listener an edgy and catchy gem complete with an infectious piano-driven intro.

The song "October" also is a standout. The track opens with a soft acoustic guitar paired with a piano that give way to a dream-like song reminiscent of "Sgt. Pepper's" era Beatles.

"Broken Bells" is an album that blurs the line between genres. It is broad in scope yet feels accessible. Put this album on at your next get-together and you're sure to have someone ask: "Who is this?"

Rating: A

—CHRISTIAN KOSTED
STAFF WRITER

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The fall semester signals the beginning of a new academic year. To those returning students, welcome back. To our new students, let me be one of the first to welcome you to OCCC.

Your choice to further your education and earn a college degree is one of the most powerful and life-changing decisions you will ever make. A college degree has never been as important for your financial security as it is today.

The average income of a college graduate is now projected to be 84 percent higher than those without a college degree. Good jobs that require only a high school diploma are dwindling, while job opportunities that require an associate degree or higher continue to increase.

While future jobs and potential income are very important, there are other non-tangible benefits. College is also about stimulating your mind, expanding your intellectual capacity, and learning more about yourself and the world. Simply put — college will make you a smarter and better-informed person.

Whether you are here to eventually transfer to another college, get the education to begin a new career, or just to learn something new, the faculty and staff at OCCC are dedicated to provide you with the support and education necessary to see your dream of a college education come true.

On behalf of everyone here, welcome and have a great fall semester at OCCC.

—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

FILM REVIEW | Film connects older times with a more modern society

Old film still teaches social values

The favorite 1971 Stanley Kubrick film, "A Clockwork Orange" still teaches ideas of social and political life which continue to be relevant in modern society.

This film was originally a novel by Anthony Burgess, and was made into a screen play by Kubrick, who at the time was working on the film "2001: A Space Odyssey," and became inspired to create another science fiction classic.

When the film was originally released it was X-rated, but after the cut of a vulgar sex scene, the movie is now R-rated.

It runs approximately 136 minutes and not one second drags or lacks.

Kubrick had seen a previous performance

by Malcolm McDowell in the movie "The Rebel" and decided for "A Clockwork Orange" to reach its vast potential. McDowell should play the lead character Alex.

McDowell brings conviction and a strange haunting quality to the film, as he portrays a sinister villain and murderer who has been transformed into a defenseless man by medical experiments and then reverted back into a psychopathic drug-loving thug.

This science fiction film describes what a future world could mold itself into.

Aside from neon hair colors and public sex raids, Kubrick is fairly accurate from his 1971 perspective.

The theme of the movie shows that man has to make the choice of what he makes of himself and that if iniquity is chosen, it becomes a fatal yet alluring disease.

When released, "A Clockwork Orange" awed audiences through its ability to show the disgust and angst in life.

It reveals how the government system operates behind closed doors and portrays people as they truly are by illustrating what everyone thinks, but dares not say.

Cinematography of this piece projects radiant scenes, whether it is a shot of nature or a set stage like that of the psychedelic "Milk Bar."

Kubrick uses balance and wide expanded views

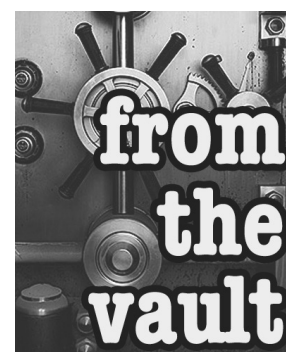
to make the viewer see and undergo the same emotions as the characters.

Yet, the power lay within the score of the movie and each captivating shot is accompanied by the sounds of classical music such as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Though Kubrick died in 1999, this movie continues to breathe life into the decaying film industry because of the progressive thoughts and concepts it offers.

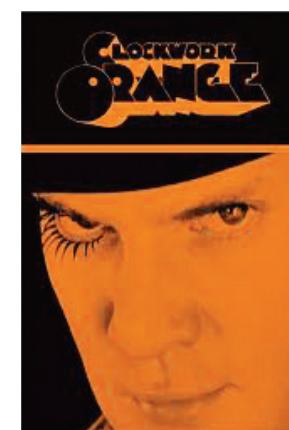
"A Clockwork Orange" blazed the trails and raised the questions that made possible films directed by Peter Jackson, Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and Christopher Nolan.

Not only is "A Clock-



"A Clockwork Orange" a classic, it is a revolution for those who dare venture into its madness.

This film will breed thoughts and develop ideas foreign to the view-



er. To not watch this film is insanity.

Rating: A

—BONNIE CAMPO
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ASHBEY BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO JOB

Acting dean takes permanent position

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Tom Ashby has been named permanent dean of the Division of Information Technology after serving 20 months as acting dean in the same position.

Ashby said he welcomes the challenge of his job.

"The IT field is constantly changing and that's one of the reasons I got into it," he said.

"Almost everything has changed since I got into this field."

The college has made a commitment to stay current with technology, Ashby said.

He said OCCC students will be using the same technology at school that they will see in the workforce.

"It's one of the things I've been most proud of in my tenure," Ashby said.

In addition, he said, IT is one of the strongest and

fastest-growing industries in the United States.

