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COVERING OCCC SINCE 1978

Conceal carry State Bill 858 being debated

Some senators support guns on campus; college presidents don't

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Adrienne O'Reilly said she never wants to worry about being attacked on campus while attending college in Oklahoma.

The 19-year-old Oklahoma State University graduate student is the Oklahoma Director of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (www.concealedcampus.com), an organization with the goal of passing legislation to allow students to carry concealed weapons on campus. In addition, O'Reilly is working as a lobbyist for Oklahoma Senate Bill 858.

SB 858 would permit the possession of handguns on college campuses in Oklahoma to anyone who has a valid concealed handgun license or who is weapon certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Training.

O'Reilly said the law would permit concealed carry on campus but not inside classrooms. She said 71 college campuses nationwide currently permit citizens to carry concealed weapons.

However, SB 858 has already drawn aggressive opposition from Oklahoma public college and university presidents, including OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

"I do not believe allowing more guns on college and university campuses will make them safer," Sechrist said. "In fact, I believe this could make campuses less safe."

Glen Johnson, Oklahoma State System for Higher Education chancellor, is against the bill as well.

"There is no scenario where allowing concealed weapons on college campuses will do anything other than create a more dangerous environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors," he said in a statement to state college and university leaders.

"A coalition of our 25 college and university presidents, law enforcement officials, students, parents, faculty, and administrators will aggressively oppose any attempts to permit the carrying of concealed weapons on our campuses."

O'Reilly plans to fight just as vehemently in the other direction.

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Forever sealed in wax



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

Nursing major Andrea Migdalski holds freshly-dipped waxed hands made at the paraffin booth provided by Chris Ketcha and Susie Kahler of Hog Wild Entertainment Jan. 27. Migdalski's wax hands were created through a process of alternately dipping her hands in icy water and a paraffin bath, then, a final dye dip after they are removed for a colorful effect. Student Life sponsored the event.

MARK GREENFIELD ALSO INVOLVED IN OCCC.EDU REDESIGN

Web designer shares ideas

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From sharing pictures on Facebook to clashing swords in World of Warcraft, many of today's students are living their lives online.

That's why using social media such as Twitter and YouTube is rapidly becoming vital in the Internet age, said Mark Greenfield, University of Buffalo web service director.

Greenfield, who was hired as part of the Noel-Levitz consulting firm to assist in the redesign of OCCC's website, spoke to a crowd of about 50

“One of the things I've learned is, we think of education holistically but every college or university is different.”

—MARK GREENFIELD

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO WEB SERVICE DIRECTOR

students, faculty and staff members about the importance of social media Jan. 28.

"One of the things I've learned is, we think of higher education holistically but every college or university is different," he said. "What we think is the right social media isn't always right for everyone."

Greenfield said social media is defined as a

space on the Internet where people come to exchange content with their peers.

Although the words 'social media' usually bring to mind sites like Facebook and MySpace, he said, social media also includes video sites like YouTube and online games like Second Life.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | OCCC political scene one-sided

College Republicans need reviving

Oklahoma is the reddest state in the country.

In the 2008 presidential election, Barack Obama lost in every one of Oklahoma's 77 counties, the only state where that happened.



WHITNEY
KNIGHT

Yet here at OCCC, the Republican Party is sadly under-represented.

During last week's Student Organization Fair, the College Republicans club was noticeably absent.

The only political options were the College Democrats and the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature.

On a listing of campus clubs available at www.campus-groups.com, the College Republican organization is not

even listed as active.

Students who are searching online for a club to join will not see a Republican-based club as an option.

For Republicans, this is disheartening.

From day one of college life, joining a student organization is touted as one of the greatest highlights

of the collegiate experience.

How frustrating would it be for a proud Republican to scour OCCC in search of a related club, only to come up empty handed?

As for the Democrats, although the lack of an opponent might seem empowering, it hampers them from reaching their full potential.

After all, what are politics without some good, old-fashioned debates? It's hard to get a balanced discussion going when the other team doesn't show up to bat.

Although many at OCCC are passionate about their politics, many more are undecided in their political affiliation.

For those who come to college to broaden their views, it is difficult to get an equal representation of both political parties.

Worse, the lack of involvement on the Republican side of things might actually put off political newcomers.

When the College Democrats are one of the most active clubs on campus, it is unfortunate that Republicans are so uninvolved.

If opinion-happy college students can't even get a club going, there obviously must not be anything



worth getting passionate about.

Republicans, consider this a call to arms: it's time to get involved.

Your party depends on it.

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
ONLINE EDITOR

YOUR VOICE | Students can get help from OCCC to break habit

Smokers should prepare now for smoke-free campus

To the Editor:

A conversation between two students in the hallway went like this: "Did you see the sign saying the electronic cigarettes won't be allowed on campus after August?"

"Yeah, that is so not fair, and you can't puff on them inside the building. I got mine so I could quit smoking and now I can't.

Thanks OCCC for the cancer."

WHAT???

On the first visit to this campus, no one put a cigarette in your mouth, lit it, then forced you to start smoking. You likely came here with your bad habit already in tow.

Saying a non-smoking edict is responsible for undermining your attempts to quit smoking

is in the same category with those who accuse McDonald's for sabotaging their diet plans.

There are snack machines, a bookstore, coffee shop, and a cafeteria around the college, all with tempting offerings or healthy options. The choices are there for all to make, and for many years, the same was true of smoking on campus.

During the early years of OCCC, students could smoke anywhere on school grounds. When the Surgeon General announced the dangers of secondhand smoke, smoking was barred in public buildings.

A few years ago, Oklahoma state law provided for smoking areas outside buildings, 25 feet away from entrances. OCCC

enacted that rule.

