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Campus Police Officer Patrick Martino and Security Officer Van Ninh fold the flag at the end of the day outside of the Main Building. Campus officers take down and fold the American flag every school day around 6:30 p.m. According to www.flagetiquote.com, official etiquette for the use and display of the American flag was first set down by the National Flag Code, which was adopted June 14, 1923. On Dec. 22, 1942, the rules were approved by Congress and became federal law.

Campus police release security report

Forcible sex offense
part of data made public
as a result of Clery Act,
a law created in 1990

MITCHELL RICHARDS
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A motor vehicle theft, a report of burglary, an on-campus sex offense and four drug violations highlight the campus police department's annual release of its 2011 campus crime data.

The Campus Police Department released its annual Security and Fire Safety Report for 2011 on Sept. 27. Release of the data is stipulated in the Campus Security Act, also known as the Clery Act, a law signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1990.

The release of the report

contains information on specific crimes and incidents that happen on and around campus.

OCCC Campus Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said because OCCC doesn't have dorms, a lot of the crimes listed in the Clery Act are low compared to other colleges.

Fitzpatrick said theft is usually the most significant crime reported on campuses but OCCC listed just one on the Campus Security report.

"This is a very safe campus," Fitzpatrick said, "We are concerned about every incident that happens on campus and have no problem complying to the Clery Act."

The report also includes information and statistics from 2009 through 2011. In 2009, a forcible sex offense was reported on campus, the only one reported in the last

three years.

The offense was reported on Aug. 28 and involved two unidentified men, one of whom was stalking the other, according to the police report. The stalking rose to a climax when the man "grabbed [the other man] by the scrotum," according to the police report.

No charges were pressed in the incident.

Other incidents reported are single cases of aggravated assault and burglary, both of which occurred off campus.

A total of seven motor vehicle thefts were reported in 2009 and

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OCCC offers chance
to obtain GED certificate

DA'SHIONNA CAMPBELL
News Writing Student

Those who need to finish high school have a second chance right here at OCCC.

More than 3,000 students are enrolled in GED and other adult education classes through

OCCC's Family And Community Education Center at 6500 S. Land, said Jessica Martinez-Brooks, Community Outreach and Education director.

The FACE Center is located about one mile north of the main

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Writer disagrees with new law that went into effect Nov. 1

Open carry law will create chaos

Oklahomans with handgun licenses may carry firearms in the open as of Nov. 1. Even with this new law in place, citizens may still be banned from carrying firearms into certain places.



ERIN PEDEN

According to www.newson6.com, firearms are banned in areas such as schools, federal buildings, courthouses and sports arenas. Private businesses have the option to ban or allow firearms.

Why do people feel it is so important to be allowed to carry a gun openly, visible for everyone to see?

It seems to me it would be more of a hassle than help having to worry about whether you will be able to take in your gun at each individual place you visit.

If you have been watching the local news lately, you may have heard Oklahoma City now ranks number

nine for cities with the highest crime rates.

This being said, I feel the new law is a bad idea. In a society where we live in fear the person next to us is a criminal, letting citizens walk around with weapons clearly exposed is like feeding the flame.

Some may argue the law is necessary to protect themselves; however, I feel it does quite the opposite.

I agree that people have the right to protect themselves. But what kind of message are we sending by allowing residents to walk around stores and supermarkets with a gun clearly visible?

There is a difference between carrying a concealed weapon for protection and just flaunting one.

What we are doing is encouraging violence and making it harder to distinguish between those who are bad and those who are simply trying to protect themselves.

As seen with the recent movie theater shooting in Colorado and past school shootings, there is no sure way to prevent people from causing problems.

When it comes down to it, if someone really wants

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How I cope with depression:
celebrating weird holidays.



JEREMY CLOUD

to bring in a gun, whether allowed or not, they will find a way to do so.

By allowing open carry, we are only causing more chaos and adding to the state of paranoia we already live in.

My hope is Oklahomans will make the best of this new law by educating themselves and demonstrating caution if and when they choose to carry a gun.

—ERIN PEDEN
STAFF WRITER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Writer feels she witnessed prejudice firsthand

Student asks for clarification on disabilities editorial

To the Editor:

Regarding the [editorial by Special Projects Reporter Mitchell Richards] about disabilities, I saw firsthand discriminatory attitudes ... when I went through the doors by [the Pioneer] office and pressed the button (to auto-

matically open the door).

There were two men sitting in there and they both turned and gave very descriptive expressions of how they felt.

I am disabled and it is verified through Student Services. My daughter who was with me has also been verified.

The problem with your article is that it instigates acts of prejudice based on outward appearance.

You need to print a retraction or at least an addendum explaining that not all people who are disabled use wheelchairs or look disabled.

By condoning and even joining in on such prejudice, with the facial expressions of disgust, you are making the life of a disabled person harder than it already is.

—NANCY MARTINEZ
OCCC STUDENT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | College employee asks that CNN airtime equal that of FOX

OCCC not being fair and balanced in news coverage

To the Editor:

I'm wondering why the college TV shows FOX news more than any other station?

I work at OCCC and can see a campus TV from my location. Every day I see at least twice as much time given to FOX

than to CNN.

I would like to think that OCCC wants its students to have access to all points of view but as I watch the TV day after day, it seems to me the college favors one viewpoint over another.

I'm not opposed to televising FOX

although I find the station to be anything but what they claim to be — "fair and balanced." I know there are those who like the station.