"Demand for IT graduates is stronger than ever," Ashby said.

"(The) industry needs even more graduates than we can provide."

One of the newest IT divisions is cyber security, he said.

"The computer is a powerful tool, one that people can misuse," Ashby said.

"People need to protect themselves, so cyber security is a field that is growing very fast."

He said cyber security concerns can vary.

"(Everyone) should be aware of everyday threats such as viruses and phishing," Ashby said.

Viruses are illegal, unauthorized programs that interfere

with the operation of a computer.

Ashby said phishing is a practice of using fraudulent e-mails to extract financial data from computer users for purposes of identity theft.

However, he said, cyber security graduates face greater challenges, such as protecting corporate infrastructure.

He said a common problem among IT students is thinking because they've used computers their whole lives to word process and surf the Internet, they think they know everything.

"Students are surprised by the amount of effort required in even an introductory level computer course," he said.

In his spare time, Ashby



Tom Ashby

said, he enjoys photography, books, and traveling with his family.

He said his photography work was featured in the student and faculty art show when the Visual and Performing Arts Center opened in 2008.

"The IT field is constantly changing and that's one of the reasons I got into it. Almost everything has changed since I got into the field."

—TOM ASHBY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEAN

MineOnline essential tool for new, returning students

Website offers helpful services

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Students wanting to enroll in or drop classes, check the status of their financial aid, or simply take a look at their schedule only need to log in to MineOnline, said Jill Robertson, Academic Advising peer adviser.

Robertson said MineOnline is an online directory that allows students access to their account information.

"A lot of people don't know about [MineOnline] until they meet with an academic adviser," she said.

MineOnline offers a variety of options, including being able

to add and drop classes, look at transcripts, check grades, look at financial statements or even pay tuition and fees, Robertson said.

She said students who need help with MineOnline can stop by the Academic Advising office, located on the first floor of the Main Building across from Registration, and speak to a peer adviser who can instruct them on the basics.

"Every new student that we see, we show them how to use MineOnline," Robertson said.

Once students have been admitted to OCCC, she said, they are able to immediately start using the services.

Students may access MineOnline by visiting mineonline.occc.edu.

In addition, she said, the program is also linked on the



www.mineonline.com

college homepage at www.occc.edu.

Robertson said students will then select "current students" and log in using their first name, followed by a period, their middle initial followed by a period, and last name.

The password is the last six digits of their social security

number, she said.

Once students are able to log in, Robertson said, they have an option to change their password by altering the preferences in their student e-mail.

After logging in, students will be presented with a menu of options, including academic profiles and class registration.

She said MineOnline is a great tool for accessing class schedules and transcripts.

"You can always look at your grade point average and that comes in handy."

If a student needs help with MineOnline, she said, students can either stop by or call the Academic Advising office during business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, contact the Academic Advising office at 405-682-7535 or visit www.occc.edu/ACS.

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Let your student voice be heard!

Do you have news you'd like to share? Maybe you know of an OCCC student worthy of a mention. If so, contact Jennifer at editor@occc.edu or 405-682-1611, ext. 7675.

DETAINED PATRON HAD OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANT

Library visitor detained for allegedly viewing child porn

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A Chickasha man with an outstanding arrest warrant was recently detained in the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library for allegedly viewing child pornography on the computers, according to a report filed by Safety and Security Officer Tim Densmore.

Densmore reported that he and Officer Tanya Vroenen made contact with the individual and directed him to the south side of the lobby, where he identified himself as David Ray Stingley, 34.

After checking Stingley's name for outstanding warrants, Densmore said, he

determined Stingley had an outstanding warrant from Grady County. As a result, an Oklahoma City Police Department officer was dispatched to campus to pick him up.

Densmore said he and Vroenen were dispatched to the library at approximately 12:28 p.m. July 21 after Safety and Security received a call regarding computer misuse.

Upon arriving at the library, he said, he and Vroenen spoke with Jennifer Wood, Technical Services assistant.

According to the crime report, Wood told Densmore and Vroenen there was an individual at a computer viewing pornography and taking pictures with his cell phone.

"Upon arrival in the library,

I asked Mr. Stingley for his ID which he provided," he said. "I (asked) Mr. Stingley if he knew why I wanted to speak with him and he first stated no."

After Densmore informed Stingley that library employees have remote access to the library computers, Stingley admitted he had been looking at pornography and "taking pictures of grown-up girls" with his cell phone camera.

Densmore then asked Stingley what type of porn he had been viewing, to which Stingley replied he had been looking at children, according to the crime report.

Vroenen was able to deter-

mine that Stingley initially logged into the computer at 10:20 a.m. and logged off at 11:50 a.m., according to the report.

Seven minutes later, she said, Stingley logged back onto the computer, where he remained until she and Densmore arrived at the library.

Vroenen said multiple porn sites had been viewed during Stingley's time on the computer.

Densmore reported he placed Stingley in handcuffs and patted the outside of his clothes to check for weapons while waiting for Oklahoma City Police Sgt. Matthew

Mauldin to arrive.

Upon being informed of the content Stingley had allegedly been viewing, the crime report stated, Mauldin requested special investigator Rob Kemment come to the college.

