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## Students urged to donate blood

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One blood donation can save up to three lives, according to the American Red Cross.

If every student on campus was able to donate one pint of blood, that would equal 13,695 units, resulting in 41,085 lives possibly being saved.

Earlier this month, 72 donors gave blood during a two-day American Red Cross drive, said ARO Customer Service Representative Erin Clayton, more than the goal of 50 they had set.

OCCC is offering students another opportunity to help save lives toward the end of October when the college hosts the Oklahoma Blood Institute drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, in the Main Dining Area, said Student Life Assistant Director Kendra Fringer.

"We just want to give students as many opportunities as we can to donate," she said.

In the past, she said, OCCC has only used OBI for blood drives.

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**The great outdoors:** Diversified studies major Chris Williams studies for his physical science exam between the Main Building and Library. "I graduate in December," he said. For more information about the degree plans OCCC offers, visit <http://wwwdev.occc.edu/catalog/current/degree-programs/> Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

## OCCC represented by diverse student body

Minority enrollment expected to increase by 1 percent each year, college analyst says

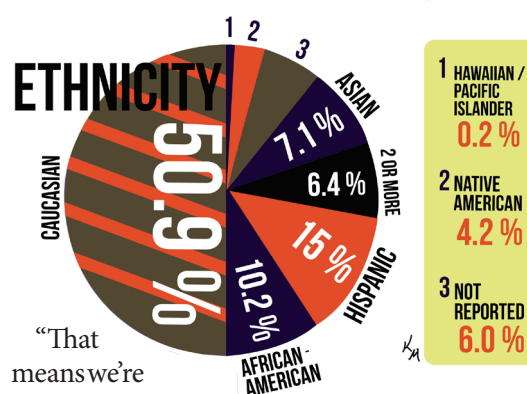
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The college may be in its last year where Caucasian students represent more than half of the student body, said Planning and Research Executive Director Stu Harvey.

Almost 51 percent, or about 7,000 students, enrolled this fall report being in that category.

The next largest group, Hispanics, are at 15 percent, just more than 2,000 students.

African-Americans make up 10.2 percent, almost 1400.



"That means we're about half and half in the student body for fall 2015, or academic year 2016," Harvey said.

"That's an amazing statistic. I can remember when this number was 58 to 60 percent (Caucasian).

"I actually find the idea that we're becoming a more diverse student body very positive. What you're getting is people who come from first-generation

families who generally have not been in higher education.

"Nearly half of our students now are from traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic groups."

This fall, enrollment numbers are up about 2 percent over last year, at 13,695 compared to 12,477 a year ago.

Senior Institutional Research Analyst Matthew Eastwood said next year will probably see a majority-minority student body, with about 1 percent increase each year being more racially and ethnically diverse.

Eastwood said a part of the increase is due to a new census category of two or more.

"A lot of young couples now have mixed race," he said. "One in three married couples that are having chil-

dren (who) are 30 and under now are mixed race.

"[That] rate goes up about 2 percent every year.

"We're getting more diverse and we're getting younger."

Eastwood said 6.4 percent of students report being ethnically or racially mixed compared to 5.5 percent last fall.

Harvey said this designation of being from two or more races comes from the U.S. Census Bureau.

"What they're saying is, all racial categories are self-designated and it's complicated," Harvey said.

"If you designate yourself as a Hispanic student, you're automatically in that. You're not anything else.

"(But) if you're African-American with Native American roots and Cauca-

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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**VIDEO GAME REVIEW** | Fantasy football option and more added to new release

## ‘Madden NFL 16’ steps up its game

When it comes to “Madden NFL 16,” things rarely change. EA, Madden’s developer, goes year in, year out, making minor changes and fixing things that should never have existed in the first place.

It’s a formula that’s frustrating for football fans who want a great game. It’s obvious that since “Madden” is the only NFL game on the market, EA doesn’t have to try very hard because they know people will still buy the games.

I am a sucker who always falls into this trap because once football season starts I’m itching to play some “Madden.” It’s depressing.

While admittedly I had buyer’s remorse and felt terrible about myself as a human after I bought this latest game, when I started playing it, I was pleasantly surprised. They actually changed things this time around. There are new game modes that are really fun. What a great time to be alive.

The big change in “Madden’s” gameplay is the new way the receivers and defenders interact with each other during passing plays.

You have options on how you want to catch the ball or defend it. Now while this doesn’t sound like anything groundbreaking, it does change the game and causes you to be more involved in defense which

is a welcome addition.

These new changes affect offense too, with your quarterback and receiver having different ways to move the ball. These are welcome additions to a game that’s been stagnating for years now.

The biggest improvement for me personally, is the new game mode Draft Champions.

I love fantasy football. Going through a fantasy football draft and building your team is sports nerd heaven. With this new game mode, Madden caters to the draft addict in me. In Draft Champions, you cycle through 15 rounds with three dif-

ferent players appearing each round. After the draft, you then go through a four-game single-elimination tournament with your hand-picked squad against the computer or another online opponent’s team.

It’s like fantasy football without the year-long actual football season. If you lose, you jump right back into another draft and build a new team.

It’s very fun and a great building block for a series that hasn’t had anything to build on, which is great news.