I am, however, opposed to an obviously biased news organization getting more airtime than any other.

I would ask whoever is in charge of the programming to try and follow the mantra of FOX better than they do, and truly be fair and balanced. Give equal time to both CNN and FOX.

—NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST
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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

THEATER REVIEW | Special movie-viewing area impressive

Warren's Director's Suite worth \$22

Moore Warren Theater never ceases to amaze me.

I always try going to matinee showings, if I even go to the movie theater at all, because of the typical I'm-a-broke-college-kid reason. So I made plans with my boyfriend Mitch to see "Argo" at 3:25 p.m. last week since I was getting off work at 3 p.m.

It is typical of I-35 south to have traffic at any given time of day. Once I realized, while sitting in standstill traffic, would not make it to the theater on time, I called Mitch and told him we would have to wait until the 4:05 p.m. showing.

Once I arrived I found him upstairs at the bar, to no surprise. Going back to being really cheap, we had never partaken in the Warren's bar, restaurant, or any of its fine amenities, but since we had time to kill, why not?

As we began catching up on how each other's days were, I took a gander around this really awesome upstairs portion that I had never seen before and noticed an area called the Director's Suite.

We asked the bartender what it was and he offered to show it to us. Feeling slightly awkward for asking, we followed him.

There are two of these suites, each with about 40 oversized, cushioned, reclining chairs, each with



IMAGE COURTESY WARREN THEATER

a foot rest and seat warmer. Each chair had a mini table that rotated to position right in front of you to hold food that one can order just by pressing a button. The bartender said the button summons a waiter in less than three minutes. Talk about royalty.

He informed us this button can be pressed at any time — before, during and after a movie — with the full menu and bar available.

We were thoroughly impressed, and equally sad that we were broke college kids who couldn't afford the \$22 seats, so we went back to the bar and the bartender seemed to disappear.

He showed up about two minutes later, saying if we had our regular \$7 tickets, he could get us into the 3:25 p.m. Director's Suite showing since it was not full. We knew we could not pass this up.

It was a really awesome movie-watching experience. I would highly recommend everyone splurge a little on their next date night at the Moore Warren Theater Director's Suite. Who knows? Maybe you will get lucky, too.

RATING: A+

—**SARAH HUSSAIN**
EDITOR

EVENT REVIEW | A night of hockey is a great way to spend an evening

OKC Barons affordable entertainment

The Oklahoma City Barons recently opened their third season in Oklahoma City, fresh off their conference finals trip last season, as the top seed in the Western Conference of the American Hockey League.

For those familiar with the history of Oklahoma City hockey, the Barons are not the Blazers — the old beloved

Central Hockey League team who played in Oklahoma City for many years. The Barons have a much faster and better-quality brand of hockey and will easily make you forget about those Blazers.

The game experience is also much better than the Blazers of old, with reasonable ticket prices (including game day "walk-up" tickets for \$10), great food, a top notch bar and great ice hockey.

The game I attended on Oct. 26 was against the Houston Aeros. The Barons ended up losing to the Aeros 6-4, but the overall experience was great. The game was back and forth in scoring, and had a few fights as the intensity of the game picked up.

When I first got to the game, my girlfriend and I stopped at the concession stand to get some food. The options were kind of limited. It seemed like there were only a few stands open and in order to see what each one offered we would have had to walk



around the entire concourse of the Cox Convention Center.

We settled for the stand nearest our seats in the upper level and decided to split the BBQ pork nachos. The worker told me he'd give me a generous helping if we ordered them, so it was plenty of food for the two of us. As we walked off with our food, he

said "Now that's some \$8 nachos." For the record, they were worth it.

Even if you don't like hockey, or think you don't understand it, hockey is a beautiful sport with understandable rules upon multiple viewings. The Barons offer a great game experience, honestly rivaling a trip to a Thunder game, and for much less money.

According to www.AHL.com statistics for the game we were at, 2,995 people attended. If you ask me, 2,995 is not nearly enough considering the product the Barons organization is offering. The team also offers a variety of special promotions, including car giveaways, live music, post-game skates and other handout giveaways.

For ticket information, visit www.okcbarons.com.
Rating: B

—**MITCHELL RICHARDS**
SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTER

YOU asked FOR IT

Q.: Where are the paper recycling bins?

A.: The paper recycling bins are in all of the division offices, most of the computer rooms, and the big offices.

—**GARY PHILLIPS**

BUILDING/CAMPUS SERVICE SUPERVISOR

Q.: When can a student apply for graduation?

A.: It is recommended a student apply for graduation after they have completed 45 hours.

—**BARBARA GOWDY**

GRADUATION SERVICES DIRECTOR

Q.: How often is the Pioneer printed?

A.: The Pioneer is printed 40 times a year and is on the stands each Friday.

—**RONNA AUSTIN**

NEWS WRITING

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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Nov. 2 through Nov. 4
www.newyorktimes.com

1. Wreck-It Ralph
2. Flight
3. Argo
4. The Man With the Iron Fists
5. Taken
6. Cloud Atlas
7. Hotel Transylvania
8. Paranormal Activity 4
9. Here Comes the Boom
10. Silent Hill: Revelation 3D
11. Pitch Perfect
12. Sinister
13. Fun Size
14. Alex Cross
15. The Perks of Being a Wallflower
16. Chasing Mavericks
17. Looper
18. Frankenweenie
19. Seven Psychopaths
20. The Sessions

AFTER 10 LARGE COFFEE PURCHASES, CUSTOMER-LOYALTY CARD USERS CAN GET ONE FREE

OCCC Coffee Shop rewards steady customers

COLBIE STOECKEL
News Writing Student

The campus Coffee Shop now offers a customer-loyalty card which entitles a person to a free coffee after 10 purchases, said Corrine Aguilar, cafeteria manager.

