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Film and Video major Joseph Mwahei studies on the second floor of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. The library offers a number of locations to relax or study between classes. For more information about the resources located in OCCC's library, visit www.occc.edu/library or call 405-682-7564.

Clery Act formed in response to 1986 rape

OCCC released its required crime report online Oct. 1

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In 1986, Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old Lehigh University student, was raped and killed in her college dorm room.

Her assailant, who is spending life behind bars without parole, also was a student at the school whom Clery did not know prior to the attack.

In response, Jeanne's parents Connie and Howard Clery formed a non-profit organization in 1987 dedicated to safe campus communities nationwide, according to [http://clery-](http://clery-center.org)

[center.org](http://clery-center.org).

"In 1990, three years after the organization's founding, Congress approved the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act. Later renamed in Jeanne's memory, the Jeanne Clery Act took effect in 1991."

The Clery Act requires all colleges to keep records of certain types of crimes and make the information available to the public, said OCCC Police Chief James Fitzpatrick. He said a full report, mandated by the Department of Education, is due Oct. 1 of each year.

OCCC just released theirs, notifying all students and OCCC employees via email and making it available online.

Fitzpatrick said the requirements are very specific and cover the time period of the

past three calendar years.

"It requires campuses to ... provide information to students, prospective students, employees and others about specific crimes on campus," he said.

"It also requires campuses to put in policy statements, such as what [campus officials will] do

in an emergency, how they will notify students on campus of an emergency, how they'll notify students of a situation that may pose a safety risk to them."

The first section of the report shows crime statistics, which are

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Halloween Carnival open to all Oct. 24

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Four percent of all candy consumed in the U.S. is consumed on one day — Halloween, according to usatoday.com. This year, many children

clothed in various costumes ranging characters like Elsa from "Frozen" to Raphael from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" to traditional critters like cats or skeletons will get their candy from OCCC.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Talking to dead people on Facebook helps no one

Mourning on social sites wrong

With the Millennial Generation, cell phones have replaced pagers, text messaging has retired the phone call and tweeting has made email essentially obsolete.

However, with the increased use of technology comes a dependency problem — something Millennials can't seem to defeat, even when it comes to subjects as sensitive as death.



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Death is perhaps humanity's most jarring event as it can occur at any moment and without warning. Inevitably, we all are faced with the death of a loved one at some point.

And, once the reality of death sets in, the grieving process begins — and it's different for everyone. But the Millennial solution to a traditional grieving process is especially heinous.

In the article "How We Mourn in the Age of Social Media," Time magazine's Lia Zneimer said mourning online gives people "access to an instant support system" as those who can't attend a funeral or service can "send their condolences via text, email FaceTime or Skype."

"We can view obituaries online and sign digital

guestbooks," Zneimer said. "Facebook pages of those who are no longer with us can serve as a tribute to a life taken too soon, uniting those who are mourning [and] providing them with a sense of community — and helping them feel connected to the person they lost."

I disagree.

The only difference between journaling one's personal woes or sending a private message to your dead loved one, and posting public messages to his or her social media profile, is anonymity.

Signing an electronic guestbook when one can't attend a funeral or sending a condolence email to the mourning family is one thing, but there's no need to publicly mourn. It's something that should be done in private.

In addition, the Millennial idealism of constant connectivity can often prompt an unwanted influx of communication for the grieving person.

When my best friend recently died, I can't begin to describe the kind of atypical treatment I received from those feigning concern when they really only wanted to press me for information regarding her death.

I'm not sure what kind of psychology is behind public mourning on social media or what causes people to intrude on the privacy of those in mourning, though I've noticed it's especially prominent among younger Internet users and older adults who appear



especially influenced by the Millennial lifestyle.

"That's the thing about mourning in the age of social media: The deceased have the power to live on, but as the ones still living, there's no Facebook status that can do justice to our loss, no 140-character tweet that can sum up our sadness and no Instagram filter that can soften the jagged edges of our pain," Zneimer said.

There isn't a right way to mourn, but there is certainly a wrong way to mourn.

It's best to mourn in private. Posting on a dead person's Facebook page is just another way of seeking electronic attention — and it's disgusting.

—SIALI SIAOSI
ONLINE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | The Department of Human Services is providing free safe sleep spaces for babies

Agencies collaborate on preventing infant deaths

To the Editor:

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the leading cause of infant death in Oklahoma for ages one month to one year old.

SIDS is the sudden death of an infant younger than one year of age that does not have a known cause after investigation.

The "Preparing for a Lifetime, It's Everyone's Responsibility" statewide initiative to reduce infant mortality is collaborating with the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services to ensure Oklahoma families have information about how to provide a safe sleep environment for infants.

DHS is preparing to order and distribute cribs or portable cribs to families who are in need of a safe sleep space for their infant.

The DHS Office of Community and Faith Engage-

ment and Child Welfare Services are partnering with the Oklahoma State Department of Health to promote safe sleep environments in communities statewide.

The Infant Safe Sleep Workgroup is working with hospitals with a high number of African American and American Indian births to develop infant safe sleep policies and provide safe sleep education for hospital staff.

Families receive education on safe sleep practices and are given a sleep sack to take home when the infant is discharged from the hospital.

The safe sleep guidelines provided to parents and caregivers include:

- Use a firm surface in a safety approved crib, covered by a fitted sheet.
- Do not use pillows, blankets, sheepskins, or crib bumpers in baby's sleep area.

• Keep soft objects, toys, and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area.