Now, the campus is going smoke free in August. Electronic cigarettes also will not be allowed because the effects are not yet proven to be safe.

The college has information available to help you quit smoking. There are free programs in place for health and wellness.

OCCC wants its students and staff to be suc-

cessful in all they do, but the school cannot force you to be healthy any more than it can cause you to be unhealthy.

Being an adult is more than reaching a certain age. Time to take a look in the mirror and recognize the person that is ultimately responsible for your life.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS | Readers will not have to work to enjoy sci-fi novel

‘Knight’ more than just all right

A compelling blend of horror, fantasy, science fiction and dark humor awaits readers of “A Hard Day’s Knight,” the 11th book in Simon R. Green’s deliciously disturbing “Nightside” series.

Released Jan. 4, 2001, and available at all major book sellers, “A Hard Day’s Knight” continues the adventures of supernatural private eye John Taylor.

Taylor, though in many respects an ordinary individual, has a gift for finding things — anything, whether it wants to be found or not.

The series is set in the eponymous Nightside, a city created to be free of the influences of heaven and hell, which exists in the heart of London, hidden from the outside world.

Nightside is a place where anything can be bought or sold for the right price, a place people go to enjoy the pleasures that would never be accepted in the mundane world.

In this outing, John has come into possession of the legendary weapon Excalibur. Mayhem and insanity ensue as Taylor tries to determine why it came to him and what he’s supposed to do with it.

Newcomers to Green’s work may initially have a hard time with it, as his writing style can seem repetitive.

The series is often self referential, with more and



more of the humor based on running jokes as the series progresses.

The swift plots, though well developed, are often contingent on the characters, especially John, knowing exactly who to talk to and where to go.

Finally, John’s gift frequently acts as deus ex machina, solving in mere moments problems that have been established as impossible obstacles.

It’s not impossible to enjoy this novel without reading the previous books, though.

Green reintroduces his characters in each and every book, and though the characters have well-established personalities and

histories, Green always takes the time to demonstrate and reinforce those personalities.

Though a decent portion of the humor relies on knowledge of the previous books, quite a bit more of it is situational.

So while reading the previous books is heartily recommended, this book can be read as a standalone.

Not for the faint of heart or the easily offended, “A Hard Day’s Knight” is still an amazing read for anyone who enjoys horror and the macabre presented with humor and skill.

Rating: A

—JEREMY CLOUD
SENIOR WRITER

REVIEWS | Video game appeals to all ages

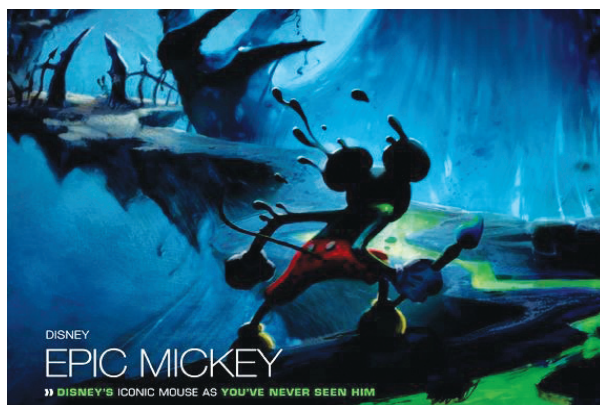
‘Epic Mickey’ conjures up memories

Disney’s Epic Mickey is a ghoulish version of the cartoons we remember from childhood.

The graphics are reminiscent of a combination of Mickey Mouse cartoons and American McGee’s Alice, and the game play is a lot like it as well.

Playing as Mickey Mouse you get the ability to spray paint or paint thinner at objects in game, letting you erase them and leave an outline, or fill in blanks.

This gives you the ability to change the terrain drastically, letting you



create platforms, trap enemies, or melt them with thinner traps.

The combat is tricky as well.

You have two choices in most cases. Douse your enemies in paint to befriend them, or melt

them to nothing with paint thinner. Befriended enemies will fight for you, which is nice.

A lot of the time, you travel from zone to zone in clips from old cartoons, such as Steamboat Willy.

You also get quests, which you can complete in two different ways.

Disney collectors can enjoy this game as well, because there is a lot of stuff that you can get in the way of film reels, pins and sketches.

Overall, the game is a lot more charming than they advertised it to be, which makes it more of a children’s game that requires a bit of intelligence.

This makes the game fun to play whether you are a child or an adult.

I enjoyed Epic Mickey immensely.

JOB & CAREER POWER

Workshops scheduled

Welcome to the spring 2011 semester! The office of Student Employment & Career Services has a number of services and events to assist your success including:

Employment & Career Power Workshops

12:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Main Building, Room 1G7 (Next to Student Life office).

Feb. 9 How to write job application letters.

Feb. 16 - Choosing a college major (DISCOVER/ACT online career guidance program).

Feb. 23 - Being successful at job fairs.

March 9 - Interviewing tips/skills (Optimal Interview online program).

April 27 - College internships (Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce-Greater Grads)

Student JOBS Orientation: Learn how to work on campus, Two Sessions: 11:30 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 22, College Union 2. Presenter, Karen Schmidt, OCCC HR Representative.

Job Fair & Health Job Fair: Wednesday March 2 – College Union.

General Employers: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Health Employers: Noon to 6 p.m. More than 100 employers and open to current students, alumni and community members.

Career Day with Dell: Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, College Union 2 and 3.

Career Day with DISNEY: Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, Oklahoma Room. Learn how to apply for college student internships in Florida and California.

Military Career Fair: 9 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, Greater Dining Area.