The card applies only to customers who drink the venti, or large, cups of drip coffee, Aguilar said.

"I think that the frequent coffee cards are a great idea," student Morgan Dromgoole said.

"I go there all the time so I should probably get one."

Between school, work and homework, Dromgoole said she finds herself at the coffee shop often.

Another student, Kayla Lopez, said she has several morning classes so she visits the coffee shop between classes.

Lopez said she doesn't have the customer-loyalty card, but she's interested in getting one so she can eventually get a free coffee.

Lopez agrees it would be nice if the card also applied to teas from the Coffee Shop because, she said, she purchases tea more often than coffee.

Kassy Salas received a coffee card in late September just after they introduced them. She said she hasn't gone through all of her card quite yet.

"When I go to the Coffee Shop, I like to get other drinks besides coffee, like tea and lattes," Salas said.

"... The card does not apply to them."

Coffee Shop employee Tiffany Johnston said a large number of faculty members have cards they use every morning. She said many of them have redeemed cards for free coffee.

"Some customers are on their second and third card," Johnston said.

The Coffee Shop, located on the first floor of the Main Building, is a hot spot for students to hang out, study and visit with other students.



'LOVE IS NOT AN STD,' BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, SUBJECT OF UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Author Devin Robinson to speak on relationships

BROOKE ADCOCK
News Writing Student

Author and entertainer Devin Robinson will talk about the need for mutual respect in relationships when he speaks on campus at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in CU 2 and 3. His book "Love is Not an STD" will provide the workshop theme.

Members of the Black Student Association attended Robinson's workshop at another conference and asked that he be brought to campus, said Student Life Director Erin Logan. Logan said they had an awesome experience.

"We are bringing him in for World AIDS Day," Logan said. "We want students to hear about love and relationships, mutual respect and confidence."

Robinson shared some of his thoughts on the workshop in a telephone interview.

"A relationship without the destination being love is called a waste of time," Robinson said. "I believe that people don't know how to love. It's amazing that we love too early, incorrectly. People misinterpret what true love is, so I wrote a book based on that."

Robinson has had his own personal, inspiring experiences.

After his mother died, his older sister stepped up to take care of him. His sister worked 20 hours a day: during the day a beautician, at night an exotic dancer. She was taking care of four children, plus herself.

"I've actually been in love with a woman twice," he said. "I realized the reason why those loves and romantic relationships worked so well is because the person earned the right to love me and for me to love them. It was a process, not an overnight thing."

"Love is what you give somebody and you expect nothing in return. And be-

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A relationship without the destination being love is called a waste of time.”

—DEVIN ROBINSON
AUTHOR OF 'LOVE IS NOT AN STD'

cause of that, I am a donator of love," Robinson said.

When he performed on Black Entertainment Television for the second time, he said, he recited a poem that he memorized. Many people, even some from Africa and Europe, told him how inspired they were just from that one minute of the show.

Robinson has toured in Johannesburg, South Africa, other parts of Africa, the Middle East, and Trinidad and Barbados in the Caribbean.

He is now writing a book called "Change Him ... in 100 Pages," he said.

"It's a new book to inspire women to understand how to change their mate, a bad behavior or a characteristic about their mate and how would they do it."

Robinson said he believes a woman can change their mate because he has seen it work before.

Robinson's speech is free and open to the public.

He encourages students to visit the website: www.loveisnotanstd.com.



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OCCC GRADUATE AND OKLAHOMA DAILY ONLINE EDITOR ENCOURAGE NEWS WRITING CLASS

Journalism students say involvement is key

ALYSSA ROBERTS
News Writing Student

News reporters, at times, can face harsh criticism, said Joey Stipek, online editor of the University of Oklahoma Daily student newspaper. He gave the example of speaking with an upset father after publishing a link to his daughter's autopsy report.

Stipek and Laney Ellisor, OU Daily editor-in-chief, spoke to a journalism class on campus Oct. 25 about the highs and lows of their journalism careers, and the importance of working in student media.

Stipek, 30, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is a former OCCC student. Before moving to Oklahoma to attend OCCC, he managed a business in the food industry in Times Square. While attending OCCC, Stipek held many positions, including that of editor, at the college's newspaper, the Pioneer. He is now studying

journalism at OU. Ellisor, a 22-year-old professional writing major at OU, is originally from Broken Bow, Okla. She began her work at the OU Daily as a reporter and moved up the ranks to become editor-in-chief in August.

Ellisor told of one of her most exciting moments while working in student media when she described recently meeting her childhood role model, Candy Crowley, CNN's chief political correspondent. Another exciting experience for her was seeing her byline in print, as she did first in the OU Daily.

During his speech, Stipek told of what he described to be a highly controversial publication, Casey Cooke's autopsy report.

A senior at OU, Cooke died on campus in early summer after a fall from the fire escape of a campus building. The autopsy report gave details of her injuries and established that she had

been drinking alcohol before the fall. The OU Daily published a link to the report during the first week of the fall semester, and the first month of Ellisor's tenure as the editor-in-chief.