**Rating:** B

—IAN MANERA  
SPORTS WRITER



**MUSIC REVIEW** | Finally, some catchy tunes from some talented musicians

## Ghost Lake releases single ‘Blame Me’

Music is a huge part of my life. I listen to music at work, in the car, at home and especially on the toilet — not because the music is crappy, but because I don’t like doing nothing.

My music tastes are not what the average person would call conventional. Pop music? To me, that’s more like poop music. It sucks. Sure it’s hard to write a catchy song, but it is possible to be both catchy and talented. So many famous songwriters these days are not very talented musicians.

So when my friends’ band Ghost Lake released their new single “Blame Me,” I was excited. Finally, some catchy tunes from talented musicians. And I have to say, this new single really puts pop musicians to shame.

When they posted “Blame Me” on Bandcamp, I quickly plugged in my headphones and prepared to rock out to a song that would be number one in my heart, not number two.

The song began with a slow, melodic guitar lead over guitar chords and soothing drums. Then the drums got faster and rang out like the sound of a toilet



seat being slammed, leading into the faster verse and the introduction of vocals.

The soothing harmonies of the vocals, to go with the great melody led by the guitars and bass, and the rhythm kept by the booming drums really got my head bobbing. I can only imagine

this song winning trophies shinier than the inside of a freshly bleached toilet bowl.

My favorite part of the song is the outro. It has an outstanding, groovy rhythm and as the last note of the guitar lead plays, it leaves the listener more satisfied than getting it all on the first wipe.

On a serious note, my friends in Ghost Lake have worked really hard to write a great new full-length album.

If you are into alternative rock, grunge, and indie rock, then I think their music may be for you. You can find their music on [www.ghostlakeokc.bandcamp.com](http://www.ghostlakeokc.bandcamp.com).

**Rating:** A

—CLAYTON MITCHELL  
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## PhotoMath solves the work for you

If you need to solve a math problem, but you would rather not think about the messy details, there are plenty of calculators out there that can help you — even on your smartphone.

There are cheap pocket calculators that will do basic arithmetic.

And, if you need something more advanced, there are graphing calculators like the popular Texas Instruments Ti-80 series that can do much more complex calculations. Calculators this fancy usually require you to read the instruction manual to use them with any success though.

With all of these, you have to know how to enter the correct calculation to get valid results, and that can be tedious.

If you really just want your math done with as little fuss as possible, there is an app for that — PhotoMath.

PhotoMath is available for all major smartphone platforms, and developed by Microblink, an app developer that specializes in mobile vision software. As the name implies, PhotoMath allows your smartphone to do calculations for you by analyzing the input from your phone’s camera.

The concept is pretty cool, and you have to appreciate how far smartphones and imaging technology have developed. The app is really good at doing basic math calculations, even ones with long strings of numbers. It will save you time if you need an answer and want to avoid a lot of button pushing. There are a couple of caveats, however.

First, Photomath cannot read handwritten equations yet. It reads print equations just fine. Second, there are situations where more advanced equations may confuse the app. For example, it confused a derivative with a division operation. So, be careful if you try to do something like calculus.

The app warns you about its shortcomings and in a lot of cases, indicates that they are working on updates. I’m fairly confident this will happen as soon as someone develops a more advanced AI to detect such context sensitive differences.

I fear the day when machines are smarter than people is fast approaching.

—AMAR MOLINAS  
WEBMASTER



# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**BOOK REVIEW** | Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel follows one Latin family's journey through its rise and eventual decline

## 'Solitude' full of madness, love, war, death

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" follows one family, the Buendias, for a century of madness, anger, love, war, and death.

The Buendias become your best friends and confidants — reminding you of some joke or lost love from years ago you had almost forgotten about.

The book is written by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, one of the famous authors of the Latin American literary boom of the '60s and '70s. His work helped popularize the literary style known as magical realism.

Magic realism in novels is one of my favorite things to read.

Any person whose first literary loves involved Harry Potter or Magic Tree House will completely fall for the whirlwind bending of reality into superstitious revelry and impossible happenings.

Magic, card reading, natural phenomena, and



Conservatives, and the influx of Westerners.

The truth of Western imperialism in Colombian history is partly represented by the novel's depiction of the Banana Massacre. (If you haven't ever heard

genius use of nostalgia are all present in Garcia Marquez's incredible imagination and beautiful storytelling.

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" takes the reader from the founding of the town by the Buendia patriarch, to its fall and decline into nothingness.

The novel is set in a fictional village in the author's home country of Colombia.

The reader holds witness to a detailed record of the Buendia lineage through the rise of the Colombian state, the civil war between the Liberals and

about the Banana Massacre, please do a simple Google search.)

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" is not only one of the most intricate, well-written books I have ever read, but also it is an important contribution to South American history and literature.

I believe many North Americans do not know nearly enough about the incredible number of South American poets, writers and artists.

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" is a cyclical storm of history that will utterly consume you, enchant you and spit you out when it's over, leaving you desperate for more.

There is always something left to love, with "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

**Rating:** A+

—LENORA LAVICTOIRE  
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**PRODUCT REVIEW** | Costing between \$600 and \$1,200, students will probably not be able to afford modified Segway

## Hoverboards latest getting-around trend

Hoverboards are becoming a popular trend of 2015.

Rapper Wiz Khalifa was recently arrested, and harshly taken down and handcuffed by cops, for riding a hoverboard at the Los Angeles International Airport.

