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#### **Quick draw**



Local artist Hector Lopez draws a quick caricature portrait of Pathway's junior Marla Cuevas. Lopez did several free sketches outside the Communications Lab on Aug. 20 as part of OCCC's Welcome Week. "I also did this at the University of Central Oklahoma and work at the Thunder Games," he said. For more information, visit www.aboutfacesentertainment.com.

## Capitol Hill leader named to school board

**Gloria Torres** ready to represent the south side

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orn and raised in Bouthwest Oklahoma City, Gloria Torres said she's excited to represent her side of town as the newest member of the Oklahoma City School

Torres, OCCC Capitol Hill Center Director, has been an educator for more than 25 years.

"I've taught, I've been an assistant principal, I've been a principal — I've been just about everything in the Oklahoma City school district that you can possibly be."

Torres said her decorated background in education will contribute positive changes while serving District 6, home to the metro's largest Hispanic community.

"Just about everything I do - professionally and personally — revolves around how we can provide a better education for our community," Torres said.

"Oftentimes, we see that south Oklahoma City doesn't seem to be taken into account when decisions are being made," she said.

"I think it's very important for the person

who sits at this position to voice the needs of south Oklahoma City."

In a continuously growing area of the metro, Torres said, she hopes to see more changes on behalf of the Oklahoma City schools in District 6.

"We're a quickly growing population," Torres said.

"We've very much exceeded the population of north Oklahoma City when it comes to our public school system.

"It's important that we, as a district, pay attention to the direction we're going as it pertains to the needs of south Oklahoma City."

As the OCCC Capitol Hill Center Director, Torres said, she manages education opportunities for those in the metro's Capitol Hill area — home to a diverse, but largely

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### **OPINION**

EDITORIAL I Writer says Oklahoma governor using cheap antics to win votes

## Fallin fails with medical pot

In a press conference Aug. 13, Gov. Mary Fallin announced her support for medical marijuana — almost. In a desperate attempt to pander to a growing number of voters who've been loudly voicing support for the decriminalization of marijuana, Fallin said she'll be urging legislators to support the use of non-

JORGE KRZYZANIAK

intoxicating cannabinoid oil or CBD on a "limited, medically supervised, trial only basis," according to a release from the governor's office.

CBD is a compound derived from marijuana said to have multiple medicinal benefits without the side effect of being stoned, according to news source kjhr.com. It is commonly administered in liquid form.

Fallin is racing to stay ahead of the curve in which petitions

to legalize medical marijuana have already been circulated by the Oklahomans For Health organization.

It's her attempt to curtail a charge toward compassionate healthcare that's been recently spearheaded by State Sen. Constance Johnson.

Remaining true to the uninformed values of her usual supporters though, Fallin stands adamantly against adults being able to choose what goes into their bodies.

"I do not support legalizing the recreational use of marijuana," Fallin said. "Nor do I support a broadlydefined 'medicinal' marijuana use that makes it easy for healthy adults and teenagers to find and buy drugs."

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention ranks Oklahoma ninth in overdose deaths from pain relievers but Mary Fallin stands firm that she won't allow these deadly, commonly abused painkillers to be replaced by a substance that's non-lethal in any volume.

While touting a "small government" platform in 2013, she signed a statute into effect allowing Oklahoma drivers with "any detectable amount of THC and/or its inactive metabolites in his/her blood, saliva, or urine" to be charged with DUI.

THC of course remains in one's body for up to 30 days after smoking or ingesting marijuana. If it's been a month since you had your kicks in some foreign place where this terrifying, communist substance is the law of the land and by some circumstance you've inhaled the devil smoke of it, Fallin wants you in jail before you can infect the rest of the state's wholesome populace with your counter-culture ideals.

Fallin wants a "trial-basis" of CBD even after more than 65 years of diligent research into the medicinal use of marijuana. Her camp has yet to state which company might obtain contracts to provide Oklahoma with CBD but one can speculate Mary won't be picking it up at Ziggy's.





Suspect the presence of some pharmaceutical company lurking about the governor's mansion already. Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer has been experimenting in this field since the '70s and has yet to release any cannabinoid-based drugs. During the Bush administration however, Pfizer provided research to suggest that marijuana offered no substantial medical benefits. Pfizer went on to market billions of dollars of their miracle cure Viagra.

The implications of Fallin's announcement have yet to be seen. What's clear is that even the most adamant opponents of marijuana are being pushed to react to an overwhelming call for sensible drug laws.

Don't be fooled by cheap antics. Fallin has no concern for the personal freedoms of her constituents. Mary Fallin simply offers policy for sale in Oklahoma.

— Jorge Krzyzaniak Sports Writer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR I Coaches urged to follow safety guidelines during sports practice

## Athletes need to be careful during late summer heat

To the Editor:

The American Red Cross recommends team officials, coaches and parents take steps to help ensure the safety of their players during the recent excessive heat.

"Keeping athletes safe is crucial," said Janienne Bella, central and western Oklahoma regional CEO. "Make sure athletes stay hydrated. Have everyone drink plenty of fluids like water or sports drinks with electrolytes before, during and after activities."

Team practices should be scheduled for early in the day and later in the evening to avoid exposing players to the hottest times of the day.

Other steps teams, schools and parents should take to protect their athletes include:

• Allow athletes to get acclimated to the heat by

reducing the intensity of practice until they are more accustomed to it.

- About every 20 minutes stop for fluids and try to keep the athletes in the shade if possible.
- Reduce the amount of heavy equipment athletes wear in extremely hot, humid weather.
- Dress athletes, when appropriate, in net-type jerseys or light-weight, light-colored, cotton T-shirts and shorts.
- Know the signs of heat-related emergencies and monitor athletes closely.

