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Mechanical engineer major Yasser Khalil studies on the first floor of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. To view library hours and find out the location of group study areas, visit www.occc.edu/library.

Students can still apply for spring graduation

Apply soon to be listed in graduation program

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With the spring semester coming to a close, many students are looking forward to taking the next step in their academic journey. For some students, graduation is part of that process.

Graduation Services Director Barbara Gowdy said students are encouraged to fill out the graduation application as soon as possible.

She said applications are due

on the third Friday at the beginning of each semester.

However, Gowdy said, students do not need to worry if they have not applied yet. The graduation office is flexible with the deadline.

"We don't stick hard and true to those deadlines," she said, "because we allow people to enroll through the last day of the semester."

Gowdy said the graduation office will be taking graduation applications until the end of the semester, so students still have time to apply for spring 2014 graduation.

"We're not going to punish somebody [who] forgot to apply," she said.

The downside of applying

late is that those students will not have their name in the commencement program.

"It's really important if they want their name in the commencement program ... that they have to apply by the deadline to guarantee that in the

spring.

"Summer and fall, it's not a big deal because we have plenty of time to get their name in there but the spring they have to apply."

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Incomplete grades may be a thing of the past

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Currently, OCCC students have the option to petition to receive an "incomplete" grade

in a course, but Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Greg Gardner said this opportunity might not be around forever. Gardner said the Enrollment

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Hobby Lobby has no right to dictate birth control for employees

Religion, healthcare a bad mix

The media spotlight is shining once again on the Sooner state after Hobby Lobby’s attempt to force its religion on its employees. Hobby Lobby is an Oklahoma-based arts and crafts company that has 609 stores nationwide.



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SIAOSI

Now, before the Biblical jargon gets thrown at me, I’ll acknowledge it’s none of my business to care about what religious practices one performs in the privacy of one’s home.

Likewise, it’s not a corporation’s business to dictate what kind of health benefits its employees receive simply because its “religious freedom” disagrees with a federally-regulated health care package.

Despite this, the company entered the U.S. Supreme Court on March 25 and the first oral arguments of *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.* were heard.

I love a good legal debate but in the battle of reproductive rights and religious freedom, there is bound to be bloodshed.

On one hand, Hobby Lobby seeks exemption from the Affordable Care Act while citing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 as well as the First

Amendment of the U.S. Constitution citing religious freedom, according to Lawrence Hurley of the *Huffington Post*.

Since it is a private company, Hobby Lobby wants to be granted the same recognition as churches or individuals.

Hobby Lobby’s blatant neglect of its employees personal health insurance preferences has me furrowing my brow.

If a non-Christian woman wants to work for Hobby Lobby, the corporation won’t discriminate against her.

However, if that same woman wants to use her Hobby Lobby health benefits to procure certain forms of contraception, the company wants control over that decision. It makes no sense.

And to add more to the madness, religious leaders all across America are in an upheaval, making absurd arguments along the lines of “What will the government take from us next?”

Because I am not a woman and lack religious obligations, I’ll say there is no need to bring religion into the debate in the first place.

If Hobby Lobby doesn’t restrict itself to hiring only Christian employees, it makes no sense to impose religious beliefs on their federal health benefits.

Both sides are fighting for important principles, but I’m not sure if Hobby Lobby advocates recognize



the loopholes in the company’s logic. The Affordable Care Act doesn’t promote abortion, promiscuity or hedonism. It merely provides access to all types of contraceptives.

Hobby Lobby’s slippery slope argument lacks the empathy that Oklahomans need in order for our state to flourish.

Perhaps Jon Stewart from Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” said it best: “What would a biblically-based insurance plan even cover?”

Religious practices should remain private. Sex lives should remain private. Leave them both at home and the world would be a much better place.

—SIALI SIAOSI
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR | On April 8, the Oklahoma State Department of Health will offer several ways to ‘Be a Superhero for a Child!’

Take part in Child Abuse Prevention month activities

To the Editor:

The focus for this year’s annual Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in April is to highlight actions each of us can take to help raise safe, healthy, resilient children. Child advocates and the general public will be encouraged to step up and “Be a Superhero for a Child!” during CAP Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 8.

From 8 a.m. till noon, booth displays and special activities will focus on building supportive community and family environments that help children grow and develop into productive citizens.

Among the activities offered will be a “Save a Baby’s Bottom” diaper drive, directed by Infant Crisis Services. Diapers of all sizes may be dropped off from 8 a.m. till noon at the second floor rotunda.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the fourth annual CAP Day

Mini Conference will be held at the Samis Education and Conference Center located at 1200 Children’s Avenue in Oklahoma City. The afternoon sessions will include free workshops featuring a variety of topics and well-respected speakers with expertise in child abuse prevention. To reserve a space, contact OSDH community-based child abuse prevention grant coordinator Sherie Trice at sheriet@health.ok.gov or call 405-271-7611.

The OSDH offers the following parenting tips:

- Help your children feel loved and secure, even when they do something wrong.
- Encourage your children by praising their effort in addition to their achievements and talents. Recognize the skills they are learning.
- Spend time with your children doing things you both enjoy. Listen to them.

• Learn how to use non-physical options for discipline that are appropriate for your child’s age and development, and/or redirect your child’s attention by offering positive choices, and/or helping them experience appropriate consequences related to their behavior when applicable.

• Seek help if you need it. Sometimes special circumstances like unemployment or a child with special needs can add stress to the family. Talk to a friend, health care provider, faith leader or counselor or join a support group for parents.

Finally, the OSDH encourages everyone to buy a “Start Right” license plate. Applications are available at your local tag agency. Money will go into the child abuse prevention fund to support prevention programs across the state.

—OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Movie some of Robin Williams' best work

'The Fisher King' is underrated

When people consider Robin Williams' top performance, "Good Will Hunting" and "Dead Poet's Society" likely dominate their list.

But few recognize or are aware of "The Fisher King."

In the film, Jeff Bridges plays radio deejay Jack Lucas.

Famous for his insulting behavior, Jack's attitude gets him in trouble when a depressed caller takes the lives of himself and seven strangers.

Years after losing his job, Jack is tormented with guilt and disgrace.

Contemplating suicide, Jack is rescued by a demented homeless man named Parry (Robin Williams).

Parry searches Manhattan for what he believes is the Holy Grail.

