

To comment on stories or to access the latest news, features, multimedia, online exclusives and updates, visit pioneer.occc.edu.

EDITORIAL

FACEBOOK NOT NEEDED FOR ACCEPTANCE

Editor Bryce McElhaney says he stopped using Facebook after he realized how reliant most people have become upon social networking sites.

OPINION, p. 2

NEWS

STUDENTS WILL FIND PLENTY OF PARKING

Police Chief James Fitzpatrick says there are ample parking spaces on campus for students who plan ahead. For more advice and a map, turn inside.

NEWS, p. 5

SPORTS

REC AND FITNESS ADDS DANCE CLASSES

Ballet Barre, STEP aerobics and West Coast Swing are some of the newest offerings for students this spring. Turn inside for more.

SPORTS, p. 8

COMMUNITY

CAMPUS CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE

With more than 40 clubs and organizations to choose from, students can easily find one to join. Turn to page 10 to find out more about getting involved.

COMMUNITY, p. 10



PIONEER

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JAN. 16, 2015

PIONEER.OCCC.EDU

COVERING OCCC SINCE 1978

Getting the job done



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

German Language major and student worker Jacob Woods replaces light bulbs Jan. 7 in the SEM Center. "We are changing all of the light bulbs and ceiling tiles that are damaged," he said. To contact OCCC's Maintenance and Operations, call 405-682-7554 or visit www.occc.edu/fm/Maintenance.html.

Students urged to use water refill stations

OCCC has 15 Elkay systems located all around campus

BRYCE MCELHANEY
Editor
editor@occc.edu

Students, faculty and staff can become eco-friendly on campus and save money simply by refilling their water bottles using one of the Elkay refill station water fountains on campus, said Business and Finance Vice President John Boyd.

There are currently 15 refill station water fountains on campus, "which provide filtered water and show a digital readout of how many bottles of water

have been saved," he said.

The refill stations are saving plastic bottles by the hundred-thousands, according to the readouts — cumulatively more than 290,000 20-ounce plastic bottles have been saved from waste thus far.

The systems were installed over the last three fiscal years as funds were made available, said Facilities Management Director Chris Snow in an email.

Boyd said five of the refill stations were first installed on campus in 2012.

Since that time, the campus has gained five more at a total cost of \$14,435 for all 15 refill stations.

He said that cost does not in-

clude installation, which varies depending on plumbing needs.

Boyd said the overriding rationale for the refill stations was to save on the recycling effort from all the plastic bottles.

"[It's] not that we don't want

to recycle, but ... it's how user friendly you are to the environment if you filter water, as opposed to getting filtered water in a plastic bottle, then have to

See **WATER** page 9

City bus system makes much-needed changes

LORETTA FLUELLEN
News Writing Student

Better. Faster. Cheaper. That's how some riders would describe Oklahoma City's upgraded bus service to campus, now called Embark.

Earlier this year the Embark

bus system in Oklahoma City made changes that helped riders coming to OCCC.

One of the changes involved more frequent visits to the campus and an additional route, route 13. Before the change, only route

See **BUS** page 9

OPINION

EDITORIAL | Social networking has evolved — and not in a good way

Facebook can lead to narcissism

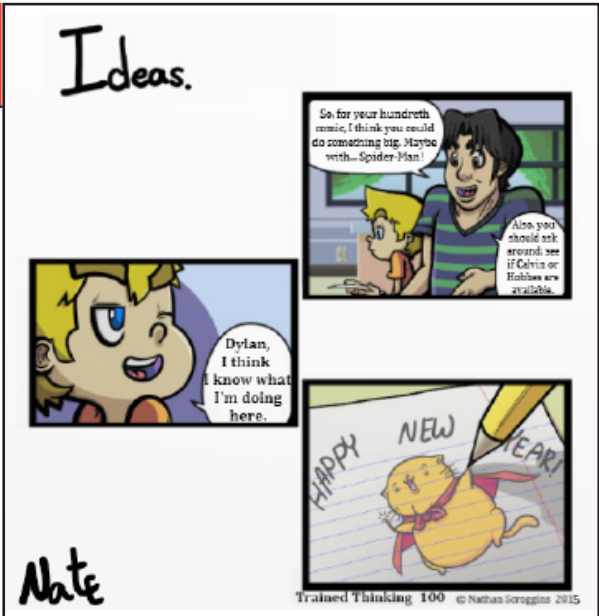
Around this time last year, I wrote an editorial about Facebook gathering a plethora of information about each user account. The information would be simple things, such as what you “like” and what your hobbies may be. This information is gathered in order to serve up the best advertisements for your viewing pleasure. For example, if you “like” music or a page about music, you could quickly see ads for Guitar Center on your feed.



BRYCE
McELHANEY

But this year, I’m focusing on other things happening with Facebook. An example would be every user posting a BuzzFeed article for “7 Ways to Have a Perfect Complexion” or “5 Things You Didn’t Know about Jennifer Lawrence’s Butt.” This, among other things, is what drove me away from the social media site. Don’t get me wrong, those articles have caught my eye several times, but I can’t help but feel like a mindless sheep in a world of advertisement when I click on those links. Nowadays, I expose myself to Facebook for maybe five minutes per week — a recommended amount. I check it for the sake of seeing old friends and their 16 photo albums of

their newborn children. And since we’re on the topic, I would love to see a world where the youth need not rely on social media for reassurance or acceptance. In other words, people need to stop being so insecure. There is an obnoxious neediness in a great portion of Facebook users. This neediness relies on the affirmation of their peers for any hair style, weight loss, weight gain, or social status they have recently attained. Insecurity isn’t only annoying, but it also can be dangerous to a degree. According to www.psychologytoday.com, people who are insecure are more prone to becoming narcissistic, which could relate to the Narcissism Epidemic. “People high on this trait are often unhappy, angry at the world because of the world’s failure to recognize their superiority. They are generally incapable of forming the kinds of deep, meaningful, lasting relationships with others that we all need in order to live happy, emotionally secure lives.” WebMD.com on Narcissistic personality disorder said, “... these attitudes and behaviors do not reflect true self-confidence. Instead, the attitudes conceal a deep sense of insecurity and a fragile self-esteem. People with narcissistic personality disorders also often have a complete lack of empathy for others.” I know I’m making a lot of sudden conclusions about this simple feature from Facebook users, but