Stipek told the class after a link to Cooke's autopsy report was published, he spoke with Cooke's father, who was deeply distraught.

"He was in tears," Stipek said. He said he received letters from Cooke's peers, who also were upset over the publication.

Ellisor told students they will find there is plenty of criticism in a journalist's career, and that some of that criticism should be allowed to "roll off your back." She said all criticism should be taken with the utmost respect and considered seriously.

In the rush to report the outcome of the autopsy report, the OU Daily staff may have acted too quickly, Ellisor said.

Stipek and Ellisor explained that

when handling controversial issues, it is best to examine the topic in a two-part manner. First, ask yourself if it will add to the story and secondly, if one can justify including it. Ellisor said planning is the key to managing controversy.

She cited an example from the spring semester when the OU Daily staff decided to run a front-page editorial advocating for a housing issue supported by gays and lesbians on campus. The editorial was accompanied by news articles and information graphics to provide context and background for the argument.

Stipek and Ellisor encouraged journalism students to take part in their school's student media programs, as they have reaped benefits in terms of lessons learned and experience gained.

They also noted that student media experience can lead to concrete rewards, such as scholarships and professional internships.

Healthy relationships explored during lecture

KIMBERLY A. BASTIAN
News Writing Student

Students who attended Patty Gail Patten's lecture on Healthy Relationships were given a quiz to determine if they are in a relationship with their Mr. or Ms. Right. Audience members were asked to rank the importance of spiritual, sexual, intellectual and emotional chemistry in a relationship.

The students were then asked to reflect on their relationship, or potential relationship, and told to grade their partner on a scale from 1 to 10.

Patten said if their partner received lower than five points in any of the four categories, they should reconsider their relationship because they were probably engaged in an unhealthy relationship with Mr. or Ms. Wrong.

The lecture focused on identifying codependency in one's self and recognizing one's potential for failed or damaging relationships.

This led students to reflect on their own lives Oct. 23 in the College Union.

Patten defined codependency in a relationship as when a person is controlled by another who suffers from an addiction.

The speaker was very relaxed, with several students asking questions and commenting on the information provided throughout the lecture.

This was the second seminar in OCCC's three-part Healthy

Relationships Series, presented by Student Support Services and the Student Life office to observe Relationship Violence Awareness Week.

Patten has been working in the field of counseling and relationships for 25 years, and has hosted countless workshops, seminars and training. She holds a master's degree and is a licensed professional counselor.

Patten told students that codependency can affect one's romantic and personal life.

Patten handed out short quizzes to the audience so they could self-reflect and identify on their own as to if they exhibit codependent tendencies.

Many affirmed that they were codependent although the quiz was confidential and no one was required to discuss the results.

Student Jared Jahnel said he benefited from the presentation.

"The lecture was interesting and I learned a lot about identifying codependency," Jahnel said.

He said even if one is not codependent, it may be a good idea to be aware of

codependent-type behavior in a partner.

Patten said healthy relationships start with being happy alone and not finding a partner to fill a void or fulfill unmet childhood needs.

Without intervention, Patten indicated that codependency would be a life-long cycle and a long-time struggle.

Relationship counseling, one-on-one counseling, and group therapy are some effective methods to ensure that codependency is not a life sentence. Patten's lecture stressed the topic of recognition.

Patten even went so far as to provide a handout presented in the format of "If you do this you might be codependent" as a detection tool.

The first step in ridding oneself of codependent tendencies is recognizing there is a problem and then taking steps to avoid engaging in unhealthy relationships, she said.

For more information on codependency, contact Student Support Services Center at 405-682-7520.

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THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT URGES PEOPLE TO PUT DOWN TOBACCO

Students encouraged to stop smoking

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The American Cancer Society is marking the 37th Great American Smokeout Nov. 15 by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit.

American Cancer Society Local Coalition Coordinator Paola Klein said by doing so, smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life, one that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

"Oklahoma's American Cancer Society is partnering with UMB Bank for events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15, at two UMB Bank locations in the Stockyards and downtown," Klein said.

People can stop by to drop off their cigarettes and pledge to quit, Klein said.

Everyone who does this can sign up to win either a 37-piece tool kit from Home Depot which represents their "tools to quit," or a chance at one of two turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner.

At both locations there will be a free hot dog lunch and educational booths where ACS representatives will be giving out quit kits, Klein said.

Although OCCC will not host anything for the Smoke Out, the staff in the Student Support Services and Student Life offices are always available to help.

Two counselors on campus have been trained to work with students, by the American Lung Association, said Learning Support Specialist Mary Turner.

"Erin Logan and I did go through that training about a year and a half ago or so.

"Students who want to come in and work with us one-on-one, we certainly can arrange that... [for those who have] some difficulty or want to know how to get started."

Turner said OCCC offers smoking cessation classes to groups of individuals which include eight units over seven weeks.

"In addition, we put out information about the 1-800-QUIT, which is a very helpful tool because you can get your own quit coach," she said.

