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OCCC starts conversion to Moodle

ANGEL being replaced after being bought out by Blackboard

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With the start of the new year and new semester also comes the introduction to a new learning management system — Moodlerooms.

Until now, ANGEL was the system used for online classes, said Greg Gardner, academic affairs associate vice president.

"ANGEL got bought out by Blackboard and so we were forced to make some transition," Gardner said.

He said there are about 70 sections of online classes that will be using the new format.

The reasoning behind having only a select few classes using Moodlerooms this semester is to test the new learning system.

"We are a little cautious," Gardner said. "We have been working for the last three to four months to migrate some of our main courses into Moodlerooms."

"When you click to log in, you will see a new page that is where you choose either Moodlerooms or ANGEL," Gardner said.

Gardner said all students enrolled in an online class this semester were sent a pamphlet to their home address advising them how to log on.

Jonathan Akuma, petroleum engineering major, said he's not pleased with the change.

"... Back then it was easier to log in without getting new pages popping up on the computer," he said. "Even after the orientation, some people are not that good with computers and it could be confusing."

Gardner said there is an online orientation on the Moodlerooms page.

Seddik Halabi, petroleum engineering major and ANGEL user, said that will be particularly helpful.

After initial hesitation about using ANGEL, some students like Halabi had

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Welcome to OCCC



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Student Amanda Shipley gets directions to her medical terminology class from Welcome Desk employee Kevin Hernandez on Jan. 17, the first day of classes for the spring semester.

APPLICANTS NEED TO PREPARE A SHORT MUSICAL SAMPLE

Play auditions set for Feb. 6 and 7

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OCCC's Theater Department and Music Department are holding auditions for the musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7 in the Bruce Owen Theater.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a comedic musical written by Stephen Sondheim, and is based off of Roman comedy, said Theater Professor Brent Noel.

"The plot involves a lot of intrigue and deception, and long-lost daughters and stuff like that," Noel said. "It's a very complex plot."

The musical will be staged at 7:30 p.m. on April 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 in the Bruce Owen Theater.

Auditions are open to anyone who is interested, though applicants will need to prepare a short musical sample roughly 16 bars long to sing on Monday, and a one- to

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—BRENT NOEL
OCCC THEATER PROFESSOR

two-minute long comedic monologue for Tuesday.

"Be prepared to dance," Noel said.

Noel said there will be an accompanist available on Monday if needed for the audition.

He said the musical is like a two-hour long sitcom, that feels like a combination of "Married with Children," "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "The Jeffersons."

The musical resembles "Fawlty Towers," — a British sitcom involving a man who runs everything and tries to keep everything under control although it is falling apart around him, Noel said.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Should smoking be a protected right?

Smokers finally face the music

As if lung cancer and rotted teeth weren't enough, smokers now face another risk from their nicotine addiction: it could cost them a potential job.

Across the U.S., many employers — primarily hospitals and health departments — have implemented not only a no-smoking ban, but also a no-smokers ban. They won't hire applicants whose urine tests positive for nicotine use.



**WHITNEY
KNIGHT**

This writer only has one question: What took so long?

Banning smokers from the workplace would not only have a significant effect on the health of employees, but also on companies themselves.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cigarette smoking and the results of secondhand smoke cost companies \$92 billion in productivity losses every year.

On average, smokers miss twice as much work as

their non-smoking co-workers. When you factor in their frequent smoke breaks, that equals hours of lost work time every week.

Before OCCC banned smoking on campus, a troupe of my smoking co-workers would file out of the office for a 10-minute smoke break at the top of the hour every day.

In a typical workday, that would add up to more than an hour of inactivity.

Now, those same co-workers take an even larger chunk of time out of their day to pile into someone's car and drive across the street.

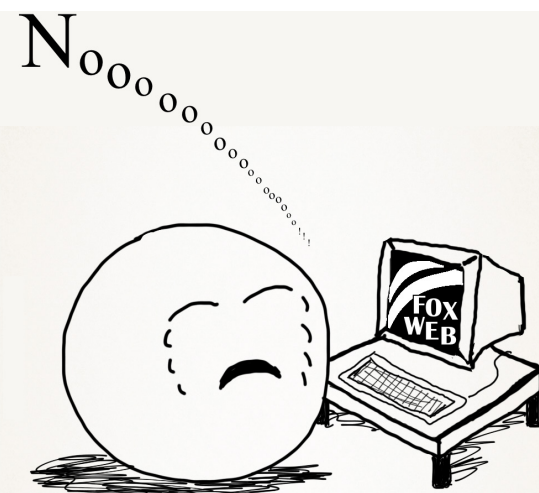
It's about time the line gets drawn.

A regulation banning smoking employees went into effect at the Baylor Health Care System in Texas this month, and already smoking proponents have cried foul, citing discrimination.

Employers cannot consider things like race, gender, or ethnicity when hiring an employee, because these factors — unlike the decision to smoke — are not a choice.

They also cannot consider religion, which may be a choice — but not one that carries the risk of making

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If SOPA or PIPA Pass:
Fox News could be the only thing left on the Internet.

JEREMY CLOUD

co-workers ill the way smokers might.