I am only connecting the dots for what seems to be the future of youth on social media. The more people become reliant on how many “likes” they get on a picture, the more dependent they will become on the site. The more people become dependent on the site, the more they are exposing themselves to BuzzFeed articles. The more people exposing themselves to BuzzFeed articles, the more advertisements they’re exposing themselves to. These advertisements make people feel even more insecure. Overall, Facebook has become less about connecting and more about flooding the minds of millions with advertisements and social cues. —BRYCE McELHANEY
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | The name Redskins is not synonymous with scalping

Professor disagrees with Capitol Hill mascot name change

To the Editor:

During the Stalinist Era it was dangerous to have opinions that varied from the established Party line. History was falsified to make it fit. Let us not do that in this country. We have wronged Native peoples enough without making up things. “Redskins” does not refer to scalping. Vine Deloria Jr., the long-time authority in the American Indian Movement, and a successful Native American scholar, author, attorney, and philosopher, published “God Is Red” in 1972, and the book is now universally considered a classic on Native American spirituality. The renowned Cherokee Chief, Wilma Mankiller called the book “The flagship ... on Native American Spirituality.”

Ruth Underhill’s “Red Man’s Religion,” Ernest T. Seton’s “Gospel of the Red Man,” Wilcomb Washburn’s “Red Man’s Land, White Man’s Law,” Jennings Wise’s “Red Man in The New World,” and Gary B. Nash’s “Red, White, and Black: The Peoples of Early North America,” referred in every instance to perceived colors, and nothing more. Sadly it is true that Europeans, Euro-Americans, and Native Americans were all guilty of taking scalps, and it seems obvious that whatever the color of the person, the scalp taken from the person would be a redskin. The current brouhaha over mascots is, in my view, a disservice to Native Americans because it detracts from more fundamentally serious issues such as

water rights, fishing rights, and the poverty in which Native Americans still live whether in urban areas or on reservations. The taking of Native lands was wrong to the same extent that eminent domain is wrong today. Having admitted that wrong was done, we should also admit that wrong is still being done, and that Native Americans today are as marginalized in our society as they have ever been. Will changing mascots really change that? I am proud to be a Capitol Hill High School graduate and proud to be a Capitol Hill Redskin. I regret that historical ignorance dictates that money we could be using to help students is being used to change mascots. —RAY McCULLAR
HISTORY PROFESSOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | 'Title' nothing but a computer-software generated album

Trainor all about no real talent

Last semester I shocked the world by coming off a decades old high horse of music snobbery.

I gave a glowing review to a popular, overplayed, mainstream song. I received more feedback from my review of Meghan Trainor's "All About that Bass" than anything else I'd written.

It's time I restore balance to the world of musical criticism. Today I will review all other music performed by this pop sensation who calls herself Meghan Trainor.

It's not going to be pretty.

Having finally heard other tracks from Trainor's breakout album "Title," my disgust for current top 40 radio has been thoroughly restored.

In sticking to some disturbing trend for songs to drone on without a single moment's rest from bizarre vocalizations, Meghan Trainor's "singing" has become an all-out assault on the ears.

Each of Trainor's songs consists of tracks upon tracks of vocals, often in the same key, layered densely over the unchanging tempo of the drum machine. Every second is filled with multiple Meghan Trainor voices squealing and vibrating in the background of other Meghan Trainor voices reading bumper stickers out loud or whatever she does to get her lyrics.



secretly love).

So, straight up now, tell me if you're really going to keep perpetuating this type of musical garbage Meghan Trainor.

Your songs are manufactured for you by analytic computer software. Your entire persona has been manipulated to appeal to the duller parts of the human subconscious. And the tracks of your hit album are a musical misadventure, leading listeners by the ear to wade through endless layers of steaming trash and the stinking leftovers of a musical era you know nothing about.

Overall, not bad.

Rating: B

Trainor's music has served only to prove that she is barely about that bass. Instead, she relies almost exclusively upon treble.

Meghan Trainor, you have made me question my whole existence.

Her melodies seem to be little more than autonomous regurgitations of 1990s Paula Abdul jams but none of the good ones (don't act like there isn't at least one 90s Paula Abdul song that you

—JORGE KRZYZANIAK
SENIOR WRITER

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Reviewer gives breakfast thumbs up; plans to return for lunch

Old School Bagel Cafe makes hit list

Over the past year, I've become aware of the local economy in Oklahoma City. It appears many others have as well. Locally owned restaurants and businesses are increasing in popularity and are always on my social media feeds. I have been on a quest to try some of the new restaurants I've discovered. My most recent visit was to the Old School Bagel Cafe located at 2747 S I-35 Service Road in Moore.

I had a few minutes to waste before work one day, so I stopped by to grab some breakfast.

As soon as I walked in the door, I became a fan. The atmosphere was like most coffee shops — very calm and welcoming. However, this was better than walking into a coffee shop, because the restaurant smelled of fresh baked goods.

After looking over the menu, I decided on the



Breakfast Bagel, which comes on your choice of bagel with sausage, bacon or ham with egg and American cheese. I had this lovely combination on the honey oat bagel.

First, let me say, the bagel was amazing. It was, without a doubt, the best bagel I've ever had. The honey oat bagel was cooked to perfection

with the perfect amount of flavor, fluffiness and chewiness.

The contents of my bagel were OK, but nothing more. I was hoping for fresh eggs and bacon, but that is not what I got. The egg and bacon were microwaved, which was disappointing.

In addition to other breakfast bagels, croissants, muffins and cookies, they serve lunch sandwiches like the Sooner Club with turkey, ham, swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and onions on your choice of



TED app offers on-the-go brain food

If you're anything like me and have an insatiable appetite to consume daily doses of brain food, then you will fall in love with the free educational phone app "TED."

The smartphone app, "TED" (Technology, Entertainment, Design), presents educational talks from some of the world's most remarkable people.

If you crave videos about interesting and random topics then "TED" is just the app needed to fulfill that urge.

TED is a non-profit website devoted to spreading worthy ideas.

The TED app allows smartphone users to check out informative videos on the go.

What makes the app worthwhile isn't so much the app's function but its impressive content.

You can find more than 1,700 TED Talk videos on the official "TED" app.

The topics in each video vary from technology, business, entertainment, global issues and much more.

Two of my favorite videos include Ken Robinson's "How Schools Kill Creativity" and J.J. Abrams' "The Mystery Box."