Please visit our office for assistance with writing job search résumés and cover letters as well as job applications processes both on-campus and off-campus. We are ready to help with employment and college major and career field guidance as well. Have a great semester and we hope to see you soon.

—DEBRA VAUGHN
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND
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It brings people back to a time when the Disney Channel showed cartoons.

Disney’s “Epic Mickey” by Disney Interactive

is available now for the Nintendo Wii for \$49.99 and is rated E.

Rating: A

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COLLEGE OFFERS HELP FOR SMOKERS

Tobacco free sessions offered to students and faculty

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As OCCC moves toward becoming smoke free Aug. 1, the college is offering behavioral modification information sessions for students and employees.

Freedom From Smoking information sessions will be held on campus, Feb. 14, 15, and 16.

The classes are free to students and faculty, said Erin Logan, Student Relations director.

Logan said she will lead the meetings along with Mary Turner, Learning Support specialist. Both were recently certified to lead the sessions, she said.

"We are not asking the students to quit or change their lifestyle," Logan said. "We just can't have the smoking here."

Logan said the program is meant to be flexible. She

said session times will be scheduled around what is most convenient for the majority of the group, she said.

"If that means I will have to come back at 8 at night, then that's okay," Logan said.

"The goal is to aid in the process with those who are willing to receive help. The program will last seven weeks, and has eight sessions," she said.

Logan said she and Turner will teach student behavior modifications — tracking emotions related with smoking and what it's tied to — so students can better deal with anxiety and apprehension throughout the program. The program also will cover how to deal with those emotions after quitting.

The program is geared toward helping individuals

"We are not asking the students to quit or change their lifestyle. We just can't have the smoking here."

—ERIN LOGAN
STUDENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR

change their lifestyle and maintain a non-smoking life, Logan said.

Logan said she is a former smoker and wishes the program had existed when she quit two years ago.

Penny Hampton, Professional Development director, also is involved with the program. Hampton said she is available for OCCC employees who want to participate.

OCCC recently held a presentation on campus to inform the public about the program, Hampton said. She said another presentation will be held this month.

"Over the first three weeks the participants are just talking about do they want to quit, if they want to quit, why they want to quit, how will it benefit them,"

Hampton said.

Although the program is free, participants will be required to purchase a program book, Hampton said.

She said the book is a vital component, with a detailed step-by-step process individuals will follow throughout the course of this journey.

Hampton is a member of the Tobacco Free Campus Task Force.

Hampton said the TFCTF was developed when the motion was passed to make the OCCC campus tobacco-free.

Members of the TFCTF include at least one student and

other members from all over the college, Hampton said.

"After searching what was available I found a program from the American Lung Association that is well respected and has been offered consistently over a number of years," Hampton said.

She said the behavioral modification program is not about forcing people to stop smoking but to provide options for those wanting help with quitting tobacco products.

Hampton said the idea for the OCCC campus to become tobacco free was first driven by students, who approached President Paul Sechrist and provided information about many other colleges around the nation going tobacco free.

For more information, e-mail Logan at elogan@occc.edu, Turner at mturner@occc.edu or Hampton at phampton@occc.edu.

RENOVATION CREATES MORE SPACE FOR STUDENTS

Nursing program receives three new labs in renovation

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Nursing students now have more space to perfect their craft with last fall's addition of new labs on the OCCC campus.

The renovation of what was formerly classroom space into the more spacious, hands-on labs has benefited nursing students, said Rosemary Klepper, Nursing Program director.

"This has really expanded the opportunity for nursing students to have more lab skills, practice time and teaching," Klepper said.

Klepper said the renovation consists of three nursing labs, each with its own specialized purpose.

- Nursing Lab 1 is designed for simulators that are used for hands-on techniques.

- Nursing Lab 2 consists of arms and models that help students learn how to admin-

ister injections of medicine and insert intravenous tubes.

- Nursing Lab 3 is used for instructional time for basic skills.

"Students have been very appreciative of not having to step over one another for lab skills," Klepper said.

The new facility serves not only OCCC students who are enrolled in the traditional nursing pathway, career ladder pathway and the accelerated pathway, but also to University of Oklahoma students enrolled in the collaborative program.

Some OU nursing students take one year of their nursing training at OCCC as part of a partnership agreement, Klepper said.

Klepper said she expects 380

"This has really expanded the opportunity for nursing students to have more lab skills, practice time and teaching."

—ROSEMARY KLEPPER
NURSING PROGRAM DIRECTOR

students to use the labs this semester. However, she said, the additional space is still not enough.

"[The labs] are still full, but better organized, with better traffic flow and more instruction," she said.

The nursing process courses typically last 16 weeks, Klepper said, but OCCC offers a more accelerated pace of eight weeks for each of the four nursing process classes.

This pathway goes by the acronym BADNAP — Baccalaureate to Associate Degree Nurse Accelerated Pathway.

Only people who have already earned a bachelor's degree and who have completed a list of pre-requisite courses can apply, Klepper said.

"That program is only intended for students willing to live, eat, breathe, sleep and dream nursing for 10 months of their lives," she said.

Those who participate will finish their associate degree in

nursing in 10 months.

The pinning ceremony for graduates from the nursing pathway is in March.

For more information, e-mail Klepper at rklepper@occc.edu.

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PROFESSOR TO PLAY VILLAIN IN MUCH ANTICIPATED PLAY

Upcoming Shakespeare play co-starring professor

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Brent Noel, theater professor, will play a starring role in the upcoming Oklahoma City Theatre Company production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

Noel said he got involved in the production after seeing the auditions posted.

He said it seemed like fun and a good opportunity to get back out in the community and practice his craft.

"I think it's important to

remember what it's like to be an actor," Noel said.