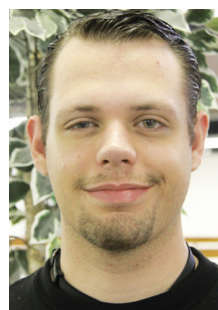
According to www.cancer.org, non-smokers are exposed to secondhand smoke at work more than anywhere else. More than 50,000 people die every year due to diseases brought on by secondhand smoke.

Most companies wouldn't hire a criminal who might pose a threat to those around them, so why should they hire a walking health hazard?

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
ONLINE EDITOR

Illegally violating smokers' rights always wrong

Recently, certain companies are using drug tests to determine whether prospective employees use nicotine products. Those who do aren't hired.



**JEREMY
CLOUD**

Civil rights 101: regulating a legal behavior that a private individual engages in on his or her own time is discrimination.

But smokers aren't a protected class, of course.

So discrimination is OK, because it's for the better health of the public overall, and the health of the smoker in particular, right?

So let's stop hiring overweight individuals. After all, being overweight carries

just as many health risks as smoking.

Or how about we regulate sexual behavior? Unprotected sex carries the risk of a number of diseases ranging from those curable with antibiotics to those that require a lifetime of ongoing therapy just to manage.

Why hire people who put themselves and others at risk of serious harm?

Better yet, let's stop hiring the terminally ill. Is an individual who has a better than average chance of taking sick days, or who may die soon, worth the cost of training or insurance?

If the thought of denying jobs across the board based on terminal illness, physical fitness, or personal morality sounds sickening or frightening, that's because it is.

Such behavior is prejudiced and discriminatory

and would render unemployable a vast population of individuals.

So, discrimination is OK, as long as the group affected is minimal — just like the mindset that it's OK to discriminate against homosexuals, African Americans, or Muslims?

Smoking may not be an unchangeable part of who a person is, as many minorities are.

But it is the protected right of an individual to engage in legal behavior on his or her own time.

At what point are the rights of the individual less important than the rights of a majority?

Or, simply put: are we, as individuals, willing to allow others to be discriminated against, and risk that we might be next?

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Cliché plotline makes for boring theater experience

‘Devil Inside’ same ol’ story

The wave of paranormal mockumentaries continues with “The Devil Inside,” released on Jan. 6 of this year. And “Devil” isn’t all that bad. Unfortunately, it isn’t all that good either.

A somewhat unoriginal film, “Devil” follows Isabella Rossi (Fernanda Andrade) a young woman searching for answers about her mother Maria (Suzan Crowley,) who committed three murders while undergoing an unauthorized exorcism.

While using such a cliché plot might be forgivable if “Devil” put a new spin on it, the writers chose instead to simply borrow ideas and techniques wholesale.

The story begins with Maria Rossi’s spectacular act of homicide. It then skips forward by over a decade, and we find Maria has been transferred



to a Vatican sanatorium in Rome, with no explanation.

If that had ever become a plot point, a lot of holes could have been forgiven.

But instead, the unexplained jump is just one of many holes created by sloppy writing as a way to advance the plot without actually writing any plot.

As with the “Blair Witch Project,” or the “Paranormal Activity” trilogy, the film used relative unknowns, striv-

ing to make the characters seem like normal individuals in unusual circumstances.

But unlike the cast of “Paranormal Activity,” the cast of “Devil” acts anything but normal, swinging wildly from mood to mood, and portraying their characters so one-dimensionally that the three main characters come off as laughable cutouts of people.

Andrade gives every move and mood of her character a thick patina of angst.

Simon Quaterman’s portrayal of Father Ben Rawlings can be described in two words: righteous rebel.

And Evan Helmuth plays Father David Keane in one of the most spectacularly unbelievable reversals in movie history. For the first half of the film, Fr. Keane is a

cautious, forward thinking exorcist with medical training. For the last half, he’s a simpering child that fears the retribution of his superiors. No stops, no transitions, minimal explanation.

Worst bit? The Fr. Keane character was the voice of reason, literally. The writers seem to have given him a nervous break for no reason other than to avoid having him save the day by calling the others attention to events.

While the effects were on par with the best of this genre released in the last few years, they just can’t save “Devil” from the mediocrity of the writers and actors. Bottom line? Unless you like high-class B-horror flicks, give this one a pass.

Rating: B-

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STAFF WRITER

YOU asked FOR IT

Q.: Are there any fish in the ponds around campus?

A.: Yes. Often, people go fishing in the ponds. However, eating the fish from them is not recommended.

—LARRY BARNES
PROJECT MANAGER

Q.: What is OCCC doing to help retention?

A.: Student Life tries to do their part to help student retention by strongly encouraging social connections.

—MARCY ROLL
STUDENT LIFE ASSISTANT

Q.: Where can I dispose of a large amount of recycling materials?

A.: There is a large recycling dumpster, located behind the College Union, that is collected and recycled often.

—LARRY BARNES
PROJECT MANAGER

Do you have a question you’d like answered about the OCCC campus? Send your question to Editor Jeremy Cloud at editor@occc.edu

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Satisfactory Academic Progress explained further

Financial Aid dean says story misrepresented facts

To the Editor:

The two articles in [the Jan. 13] Pioneer have misinformation.

1. Financial Aid Title IV Regulations, pertaining to Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), went into effect July 1, 2011, for SAP evaluations beginning with fall semester. The Financial Aid Office has made numerous attempts to inform students and our campus colleagues of these changes.

