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Engineering major Khoa Doan checks out an OCCC Transfer Guide on Feb. 20 in the Welcome Center Lobby of the Main Building. Transfer and Academic Advising Coordinator Linda Little had a table set up with transfer information from 4 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 20 for a Transfer Programs evening event.

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STUDENT CHRISTAL WELLS HOPES TO CREATE A PHOTO STORY THAT LEADS TO AWARENESS

Students wanted to expose bullying

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Words are a powerful part of everyday life. They can impact people in both positive and negative ways. Graphic communications major Christal Wells said she wants to bring that fact to life through a series of photos. However, she needs volunteers.

Wells said she is hoping to create a photo story about words and how people are affected by them with the help of OCCC students.

She said the photo story is meant to inform people about bullying, and to offer hope and encouragement to victims.

A photo story shoot will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7, on campus, she said. Wells said she needs four to five main subjects for the photo story.



Christal Wells

"I want people from every genre of bullying — someone who is bullied because of weight, sexual orientation, race and any others," she said.

Wells said the main characters will write words and situations on poster boards describing times when they were hurt. The audience will then be encouraged to verbally bully the subject, she said. The subject will then be instructed to share how he or she has overcome that feeling, Wells said.

"Sometimes people have issues themselves that they don't know how to get help for and they think 'I can't get out of this. No one is like me,'" she said.

"If they see this story, they will know that in the end, everything can get better if they just talk to someone and receive help."

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Jazz music to fill the air March 6

GRANT VANWINKLE
News Writing Student

Songs from different artists such as Diana Krall's "Love Being with You" and Bonnie Raitt's "Love Me Like a Man" will be performed at the first jazz concert of the semester at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6,

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Fix unemployment problem before doling out pay raises

Wage hike would be harmful

The White House revealed a plan to raise minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9 an hour by 2015 during President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech earlier this month.



**PARIS
BURRIS**

While a pay increase is automatically pleasing to hear, the proposal is a double-edged sword that will only result in increasing unemployment, hurting an already stagnant economy.

Obama said raising minimum wage would help reduce the number of people on or below the poverty line and help boost the economy.

Sure, higher wages for already employed individuals might help their economic status; however, it would have negative effects for the unemployed.

Often, minimum wage positions require very basic education, no special skills and employees are able to obtain training on the job. So, spending about \$7 for often easily replaceable work is no big deal.

When businesses are required to start spending more money, higher quality of work is inevitably going

to be expected. Thus, more qualified individuals will win over these positions than individuals with little to no qualifications and workers who don't deliver \$9 value work will be replaced with individuals who do. This is already a growing issue that will be provoked by a wage increase. Many businesses would stop hiring as many workers altogether.

The national unemployment rate for high school graduates over 25 years of age with no college education is 8.1 percent according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The unemployment rate for college graduates with an associate degree is 7 percent and only 3.7 percent with a bachelor's degree or higher, according to www.naceweb.org.

In 2007, minimum wage was \$5.85 and the national unemployment rate was roughly 4.7 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Data website. When minimum wage was increased to \$6.55 in 2008, unemployment raised to 7.3 percent by the end of the year. The national unemployment rate is currently 7.9 percent.

A common argument that backs the proposal to raise minimum wage is the ideology that people should earn a big enough wage to be able to live comfortably. While "comfortably" will vary person to person, as far as I and the vast majority of society

BALLIARD BILL



are concerned, \$9 is not enough to live comfortably. I work six days a week at three different jobs and still struggle. I know that this isn't uncommon.

If raising minimum wage is as effective as Obama and many politicians try to argue, then surely raising the minimum wage much higher than \$9 is plausible, right?

The point is that raising minimum wage would hurt equally as many people if not more than it would benefit. The focus should be decreasing the unemployment rate before worrying about minimum wage.

It's going to take a lot more effort and consideration of a lot more factors before the poverty problem can be helped.

—**PARIS BURRIS**
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Faculty, students, encouraged to nominate top professors

President's Award for Excellence nominees sought

To the editor:

The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented during the spring of each year to a full-time faculty member who exemplifies teaching excellence.

The office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs administers the process of receiving nominees and developing recommendations to the president.

To be considered for this award, a faculty member may be nominated by a fellow faculty member, by a current or former student or by a staff member.

Nominees will be asked to complete a reference sheet supplying personal and professional information.

After a review of all nominations, a selection committee appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs will recommend three candidates.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will then forward the recommended candidates to the president who will make the final selection.

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- a high degree of professional competence exhibited by knowledge and expertise that is extensive and current;

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- contribution to the teaching profession at the institutional, state or national level.

The recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching will be announced during commencement exercises.

At that time, the recipient will be presented a plaque and cash award of \$1,000 to commemorate this honor.

The award is for the 2012-2013 school year. All nomination forms must be returned by Friday, March 29, to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Nomination forms can be printed by going to: www.occc.edu/academicaffairs/pdf/president_award_form.doc and clicking on President's Award for Excellence.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Steakhouse great for a relaxed, special-occasion meal

Outback a satifying experience

I recently went to Outback Steakhouse at 2219 SW 74th Street off I-240 with my husband and grandmother for our belated Valentine's Day dinner. Being the Friday after Feb.