When Kemment arrived, Densmore said, he reviewed the computer history and determined Stingley would be arrested for the outstanding warrant, in addition to disorderly conduct and outraging public decency.

Stingley was also issued a leave notice barring him from returning to any OCCC property within six months, according to the report.

Brown Bag luncheons see attendance spike

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More students are attending OCCC's Brown Bag series, said Katie Treadwell, Student Life programs coordinator.

"Attendance for the Brown Bag specials (grows) with each seminar," Treadwell said.

Brown Bags are a series of lunchtime learning sessions hosted by Student Life.

During Brown Bag lectures, which are free and last about half an hour, Treadwell and other speakers address different topics, such as study skills and financial issues.

"Many professors offer extra credit to students (who attend) these seminars," she said.

This semester's Brown Bag series includes:

- **Aug. 31** — Safety and Security — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Sept. 8** — Goal Setting — noon, CU1
- **Sept. 14** — Study Skills — 12:30 p.m., CU1

- **Sept. 22** — Test Taking — noon, CU1
- **Sept. 28** — Gambling Awareness — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Oct. 7** — Enrollment Basics — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Oct. 12** — Warning Signs — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Oct. 13** — Relationship Violence — noon, CU1
- **Oct. 19** — Research Papers — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Oct. 26** — Transfer Basics — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Nov. 2** — Nutrition — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Nov. 3** — Fitness and Exercise — noon, CU1
- **Nov. 9** — Library Skills — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Nov. 16** — Understanding Diversity — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Nov. 23** — Public Speaking — 12:30 p.m., CU1
- **Dec. 12** — Finals Prep — noon, CU1

For more information about the Brown Bag series, contact Treadwell at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or visit www.occc.edu/StudentLife.

Fall 2010 "Employment & Career Power Workshops"

Location:

(Main Building-1st Floor, Room 1G7)

Wednesdays

12:30-1:00PM

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| Sept. 01 | Applying for JOBS on-campus |
| Sept. 08 | Developing a professional resume |
| Sept. 15 | Developing a cover letter |
| Sept. 22 | Choosing a career & college major |
| Sept. 29 | Job Fair success strategies |
| Oct. 13 | Interviewing techniques/resources |
| Nov. 03 | Professional dress for interviewing |
| Nov. 10 | Job Board registration & search |
| Dec. 01 | Internships & Career Entry |

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Students can face fines for parking infractions

Decals, speeding among campus parking regulations

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From registering your vehicle to parking in proper spaces, OCCC has several parking regulations students should follow, said Registrar Alan Stringfellow.

Tanya Vroenen, Safety and Security officer, said students who fail to obey the following rules could face fines of up to \$100:

- All vehicles that will regularly be parked on campus must be registered. Free parking decals can be obtained from the Records and Graduation Services front counter. If students don't have a decal on their vehicles on the first day of classes, they could be fined \$5. If the decals aren't affixed properly, students could be fined \$3.
- Drivers also are required to park in designated areas. Students, faculty and employees, disabled drivers, and visitors all have a designated place to park, according to Safety and Security's website. Student parking spaces are identified