I'm just starting out so I still have a bunch of videos to consume.

Video length tends to be between 10 to 20 minutes, so they don't take up too much time.

If you're not into watching TED Talks on a phone the videos are available online to view at www.ted.com.

Overall, "TED" is an entertaining app you can use to discover and understand useful ideas.

—ETHAN COOPER
PIONEER PHOTOGRAPHER

bagel. They also offer traditional sandwiches like Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad and BLT's on bagels.

I will be stopping by Old School Bagel Cafe in the near future to try their lunch menu.

If you're looking for some great fresh baked bagels, Old School is your place. Just remember to stop by early, because they are only open from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on weekends.

To find a location near you, visit www.oldschool-bagelcafe.com.

Rating: B

—LAUREN DANIEL
ONLINE EDITOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

PRODUCT REVIEW | What better way to sleep than in the great indoors?

Child's tent better than making a bed each morning

This morning was another morning since Christmas that I have not had to make my son's bed.

Thanks to the children's 8-in-1 tent and camping set my child received for Christmas, my back-breaking, bed-making skills have been put to rest by him sleeping in his new tent and sleeping bag for the past couple weeks.

When my son first opened the tent, my first thought was where would I store it through the long winters?

While I was grumbling with all the problems this new tent would bring, my son was jumping with excitement, impatiently waiting for his cool, new "fort without chairs."

Not having the heart to tell the most important person in my life that he would have to wait months before being able to put it up, my husband pulled it

out of its easy carry bag and assembled it in the living room.

Along with his new sleeping bag, water bottle and whistle, my son slid inside with the biggest smile on his face. That pure joy and happiness melted my heart enough to allow him to have it in his room for just that night.

Now, two weeks later, it is still in his room with his favorite blanket, pillow and his favorite sleeping bag.

Plus, it is more than just kid friendly, it is dog friendly as well.

Not only does my 4-year-old love it, but also I find my dog trying to hide and take naps each day curled up inside.

Every night I crawl down and get in to give him a kiss and tuck him in, and every night he falls asleep with a smile on his face because he gets to sleep in his tent.

So thank you to all the children's tent makers for saving the backs of parents everywhere, and for bringing such pure joy to the little, important people in our lives.

Small-sized children's tents can be found online, and in most sporting goods stores.

Prices vary.

My son's tent retails for \$89.99 and includes a sleeping bag, carrying case, water bottle, ID tag, stool, compass and whistle — everything a child could ask for.

It's an investment worth making.

Rating: A

—KATIE AXTELL
COMMUNITY WRITER



PRODUCT REVIEW | Oversized cup holds all the liquid refreshment one could ask for

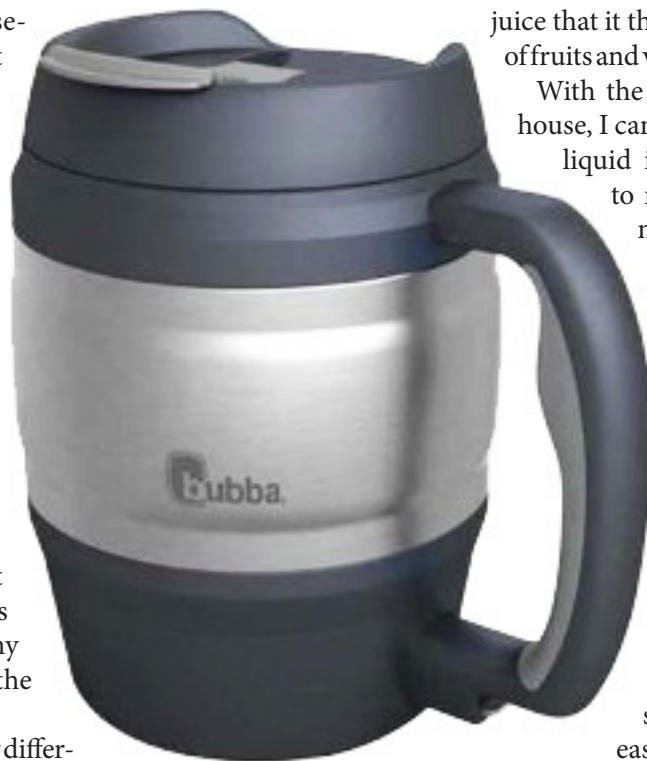
Bubba mug keeps drinks hot, cold

During the Fall 2014 semester, I determined that it was time for me to kick the nasty habit I had of drinking a minimum 44 oz. of soda per day. After recently viewing the movie "We're the Millers," I was determined to find a mug similar to the one possessed by Nick Offerman in the movie, as a tool for drinking more water and/or using as a weapon.

I perused the shelves of multiple stores, but finally Academy was the store that satisfied my needs. It was there that I discovered my personal golden chalice, the bubba.

The company makes many different kinds of liquid drinking devices, from mugs to jugs and many in between. But my eye fell upon the 52 oz. bubba mug.

Now instead of actually being gold, mine is navy blue, and this particular model comes in six other colors as well. Its 52 oz. frame, with a screw-on lid and a cover that snaps closed to prevent spilling, can hold any type of liquid. This includes coffee in such large amounts that it's dangerous to the human body and such copious amounts of freshly squeezed



juice that it threatens the extinction of fruits and vegetables everywhere.

With the bubba already in my house, I can simply fill it with any liquid immediately available to me, and it will satisfy me for hours on end.

Another plus side of the bubba is its insulation. With a few pieces of ice, it can keep a mug-full of water cold for up to 10 hours.

The downsides to the bubba are its enormous size, combined with its unstable bottom. If it is not on a steady surface, it will fall over easily, and since it is too

large for any cup-holder that has ever been made, it rolls around constantly during car rides.

Ultimately, due to my lack of self-control, I could not kick the soda habit. In fact, I am consuming a delicious can of it as I write this very review.

However, thanks to the bubba, I also drink a significantly larger amount of water than before.

Rating: A-

—CLAYTON MITCHELL
SPORTS WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Jan. 9 through Jan. 11
www.newyorktimes.com

1. Taken
2. Selma
3. Into the Woods
4. The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
5. Unbroken
6. The Imitation Game
7. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
8. Annie
9. The Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death
10. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part I
11. Inherent Vice
12. Wild
13. Big Hero 6
14. The Gambler
15. Big Eyes
16. Penguins of Madagascar
17. Interstellar
18. Exodus: Gods and Kings
19. The Theory of Everything
20. Birdman

Students who plan ahead will find ample parking

JORGE KRZYZANIAK
Senior Writer
seniorwriter@occc.edu

OCCC Police Chief James Fitzpatrick understands that in the first weeks of the semester, campus parking lots may appear crowded. However, he said, there are more than enough parking spaces for everyone.