14 we had an hour's wait before we could be seated. One of the staff was directly inside the door handing out pagers to those who wanted to wait for a table.

Usually this circumstance would have been frustrating but the worker at the front was friendly and conversed with us until she spotted a seat inside that would be a warmer wait.

Once seated, our waiter was attentive and friendly even though it was a busy night. He made sure to get our onion ring, bread and drinks out right away. The onion ring was delicious and our drinks stayed filled throughout the evening. And I loved the bread. It was probably my favorite part of the meal.

We ordered the classic steak fillets with loaded baked potatoes and salads. The food was good and our steaks were cooked exactly as we had requested them. Little things that you order and often aren't



served correctly were perfect. My grandma's salad dressing was in a cup to the side and her potato had only butter — just as she had asked.

We did not have to send a single thing back to be fixed or call the waiter for anything except a to-go box.

The atmosphere at Outback is relaxing with dimmed lighting and comfortable seating. It's a nice place to eat without feeling like you must put on airs or rush. I thoroughly enjoyed my Valentines dinner.

Although he had many other tables, our waiter carried on a small conversation with us when he came to the table which made us feel welcomed.

The service was good, the food was great — although the price was more than I would usually pay. I don't plan to eat there often but when a special occasion comes along, Outback Steakhouse will definitely be a good choice.

Rating: B

—BUFFIE RICHARDSON BROWN
SENIOR WRITER

MUSIC REVIEW | Foals deliver — but weakly

Sophomore album more of the same

English rock band Foals recently made a return with their album "Holy Fire."

The band's sophomore release, in some ways, supersedes its predecessor, the insanely successful 2010 release "Total Life Forever," but the album isn't without its faults.

Foals, a five-member band, first burst onto the American music scene in 2010. Their first album was

a sleeper hit that began to gain momentum in the States near the latter half of the year and took off on indie music charts around Christmas of 2010.

Since then, fans have been waiting for the new Foals record. The release of a second album is often the time a band is either made or broken, depending on which way they choose to swing their sound.

In that way, it seems fair enough to say the guys behind the band's moniker played it safe with the release of "Holy Fire" — risks weren't taken and the sound is familiar, safe. It's hardly challenging to me as a listener. But sticking to the sound that made them successful doesn't necessarily make for a bad album.

"Holy Fire," at its best moments, is an evolved improvement on the sound that Foals fans learned to love with the release of their first project.

And at its worst? It sounds reaching; trying very hard to sound too much like the material that was on "Total Life Forever."



The flaw in the album comes with the fact that the band seemingly wasn't sure how to incorporate a little of the new and a little old. The entire time I listened to the record, I felt like I was waiting for a result that was never fully realized. It was only afterwards that I thought about how, through crashing crescendos and sharply arched melodies, the whole thing seemed a bit like a try-hard

attempt to encapsulate the glory of the first album in each song. Rinse, repeat. Nearly the entire album just drones on that way. It left me feeling dissatisfied, as someone who had high expectations from the band,

Overall, I would've liked to have seen Foals take more chances with "Holy Fire." A lot of musicians seem to have a fear of experimenting or straying too far from a certain signature sound they've adopted but will Foals still be appealing or fun to listen to in two or three more albums if they keep this up?

Artists need to be aware that stagnation is a possibility if they keep trying to make music that sounds exactly like the same stuff that put them on the map.

"Holy Fire" is a solid album. There are moments of real ingenuity and brilliance scattered throughout, and it's definitely an enjoyable listen. But I'm hoping that when Foals release their third project, it'll be a bit different and the band won't be trying so hard to remake the magic of their first album.

COUNSELOR'S Corner

Always strive to be the best you can be

"Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

—Henry Van Dyke

Probably everyone who reads this is acutely aware of his or her shortcomings. We are bombarded in life with messages that highlight our failures and all the ways we don't measure up. Some find ways to shake off this negativity and move on impervious to its hateful message. Many of us, though, suffer the wounds and bear the scars from a lifetime of deficiency.

We don't have to live this way, however. As a college student, you have the opportunity to grow and define — or redefine — who you are. Whether you entered the doors at OCCC knowing exactly what you wanted your life's work to be or whether you're mulling over the possibilities, know that this is a time for you to grow toward your full potential. The first step is to discover your passion and strengths. No amount of money can get us out of bed every day if we force ourselves to do work that we don't love. Doctors, engineers and accountants are important, but how much better their lives are when they have music, books, and plays to ease their minds. We all have our niche in life and the work we do is important.

Does this mean, then, that you shouldn't do things that you aren't as good at? Absolutely not. Life is about the experiences we have. Some of the best experiences occur when we do things that we enjoy no matter how good we are. Life isn't about being the best. It's about being the best that we can be.

We in Student Support Services hope you're having a positive and successful semester so far, and that you have found your passions in life. We hope, too, that you have accepted the challenge to participate in the things that make you happy. If you need some help or encouragement, we're here for you.