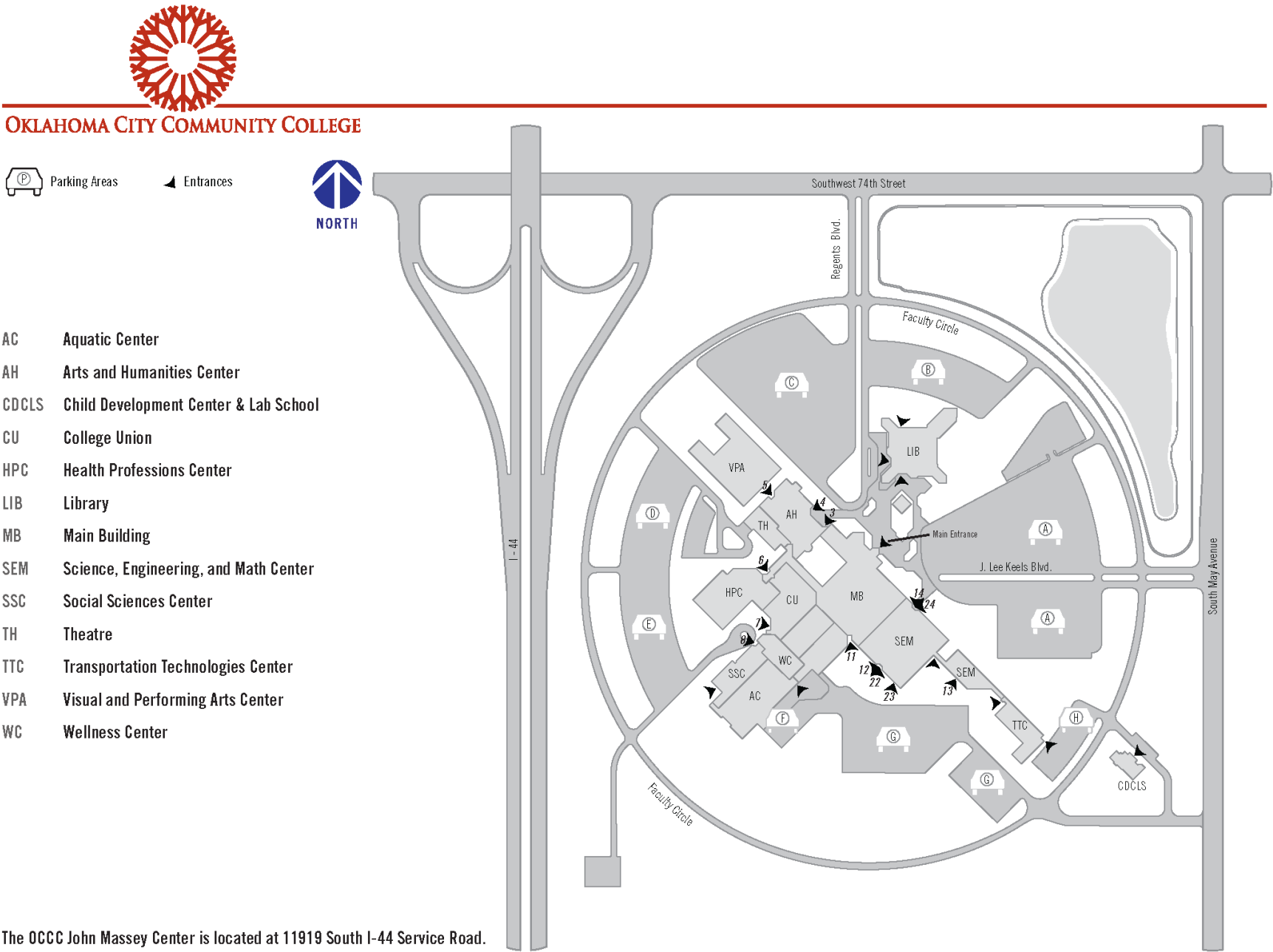
by yellow parallel lines. Faculty and employee parking spaces are identified by blue parallel lines and lettering that states faculty and employee parking, according to OCCC's Traffic and Parking Brochure. Handicapped parking spaces are marked with the customary sign as prescribed by law, according to Safety and Security's website.

Students who park in faculty or employee parking spaces may be fined \$15. A fine of \$100 will be imposed on students who park in a handicapped spot or in a fire lane. They also may face fines from Oklahoma City.

- Students must also drive with caution while on campus. Violations for failure to stop at a stop sign, going the wrong way down a one-way street and reckless driving carry \$25 fines. Similar fines can be imposed for not yielding for pedestrians and speeding. In addition to fines charged by OCCC, students may be required to pay fines to the city if they are in violation of any federal, state, or local laws and ordinances, according to the Safety and Security website.
- For more information, contact Records and Graduation Services at 405-682-7512.
- In addition, students can

contact Safety and Security at 405-682-1611, ext. 7691, for more information about parking violations, fines, vehicle assistance, and temporary decals.

If you get a fine...
Fines may be paid in the Bursar's Office. When a fine is paid, a receipt will be issued and the Safety and Security Department notified. Once all fines have been paid, all restrictions on the person will be removed.



All OCCC parking lots are patrolled 24 hours a day by campus Safety and Security. Unregistered vehicles, those with an improperly-placed decal, those illegally parked within faculty or employee parking spaces, or those illegally parked within handicapped spaces or fire lanes may receive fines of up to \$100. In addition, drivers caught driving recklessly, speeding, failing to stop at stop sign, going the wrong way on a one-way street or failing to yield to pedestrians may also yield fines.

Students should ask for help navigating OCCC

Shown are maps to all three floors of the Main Building which includes the SEM Center, Health Professions Center, and Arts and Humanities, and a map of the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