OCCC's campus has about 3,650 parking spaces, Fitzpatrick said. Of those, 249 of those are reserved specifically for faculty and staff, and 102 are reserved as handicapped parking.

He said while he doesn't expect all 3,650 spots to be occupied at the same time, his department does have a contingency plan in place for directing traffic and accommodating all of the college's faculty, staff, students and guests if that should happen.

Fitzpatrick said drivers should have no problem locating parking spaces in these first, hectic days.

"We very rarely ever fill up in the back parking lots," he said. "In all that time you waste driving around and waiting for somebody to pull out, you could have already driven to D, E and F lots and come right into the building."

"It's only going to be for a couple of weeks and when you add up the number of extra steps, it's not a considerable

difference," he said.

Fitzpatrick said the campus police will be working hard to keep the parking lots safe and uncongested.

He said, as a result, it's expected his department will issue more tickets in the first few weeks than they will throughout the entire rest of the semester. Fitzpatrick said most of those tickets will be for parking violations.

"That's simply because when students run out of space, a couple of them invent spaces."

A common complaint in the first weeks is of vehicles parked outside of designated parking spaces blocking other vehicles from leaving or entering the lot, Fitzpatrick said. He said campus police know the areas where this is most prone to happen.

"We focus on that and it doesn't last long. During the rest of the year, almost all our parking issues involve people parking in faculty staff spots when they don't belong there."

Fitzpatrick warns against illegally parking in handicapped spaces.

"You park there and it can cost you over \$500 after court costs and everything," he said.

Campus police also will enforce speed limits and stop signs. However, Fitzpatrick said, the goal is to keep students safe, not to write tickets.

"We try to get things resolved with-

out involving big fines. That's not what we're here for."

The police chief said common irresponsibility is what earns drivers on campus moving violations.

He said infractions that would otherwise earn drivers only a warning often lead to the discovery of invalid licenses or insurance, forcing further action.

He advises drivers on campus to watch their speed, observe the stop signs and to be especially observant when backing out of a parking space.

"The vast majority of accidents we have out there comes from somebody backing out of a parking space."

"If you're backing, you're responsible for making sure you can do it safely. If you hit somebody, that's negligence."

Fitzpatrick said some responsibility for alleviating congestion in the parking lots falls to OCCC's students as well.

He recommends taking care of bookstore, financial aid and advising needs before classes begin or at more reasonable times instead of attempting to handle business in between classes.

In the first week of classes, Fitzpatrick said, those areas will have long lines that will not move quickly.

"A lot of it just comes down to time management and understanding you can do it early," he said.

"It's impossible to move through these lines in the 10 minutes you have

between classes."

Fitzpatrick said to take advantage of the college's extended hours early in the semester.

"Also, pay attention to your schedule," he said. "Don't come to campus hours before you need to be here."

Fitzpatrick said campus police are eager to help students in the parking lots any way they can.

"We provide services too," he said.

Campus police will escort drivers to their cars if requested and they will jump a dead battery, air up a tire or open a door for someone who's locked their keys in their car, Fitzpatrick said.

"There's one little caveat to that though," he said. "You've got to have a license and you've got to have insurance."

"We will not help to get you in motion if you shouldn't be driving."

Fitzpatrick said students can expect to see his officers patrolling the parking lots of OCCC and assures they will be happy to help. Emergency phones that connect immediately to the campus police are located in every lot on campus.

For more information, contact the OCCC Campus Police Department at 405-682-7872 or visit www.occc.edu/police. To see a copy of the Traffic Parking brochure, visit www.occc.edu/police/pdf/TrafficParkingBrochure.pdf.

PARKING FINES

- Failure to stop at a stop sign: \$25
- Going the wrong way on a one-way street: \$25
- Reckless driving, unsafe driving: \$25
- Parking in a fire lane: \$100
- Parking in a handicapped space without a proper permit: \$100
- Parking in a faculty and staff area without a proper decal: \$15
- Double parking: \$5
- Improper parking (parts of vehicle outside of marked space): \$3
- All other parking violations: \$5
- Failure to display parking decal or parking permit: \$5
- Improperly affixed parking decal or parking permit: \$3

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Call 7691 on any college phone or visit the police department in area 1L8 of the Main Building for:

- Assistance in unlocking a car.
- Assistance in starting a car with a low battery.
- Escorting individuals to or from the parking lots when requested.
- Assist with or help find assistance for motorists having car trouble.



The OCCC Family and Community Education Center and the Child Development Center and Lab School are located at 6800 E. Lind Avenue.

OCCC spearheads Capitol Hill renovation

SEAN GILES

News Writing Student

College brass hope to start a trend of revitalization in the Capitol Hill area with the upcoming transformation of the historic Katz Drug Store at 123 SW 25th Street into the college's new Capitol Hill Center, said OCCC Community Development Vice President Steven Bloomberg.

Bloomberg said Capitol Hill is an area that has faced recent hardships in the form of urban decay and mainstream disregard.

However, he said, he and other OCCC officials hope they can help change that.

"I always tell people Capitol Hill is the next great area of revitalization for Oklahoma City," he said, comparing the project to the MAPS program from the late '90s.

"With any economic development project that you do, the number one rule is somebody has to go first."

Bloomberg said the renovation project will cost nearly \$10 million — most of which will be paid by the college. Approximately \$3 million is expected to be provided by Oklahoma City officials.

The end result should turn the former Katz Drug and original Langston's department store into a vibrant new education center for the community, he said.

The history of the area is encapsulated at www.okchistory.com.

"Katz (Drug) opened the first Oklahoma City store at 200 W Main in 1936, leasing the two-story building for 99 years. Years later the store at 331 SW 25 in Capitol Hill was built. A final, larger Mayfair store at NW 50 and May opened in 1958.

"The Katz name disappeared from Oklahoma City in 1962, not long after it made headlines for the civil rights lunch counter sit-ins that took place at the downtown store.