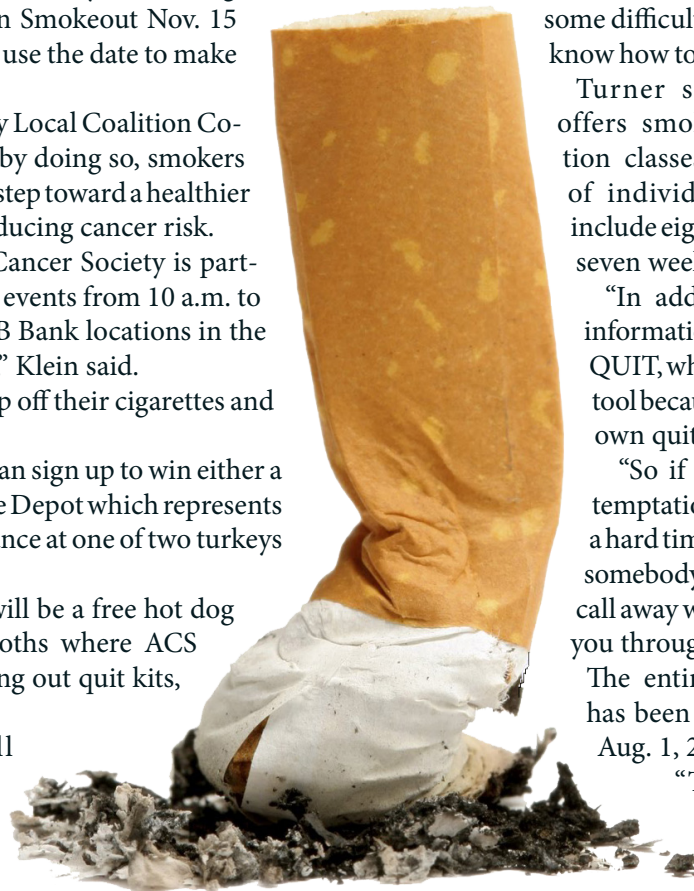
"So if you're feeling that temptation or really having a hard time, you know there's somebody who is just a phone call away who can kind of talk you through things."

The entire OCCC campus has been tobacco free since Aug. 1, 2011.

"Tobacco free addresses not just smoking tobacco, but any tobacco use,"

Turner said.

"It's just as harmful to intake it in one way as it is another.



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—PAOLA KLEIN

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY LOCAL COALITION COORDINATOR

"We just encourage people who are wanting to quit to find the resources and do so."

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S., yet more than 45 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, Klein said. However, more than half of these smokers have attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year.

As of 2010, there also were 13.2 million cigar smokers in the U.S., and 2.2 million who smoke tobacco in pipes.

Quitting is hard but by receiving help, chances of success increase, Klein said.

The American Cancer Society offers the steps it takes to quit smoking, and provides the resources and support that can increase chances of quitting successfully.

To learn about the available tools, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/great-americansmokeout/index.

To contact Turner, visit the Student Support Services office located on the first floor of the Main Building, call 405-682-7520, or email her at mturner@occc.edu.

Facts about smoking

- Cigarette smoking has been identified as the most important source of preventable morbidity and premature mortality in the United States and the world.
- Smoking-related diseases cause an estimated 440,000 American deaths each year.
- Smoking costs the U.S. more than \$150 billion annually in health care costs.
- A 2004 Study by the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion found that cigarette smoke contains more than 4,800 chemicals, 69 of which are known to cause cancer.
- Women account for 39 percent of all smoking deaths.
- Each day 3,000 children smoke their first cigarette.
- At least three million adolescents are smokers.
- Tobacco use primarily begins in adolescence, typically by age 16.
- Almost all first use occurs before high school graduation.
- 20 percent of American teens smoke.
- Roughly six million teens in the U.S. today smoke despite the knowledge that it is addictive and leads to disease.
- Of every 100,000 15-year-old smokers, tobacco will prematurely kill at least 20,000 before the age of 70.
- Of the 3,000 teens who started smoking today, nearly 1,000 will eventually die as a result from smoking.
- In earlier times, tobacco was called herba panacea — meaning cure-all herb. Some people even believed that smoking cleaned out the lungs.
- Several countries outlawed tobacco use in the 1600s. In Turkey during that period, tobacco users could be tortured or killed. In China, a person caught with tobacco might be beheaded. In Russia, tobacco users who were caught a second time were killed.
- During World War I and World War II, soldiers were given cigarettes as part of their rations.
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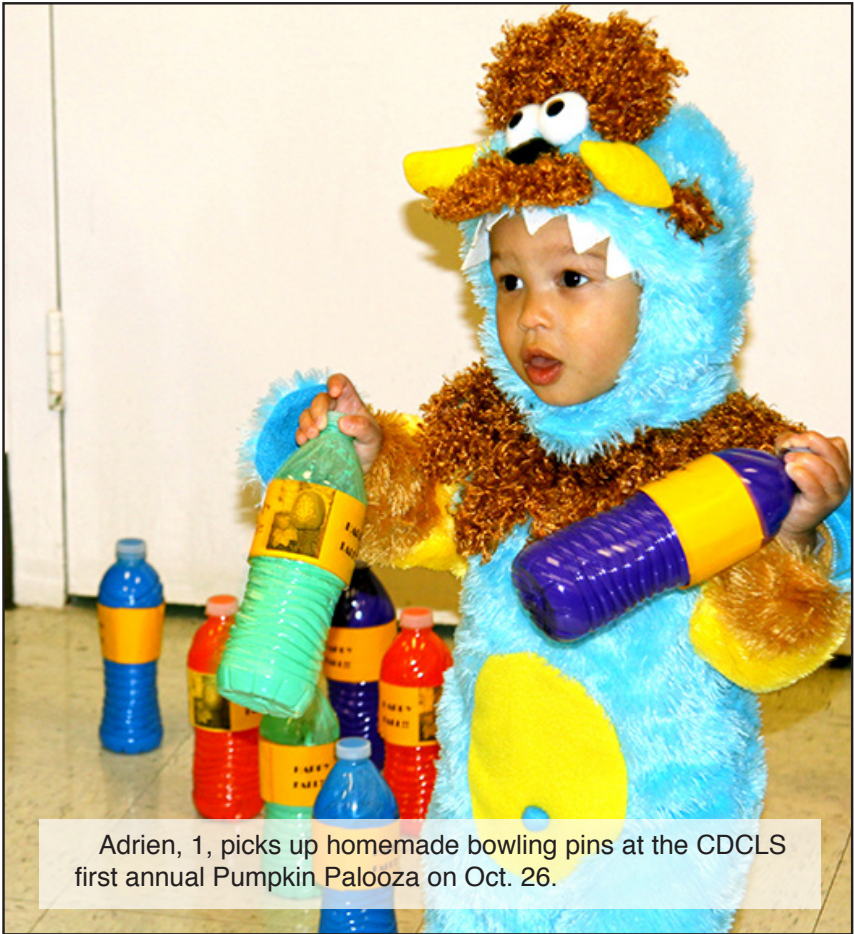
—www.smoking-facts.net