Afterwards, Khalifa said on his Twitter account that hoverboards will be "the technology everyone will be using in the next six months."

I have seen this hoverboard featured on a few vines here and there and I also have seen J.R. Smith, an NBA player who plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers, strolling on it in a video by ESPN. However, when I heard about a celebrity getting arrested for riding one at an airport, I knew had to find out more about it.

So I went online to do some research and was intrigued.

This hoverboard is actually a personal transportation device called MonoRover R2 created by MonoRover, a company that builds motorized mini transportational devices.

What confused me is that everyone was calling it a hoverboard but it mainly looks like a Segway without the



movements, movements that weren't even noticeable. This was pretty impressive and all, but come on, \$600 is still way too much for my wallet. I'm pretty sure that goes for most students.

I don't think I would ever buy the MonoRover R2, but I would like to ride one if the opportunity comes up.

**Rating:** C+

—ZACH SCOTT  
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### TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Sept. 18  
through Sept. 20

[www.newyorktimes.com](http://www.newyorktimes.com)

1. The Perfect Guy
2. The Visit
3. War Room
4. A Walk in the Woods
5. Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation
6. Straight Outta Compton
7. No Escape
8. The Transporter Refueled
9. Minutes in Heaven
10. Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos
11. The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
12. Ant-Man
13. Minions
14. Inside Out
15. The Gift
16. Jurassic World
17. Trainwreck
18. Learning to Drive
19. Grandma
20. Hitman: Agent 47

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# NASA engineer drops in on club meeting via Skype

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While video conferencing is not exactly rocket science, when OCCC students brought a NASA engineer to their meeting via Skype, it came close.

The Engineering club hosted NASA Engineer Maxton Kelleher on Sept. 18.

Kelleher, a Texas Tech grad, works for Environmental and Thermal Operating Systems at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

"Basically, I keep everything running," he said regarding what his job entails.

Kelleher said his job is to ensure life support is running on the International Space Station and dealing with emergencies such as fires or ammonia leaks.

"One of the craziest things that can happen is a fire," he said.

"On board the ISS, a fire is pretty hard to put out. You just have to let it burn itself out."

He spoke to the audience of approximately 60 via three large screen projectors, fielding questions from students and club members on topics ranging from who was wearing his favorite audience hat — the club was having a crazy hat contest that day — to how realistic Mars colonization is.

**“On board the ISS, a fire is pretty hard to put out. You just have to let it burn itself out.”**

—MAXTON KELLEHER  
NASA ENGINEER

Engineering Club Vice President Trevor Trevino said the event was a success, drawing many who aren't part of the club.

"People were coming up and telling me how much they appreciated having the event," he said.

"I had always been interested in trying to get NASA to talk with us, because I want to work for them, and I'm sure others would be interested in working for them too."

Trevino said being able to video conference with Kelleher was a great experience.

He said there was an option for an in-person visit, but that was a little bit too expensive.

"The whole thing was a shot in the dark," he said.

Business major Kaetlyn Sanders said she would like to attend more events like this, especially if they pertain to her major.

"It's nice to see OCCC clubs taking initiative," she said. "As a business major,



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I'd like to be able to learn from people who have become really successful."

Trevino said with the event being such a success, there will be more in the future.

For more information about the Engineering Club, email [engineeringclub@occc.edu](mailto:engineeringclub@occc.edu), or visit the Engineering Lab on the first floor of the Main Building in 1S2 and 1T2.

## Stalking, accident caused by cell phone use reported to cops

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Stalking and a traffic accident were among reports taken by campus police recently.

On Sept. 9, Sgt. Jeremy Bohannon took a report that a female student, whose name and age was redacted on the report, had been followed by an ex-boyfriend.

The woman said that she and the man, 22, had recently ended a relationship and were not on good terms. The report shows that on Sept. 8, the man visited the woman in her work area at OCCC.

She said his presence made her feel threatened. The report shows the student was able to leave the campus without any conflict. The case is still active.

In another incident, a female student



distracted by talking on her phone while driving ran a stop sign resulting in a collision at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 10.

Camille Milton, 23, told officers she was talking on her phone while turning onto Regents Boulevard when she collided with student Kira

Brook Middleton-Agenbroad, 22, who was headed south. Martino said no one was injured in the collision.

On Sept. 8, Officer Daniel Piazza responded to a medical call in the Communications Lab at around 10 a.m.

Piazza reported that a student, 22, whose name was redacted from the report, was visibly ill and sweating.

The man said he had been sick for several days.

Piazza said, at one point, the man's arm turned purple. He then laid on his side and appeared to be seizing, the

report shows.

Piazza said the man was running a high fever and had extremely high blood pressure. EMSA transported him to Mercy Hospital.

A hospital spokesperson said no information could be given out about the condition of the student.

Vandalism was discovered on Sept. 9, when a shelf in a men's restroom in the VPAC, room 128, was found partially torn away from the wall. In the report, Officer Gordon Nelson said he photographed the damage, and the case was closed.

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](mailto:cjordan@occc.edu).

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

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# 'Water Matters' focus of OCCC Reads

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The world's population is ever increasing while our stores of fresh water resources are depleting, according to "Water Matters," the book that has been selected for the OCCC Reads program this year.