—MARY TURNER
LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

If they get their heads in the game and make a real effort, I think the best is yet to come from Foals.

Rating: B-

—KATIE THURMAN
STAFF WRITER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

TELEVISION SHOW REVIEW | J.J. Abrams churned out six seasons of dangers and surprises

Reviewer gets lost in past popular TV show

For those who may have been lost on a deserted island and unaware of anything that is happening around them, you may have something in common with the all-star cast of the hit TV show “Lost.”

This is one of the most popular shows on Netflix. I sat down over Christmas break and started watching all 120 episodes, thoroughly enjoying each one.

“Lost” was created by Jeffrey Lieber, Damon Lindelof and J.J. Abrams (who has produced everything from “Star Trek” movies to the hit TV show “Fringe”) and revolves around a group of passengers who crash land on a remote island. This is no ordinary island, and these are no ordinary passengers.

With six seasons that originally aired from 2004 to 2010, I recall that most viewers were addicted to this show and now I know why.

The first thing I found out was if you miss something on this show, it will leave the viewer lost in



the story line. And the story line gets pretty hairy at times, making me happy I had Netflix to go back and rewatch episodes I thought I might have missed.

Abrams did a great job of creating a mystical wonderland full of dangers and surprises that leave viewers on the edge of their seats, wondering what will happen next. There were several times during

the series that I found myself wondering what in the world was going on, which only made me want to watch the series more.

The “Lost” crew did a wonderful job creating both a back story, describing more in depth who each character really is, as well as tying it into the current story happening on the island. And even better, when it starts getting pretty far into the series, they do an even better job of depicting the future.

“Lost” has everything a good series should have — danger, excitement, time travel, monsters and twisting story lines. Even love stories fill all 120 episodes making “Lost” my new favorite TV show on Netflix. “Lost” can be viewed on Netflix, Amazon Prime and DVDs from your local video store.

Rating: A

—SHAWN STAWICKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CONCERT REVIEW | Band's second trip through Oklahoma in months shines

REO just gets better with time

REO Speedwagon returned to Oklahoma, Saturday, Feb. 23, this time to The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa. After seeing REO for the first time in October and having such a blast, I couldn't resist going to see them again.

By the time I took my seat on the seventh row in the center section and had my pre-concert drink, I was ready to rock.

The band came out a little after 8 p.m., starting the show the same as they did four months ago with “Don't Let Him Go.”

Also placed near the beginning of the set list was hit song “Take It On the Run” which lead singer Kevin Cronin got the audience involved in by having them sing the chorus.

The show followed with a few more upbeat songs before slowing things down with “I Can't Fight this Feeling” during which Cronin once again recounted his feud with Ted Nugent.

“Ted claims he has the most romantic love ballad ever written and recorded in the history of classic rock,” Cronin said. “To me, the most important factor for romance is picking the right music. At that moment when you are trying to pick out the most romantic song and get everything ready, are you going to put on ‘Cat Scratch Fever’ or this...”

Cronin continued to interact with the audience throughout the night by telling stories and explaining the meaning behind a few songs.

Before singing a song off their best-selling album “Hi Infidelity,” Cronin made a joke about television shows such as “American Idol” and how it is unfair people can be on those shows and gain instant success.



“To me it's unfair to all the artists who work hard at their music,” Cronin said. “Or maybe I'm just bitter it took us 20 years to get a hit.”

Cronin then followed with an acoustic version of “Keep the Fire Burning,” a song off the “Good Trouble” album. Cronin

explained he had not been happy with the album because it was written very quickly and was not the follow-up to “Hi Infidelity” everyone had expected.

“This is what I wish it would have sounded like,” Cronin said.

A couple songs later, it was bass guitar player Bruce Hall's turn to take center stage as he came up and sang “Back on the Road Again.”

“Roll With the Changes,” the last song before the encore, had the crowd on their feet dancing.

Upon returning for three encore songs Cronin said “We aren't done quite yet!” After singing “Keep On Loving You,” “Ridin' the Storm Out,” and “157 Riverside Avenue,” the band gave their final goodbyes and Cronin took time to sign a book for a woman on the front row.

Overall, the concert was even better than the first one I went to.

The set list was longer, the venue was bigger, and the crowd had great energy. Perhaps the most exciting part for me was when I acquired one of the guitar picks Cronin threw into the crowd after each song. I am grateful to have seen REO Speedwagon twice and hope it won't be my last.

Rating: A

—ERIN PEDEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Feb. 22 through Feb. 24
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *Identity Thief*
2. *Snitch*
3. *Escape from Planet Earth*
4. *Safe Haven*
5. *A Good Day to Die Hard*
6. *Dark Skies*
7. *Silver Linings Playbook*
8. *Warm Bodies*
9. *Side Effects*
10. *Beautiful Creatures*
11. *Zero Dark Thirty*
12. *Argo*
13. *Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters*
14. *Life of Pi*
15. *Lincoln*
16. *Quartet*
17. *Mama*
18. *Django*
19. *Amour*
20. *Wreck-It Ralph*

Find work at OCCC's Job and Health Fair

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OCCC will welcome 100 employees to the Job and Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 6 in the General Dining area, and in Rooms CU2 and CU3 of the Union, said Debra Vaughn, Student Employment and Career Services director.