The headline 'Katz Stores in City Sold,' ran in The Oklaho-



PHOTO COURTESY WWW.OKHISTORY.ORG

Above: An undated photo of the former Katz Drug and Langston's department store in the Capitol Hill district. OCCC will start renovation on those buildings as part of the college's Capitol Hill development project. **Below:** The rendering below shows how the final project will look. OCCC officials say the original historic aesthetics will be preserved.



man on Aug. 9, 1962."

Aware of the history of the building, Bloomberg stressed the importance of maintaining the old aesthetic while upgrading the structure.

"We wanted to preserve this iconic entrance to Katz Drug Store," he said.

Though the cost is substantial, Bloomberg believes the

opportunity is too good to pass up.

The Capitol Hill Center will "bring people together," he said.

"We will become the catalyst for revitalization in Capitol Hill."

Bloomberg said the center will offer a variety of programs such as GED preparation

programs, résumé-building classes and English as a Second Language courses aimed at the primarily Hispanic population of Capitol Hill.

"Our objective should be to get you in, give you a relevant education and get you out into whatever you want to do," he said.

One primary hope for the

new center will be to prepare future students for credit classes and to avoid the need for "time-consuming (college) prep classes."

Bloomberg said construction on the first phase of the project is set to begin in 2015.

For more information, call Bloomberg at 405-682-7814 or email sbloomberg@occc.edu.

Historic buildings to house OCCC center

SANDRA QUINTANILLA
News Writing Student

The two-story building at 123 SW 25 St. isn't much to look at on first glance. With its plain blonde brick exterior, it doesn't exactly stand out from any of the other buildings constructed in the Capitol Hill area during its heyday in the 1940s and '50s. But in a little more than a year's time, the building's 44,500 square feet (about the size of the Visual and Performing Arts Center) will be transformed, inside and out, into a modern space for learning, a new satellite campus for OCCC.

The Capitol Hill area is made up mostly of low-income Hispanic households, with a growing number of Vietnamese and Asian residents as well, said Steven Bloomberg, vice president for Community Development.

"Our goal is to educate the population that lives there, and to be the economic catalyst that really revitalizes Capitol Hill," Bloomberg said. "This building should be the pillar that builds up and strengthens this area."

In order to maintain the historic feel of the building, a preservation committee has been formed that must review all renovations, he said.

The completion date for the first phase of the Capitol Hill Center renovation project is slated for early 2016, and there is still much to do.

With a \$15,000 grant from SBC in 2000, OCCC was able to start the Capitol Hill program in borrowed space at Capitol Hill Elementary School. As the area's population grew, so did the schools, leaving OCCC with no choice but to move on, Bloomberg said.

The plan from the beginning was to revitalize the area and act as a catalyst for growth. For this to be done, the OCCC satellite campus would need to be located on 25th street, which is the main artery that runs through the area.

In 2008, the former Katz Drugstore and Langston buildings, next door to one another, were purchased by OCCC with the hopes of retrofitting them and moving into the space in a short span of time. Due to the extent and cost of the renovations, more funding would need to be secured before the project could be completed.

In the meantime, the Capitol Hill program was moved to the Latino Community Development Agency, close to the new Interstate-40, in 2009.

The program soon outgrew that space, and in 2012 was relocated to the United Methodist Church on SW 25th Street, where 5,000 square feet of space on the second floor is being used for classes and programs, Bloomberg said.

The renovation is being headed up by Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, a local architectural, engineering, and planning firm.

"The building was constructed in 1949, and has certainly presented some design challenges," said Jack Morgan, director of architecture.

"One of the most significant challenges has been the building's structural support system. Current building codes are more stringent and require that the building be reinforced," Morgan said.

He said FSBA will incorporate a number of cost-saving products and processes throughout the renovation.

"For instance, occupancy-sensor-controlled light-



PHOTOS COURTESY WWW.OKHISTORY.ORG

Above: An undated photo of Katz Drug (far left in the photo). OCCC will start renovation on that building as well as the space next to it as part of the college's Capitol Hill development project.

Below: The building shown from another view in an undated photo.



ing will be used in spaces that are not regularly occupied. The lights will turn on when motion is detected and turn off when motion is no longer present.

"And a variable refrigerant flow-based heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system will be installed, as opposed to a standard roof-top unit system," he said.

"This allows us to deliver exactly what is needed to cool a space without using excess energy."

Morgan also noted that the existing window and door openings will be replaced with multi-paned windows with aluminum framing that is manufactured in a way that helps prevent the heat and cold from going in and out. This helps cut costs by allowing for a more constant temperature in the building.

The exterior of the building is brick masonry and some of it is in need of repair, he said.

To help maintain the original character of the structure, Morgan said, damaged bricks on the facade of the building will be replaced with existing brick being removed for design purposes.

He said now that the demolition of the interior has been completed, "the open space will allow the architects to design the arrangement of classrooms and offices in a way that will support the educational program to the greatest extent possible."

OCCC's Facilities Management Director Chris

Snow sees the new center as a benefit to everyone.

"The project will add a clean, rejuvenated look to the existing Capitol Hill area," Snow said. "It will add additional educational and economic development opportunities for the surrounding community."

The OCCC Foundation is currently securing funds for this project through donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

Bloomberg said the total anticipated cost estimate for the renovation is \$8.1 million. To date, The City of Oklahoma City has guaranteed \$3 million in Tax Increment Financing, and \$4.8 million has been derived from the OCCC building fund levy.

"The funds being appropriated from the Building Fund Levy are not monies derived from either student tuition and fees, or state appropriated dollars," he said.

Bloomberg said an additional \$300,000 is coming from donations and other private funding sources.

Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Lealon Taylor said the help is priceless.

"These are corporations and philanthropic entities who believe in educational access and opportunities for all citizens," he said.

For more information call Bloomberg at 405-682-7814 or sbloomberg@occc.edu; Snow at 405-682-7554 or csnow@occc.edu; or Taylor at 405-682-7591 or ltaylor@occc.edu.

SPORTS

Hoops practice



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Pathways senior Osvaldo Gomez shoots baskets Jan. 7 in OCCC's Wellness Center. "I'm just out here practicing," Gomez said. The gym, 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 | Instructor says wellness classes a great way to get both body and mind in great shape

Ballet, swing added to spring lineup

CLAYTON MITCHELL
Sports Writer
sportswriter@occc.edu

"New year, new me," is a popular phrase among people who aim to make a change in their physique as a New Year's resolution. OCCC students who wish to fulfill their resolutions can take advantage of the many fitness classes the Recreation and Fitness department has planned for the spring semester.