2. The Financial Aid Office staff made numerous presentations to students in the Success in College and Life courses [during] the fall semester, during [which] changes in the SAP policy were explained.

3. Financial aid students at risk after the close of the 2010-2011 financial aid year were notified by email Aug. 7 that changes had occurred

that would specifically impact their financial aid at the close of fall semester. They were encouraged to seek help from Student Support Services during fall to try to meet standards.

The Financial Aid Office forwarded the list of at risk students to Student Support Services [and] the week fall grades were posted all financial aid recipients were sent a postcard (because they may not be checking email) that Satisfactory Academic Progress notices would be emailed that week and students should check their email. Students were encouraged to take necessary action online, over the break, to help expedite appeals. Those email notices went out to all students evaluated on Dec. 23.

4. Each year when students are awarded Title IV

Federal Financial Assistance, email notifications are sent informing students to view their awards on their MineOnline account. In the text of that email are links to several important and required online documents that address important information students need to understand pertaining to financial aid. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is one of those and the latest policy changes have been out there since last spring on the Financial Aid Webpage prior to the start of the 2011-2012 award cycle.

5. The Financial Aid Office evaluated 6,142 students last fall and 6,237 students this fall. Last fall 745 students went to an unsatisfactory status and this fall 1259 students went to an unsatisfactory status. The increase of 514 from

last fall to this fall is likely the result of the changes in federal regulations. 477 appeals have been approved since Jan. 3. These students are enrolled for spring.

6. Withdrawals have always been considered unsuccessful under Federal Title IV regulations. This has always been in the SAP policy available to students as hard copy, online and even mailed. It is now a link on their award notification email as well.

7. Evaluating cumulative academic history has always been a requirement of Federal Title IV regulations pertaining to SAP policy. That is the purpose of the appeal process which has always been available.

8. Federal Title IV requirements for appeals stipulate each appeal must be handled on a case-by-

case basis. Many appeals are not approved because the cumulative impact of academic performance will make it impossible for a given student to reach GPA (1.7 or 2.0) or completion rate requirements (67 percent) of attempted credit hours before they hit a third standard and that is completing a certificate within 45 credit hours or a degree within 90 credit hours attempted. Bottom line, dropping courses to maintain a GPA doesn’t enable a student to maintain eligibility for Federal Title IV Student Financial Assistance. It’s all in the SAP policy. The Financial Aid Office, per Federal Title IV Regulations, is not allowed to use academic forgiveness/reprieve when evaluating academic progress.

9. It was not mentioned that the College (Financial

Aid) chose to implement the Financial Aid Academic Plan (FAAP) to help provide an opportunity for students to seek assistance from Student Support Services and extend financial aid eligibility for students who may meet standards in a couple of semesters if given the opportunity to be on a FAAP.

This was not a requirement of Federal Title IV regulations but an option for Financial Aid Offices and the FAO at OCCC worked with Student Support Services to put the plan in place. Of the 477 appeals mentioned above that have been approved, 53 are approved for a FAAP.

—HAROLD L. CASE
STUDENT FINANCIAL
SUPPORT SERVICES
DEAN

RESTAURANT REVIEW | North Oklahoma City eatery serves up slices of Italian delicacies and more

Falcone's Pizzeria and Deli food delizioso

Falcone's Pizzeria and Deli is a great little place to grab a slice of pie, calzone or deli sandwich whenever you are on the northwest side of Oklahoma City. It is located at 6705 N May Avenue.

I ate at Falcone's on Thursday, Jan. 12. The food was great, and the service was fast and friendly.

When you first enter the restaurant and the Italian food aroma hits your nose, you know you are at the right place.

The entry area has shelving filled with imported dry pastas, sauces, olive oil and other Italian delicacies that customers can purchase and take home to cook. They also have a good variety of imported deli meats and cheeses.

The dining area of the restaurant has both tables and booths available for seating. The walls are decorated with movie posters from movies like "The Godfather" and "Scarface" that are signed by the actors and directors. There also is a more secluded part of the dining area that has all sorts of signed baseball memorabilia.

Falcone's has great New York style



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

pizza sold by the big slice. The crust is thin, crisp and tasty perfection. The sauce is not too tangy and not too sweet. The toppings and cheese are good and they put plenty on each slice.

While the pizza is awesome, it isn't the only star on the menu. Falcone's has the best fried mozzarella in Oklahoma City. The mozzarella is imported and not frozen.

Falcone's has cold dishes, like an-

tipasto salad and insalata di polipo (octopus salad) and deserts like Italian ice, tiramisu and, of course, cannoli.

My personal favorite at Falcone's is the chicken parmesan sandwich. It is, as the name suggests, a sandwich filled with a breaded chicken cutlet, marinara, and topped with mozzarella cheese. If you like chicken parmesan on a plate, you'll fall in love with it on a sandwich.

The location on north May Avenue

was the first location opened by the owner Danny Falcone. At one time there were locations in Bricktown, Bethany, Midwest City and Edmond, but with the recent economic downturn, the Falcone's on May Avenue is the only one left. It also will be easier to maintain quality with only one location.

Recently, a new partnership was struck between Danny Falcone and Philip Custino. Custino was the owner of three successful Italian restaurants in the early 1990's called Custino's. In fact, a slice of Custino's famous lasagna is served with garlic bread at Falcone's now for only \$5.