"Coaches and parents need to be vigilant in watching for signs of heat-related emergencies. Athletes should inform their coaches, teachers or parents if they are not feeling well," Bella said.

- Heat cramps are often an early sign the body is having trouble with the heat.
- Signs of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea; dizziness; weakness; and exhaustion.
- Signs of heat stroke include those of heat exhaustion and hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; change or loss of consciousness; seizures; vomiting; and high body temperature.

Heat stroke is life-threatening. Call 911 or the local emergency number immediately if a player shows signs of a heat stroke.

For more information on what to do when temperatures rise, visit redcross.org or call 405-228-9500.

—American Red Cross

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## **COMMENTS AND REVIEWS**

FROM THE VAULT MOVIE REVIEW I 'What About Bob?' dark, humorous

## Funny Murray flick a must see

Few comedians can match the attitude, wit, and charm of Bill Murray. His presence alone makes any movie a hundred times better.

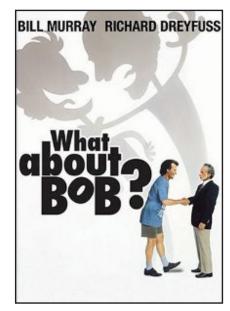
For those who have never seen one of his movies (too sad to imagine) I'd show them "What About Bob?"

Aside from the hilarious story, this is one of the last quirky roles he had. Sure, there is "Lost in Translation" and "The Life Aquatic" but this was the last family movie where he had a lead role.

The story begins with Bob Wiley (Murray) visiting his new egotistical psychiatrist, Dr. Leo Marvin (Richard Dreyfuss).

A kind man suffering from multiple phobias, Bob quickly finds hope and assurance in his new doctor. But when Dr. Marvin informs Bob he'll be out of town for the weekend, Bob panics and follows the doctor to his vacation home at Lake Winnipesaukee.

Upon arrival, Dr. Marvin urges Bob to leave and advises him to



 $take\,a\,vacation\,from\,his\,problems.$ 

Charged with confidence, Bob chooses to spend his vacation at Lake Winnipesaukee too.

After befriending Dr. Marvin's children and beautiful wife (Julie Hagerty), he begins overstepping the boundaries of his doctorpatient relationship. Eventually, Dr. Marvin becomes so outraged

he snaps and begins taking extreme measures to eliminate his new patient.

This movie is easily one one of the best dark comedies of all time.

Toward the end of the film, Dr. Marvin tries to kill Bob by tying him to 20 pounds of black powder. He tells Bob "...one teaspoon of this stuff can blow up a tree stump."

When Bob asks what he's doing Dr. Marvin replies, "Death Therapy, Bob. It's a guaranteed cure." Did I mention this film is rated PG?

If you love comedies you'll enjoy watching this movie.

Dreyfuss' unhinged sanity and Murray's upbeat attitude collide to create spectacular absurdity.

And not only does "What About Bob?" entertain — it drives you crazy for more Bill Murray.

Rating: A

—ETHAN COOPER PHOTOGRAPHER

PRODUCT REVIEW I Hard on the outside; soft on the inside makes for a perfect fit

## Shoes still kickin' after eight months

STEP WITH CONFIDENCE AND COMFORT

I'm a notorious fashionista, especially in the shoe department. In my closet alone, I have a pair of shoes, a pair of flip flops and a sock that nobody can touch. What I wear depends on my current mood.

While shopping last winter, I found a black pair

of SafeTStep shoes. I'm proud to say they're still on my feet and still kicking.

I was drawn to their simple design and flat bottoms.

Their tread is deep and vicious like a cheese grater, allowing me to walk on smooth surfaces like Spiderman. Wet floors are no challenge for these bad boys.

The inside is hard enough to hold the shoe together through extreme strolling, yet soft enough to cradle the foot like a kitten in an oven mitt.

The best part is, they only cost \$40.

After seven or eight solid months of walking, there are only a few signs of wear. The skin is scuffed a bit on the toes, the seams are showing the early signs of busting, and the inside of the heel is completely gone.

These shoes have served me well, with one exception. There are no ventilation holes.

So, as my feet slide and squelch around in the sweaty dirty padded dungeons that are these shoes for 10 hours a day, they are creating a cocktail of chaos in a corked bottle.

If I lived in a house with a "Take your shoes off at

the door" policy, I would have killed my entire family by the time I got to the kitchen.

Of course, now that I've worn holes through

them, that's no longer a problem.

These shoes can accomplish so much, I feel like I'm short-changing them by not being an athlete of any kind.

I could walk up a skateboard ramp with ease if I wanted to. I could hike for hours in them without a single blister.

These shoes would be perfect with vent holes, and maybe a disclaimer on the label: Not Approved for Chunkies.

Rating: B

—Jake McMahon Videographer



# Avoid extra weight with Lose It! app

A college student's schedule can be hectic from classes, work, homework and the little amount of time dedicated to not going completely insane. With such a rushed lifestyle, there's little time to think about one's physique.

Gaining weight is just one more thing to worry about during the semester, but no worries — there's an app for that.

Check out Lose It!, an app designed to keep track of your calorie intake, as well as daily exercise

"Lose It! is designed with one goal: to help you lose weight in a healthy, sustainable way.

"No magic pills, no crazy diets — just a simple, easy-to-use program that helps you stay in your calorie budget," according to www.loseit.com.

After submitting your height, weight and personal weight loss goal, you are given a calorie budget to work with daily.

The idea is to log everything you eat and any sort of exercise you have performed that day, which calculates it to your daily calorie budget.

Along with the app being free and having a user-friendly interface, there are countless blog posts on the web about how many people are losing weight by using this app.