Overcome with responsibility and a chance at redemption, Jack decides to assist Parry with his ludicrous quest and help win over the woman he admires.

Mercedes Ruehl plays Jack's encouraging girlfriend, Anne. Amanda Plummer plays Lydia, whose clumsy, childlike behavior leaves Parry smitten.

Ruehl's attitude and Plummer's gullible innocence are traits both actresses present with attractiveness.



Directed by Terry Gilliam, he creates a New York City dwelling with homeless folk cursed by poverty and mental disorders.

Their unhinged sanity and contentment towards life is believable and hilarious.

"The Fisher King" doesn't try to solve the concerns of poverty but reminds us homeless people are people too; a fact society tends to ignore.

Following Lydia through a train station, Parry becomes overwhelmed with affection and witnesses travelers ballroom dancing.

This scene generates a sensation of radiant awe. Weaving in and out of their path, Parry's fantasy demonstrates how a fascinating clutter can be found in something remarkably unattractive.

Jack helps Parry only to feel better about himself, not because he genuinely cares.

But for Jack to be truly redeemed he must become selfless and earnestly love Parry.

The Fisher King is available on Netflix and I recommend it to anyone who hungers for a great story.

RATING: A+

—**ETHAN COOPER**
WEBMASTER

BOOK REVIEW | Readers should be prepared to laugh out loud

Book gives readers good laugh

I'm an avid reader, so before spring break I bought quite a few new books.

I will unashamedly admit that most of them were sappy novels about becoming a better person or falling in love.

Upon impulse, I decided to go to the humor section for a change of pace.

I ended up stumbling upon Mindy Kaling's book, "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)."

I had high expectations for the book because Kaling is a star of my favorite television show, "The Office."

This book surpassed my expectations.

If you read this book in public, you would undoubtedly laugh out loud and appear to be a crazy person.

I did exactly that and I'm sure I was being judged, but I could care less because the book was worth it.

The book is like having a personal chat with Kaling.

She expresses all of her feelings about various pressing social issues, like diets, marriage and men with chest hair.



Kaling is so blunt that she makes you seriously reconsider your views while laughing about the harsh reality.

She talks about her personal struggles, including being teased about her weight, being a nerd in college, and ditching her "clique" to make comedy sketches just for fun.

Her professional life is just as entertaining.

From getting sent home by her boss at "The Office" to breakups before red carpet events, Kaling kept me smiling.

Although this is one of the funniest books I've ever read, it also has serious themes to which everyone can relate, such as being true to yourself, following your dreams, not caring what other people think and being carefree.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a hilarious, quick read.

This book is relatable and hysterical, because Kaling



College education still worth it

The value of continuing education beyond high school has been questioned, especially in light of increasing tuition and the level of student loan debt that some students experience.

But the benefits still significantly outweigh the costs in both time and money.

Continuing education after high school has never been more important to secure a better future for individuals as well as for America.

Author Robert Dauffenbach, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs and Center for Economic and Management Research Director at the University of Oklahoma, found that almost all of the employment and earnings growth in the last 13 years has been a result of those in the workforce that have a college degree.

A few years ago, a high school graduate could get a very good job.

Today those good jobs almost always require education beyond high school.

We are fortunate in Oklahoma to have high quality options: universities, community colleges and technology centers — all affordable choices.

The outlook for Oklahoma is excellent.

The cost to attend college is less than most other states and our students' debt is significantly less than the average in other states.

At OCCC, for example, over 60 percent of our students graduate with no debt at all.

To our students — your choice to continue your education is a life-changing decision.

I commend you for not giving up, for rising to meet the challenges of going to college, and for continuing to work hard and press on towards receiving your degree.

The power of education to change an individual, improve one's earning potential, broaden one's mind and improve one's overall quality of life is huge.

Times have changed and education beyond high school is no longer a luxury for the few—it is a necessity for almost everyone—and necessary for America to remain competitive in today's global economy.

—**PAUL SECHRIST**
OCCC PRESIDENT

is one of the realest celebrities out there.

RATING: A+

—**LAUREN DANIEL**
EDITOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Norman restaurant is like a hipster heaven

‘Scratch’ perfect for big city food, ambiance

While the most gourmet meal I can often afford consists of boiling noodles over a hot stove and adding Ragu spaghetti sauce, papa always goes big when he’s got play money.

Recently, I donned a collared shirt and my sport coat and made my way to Main Street in Norman, where we sought out a red-bricked restaurant called Scratch.

Upon entering the restaurant’s black glass doors, one might think they’d stepped out of honky-tonk Oklahoma and ascended into hipster heaven.

Scratch, whose website insists it is “fanatical about flavor,” looks like the kind of big-city lofts seen in independent films, with wood floors and wide spacing surrounding small tables littered all about.

Professional photographs of various people decorate the walls while soft rock plays in the background.

The hostess, clad in a cocktail dress, led us to a small two-top right next to a pair of business women exchanging gossip over glasses of wine.

While I generally prefer tables away from other people, the women’s banter and work-related woes made Scratch’s inner-city ambiance much more



authentic.

The server approached our table and informed us that Scratch lives up to its name — she said since the food is freshly prepared, some orders might take longer than expected.

We ordered spinach dip and pita bread at the server’s suggestion and were pleased with its speedy preparation and splendid taste.

I also ordered a Mulled Wine, a hot alcoholic beverage consisting of red wine, rum, maple syrup, cinnamon, cloves and allspice.

It was the perfect drink to pair with my dinner entree, the pancetta-wrapped chicken breast, which was stuffed with sundried tomatoes and wrapped with what our server described as “organic” bacon.

At the suggestion of our server, we also split a hearty side of Scratch’s signature mac and cheese.

I don’t think I’ll ever eat Easy Mac again after seeing what Scratch can do with pasta and cheese.

Though the order time wasn’t as speedy as some dine-in eateries, Scratch made up for it with phenomenal food, helpful service and an exquisite atmosphere. It’s the perfect place for a first date or dinner

party. I suggest anyone seeking to expand his or her food options make their way to Scratch at 132 W Main St. Main Street in Norman for an experience they’re sure to enjoy.

RATING: A+

—SIALI SIAOSI
STAFF WRITER

GAME REVIEW | Videogame outdoes itself

‘The Last of Us’ challenging yet fun

An ant is seen with a fungus wrapped around its body. A colony of ants ignore it as it stumbles in the opposite direction.