The weekly schedule for OCCC's spring group fitness classes was released Jan. 5, showcasing some of the new classes that are offered, such as Ballet Barre, STEP Aerobics and West Coast Swing.

Carole Valentine, OCCC's Health and Fitness Specialist, oversees the classes and is excited to add the new ones to the schedule, especially West Coast Swing.

"Years ago, the Recreation and Fitness department used to teach ballroom

dance and Latin dance, and those types of classes," Valentine said.

"Elizabeth Hobi, my evening instructor, has a strong background in dance, and a lot of times she will approach me and say, 'What do you think of this idea?'"

"She has an interest in teaching these classes and we're putting them on the schedule to see how well they take."

Valentine said she hopes the classes will help students be able to get fit, not only physically but mentally as well.

"College students are under a lot of stress and exercise can help reduce that stress," she said.

"It can help them live longer lives, and it can help reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and all these things you see on the news every day."

Faculty and staff can attend unlimited classes for free as part of their Wellness Benefit, something that Valentine thinks will be important in the near

future.

"I think offering fitness classes is going to be much more important in the next year, or the next five years, as far as making sure that our employees are on the right track to health," she said.

"So as part of our Wellness Incentive, offering these classes is the best way to go and the best way to keep the longevity of your workforce."

Students wanting to attend any of the fitness classes can purchase a Group Fitness Pass for \$35 and attend unlimited classes during the spring semester.

Community members can purchase a 4-month Group Fitness pass for \$125.

Student passes can be purchased by creating a MINDBODY online account, and presenting a valid OCCC ID at the Wellness Center desk, located on the first floor of the Main Building.

For more information, contact Valentine at carole.m.valentine@occc.edu, or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7662.

EVENT NEWS

SPRING 2015:

- 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.



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

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

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

Woman threatens to kill OCCC employees

JORGE KRZYZANIAK
Senior Writer
seniorwriter@occc.edu

A threat, two unconscious women, one thrown video game controller and sexual harassment top crime reports from December.

On Dec. 4 it was reported a belligerent, 48 year-old, female student threatened workers in Registration when she could not be dropped from a course after the withdrawal deadline.

Registration staff reportedly made every attempt to help the student, who they say was "difficult to deal with" but were unsuccessful. The student then

told the 19- and 24-year-old workers they'd "better get this done or I'll kill you." An investigation is underway.

Campus police received a call at 7:16 p.m. Dec. 4 about a woman who was found passed out in a campus bathroom. According to the report, Officer Jeremy Bohannon and Sgt. Kevin Hammond responded to find OCCC Testing Center employee, Samantha Olson sitting on a bathroom floor near SEM Entry 3. Conscious and responsive, Olson told police she'd given blood that morning and had not eaten anything. Olson declined medical treatment.

On Dec. 10, Holly Marie Norton, a contract food service employee, was reported to have passed out in the food preparation area. She said she had vomited, had a headache and then lost consciousness. She had a bump on the head but was otherwise OK and was taken home.

A college Wii U controller was thrown against a wall in the library on Dec. 8 by a student.

The woman then left without her belongings. Police were able to identify her by a credit card found in her purse. The controller appeared functional but may have been damaged. The woman's name was re-

dacted from the report.

Dillon Lee Jackson, 24, was arrested Dec. 17 for public intoxication.

It was reported that Jackson had sexually harassed an 18-year-old student sitting at a library computer by offering to film her having intercourse with him. Officer Patrick Martino responded. He reported Jackson smelled like marijuana, his tongue was green and he had a "circular sway."

Jackson admitted to having smoked marijuana and taking prescribed medication a few hours before. He was arrested for public intoxication. Additional information

is available in a supplemental report that was requested but not provided.

Some names were redacted on the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "according to OCCC Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld." To obtain a copy, 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.

Water: Refill stations are located throughout the campus

Continued from page 1

recycle that plastic.

"That was really the driving mechanism behind it, to assist that recycleable effort."

Snow said it's been an important step in OCCC going green.

"Encouraging our college community to reuse bottles ... by installing water bottle filling stations is one step that [OCCC] can take to reduce the financial, environmental and social impacts of our present disposable water bottle use," he said.

Boyd said although it's an expense to the college, the refill stations can help students and employees save money.

"If they want filtered water, they don't have to go buy fancy filtered water," he said.

"They can bring a container and get the filtered water without having to pay for it.

"You can certainly taste the difference in the filtered water," he said.

Boyd said he doesn't know if the college will install more refill stations, but said the investment would likely be made if the need is there.

"To the extent that we can save our students and employees a little money ... to me that's a great benefit, especially to people who drink a lot of bottled water," he said.

"I hope it communicates to

the students and to our employees that we are conscientious about the environment. There's a cost to that, but we are conscientious."

Students and employees can find these Elkay refill stations in the College Union, Main Building first floor, second floor and third floor, Arts and Humanities first floor, Library first floor and second floor, SEM Center Entry 1, 2 and 8, the John Massey Center, VPAC building, HPEC Building, Facilities Management and the Wellness Center.

For more information about the Elkay refill stations, visit www.elkay.com/bottle-filling-stations.



Bus: Added bus route helps students navigate more easily

Continued from page 1

12 came to campus.

Another improvement is the 30-day unlimited \$35 bus passes that students and faculty can buy.

This was the result of a pilot program here at OCCC, said Erin Logan, Student Life director.

"We wanted to make riding the bus more affordable to our students and less of a burden for them to get here," she said.

The passes are sold only in

the OCCC bookstore. The bookstore also sells all-day passes for \$4. The day-pass price is the same elsewhere, but the 30-day passes are regularly \$50 at other locations.

The changes have been received with approval from students and faculty who use the bus system.

Student Ricky Walker, political science major, said he rides the bus.

"I like riding in the early morning on route 12 due to the fact it is so much quieter,"

he said.

History major Wes Faw said he likes the new system better because route 12 makes more stops at the campus.

GED student Amanda Nystrom likes the new route that now runs past her home which is very convenient, she said.

Professor Stephen Morrow, faculty liaison for Student Engagement, said he regularly takes the bus from his home in northwest Oklahoma City.

He said he rides the bus first because he wants to help

reduce pollution in the atmosphere.

"There is only so much carbon that the atmosphere can take," he said.