• Do not smoke or let anyone smoke around your baby.

• Make sure nothing covers the baby's head.

• Always place baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night.

• Do not let baby get too hot during sleep. Dress baby in light sleep clothing, such as a one-piece sleeper or a sleep sack and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable.

• Baby should not sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, or on a chair alone, with you, or with anyone else.

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit the OSDH website at <http://iio.health.ok.gov> and click on "Preparing for a Lifetime."

—OKLAHOMA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FROM THE VAULT MOVIE REVIEW | 'Transcendence' available on Netflix DVD

Futuristic Depp flick unnerving

If you love technology, science fiction and Johnny Depp, you are likely to enjoy the movie "Transcendence."

Set in a futuristic time, Dr. Will Caster is about to make a breakthrough in artificial intelligence technology. His creation is a machine that knows everything that has ever been known, with an array of human emotions.

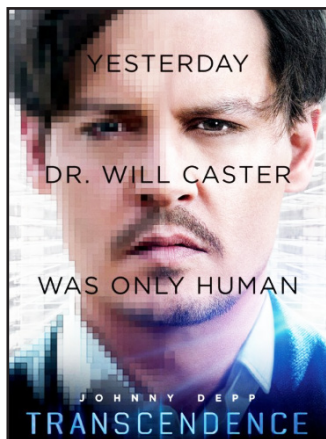
Although his experiments have made him famous, they also are very controversial, making him the target of an anti-technology group known as the Revolutionary Independence From Technology, or R.I.F.T.

Caster works with his wife Evelyn and his best friend Max Waters. Evelyn wants to create a better world, free of pollution and toxicity, and Max is the programmer for the project.

After a speech, Caster is shot by a R.I.F.T. member and only has a month to live because the bullet was tainted with poison.

Frantic and not willing to lose her husband, Evelyn uploads his emotions to the AI they have been researching. After Caster dies, Evelyn becomes frustrated that she cannot get the AI to work.

After what seems like failure, a message and a fragmented voice calls out to Evelyn from the computer. She is overjoyed, but when Will defragments himself, and requests more power and to be connected to the



Internet, Max immediately realizes this is a bad idea.

Before long, R.I.F.T. catches wind of the experiment from stolen material in Will's lab.

Meanwhile, Will transfers money from his and Evelyn's account and tells Evelyn to move to a rundown area called Brightwood for safety. Although it seems wonderful at first, Evelyn then starts to become doubtful of how strong Will is becoming.

The idea of having a machine with human emotions and being able to hack into data in a split second is almost unnerving to think about. Imagine if this were the future and people could upload their lost loved ones. Not only is that creepy; it's a total loss of privacy.

The movie "Transcendence," created in 2014 and directed by cinematographer Wally Pfister and written by Jack Paglen, was given 4.6 out of 10 stars on Rotten Tomatoes. IMDb gave the movie 6.3 out of 10 stars.

I really liked this movie. It made me think about how powerful technology could actually be. The graphics were great and the storyline was different. "Transcendence" is rated PG-13 and is available on Netflix DVD.

Rating: A

—CANDICE A. SCHAFER
COMMUNITY WRITER

PRODUCT REVIEW | Mattress makes noise at the slightest move

Floor offers more comfort than air bed

With my car in the shop, I've had to sleep over at my dad's house for a full week. During that time, I've had the pleasure of sleeping on an air mattress. An Intex Supreme Air-Flow Queen Air Bed, specifically.

I did not feel like a queen sleeping on that bed. I felt like a Smurf sleeping on a big unopened bag of potato chips. Every crinkle of every wrinkle was somehow amplified as I tossed and turned in the little guest room.

When I sleep in a real bed with springs, I like to test the waters. I'll roll over 50 or 60 times until I reach the absolute pinnacle of possible comfort.

If I lie on my side, I don't know what to do with my arm, so I roll onto my back. When I lie on my back, everything feels good except for my back.



I finally have to lie on my side, in the fetal position, with an arm under the pillow. My other arm has to fend for itself as it flops around in the cold night.

Because the bed was so loud, I was afraid to move. If I had so much as a hard sneeze, the crunch noise from the bed would jolt me out of any relaxation progress I'd made in the last half hour. I had to live with the first position I had lain down in.

And that is how I managed to wake up this morning with a crick in my head.

However, I may not be totally fair in judging the mattress. It was awful, but was it because it was a bad mattress? Or was it bad because it was a great air mattress?

The freakish part is, if it weren't for the noise, I'd have slept like a first-time drunk. The bed felt great.

I've had real mattresses that were worse. It wasn't memory foam, but it was very decent.

Obviously, if you're stuck with an air mattress, you don't have many choices in life. But you do have a choice here. Sleep on the floor. At least it's quiet.

Rating: D

—JAKE MCMAHON
VIDEOGRAPHER



iMovie app versatile, fun, free

I'm currently in a video production class where I'm learning to use Final Cut Pro, a video editing software. It's great and all, but the program is technical and takes time to learn. Also, the software is expensive to those who don't have access to it via a class.

However, Apple has a video-making app — iMovie — that is easy and free for iOS devices.

iMovie was once only available on Mac computers, but is now available for iOS8 devices.

I downloaded the app just to mess around and make a video of my crazy dog, but I ended up getting hooked and made a few more movies.

iMovie is incredibly easy to use, unlike any other editing software I've had experiences with. All videos on your camera roll are automatically uploaded to the library within the app. You can create a new movie, using videos, photos and music, or a trailer. The app includes a template to help you create a Hollywood-style movie trailer, by choosing New Project.