The app features four main tabs which are "My Day," which shows overall progress for that day, "Log," where the user submits meals and exercise, "Motivate," which shows the user's overall plan and progress, and "Goals," which shows the user's current weight and goal weight on a scale.

The premium version, which is \$39.99 yearly, consists of more detailed features like hydration, sleep and body fat calculations.

The app can be found on both iPhone and Android app stores, giving great accessibility to many users.

Until they make an app to make me believe I'm beautiful just the way I am, I'm using Lose It!.

For more information about Lose It! and account creation, visit www.loseit.com.

-BRYCE MCELHANEY

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## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**BOOK REVIEW I** Author and swing dancer Mickey Sherman lived the jazz era

## Former student's book 'A Swinging Affair' hep, man

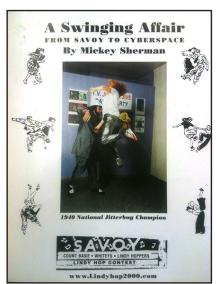
It was impossible not to notice the grinning, bespectacled figure of the man that was Mickey Sherman.

He was the school's oldest student at 89. He always wore his bomber jacket, Mickey Mouse watch, and a ball cap proudly advertizing that Mickey had served in the second World War. I befriended Mickey at an Advocates of Peace meeting.

Mickey had been to war. He'd seen the destructive power of hatred. In the face of horrendous atrocity, Mickey had marched forth, grinned defiantly and did in the midst of war the thing that had always brought him such great joy. Mickey danced.

He didn't look like a dancer any more though. He wasn't the type to brag.

Mickey brought me a gift once, a large paperback book. On its cover was some cat in a zoot suit, hip



beard doing the lindy hop with some high-flying woman. Inspecting the back cover though, I found this wild-eyed, skunk-bearded author to be Mickey himself.

The book's become my most prized possession, genuinely for its content and not because I knew its author.

"A Swinging Affair from Savoy to Cyberspace" is the story of jazz and swing dancing as told not from a historical perspective but through the gaze of a man who lived as one

of swing's great innovators and continued to carry swing forward in his heart all his days.

Mickey's book tells the stories of jazz's greatest pioneers. It discusses the evolution of dance,

glasses and a skunk-striped transports readers to a bygone era and allows us to immerse ourselves into a guarded subculture of the past, teaching the history, and the lingo of the time alongside some dance steps.

> The goal of his epic work is not to teach us about the history of swing but to make its readers absolutely jive. It undeniably succeeds.

> The book is available through amazon.com and several other online retailers.

> It's a brilliant and interesting read from one of OCCC's very own who died Dec. 7, 2011.

> That cat Mickey may have chosen to cop a trot on us but his work remains and "A Swinging Affair" truly sends me, man.

Thanks Mickey.

**Rating:** A

-JORGE KRZYZANIAK **SPORTS WRITER** 

**SERIES REVIEW I Netflix scores with orginal programming** 

## BoJack Horseman' a witty cartoon

With streaming video services quickly replacing old school cable boxes, companies like Netflix and Hulu Plus are forced to do whatever it takes to keep users coming back.

While each service streams hundreds of film and television titles at lower than \$10 a month, both Netflix and Hulu Plus also offer their fair share of original content.

On Aug. 22, Netflix released its answer to primetime television's "The Simpsons," "South Park" and "Family Guy" — a hilarious new animated comedy called "BoJack Horseman."

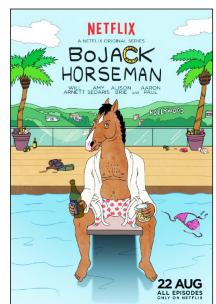
Voiced by Will Arnett — "Ar-

rested Development" funny man and former hubby to Amy Poehler — the series follows the antics of BoJack Horseman, an anthropomorphic horse and washed up actor who's attempting to make a Hollywood comeback by writing an autobiography.

BoJack made it big in the '90s playing the father figure on the fictional family sitcom, "Horsin' Around," leaving BoJack's financial assets sitting pretty.

Like most traditional has-beens, BoJack succumbs to fame's endless temptations and finds himself in the media spotlight for all the wrong reasons.

Along the way, BoJack has help from his bum roommate Todd, his part-time girlfriend and fulltime agent — and a cat, ironically enough — Princess Carolyn and a golden lab named Mr. Peantubutter,



his longtime acting rival.

"Breaking Bad" actor Aaron Paul provides Todd's voice and "Mad Men" actress Alison Brie voices Diane, the woman hired to ghostwrite BoJack's book.

Audiences might also recognize actress Kristen Schaal as the voice of Sarah Lynn, BoJack's former child co-star who's now a raging Hollywood starlet similar to the likes of Lindsay Lohan.

Schaal is the voice of Louise Belcher in the animated comedy "Bob's Burgers."

One thing I notice first about a cartoon is its animation style, and I'm pleased to say BoJack's

fictional world where humans and talking animals cohabitate is drawn just as wacky and colorful as it sounds.

BoJack also pokes fun at high society, material wealth and Hollywood culture altogether — reminding us that we're all just a bunch of animals.

Since it's rated TV-MA, you shouldn't watch BoJack while you're around your children or your conservative grandparents — but, with a first season full of crude humor and social commentary, "BoJack Horseman" is a witty cartoon with a lot of potential.

I hope other Netflix users agree.

Rating: B+

—Siali Siaosi ONLINE EDITOR

### **TOP 20 MOVIES**

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

- 1. Guardians of the Galaxy
- 2. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3. If I Stay
- 4. Let's Be Cops
- 5. When the Game Stands Tall
- 6. The Giver
- 7. The Expendables 3
- 8. Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For
- 9. The Hundred-Foot Journey
- 10. Into the Storm
- 11. Lucy
- 12. Boyhood
- 13. Magic in the Moonlight
- 14. Dawn of the Planet of the

Apes

- 15. Get On Up
- 16. Hercules
- 17. Step Up All In
- 18. What If
- 19. Maleficent
- 20. Calvary

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## Four full-time professors added to roster

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The professor headcount is up to 146 after four new instructors were recently brought on staff.