CHILD CENTER OFFERS TOYS AND FUN FOR CHILDREN

Halloween carnival brings fun to campus



Will, 2, nets a fish at the CDCLS Halloween carnival Friday, Oct. 26. Several games and prizes were available for children to entertain themselves.



Adrien, 1, picks up homemade bowling pins at the CDCLS first annual Pumpkin Palooza on Oct. 26.

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Tristen, 4, enjoys having his face painted like a superhero at the CDCLS Halloween carnival.

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Pretty princesses, mighty superheroes, and furry monsters invaded OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School this Halloween as part of the first-ever Pumpkin Palooza. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, laughter filled

the CDCLS gymnasium as children painted pumpkins, played musical chairs, and netted plastic fish for trinket prizes. Lab Supervisor Lee Ann Townsend said the successful event was the first of its kind. "We usually host some type of fall event for our families to get to know each other," Townsend said. "[The] event was big-

ger than we anticipated. We had a wonderful turn out for it." She said small prizes and paintable pumpkins were donated by CDCLS Family and Staff committee members. Finger foods for children and their families were provided by parents. The CDCLS is located off-campus at 6500 S Land Ave. one mile north of campus.



A group of children play a bean bag toss tic-tac-toe game at the OCCC-sponsored community Halloween carnival Oct. 26 in the College Union.

SPORTS

Scoring points



Student Dalton Newsome of the intramural team The Jimmers beats Treyvante Thomas-Banks of the Thunder to the basket during a game at the Intramural Basketball one-day tournament. The tournament, held Nov. 2 in the OCCC gymnasium, was sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness department. The Jimmers won the game and moved on to play another team called Diversity. The next scheduled intramural event will be the OCCC Intramural Dodgeball Tournament, which will take place Nov. 16. Team and player sign up is going on through Nov. 15 at www.imleagues.com.

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UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

Nov. 10: Jaguar Invitational Swim Meet. The pool will be open to the public. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Nov. 16: OCCC Intramural Dodgeball Tournament. Registration is going on now through Nov. 15. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

Nov. 16 - Nov. 18: EAT Turkey Swim Meet. The pool will be closed to the public but the event is open. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Nov. 22 - Nov. 25: Thanksgiving break. The pool will be closed for Thanksgiving break. The pool will resume normal operating hours at 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26.

Dec. 1: Joe Stocker High School Invitational Swim Meet. The pool will be closed to the public but the event will be open. 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. Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.

SPORTS | The Extreme Aquatic Team will host annual event

EAT Turkey Swim Meet to attract 450 swimmers

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The Extreme Aquatic Team will host the EAT Turkey Swim Meet in the OCCC Aquatic Center. More than 450 swimmers are expected to participate. The meet will be open to the public and admission is free, said Meet Director J.C. Riley.

The EAT Turkey Swim meet will take place Nov. 16 through 18 in the OCCC Aquatic Center. The pool will be closed to the public during the event.

Riley said the Extreme Aquatic Team is a competitive USA swimming team that teaches and assists young people with swimming in a team en-

vironment.

The meet will start on Friday at 5:50 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. On Saturday, the meet will start at 8:30 a.m. and the day's festivities will end at 7 p.m. Sunday will be the final day of competition which will start at 6:30 a.m. and end at 7 p.m.

The meet will be separated by age groups. The 12-and-under age group will swim in the morning, and the 13-and-up will swim in the afternoon, said Aquatic Specialist Marlene Shugart.

Shugart said participants in the EAT Turkey Swim Meet will be the Sooner

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I'm excited because normally the EAT Turkey Swim Meet is the biggest short course swim meet of the year.”

—J.C. RILEY

EAT TURKEY SWIM MEET DIRECTOR

Swim Club, Swim Tulsa, and many other swim teams from Oklahoma.

Riley said the 12-and-under bracket will receive ribbons if they finish 1st through 8th place. The 13-and-older bracket will get the satisfaction of knowing their times.

Riley said he is excited about the event and is anxious to see the swimmers perform.