There are different types of projects you can make — ones with a modern feel, bright, playful, neon, travel, simple, news or a CNN iReport.

After creating a new project, you can upload clips from your library by dragging them to the length you want them to be. Then, they can be uploaded to your project. Multiple clips can be uploaded and transitions inserted between each of them. It's easily customizable.

Users also can take videos or photos directly through the app.

Theme music and recordings can be added directly through the app as well. You can use music from your library, making the possibilities for the perfect song for your video project endless.

I highly recommend this app for students who need to make a quick video for any of their classes, have fun with their friends, document their travels, or even make family memories come to life.

Download iMovie and you'll be making amazing, high quality videos in no time.

—LAUREN DANIEL
SENIOR WRITER

Have an app review idea for the Pioneer? Email Editor Bryce McElhaney at editor@occc.edu.

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Movie challenges viewers to question their ideals

‘Gone Girl’ an intense, sublime thriller

Many have said David Fincher does his best work when directing films of the crime genre. The film “Gone Girl” further solidifies that statement.

With his newest movie, Fincher (“Zodiac,” “Seven”) points a mirror at audiences, causing us to question our ideals. This mystery thriller stars Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris, Tyler Perry and Carrie Coon.

Written by Gillian Flynn, this story is about a husband (Affleck) whose wife (Pike) goes missing.

Following an intense media spectacle, Affleck quickly has the spotlight turned on him when it is suspected he is involved in the disappearance of his wife.

Intense is an understatement. This film is unbearably insane.

While most events of this movie would never happen in reality, this story is nonetheless frightening and honest.

Similar to Fincher’s “Fight Club,” the movie has a lot to do with characters going to extreme limits to preserve ideals.

The biggest standard these characters try to maintain is the institution of marriage and the joyful illusion it creates.

This film achieves what “Jaws” did for sharks. But instead of fearing going into the water, viewers will be terrified of marriage.

Story aside, the performances are stellar. Affleck and Pike have capabilities very few bonafide actors can muster.

Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross’ score creates a dreamy atmosphere that’s extra chilling.

“Gone Girl” is a sublime thriller and indeed one of the best films to come out this year.

After witnessing the final image, it’s clear David Fincher is more than an expert director — he’s a deadly mastermind.



Rating: A+

—ETHAN COOPER
PHOTOGRAPHER

PRODUCT REVIEW | Reviewer stumbles across sweet-smelling goodness in gym shower

Even used Old Spice delightful

You know what they say; “One man’s old Old Spice is another man’s new Old Spice.”

Okay, nobody says that, but they might after this review of the soap I found in the shower at the gym. That’s right — free soap. Booyah!

I’d just realized that I’d forgotten to bring my soap (again). I was eyeballing that janky, old hand soap

dispenser, so far away from the showers. I’d made it work before. I’m not proud.

The locker room was empty but the gym was crowded. I didn’t want anyone to walk in on me; lathering up next to the sink or trying to transport soap in cupped hands back to the shower.

Then I spotted in one of the showers, the red, plastic bottle that’s become synonymous with the Old Spice brand in our generation.

I approached it slowly, looking around for the stranger who might realize his mistake and come barging back in.

I too have lost new body washes in this manner, forgetting them after first use, and leaving suds and dollars swirling down the drain.

I plucked the bottle from its pedestal and felt its weight in my hand; almost full. I opened it and inhaled its aroma deeply, trying to detect any sign of it being booby trapped.



I turned it over and splurged the electric bluegum into one hand, hoping not to discover I’d allowed myself to be the victim of some cruel and possibly disgusting joke.

I looked at the stuff a long time. It didn’t look natural by any means, but it looked like Old Spice bodywash is supposed to, so I went for it.

I lathered it all up.

every last part of me, shamelessly. Soon, I was clean.

I could have left it there for the next guy. Or its worrisome owner might’ve come looking for it later. I didn’t care though. I stuffed that bottle of sweet-smelling goodness in my bag.

A couple days later I noticed that my regular man soap had run out at home. I dug my prize from my gym bag and lathered triumphantly once more. That’s when my wife walked in. Sensing the unfamiliar scent, she raised some question to which I proudly replied, “I found it at the gym.”

Women, for some reason, have a different perspective on free, found soaps. I was ordered on the spot to throw this treasure out. The differences that day were just barely reconcilable, and for that I rate the soap I found at the gym a much deserved B+

Rating: B+

—JORGE KRZYZANIAK
SPORTS WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Oct. 10 through Oct. 12
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1. *Gone Girl*
2. *Dracula Untold*
3. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
4. *Annabelle*
5. *The Judge*
6. *The Equalizer*
7. *Addicted*
8. *The Maze Runner*
9. *The Boxtrolls*
10. *Meet the Mormons*
11. *Left Behind*
12. *Guardians of the Galaxy*
13. *This Is Where I Leave You*
14. *One Direction: Where We Are*
15. *Dolphin Tale 2*
16. *Kill the Messenger*
17. *No Good Deed*
18. *The Good Life*
19. *Bang Bang*
20. *The Skeleton Twins*



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Police chief says student safety top priority

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Veteran police officer James Fitzpatrick heads up a team of 13 officers as the OCCC Police Chief. He said he has been in law enforcement for 43 years.

Although Fitzpatrick hopes to retire in the next few years, he said he appreciates the lighter environment he now shares with OCCC's student body.