As part of the program, students and professors will be talking about an issue at the core of all lives. Water will be the topic of discussion of six different lunch-hour discussions led by OCCC professors this semester, said Librarian and OCCC Reads coordinator Rachel Butler.

The professors hail from a wide range of disciplines including political science, English, humanities, sociology and engineering, she said.

Political science Professor Nate Vanden Brook said selecting water as this year's topic is meant to bring about a broad conversation between multiple disciplines.

"We have come together as an institution to talk about this, and to talk with our students and our community about the fact of the importance of water and access to water," he said.

Vanden Brook and Academic Student Success Director Darby Johnsen will be the introductory speakers to the series at noon Monday, Oct. 5, in CU3.

"Without our voices coming together and saying 'Hey, water is important!' nothing will get done," Vanden Brook said.

The OCCC series will continue with a speech by English Professor Angela Cotner on water and ethics at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in CU3.

Physics Professor Tad Thurston will advance the series by starting with the basics. His speech on the history of water will be at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in CU3.

"People in general have the idea that they turn on a faucet and water comes out and that it sort of disappears down the drain," Thurston said.

"They don't understand where it comes from, where it goes, and all the steps that are necessary to get it to you clean."

The next presentation will be over the Nicaraguan Water Crisis given by sociology Professor Lierin Probasco. It will include speakers from Nicaragua. That presentation will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in CU1.

The series will continue with Geography Professor Julie Rice-Rollins' presentation titled "Got Water?" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, in CU3.

English Professor Michael Snyder will focus on the Dust Bowl of the 1930s in a presentation scheduled at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in CU1.

Snyder will reference Barbara Kingsolver's essay in "Water Matters."

"People don't even think of it as an issue because they take water for granted," Snyder said.

The series will continue into the spring semester as well, Butler said.

She said Logan Layden, a reporter from StateImpact Oklahoma and host of All Things Considered for local NPR member station KGOU will be speaking sometime during the spring semester.

The McAlester native's work has focused on the connection between natural resources, industry, and government in Oklahoma.

State House Rep. Jason Dunnington, (D-Oklahoma City), also will speak in the spring semester as a part of the series, with more details to come, Vanden Brook said. Dunnington serves on the Committee on Environmental Law.

Vanden Brook hopes the series will help everyone see the importance of water conservation.

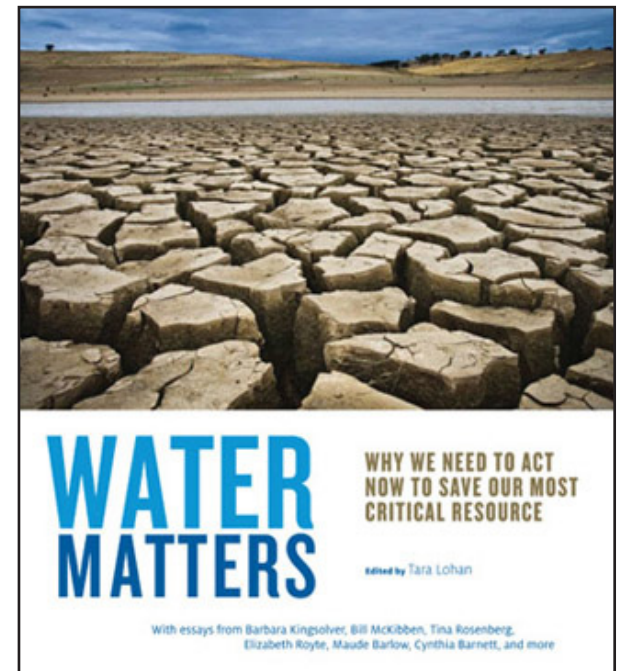
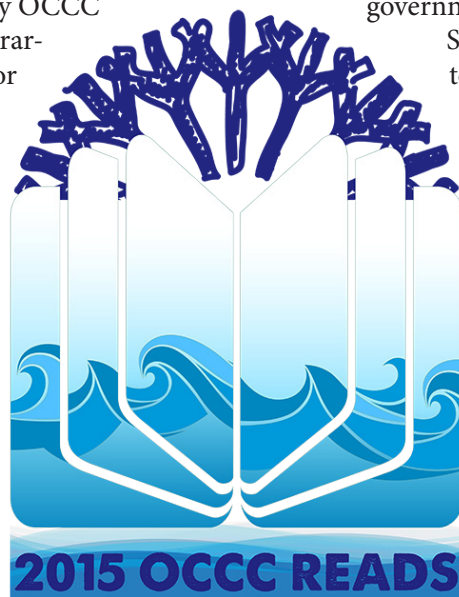
"Water is a finite resource," he said. "We far too often have too many conversations about peak oil and not enough conversations about the idea of peak water."

"We in Oklahoma are well aware of the importance of water, not just the drought of recent years but the Dust Bowl as well."

Students can receive a free copy of "Water Matters" from the circulation desk at the OCCC library.

For more information about the water matters, including chapter resources, information about water

conservation and more, visit <http://libguides.occc.edu/water>. For more information about the series, contact Butler at [rbutler@occc.edu](mailto:rbutler@occc.edu) or at 405-682-1611, ext. 7643.



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## H2O Instagram photo could win \$50

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By posting on Instagram, a person could win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

Students, faculty, and staff can post a picture or a 15-second video on why water matters to them to compete in the library's "Water Matters" Instagram competition.