“I'm excited because normally the EAT Turkey Swim Meet is the biggest short course swim meet of the

year,” Riley said. “OCCC is always the best school and a lot of these kids will swim their fastest time of the season because of the quality of pool.”

For more information about the EAT Turkey Swim Meet, contact Shugart at 405-682-1611, ext. 7442 or email her at mashugart@occc.edu.

Have sports news to share?
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ext. 7676

Service learning project to help children's home

BROOKE KELTY
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Students will have the opportunity to perform community service work at the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home on Friday, Nov. 16, said Student Life Director Erin Logan.

Volunteers will take the service learning trip with OCCC's Student Life to assist with gardening and landscaping at the location at 16301 S Western Ave.

Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home is dedicated to housing and nurturing children who are unable to live in their own family's home, Logan said.

The facility provides children with educational, emotional, spiritual, physical and social support until the child graduates high school, according

to the facility's website.

"This trip is important because students are able to see the different lifestyles that their peers may have," Logan said.

These different lifestyles include children who have found themselves in a crisis situation, according to the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home website.

Each child is welcomed into the home on a case-by-case basis, Logan said. In other words, the crises the children face may vary.

OCCC students will spend time working on the facility's landscaping: pulling weeds, picking up trash and other general labor, Logan said.

This service is important because the use of volunteers enables Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home to put their limited resources to other uses, such as hiring a new teacher, Logan said.

Service Learning organized a trip to Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home last fall. One student who volunteered on last year's trip had actually lived in the center, Logan said. The trip had a definite personal connection for her.

Other students also felt connected to the project and requested to volunteer at the facility again.

Students are able to work on their communication and leadership skills while performing community service, Logan said.

Nursing student Emily Musick said she has been volunteering since she was 14 years old. She said she enjoys volunteering because she can learn while giving back to her community.

Students are able to see how their work affects the people they're helping, Musick said.

Students will meet at the Student Life office at noon Nov. 16, and return to campus at 4 p.m. Students are encouraged to wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty, comfy shoes and to have a positive attitude.

To register, visit the Student Life page of the OCCC website under Student Services. For more information, contact Logan at elogan@occc.edu or visit www.occc.edu/studentlife.

For additional information about Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home, visit www.obhc.org.

Clery Act: Students report feeling safe on campus

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2010, but only one in 2011 according to the report.

Business major Tyler Hinkle said he feels safe at OCCC.

"I'm always seeing the school officers in the hallways and patrolling around the campus," Hinkle said.

"I feel like we have enough security at the school which is good because I am able to feel safe in class.

"I have not had any incidents with crime."

Student Erica Coit said she also feels safe at OCCC.

"I feel that the school does a pretty good job of notifying the students through email about any crime or incidents that have taken place," Coit said.

A total of four drug violations were reported as occurring on campus and in a non-campus building, according to the report.

Fitzpatrick detailed the differences between a robbery and burglary, which are listed in the Clery Report, and a larceny, which is not detailed in the Clery Report.

Fitzpatrick said a robbery is someone taking something

with force or fear, and used a face-to-face example of someone holding a gun to another person, demanding a wallet.

A burglary involves breaking into a place to take something Fitzpatrick said.

A larceny, however, is "completely a crime of stealth," Fitzpatrick said.

He used the example of a pickpocket and of someone being taken advantage of without the person's knowledge.

Larcenies are one of the most frequently reported crimes on campus.

Fitzpatrick said technically,

if someone finds something on campus, whether it be a laptop or backpack, and does not turn it into the campus police, they have committed a larceny of found property.

All of the information released in the report is available for public viewing in compliance with the 1990 Campus Security Act and the Student-Right-To-Know Act.

The report, as well as other reported crime and incident information, is available to view at occc.edu/police.

Also included in the report is the information that no crimi-

nal offenses listed in the report were considered "hate crimes."

Students and employees are also given tips on how to report crimes, medical emergencies, fires and suspicious activity on campus.

Some of these tips include how to use the call boxes in the parking lot or calling 405-682-7872 from any phone.

In cooperation with the Clery Act, the school is required to email a link to the website with the information to all students and faculty. The email was sent Sept. 27 by Fitzpatrick.

GED: Classes are offered at various locations in OKC

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campus. It offers a free GED program to those who want to obtain a diploma, Martinez-Brooks said.

She said the classes are free but there is a \$75 fee for the actual GED test.

"We have the largest adult education center in the state," Martinez-Brooks said.

Started in 2008 with a State Department of Education grant, the FACE program is intended to help all those that want to further their education. The program helps those who want to earn the equivalent of a high school diploma, Martinez-Brooks said.

A new requirement is that students must have

either a high school diploma or a GED to receive federal financial aid.

"FACE accepts students as young as 16 and 17 years old who want to receive their diploma," said FACE Center Office Assistant Carla Lanois.

The center has locations other than OCCC.

Classes are offered at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, both the Reno campus and Rockwell campus; Rose State College and many libraries throughout Oklahoma City.

There also are online courses available for those who cannot make it to a teaching site, said Martinez-Brooks.

After enrolling in the program, students are

required to take a placement test to get a better understanding of which classes they need to take, Martinez-Brooks said. Once students have taken the placement test, they are then put in courses for the subjects in which they need improvement.

There are about 60 sections of different classes to enroll in, Martinez-Brooks said.