It climbs up high and explodes, spreading spores everywhere.

Every insect nearby is infected.

This real life fungus, the cordyceps, is the premise of last year’s hit Playstation 3 exclusive “The Last of Us,” where it infects the human species.

Players play as Joel, a grizzled, grey-haired man who has survived over 20 years since this outbreak started.

Joel lives in a quarantine zone which is absolutely miserable. A turn of events happens when Joel is tasked with a smuggling job — a 14-year-old girl named Ellie.

Throughout this journey you’ll traverse beautiful scenes overtaken by nature, and in contrast, dark interiors filled with things you wish you weren’t able see.

The graphics and audio are some of the best I’ve experienced in any kind of media which is impressive — considering it’s running on a 7-year-old system.

Survival is everything. Although a linear adventure, numerous open areas are provided with precious supplies to scavenge and enemies to either confront



or sneak by.

Combat is unbelievably tense as the A.I. is very perceptive (bandits and the infected).

Numerous solutions exist to these encounters, although going out guns blazing seldom works.

This game is challenging. When your character dies, which may be often, it never feels unfair. It feels justified.

An unreliable A.I. partner can break the experience and occasionally they will be out in open sight when you’re sneaking, which breaks the immersion.

The developers have, thankfully, made your partners unable to alert enemies due to their faults.

In the story you’ll meet several well-crafted characters, though undeniably, Ellie is the star.

There is also a great multiplayer mode; however, the single player is the definite magnum opus.

There are flaws; however, they don’t put a dent in this masterpiece. “The Last of Us” is an absolute thrill ride that keeps on outdoing itself until the end.

RATING: A

—JOHN HUYNH
PHOTOGRAPHER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of March 28 through March 30
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1. Noah
2. Divergent
3. Muppet’s Most Wanted
4. Mr. Peabody and Sherman
5. God’s Not Dead
6. The Grand Budapest Hotel
7. Sabotage
8. Need for Speed
9. 300: Rise of an Empire
10. Non-Stop
11. The Lego Movie
12. Cesar Chavez
13. Bad Words
14. Tyler Perry’s Single Moms Club
15. Son of God
16. The Monuments Men
17. Frozen
18. Ride Along
19. The Nut Job
20. The Lunchbox

'BLUE BALLET' TO FEATURE OCCC TALENT

Dance, blues combined for April 12 dansical

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For those who appreciate good music and live performances, the "Blue Ballet" opens at 8 p.m. April 12 in the Bruce Owen Theater and is free for OCCC students with a valid ID.

Fitness and dance instructor Elizabeth Hobi said the Blue Ballet is a dansical, or a performance incorporating dancing and music with no spoken lines.

"It basically tells the story through a combination of music, dance, and narrative," Hobi said.

"In a musical, typically there are actors and they speak to the audience.

"In a dansical, it's a little bit different because dance really is the primary vehicle."

Written and choreographed by Hobi in collaboration with OCCC music professor Terry Isaacs, the production will include both blues and contemporary numbers.

"We're doing blues, contemporary — for example, we're doing a song by Adele," Hobi said. "It's very much a story," she said. "It follows three friends looking for love in a blues nightclub."

In a musical, typically there are actors and they speak to the audience. In a dansical ... dance really is the primary vehicle."

—ELIZABETH HOBI
FITNESS AND DANCE INSTRUCTOR

She said the ballet is a collaborative effort with Dance Theatre OKC, local dancers from the community and the OCCC Blues Band, which will perform each musical number in the show.

"The OCCC Blues Band is

performing with us," Hobi said. "[Band member] Stanley Hall is performing his own composition, his own original song he composed."

Although none of the characters have spoken lines, Hobi said, pieces of narrative will be played in the background to contribute to character development.

"I do have some narrative I wrote — it's recorded in the heroine's voice," she said.

"We get to know the characters ... through the narrative.

"They dance to the narratives ... so nobody is speaking, it's just playing while they all dance."

Along with ballet, Hobi said, other dance styles featured in the show include jazz, swing and modern dance.

Hobi said the story will be told in different ways when dancing doesn't suffice.

"Sometimes the story is being told through a live vocalist singing along with the band," she said.

"It's basically satire through dance. It's kind of contrasting the 19th century ideal of the blue ballet."

Hobi said general admission tickets are \$10 and available at the door. For more information, call 405-305-4592 or 405-686-6278.

Campus police arrest a man for outstanding warrants

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An arrest and the discovery of lost items are among reports received this week.

Campus police arrested Kerry Matthews, 25, after a check revealed he had outstanding warrants

At approximately 1:21 p.m. March 27, campus police were called to the library after three solicitors were reported to be contacting students about a raffle.

All three were brought to the campus police station for questioning by Officer David Madden.

Two of the men were released after they were checked for warrants.

The report shows Matthews lied about his name, date of birth and social security number when questioned by Madden. After checking the bag Matthews had, Madden was able to identify him and discover he had two Oklahoma County warrants and two Oklahoma City warrants.

Matthews was taken to the Oklahoma County jail. In addition to his warrants, he was also charged with obstructing

a police officer.

A green leafy substance was among items discovered in a bag that was found at the FACE Center March 27.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., Officer Jeffrey McIntyre went to the FACE Center, located at 6500 S Land Ave. to pick up a bag that was found near a computer in the FACE Center office.

The clear plastic bag contained a black wallet with an Oklahoma I.D. card inside and

a house key with a pink ribbon attached.

Also inside the bag was a smaller plastic bag that contained a leafy green substance.

McIntyre brought all the items back to the campus police station.

He filled out a form for the leafy green substance to be destroyed and turned in the other property.

The name of the person who was identified as the owner of the bag was redacted on the

reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "according to OCCCPD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld."

To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

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

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Free income tax filing through April 15

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Volunteers are available through April 15 to help low-income citizens prepare their income tax returns. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is set up just across from Student Life on the first floor in the Main Building, courtesy of Community Action Agency, said Student Life assistant Marcy Roll.

"You might say that we sponsor their space, but it is actually through Community Action," Roll said. "We provide them the bare necessities of what they need. They provide their own equipment."

This setup is by no means a new thing.

"I've been here 18 years," Roll said. "They've been [coming] here for at least that long and plus."

Tax preparers help with questions and forms, and they are doing it for free, as opposed to the \$100 or more that some tax preparation services charge.