I got to talk briefly with Custino after my meal. He had been retired, but seemed obviously happy to be back in his element.

Overall, Falcone's is an awesome little restaurant, and has been one of my favorites ever since I first ate there. With the Custino partnership, it will only get better.

Rating: A+

—CHRIS JAMES
STAFF WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW | Second installment of Sherlock Holmes just as intriguing as first

Robert Downey Jr. brings back grandeur in 'Sherlock'

In "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," Robert Downey Jr. reprises his role as Sherlock Holmes, bringing all of his grandeur to the screen as the famous investigator with immense talent and layers of mystery.

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" opened nationwide on Dec. 16, bringing back an all-star cast for yet another delightful romp through author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's world.

Jude Law returns as Holmes' friend and colleague Dr. Watson along with Rachel McAdams, played by Irene Adler, as Holmes' love interest/rival. Law is charming as Watson, adding the flair his fans have long come to expect. His romance with Kelly Reilly is moved to the next level, as she becomes Mrs. Watson.

Guy Ritchie's adaptation of this classic tale and much-anticipated sequel is masterfully delivered and chock full of action once again. The cinematography is brilliant and leaves the viewer wanting more.

There are headlines breaking around the world with a series of coincidental events — or so it seems — until Holmes follows the string of unusual events that leads him right back to the sinister Professor Moriarty, played by Jared Harris. On the eve of Watson's wedding, Holmes convinces him to take one last investigation with him.

In her first English-speaking role, we meet Swedish actress Noomi Rapace, who gained international

attention in the movie "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," as a mysterious gypsy Sim, who befriends Holmes and Watson.

Many moviegoers may already anticipate the honeymoon is anything but typical as the sinister Moriarty is a menace to that getaway. Moriarty is clever but crazy and sure-footed without an ounce of conscience, proving to be a worthy opponent for Holmes. Moriarty is the type of character we love to hate. He's a mastermind, always staying one step ahead of Holmes.

As the plot thickens, we are taken on a grandiose journey through France, Switzerland and Germany, filled with incredible gunfights that bring you to the edge of your seat as Holmes and his friends elude a crazed attack from Moriarty. The closer Holmes gets to the mastermind, the more his friends suffer.

In true Ritchie fashion, the plot is revealed in the latter part of the movie keeping the audience engaged along the way.

Ritchie, along with husband-and-wife writing team Kieran and Michele Mulroney, devise clever undertones of power, lust and intellect, making this movie a must see for those who enjoy a little humor amidst the intrigue. It didn't disappoint this fan.

Rating: A+

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Student Life calendar out

Students can look forward to a variety of activities from hockey night to skills seminars

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Student Life is hosting many of their traditional programs in addition to plenty of new ones this spring semester, said Amy Reynolds, First Year Experience and Student Life Programs coordinator.

Recently, a handful of New Student Orientation sessions were held and a set of activities were planned for Welcome Week.

Currently, discounted tickets are on sale for the OCCC Night at the Barons, a chance to attend an ice hockey game taking place later this month at a discount. The Oklahoma City Barons will play the Houston Aeros at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. Tickets are on sale in the Student Life office, located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Brown Bag seminars are also back and will be held once a week this semester. Sessions include study skills, online learning, financial planning, healthy relationships and more.

And, in March, Celebrate Students Week is taking place.

"We're going to be focusing a lot on awareness," Reynolds said.

Included are a Beer Goggles Obstacle Maze and a lecture by date doctor David Coleman.

Reynolds said a car care session is also on the agenda this spring.

During the month of April, students will get detailed tips on exactly how to manage and take care of their vehicle.

"One of the new programs that we have going on this spring that we're really looking forward to is our Strengths Quest Seminar series," Reynolds said.

"It's something we've never done before, so we are really excited to give students that opportunity."

The seminar will be occurring on Mondays in February and on Tuesdays in April. During that time students will be taking online assessments to try and figure out what their personal strengths are.

"What we're going to do is teach students how to use those strengths in their everyday life," Reynolds said.

"There's really a lot going on," she concluded.

For more information, or to view a calendar of Student Life events, stop by the Student Life office located in the Main Building or visit their page online at <https://occc.campusgroups.com/calendar>. Student Life can also be reached at 405-682-7523.

MONEY TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENT WHO BALANCES EDUCATION, CIVIC SERVICE

Leadership scholarship created

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A new scholarship is available through OCCC for students. The Dr. Marion Paden Distinguished Leadership Award has been established for students who have given back to the community.

According to the description on the OCCC employee website: "A percentage of the \$15,000 endowed scholarship from Regent [John] Massey will be awarded annually to a deserving student on a case by case basis."

The scholarship was created in the name of Paden, vice president of enrollment and student services.

"We want to recognize people who balance educational experience with some civic experience and service learning," Paden said. "We want to reward people who balance scholastic endeavors with a service heart."

Paden described a service heart as having the mindset where "you do it because it's in your heart to do it. It is very centered on the other person."

Co-workers said Paden speaks from experience. Student Life Director Erin Logan said Paden is the "textbook definition of a servant leader."

"This award is given [in her name] to recognize her for her leadership because of her hard work, her service to OCCC and to the community," she said.