Of the 100 employers, 70 are general employers and will be recruiting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Vaughn said.

She said the remaining 30 are health employers who will mostly be recruiting from noon to 6 p.m. A few of the health employers will start recruiting at 10 a.m.

Vaughn said recruiters will be looking to fill part-time, full-time, seasonal and even internship positions.

"Some of the companies may have internship options, but are primarily looking for employees," she said.

Anyone who is seeking employment or employment information is invited to attend. The job and health fair is not just for OCCC students either, Vaughn said. It's open to the public.

"Traditionally, we have 3,500 job seekers and have even seen up to 4,000," she said.

Student Tanya Dodds said she has attended the fair in the past and is looking forward to attending this

year. Dodds said she is still not sure what she wants to do with her future but loves working.

"I want to check out what options are out there for me," Dodds said.

Vaughn said the Job and Health Fair is a great opportunity for anyone looking for employment because he or she can get with an employer and ask about future employment opportunities — even students who are not yet heading directly into the job market.

"It is great for students to talk to recruiters," Vaughn said.

Luis Rodriguez, an aerospace engineering major, said he would like to attend the fair to see the various job offerings.

"I would like to see the day-by-day duties each job has to offer and the requirements they may need from me," Rodriguez said.

Vaughn said students should remember to be fully prepared before attending the fair.

"Dress as if it were for a job interview because as [the student] engages with the job recruiter, that is an interview," she said.

She also said it would not hurt if the student brought résumés.

Students needing assistance can visit the Student Employment and Career Services Office to receive help with creating and printing a professional résumé, Vaughn said.

The job fair is held two times a year, the first

“Some of the companies may have internship options, but are primarily looking for employees.”

—DEBRA VAUGHN

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Wednesday in March and the first Wednesday in October.

Students also can visit the online website at www.occc.edu/es for additional information and videos related to employment and career information.

For more information on the OCCC Job and Health Fair, visit Student Employment and Career Services or call 405-682-7519.

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Star Spencer High School Army JROTC Color Guards present colors as Tulsa Community College Upward Bound student J. W. Watson V performs the National Anthem on Feb. 20, TRiO Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

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U.S. Rep. Tom Cole speaks at TRiO Day

BRYCE WALLAR
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First-generation college students and disadvantaged students need the support which the federal TRiO program can provide, said U.S. Congressman Tom Cole. Cole spoke to a group of about 100 at the state capitol on Feb. 20, including eight students and two staff members from OCCC.

That day students from across the state attended the Oklahoma TRiO Day. This annual conference encourages TRiO students to stay in school and obtain a college degree.

"You've got the golden key in your hand," Cole said. "Just put it in the door, turn it and walk through."

Cole said he is a big TRiO advocate, because he believes in first-generation students. Cole said he was a first generation college student himself, meaning that neither of his parents had college degrees.

Cole's fourth congressional district includes Midwest City and Norman, then extends southward to take in Lawton and Ardmore.

"You are now the next generation of Americans. You are the people we are

invested in; you're the people we care about," Cole said. "This program will foster young Americans who can lead the country."

A student, mentor and tutor for OCCC's

TRiO program, Brianna Dodd, said she wants to meet Cole soon, because he was her favorite speaker of the many who took the podium that day.

TRiO is a program which aids in the transfer from two-year colleges to four-year universities. There is an emphasis on first-generation students being successful and persistent in order to complete a bachelor's degree, said Karolyn Chowning, director of TRiO at OCCC.

TRiO offers tutoring for its members, and the program gives students the resources to find scholarships and postsecondary options, including four-year institutions and graduate school programs.

Each year, 1 percent of OCCC students receive some kind of TRiO service, Chowning said.

“ You’ve got the golden key in your hand. Just put it in the door, turn it and walk through.”

—TOM COLE
U.S. CONGRESSMAN

Celebrate National Women's History Month

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March is National Women's History Month. The birth of the month dedicated to the memory of women was meager. Celebrations for the week started, at first, solely in one school district in Southern California According to www.nwhp.com, the website for the National Women's History Project,

As the years passed, the week-long celebration had spread across the country the website said.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 to be Women's History Week. Congress followed suit, sanctioning the first week of March as the National Women's History Week.

By 1986, after Congress was petitioned by the NWHP for six long years, the event expanded to cover the entire month of March, according to www.history.com.

The NWHP was started in 1980 in Santa Rosa, Calif., as a grassroots organization, according to www.nwhp.org. Today, the NWHP is known nationally as the only clearinghouse providing information and training in multicultural women's history.

The NWHP is still active in planning and promoting events for the month of March. The theme for 2013 is Women Inspiring Through Imagination, according to the official website of the Project. The theme was chosen from dozens of ideas and submissions sent in from women around the country.