Maybe it's the flowers in your garden brought to you by water, or the ice cold glass of water you drink after a hot run.

Maybe it's that, according to the World Health Organization, one sixth of the world's population has no access to adequate sanitation, a fact that kills one child every 20 seconds.

"I'm looking for, and I hope we get, a variety of totally



different ideas," said Librarian Rachel Butler.

The contest will begin Monday, Oct. 5, and close at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, Butler said. All OCCC students, faculty, and staff are eligible to enter, she said.

Butler said the winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card and will be judged based on execution of water theme, creativity and originality.

Another gift card will be awarded to the photo or video with the most "likes."

"I'm looking for a way to get people involved in a way that would be different from going and having an interesting Brown Bag lunch presentation."

For more information, visit [www.libguides.occc.edu/water/contest](http://www.libguides.occc.edu/water/contest).



# Early internships lead to graduate's success

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**A**t 22, student Journalist Paris Burris has already interned at top organizations, covered President Barack Obama's recent speech in Durant, Oklahoma, and shook hands with First Lady Michelle Obama while working in D.C.

"It's kind of surreal and unexpected," she said. "I'm only 22 and I'm already getting to do things I enjoy, and that are beneficial to my career and my future."

The OCCC alumni and former Pioneer employee is now the web editor at the University of Oklahoma's student newspaper The Oklahoma Daily.

Burris said she knew she wanted to be a journalist at the age of 15.

"When I was a teenager, there were a million different things I considered doing but I never really found anything that I was super passionate about," she said.

"Then I was watching this show called 'Gilmore Girls' [where] the main character wants to be a journalist. I had never really had heard about journalism before that ...

"So I started researching it and looking at other journalists like Christiane Amanpour, (chief international correspondent for CNN,) and I was like, 'I want to do that.' I've just never really left behind that passion."

Burris, a senior at OU's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in journalism with an online emphasis.

Burris said her continued love of journalism stems from the importance of worldwide news and helping people be aware of what is going on.

"It takes a certain person to be able to go out and get those stories and bring them back for people to learn from and read," she said.

"... I love journalism. I think it's fun. I love to write. I love to talk to people. I can't see myself

doing anything else."

Burris said she further realized her drive for journalism through the different programs and internships in which she has taken part throughout her college career.

She has interned with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C., the Native American Journalist Association, and the Journalism Institute, also in D.C.

Burris said keeping up with school, internships, journalism programs and work requires a balance that she has acquired through experience.

She also has learned to pace herself, even if it means saying no to some things, she said.

"... I've worked two or three jobs at a time but I've learned to cut back on that and try to do one job ... [in order] to have a less stressful schedule," she said.

"Last semester I was the news editor as well as going to school full-time. That is one of the hardest positions in the newsroom because you're responsible for everything.

"If something goes wrong, it's on your shoulders. At the same time, you have to worry about tests, and papers and projects so I've just learned my limit. I've learned to not take on too much."

Burris said she also now tries to schedule her internships during the summer when she isn't taking classes so she can focus on just that one thing.

"This summer ... I had programs that I was participating in. The first one was the Journalism Institute.

"I was in D.C. for a week and ... that was all I was focused on," she said. "The following week I went back to D.C. for the NAJA fellowship and, again, I was just focused on that. It's a really intensive training opportunity. So, during the summer, I try not to think about class."

Burris, a member of the Chickasaw tribe, said, while in D.C., she found additional motivation by being surrounded by other Native American



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—PARIS BURRIS  
FORMER OCCC STUDENT

journalists.

"There's a statistic that Native Americans make up .4 percent of people in journalism," she said. "My culture and my heritage is something I try to hold onto.

"I think Native American issues are something a lot of people don't know about or are [misinformed] about. It's just really important to me.

"I want that to be something that I stand for ... to bring more [awareness] about Native American issues, and the things that are important to me and people in my culture."

It was because of that involvement that Burris was able to attend Obama's speech.

"I got credentials through Native American Television [as] a freelance stringer where I got to cover [the speech] and get pictures [to send] back to them," she said.

"That was really cool to be in the close proximity of the president and be able to put that on my résumé."

Burris said nothing can shake her commitment.

"I knew it was going to be a lot of work," she said. "It's not one of those things where you get your degree and then you go get a job. It's all about your experience and what you can bring to the table."

Burris said starting her journalism career at the Pioneer, OCCC's student newspaper, gave her much-needed experience.

"[The Pioneer] has been so beneficial," she said. "I know



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Paris Burris



Paris Burris at the Politico Journalism Institute reception in Washington, D.C., on June 5. Rod Lamkey/POLITICO

so many people who wait until their senior year, or after they graduate, and try to get internships and they're kind of behind the game.

"I feel like when I transferred to OU I was ready to hit the ground running.

"I'm still learning a lot. I am definitely learning every single day, but having that couple of years of experience at OCCC before coming to OU was really beneficial."

Burris said she is looking forward to graduating and moving forward with her career although she has met with skeptics along the way.

"People will tell you journalism is dying or print journalism is dead, but if you really look at the statistics, it's not. It's growing in a lot of areas.

"If you're passionate about what you do and you work hard and bring something to the table that can benefit a news organization or whoever you're trying to work for, you're going to get a job," she said.