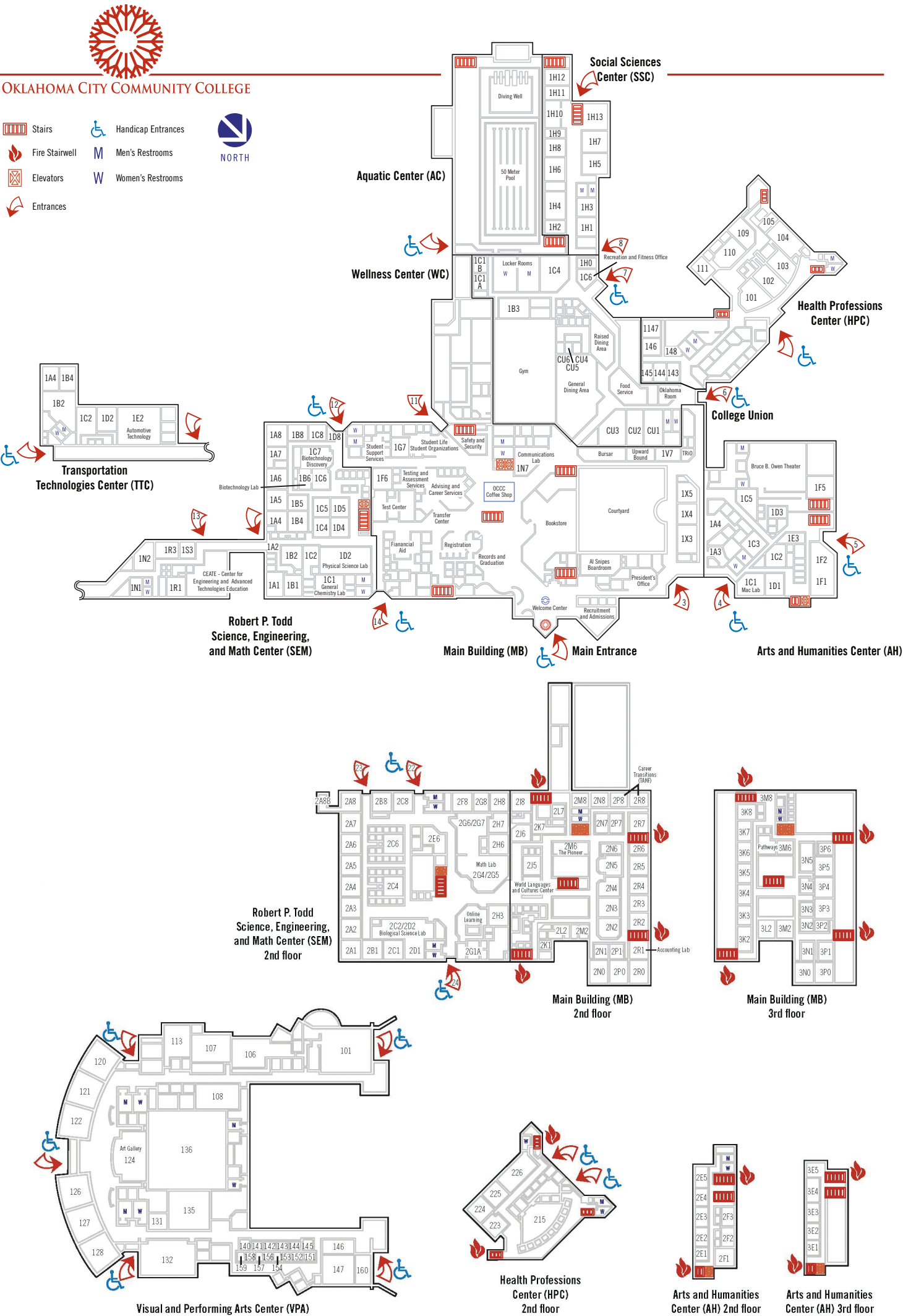
Many of OCCC’s labs and classrooms, as well as the Bookstore and College Union, are located in the Main Building.

More classrooms and labs are found in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, in addition to faculty offices and a state-of-the-art film studio.

For the fall semester, the Main Building and Visual and Performing Arts Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Campus is closed Sundays.

College workers will be on hand throughout the first week of classes to help students navigate campus.

In addition, students are encouraged to ask any college employee for directions if they have difficulty navigating any of the buildings.



Keith Leftwich Memorial Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday:
7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

Visit the Pioneer Online for additional campus maps, as well as exclusive news, interactive features, polls and more.

SPORTS



Going Strong

OCCC student Alex Savage goes to the rim for an easy lay-up Aug. 16.

Students and members of the Wellness Center can use the courts in the gym for basketball or volleyball.

League games are played in the gym as well as students using it to pass the time between classes.

Eric Watson, Sports and Recreation specialist, said registration for five different intramural leagues will open Aug. 23.

Students have a choice between eight-on-eight flag football, six-on-six volleyball, three-on-three basketball, a table tennis tournament, and a bowling tournament, Watson said.

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INTRAMURALS | Flag football and three-on-three basketball among many sports offered at OCCC

Fall intramurals to begin Aug. 23

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With the start of the new school year comes the beginning of the fall sports schedule at OCCC.

Students will have a chance to compete in numerous intramural sports this fall semester to take a break from the grind of class and the monotony of studying, said Eric Watson, Sports and Recreation specialist.

Registration for the five different intramural leagues will open Aug. 23.

Students have a choice between eight-on-eight flag football, six-on-six volleyball, three-on-three basketball, a table tennis tournament, and a bowling tournament, Watson said.

Registrations will stay open for all activities all semester long. This means teams will be allowed to join a particular league at any point during the season, Watson said.

Participants can register at the OCCC

Wellness Center desk, the Recreation and Fitness main office, or online at www.occc.edu/rf/intramural.

He said students may register as a team or individually. Those who do register as individuals will be assigned a team before the start of intramural play, Watson said.

OCCC intramurals are available to all students, faculty, and staff at the college. Participation in intramural activities is free, although off-campus activities may cost a nominal fee, Watson said.

Off-campus activities are to-be-determined and will be announced prior to events.

Students must show their OCCC student ID to register and compete in intramural activities, Watson said.

Team captains and members are expected to attend all scheduled team and captain meetings that are posted throughout the season, he said.

Along with five sports leagues to choose from, members from the various teams will be entered into an additional

competition at semester's end.

The Team Championship Challenge will be a points-based system to determine an overall champion out of the many intramurals offered this semester, Watson said.