"It's an atmosphere that's very positive," Fitzpatrick said. "I enjoy being around all the students here."

In 2011, Fitzpatrick said, three police officers were hired to work patrolling as an addition to the school's security officers.

He said police officers can be all-around more affordable and tend to have more extensive training and experience, whereas security guards require costly training that a police officer will already have had from the academy.

There are many new and diverse obstacles now that he is involved with

“It’s an atmosphere that’s very positive. I enjoy being around all the students here.”

—JAMES FITZPATRICK
OCCC POLICE CHIEF

a college campus, but Fitzpatrick said he welcomes them.

Before his arrival, there was a theft problem at the backpack-drop for the OCCC Bookstore.

With no one designated to look after the bags, thieves would watch for students setting their backpacks down as they went inside.

A thief would then walk up with a cheap empty backpack, set it down, and go inside the bookstore. Shortly after, the thief would come out and pick up the bag of the student being targeted.

Fitzpatrick came up with a system where there would be an appointed person to check in and look after the backpacks as the students shopped.

He said his officers helped him put the plan into action.

Although he deals with theft reports

frequently, Fitzpatrick said the majority of the time the college's security cameras help catch the thieves.

Although theft is the biggest problem he deals with, he said, accidents in the OCCC parking lots come in second.

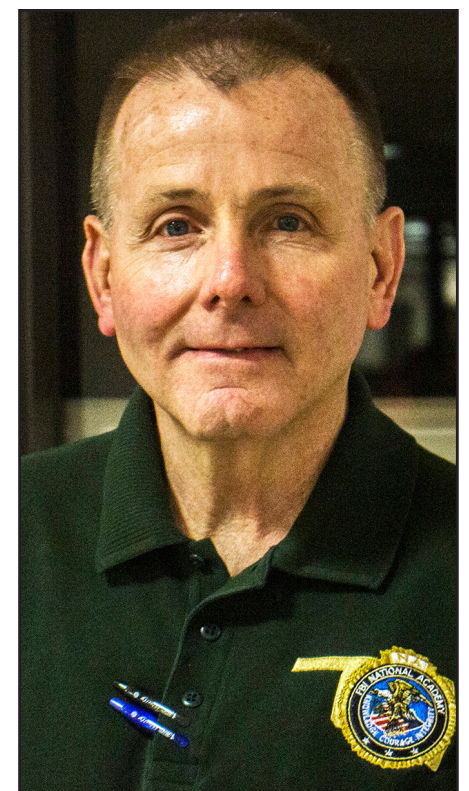
Even though he hails from New York City, Fitzpatrick describes himself as a bona fide Okie. He's lived here since 1970.

The move to Oklahoma was inspired by his high school guidance counselor's advice to attend St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, as well as his yearning to get out of the big city, he said.

After receiving a two-year degree in criminal justice administration at St. Gregory's, Fitzpatrick entered the Oklahoma City Police Academy.

Fitzpatrick said he was first commissioned as an Oklahoma City police officer at the age of 21. He said he spent 35 years at that job before he shifted over to work as the director of 911 for almost two years.

For Fitzpatrick, the goal is always



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Police Chief James Fitzpatrick

clear, he said. Student safety is top priority.

Crime: OCCC releases annual crime statistics report online

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given for the following offenses: Aggravated Assault, Arson, Burglary, Forcible Sex Offenses, Motor Vehicle Theft, Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter, Negligent Manslaughter, Non-forcible Sex Offenses and Robbery.

On the OCCC campus, an aggravated assault was reported for each of the reporting years of 2011, 2012, and 2013; three burglaries were reported in 2012; and one forcible sex offense was reported in 2013.

Motor vehicle theft had the largest number of occurrences with one in 2011, three in 2012 and two in 2013.

Only one robbery was reported for the year 2012. The total of crime statistics for the past three years on the OCCC campus is 15.

Fitzpatrick said these numbers are normal. He said the report doesn't contain any surprises.

"I think it reflects well," he said.

"I think it reflects the common things



that you'd expect from a community college without residence housing. We have a couple of auto thefts a year. We had no burglaries. There just wasn't anything out of the ordinary for our report at all.

"I don't think we have a big crime problem when it comes to things like theft, but that's our most significant crime that's reported to us when you look at volume," he said.

"Somewhere in the neighborhood of 70, 75 a year is what we average of larcenies here on campus," he said.

Section two of the Clery Report was recently changed to include crimes

involving arson, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Fitzpatrick said the change is a result of the Violence Against Women Act, which was recently passed.

"They've added a whole bunch of information in there about the disciplinary processes,

focusing strongly on domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence," he said.

"All these things now are becoming focal points for colleges to get information out to their student body as to who you can bring a complaint to, how you can do that, how you can remain confidential from law enforcement, what process the campus will use in looking into the matter."

One act of Domestic Violence and one act of Stalking were reported in 2013.

The process for how to handle these

crimes also is included in the report, Fitzpatrick said.

"You also have to post in your report what that process is — both for the accused and the accuser — how much time it's going to take, how they'll notify both parties of the hearings, who can come to the hearings, can they have somebody come with them, how the results will be delivered to both the accused and the accuser.

"All that has to be in there now — and what the potential consequences are."

Section three of the Clery report includes Arrest and Referral Data.

OCCC saw a total of six Drug Violations on campus for 2011, 2012, and 2013 combined. Liquor Law Violations were the highest in the category, with three in 2013 alone.