Though the tax preparers are volunteers, they are still required to have formal training, said tax preparer Don W. (who is not allowed to give his last name).

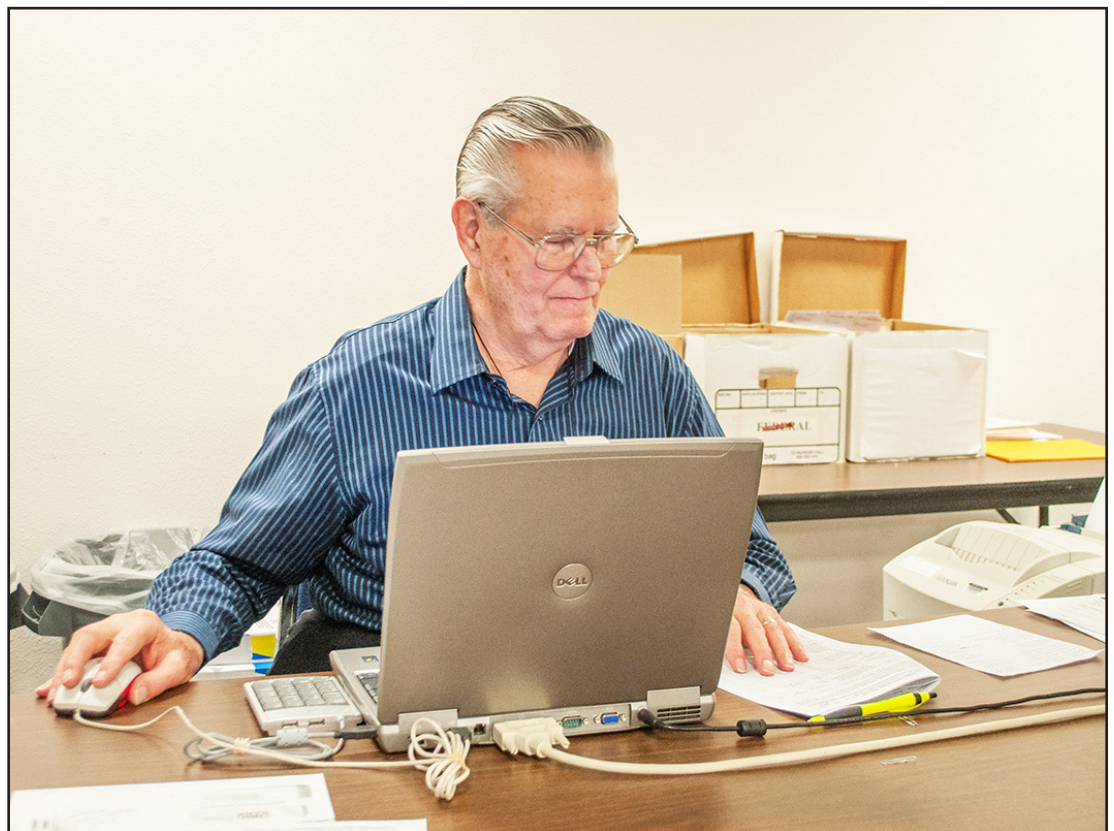
"We have to go through a training course that is provided by the IRS every year," he said. "We actually have to be certified ... in order to do this."

How exactly did this service get started at OCCC?

"The IRS contacts different organizations, like the college for example," Don W. said. "A lot of them don't want to give up the space or the time ... for this."

He said he believes in his volunteer work. "This is something I can do that is helpful and beneficial to low income and elderly people."

While the service does not cost a dime, people cannot show up empty-handed. People are required to bring all income statements (W-2 forms, etc), the previ-



JOHN HYUEN/PIONEER

Volunteers like Don W. (who is not allowed to give his last name), prepares income tax returns for low-income Oklahomans. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) area is set up just across from Student Life on the first floor in the Main Building.

ous year's filed tax return, their driver's license and the Social Security cards of everyone included on the return.

The tax booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday every week until April 15 for one-on-one tax filing assistance. The service is first-come-first-served.

Child Development program sees enrollment increase

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An increase in enrollment in the college's Child Development program is the exception to recent statistics showing an overall decrease in student numbers at OCCC.

Dawn Ladiski, Child Development professor, said she believes one reason is due to the help from a new coordinator to help students meet all of the requirements for a scholarship program called "Scholars for Excellence."

This state program is designed to give financial support to workers in childcare centers who pursue academic training in the field.

Bonita Spinner became the Scholars coordinator in November.

Spinner said she has worked in child care since 1978. After caring for children for 25 years, she pursued an education in child development.

"I believe that when child care pro-

viders make an effort to learn about child development and best practice, they feel more confident and the children in their care reap the benefits," Spinner said.

During Spinner's first year, seven scholars earned either a certificate or degree. She expects 20 to earn a certificate or degree for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Upon earning a certificate in child development, the scholars become child care master teachers and should expect to receive a salary increase, Spinner said.

Additionally they then become eligible for Reward Oklahoma, a salary supplement program which is designed to retain qualified child care teachers



Bonita Spinner

in order to provide continuity for the children and families they serve, Spinner said.

"We struggle to be seen as a profession and we struggled for a long time, but we are getting better and are being seen more as professionals and not just babysitters."

When Spinner joined OCCC there were only 11 child care workers enrolled in the scholars program

and she has increased that number to about 90.

"She has really taken off with it," Ladiski said.

According to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education website, "The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals

to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education."

Ladiski is optimistic.

"I hope to see the department grow, or at least stay at this increased level," she said.

Ladiski encourages more providers to consider the program.

"They see OCCC as a place to come be successful and we help them with resources, and help them be all they can be," Ladiski said.

The scholarship pays 70 percent of tuition and fees and 100 percent of textbooks.

"The scholarship enables child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education and continue the availability of quality care in local communities," Spinner said.

For more information on Scholars for Excellence, visit www.okhighered.org/scholars/ or contact Bonita Spinner at bonita.d.spinner@occc.edu.

Professor makes history fun, exciting

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Professor Molly Mirrl is starting to get a reputation at OCCC — for loving her job. Mirrl has been teaching pre-Civil War American History at OCCC since the spring of 2012. After three years, Mirrl is starting to be known around campus for her enthusiastic teaching style.

Mirrl said teaching is a wonderful experience that offers her a chance to see her students learn and enjoy learning. She said she has found success not only for herself but also for her students with her interactive teaching style.