Points will be based off of team success and sportsmanship. Referees and other faculty will award points to teams and players throughout the intramural sports season.

"This is just another way to encourage good sportsmanship and maybe another incentive for players and teams to perform well," Watson said.

Also available to students and Wellness Center members is a Group Fitness Pass that allows access to all group fitness classes for a \$50 fee per semester.

Students who purchase a pass between Aug. 23 and 27 will get a 10 percent discount, lowering the price to \$45, and a recreation and fitness sports backpack, Watson said.

For more information, call Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Sept. 1:** Flag football captain and team Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 1:** Table tennis captain and team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 8:** Volleyball captain and team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 8:** Basketball captain and team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 15:** Bowling captain and team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 29:** Team Championship Challenge captain and team meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the OCCC gym. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Sept. 10-Oct. 22:** Flag football games every Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **Oct. 1-Nov. 5:** Bowling competitions every Friday at 8 p.m. at AMF Moore Bowling Lanes. For more information, contact Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness specialist at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Massey: John Massey Center employees excited about move

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Human Resources, Finance, and Planning and Research departments, are expected to be in their new facility by November 2011.

Sechrist is enthusiastic about the move.

"Having the John Massey Center on the main campus provides a greater level of convenience for our employees when working with our staff in the human resources and finance departments," he said.

Denise Stewart, executive assistant to Gary Lombard, vice president of Human Resources, said she can't wait for the move to happen.

"I think it is great," Stewart said. "It is beneficial to everyone. It will be helpful to our employees and applicants."

Lori Johnson, payroll representative, said she looks forward to being able to put a face with a name by having more face-to-face contact with college employees.

"As it is now, we get to help others mostly by phone or e-mail," Johnson said.

Johnson said by being more centrally located, she also would be able to be more engaged on campus in general.

"We will also get to be more

involved in the many activities that the college has to offer, such as getting to meet Rumble (the OKC Thunder mascot who made a visit to campus earlier this year)," Johnson said.

Brenda Carpenter, assistant director of Finance, in an e-mail message, said she will like the convenience of being closer to campus. She said although the current facility is beautiful, she is not so fond of the wildlife nearby.

"I can tell you one thing I won't miss about our current location — the turtle-infested pond and the snakes that live in our bushes," Carpenter said.

"They are known to [lie] outside our back door and when you open the door they scare you to death."

Carpenter said she is excited about seeing the finished product.

"My only concern about the new building is that I have no idea what the Finance Department's offices are going to look like," Carpenter said. "The suspense is killing me."

Regents saw a digital rendering of the facility at the meeting. It will be located in the far southeast part of the campus across from the Child Development Center.

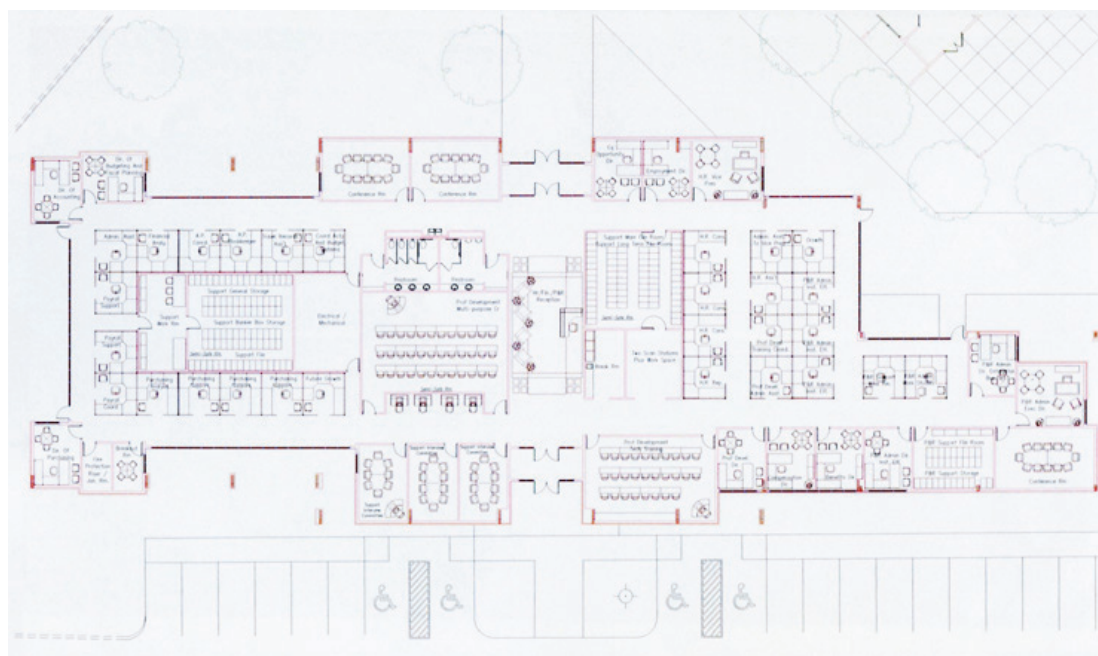
In addition, there is a plan

to include a sidewalk that will connect the John Massey Center with the main campus buildings.