"It is a different point of view. It can be less stressful in some ways, and at the same time more stressful in others."

Noel said he plays Don John, the villain of the piece, on whose manipulations the plot turns.

Noel said he enjoys playing a villain.

"One of the cool things about theater is that you can let those dark demons out occasionally on stage," he said.

"As a villain, you can get away with things on stage that

you couldn't get away with in real life."

"Much Ado" will run at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 through 20 at the Civic Center Music Hall.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, and \$16 for seniors and students.

There is a \$6 added fee for ordering tickets online or over the phone, and a \$2 charge at the box office.

For more information or to order tickets online or by phone go to www.okctc.org, or call 405-812-7737.



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

Theater professor Brent Noel in character as Don John conspires with fellow actor Javon Johnson in his role as Barrachio during rehearsal for "Much Ado About Nothing" Jan. 27. The play will open Feb. 3 at the Civic Center in downtown OKC.

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY TO CO-SPONSOR DISCUSSION PANEL

Oklahoma authors to share experience with students

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OCCC and the Norick Downtown Library are co-sponsoring "A Visit with Oklahoma Authors" 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Norick Downtown Library located at 300 Park Avenue in the 4th Floor Auditorium.

"Students interested in writing, reading or Oklahoma are encouraged to attend," said English professor Bertha Wise

"The discussion is open to everyone and admission is free," Wise said.

"A Visit with Oklahoma Authors" is a panel of three Oklahoma authors who will talk about their experience writing, how Oklahoma influenced their writing, why they write and maybe how they write," Wise said.

"The authors have either lived in Oklahoma for a while or were born here."

Authors attending the panel discussion will be Rilla Askew,

Marcia Preston and Tim Tingle, Wise said.

She said Askew was born in Oklahoma and wrote several novels. A few of her popular novels include "The Mercy Seat", "Fire in Beulah" and "Harpsong."

Wise said Marcia Preston writes mystery stories including "The Butterfly House," "The Piano Man" and "The Wind Comes Sweeping."

Preston was raised in Oklahoma.

Tim Tingle is an Okla-

homa Choctaw storyteller and author, she said. Tingle has written a children's book called "Saltpie" and wrote four books over tribal ghost lore.

"Students or anyone, interested in becoming a writer would benefit from attending the panel discussion and anyone who enjoys reading or learning about Oklahoma would enjoy it," Wise said.

"I encourage students and teachers to attend the discussion panel.

"After the discussion, the

audience will be able to ask the authors questions and it helps to be somewhat familiar with the authors and their writings," Wise said.

"Also, if anyone brings their own book — no books will be sold at the library — the authors will be doing a signing after the discussion and questioning."

To RSVP, call 405-232-3382, or e-mail jbaker@downtown-college.com.

For more information visit www.downtowncollege.com.

STUDENTS TO VISIT SITES LIKE THE COLISEUM

Summer Study Abroad program explores sites of Italy

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Students will have the chance to explore the wonders of Italy this summer through OCCC's Study Abroad program.

The program is set for July 7 through 22. The deadline to apply is Feb. 25, said English professor Pam Stout.

The 16-day program will include activities such as attending a jazz festival, wine tasting, picnics, and visits to

beaches and ancient ruins.

Stout said students will learn how to get around Italy by public transportation, order at restaurants, and also visit cultural sites such as the Coliseum and the Vatican.

Participants also will get to meet students in Italy and experience what college is like there.

Students have the option to go for recreation or earn three credit hours in humanities.

"This is the first time the college has ever attempted this

and it's being offered as both a study abroad and as a course," Stout said.

Stout, who went to Italy last summer, said she thinks this will be a great trip because things will already be organized and there will be a personal guide to show students around.

"Students will have lots of free time to explore on their own but it won't be scary," she said. "There will be an increased confidence that they can go to a foreign country and

function."

The trip also give students the experience of living somewhere else.

"Our students don't get to experience that so much because they don't get to move away from home and live on campus," Stout said. "This will be a little taste of communal living."

Stout said students will return from the trip with more knowledge, a better appreciation for different people and cultural values, plus exposure

to a world that wouldn't easily be able to achieve on their own.

Students are expected to find their own way there as the program price of \$1,200 does not include airfare.

Stout said a couple of scholarships are available that don't completely cover the cost but will significantly offset it.

For more information or to apply, contact Pamela Stout at pstout@occc.edu or Oklahoma Study Abroad Representative, Christian Alyea at christian@oklahomastudyabroad.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ORIGINALLY NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

Former slave founded February as Black History month

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Beginning only as a week-long acknowledgment, Black History Month was initially known as Negro History Week, a tradition started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Woodson, a black man born to former slaves in 1875 on a small farm in New Canton, Va., became known as the father of Black History.

Unable to gain education through normal channels as a child in Virginia, Carter moved to Huntington, West Va., at the age of 20 and graduated from high school only two years later.

In 1907, Woodson received a B.A. degree from the University of Chicago and was the second African-American to graduate from Harvard University in 1912, with a Ph.D. in history according to the website www.nps.gov.

According to NPS, Woodson was discouraged at how little information was available on blacks and their history.

He also was bothered by the incorrectness of the information available.

He founded the Association

for the Study of Negro Life, now called the Association of African American Life and History.

Woodson chose the month of February because it coincided with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Some students have thoughts about the month-long celebration.

"I feel it is bittersweet," said Kim Curtis, Applied Science major. "I see how close we were as a race and how now it seems like we are enemies."

"Where did the closeness in our community go?" Curtis said. "I am glad and feel proud about Black History month but I also feel like we should have more days to reflect on this history — our history," she said.

History major Trey Warren admits he does not know much about the celebration, but said he would like to learn more about it.