Classes in English, reading, math and other courses are offered. The classes are offered from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There also are Saturday classes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Night classes are the most popular for those that work or have children, Martinez-Brooks said.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Blood-filled Halloween



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Oklahoma Blood Institute Phlebotomist Casey Adams draws blood from nursing student Geri Finn on Oct. 31 in the OCCC College Union. The two-day blood drive occurred Oct. 30 and 31. A total of 76 donors gave blood, allowing OCCC to exceed its goal by 16 donors.

COMMUNITY | Group plays recognizable music in multiple harmonies

Four Freshmen to perform hits

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Jazz vocal group The Four Freshmen, from Las Vegas, will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Bruce Owen Theater on campus.

The members include Brian Eichenberger, Curtis Calderon, Vince Johnson and Bob Ferreira.

They are unique in many ways and have a sound that has influenced the Beach Boys and many modern day boy bands, said Lemuel Bardeguez, OCCC Cultural Arts director.

The group's history is very important to American popular music, Bardeguez said, because the musicians have influenced many bands that use multiple vocal harmonies.

"Their music is instantly recognizable," Bardeguez said.

Hits by the group include "It's a Blue World," "Mood Indigo" and "Graduation Day."

According to the group's website, 4freshmen.com, the group was

"Every time they come, they do a master class with our students."

—LEMUEL BARDEGUEZ
OCCC CULTURAL ARTS DIRECTOR

founded in the late 1940s.

Since then, The Four Freshmen have added new members that make up the 22nd rendition of the combo.

"These guys have been together as a group for 12 years now," Bardeguez said.

Bardeguez said over time, the group has expanded its songbook.

"As new groups come along and new strengths are identified, the arrangements are reworked," Bardeguez said.

Some Four Freshmen music arrangements have been used in soundtracks for movies.

Bardeguez said the group performed at OCCC in 2008 and 2009.

"Every time they come, they do a master class with our students," Bardeguez said.

It is especially popular with the school's jazz vocalists and other vocal groups that are organized by the music department, Bardeguez said, but the master class is open to all students.

"It's always entertaining and educational, even if you have nothing to do with music," Bardeguez said.

The master class will start at 3 p.m. the same day as The Four Freshmen's concert. It will be held in the Choir Room in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Bardeguez said the concert will draw fans from Texas, Kansas and Arkansas, as well as Oklahoma who come to hear The Four Freshmen at OCCC because this is the only place they will perform in the region for a while.

Tickets for adults are \$25. Tickets for senior citizens, faculty, employees and alumni members are \$20. Student tickets are \$10.

Bardeguez said if any seats are avail-

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Arts Series concert and class

The OCCC Cultural Arts Series presents a musical masters class with musical guest hosts The Four Freshmen at 3 p.m. in the VPAC Choir Room. The class is free to all students.

There will be a performance from The Four Freshmen at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Bruce Owen Theater.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for children under 17, \$20 for seniors and \$25 for adults. For more information, contact the Cultural Programs office at 405-682-7579, or stop by their office at 1G1A of the Main Building.

Financial Literacy Series

Student Life will host a financial literacy series presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13, in CU3. The topic will be "Thanksgiving Budgeting." For more information, contact brittany.f.carradine@occc.edu.

Tuition Fee Waiver deadline

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for the Spring 2013 semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525.

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

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able, "rush" tickets for students will be on sale at the door for \$5. This is a good opportunity for students who wait until the last minute. Those seats will be limited so students may not be able to sit with their friends.

"Hearing a great show for \$5 is amazing," Bardeguez said.

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Area events planned as a reminder to recycle

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America Recycles Day is Nov. 15 and Oklahoma City has events to help everyone to remember to recycle.

OKC Beautiful, an organization working to improve the image of Oklahoma City through beautification, has partnered with the Oklahoma Science Museum to host an art contest featuring art made from trash.

The art show, Discovering "Art in Recycled Trash," will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19, at the Oklahoma Science Museum and features art made from 75 percent recycled materials.

OKC Beautiful Marketing and Event Manager Laura Dennison said the Upcycle Challenge "encourages participants to work with mate-



rials that would otherwise be thrown out.

"Pieces in the Upcycle Challenge are usable and functional, and also can be considered art."

Dennison said artists have about 50 items in the upcoming show, including a dress made of dryer sheets and electrical pieces that light up.

Many of the pieces are created by local and student artists, she said.

Dennison said there are a number of ways to get involved with recycling, even if your neighborhood doesn't have a

recycling program.

"OKC Beautiful has a recycle bin loan program that's available for anyone to utilize," she said.

"There are also a lot of community drop off stations to use if you need to recycle your unwanted items."

OCCC also does its part to recycle on a daily basis.

Students interested in recycling may already know about the "Dream Machines" located on campus.

The high-tech recycling bins offer coupons in exchange for



FILE PHOTO/PIONEER

A student uses one of the college's Dream Machines, a machine that accepts certain recyclable materials and gives points that can be redeemed in the college bookstore. Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day. Everyone is encouraged to use that day as a time to learn more about various ways to recycle.

recyclable goods like aluminum and plastic bottles.

There are currently two Dream Machines on campus, as well as other recycling bins, located in the cafeteria and the Main Building.

The touch-screen recycle bin requires users to set up an account to save points.

Emergency Planning and Risk Management Director

Lisa Teel heads up the Green Initiative at OCCC. She said she is currently looking for college clubs and organizations to help out and plan activities for America Recycles Day. Teel said she expects there will be campus activities.

To contact Teel about getting involved in America Recycles Day on campus, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7148.



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