Mirrl includes class interactions like “wartime” to help students study for their exams.

Wartime is a group activity where students are split into two groups, each having a general to lead the group and answer questions that will be on the upcoming exam.

The goal of the class interactions, like “wartime,” she said, is to get the students more involved in what they’re learning. It’s a successful method, according to Mirrl and the students.

Student Gary Bebe is a fan.

“[Mirrl] is probably the most enthusiastic teacher I’ve ever had,” Bebe said. “The interactions that take place in class is mostly how I learn the material that we study.”

“I wasn’t good at history, but she’s made it easier to where it makes sense and I learn a lot.”

Mirrl recently offered extra points to students who came to class dressed in period clothing that represented the timeframe in history they were studying.

Coming from a family of teachers, Mirrl said it all comes very naturally to her.

Also coming from a family of teachers, it seems like Mirrl’s niche is to teach.

“In college, I realized that I was pretty good at speaking to the class with presentations,” she said.

“I graduated with both of my master’s (degrees) from the University of Central Oklahoma. A master’s in history and a master’s in secondary education with my history classes being focused on museum study.

“I feel that I’m an eclectic teacher.”

Student Isai Hernandez agrees.

“I actually look forward to coming to it because of the amount of energy and the way she can put it into different perspectives instead of it being boring and reading off of a piece of paper.

“It’s something that’s actually real, and the way she teaches is just different.”

Because of Mirrl’s success in teaching history, students may be expecting to see more classes available from Mirrl in the fall.



JOHN HYUEN/PIONEER

History professor Molly Mirrl dresses up in a period costume to teach her American History Before the Civil War survey class. Students could earn extra credit for coming to class dressed up. Mirrl has been teaching the pre-Civil War class at OCCC since the spring of 2012. She said she is starting to be known around campus for her enthusiastic teaching style and using activities to get and keep her students’ attention.

“I’ve come up from teaching smaller classroom sizes to bigger ones in the last two years, so they know that I’m capable of teaching large classrooms.”

For more information, contact Professor Mirrl at molly.m.mirrl@occc.edu.

Mandala coloring contest will earn winners free pizzas

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The Psychology Lab began a weekly Mandala coloring contest on March 27 to generate more student interest in the lab, said Psychology Lab Tutor Bobbi Hill.

Hill said she hopes the Mandala Coloring Contest will prompt students to use the Psychology Lab and its resources.

A Mandala is a Hindu symbol representing wholeness and can be seen as a model for the organizational structure of life itself, Hill said.

She said the deadline to submit a colored Mandala will be every Thursday. A first- and a second-place winner will be announced the following Monday.

Hill said Eagle One Pizza is awarding vouchers for a large pizza with unlimited toppings to the two contest winners each week.

At least five colored mandala entries must be submitted before a winner can be selected, Hill said, so the Psychology Lab encourages all students to take part.

“Hopefully [the contest will] get some awareness about the lab and let people

know that it’s here.”

Hill said the lab is a recent addition to the Social Sciences Department.

“The lab has about 20 computers so that students can come down and work on homework,” she said.

“Students can get help [here] if they need help with their psychology homework.”

Hill said students don’t need an ID but are required to sign in each time.

“If [students] have any questions or anything, there’s always someone here to help,” she said.

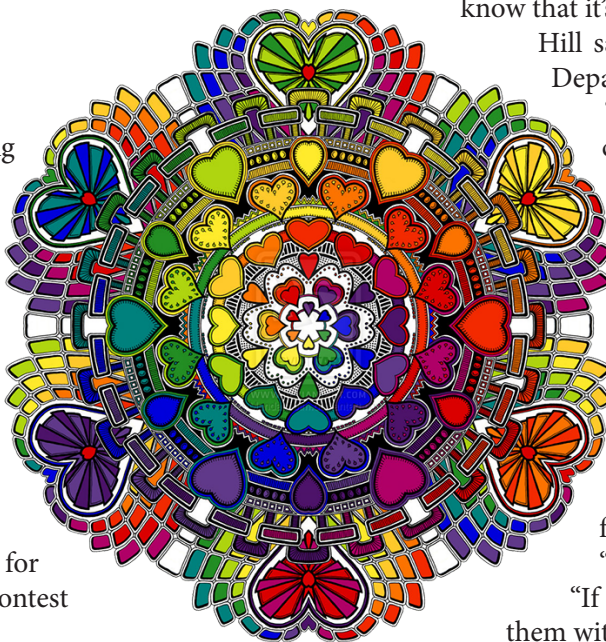
“We’ve even sponsored a couple of unit reviews for the Intro to Psychology [courses].”

Hill said she is the only tutor available at this time. However, she said, getting help from a psychology professor is simple.

“There are always professors available,” she said.

“If there’s something that [students] need that I can’t help them with, the professors are only a phone call away.”

The Psychology Lab is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. The lab is located in Room 1H6 of the Social Sciences Center. For more information, call the Psychology Lab at 405-682-1611, ext 2379, or call the Social Sciences Division office at 405-682-7573.



SPORTS

Run it out

Orthotics and prosthetics major Kelly Williams exercises in the OCCC Wellness Center.

The Wellness Center provides access to recreation, fitness and aquatic facilities and programs.

The Wellness Center also provides access to fitness classes including yoga, Zumba, theatrical dance, cardio kickboxing, sets and reps, spin, total body workout, personal training, and more.

The Aquatic Center is open to the public for open swim from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The gym, weight and cardio room is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Wellness Center can be located by going to the southwest side of OCCC's campus and using entry WC1.

For more information, call 405-682-7860.

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SPORTS | Row-Triple-C ready to compete on Oklahoma River

OCCC gets first-ever dragon boat team

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As Oklahoma City has gained national recognition as an ideal venue for rowing sports, Supervisor of Web Development and Social Media John Richardson said he hopes OCCC's new dragon boat team will gain some recognition as well.

Richardson said a dragon boat is a canoe with a dragon head and tail containing 10 rowers paddling to the beat of one drummer.

After attending the Oklahoma Regatta Festival last fall, Richardson said, he was inspired by the local rowing teams to get OCCC to participate.

"I thought it was really pretty cool," he said.

"I figured it would be kind of nice if our college could get involved in that at some level.

"We don't have the resources to

sponsor a real rowing team — a crew ... So I thought, maybe there's a way we could get funding to have a dragon boat team.