Nursing professor Shelley Meyers will be teaching in the college setting for the first time.

Meyers worked at Midwest Regional Hospital for 17 years. While helping the newer nurses at the hospital, she said, she discovered she had a love for teaching.

"I just thought 'you know, I'm just going to see what happens,' so I came and applied and got hired."



**Shelley Meyers** 

Meyers will teach Nursing Process 4 this semester.

"I'll have all my little clinical group, so I'm really excited to get started and get going, get to teaching."

Meyers said OCCC has some of the best equipment in the state.

She said the expectations she had of the college have already been exceeded.

Meyers said the college is considered an elite school.

"When I came here everyone was just really nice and then they were telling me about all their [resources.]

They have a cadaver (lab), they have (patient) simulators. It's like the best in the state," she said.

"For a community college, that's high speed. That's big time, because there are even facilities that don't have as many (patient) simulators as they have here.

Meyers said she encourages students to stop by her office.

"Anybody can stop by and visit me," she said. "My door is always open."

Students can contact Meyers at shelley.l.meyers@

A Princeton grad has been signed on to teach sociology and anthropology at OCCC.

LiErin Probasco said she is relatively new to the

Oklahoma City area. She graduated from Princeton and moved to Oklahoma less than two years ago to be near family. She was an adjunct professor at OCCC in spring 2014. Probasco said her experience as an

> adjunct made her want to teach on campus full-time.

> "When I saw they had a full-time position, I was super excited to get to apply."

> This semester, she will teach Intro to Sociology and Cultural Anthropology.

> Probasco said she feels comfortable at OCCC and is excited to work with other professors and students.

new and wants to help and that's wonderful," she said.

my syllabus a few times just in the last couple of weeks because somebody gave me a new idea for a new way to do things, so the way we collaborate and share ideas is really great."

Probasco said the community college atmosphere is a great environment to work and learn in.

"I look forward to getting to know the students

"I think that in a community college setting, people have so many things going on in their lives.

"Sometimes it creates challenges, but more often, it creates opportunities to really figure out how these kind of academic ideas that are very abstract can be very real in our lives. I think that's really cool."

Students can contact Probasco at lierin.probasco@occc.edu.

Crystal Reynolds, new Emrgency Medical Services professor, is an OCCC alumni and has been an ad-

Reynolds has been a paramedic in Purcell for 10 years and has been teaching for nine years.

While teaching full-time for the first time, Reyn-

olds also will be taking a class along with students to obtain a diversified studies degree, she said.

"I'm working on my bachelor's (in administrative leadership) ... .."

Reynolds said she has taught as an adjunct at many colleges, but said OCCC is the best place to work. While she was an adjunct on campus, she said, she fell in love with the program and all it had to offer.

"It's just so well organized. The fact that we have such dedicated instructors for our students is amazing. You don't get that a lot of places ... but we have that here.

"That closeness, it's awesome. It's outstanding.

"We have really good equipment," she said. "That's another thing. The college really cares about not only how the instructors can help the students, but giving us the resources in order to do so."

Reynolds said she has been coming to campus for the past three weeks, getting everything ready for her students. She said it's almost like waiting to open up your presents at Christmas.

"Like, 'oh, they're almost here, they're almost here."

I'm excited for next week. I can't wait for the halls to be full again and I can't wait. I'm looking forward to it."

Reynolds said she feels she brings a lot to the program. She encourages students to get to know her.

"I'm looking forward to meeting all the students." she said. "Feel free to drop by anytime and say hi, introduce yourself."

Students can contact Reyn-

olds at crystal.l.reynolds@occc.edu.

Jennifer Brumley also will teach nursing this fall. Brumley was was not available for an interview. However, look for her story in the Sept. 12 Pioneer.

For more information about new professors, visit the Employee Directory at www.occc.edu/aboutus/ directory.





Crystal Reynolds

# Couple banned from campus for six months CAMPUS CAMPUS

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Campus police recently were called to deal with a disturbance in the OCCC library.

At approximately 1:43 p.m. Aug. 7, Campus Police responded to a call from Library employee Marcus

According to the report, a male, 24, asked for a password to use a computer, but was refused because he didn't have any type of ID.

His wife, 39, had an ID and received an access code. The report shows the man sat next to his wife and began using the computer.

According to the report, both parties violated OCCC's Acceptable Information Technology and Acceptable Use Policy.

The policy can be found at www.occc.edu/policy/pdf/3058. pdf.

The report states that both both parties were informed about the policy prior to the incident.

Madden then discovered the male suspect had been banned from OCCC property for six months on March 7. When Madden informed the man he also was in violation of OCCC policy 142, Order to Leave Institution of Learning, the woman

POLICE

began shouting, creating a disturbance.

Both parties were escorted to the Campus Police office, photographed, and told they are banned from the campus for six months. The couple left the campus on a Metro Transit bus. The case is still active.

Names were redacted on the report 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.

#### OCCC EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT COLLEGE GET-TOGETHER

## Professor known for free hugs wins award

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At the Annual Convocation and Awards Ceremony Aug. 12, President Paul Sechrist presented the Elven Gray award to English professor Stephen Morrow.

In 1991, OCCC created the award to recognize employees who exhibit the characteristics of Elven Gray, who was described as a "one of the college's most dedicated and inspiring employees," and "a gentleman who always, no matter what his circumstances, went above and beyond to serve others."