"I know it is significant to American history," Warren said.

"I am going to make it a point to learn more about it."

For more information on Black History month and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, visit www.asalh.org or www.nps.gov.



Dr. Carter G. Woodson



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Rosa Parks



Jackie Robinson

Famous Blacks in History

Thurgood Marshall: lawyer, civil rights activist, and associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1967–91), the first African-American member of the Supreme Court.

George Washington Carver: American agricultural chemist, agronomist, and experimenter whose development of new products derived from peanuts (groundnuts), sweet potatoes, and soybeans helped revolutionize the agricultural economy of the South.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson: Former slave and founder of Black History month.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968.

Malcom X: American leader and prominent figure in the Nation of Islam, who articulated concepts of race pride and black nationalism in the early 1960s.

Rosa Parks: Her refusal to surrender her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Ala., bus spurred on a citywide boycott and helped launch nationwide efforts to end segregation of public facilities.

Dred Scott: Born into slavery, Scott made history by launching a legal battle to gain his freedom.

Sojourner Truth: African-American evangelist and reformer who applied her religious fervor to the abolitionist and women's rights movements.

Harriet Tubman: She led hundreds of bondsmen to freedom in the North along the route of the Underground Railroad — an elaborate secret network of safe houses organized for that purpose.

Maya Angelou: One of the most important African-American authors and orators of the 20th century.

Muhammad Ali: Boxer, philanthropist, social activist. Once one of the top American boxers.

Jackie Robinson: Breaking the color barrier, Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play in baseball's major leagues.

Barack Obama: First black president of the United States.

Black History Month Events

Feb. 1 through 28

Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno, will feature African-American Lola Jenkins' quilts.

Feb. 5

Free Kids Program Presents Story of Black Lawman. Rhythmically Speaking will present two 30-minute performances of the story of Bass Reeves at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, 1700 Northeast 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. Children 4 to 12 are free and must be accompanied by an adult.

Feb. 22

The Black Revolt will feature Dr. George Henderson and Making of Men Academy from the Marcus Garvey Leadership Charter School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City.

PROFESSOR INDUCTED INTO SOCCER HALL OF FAME

Soccer runs thick in professor's blood

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Clay Randolph, whom many know as an OCCC professor, also is known as one of the founding fathers of soccer for the state of Oklahoma.

As a result, Randolph was inducted into the Oklahoma Soccer Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2011 for his contributions to soccer in Oklahoma over the years.

Today, soccer is a sport played in nearly all schools across the nation.

But this wasn't always the case.

Randolph was among the leading pioneers who pushed for soccer to become a recognized sport for schools within the Moore area.

Pleading a case in front of multiple school boards and petitioning to the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities was no easy task, Randolph said.

"I was a part of the group who requested it to be played in school," Randolph said.

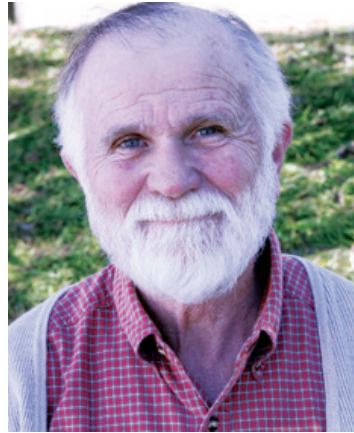
"It was a fight, but we won."

Randolph furthered the cause by becoming president of respected organizations such as the Moore Soccer Club and the Frontier Country Soccer Association, whose aim, he said, was to develop players, coaches, and referees for the game.

As a part of the developmental process, Randolph was a member of the OSA's Coach Training program.

With coaches and students of the game in high demand, Randolph said, he put his knowledge to use, teaching coaches all over the state.

Randolph said he also visited numerous western Oklahoma towns to speak with eager soccer groups wanting to get organized, aiding in their



Clay Randolph

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—CLAY RANDOLPH
OCCC PROFESSOR

development as well.

However, Randolph's true calling was to be a coach.

"I went in to coaching because it seemed natural to me," he said.

"I loved the game and had some luck teaching players, so I focused on being a coach."

Randolph said he began coaching in 1977 at the youth level, but quickly moved up becoming head coach of notable clubs such as the FCSA's Quicksilver and Oklahoma Baptist University's men's team.

Randolph also was Moore High School's first head coach in team history.

He would also go on to coach OCCC's club team for a couple of seasons as well.

Randolph said his coaching career has paid off in many ways.

"One of the rewards of coaching is that today, at least three of the boys I coached are head coaches in high schools or colleges ... and many more coach youth teams around the country."

With a love of the game manifesting itself through playing and coaching, Randolph said he even did a little refereeing, mostly out of necessity.

"When soccer began in Oklahoma, you couldn't even buy a soccer ball in stores ...

"Few people knew the game at all, so those of us who did had to wear many hats," Randolph said.

Even with his contributions to the sport of soccer, Randolph said he was caught off guard with the Hall of Fame announcement.

"I was very surprised to be elected to the Hall of Fame," he said.

"Most of my work was done 20 years ago and most of my colleagues aren't active at all."

"I was lucky that a couple of my old teammates and

boys I coached added their support.

"I appreciate the honor."

Today, Randolph said he is an avid spectator of the sport he was once so heavily involved in.

His son Russell Randolph coaches the Mustang High School's boy's team and three of his grandchildren currently play soccer.

Randolph said he seldom misses any of their matches.

Randolph also is a Tottenham Spurs enthusiast. He said he loves to watch their English Premier League matches every Saturday on his HDTV.

Randolph recently retired from his full-time teaching position at OCCC after more than 30 years and now teaches part-time at the college, leaving him even more time for his passion.