"A little less expensive and certainly a lot [of] fun, in my opinion."

Richardson said the OCCC dragon boat team, called Row-Triple-C, is sponsored by Student Life and the OCCC College Foundation.

"I've got this vision ... that, if we're successful this season ... then maybe in the fall, we'll have two dragon boat teams," Richardson said.

Enough people expressed interest that would've allowed for two teams this spring.

However, Richardson said, it's important to gauge the success of Row-Triple-C before implementing a second team.

He said if this season is successful, he'll make a few phone calls to fund another dragon boat team for fall 2014.

Richardson said he'd eventually like

to see OCCC have its own competitive rowing team.

"I think that would make a whole lot of sense," Richardson said.

"[The Oklahoma] river is a very important part of Oklahoma City now," he said.

"Instead of people going to the lakes, some of them go to the river and row.

"Since we are the community college of Oklahoma City, I think we need to be involved in things like that."

Richardson said Row-Triple-C will host rowing practice from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Mondays.

He said the roster is currently full, but the team can always use supporters.

Row-Triple-C will compete at the Stars and Stripes River Festival Saturday, June 28.

For more information, call Richardson at 405-682-1611 ext. 7552 or email jrichardson@occc.edu.

For Oklahoma River events, visit <http://boathousedistrict.org>.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• April 7 - April 21:

Intramural Kickball. Individual registration deadline is April 7. Call 405-682-7860 for more information.

• April 9 - April 23:

Intramural 4v4 Football. Individual registration deadline is April 9. Call 405-682-7860 for more information.

• April 11 - April 19:

The 2014 Hershey's Youth Track and Field local meet and competition is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at West Moore High School. Deadline for sports registration is Friday, April 11. To register, visit www.occc.edu/news/2014/Hersheys-localmeet14.

• April 11 - May 2:

Intramural 7v7 Soccer. Individual registration deadline is April 11. Call 405-682-7860 for more information.

• Spring semester:

Visit www.occc.edu/rf/swimming-diving to enroll in a number of events held in the college's Aquatic Center.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events, complete with the most current updates.

(Free QR code reader apps can be found online or in app stores on smart phones. Follow the directions for the app you download.)

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

Caps and gowns available in bookstore through May 16

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The time has come for students to prepare for the spring graduation ceremony on May 16, said Kim White, bookstore finances and student accounts coordinator.

White said the bookstore has a section where students can purchase all of the items they need to be ready for graduation.

The package includes a cap, gown and tassel for \$35 plus tax.

White said the bookstore also has announcements students can purchase. A package of five announcements is \$6 plus tax.

"Not everyone buys them, but we do have those also," said White.

White said the first step for students — before they even enter the bookstore — is to make sure they are on the list

of students who are eligible to graduate this semester.

An OCCC ID or valid state driver's license is needed to start the verification check.

Students whose names are on a list created by the graduation office are cleared to buy a cap and gown, White said.

If a student's name does not appear on the list, the bookstore will call the graduation office and, in some cases, send the student there.

"The graduation office provides us with a list of eligible graduates," White said.

"We check that list for [the student's] name, and if [it isn't] on the list, we send them to the grad office to check their progress ..."

"Sometimes they just haven't caught up the list from the people who have newly applied."

Once the bookstore confirms a

student is eligible, White said, bookstore staff will help the student find the right sized gown.

"We have them ... tell us their height, [then] try on a gown and see what size works best for them," she said.

Caps, gowns, tassels and announcements will be available in the OCCC Bookstore through May 16, graduation day.

Buying caps and gowns sooner rather than later is a good idea, White said.

Although the bookstore keeps a good stock of caps and gowns, she said, running out of a student's size is a possibility.

"We generally do not sell out completely."

"The only thing [is] if you wait until the last minute, like the last few days before graduation, it is possible that we may run out a size so it's best

to come before then."

For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7688, or email kwhite@occc.edu.



Apply: Spring graduates can apply online or in person

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Gowdy said students who apply late run the risk of finding out too late they haven't completed all the classes they need to be eligible to graduate.

"We encourage students to fill out that application a semester prior to when they think they will finish, so that if they've missed a step, they

have time to enroll in a class they might need," she said.

Gowdy said students should meet with advisers periodically to stay on course.

"If there's any approved electives in your degree plan, make sure you talk to your faculty adviser to get the paperwork done," said Gowdy.

When students apply, they will receive an email from the

graduation office which also will be sent to their faculty adviser.

"... Their faculty adviser might know then if they need something approved, because we'll say that in the email," she said.

Students also are advised to run a degree check on MineOnline so they can make sure the courses they have

taken match their degree plan, Gowdy said.

In addition to filling out the application, students will need to attach all official transcripts from any other institutions they have attended, she said.

The free application is available both online and in the Graduation Office located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Gowdy said students can either apply online or bring the application to the office on the first floor of the Main Building.

The application can be found on the Records and Graduation Services website at www.occc.edu/records.

For more information about applying for graduation, contact Gowdy at 405-682-7528 or email bgowdy@occc.edu.

Grades: Any student can ask for an incomplete grade

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Management Committee is seeking feedback from OCCC faculty regarding whether incompletes should still be issued to students.

"We have asked for input from faculty about removing an I as an option," he said.

Gardner said the Enrollment Management Committee proposed the idea at a faculty meeting March 4.

"The Enrollment Management Committee looks at things that affect students," he said. "There are actually reasons to look at that and

see how [incompletes] affect students ..."

"That's why we're asking 'if we did away with this, how would it affect [them]?'"

"... We have to go through a process before we do anything. We've asked for input from faculty — that's all we've done."

Gardner said he expects to hear back from faculty members when the next meeting is held in April.

As of Monday, March 24, Gardner said he hadn't received any feedback yet.

Citing the 2013-2014 OCCC Course Catalog, Gardner said, an instructor can issue a stu-

dent an I as a grade when extenuating circumstances occur.

Then, the instructor prepares a contract specifying the work which the student must complete along with a date by which it should be completed, he said.

Gardner said, in most cases, I, or Incomplete, grades are a neutral mark and students must work with the instructor to meet the requirements needed to convert them to a recordable grade.

Associate Registrar Jill Linblad said appealing for an incomplete grade is specific to the instructor.

"The faculty is who decide

whether or not an incomplete can be granted," Linblad said.