Morrow said he is honored to win such a prestigious college award. The Elven Gray award is the most important award given, he said. However, Morrow said, being humble is best.

"It's very, very nice to win a college award, but the flipside of that is what Plato put in his 'Republic,' — he reminds us all that we should be very humble with awards. That's putting it nicely. He's a little more critical," he said.

Morrow said he never knew Elven Gray, but receiving the award means quite a bit to him because of all the great things he has heard.

"I didn't know Mr. Gray, but I understand he was a wonderful spirit around campus and was helpful and generous, and those are the things to be, so it actually means quite a lot to me to know that I'm a part of that spirit and legacy of being a positive force on campus."

Morrow has been at OCCC for 10 years and in education overall for 20 years. Over the years, he said, his favorite memories have been helping students in his classes succeed and watching them develop in every aspect of their lives.

"I think the most important is the connection to students who are working and growing and finding their way in life. To just be part of that process just is kind of a blessing.

"I remember a few stories of students ... in my class ... overcoming incredible obstacles. [They] had so many responsibilities but they were still succeeding, so thinking about those students is very inspiring."

Morrow wears many hats on campus, including teaching English, philosophy and the Advocates of Peace class, and sponsoring the Advocates of Peace club. He has sponsored the club for about eight years, he said, and has good memories from all of their activities.

"Free Hugs ... was definitely a highlight," he said. "It's so interesting to ... see people who accept the hugs. You just smile. It's a really interesting social phenomenon."

Recently, Morrow became the faculty liaison for Services and Engagement, a new area in Student Life.

He said in his reassigned position, he will help assist with a student mentoring program designed to help students succeed by being matched with other students. He also will help make faculty aware of student services and encourage students to use them.

Morrow said he hopes everyone at OCCC will remember they are all a part of a bigger picture.

"I'm very appreciative for the Elven Gray Recogni-



**Steve Morrow** 

tion," he said. "When I accepted it, one thing I said was, 'My mentor who is Parker Palmer talks about how we're all in this together. If we carry just a little bit of that insight, it just helps us be more open and more respectful to each other and more supportive."

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/hr/EmployeeRecognitionAwards.

## Employee of the year gives credit to his co-workers

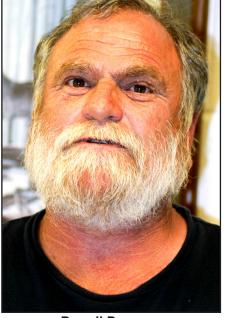
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Self described as a man of few words, OCCC Maintenance Mechanic Darrell Pearman said he was surprised to win the Classified Employee of the Year award at the Annual Convocation and Employee Recognition Ceremony Aug. 12.

"It was a shock but then again... I was honored ... to get that, because it's the first time ever in the Maintenance Shop for someone to get that," Pearman said.

"I was really, really honored and privileged ... but, you know, it's a team effort."

Pearman said he avoided making a speech at the ceremony but wants everyone to know that all the employees in the Facilities Management department deserve to be thanked.



Darrell Pearman

He said it takes the entire department to keep the campus running.

"Facilities Management has a big role in everything, like the Arts Festival, all that.

"It just [isn't] me. I may do a little more than some of them, but it's a team effort thing."

Pearman said some of his favorite memories are working with people in his department and being involved with Arts Festival Oklahoma every year.

While he does work hard at the festival, he said, he always has a good time.

"It's really not about us. It's about the vendors.

"You [have to] make sure

things roll. You got to keep the electricity going. There's so many things. You got to ... make this thing happen and everybody has a big role in it.

"Somebody's got to keep this thing going, you know, in case something breaks, in case something goes wrong. You got to fix it now .... It is fun. You meet a lot of different people, stuff like that," Pearman said.

Pearman said he came to work for OCCC in 1987 after being self employed for a number of years.

For the past 27 years, Pearman has worked in Facilities Management, an area of the college where, he said, nothing ever stays the same.

"It's an adventure," he said. "Every day is different. It's like one morning you may come to work, you may have a busted water line, you know. The college is shut down for several hours because of a busted water line or tornado or the electricity went out or a chiller went down."

Pearman said he likes working at OCCC and everyone he works with. He said he doesn't have much to say — he just takes each day as it comes.

"I'm not much of a speaker. I'm a do-er. I just do it as it comes and it's an adventure.

"The college has been really good to me."

For more information about the Classified Employee of the Year award, visit www.occc.edu/hr/EmployeeRecognitionAwards.

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#### OCCC EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT COLLEGE GET-TOGETHER

## Math prof enjoys helping students learn

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Helping students overcome math obstacles is what math Professor Janet Mitchell said is the best part of her job.

"They're working really hard to overcome some topics that they've struggled with," she said.

"It's nice to see them strive for improving. They feel more confident when they're having success and it's great to see that."

Mitchell won the Faculty Employee of the Year for 2014 at the Annual Convocation and Employee Recognition Ceremony Aug. 12.

She said she was pleased to win the award. Mitchell said many others were deserving, which made it even more special to win.

"It's a really big honor, because we have so many people on this campus that are highly qualified and do such a great job with their students. So I feel like I'm just one of many people that might be deserving of this award," she said.

Mitchell said one of the things President Paul Sechrist mentioned at the ceremony was how she wrote a math worktext for the College Prep Math Series.

She said the worktext is a great curriculum for students in the College Prep I as it provides a fresh way



Janet Mitchell

to see concepts that may be hard for some students.

"I developed the curriculum for the College Prep Math I class," Mitchell said. "I had experience with non-traditional teaching of various math topics.

"We do a real hands-on approach to understanding math concepts.