The most recent Clery Report is available to the public. Fitzpatrick said a hard copy is always kept in the Campus Police Station, and a PDF version is available online at www.occc.edu/police/pdf/occc-2014-annual-security-report.pdf.

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/aboutus/disclaimers.html or contact Campus Police at 405-682-7872.

President says ‘community policing’ used at OCCC

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In 2011, OCCC did away with the concept of employing armed security and brought in a police department of its own.

OCCC Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said the department employs 13 officers, in addition to himself.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said the change has been beneficial.

“Having our own police department allows the college to direct the style of policing and security that fits our culture,” Sechrist said. “The OCCC Police Department reports to the administration of the college. I would describe the approach as community policing to some degree.”

“They are here to provide security, respond professionally in an emergency, and to be there to assist when needed.”

The campus police may be an exception to a spreading tension between police and citizens in some U.S. communities, Sechrist said.

Recent civil unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, has continued for weeks after a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed African-American teen. In Ferguson, a mostly white police force serves a mostly African-American community.

The question of racial parity between

campus police and OCCC’s student body has been raised, but cannot be easily answered.

OCCC’s student body is identified as about 50 percent Caucasian and 50 percent other races, according to a report by James Atkinson, Performance Measurement and Reporting Director.

About 10 percent of OCCC students identify themselves as African-American and 13 percent as Hispanics. About 6 percent of OCCC’s students say they are of mixed race.

The remaining students identify themselves as Asian, 6 percent; American Indian, 5 percent; and about 7 percent register as “Unknown.”

Fitzpatrick said one of OCCC’s 12 police officers is African-American. He said some of OCCC’s officers are Caucasian.

He said he could not disclose how his officers identify their race or ethnicities for census information.

Fitzpatrick said the department seems to uphold a good reputation among students.

“We try to serve them as best we can,” he said.

Premed student Carla Villalobos said generally she trusts police and she trusts the police department on campus. She



said she understands why people don’t seem to trust their local police force right now.

“It’s because of all the stories about some being corrupt and others preferring certain types of people,” she said.

“I don’t think that goes on here,” Villalobos said. “They’re trustworthy.”

Sechrist said police on campus are held to another level of accountability beyond that of city police.

“Our officers and those in command are highly trained and held accountable to professional standards.”

“I would describe the level of accountability to be consistent with an open college campus,” he said. “Professional, courteous, friendly and helpful, but ready at a moment’s notice to respond to any security or safety situation that may arise.”

OCCC’s police officers are paid between \$36,360 and \$53,460 annually according to the college’s staffing plan.

Oklahoma City’s officers, according to lawenforcementedu.net, receive an annual median wage of \$70,030 and the average salary for law enforcement professionals in the nation is reported to be roughly \$55,000 annually, \$14,000 more than the average annual income for Americans.

A U.S. Department of Justice Report on factors that influence the public perception of police shows people with informal police contacts had more positive perceptions than those with formal contacts.

The report also suggests residents’ opinion of police performance did not vary by race or ethnicity in disorderly neighborhoods but there is ongoing debate over the effects of racial disparity between a community and its police force.

Ronald Weitzer, a sociologist at George Washington University, said in a New York Times article dated Sept. 4, 2014: “Even if police officers of whatever race enforce the law in relatively the same way, there is a huge image problem with a department that is so out of sync with the racial composition of the local population.”

Sechrist said the college sees the need for diversity.

“OCCC recognizes that having diversity at all levels is important, including our police officers,” Sechrist said.

“We do hire the best fit for our departments, including the OCCC Police Department. While we have never set targets, we do support and encourage diverse candidates to apply for any and all positions.”

“I hope that our students, faculty, staff, and guests feel that they can trust our police officers. I know that I do.”

Campus protected by police, security officers

IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE

Police Officer Zachary Andrews

Police Officer William Hall

Police Officer Kevin Hammond

The OCCC campus is patrolled 24 hours a day by 10 police officers and three armed security officers

Police Officer Tim Harris

Police Officer David Madden

Police Officer Patrick Martino

Police Officer Gordon Nelson

Police Officer Daniel Piazza

Police Officer Ron Ventresca

Police Officer Jimmie Watts

Armed Security Sgt. David Shriver

Armed Security Jeremy Bohannon

Armed Security Donald Rowe

SPORTS



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Falkor, one of OCCC's dragon boat teams, claimed the fifth best time of the night and qualified for the "petite finals" at the Oklahoma Regatta Festival on Thursday, Oct. 2. OCCC's other dragon boat team, Abraxas, placed ninth overall of the 22 teams at the regatta. For more information about Row Triple-C visit www.occc.edu/dragon.

SPORTS | Teams Abraxas and Falkor competed under the Row Triple-C banner

Dragon boaters compete at regatta

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The water of the Oklahoma River shimmered with orange from the red dirt of its banks on Oct. 2 when OCCC's two dragon boat teams Abraxas and Falkor competed under the banner of Row Triple-C.

Roughly a 500-yard stretch of river illuminated by stadium lights was segmented into lanes by lines of buoys.

A crowd of all ages lined the north shore of the river and the dragons took to the river in groups of three.

"Attention," the official called out across the water.

The dragon boaters raised their oars over their heads and the athletes of OCCC's Row Triple-C looked ahead.

This was the scene at about 7:40 p.m. on the first night of the Oklahoma Regatta Festival.

Abraxas was the first of OCCC's teams to race.



At the word "go" from the official's megaphone, members of Row Triple-C's team Abraxas dipped their oars to the water and with a concerted effort among the 11 teammates within, the dragon boat sped forward.