Aside from watching the game and teaching part-time at the college, Randolph said, he spends much of his free time away in the Colorado outdoors.

"I truly feel fortunate to have had three passions in my life that I have been able to fulfill: teaching, soccer, and mountain living," Randolph said.

"I'm a pretty lucky guy."



PHOTO COURTESY CLAY RANDOLPH

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When soccer first started in the United States, it was played primarily by school boy and college teams, and was largely an upper-class game. The Oneida club, formed in Boston in 1862, may have been the first soccer club to consist of a regular roster of players, as opposed to the pick-up games commonly played at the time, although it is not clear whether they were playing soccer, rugby, or a hybrid game. It consisted of a group of Boston secondary school students from fairly elite public schools in the area (Boston Latin, Boston English, etc.). This club would play matches against pickup teams throughout the Boston collegiate community and went undefeated, and unscored upon during their entire four-year existence. Apparently, teamwork, and familiarity with teammates was a significant factor in winning, and this was not lost on the public. If the Oneidas were in fact playing soccer, then they would be the first soccer club anywhere outside of England, even predating the formation of Scottish teams.

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SPORTS

Fitness minded



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Emergency Medical Sciences major Jake Purton does pushups at OCCC's Wellness Center. The Wellness Center has a weight room, basketball courts and an Olympic-sized swimming pool free to all students with a current OCCC ID. Hours are available at www.occc.edu.

INTRAMURALS | OCCC HOPING TO GET ENOUGH PLAYERS TO FORM A SOCCER TEAM THIS SPRING

Soccer team may not compete

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OCCC's Intramural Soccer Club team may not compete this spring.

The decision as to whether OCCC will have a soccer team was to be made Wednesday, Feb. 2, said Jalal Daneshfar, Intramural Soccer League president.

That was the last day for sign-ups, he said. Because bad weather closed the college most of the week, the Pioneer was unable to reach Daneshfar to find out if the team made or if sign-ups were extended.

However, if not enough people joined, OCCC will sit the season out of a league that includes several other state colleges and universities.

Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness Specialist, said they were shooting for a minimum of 12 players.

"We don't usually set a minimum number of players," Watson said. "But we need enough in case a couple of

players can't make it to a game or two."

Daneshfar has been involved with the league since it started in 1996, and said he became president the second year of its existence.

"Every season is different with the teams that compete in this soccer league," Daneshfar said.

Several other teams are already signed up for this spring, he said.

Those include Southwestern State University in Weatherford, University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OU Columbia in Norman, East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Oklahoma State University.

OBU and ECU are making their first appearance in the league this spring, Daneshfar said. UCO, Rose State, and OCCC have been members of the league since it first began 1996, he said.

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INTRAMURAL SOCCER LEAGUE PRESIDENT

sity of Tulsa don't play every season, and the University of Arkansas plays only in the fall.

Watson will meet with OCCC Club Soccer Coach K.B. Yeboah the first week of February to discuss the immediate future of the team.

"Last fall, there were 10 teams in this league," Daneshfar said.

Watson said they are moving ahead as if the team will make.

"As of right now we are taking sign-ups and moving forward as planned, trying to form a team," Watson said.

For more information, contact Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or go online at www.imleagues.com. For updates, visit www.occc.edu/pioneer.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Feb. 1:** Hatha Yoga class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the OCCC Wellness Center in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **Feb. 1:** Body Sculpting class from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the OCCC Wellness Center in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

• **Feb. 2:** Combo Aerobics class from noon to 12:55 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the OCCC Wellness Center in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

• **Feb. 2:** Pilates class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

• **Feb. 2:** Cardio Kickboxing class from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center in room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

• **Feb 2:** Abs Express class from 5:05 to 5:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the OCCC Wellness Center in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

• **Feb 3:** Extreme Cross Training class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the OCCC Wellness Center in Room 002. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk, at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310, or go online at www.occc.edu/RF/wellness

• **If you have sports news or want to put your event on this calendar, contact Pioneer Sports Writer Jacob Chambers at 405-682-1611, ext. 7676, or e-mail sportswriter@occc.edu.**

Conceal: College leaders vow to fight SB 858

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"There are no valid reasons why licensed individuals who are allowed to carry everywhere else cannot carry on college campuses," O'Reilly said.

She said she became politically active in gun control issues as a result of being assaulted by an acquaintance near Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. O'Reilly was attending Texas A&M at the time the incident occurred.

After the assault, O'Reilly said, she started getting involved with Students for Concealed Carry on Campus.

O'Reilly said she has worried about the inability to have security around her 24 hours day while attending college.

"That is when I decided to take my safety into my own hands," she said.

Through her involvement in Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, O'Reilly began to lobby the Oklahoma State Senate to introduce a bill that would permit citizens to possess concealed firearms on college campuses in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State Sen. Steve Russell, (R-Oklahoma City), was the first to respond to O'Reilly's inquiries.

Russell, an Iraq War veteran and outspoken proponent of gun rights in Oklahoma, has proposed SB 858 along with several other bills to expand gun rights.

Although Russell agreed to answer e-mail questions, he had not sent his responses by press time. However, other state senators responded with their thoughts regarding the proposed legislation.

State Sen. Andrew Rice (D-Oklahoma City) said he plans to vote no on the legislation.

"I think the proposed legislation is a bad idea for a solution to a difficult but rare problem, which is campus violence," Rice said.

"Law enforcement is very uneasy with a scenario of many different people potentially being armed on campus and feel it would put them in a tactical disadvantage when a potential security threat may arise."

State Sen. Ralph Shortey (R-Oklahoma City) said he hasn't yet made up his mind about SB 858.

Shortey is the State Senator for District 44, which includes OCCC.