"We do kind of nontraditional just to try to get a fresh approach to looking at concepts that may have caused problems in the past or maybe were forgotten because it's been a few years since you've done some of that stuff," Mitchell said.

Because they do not go through a book publisher, the worktext is far more affordable for students. However, this means that Mitchell and the committee does all of the writing and editing for the text.

The worktext is currently on its sixth edition. Mitchell said rewriting the text is a challenge each time, but the time and effort are worth it, because students continue to succeed.

"It's a major undertaking each time I rewrite it, but it's really helpful," she said.

"The students really like it. We've had a lot of suc-

cess with the course.

"We have students that understand certain math concepts like fractions, or decimals, or percents that maybe they never really understood before, but getting the hands-on different approach about it, it is a helpful tool for them."

Starting her ninth year at OCCC, Mitchell said she has enjoyed every minute of her time here.

She said she enjoys working with the faculty and staff because everyone collaborates and works together. The working environment is positive, she said.

Mitchell said she also enjoys spending time with the students and helping them learn.

"I like working with the students that we have," she said.

"We get a lot of great students. I teach a lot of the College Prep I classes because I have done that book and we get a lot of wonderful students just in our whole college prep math sequence."

Mitchell said her favorite part of teaching is making a difference in students' lives.

She said she loves to work with students who have always struggled in math and get them to the point where they could achieve what they thought was impossible.

"I kind of specialize in the developmental area," she said.

"That's ... a specialty that I like working with, so I ... have focused on that."

For more information about the Faculty Employee of the Year, visit www.occc.edu/hr/EmployeeRecognitionAwards.

## Finding money a passion for financial aid employee

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Meghan Morgan, Financial Aid assistant director, said she was almost speechless when she won the Professional Employee of the Year for 2014 at the Annual Convocation and Employee Recognition Ceremony on Aug. 12.

She said she enjoys helping students accomplish what they otherwise might not be able to without financial help.

"If they don't have financial aid, they can't afford to go to school, and it makes a big difference, she said.

"I've realized what a big difference I can make in somebody's life. "[I see a lot of adult students who say] 'OK, I've raised my kids, and I didn't go to school and now it's my turn to get an education.'

"Helping them find ways to be able to afford that with financial aid, really makes a difference to a lot of people. I think that's one of the greatest things about it."

"I was just really humbled and honored and when I got up there and Dr. [Paul] Sechrist asked me if I had anything to say," she said.

"I was kind of stumbling around because I really was so surprised."

Morgan said she doesn't feel deserving of the award because so many other faculty and employees at OCCC work just as hard as she does. She said she gives credit to the people who work in her office, mentor her and help lead her.

"I didn't know or expect it at all, because there are so many great employees here ...," Morgan said.

"We're all just working at doing the same thing, which is providing a great, affordable, quality education for students."

Morgan said she has worked in financial aid for 13 years with eight of those years at OCCC.

She originally started out as a financial aid adviser, she said, before being promoted to financial aid client services coordinator. Then, she said, she was put in her current position as financial aid assistant director where she has been for four years.

Morgan said she loves her

job and what she gets to do each day.

She said one thing that stands out each year is graduation, because she gets to see the students she helps each semester. Getting to know each student individually is a privilege, she said.

" ... I do get to talk to students a lot of the time one-on-one and a lot of that is helping to resolve issues and problems.

"So, a lot of times, you become their person that, when they come in, they always say, 'I just want to talk to Meghan."

Morgan said OCCC is a great place to work and go to school.

"I hope I continue to be here another eight years ... because I just really have enjoyed it,"



**Meghan Morgan** 

she said

For more information about the Professional Employee of the Year, visit www.occc.edu/hr/EmployeeRecognition-Awards.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Down time**



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Business Major Jayce Martinez shoots hoops in OCCC's gym. The facility, located in the Wellness Center on the first floor of the Main Building is free to all students with a valid student ID. Balls are available on-site. For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Office at 405-682-7580 or visit www.occc.edu/rf.

SPORTS I Basketball, flag football and more available

## Students encouraged to join sports teams

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OCCC business major Jennifer Nguyen said she plans to register for OCCC's coed intramural basketball tournament.

"I always like playing basketball," she said. "I played basketball in high school."

Nguyen said she misses regular competition and is looking forward to playing on a team again.

She said she regularly shoots baskets in OCCC's gym and tries to get into a pickup game where she can.

Nguyen said now that she also knows about the club sports, she'll definitely be participating in those as well.

Although sign-ups started the first day of the semester, there is still time to register for OCCC's intramural competitions and for club basketball or flag football, said OCCC's Sports and Recreation Specialist Eric Watson.

Watson said he encourages all OCCC students to participate in intramural events and to take part in the college's more regularly occurring practices and club sports.

Watson said OCCC's club basketball and club football are more recreational but points out that "other schools bring their best so we try to bring our best." "Those tournaments are competitive. We still want guys to play at a high level and to participate well."

Club sports offer more of a collegiate play experience to student athletes than intramural sports, he said, but aren't governed by the rigidity of the NCAA like the athletics at major universities are.

Watson said those participating in club sports get uniforms, practice often, compete regularly and have the opportunity to prove themselves on a national level.

Sports Assistant Matthew Wright said in the past two years, OCCC's flag football club has competed in tournaments in Arkansas and will compete in Stillwater this year.

The intramural basketball tournament is set to begin Thursday, Dec. 4. The flag football season will run from Wednesday, Sept. 10 to Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Wright said it's best to register early in the semester and to attend the meetings.

To register for any of OCCC's intramural sports, see schedules, rules and meeting times, or to register for club sports go to IMLeagues.com.

For more information contact Wright at matthew.j.wright@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7684.