"You just have to have the drive [and] the skills. That's why it's important to get experience. That's what it really takes to be successful in journalism. You just have to have that drive."



## SPORTS



**Running in place:** Biology major James Hankins runs on a treadmill in the OCCC Wellness Center. “I work out here as much as I can, usually two days a week,” Hankins said. For more information about the area, contact Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-7860, or visit [www.occc.edu/RF](http://www.occc.edu/RF). Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

## Cross training a full body workout

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OCCC’s fall semester is in full swing. Students who have had their free time constricted by classes can still find time for a great cardio workout, said Fitness Instructor Julie Slate.

Slate said group fitness classes can be a great way for students to get their hearts pumping.

She said this is especially true with the kickboxing and cross training classes that are being offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each class is 30 minutes long, she said.

Slate, a personal trainer who has been teaching kickboxing since 1997, said the kickboxing class will improve the strength and balance of those who take it.

“The kickboxing class has a lot of shadowboxing, which is doing boxing moves without using a punching bag, as well as things that get your body moving in ways that a simple cardio exercise like running could not do,” she said.

“The cross training class is a lot dif-



ferent than the kickboxing class in that the students in the cross training use the weights that we have. Students go at their own speed.”

Slate said she plans to start using the new Hoist equipment in the Wellness Center for the cross training class.

“It’s only the second week, but once students start getting settled in, I’m going to start getting the class to use the new equipment,” she said.

“It’s new to me too, and it’s great.”

Of the two classes, Slate said, the cross training class is more popular, and she knows why.

“It’s because of the weights,” she said.

“The guys come in here and they love

getting a chance to use the equipment.”

Slate said both classes are designed to keep the heart rate high and the body moving.

She said the classes are great for students because they’re so short.

“Students can get a full body workout in a very short time period, which is very handy. The time just flies by.”

Interested students can find a list of the classes as well as the times they’re available at [www.occc.edu/rf/wellness-classes.html](http://www.occc.edu/rf/wellness-classes.html).

For more information about any of the fitness classes offered at OCCC, contact the Recreation and Fitness department at 405-682-7860 or visit [www.occc.edu/rf/](http://www.occc.edu/rf/).

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### GETTING TO KNOW:

**JULIE SLATE**  
**CARDIO INSTRUCTOR**



*Q: What is your job description?*

A: “I teach the Cardio Kickboxing and Cross Training classes at OCCC.”

*Q: What do you like most about working at OCCC?*

A: “I’ve only worked here for a couple of weeks and I’ve loved working with the people. I really enjoy [teaching] younger people and helping them.”

*Q: What are some of your hobbies?*

A: “I’ve been involved with fitness classes over half of my life. My two boys take up most of my life.”

*Q: Are you currently involved in any sports or have you ever been?*

A: “My two boys play baseball and I’ve been into fitness my whole life.”

*Q: What are your favorite teams?*

A: “Baseball. I love college football. [I’m a fan of] the University of Oklahoma. We also watch TCU because my son roots for them and because they’re from the Big 12.”

*Q: Do you believe that people should keep up a healthy lifestyle?*

A: “Yes. It will improve your quality of life. Whether you live to be 40 or 80, being fit will improve your life no matter what.”



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events at [www.imleagues.com](http://www.imleagues.com), 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.)



# OBI: Everyone who is able asked to donate life-saving blood

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Fringer said working with both the Red Cross and the Blood Institute has been something the college has looked at doing for a while.

Two drives in two months is no coincidence, she said, since the amount of wait time recommended between blood donations is about a month.

Students who are interested in donating can drop by the union with no reservation or can register online ahead of time through OBI's system — specifying specific times if they need to.

The OBI website recommends the following for those who plan to donate:

- getting a good night's sleep
  - eating foods rich in iron such as meat, nuts, and darker, leafy greens such as spinach.
  - drinking water 30 minutes prior to donating to improve blood circulation.
- All students will be given a short physical prior to the donation to ensure they are healthy enough to donate blood.
- "If you are in generally good health, you can usually give blood. Healthy individuals who are at least 16 years of age and weigh at least 125 pounds are encouraged to donate blood regularly," the website shows.
- Students will need a valid photo ID in order to participate.

For more information about donating or upcoming drives, visit <http://obi.org/blood-donors>, or contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