Requirements for the Distinguished Leadership Award

Applicants must:

- be enrolled in Spring 2012
- hold an OCCC institutional GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- have completed the OCCC Civic Honors Program.

In addition to the application, applicants must submit a copy of the reflection paper from the Civic Honors portfolio, a completed personal statement, and two letters of recommendation.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, March 16.

Kim Velleca, Paden's administrative assistant, agrees. "There is a certain level of admiration for what she does," Velleca said.

"She's a very busy person with her commitment to the college and her commitment outside of the college."

"She does a lot of things. Her involvement in volunteer work is something to be admired. For instance she's possibly getting ready to do polio vaccinations in India."

For more information on the scholarship, contact the office of the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services at 405-682-7879.



ANTIVIRAL MEDS CAN LESSEN SEVERITY OF SICKNESS IF TAKEN EARLY

Expert advises seeing a doctor at the first sign of flu

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Contrary to the common belief that the best way to handle the flu is to stay home and suffer through, a person who believes they are coming down with the flu should seek treatment, said Lisa Teel, emergency planning and risk management director.

“If you believe you have the flu, then as quickly as you can, go to your medical care provider,” Teel said.

“There are antiviral medications that can be administered within the first 24 to 48 hours that can lessen the severity of your symptoms so it doesn’t knock you flat on your back.”

However, Teel said, the best way to avoid getting or spreading the flu is to practice common courtesy and common sense.

“If you sneeze or cough, do it into a tissue, throw it away and immediately wash your hands,” Teel said.

“If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not your hand, to avoid passing it on.”

Flu can be spread through coughing, sneezing or indirect contact, Teel said.

“If someone has the germs on their hands and they touch a telephone or a keyboard (or) a doorknob, then those germs can be picked up by someone else touching that object,” she said.

“If that person then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth, then they can contract it. So it is highly communicable that way.”

And while alcohol sanitizers can kill germs if they have a 60 percent or more alcohol base, as the sanitizer around the college does, it’s no substitute for hand

washing, Teel said.

“But in the event that you don’t have the opportunity to wash your hands, it can be used as a back up, and it can kill some germs.”

However, the best way for an infected person to prevent the spread of flu at work or school is to stay home, Teel said.

And the reason for that level of caution isn’t based solely on how contagious the disease is, she said, but also on how long it’s contagious.

Victims of the flu can be contagious from one day before symptoms start showing, up to seven days after symptoms begin.

“So if you have symptoms, don’t come to campus. Don’t spread it around.”

Teel said the safest course is to stay at home until a flu victim has been symptom free for a full 24 hours without the help of medication.

“However, when we tell people to stay home, that doesn’t mean if you’re employed here, you don’t have a responsibility to let your employer know you have the flu, or if you’re a student to let your professors know.”

In the event that a co-worker or fellow student comes in with flu-like symptoms, Teel said, try to avoid using the equipment they use. If the equipment is shared, however, sanitizing is the best bet.

“Lysol’s a good thing to have around,” Teel said. “We keep it in my office, and if anybody calls and says they’re sick, we immediately go and spray down their keyboard and telephone, and any equipment they may have used.”

Teel said to also keep a bit of distance from a sick individual, to avoid being coughed or sneezed on by accident.

| Is it a cold or the flu? | | |
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| cold | symptoms | flu |
| ✓ | Sneezing | ✓ |
| ✓ | Headache | ✓ |
| ✓ | Sore throat | ✓ |
| ✓ | Fever | ✓ |
| ✓ | Chills | ✓ |
| ✓ | Aches | ✓ |
| ✓ | Coughing | ✓ |
| ✓ | Tired | ✓ |
| ✓ | Chest discomfort | ✓ |
| ✓ | Clogged nose | ✓ |
| a few days | Development | quickly |

individual, if they’re not feeling well, to go home,” Teel said.

“So if you’re not feeling well, definitely let your supervisor know.”

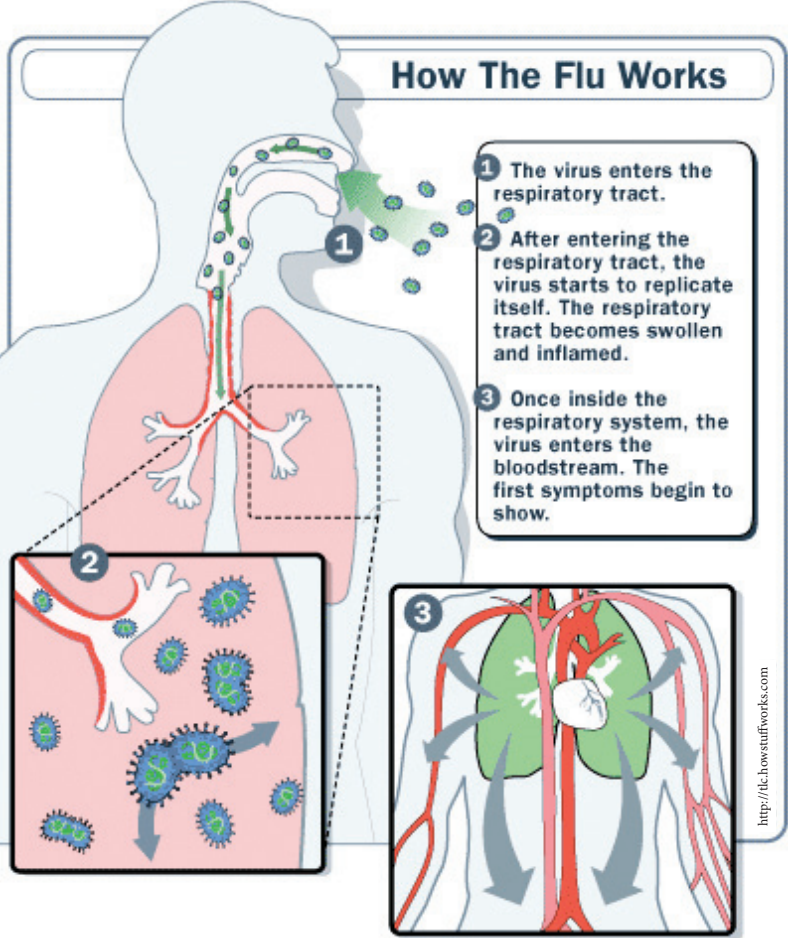
Flu shots also are a definite must for flu season, Teel said.