#### EVENT NEWS

Fall 2014:

- Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the Aquatic Center free of charge. The Aquatic Center features two pools, and an 18½-ft deep diving well with 1- and 3-meter spring boards and 5-, 7- and 10-meter platforms. For more information, visit www. occc.edu/RF.
- OCCC Group Fitness classes are offered at a variety of fitness levels and are spaced conveniently throughout the afternoon and late evening hours. Discounted group fitness passes are available. See more at www.occc.edu/rf/crgroup-fitness.
- The Recreation & Fitness Center is open to students, faculty, staff and community members. The center features a 15,000-squarefoot gym with two basketball courts and one recreational volleyball court, a cardio room with three treadmills, two cross trainers and two recumbent bikes as well as a weight room featuring a complete circuit of Cybex equipment and free weights. Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the facilies free of charge. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/ RF or call 405-682-7860.



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

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## Torres: OCCC leader takes District 6 spot on school board

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Hispanic, population, according to its webpage www.occc.edu/capitolhill/aboutus.

The Capitol Hill Center is located at 123 SW 25th Street, Suite 100, in Oklahoma City.

The area suffers from a dismal shortage of college participants, Torres said, which is why the center serves as a resource hub for those seeking higher education.

She said the Capitol Hill Center features English classes for adults and early college awareness programs for children.

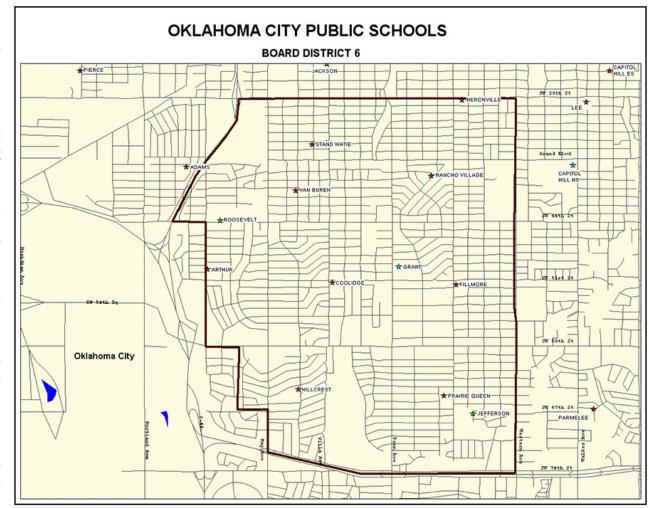
"The mission of the Capitol Hill Center is to provide an educational opportunity to an underserved population," Torres said.

While serving on the Oklahoma City School Board, Torres said, she hopes to hone her past education experience to give back to the community.

"There's a lot we can do and accomplish here in our own community — and that's what I think we need to focus on," she said. "It doesn't matter what your career is or what you do — if you can use it to benefit the community, that's what causes growth."

Torres was inducted into the OCCC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2006.

To contact Torres, call 405-587-0444. For more information about the Capitol Hill Center, call 405-272-5140 or visit www.occc.edu/capitolhill.





"The best ideas are common property."

Seneca

"When minds meet, they don't just exchange facts: they transform them, reshape them, draw different implications from them, and engage in new trains of thought."

Theodore Zeldin

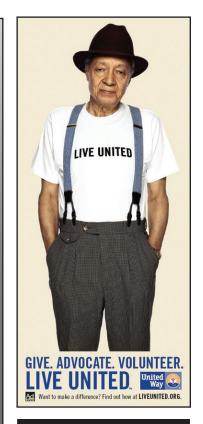
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Thursday, September 11
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College Union Rooms 1 and 2



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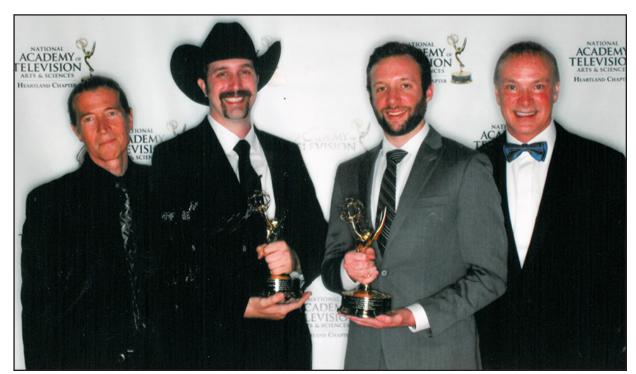


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Film and Video Professor Greg Mellott, left, and OCCC President Paul Sechrist, right, pose with Emmy winners Jason Gwynn and Jay Sheldon at the Heartland Emmy Awards show held July 12 in the Bud Wilkinson Event Center at the Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City. Gwynn and Sheldon won the award for their short film "Going Dark: The Final Days of Projection," a film about movie theaters going all digital by Jan. 1, 2015.

**COMMUNITY I** Film wins Best Short Format Program on Television in region

## Former students win Emmy award

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Two dates now have a major significance in the lives of two former students.

Jan. 1, 2015, is the last date movie production companies will ship film and go all digital instead.

July 12, 2014, is the night Jason Gwynn and Jay Sheldon won an Emmy award for their short film about that transition.

Gwynn, now an OCCC adjunct professor, said he and Sheldon never expected their 15-minute film "Going Dark: The Final Days of Film Projection" would get the attention it has.

"We had to wait to even see if we were nominated which was a huge honor in itself — win or lose," he said. "Just to be nominated was really cool to be going this far with just some little movie that, you know, two guys shot."

"Going Dark" won in the Best Short Format Program on Television category in the region of Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska — the biggest regional Emmy chapter (landwise) in the country, according to the Norman Transcript.