Debra Vaughn, director of Employment and Career Services, said she has been teaching history courses at OCCC for many years. She said that Women's History Month is important because of the effects that the events of the past have had and will continue to have on our present and our future.

"Women today have the opportunity to participate in society and their civil rights are observed" Vaughn said. "It's not a perfect world, but it's much different from even my lifetime."

"I think that Women's History Month can



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—DEBRA VAUGHN

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES DIRECTOR

focus on some of those things [that women overcame] so that today's generations, both male and female, will understand the journey that has taken place."

In addition to the month long festivities that Women's History Month entails, March 8 is International Women's Day. According to internationalwomensday.org, the day is meant to encourage organizations, institutions and the public to celebrate the economic, political and social triumphs of women throughout the ages. The theme for the 2013 International Women's day is The Gender Agenda: Gaining Momentum.

"Over time and distance, the equal rights of women have progressed," the website's mission statement reads. "We celebrate the achievements of women while remaining vigilant and tenacious for further sustainable change. There is global momentum for championing women's equality."

Women who made remarkable advances in science, technology, engineering and mathematics will be honored throughout the month.

"The 2013 honorees represent a remarkable range of accomplishments and a wide diversity of specialties including medicine, robotics, computer programming, atmospheric chemistry, architecture and primatology," said the NWHP website for the 2013 honorees.

"History never stops," Vaughn said. "Every day our world changes and they say that perhaps if you know your history, you can avoid mistakes in the future. And as far as women's history, it hasn't been that long ago that some of the things we take for granted now were not realities for women."

Famous female firsts

- *Jane Addams* – Social activist and first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize
- *Louisa May Alcott* – Author and novelist
- *Susan B. Anthony* – Principle leader of women's suffrage movement and active abolitionist
- *Clara Barton* – Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross
- *Elizabeth Blackwell* – First woman to receive medical degree in America, pioneered medical education for women and healthcare for impoverished women
- *Margaret Bourke-White* – Groundbreaking photo-journalist and author
- *Martha Jane "Calamity Jane" Cannary* – American frontierswoman
- *Marie Curie* – Physicist and chemist, first woman to win Nobel Prize
- *Amelia Earhart* – Aviatix, first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean

For a more complete list, visit www.occc.edu/pioneer.

Noteable women's roles in society

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Over time, the influence and visibility of women in society has changed and continues to change drastically. Moving forward from the '50s when women were primarily stay-at-home parents, whose education or careers didn't extend past the family or the home. Times began to change and so did the roles of women. Now, women are top competitors and leaders in industries of science, media, entertainment, business and politics.

Women have made leaps and bounds in the areas of science and technology for centuries. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman admitted to medical school to become a doctor in the 1840s, according to www.famousscientists.org. The website said women like Rachel Carson, an American marine biologist and leader in global conservation and Barbara McClintock, the American cytogeneticist who received the 1983 Nobel Prize for discovering genetic transposition have dramatically altered the world of science as we know it.

Business website www.forbes.com has a list of the world's most powerful women in media as of 2012. In 2011, Jill Abramson became the first female executive editor for the New York Times. Oprah Winfrey, whose long-running daytime talk show ended a couple of years ago, is number 2 on the list, maintaining a stronghold in the media market through her website, magazine, radio show and televised news program.

Longtime-broadcast journalist Diane Sawyer is also in the top 5 of the Forbes' list because of her extensive body of work in journalism and position as the first female correspondent for "60 Minutes."

Ginni Rometty is the CEO of IBM and a 31-year veteran of the company, according to CNN's list of 50 Most Powerful Women in Business, where she is listed as number 1. According to the same website, Ellen Kullman who took over chemical company DuPont in 2009 is among the Top 5. Kullman is noted by CNN for completely restructuring the 210 year old company from the ground up.

The list also includes Sheryl Sandberg, the COO of Facebook and brain behind the website's money making strategies.

In more recent years, women have been at the forefront of politics in America. Michelle Obama, the current First Lady of the United States, is widely lauded for her progressive ideas of the roles of women in our modern society, states www.womensissues.about.com. Shirley Chilsom, a New York born activist and U.S. Congresswoman, became the first black woman in the U.S. to run for president, according to www.biography.com.

Former First Lady Hillary Clinton and former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin both have made bids for the White House in recent years. Clinton went on to become the 67th Secretary of State under President Obama.

SPORTS

Keep the tip



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Oklahoma City Thunder's Serge Ibaka (9) gets the game-starting tip off against New Orleans Hornets' Robin Lopez (15) on Feb. 27 in the Chesapeake Arena. The Thunder vs. Hornets game was OCCC night. Student tickets sold out at Student Life before noon the day they went on sale. The Thunder defeated the Hornets 119 to 74.

SPORTS | Oklahoma City basketball ranks high for OCCC night

Students witness Thunder smash

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About 100 OCCC students were in attendance at Chesapeake Arena Wednesday night, Feb. 27, as the Oklahoma City Thunder smashed the New Orleans Hornets, 119-74.

Students were able to purchase tickets to the game from Student Life for a discounted rate of \$10 each. Due to the high demand and limited availability, the tickets sold out quickly.