"I'm kind of torn on the issue, but we have a second amendment right," Shortey said.

"I hesitate to create any

sort of policy on any sort of extreme circumstance such as the Virginia Tech massacre or the Tucson, Ariz. shootings," he said.

An open carry measure passed the Oklahoma Legislature last year, but was vetoed by former Gov. Brad Henry, a Democrat.

New Republican Gov. Mary Fallin has indicated her support for an open carry law. However, she has not taken a position on the plan to allow concealed carry on college campuses.

Alex Weintz, Mary Fallin's communications director, issued the following statement to the Pioneer.

"Gov. Fallin is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment who believes any limitations on law abiding citizens carrying guns should be rare and limited in scope.

"Gov. Fallin readily acknowledges the concerns expressed by school administrators about guns on college campuses.

"The governor hopes any legislation that reaches her desk takes those concerns into consideration while preserving Second Amendment rights."

Sechrist said while he is aware SB 858 could create a scenario where students, fac-

ulty, staff or guests on campus could provide immediate help before police or security officers arrive on the scene, that also could create unfortunate consequences once professional help arrives.

"It is likely in the chaos that almost always happens in these situations, it would be nearly impossible to sort out who is friend and who is foe, resulting in an even more dangerous situation for those trying to help," he said.

In the event SB 858 is passed, Sechrist said the college would revisit what is needed to provide OCCC students and employees with a safe learning experience. OCCC's contingency and reserve funds could be used for safety purposes.

"Safety is always the highest priority in the budget," he said.

Safety is certainly on the mind of state senators, especially in the wake of Tucson, Ariz. shooter Jared Loughner's previous mental history and run-ins with professors and administration at Pima Community College.

Rice said he thinks an early and aggressive intervention with potential threats, particularly of mentally unstable persons, is what could help protect students on campus.

Shortey has a different viewpoint.

"We cannot guarantee they don't have firearms already," Shortey said.

He said he knows of several individuals already carrying concealed weapons at OCCC and other college campuses.

"If a person thinks they need to protect themselves they will."

OCCC student reaction varies on the topic of SB 858.

Mary Pepper, 28, pre-pharmacy major, is against the bill.

"Anybody can get a conceal carry license, even a crazy person," Pepper said.

"It just takes one thing to set someone off and they could shoot a bunch of people."

Robert Wood, 19, petroleum engineering major, is for the bill. "I believe everyone deserves to have some sort of protection," Wood said.

O'Reilly said carrying concealed weapons on college campuses has broader social and political implications beyond OCCC, OSU or Texas A&M.

"It is an issue not just about everyone in Oklahoma or Texas, but everyone in America as well."

For more information on SB 858, visit the Pioneer Online at www.occc.edu/pioneer.

Website: All social media forms valid, expert says

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Ninety-six percent of college students use some form of social media, Greenfield said. In addition, he said, one out of six college students has enrolled in at least one online course.

Social media is about dialogue, not monologue, Greenfield said.

"It's not just about pushing the message," he said. "It's more about having a personal conversation with your community."

According to a 2008 study, Greenfield said, three-quarters of high school seniors said colleges and universities should have a social media presence.

That number has only grown since then, he said.

"You have to fish where the

fish are," Greenfield said. "It's all about communicating with [students] on a personal level."

When it comes to college Facebook and Twitter accounts, he said, students want a mixture of functionality and fun.

"Students want to see both official and unofficial information," he said. "Not just general announcements made by the college, but also postings made by students, faculty, and staff."

Greenfield said a successful college social network must rely on four crucial principles, beginning with authenticity.

"Be true to who you are," he said. "Don't pretend you have 10,000 students when you have 30,000 or that the weather's always nice. High school students have highly-

tuned BS meters."

Because social media amplifies both good and bad events, Greenfield said, college officials must also learn to be transparent.

"You cannot hide when bad things happen," he said.

That leads to the most difficult rule of social media, Greenfield said: cede control.

"We don't have as much control as we used to have," he said. "Nobody likes having anything bad said about them, but it comes with the territory."

Finally, Greenfield said, the most important aspect of social media is to retain integrity.

"All relationships are formed on trust," he said. "You can't build relationships with people otherwise."

Although Greenfield said

OCCC is ahead of the game when it comes to social networking, improvements are on the horizon.

Currently, OCCC's Facebook page, located at www.facebook.com/OTripleC, has more than 3,000 followers. More than 600 users follow OCCC on Twitter at www.twitter.com/OTripleC.

"Most higher education institutions use social media incorrectly," he said, "but OCCC is doing a good, even above average job."

Brittany Williams, pre-med major, said she finds the OCCC Facebook very helpful.

"They're quick to respond to any questions and they're very professional, which is great," Williams said.

Koby Dockery, mathematics

major, said he prefers the college Twitter account.

"I think it's pretty cool and easy to use," Dockery said. "It's really helpful when school is closed or when things are happening here at school."

When the site undergoes its redesign, Greenfield said, its social media will be better integrated with the main website.

"Right now, I'd give OCCC's social network about a B or B+," he said. "By the time we're finished, I hope to be looking at an A+."

To read more about Greenfield's plan for social media at OCCC, visit www.markgr.com/occc. For more information about the web development project, contact John Richardson at 405-682-7552.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Signing up for creativity



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

Emergency Medical Services major Travis Cochran signs up for The Art Guild while Suzanne Berryman (sitting left), the club's president, and Jessica Kemp (sitting right), promotional officer, offer advice and answer questions regarding the club during the Organizations Fair Jan. 27 in the student union. Many campus clubs participated in the Organizations Fair to bring awareness of their purpose and to assist students in finding the right club to join.