Abraxas finished behind the boats that had lined up with them at the starting line.

The team placed ninth overall of the 22 dragon boat teams at the regatta, said Student Life Director and Abraxas paddler Erin Logan.

She said, in another heat, OCCC's team Falkor claimed the fifth best time of the night and qualified for the petite finals, a race between the teams that finished fifth through eighth.

"They raced in that and came in last,

but they were still in the top eight best times, which is awesome," Logan said.

Falkor teammates Lindsey Stremlow and Summer Cole said they enjoyed the competition.

"We had a blast,"

Stremlow said.

Logan said the team is looking forward to the spring season.

She said Row Triple-C will compete again in June at the SandRidge Energy Stars and Stripes River Festival.

Social Media Supervisor and Row Triple-C athlete John Richardson said the teams may look a little different then.

"Next semester, we are trying to switch to one dragon boat team and one rowing crew," Richardson said.

For more information about the regatta and upcoming events on the river, visit boathousedistrict.org

For more information about Row Triple-C visit www.occc.edu/dragon.

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/cr-group-fitness.

- The Recreation & Fitness Center is open to students, faculty, staff and community members. The center features a 15,000-square-foot 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 facilities free of charge. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF or call 405-682-7860.



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Man, 24, arrested, charged with assault

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A man is sitting in the Oklahoma County Jail after he was arrested by OCCC police on Oct. 1 on complaints of sexual battery, assault and battery, and obstructing an officer. Christian J. Howell, 24, was later charged with three misdemeanor counts of assault and battery, and one count of obstructing an officer.

A report filed by OCCC Officer David Madden shows the arrest came after three female students reported an incident that occurred in the OCCC Library. A campus police report lists the women's ages as 31, 33, and 39 but gives no further details about what led to the alleged incident or arrest, or the resulting charges.

OCCC is listed as the arresting agency at OSCN.net.

Additional information available in a supplemental report was requested but not provided. Oklahoma City Police MSgt. Gary Knight said OCCC made the arrest; therefore, his department has no record of the incident or arrest.

The OCCC Bookstore was the scene of a recent theft.

At approximately 9:26 a.m. Sept. 23, Brenda Reinke, bookstore director, reported a calculus book valued at \$221.50 had been stolen.

After reviewing security footage, campus police were able to determine the suspect is a white male about 20 years old, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, 120 pounds. According to the report, he walked to Aisle 5, checked to see if any employees were watching, walked to Aisle 8, checked to see if anyone was watching and took the book back to Aisle 5. He then crouched down out of camera view.

The suspect stood up and walked toward the front desk with two books in hand — the calculus book

and a book with a soft cover.

After he spoke to employees, they walked out of the camera view. He then walked back into the camera view and walked out of the bookstore carrying the calculus book.

He exited and ran southbound across the plaza and disappeared out of view of security cameras. Campus police believe he may have had a co-conspirator waiting for him in a vehicle.

Erin Newcomer, bookstore employee said the suspect had told her he came in with the calculus book when she asked him if he had gotten it off the shelf.

The case is still active.

Another theft occurred Sept. 30 at the OCCC Material Control grounds shop, located at the southwest corner of campus.

At approximately 9:50 a.m. Sept. 30, Randall Carr, Material Control assistant, reported while he was in the restroom at the shop he heard a man's voice inside the building. When he came out of the restroom, the man was gone. Carr noticed a digital camera belonging to OCCC also was missing.

Carr and other employees in the shop said they had "gut feelings" the suspect is one of two males who come in regularly to take pallets. Campus police were able to confirm one of them, an Indian male, walked into the grounds shop, grabbed the camera and left in a tan, single cab Chevy truck.

The case is still active.

At approximately 1:15 p.m. that same day, Jack Kraettli, business professor, reported a U.S. Marine Corps water bottle and coffee cup missing from his office. Officer Gordon Nelson reviewed security footage, but was unable to identify a suspect.

The case is still active. Additional information available in a supplemental report was requested but not provided.

At approximately 1:10 p.m. Oct. 1, Joshua Phelps, music professor, said he had observed a group of students who appeared to be upset. After asking them what was wrong, one of them said their 23-year-old classmate had "consumed a handful of pills and left the building."

Phelps approached the student and asked if he needed help, but said the student ran off.

According to the report, all parking lots were searched, but the person could not be found.

Additional information available in a supplemental report was requested but not provided.

In a case of mistaken identity, a 30-year-old student reported a 32-year-old female had tried to take her cell phone after she left the restroom near AH Entry 1 at approximately 12:20 p.m. Oct. 2.

The victim said as she was leaving the restroom, a woman approached her, saying "that's my phone." The two women then got into a brief exchange over the phone. They exchanged words and the owner of the phone returned to class.

After reviewing footage, Nelson was able to track down the woman who had attempted to take the phone. She said she had mistaken the woman's phone as hers and had later found her phone in the stall after the confrontation.

Some information was redacted from 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.

Fun: Everyone invited to OCCC's annual Halloween Carnival

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The college will host this year's annual Halloween Carnival from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the General Dining Area, said Kendra Fringer, Student Life coordinator.

Fringer said children, students and community members are invited to bring their families and friends, and celebrate the holiday.

There is no age limit, she said, but said the typical age range is from 3 to 9 years old.

On average, Fringer said, the college serves 1,000 people or more during the event.

"We set up activities and booths for children to go

around and participate in carnival type games, and then they'll have the opportunity to win little prizes or little gift items, and then candy, as well," she said.