Film and Video Professor Greg Mellott, and OCCC President Paul Sechrist joined Gwynn and Sheldon at the Heartland Emmy Awards show held in the Bud Wilkinson Event Center at the Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City.

Sechrist said he is proud of Gwynn, Sheldon, and the college's Film and Video Program.

"It was an honor to join former film and video program students Jason Gwynn and Jay Sheldon for a picture just after they received the Emmy at the awards ceremony," Sechrist said.

"This prestigious honor recognizes and rewards their hard work in creating this film. Again, I am so proud of them. It is an award that this movie, and Jason and Jay, earned and deserved."

Gwynn, who now teaches Cinematography I, said the event was an unforgettable experience — both surreal and an honor. He said it will change the future for both him and Sheldon.

"Just to win was overwhelming ... because it means a lot career-wise and to have that on your résumé and also for future projects to have that accolade, to show that I am a professional."

"Going Dark: The Final Days of Film Projection" is about the demise of 35mm film projection, how Hollywood is forcing theaters to cease shooting film. Gwynn said the death of film production changes the way movies are played and the experience people will have at theaters.

"I'm not a big film buff or anything, but ... I'm a really sentimental person and it's nostalgic to me that we all grew up seeing movies played this way," he said. "I thought it would be cool for future generations to see what it was like.

"It's also about the movie theater-going experience too, not just about film projection leaving and how it's all going to change."

Gwynn said OCCC's Film and Video Production program gave him the start he needed to get where

# **CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Oklahoma Blood Institute seeks donors

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate blood from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, and Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the General Dining Area. For more information about the blood drive, email studentlife@occc.edu, call 405-682-7523 or visit the OBI website at www.obi.org.

#### Regional Food Bank service trip Sept. 5

Students and faculty can join Student Life on a trip to the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 5. Students and faculty must register with Student Life to volunteer for this event. For more information, contact Student Life at studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

#### "Narrative Workshop" presentation Sept. 8

The Communications Lab and Student LIfe will give a presentation on narrative writing from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the Main Building, room 3D1. For more information, contact Student Life at studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

#### **Brown Bag: "Grammar Boot Camp"**

The Communications Lab and Student Life will host a presentation about grammar from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in CU3. The workshop also will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in VPAC room 146. Students can learn more about grammar, revising, proofreading and academic language. Prizes, a free snack and collaborative learning are all part of the workshop. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch or dinner and learn something they may have forgotten or even something new. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or visit www.occc.edu/comlab.

#### Constitution Day celebration Sept. 17

A Brown Bag luncheon celebrating Constitution Day will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in CU3. The U.S. Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787, and OCCC wants to celebrate this act that shaped our country. Bring your lunch and enjoy some history. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

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he is. He said he moved to the area more than seven years ago from West Virginia to attend the program and stayed.

All students should strive to fulfill their dreams, Gwynn said.

"If I did it, anybody can do it as I see it," he said. "Any student [who's] reading this can take the same path I did. I'm nobody special, you know.

"I just put a lot of hard work into something and just took what I learned from this program and made an Emmy-award winning short."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/goingdarkdocumentary. For more information about the Film and Video program, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7793, or email gmellot@occc.edu.

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- 9. Despises
- 14. Diva Gluck
- 15. Kilauea output
- 18. Aid partner
- 19. Gave a hand
- 20. Anna is missing from a capital?
- carol title
- 29. "Can Do" and "Be Prepared," e.g.
- 31. Part of a Stein line

- 38. "The Six Million Dollar Man"
- in Big Sky Country? 45. His wife took a turn for the

- 55. Louis is missing from a
- 58. Valuable violin
- 61. Wilderness home
- 64. Atlantic bird
- 66. Word with "All My" or "My
- 67. Young sheep

## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

- 1. One way up the mountain

- 16. It may be blind in Italy
- 17. Kind of ring or swing

- 23. Word with "Fideles" in a
- 24. Intolerant one 26. Wore
- 34. Al is missing from a capital?
- 36. The captain may keep it
- 37. NRC predecessor
- 39. Bill is missing from a locale
- 46. More ventilated
- 47. Place to work up a sweat
- 49. Harvard student, for short
- 51. One in distress, maybe
- horse racing site?
- 60. Sitarist Shankar
- Recurring subject
- 63. Arduous journey
- 65. Jigsaw unit

- 1. Busch Gardens locale
- 2. It comes from the heart
- 3. Soap plant
- 4. Salad item, perhaps 5. Shady public walk
- 6. Sunscreen acronym
- 7. "... happily after"
- 8. Horned reveler 9. Got upset with Bart
- Simpson? 10. First-class hotel
- offering
- 11. Not the best mushroom to eat 12. Schubert's "The
- King" 13. Harden, as plaster

- **21**. Gore
- 22. Type of duck
- 25. Museum piece 27 Words with
- "upswing" or "even keel"
- 28. Turndowns overseas 30. Burnett forte
- 31. Hip bones Kind of barrier or
- boom
- 33. Make worse 35. Coach K's org.
- 40. Pertaining to the

Chinese

- 41. Snoopy's insurer?
- 42. Examination format

- 43. Boring pests
- 44. Sci. course 48. Good luck charm
- 50. Parks and Lahr
- 52. Alarming situation
- 53. \_\_\_ out a living (making do)
- 54. Members of the harp family
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## **Campus** arachnid

An argiope aurantia, or banana spider, has made a web outside of the College Union.

This spider will not bite unless provoked. But if it did, it would do about as much damage as a bee sting.

These spiders often add stabilimenta, or heavy zigzagging areas, to their webs.

For more information, visit http://aggie-horticulture.tamu. edu/galveston/beneficials/beneficial-24\_spider\_blackandyellow\_argiope.

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