COMMUNITY | Lecture to discuss Obama's presidency

Racial justice topic of lecture

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Attorney Roy Brooks will give a lecture entitled, "Race in the Age of Obama" on campus from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, in CU2 and CU3.

This is the first visit to OCCC for Brooks, who frequently speaks on campuses across the country and internationally about legal theory, discrimination in the workplace, racism and racial justice.

Brooks is the first of three speakers who will be on campus this semester.

Brooks graduated from the University of Connecticut and Yale Law School. He is an attorney, but said he does not presently work in a law firm.

Brooks said he teaches civil rights, employment discrimination, litigation and legal theory at the University of San Diego.

His lecture will examine the idea of racial justice in the context of a complex 21st century society, said Jill Lindblad, Service Learning and Student Life Programs coordinator.



"With the election of President Barack Obama, it's kind of brought to question what the meaning of racism is in this particular era," Lindblad said.

"So he's going to talk about if there has been any effect on racism and the ideas around racism after having an African American president.

"What does the election of Barack Obama mean for racial justice in America? Does excellence eclipse race in society since his election? Has having an African-American president allowed for new opportunities for

black Americans?"

Lindblad said all these questions and more will be discussed.

"It is definitely something that is very much a part of our society today," she said. "And dealing with the current presidency and how people have reacted to that from a racial standpoint, if there has been a reaction in that way, it'll definitely present some thought-provoking ideas."

For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or stop by their office in the Main Building.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

LeaderQUICK Spring 2011

A leadership learning program is being held at noon on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 2 in the Oklahoma Room. Participants must attend seven sessions to earn a completion certificate. Contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 for more information.

Comm Lab Discussion Series

There will be a peer review support group at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in the Communications Lab. Attendees will discuss how to offer productive criticism to classmates.

Photography Club meeting

The first Photography Club meeting of the spring semester will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, in room 1C1 in the Arts and Humanities building. Anyone who would like to join is welcome to attend.

Employment workshop

A workshop to teach attendees how to write job application letters will be held 12:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Room 1G7 of the Main Building. For more information, contact Student Employment & Career Services at 405-682-7519, or e-mail employmentservices@occc.edu.

Brown Bag series covers study skills

A workshop on study skills will be held at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, and at noon Wednesday, Feb. 9, in CU1 in the College Union. Helpful tips and techniques will be discussed.

OCCC Service Day

Students can volunteer from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Regional Food Bank. OCCC will drive students to and from campus. Contact Student Life at 405-682-7523, or stop by their office in the Main Building for more information or to reserve a spot.

Free Parenting workshop

Joetta Gatliff, M.Ed., will conduct a free workshop on transitioning from early care to public school from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at OCCC's FACE building, room, 17, located at 6500 S. Land Ave. Attendees will explore the differences and similarities of early care and public schools. They will also discuss how to make the transition successful for their children.

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 in 1F2 of the Arts and Humanities building, just inside Entry 2.

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YASMIN SHIRALI/PIONEER

OCCC freshman Megan Smith helps the environment by recycling using the school's new Dream Machines. These new recycling bins have been placed in a few places around OCCC.

DREAM MACHINES OFFER INCENTIVES

Recycling machines added

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“This is a great way to help the environment and our veterans achieve some of their dreams as well.”

—CORDELL JORDAN
MEDIA RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Recently OCCC partnered with PepsiCo in an effort to help the college go green and help disabled veterans in the process by installing Dream Machines on campus.

According to www.greenopolis.com, a Dream Machine resembles a vending machine, and accepts recyclable material such as aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Cordell Jordan, Media Relations Coordinator, said the Dream Machine dispenses a receipt to users each time it's used. Those can then be entered in drawings at the OCCC bookstore.

Helping disabled veterans is another bonus to using the machines, he said.

Jordan said for each bottle recycled, PepsiCo makes a donation to the Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans with Disabilities.

“This is a great way to help the environment and our veterans achieve some of their dreams as well,” he said.

Dream Machines appeared

on the OCCC campus Monday, Jan. 25, Jordan said.

“There are two Dream Machines on campus — one by the main entrance of the Main Building and the other by the cafeteria.

“A way of encouraging

people to recycle is by giving incentives,” Jordan said.

He said he has already seen the machines being used and said the

goal is to have the machines be a permanent fixture on campus.

In addition to the Dream Machines, Jordan said, “there are 20 box receptacles (for recyclable items) throughout the campus including the

Speech pathology degree program planned

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Starting next fall, OCCC will introduce a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program for students to earn an Associate of Applied Science.

The goal of the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program is to give students the skills needed in the world of speech-language services throughout Oklahoma.

Greg Gardner, associate vice president of Academic

Affairs, said the school is in the process of developing the program.

“It has already been approved by the OCCC Board of Regents,” Gardner said.

“Now, we're in the process of putting together paperwork to send to the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education.”

Once the program is approved, Gardner said, students can be ready to declare this particular degree in the fall of 2011.

To get an Associate of Applied Science degree in the

program, students will be required to complete a 61-hour curriculum, Gardner said.

The program consists of 18 hours of general education, 42 hours of major classes, and one hour of Success in College and Life, he said.

Gardner said much of the curriculum would be available to students in an online environment, except lab and clinical courses.

Students will work under the direction of a licensed speech-language pathologist throughout their studies, he said.

The Speech Pathology Association, which approached OCCC, Gardner said, laid the groundwork for the program.

“They came to us to assist in developing the program,” he said.

“Their help and guidance is what made this happen.”

Because it is an Associate of Applied Science, students will be qualified to join the workforce following the completion of their degree.

For more information, contact Gardner at ggardner@occc.edu or 405-682-7534.



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