Snow cones, popcorn, and other snacks and goodies also will be available, Fringer said.

All of the activities are free; however, parents are asked to donate \$1 for each child who participates.

"... We give that back to the United Way campaign, so not only do our community members have the opportunity to come and participate, but then their donation will also



be returned back to the community through the United Way Foundation," she said.

Fringer said many campus clubs and organizations set up booths with activities for kids during the carnival. She said anyone—including those not in a club—can volunteer to help.

"If individuals are interested, they can come to the Student Life office," she said.

"We do have forms for clubs and organizations, but non-club or organization affiliated individuals just have to come to the office and we can give them the information they need," she said.

Fringer said OCCC provides a safe place to trick-or-treat and makes a positive impact on the community.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students to bring their children or community members to come in and see the ... resources and the supportive atmosphere that OCCC has for our community members," she said.

"It's kind of neat for kids to

see where mom and dad go to school.

"It gives that opportunity for students to show their family, 'this is what I do, this is where I come and someday, hopefully, you'll come here too.'"

The Halloween Carnival is held during open campus hours, meaning participants can park in any lot on the campus.

Multiple tables will be set up in the College Union and General Dining Area to help direct people to the event, Fringer said.

For more information about this year's Halloween Carnival, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or visit www.occc.edu/studentlife.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Glass sculptures



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Physical Science professor Gary Houlette inspects one of the many glass sculptures he created. "I don't really sell anything," Houlette said of his numerous creation. "I mainly donate them to the faculty associations, fundraisers, students and charities. It's not really for the money but for the fun." Houlette said he recently donated a variety of glass pieces to St. Vincent De Paul's Walk for the Poor charity event held Sept. 20.

COMMUNITY | Former OCCC student spoke about experiences as a medic in the U.S. Army

Battlefield medicine focus of campus speech

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OCCC grad Kenneth Meador gave a presentation on the history of battlefield medicine, including events that took place while he was in the Army as a medic.

"Battlefield medicine is something that isn't new," Meador said. "Since there have been battles, there has been the need for medics to treat those individuals."

The terminology for "battlefield medicine" has changed over the years and is now referred to as Modern Tactical Combat Casualty Care, or MTCCC, Meador said.

You can't take what doesn't fit in your bag, Meador said. You can only pack so many IV bags, fluids and gauze.

Meador let his audience in on what is typically in a medic's bag.

"It depends on your medic what will be in his or

her kit," he said. "There is usually Motrin, lots and lots of Motrin, and all your basic anti-inflammatories."

This includes aspirin and Tylenol.

"You're definitely going to carry Benadryl because you need that if anyone has any allergies or reactions. Medics always have epipens for severe allergic reactions.

"That's the main stuff. Mostly over the counter. You aren't supposed to carry narcotics, but again, it's all based on your medic," Meador said.

Battlefield medicine isn't just for the battlefield, Meador said.

"We see signs of it all around us such as vaccinations and first aid kits. He said the knowledge of battlefield medicine is beneficial.

"It's important to know because the implications (of battlefield medicine) are so relevant to our daily lives. It's interesting to know why we have vaccinations and the history of medicine itself and its implications in normal hospitals."

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

War-Time Marketing Speech on Oct. 20

Assistant Director of Marketing and Public Relations Deirdre Steiner will be discussing war-time marketing. This event will be held from noon until 1 p.m. on Oct. 20 in CU3. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Author Tim O'Brien to speak Oct. 21

"The Things They Carried" author Tim O'Brien will speak at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 21, in the VPAC Theater. O'Brien's book on the Vietnam War has been selected as the book for this year's OCCC Reads. Free copies are available in the library. For more information, contact Librarian Rachel Butler at rbutler@occc.edu.

School of Rock Concert on Oct. 22

Listen to OCCC's own rock band School of Rock perform "Songs of War and Protest" at 7:30 p.m. on Oct 22 at the Bruce Owen Theater. Admission to this event is free. For more information, contact 405-682-1611, ext. 7100.

Peace and war speech by Prof. Morrow

Join English Professor Stephen Morrow, as he discusses peace and war in a presentation called "Give Peace a Chance." This event will be held in the College Union in CU2 on Oct. 23 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-680-7523.

Halloween Carnival on campus Oct. 24

Join us for candy, activities and games! Admission is \$1 per child up to 12 years old. Adults are free. This event will be on Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the main campus in the College Union. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-680-7523.

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The majority of the students who attended the presentation were nursing majors students.

"It's a very interesting topic (battlefield medicine)," said one student who attended, Traci Reed. "It's one of those things where you aren't going in with all of the supplies that you have in a normal situation so it's interesting to understand how you would do it (procedures) without the usual supplies.

"As nurses, we won't always be in situations where we are going to be in a well stocked hospital, so it's nice to always know what your other options are," she said.

Another nursing major said she attended to hear more than just a story. She hoped to get some credit too.

"I came because I thought it would help me with my nursing classes and I get points for it, so that's really why I came," said Melissa Bergeron. "I've had thoughts about going into the military as a nurse so it'll be pretty fascinating to hear what it is like."