By riding the bus he reduces the air pollution caused by driving a car.

Secondly, Morrow said, he wants to save time and money when he can.

"I can get a lot of reading done while riding the bus to and from OCCC," he said.

Logan said Vice President for Enrollment and Student

Services Marion Paden played a major role in this added route to our campus.

Michael Scroggins, Embark Marketing Customer Relations Manager, said he was happy to work with Paden.

"We wanted to increase ridership."

He said this led to the meeting with Logan and Paden to make the low-cost monthly passes possible.

For more information, visit <http://embarkok.com/use/schedules>.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Interession studies



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Nursing major Fatima Elawam studies Jan. 7 on the second floor of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. "OCCC has done a great job making me feel welcomed," Elewam said. OCCC offers a number of quiet locations for students to study throughout the campus.

COMMUNITY | With more than 40 campus organizations, there is something for everyone

Students encouraged to join clubs

KATIE AXTELL
Community Writer
communitywriter@occc.edu

With the new semester starting, opportunities to meet new people and get involved with groups of students are opening up. OCCC has more than 40 campus clubs available, ranging from religious groups to clubs focusing on different majors or hobbies.

Student Natalie Flaming is active in Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honor society with strict admission rules.

"Being able to know people and professors on a personal level can help better with scholarship recommendations" Flaming said. "For example, a PTK scholarship can go to just about any school."

Other clubs are degree supporting. The Engineering Club, Health Professions Club, Student Emergency Medical Sciences Association (SEMSA), Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization (SPTAO), Kappa Beta Delta, and the Nursing Students Association (NSA) are just a few.

Flaming, who also was co-president of the Psychology club last semester, spoke about their trip to Griffin Memorial Hospital, a mental health facility.

"We toured the hospital and were able to ask questions related to that field. It was really cool because they have separate buildings to get an idea of what that

place was like. You wouldn't get that anywhere else."

Many clubs are active in community service.

The Future Alumni Network (FAN) club is designed to help students network. Flaming said FAN can give students that foot in the door for higher opportunities.

Clubs for students who share the same hobbies include the Gamer Guild, a club for those who enjoy playing and being involved in a variety of games.

The Art Guild of OCCC is a group designed for art lovers. TAG members go to museums, demonstrations and lectures on art.

For the writers on campus, the College Poets and Writers club can be beneficial. The group shares their writing, and helps support and encourage each other.

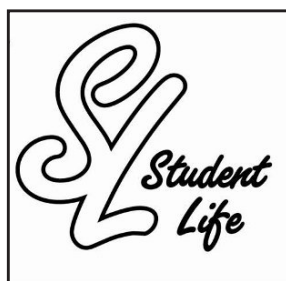
Flaming said many benefits can come about from being an active member in a campus club.

"Some benefits are academic experience above and beyond the classroom," she said.

"Interaction with sponsors and professors on a personal level can help with recommendations from professors."

Students also can create their own clubs. According to the Student Organizational Manual, requirements for forming a club are: there must be at least 10 current students, a purpose to the new club, and a sponsor and alternate sponsor.

The manual can be found in the Student Life of-



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Ukulele Orchestra on calendar for Jan. 23

The Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the VPAC Theater. Tickets are \$15 to \$45. To purchase tickets, visit www.occc.edu/pas/wellington.html. For more information, contact Chuck Riley at charles.l.riley@occc.edu or 405-682-1611, ext. 7745.

Gamefest planned at southside library Jan. 25

A Gamefest will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Southern Oaks Public Library located at 6900 S Walker Ave. Students are encouraged to bring friends to play video and board games. For more information, contact John Hilbert at jhilbert@metrolibrary.org or call 405-631-4468.

The Leadership Council plans Jan. 29 meeting

The Leadership Council is meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in CU3. The meeting is open to all students. For more information, contact the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

Brown Bag meeting to focus on transfer process

A Brown Bag luncheon on transfer basics will take place at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in CU3. The meeting is open to all students who want to learn more about transferring from OCCC to another college or university. For more information, contact the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

Scholarship money available for OCCC students

The OCCC Foundation has more than 30 scholarships available for students. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 20. An email about the scholarship opportunities has been sent to all current students. For more information, contact Institutional Advancement Development Director Jennifer Harrison at jharrison@occc.edu or 405-682-1611, ext. 7771.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to editor@occc.edu or drop by the Pioneer office located in AH 1F2.

fice located on the first floor of the Main Building or online at www.occc.edu/studentlife.

Students can get a better feel for the clubs at the Student Clubs and Organization Fair scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, on the first floor of the Main Building.

Flaming recommends students get involved in what they are interested in. She said not only do students receive many benefits from being part of a club or organization, but also, it is a chance to interact with fellow students.

"It is hard to make and keep friends in college, but being a part of a club, you see the same people and end up with friends you can keep.

"I highly recommend it."

CLASSIFIEDS

Pioneer classified advertising is free to all enrolled OCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ad applications must be submitted with IDs supplied by 5 p.m. Fridays prior to the next publication date. For more information, call the Ad Manager at 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or e-mail adman@occc.edu.

FURNITURE

FOR SALE: 40" CRT television in excellent condition. Big screen makes it great for a gaming TV. \$30. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures or more details.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE: Your ad here. Students can place non-business classified ads for free. No more than 7 lines. Submit your ad to adman@occc.edu with your name, student ID and valid phone number.

FOR SALE: This space for \$8 per week. Place your business classified today and reach thousands of potential customers. Up to seven lines. Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or email adman@occc.edu.