“You should have them, regardless of your age. A lot of people have the misconception that it’s a live virus in the shots and that they’ll get a touch of the flu when they get the shot. That is not true. They use a dead virus in the shots.”

Teel said the shots take about two weeks to work, and that anyone exposed to the flu within that time frame after receiving the shots may still get sick, which may give rise to the misconception.

Teel said the shots are only good for six months.

“So you absolutely should have a shot twice a year, to keep your immunity up.”



Flu shots best prevention

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Visit www.walgreens.com/topic/health-shops/flu-shots.jsp for store hours and locations.

CVS Pharmacy Walk-in or make an appointment. Hours vary by location. Available whenever a certified immunizer is on duty. Cost: \$29.99. Accepts most insurance. Customer receives a \$5 gift card if insurance does not cover flu shot. Fee waivers not available. Visit www.cvs.com/flu/ for store hours and locations.

Homeland Pharmacy Walk-in or make an appointment. Hours vary by location. Available any time the pharmacy is open. Cost: \$23.99. Accepts most insurance. No co-pay for Medicare customers. Cost covered for SoonerCare customers. Visit www.homelandstores.com/Pharmacy for store hours and locations.

PLANT CLOSING IN WICHITA TO BENEFIT THE STATE

Boeing moving more than 800 jobs to Oklahoma City

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Boeing, the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners, will be closing its decades-old Defense, Space and Security plant in Wichita, Kansas, by the end of 2013. This closure will bring more than 800 jobs to the metro area for aerospace engineers with the remaining jobs going to San Antonio.

This announcement could more than double Boeing's workforce in the coming months.

In addition to building commercial jetliners and military aircraft, they design and manufacture satellites, launch vehicles, rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, advanced information and communication systems.

Roy Williams, CEO and President of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, said this move will open the door for many.

"There will definitely be positions at the top," Williams said, "but Boeing will have a multitude of positions and wants to tap into the talent market in Oklahoma City. They have had a good experience so far.

Williams said the hiring process hasn't yet started.

"Maybe within the next six months we should see something," he said. "I would say the best way to get the latest updates would be (for students) to go to Boeing.com."

Williams said early last year Boeing closed a production facility in Long Beach, Calif., and moved it to Oklahoma City, producing more than 550 software engineering positions.

"Approximately 200 of those were filled with employees that relocated and more were hired from different areas," he said.

This project is still in the works, Williams said.

"The office space is not yet completed," he said.

The company is building a six-story building next to its current location at SE 59th and Air Depot Blvd.

Boeing is headquartered in Chicago and boasts a workforce of more than 165,000 people in the U.S. and in more than 70 other countries. The employees are a diverse group of talented, well-educated and innovative individuals, ac-



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Construction is under way on the new Boeing building located at SW 59th Street and South Air Depot Boulevard.

cording to www.boeing.com.

More than 123,000 hold a college degree and of those, approximately 32,000 have advanced degrees in virtually every technical and business field. Boeing is a major service provider for NASA operating the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. They are one of the largest U.S. exporters in terms of sales, according to www.boeing.com.

The company is expected to apply for the state's Quality Jobs program and for grants from Oklahoma City's General Obligation Limited Tax fund, according to an article published on Jan. 5 in *The Oklahoman*.

Boeing was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the city late last year as it moved forward with the first phase of the two-part relocation plan of 550 jobs from California, according to a article published on Jan. 5 in *The Oklahoman*.

OCCC's aviation program can be completed in 18 months

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The news that Boeing is closing its Wichita plant and moving to Oklahoma City presents the possibility of job openings in the aviation industry for Oklahoma City residents.

Students interested in getting into the aviation industry can enroll in aviation programs at OCCC.

OCCC has a cooperative alliance program in aviation maintenance with Metro Tech and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Alexa Mashlan, cooperative alliance programs director, said students apply through Metro Tech and finish their associate degree at OCCC. The 18-month program is designed to cover courses required to complete an AMT license and general basic courses, she said.

Mashlan said the classes are full time, last all day and meet four or five times a week.

Students can earn an associate in Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology, designed to prepare a student for the workforce, or an associate

in Science in Maintenance Technology, which allows a student to transfer into a 4-year program.

The associate in science program is partnered with Southeastern's bachelor's program in Aviation Management.