On Aug. 16, the OCCC Board of Regents approved the design plans for the construction of the new John Massey Center.

"Moving forward, consistent with our Master Campus Plan, we want to use our outdoor space to its fullest potential," Sechrist said. "Having tree-

lined walkways will add to the attractiveness of the campus, but also be functional as our students and guests walk to and from the parking lots."



Renderings show the plans for the new John Massey Center, approved by the OCCC Regents. President Paul Sechrist said it will cost between \$2.1 and \$2.3 million.

Resign: Professor found to be following course syllabus

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Talkington insinuated that the accepted scientific explanation is wrong and that creationism is correct.

"An hour into the five hour class, I had to leave because I was completely disgusted with what my teacher was saying," Walker wrote.

Walker said he has no problems with Talkington personally but that this was a matter of fact versus opinion in the classroom.

"I'm interested in learning more about science, and less about religious opinions," he said.

"I don't mind a religious opinion presented as such, but don't appreciate when it's given as though it's fact, and the proven scientific angle is thrown out the window and not discussed at any length."

Jordan said after Walker filed his complaints to OCCC directly, college administrators conducted an informal investigation.

The subject of the investigation was to determine whether Talkington abided by the course syllabus.

Throughout, Talkington has maintained he did follow the course syllabus, Jordan said.

He said the informal in-

vestigation reached the same conclusion.

"The Division of Science and Math questioned the adjunct professor as to what he was teaching," Jordan said.

"He was reminded he needed to follow the syllabus and the informal investigation determined it was being followed."

Jordan also said it is possible that Talkington would return at a later time to OCCC, although there is no indication as of yet that he will do so.

Talkington could not be reached for comment regarding this story.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist provided an e-mail state-

ment for the Pioneer.

"OCCC strives to offer the highest quality of education in every class ...

"We do take students' concerns seriously, provide the level of investigation that is appropriate, and take action if any is warranted," Sechrist wrote.

OCCC student Jason Bass, who did not take Talkington's

biology class, thinks it's best that Talkington not return as a professor at the college.

"Biology class is a science course and should be taught as such," Bass said.

"Religious teachings have no place in a science classroom and any professor who disregards scientific understanding shouldn't be allowed to teach a science course."

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY



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Angela Cotner, English professor, gives Trudy Hilt, nursing major, directions to her classes for the fall semester. Cotner said she is a new full-time professor at OCCC.

STUDENT LIFE | OCCC has more than 40 campus clubs

Students urged to get involved

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More than 20 campus clubs are expected to participate in OCCC's annual Student Clubs and Organizations Fair, held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2 in the College Union, said Katie Treadwell, Student Life programs coordinator.

At the beginning of every fall and spring semester, Treadwell said, a fair is held to show students the many clubs OCCC has to offer.

Darin Behara, Student Life director, said students should know the many benefits of joining a club and getting involved on campus.

One of the biggest benefits, Behara said, is

better grades.

"Statistically, students who get involved at OCCC have higher GPAs and tend to graduate and be more successful than students who just come and go to class," he said.

Behara said, due to today's technology, students whose schedules may interfere with club meetings and events can still be active members without attending a single meeting.

He said the Student Life website utilizes Campus Groups, a special website that allows students to join clubs. The website also allows club members to chat, view photographs, display event calendars, make announcements and more.

Students can access the site by visiting www.occc.edu/StudentLife.

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OCCC has more than 40 clubs to choose from, Behara said.

Some students still may be unable to find a club that suits their interests.

"If you cannot find a club that interests you, feel free to put in a request to start a new one," he said.

"That's how so many of the great clubs started here."

Other than joining a club, Behara said, there are many other ways to get involved on campus, such as working part-time, interning, volunteering or helping in a lab.

"All of it will look great on a résumé," he said.

Behara said he hopes all students will stop by this year's Student Clubs and Organizations Fair.

"Come see what we have to offer," he said.

"You won't be disappointed, I promise."

For more information about Student Life, campus clubs and organizations or the Student Clubs and Organizations Fair, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523, or visit www.occc.edu/StudentLife.

Theater auditions:

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, and Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the Bruce Owen Theater.

- "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Becket

- "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare

Please prepare a one-minute Shakespearean monolog or sonnet. For more info, contact Brent Noel at Bnoel@occc.edu

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Breakfast

From 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, OCCC welcomes former and new students for the first day of class with a free breakfast sponsored by Student Life in the General Dining Area, first floor of the Main Building.

Taco Tuesday

Join Student Life for free tacos and information about upcoming events in the Student Union foyer on the first floor of the Main Building noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24.

TRIO ice cream social

Enjoy tasty ice cream from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, in the College Union foyer, first floor of the Main Building.

Free airbrush tattoos

Choose your favorite tattoo design to be temporarily airbrushed onto your skin. Student Life will sponsor this event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the College Union foyer, first floor of the Main Building.

Deal or No Deal

Come enjoy Student Life's re-creation of the popular television game show Deal or No Deal from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the General Dining Area, first floor of the Main Building. Students could win up to \$100 to spend in the college bookstore.