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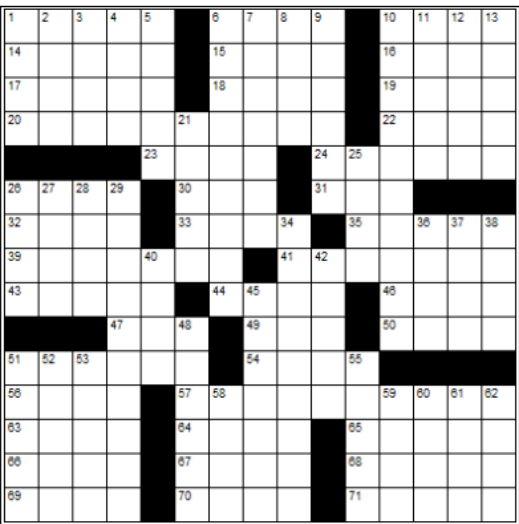
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ACROSS

- 1. Plunders
- 6. A temple (archaic)
- 10. Flat float
- 14. Provide with a permanent fund
- 15. Cards with 1 symbol
- 16. Type of sword
- 17. Gain points in a game
- 18. Sleeveless garment
- 19. Principal
- 20. Hard unglazed earthenware
- 22. Desire
- 23. Tropical tuber
- 24. Renter
- 26. Terminates
- 30. Indian bread
- 31. French for "Summer"
- 32. Part of a plant
- 33. Cain's brother
- 35. Hunger for
- 39. In general
- 41. Disgraced
- 43. Indian antelope
- 44. Every single one
- 46. Bell sound
- 47. Tavern
- 49. Prefix meaning "Modern"
- 50. Countercurrent
- 51. Sleeping sickness carrier
- 54. Stepped
- 56. Anger
- 57. Excessively dramatic
- 63. Dogfish
- 64. Canvas dwelling
- 65. Draw forth
- 66. Camp beds
- 67. Sea eagle
- 68. Bacteria
- 69. Leg joint
- 70. Street
- 71. Satisfies



DOWN

- 1. In order to prevent
- 2. A single time
- 3. Smell
- 4. Unit of pressure
- 5. Perspiration
- 6. Encouraging
- 7. Polish remover
- 8. Where a bird lives
- 9. What's left behind
- 10. Compensate
- 11. 3-banded armadillo
- 12. Pretend
- 13. Basic belief
- 21. Artificial waterway
- 25. Carve in stone
- 26. God of love
- 27. Exploded star
- 28. Accomplishes
- 29. Exotic dancer
- 34. Slashed
- 36. Among
- 37. Sell
- 38. Jittery
- 40. Rectum
- 42. Discharge a firearm
- 45. Aerial
- 48. Superior to another
- 51. Path
- 52. Also called Peter
- 53. High society
- 55. Sediments
- 58. Protagonist
- 59. Bright thought
- 60. Brusque
- 61. Highest point
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Suicide occurs every 13 minutes in U.S.

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Within minutes after you have finished reading this article, another life will have been lost to suicide in this country.

Every 13 minutes an American dies from a self-inflicted injury, said Janey Wheeler, a licensed professional counselor on the staff at OCCC.

Wheeler spoke in September at the Brown Bag lunch session called "Save a Life QPR."

Her purpose was to persuade listeners in her small audience to be more aware of those around them who may be contemplating suicide. This could be a peer, a loved one, or even a student one attends class with. Lives can be saved if someone can intervene before it is too late, Wheeler said.

"We can all help get somebody help."

Wheeler said, in Oklahoma, four out of five who commit suicide are men.

Society as a whole, including the medical field, often fails to see

the relationship between mental and physical health, leading to tragic outcomes, according to an Oklahoma Watch article.

Wheeler said suicide is the second leading cause of death among Oklahoma youths.

The things that trigger suicide are loss, trouble and change.

Wheeler showed a short video of a man who survived a suicide attempt.

In the video, J.D. Schraumm tells a story about a man named John who attempted suicide on June 11, 2003.

John's attempt to jump off the Manhattan bridge led him to breaking every rib in his body and puncturing a lung, drifting in and out of consciousness.

"As he drifted down the East River, under the Brooklyn Bridge and out into the pathway of the Staten Island Ferry, people heard his cries and contacted the boat's captain," Schraumm said.

"The captain contacted the Coast Guard, who then took him to Bellevue Hospital."

Once John committed to putting his life back together — first physically, then emotionally and spiritually — he found that there were very

few resources available to someone who has attempted to end his life in the way that he did.

"Research shows that 19 out of 20 people who attempt suicide will fail, but the people who fail are 37 times more likely to succeed the second time," he said.

"I know John's story very well because I'm John, and this is today, the first time in any sort of public setting I've ever acknowledged the journey that I have been on," Schraumm said.

Wheeler said

Schraumm's story shows that even people who take the final desperate step to end their lives can recover the will to live — if they survive and get professional help.

In the video, Schraumm said he needed to step out of his silence and talks about an idea worth spreading: that the people who have made the difficult choice to come back to life need more resources.

They need professional help and that help is not always readily available.

Wheeler emphasized that is her message too.

She said anyone who struggles with mental issues should come to the counseling offices in Student Support Service

located on the first floor of the Main Building or call Wheeler at 405-682-7520.

The National Suicide hotline at 800-273-TALK offers 24-hour toll-free help for anyone contemplating suicide.

For immediate mental help, call the Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center (OCCIC) at 405-522-8100 or 800-522-9054. OCCIC is located at 2625 General Pershing Blvd. in Oklahoma City between May

and Villa avenues, south of NW 10th Street.

The Reachout Hotline at 800-522-9054 is a 24-hour hotline for information or referrals regarding mental health and substance abuse issues.

• Nearly 30,000 Americans commit suicide every year.

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