Biology major Lauren Cullins was at the game, but did not buy her tickets through Student Life.

"They are always sold out before I get down there," Cullins said.

Cullins attended the game with her boyfriend, former OCCC student Zak Akin.

Watching the game live gives fans a new perspective, Cullins said.

"Actually being here is so much bet-

ter than watching [the Thunder] on TV. It's crazy," Cullins said of her experience. This was her third game.

The crowd was on its feet from the 7 p.m. tip-off until Serge Ibaka scored the first points of the game, giving the Thunder a 2-0 lead.

The Thunder would lead the rest of game.

Those in attendance also saw the return of point guard Derek Fisher, who rejoined the Thunder after a short stint with the Dallas Mavericks. Fisher was previously with the Thunder for the last part of the 2011-2012 season.

He entered the game in the second quarter to a rafter-rattling cheer from the crowd. While he had two rebounds, Fisher did not score in the game.

“Actually being here is so much better than watching [the Thunder] on TV. It's crazy,”

—LAUREN CULLINS
BIOLOGY MAJOR

Thunder forward Kevin Durant scored 18 points, had 11 rebounds and 10 assists, making Wednesday night's game the third triple-double of his career and the season, according to the NBA's website.

Thunder guard Russell Westbrook was perfect at the free-throw line, going 12-for-12. He also led all players with 29 points scored.

The fourth quarter the Thunder bench players took over, with a 40-point lead, while the starters rested. At that point, the throngs of fans that had been there at the start of the game dwindled to the faithful few who stayed until the final buzzer.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

Feb. 8 to March 8: 5-on-5 coed basketball. Registration will last until 5 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information, log onto www.imleagues.com.

Feb. 25 to March 3: NAIA Swimming and Diving Championship. The event will be open but the pool will be closed to the public. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

March 4 to April 1: Dodgeball tournament. Registration will last until 5 p.m. March 1. For more information, log onto www.imleagues.com.

March 9: YMCA Winter Swim Meet. The event will be open but the pool will be closed to the public. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

March 12: Badminton tournament. Registration will last until 5 p.m. March 11. For more information, log onto www.imleagues.com.

March 28 to March 29: 3-on-3 soccer. Registration will last until 5 p.m. March 26. For more information, log onto www.imleagues.com.

April 12 and April 13: Disc golf tournament. Registration will last until 5 p.m. April 11. For more information, log onto www.imleagues.com.

All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue.
Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.

Have sports news to share?
Email Allen at

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Campus cops kept busy during Feb. 12 weekend

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Campus Police dealt with an auto accident, a medical call and a theft from a vehicle over the weekend of Feb. 12.

At 4:30 p.m., Officers Tim Harris and Bill Hall were sitting in a patrol car at the intersection of Faculty Circle and Regent Boulevard, when they witnessed a fender bender.

According to a report, Cassandra Tramel, 30, did not yield at the intersection in her 2009 Mazda M3 and was struck by a 2000 Chrysler LHS driven by 19-year-old Hayden Seabourne.

Seabourne struck Tramel's vehicle in the rear passenger side causing the Mazda to spin and come to rest facing the patrol car. Harris and Hall notified dispatch and made contact with Tramel and Seabourne. Neither driver complained of injuries.

Harris completed an accident exchange form and

obtained information from each driver. Seabourne requested a wrecker for his vehicle but Tramel was able to drive her vehicle from the scene.

Around 11:48 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, Officer Gordon Nelson responded to a medical call from the Pathways Administrative Office on campus. A 16-year-old male student reported he had began experiencing chest pains five minutes earlier and had come to the Pathways office for assistance.

Nelson stayed with the student until EMSA arrived at 12:10 p.m. and the decision was made to transport him to Childrens Hospital. Pathways staff member Michael Stafford accompanied the student to the hospital.

At 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, Travis Truesdell, 29, notified Campus Police that his toolbox of Kobalt tools was stolen out of the bed of his truck in parking lot A. Officer Van Ninh reviewed the camera footage to see the crime occurring from 12:13 through 1:43 p.m.

Truesdell is seen leaving his vehicle after taking a break from classes. Video footage shows a dark-

colored pickup arriving through the May Avenue entrance, then driving around parking lot A. Two individuals — a male and female — are seen walking around lot A checking out vehicles.

The two suspects then approach Truesdell's vehicle and appear to look in the truck window.

They walk out of camera view toward lot A north. Later, the two suspects pull up next to Truesdell's truck. The passenger exits the vehicle and enters Truesdell's truck.

The suspect gets back into the vehicle with the driver and they park a few spots away. The passenger exits again and continues to burglarize Truesdell's truck.

The suspects are seen leaving the scene in their vehicle at 1:42 p.m. and leave the college campus through the main entrance at 1:43 p.m.

Ninh said he was unable to retrieve the tag number of the suspects vehicle through the footage.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-7872. For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747.

Story: Students draws from personal experiences

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Wells said the project is personal for her.

"I want to open hearts and open minds," she said. "I have had my own struggles. That's what made me think of the story."