"All departments have the option of [assigning an incomplete grade]," she said. "... [but] the agreement has to be made prior to the class ending."

Linblad said an incomplete will remain on a student's transcript until the remaining coursework has been completed and graded by the instructor.

"The normal contract period ... will extend through the late registration period for the next enrollment period," she said.

"Depending on the circumstance, it can be extended for

a year."

For more information about appealing for an incomplete grade, contact your instructor or the Records Office at 405-

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Food for fuel



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

J.D. White, computer aided design major, Ashlee Standridge, marketing major, and Amanda Martinez, engineering major, prepare and sell Indian tacos for the Native American Student Association Indian taco sale March 24. The sale raised \$346.94 for a two-day powwow scheduled for April of next year.

COMMUNITY | Club plans for League of Legends tournament this semester

Fun, games focus of Gamer Guild

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There is a group of students who sit at a specific table Monday through Thursday in the cafeteria called The Gamer Guild.

The Gamer Guild is a club made up of students who represent themselves as people who love to play games — gamers.

The games may vary, but most of the group members have a laptop or a Nintendo DS, which could allow a wide variety of games.

Other games include Magic: The Gathering, which is a popular card game.

Math major Jeremy McKinley, a gaming enthusiast, is the club's president.

McKinley has been president for two semesters and is also the TLC representative for the club.

McKinley said he aims for the club to focus on being active in student life and just simply have fun playing games together.

"I try to make sure that they obey the school rules and that we stay active within student life," he said.

"I like the club to do whatever the club wants to do, which right now is to just hang out and have fun."

Though the club is not sure of how many members it has, the Gamer Guild is always open to new members.

The number of members varies from semester to semester, McKinley said.

"... It's easy to join the club," he said.

"Just come sit at our table and enjoy some games with us. It's just that easy."

The club plans to host a tournament.

Though the date has not been determined, it will be toward the end of the semester, McKinley said.

The tournament will be a League of Legends tournament, which is a popular online multiplayer free-to-play computer video game.

The tournament will have an entry fee of \$5 per person, which is \$25 per team.

"All entry fee money will be donated to United Way charity and we're planning on occupying one of the College Union rooms for the tournament, which is where we plan on having other events as well," he said.

"The other events we're planning on having aren't yet confirmed, so we have to decide on an event before we announce them."

For more information, contact thegamerguild@occc.edu, or find the group in the corner of the cafeteria, right next to the exit toward the Main Building area Monday through Thursday.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

April Alcohol Awareness Month

Students and employees are invited to learn about the dangers of alcohol abuse from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in CU2. Refreshments are provided. All employees who participate will be given fourth quarter health and safety training credit. For more information, contact the Student Life office at 405-682-7523 or email SLStaffDL@occc.edu.

Service Trip to Mustang Middle School

Volunteers will serve as test monitors and will be in the spirit of National Volunteer Week from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 10, at Mustang School's mandated testing. To volunteer or for more information, call the Student Life office at 405-682-7523 or email SLStaffDL@occc.edu.

Women of the South Scholarship deadline

Women of the South Primary Provider Scholarships are available to women who are the sole or primary providers of their household. Recipients will receive funding toward obtaining an associate degree from OCCC. The scholarship includes tuition, fees and books. A recipient must be a primary provider with a high school diploma or equivalent who resides in the south Oklahoma City metropolitan area and meets income requirements. Visit www.womenofthesouth.org to print an application, or call Linda Carr at 405-270-1669. Deadline is April 15.

MSA Islam Awareness Day luncheon

The Muslim Student Association will host a free lunch and lecture to celebrate Islam Awareness Day from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in CU3. Dr. Imad Enchassi will lecture the "Top 10 Misconceptions about Islam." The luncheon is open to the public. For more information, contact the OCCC MSA at msa@my.occc.edu.

Students showcase classical guitar skills

Students will perform classical guitar music at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in room 132 in the VPAC. Performances will consist of guitar trios and solo performances. Music will include traditional classical guitar to modern contemporary music. The free concert is open to the public. For more information, call Michael Boyle at 405-682-1611, ext. 7245.

Students applying for summer jobs

Student services will help students look for summer jobs from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in room 1G7 on the first floor in the Main Building. For more information, contact 405-682-7519.

Service Trip Peace Walk

Students volunteer during Oklahoma's Autism Peace Walk for families affected by autism from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Students who register will receive an email with specific instructions of where and when to meet. For more information, contact the Student Life office at 405-682-7523 or email SLStaffDL@occc.edu.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to editor@occc.edu.

CLASSIFIEDS

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TUTOR WANTED: Part-time tutor wanted for Accounting I and Macroeconomics. Pay is negotiable. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to make extra money. Text 405-443-8448.

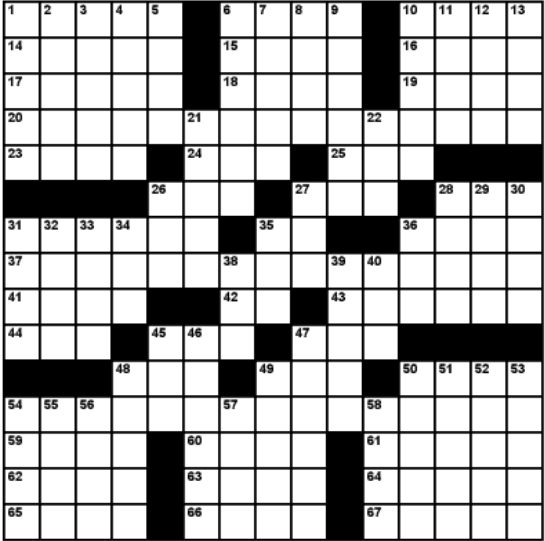
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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

'A As In...' Crossword by Dave Fisher

- Across**
- 1. Evaluate
 - 6. Theatrical piece
 - 10. Fix a leak
 - 14. Capital of East Pakistan
 - 15. B ___ Railroad
 - 16. Money in Milan
 - 17. Make use of
 - 18. Gas sign?
 - 19. Mayberry man
 - 20. Variety for 37 across
 - 23. Looks at
 - 24. Places where scrubs are worn
 - 25. Cell user?
 - 26. Actress Lupino
 - 27. Wear and tear
 - 28. Granola grain
 - 31. Be there
 - 35. Hesitant's word
 - 36. A convex shape
 - 37. Pioneer, Chapman
 - 41. Chills
 - 42. Exists
 - 43. Basic shelter
 - 44. Reel holder
 - 45. Synonym for 38 down
 - 47. ___-de-mer (seasickness)
 - 48. King Kong, e.g.
 - 49. Entertaining
 - 50. It's played by an "angelo"
 - 54. Baker's option for 20 across
 - 59. Hot zone
 - 60. Pupil's colorful place
 - 61. Zones
 - 62. Go over
 - 63. Shower material
 - 64. ___prosequi (court-record entry)
 - 65. Facile
 - 66. Shout
 - 67. Map in a map