IT PAYS to ADVERTISE

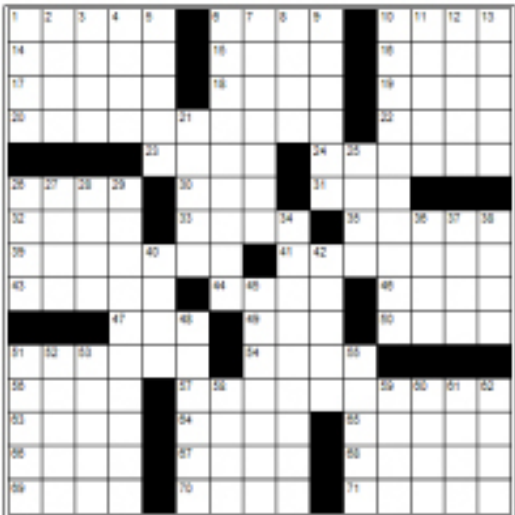
YOUR AD COULD BE HERE
for ONLY \$32 a week!
—get your advertisement message
to 5,000 prospective customers
with a business-card size ad—

Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7307,
or e-mail: adman@occc.edu

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS


- 1. Nonpoetic writing
- 6. Unadulterated
- 10. Schnozzola
- 14. Flax fabric
- 15. Astringent
- 16. Nile bird
- 17. Group of eight
- 18. Naked
- 19. Eccentric person
- 20. Middleman
- 22. Possess
- 23. Devil tree
- 24. Amass
- 26. Lantern
- 30. Mesh
- 31. N N N N
- 32. Found in some lotions
- 33. Away from the wind
- 35. Practical
- 39. Jungle fever
- 41. Melodious
- 43. Betel palm
- 44. Store
- 46. Camp beds
- 47. Historic period
- 49. Completely
- 50. Leg joint
- 51. Made a low continuous tone
- 54. Narrow opening
- 56. Operatic solo
- 57. Catastrophe
- 63. Connection
- 64. Doing nothing
- 65. Metaphor or hyperbole
- 66. A single time
- 67. Observed
- 68. Ballet skirts
- 69. Clairvoyant
- 70. Where the sun rises
- 71. It makes dough rise




DOWN

- 1. Farm equipment
- 2. Wealthy
- 3. Savvy about
- 4. Secure against leakage
- 5. Ceased
- 6. Long slender cigars
- 7. Emit long loud cries
- 8. Boorish
- 9. Come forth
- 10. Billy club
- 11. A religion based on sorcery
- 12. Strainer
- 13. Glacial ridge
- 21. Egyptian peninsula
- 25. Rectum
- 26. Tibetan monk
- 27. Winglike
- 28. Infiltrator
- 29. Mediator
- 34. Skin softener
- 36. Computer symbol
- 37. Tardy
- 38. If not
- 40. Unusual
- 42. Lit to a higher degree
- 45. Bothers
- 48. Counsel
- 51. Angelic headgear
- 52. Pee
- 53. Chop finely
- 55. Shabby
- 58. Notion
- 59. Not false
- 60. Greek letter
- 61. Creative work
- 62. Where a bird lives

Virus Protection
For Your
Hard Drive.



Available at Planned Parenthood.
www.ppfa.org/ppfa

 **Planned Parenthood**
1-800-230-PLAN

Donate plasma today and earn up to
\$300 a month!

Who knew I could **earn money,**
save lives, and **get free wi-fi**
at the same time?

1327 E. Lindsey St, Norman, OK 73071
405-447-9977
716 NW 23rd St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103
405-521-9204



 **Scan for an insider look at the plasma donation process**
To scan and view content, you must download a QR code reader from your App store.

*Applicable for eligible, qualified new donors. Fees vary by weight. New donors must bring photo ID, proof of address and Social Security number.

CSLPlasma.com

CSL Plasma
Good for You. Great for Life.

Presidential search firm chosen at board meeting

LAUREN DANIEL

Senior Writer

seniorwriter@occc.edu

The next step in the search for OCCC's next president — selecting a search firm — has been completed.

The Board of Regents selected Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) at a special meeting Jan. 9, said Teresa Moisant, Board of Regents chair.

"Following a recommendation from the Board of Regents Presidential Search Committee, the Board approved ACCT Executive Search Services to assist the Board in the search for the next president of the College," Moisant said. "ACCT has extensive experience in helping community colleges in the process of selecting presidents."

Moisant said having an outside search firm assisting the Board "will ensure that the process is done professionally."

Regents presidential search committee chair Helen Camey said two firms responded to the request for proposal — Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and Schnake Turnbo Frank (STF).

"The two that did reply back are two good firms," Camey said.

Proposals were received from the firms on Dec. 1 and opened at 5 p.m. The committee — Camey, Regent Lenora Burdine and Regent Christie Burgin — met Dec. 2, then



ACCT has extensive experience in helping community colleges in the process of selecting presidents."

—TERESA MOISANT
OCCC REGENT

brought the information to the special Board of Regents meeting held Dec. 3.

She said the detailed proposals and Skype interviews with representatives from both firms had given the committee too much information to process during their two-hour meeting on Dec. 2.

"The meeting was good," Camey said. "The Skype sessions were good. ... The proposals that they returned were longer and more detailed than we were expecting."

The committee asked for more time to go over the information, she said.

A second special meeting was set because, Camey said, the January board meeting was scheduled for later in the month and a decision needed to be made.

Camey said the committee had requested a two-tiered proposal.

Regents asked search firms to set one fee for an internal search within the college and a separate fee for the external search if one is desired, Camey said.



FILE PHOTO/PIONEER

President Paul Sechrist will retire in July after almost 10 years as OCCC's leader. ACCT Executive Search Services has been selected to help the college regents in their search for a new president. For more about Sechrist's retirement, visit the Pioneer Online at <http://pioneer.occc.edu/index.php/news/1-latest-news/3912-occc-president-announces-plans-to-retire-in-july-2015>.

She said both search firms suggested the college go directly to a national search with the presidential search instead of starting internally.

In a previous special meeting of the Board of Regents on Nov. 18, the board had decided in a 6-to-1 vote that the search for the college's next president will start first within the walls of the college. Camey cast the dissenting vote.

With the new recommendation, Camey asked that the vote

be reconsidered during the Jan. 9 meeting.

"My opinion obviously hasn't changed on this," she said.

"Again, I'm one board member, one vote, but I would be remiss as being on this committee by not bringing it to your attention of what they (both firms) recommended, not solicited ..."

However, other regents said they had already made the decision.

"I think the board has spo-

ken," said Regent Rick Moore.

"I think you tell someone like that, the board has voted, this is what we're going to do, and you guys are going to do what we say," Moore said.

The next regular regents meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, in the Al Snipes Board Room on campus.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/aboutus/boardofregents.

STEP UP. OPPORTUNITY AWAITS AT SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Southwestern College Professional Studies specializes in educating busy working adults, members of the military and individuals looking for a flexible way to earn a degree.

Reasons to choose Southwestern College:

• Transfer all your credits from OCCC • Six-week Online Classes • Non-profit, regionally accredited



SOUTHWESTERN
COLLEGE
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CONTACT US TODAY
ps.sckons.edu | 888.684.5335