**OBI BLOOD DRIVE**

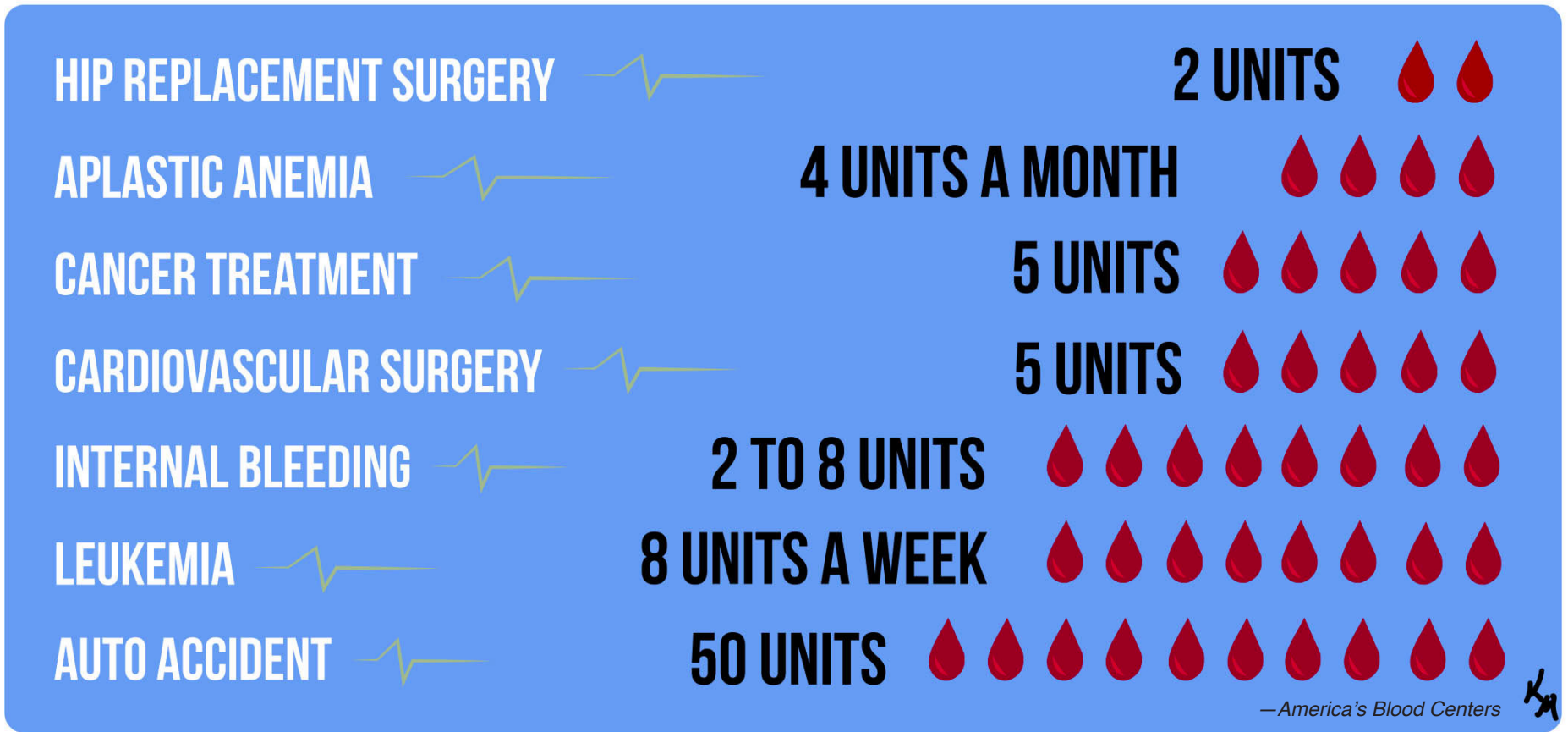
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 and 28

Main Dining Area

First floor

Main Building

## HOW MUCH BLOOD DOES IT TAKE TO SAVE A LIFE ?



## Numbers: OCCC students average age between 18 and 24

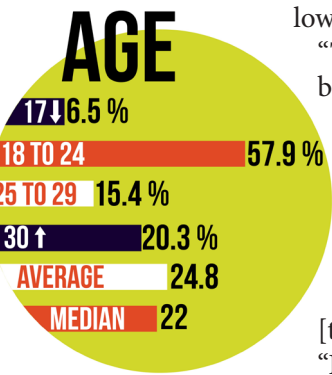
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sian, you can say two or more.

"That's the fastest growing demographic category."

Harvey said a large part of OCCC's increasing minority population comes from Oklahoma City public schools where already the majority is the minority.

With the enrollment numbers for this semester having an increase of 1.7 percent, Harvey said, he expects the enrollment numbers to continue to increase in the coming months due to



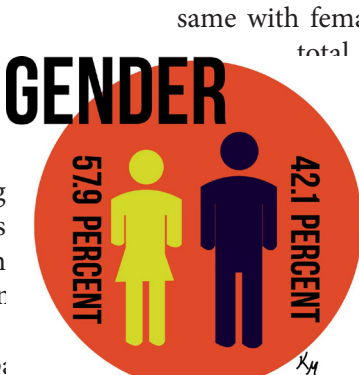
low prices in the oil industry.

"The economy is starting to soften because of the oil bust.

"You will probably see in the upcoming months (a) softening of employment and increasing unemployment. The last time this has happened at this level was in the early '80s when I was working in [the oil] industry.

"It could have a very significant impact because our enrollment goes in the opposite direction of the economy. In other words, if unemployment goes up, our enrollment goes up."

The female to male ratio has stayed roughly the



same with females representing 58 percent of the total having more than a 10 percent edge over males.

The majority, about 58 percent, of students at OCCC are between the ages of 18 and 24 with the average age being 24.8.

Harvey and Eastwood said they still believe the most positive result from all the numbers is the increasing number of underrepresented students.

"The student body is getting more diverse," Harvey said. "We're becoming a much more diverse society."



# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



**Behold the future:** A representative from Oklahoma City University talks with high school students at OCCC's College Fair on Sept. 15. Students from around Oklahoma City were bused to OCCC to speak with representatives from several colleges and universities around Oklahoma and surrounding states. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Meet employers at GET a Job Fair

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Students who are seeking a job have the opportunity to shake hands with more than 60 employers who are hiring full-time and part-time workers when the college hosts the OCCC Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the College Union, said Employment and Graduation Coordinator Christina Atencio.