Wells said she also needs a large background audience for

the story.

"I know not everyone is nice, cuddly and bubbly," she said.

"A lot of people have judgment inside themselves. Even if they don't say it, they think it and if they come, maybe they could see ... the hurt people who are bullied go through and spread the word.

"The more people you get out

there, the more people that will know," Wells said.

Everyone can participate.

"You don't have to be a model or have experience. I just want people who have been bullied, age doesn't matter either."

Once the photo story is completed, Wells said she is going to post it on her website at www.christalwellsphotography.com

and on Facebook to allow others to share it.

"I will probably print it and put it on the public boards," she said. "That way people can see it and who knows where it will go from there. I want people to have a better understanding of who others are today."

Wells said the project came to life one evening.

"I was brainstorming ... and I was thinking of a way to put a message out for people to see exactly what someone goes through inside, how they overcome it and who they are today," she said.

For more information or to volunteer as a main subject, email Wells at christal.e.wells@my.occc.edu.

Jazz concert: Student musicians anticipate show

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in the Bruce Owen Theater on campus.

Music Professor Michael Boyle, who works with the group, said the campus jazz ensemble is expansive in its range.

"The audience will be hearing different variations of jazz such as the blues, Brazilian jazz, and jazz standards," he said.

The Student Jazz Band consists of Jared Bross on guitar, Zach Lebo on bass, Stanley Hall on tenor saxophone, and two vocalists Nicole Pearce and Stefanie Cox.

Also making an appearance will be adjunct music professor Mark Giammarino on drums, Music professor Miguel Correa on tenor saxophone and Boyle on the piano.

The show is free to anyone who attends and will last about an hour.

Boyle said this is a great opportunity for Music Appreciation and World Music students to attend a concert and write their required essay.



The OCCC Jazz Band, left to right: Zach Lebo (bass guitar), Nicole Pearce (vocals), ??? (drums), Jared Bross (guitar), and Stanley Hall (saxophone).

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Life saver



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Student Support Services Counselor Jenna Howard gives a presentation on suicide prevention and awareness titled "Ask a Question. Save a Life" on Feb. 26 in CU3. Howard said that after the presentation, attendees would have the tools needed to intervene and save someone from taking his or her own life.

COMMUNITY | Regional Food Bank site for student opportunity

Student Life feed the hungry

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The Office of Student Life will sponsor a service trip from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 9, at the Regional Food Bank located on 3355 S Purdue Ave, said Brit-tany Carradine, Student Life coordinator.

"For the spring semester the office of Student Life is going to the food bank three times [and] usually tries to offer [the program] at least once a semester because students really enjoy going to the service food bank," Carradine said.

At the Food Bank students will organize, sort and package food.

Students usually elect to get involved in the service trips because they get to help others, Carradine said.

Jessica Donato, psychology major, said she has volunteered to help before. However, she has not gone to the Food Bank with Student Life. Donato said she would be interested in attending with them.

"It feels good helping out our community and those who really need supplies, whether it be food or everyday essentials. It is also a great way to interact with volunteers," Donato said.

Usually two full-time staff members from Student Life and student workers also attend the service trips.

"It is an opportunity for OCCC faculty, staff and students to do service," Carradine said.

Eduardo Rojas, a computer aided design major, volunteered his time for service as well. Rojas said he enjoys volunteering because of the opportunity to help the community and set an example to other people.

"Volunteering makes [me] a better person and makes our community a better place. There is no better gift than giving a person in need help and our time," Rojas said.

Carradine said it is important to give students the opportunity to do service on their own. She said a large group of the health profession students are involved in the service trips.

Others involved in the service programs are civic honors students, students in clubs or organizations, and students who enjoy doing service.

Student Life schedules campus wide service trips with partner agencies such as the Regional Food bank of Oklahoma, Christmas Connection, Habitat for Humanity and the YWCA among others.

A group of 25 students is taken per service trip. Students meet at Student Life and leave together to do service. Registration is required to attend any service trip event.

Carradine said if there is an overwhelming number of students that are interested, then the service trip will be opened for more registration. Students can register at Student Life or online.

For more information, visit Student Life on the first floor of the Main Building, call 405-682-7523 or visit occc.edu/studentlife.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Workshop: Recognizing Rhetoric

Students will learn strategies for analyzing arguments and using rhetorical appeals from noon to 1 p.m., and also 6 to 7 p.m., Monday March 4, in room CU2. Presenter Brandon Isaak will explain how to analyze arguments and understand logical fallacies. For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7379.

Brown Bag: Passover traditions

There will be a Brown Bag Luncheon from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, in Room CU2. Students will discuss Jewish traditions during Passover. Bring a lunch. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Christians on Campus Bible study

Christians on Campus will be hosting a Bible study on the topic "Unveiling the All-Inclusive Christ in Scriptures" from noon to 12:45 p.m. Mondays in room 3K3 and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m., Tuesdays in room 1C3. For more information, email christiansoncampus@my.occc.edu.