Melissa Watson, a coordinator through Southeastern Oklahoma State University, said Southeastern also offers aviation maintenance classes on the fourth floor of OCCC's library, as well as aviation management degrees.

"We encourage students to get their associate degree through OCCC," Watson said.

Mashlan said some of the students in the program were already in the work force and earning their degree to get ahead. "A lot of them are working at Tinker and they're finishing up to move into different positions or earning their degree to get a bump in pay," Mashlan said.

"Some students, right after they finish the program,



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Southeastern Oklahoma State University Coordinator Melissa Watson prepares for the new semester.

do get a job at Tinker."

Watson said a bachelor's in Aviation Management opens the door to several jobs.

"They don't have to stick with aviation. But it's a really big industry, and it's growing," Watson said.

Although there's no word yet on whether Boeing will be hiring for maintenance positions yet, Watson has a positive outlook for those graduating with Aviation Maintenance degrees.

"That's going to open up a lot of jobs for people who don't

work at Tinker or the FAA," Watson said. "The degrees our students obtain will fit right into Boeing's requirements."

For more information on the program, call 405-682-7822 or visit www.occc.edu/coop-ed/MT.

For information on Southeastern's bachelor's program, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7195, or visit aviation.se.edu.

SPORTS

Hoop dreams

Inblack, Michael Mckay (undecided major), shoots against environmental science major Benjamin Zimmer in the OCCC gymnasium the first week of spring classes.

Mckay said he and Zimmer have been at the gym every day since the spring semester began.

The Wellness Center houses an Olympic-size pool, gymnasium, weight room and various classes that students can use for free with a current ID.

In addition, the college offers a variety of fitness classes for a fee. This semester, group fitness passes are being made available for \$50. That covers all classes and is available in the Wellness Center on the first floor of the Main Building.

For more information about the various areas and classes offered, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.



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UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

Jan. 21: Casady High School Swim Meet. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Jan. 25: Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament meeting at noon. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Jan. 26: Moore/Putnam City Swim Meet. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Jan. 30: 3rd Annual Wellness Center Open House from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue.
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SPORTS | Group pass saves students and community members up to \$100 per semester

Fitness pass saves students money

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OCCC's Recreation and Fitness department has introduced a new Group Fitness Pass that will cost \$50 and allow the pass holder access to all fitness classes offered for the semester. Students and community members will be able to purchase the pass.

To purchase this pass, you must have a valid student ID or a Recreation and Fitness membership, said Marlene Shugart, Health and Fitness Specialist.

Shugart said the change was made is to make taking fitness classes less costly.

"It is much more affordable for everyone, not only the students," Shugart said.

She said it's a savings of more than

\$100 per semester.

Before, students and community members had to pay \$20 a month per class.

Most of the classes only meet twice a week and range from 20 to 55 minutes long.

To take the same class for the entire semester would have cost \$80 for four months of just one class.

"There has been plenty of positive feedback from the student body," Shugart said.

"The student feedback has been great," she said.

"They love it."

Members are excited about the new price and class options.

"Wow, that's a great way to make

“We want to offer the best package we possibly can.”

—MARLENE SHUGART
HEALTH AND FITNESS SPECIALIST

it more convenient for the students," said Paisley Mitchell, a frequent guest of the Wellness Center.

Mitchell said she plans to take advantage of the Group Fitness Pass because she is interested in the Zumba class.

"I enjoy dancing so it would feel like I'm not even working out," Mitchell said.

OCCC offers a variety of fitness classes that will fill different needs. There are approximately 16 different classes, Shugart said.

"I think it's different for everybody," Shugart said. "It all matters what your goal is."



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If you want to burn fat, increase core strength and enjoy dance then you would attend the Theatrical Dance class.

If you want to get an energetic cardio workout, then you would attend the Cardio Kickboxing class.

The Group Fitness pass is being welcomed by the students, community members and faculty, Shugart said.

"We want to offer the best package we possibly can."

Switch: Moodle to take the place of ANGEL soon

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finally gotten accustomed to it just as the change took place.

English professor Mark Schneberger is teaching an Introduction to Literature class using Moodlerooms this semester.

"Any time you learn new technologies, my thought is always 'how are students going to be able to follow and use this?'"

"The system looks like it will be fairly easy to follow for new students," Schneberger said.

Schneberger said the people who trained the faculty really encouraged them to make everything look the same.

"The way that it's looking does make it seem a lot easier for students to follow," Schneberger said.

He said faculty using Moodlerooms this semester were given the training in the middle of November.

"The training took place during the development of the classes online.

"They did a great job with the training at breaking it down into achievable

tasks to make sure we can get this done," Schneberger said. "A lot of us are a little hesitant still, but so far it seems to be working."

Gardner said the school set up a committee that looked at several vendors and ended up choosing Moodlerooms.

"One of the big reasons they chose Moodlerooms is it integrates with our administrative system which is Datatel," he said.

"When we get fully incorporated with Moodlerooms and faculty post grades, those two systems will talk to each other.

"This will make it easier not to have any errors in grades being officially put on transcripts by it being done manually," Gardner said.

Gardner said ANGEL cost the college \$79,000 a year to provide to students and faculty. The same cost

is associated with Moodlerooms.

"We've increased some costs on the administrative system," Gardner said, "but that is to integrate everything together."