- Down**
- 1. Wise saying



- 2. ___ Truffle (Beatles song)
- 3. Bathroom item, maybe
- 4. Sulphuric and hydrochloric
- 5. Harvard rival
- 6. Bullock of "Speed"
- 7. Supports for proposers, perhaps
- 8. TV's "American ___"
- 9. Restorative drinks
- 10. Flat area
- 11. Type of type
- 12. Language of Pakistan
- 13. Talese and others
- 21. Simpleton
- 22. Miler Sebastian
- 26. Lodge
- 27. Guy at the plate
- 28. Sign
- 29. Help a hustler
- 30. Kind of list
- 31. Opened a crack
- 32. Like some orders
- 33. Fall follower?
- 34. Newark to Cape Cod (dir.)
- 35. FedEx rival
- 36. Second-largest English-speaking country
- 38. Synonym for 45 across
- 39. 10 down to a gaucho
- 40. Slippery one
- 45. Wall St. debut
- 46. Funny business
- 47. Clam's relative
- 48. Irk
- 49. Perk
- 50. Cook's cover
- 51. Cambodian dollars
- 52. Norman Vincent ___
- 53. Something in the plus column
- 54. Went fast
- 55. Place for 60 across
- 56. Commies
- 57. Shallowest Great Lake
- 58. Indian princess

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- **Drug Abuse in Oklahoma**, from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in CU 2; Mark Woodward, Spokesman, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics.
- **Recognizing the Signs of Addiction**: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at in CU 2; Dr. Peter Messiah, Addiction Prevention Studies Director, Oklahoma City University.

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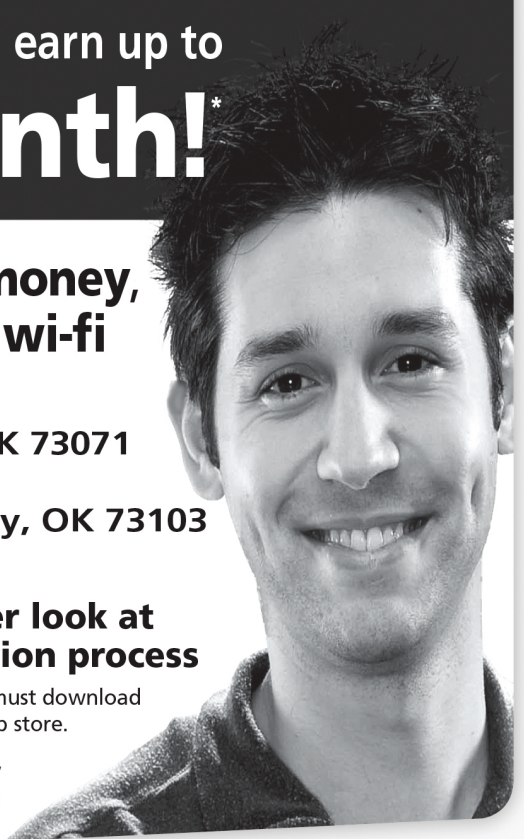


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JOURNALISM AND BROADCASTING STUDENTS SEE WHAT THEIR FUTURE MIGHT HOLD

Students get tour of The Oklahoman on class trip



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Students got a first-hand look at The Oklahoman on a recent class field trip. Front row: (L to R) Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, Press Room Manager Terry Galloway, Nathan Boone. Middle row: (L to R) Kathy Nguyen, Emma Ward, Leah Sweet, Rachel Hamidi, Ryan Lambert, Paris Burris, Nick Conte. Back row: (L to R) Joel Viezcas, Keegan Parrish, Natalie Davis, Nicole Cherry, Siali Siaosi, Allie Sackett, Khalid Masum, Jon Manning, Cody Giles, Md. Rajibul Islam Khan Ajit.

NICHOLAS CONTE
News Writing Student

Nineteen journalism and broadcasting students in the Introduction to Mass Communications class experienced first-hand what they might find in the workplace during their recent field trip to The Oklahoman newspaper in Oklahoma City.

OCCC graduate Clytie Bunyan, a 25-year employee of The Oklahoman, led the tour through the immense building.

She is director of Business and Lifestyles.

"We are always excited to welcome OCCC students into the building," Bunyan said.

"It gives them a chance to see how things really work around here."

The group was walked through many areas of the building beginning with the enormous print shop where papers are printed at the rate of hundreds of copies per minute.

The monstrous printing factory was filled with massive pieces of machinery that left some students

in awe.

"It was unlike anything I have ever experienced," said diversified studies major Leah Sweet. "I couldn't believe how powerful it all felt."

The tour then continued upward through a winding maze of staircases and hallways to different departments of the newspaper.

Students were allowed to speak with writers and ask questions.

"I found it interesting that many of the writers had their AP stylebooks on their desks," said broadcasting major Keegan Parrish.

"It was a shock to me that they still reference their grammatical books at this level."

After a few questions with the writers, Bunyan took the students into a conference room where the front page stories of the newspaper are selected by discussion and negotiations among the editors.

"We find it important to hold each other highly accountable," Bunyan said, "as you can see in front of you."

She gestured toward the table occupied by several

old newspapers with red markings scattered across them.

The newspapers contained comments and amendments from other writers, some of which were not so delicately expressed.

On one of the newspapers, a headline had been circled with bold red letters, stating "Lack of creativity and boring!"

This emphasized Bunyan's point with the students about accountability.

"The value of the field trip is that students actually get to visit where they might end up working," said professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert.

"That way they aren't shocked when arriving in the work environment and realize it's a lot of work and not all fun like it seems on the air."

Sweet said the experience was worthwhile.

"It was the most learning I have done outside the classroom in a long time," Sweet said. "I couldn't have hoped for a better experience!"

For more information, contact Faulconer-Lippert at gfaulconer@occc.edu.