Snapshots! Cellphone Photography Show

A juried exhibition of cellphone photographs taken by OCCC students, faculty and staff will be on display from Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., through March 15 in the VPAC Room 124.

Business Lab hours vary

The Business Lab schedule will be posted throughout the Academic Division of Business, located on the second floor of the Main Building. In addition to other business courses, the lab will provide tutoring in Administrative Office Technology. For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext 7235 or email lisa.d.mason-adkins@occc.edu.

Foundation offers Spring scholarships

Thirty scholarship opportunities ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, which require a GPA of at least 2.5, are available to students now. Student applications are available online at www.occc.academicworks.com. The deadline to apply is March 16. For more information, contact Jennifer Hardt at jhardt@occc.edu.

First Student Jazz Concert for 2013

There will be a student jazz concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, in the Bruce Owen Theater. The concert will highlight jazz standards, bossa nova and jazz songs with a "modern twist." This is a free event. For more information, contact Michael Boyle at mboyle@occc.edu.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to communitywriter@occc.edu or bring it by the Pioneer office locate just at 1F2 in the Arts and Humanities area, just inside AH Entry 2.

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Comedy Movies 2

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Students often need help fitting in at college

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Fitting in to a new environment can be both challenging and exciting, as discussed by students, faculty and staff who attended an informal Brown Bag lunch presentation entitled “Where Do I Fit In?”

The event was coordinated by Student Life Assistant Director Chris Shelley earlier this month on campus.

Sophomore Kara Cochran said she

had been reluctant to begin her journey at OCCC because she was older than the typical college student.

Now, she said, she enjoys opportunities offered around the campus such as the Brown Bag lunch discussions. Cochran said she balances being a student with also being a mother of five children.

“This [discussion] showed me that college is for everyone and my current age and stage [of life] are accepted. I found that very useful for me.”

Professors and staff gathered to help motivate and connect with participants, offering advice and outlets that students can participate in to become more active in the pursuit of higher learning.

Sociology Professor Jennifer M’lou Smith stressed the importance of using clubs and organizations as a means of finding other students with common goals and interests.

She also advised students to take advantage of faculty office hours for all classes.

Although adjusting to college life can be stressful, being able to discuss openly with other students and faculty makes the process easier.

“Coming here today,” Cochran said, “I wouldn’t regret learning more about options.”

Student Life offers students a variety of Brown Bag lunches where they can connect and communicate with others.

For more information on the meetings or learning sessions, contact the Student Life office at 405-682-7523.

PAC seeks problems, concerns for discussion

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The President’s Advisory Council representatives work together to advise the college president of any issues facing the college or its employees.

Speech Communication professor and Faculty Association Chair Julie Corff said the PAC is comprised of OCCC employees who represent various departments of the college. For example faculty will serve as representatives to their respective divisions.

At least one adjunct professor is appointed who, along with two student representatives from the Student Leadership Council and the president, make up the PAC.

Corff said the council is a great place to bring new ideas.

“[The] PAC is a place [where] different areas of the college and our OCCC student representatives get to come together with our president, Paul Sechrist, and participate in discussing issues, concerns and positive elements that are going on at OCCC.”

Sechrist said the group works hard to reach its goals.

“The purpose and goal of the PAC is to provide employees, through a representative, a voice that can speak directly with the president of the college,” he said. Sechrist said the PAC opens up lines of communication within the college.

“It also provides the president with an opportunity

to hear from employees from across the campus at all levels within the college, including adjunct faculty and student employees,” he said.

Angela Gutierrez, student chair of The Leadership Council, and PAC representative, said students look to her and Isis Palomino, student and fellow PAC representative, as student voices.

Issues are brought to the student representative’s attention at The Leadership Council (TLC) meeting.

“We have TLC mostly as a way to get opinions from all [student groups and clubs].

“We discuss with all the other students to figure out what we are going to say.”

Palomino said she and Gutierrez go to every meeting and talk about the issues that are going on. The two present issues to the advisory council and give input as students on what they believe is important to the OCCC student.

“It provides advice to the president and impacts all major decisions regarding faculty, staff, and student employment,” Gutierrez said.

The PAC was created for employees to be able to bring issues to the table and to then have discussions with the president about these.

“Dr. Sechrist values our input, and takes the time to listen and then respond to the many areas represented,” Corff said.

Jacqueline Frock, nursing professor, said attending the PAC meetings allows for a time when she can get face time with the

president and find out important things to report back to the Health Professions department.

Issues are usually forwarded by OCCC employees to their respective PAC representative who then addresses the issue during the next PAC meeting.

According to Sechrist, meetings are held once a month during the academic school year and both representatives and the president attend. Sechrist mentioned on occasion, if it is relevant to the topic, he will invite knowledgeable guest speakers to attend the meeting.

“For example, when changes in the employee health insurance program were being discussed, Gary Lombard, vice president of Human Resources, was invited,” he said.

In order to become a member of the PAC, the individual has to be named or elected by the group he or she is representing. The PAC will meet next at 8:30 a.m., March 29.

For more information regarding the PAC, contact a PAC department representative or call 405-682-7502.



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