He said the goal to make the full transition to Moodlerooms is the summer semester.

"This is due to the large amount of faculty needing to be trained and leaving time to work out any problems that might occur with the new system."

Schneberger said it may take some

time but he is sure everyone will adjust well.

"I do know that any time there's a change, students and faculty are used to seeing things in a certain place," he said. "They're going to have a struggle."

"So, as instructors, we need to be extra careful. I think we need to contact our students during the first week to see what troubles they might be having (and) if we can help with anything. I think after the second week, everything will be golden."

Auditions: Open call to students, public

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There are numerous characters in the musical with a large variety of personalities.

The main character Pseudolus is a Roman slave who is trying to earn his freedom by any means. By getting his master married to the girl next door, he will achieve his freedom, though everything has to happen in a certain way.

Hero is the young master of

Pseudolus, and has fallen in love with Philia, a courtesan who lives next door.

Philia is a courtesan belonging to Marcus Lycus, who has been promised to Miles Gloriosus, though she falls in love with Hero.

Noel said that he is looking for high-energy people for the production.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Nursing robotics



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Monica Holland, Human Patient Simulator and Nursing Lab coordinator, listens for respiration problems with the human patient simulator Fred. This robot and others in the lab, from Medical Education Technologies, Inc. or METI, have proven to be an invaluable resource for the nursing and EMS programs, Holland said.

COMMUNITY | Human Patient Simulators Dan, Gabby, Hal, Fred and Noelle help train nurses

Students learn from robotic family

ERIN BRINKWORTH
News Writing Student

Nurses have to be able to insert chest tubes, administer fluids and anesthesia, even measure urine output.

Before they perform these procedures on patients, OCCC's student nurses practice on Dan the Human Patient Simulator, and other simulators in the health professions labs, said Monica Holland, nursing lab coordinator. These include Gabby and Hal, Fred and Noelle.

For just under \$200,000, OCCC's first human patient simulator was purchased in 2004. Dan is a high fidelity, or life-like, robot that comes with technologically advanced features such as pupil dilation, voice response, and a pulse.

This robot, from Medical Education Technologies, Inc., or METI, has proven to be an invaluable resource for the nursing and EMS programs, Holland said.

She discussed the additions to OCCC's robotic family since receiving Dan.

"We have two birthing simulators, one of which is computer run. There's Gabby, she's brand new, and baby Hal. Gabby is from Gaumard."

Gabby, so named for the room in which she resides, offers students valuable experience in labor

and delivery.

Nursing Professor Heather Campbell-Williams explained how robots help in the teaching process.

"The students like simulations because it puts them in real life situations without the fear of messing up," she said.

Holland said they are worth the expense.

"At \$38,000, Gabby is more than worth her cost," she said. "She is great for students."

The high-tech HPS models like Dan aren't always hassle-free, however. Dan's greatest feature, his computer-monitored simulations, keeps him tethered to the wall, Campbell-Williams said.

"Sometimes Dan and Fred run out of gases, and that's why I prefer Noelle," she said. "She doesn't have as many glitches because she isn't as complex."

Holland said Dan was converted from gases to a compressor in 2010.

"Moving to a compressor was a massive improvement," Holland said, and it saved money.

The Health Professions Program also purchased a handful of mannequins, each costing about \$1,800, who serve to hone more basic skills, such as CPR and intravenous line insertion.

"You see the development of patient care as the students interact with these dolls," Holland said. "I

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Brown Bag topic Study Skills

Student Life is hosting a Brown Bag luncheon and workshop at noon Wednesday, Jan. 25 in room CU1. The topic is "Study Skills." For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Student Organizations Fair upcoming

OCCC's Student Organization Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 25 and 26 outside of the Communications Lab on the first floor of the Main Building. Students can learn more about OCCC's clubs and organizations, and sign up for any of them. For more information, call 405-682-7523.

OCCC Night at the Barons

The Oklahoma City Barons ice hockey team will play the Houston Aeros at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. Tickets are on sale in the Student Life office, located on the first floor of the Main Building. For more information, call 405-682-7523.

Calculator workshop

OCCC's Math Lab is hosting daily workshops on how to use a calculator through Wednesday, Jan. 25. Students will learn how to use a TI89 calculator and its applications in College Algebra, Statistics and Business Calculus. For workshop times, visit the Math Lab, located in 2G4 and 2G5 MB or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7249.

OACC Scholarship deadline

The deadline for OACC scholarships is Friday, Feb. 3. OACC scholarships give one student per college \$500 per semester for one academic year. Applications at www.oacc.onenet.net/pdf/OACC-Scholarship.

Musical Auditions

Open auditions for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, and Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Applicants need to prepare a 16-bar score to sing and a 2- to 3-minute-long comedic monologue. Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7246 or email bnoel@occc.edu.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue.

Email your event to communitywriter@occc.edu.

once saw a student try to brush the hair out of a doll's eyes to comfort it."

Almost every student respects the value of the simulator, Holland said. The environment is designed to be serious but fun, and is one of the highlights of the OCCC Nursing Program.

"We are a very competitive program," Holland said, "in that our program offers a lot of clinical experiences and exposure to complex situations."

Funding for simulators comes from grants, namely the Carl Perkins Grant, which is currently being used to purchase new Vital Simulation Dolls from the Laerdal company.

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