OKC Redhawks tickets offered

Stop by the Student Life office to buy tickets to the OKC Redhawks vs. the Omaha Royals baseball game at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Bricktown Ballpark. Tickets go on sale 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27, and continue while supplies last. Student tickets are \$3 each, while faculty and staff tickets are \$7 each. Only students may purchase tickets on the first day of the sale. A maximum of five tickets may be purchased with a valid OCCC ID. Call the Student Life office with questions at 405-682-7523.

Student Life Open House

Drop by the Student Life office located on the first floor of the Main Building just inside Entry 11 to meet the staff and volunteers, and learn about the organizations, programs, and workshops they offer. Workers will answer questions and serve popcorn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug 27 in Student Life.

Spirit Day

Show your school pride by wearing OCCC clothing Friday, Aug. 27.

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

Highlights can be e-mailed to the Community reporter at staffwriter1@occc.edu or brought to the Pioneer office, located in our new location 1F2 on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities Building, inside Entry 2.

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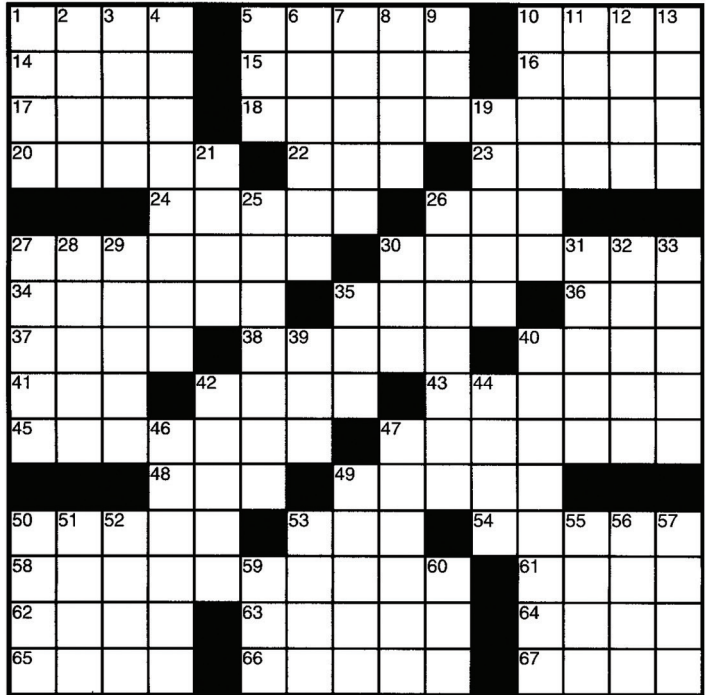
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Incoming student editor dies in car wreck

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OCCC student Ethan Wayne Hendricks, 19, of Mustang, died about 2:10 a.m. Aug. 8, in a head-on collision on State Highway 74B southeast of Blanchard in McClain County, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported.

Hendricks was a sophomore majoring in journalism.

He served as senior writer for the Pioneer and would have become editor

at the beginning of the fall semester.

Rachel Newell, premed major, said she saw Hendricks almost every day when she and her friends chatted with him in the campus Coffee Shop.

"It was 'the table,' where our group of friends sat, laughed and talked," Newell said.

Because the Pioneer office was located right above the Coffee Shop at the time, she said, Hendricks would often send her lighthearted text messages in which he warned he was watching her from above.

She said she will miss how easily Hendricks affected the people he was around.

"He could always brighten your day," Newell said.

"He was always so happy. He was one of the best friends I've ever had. I love that kid."

Another student, Leasle Crawford, said she also remembers free time spent with Hendricks at the Coffee Shop.

"I miss him," Crawford said. "He always had a smile on his face, laughing and talking about random things."

"He was a wonderful young man," she said. "I was lucky to have met him."

Pioneer faculty adviser Sue Hinton said Hendricks' death is a tragedy.

"It's heart-breaking to lose a young person so full of promise," Hinton said.

She too noted that Hendricks was personable and friendly.

"He was also hard-working," Hinton said. "Ethan would stay in the Pioneer office late into the evening to finish a story assignment."

She said Hendricks was curious about happenings on campus and would come back to the office with good story ideas for the Pioneer.

The accident report shows Hendricks was driving east-bound when his 1991 Honda Accord crossed the centerline while topping a hill, striking a 2009 Chevy pickup, causing the truck to overturn and come to rest on its top.

Hendricks died at the scene from massive injuries.

Pickup driver Frank Mayfield, 44, of Blanchard, was treated and released from Norman Regional Hospital.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, the report said, but Hendricks' car was not equipped with airbags.

Hendricks' funeral service was held Aug. 11 at the First

Baptist Church in Mustang. He was buried at Red Hill Cemetery in Mustang.

Survivors include his parents, Wayne and Michelle Hendricks of Mustang; two

brothers, Philip and Elliott; two sisters, Amber and Hannah; fiancée, Birgit Self of Blanchard; paternal grandparents, F.W. "Dub" and B.J. Hendricks of San Antonio,

Texas; and maternal grandparents, Jake Elliott of Houston and Virginia Elliott of San Antonio. Hendricks was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Betty Elliott.



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