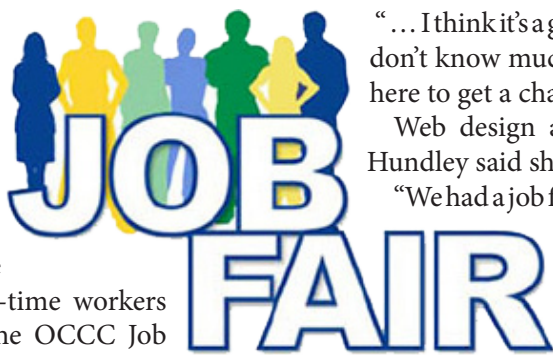
"I would suggest if anyone is looking for employment currently, that they have an updated résumé, be dressed to impress — business casual would be great — just as if they were going to a real interview," Atencio said.

Atencio said the fair isn't just for people looking for a job, but those looking to launch careers. She said Bob Moore auto dealer and Firestone will be there and that they often have open positions for automotive majors.

Atencio said other professions will be represented as well.

"We do have a lot of home health care and hospitals that are coming," she said. "We have City National Bank coming, Arvest Bank, Bank of Oklahoma — so anyone who is a banking major might like that as a full-time career."

Biology major Courteney Mack said she would be interested in meeting with hospital and home health care employers.



"... I think it's a great opportunity for people who don't know much about the businesses around here to get a chance to be exposed to them."

Web design and development major Delia Hundley said she has been to a job fair before.

"We had a job fair at Moore-Norman [Technology Center] where we had web designers and other places like HeyDay there. I thought that was pretty cool," she said.

Hundley said students can benefit.

"I'm not looking for a job right now, but for other people I think it'd be great. That way they can pay for their tuition if they don't have scholarships or anything."

Atencio said those who would like help putting their best foot forward at the fair can access numerous resources at the Graduation, Employment and Transfer Office. They can schedule Shadow Day tours at various places of employment, offer mock interviews and help students prepare hiring documents.

"We do résumés and cover letters so if students want to drop by between now and the fair, we can help them with that," she said.

"We also offer GET a Job sessions where we go over professionalism."

The GET office can also print résumés for students on résumé paper.

A list of participating employers attending the fair can be found at [www.occc.edu/get/two-column.html](http://www.occc.edu/get/two-column.html).

For more information, contact the GET Office at [employmentservices@occc.edu](mailto:employmentservices@occc.edu) or call 405-682-7519.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Free popcorn and movie Oct. 1

Come unwind after a busy week with the Engineering Club. They will be screening their biweekly movie in room 3N0 in the main building. The event is open to all students and faculty, and popcorn is provided. For more information, email the Engineering Club at [engineeringclub@my.occc.edu](mailto:engineeringclub@my.occc.edu)

### "America's Got Talent" stars live in VPAC

The Texas Tenors gallop to their OCCC debut after being featured in an award-winning PBS special. Catch the unique mix up of country, pop, and classical from the trio at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the VPAC Theater. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the box office website at [tickets.occc.edu](http://tickets.occc.edu) or call the box office at 405-682-7579.

### Awareness for domestic violence Oct. 6 and 7

Student Life will have a display set up in the General Dining Area lobby from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6 and 7, as part of Domestic Violence Awareness month. On average, 24 women and men per minute are the victims of rape, sexual assault or stalking by an intimate partner, according to the National Domestic Violence website. For more information, call the Student Life office at 405-682-7523. If you are experiencing domestic violence, questioning aspects of an unhealthy relationship or seeking more information or resources, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE to speak to highly trained advocates available around the clock.

### Learn parliamentary procedure Oct. 8

As part of OCCC's Leadership Series, students can meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, in the CU Oklahoma Room to learn Robert's Rule of Order, the essential guidebook for any leader or parliamentarian to host orderly meetings. The Leader Series is designed to enhance students' leadership on campus, so any club or organization leaders, as well as any student interested in leadership, is encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the Student Life office or email [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu).

### Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

Students can earn service learning hours and gain valuable skills while giving back to their community working with Habitat for Humanity from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. Habitat for Humanity has helped more than one million struggling families, representing five million people, improve their living situation, according to the organization's website. To sign up for this group service project or for more information on service learning hours, visit the Student Life office or email [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu).

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



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1. Took a dip  
5. Guitarist's aid  
9. Baldwin and Guinness  
14. Columbus's state  
15. Eve's guy  
16. Viola's kin  
17. Family rooms  
18. Ice cream holder  
19. Angelic symbols  
20. Affix  
22. Second self (2 wds.)  
24. Great wrath  
25. Mediocre grades  
26. For this reason  
29. Baseball's \_\_\_\_ Rose  
30. Sail support  
34. Heavyweight great  
35. On a ship  
37. Tooth deposit  
39. Cottage cheese's kin  
41. E-mail item  
42. Sound system  
43. Rowing needs  
44. \_\_\_\_ Vegas  
45. Seasoning plant  
46. Solid ground  
48. Makes level  
50. Cheeky  
51. For  
52. Large handkerchief  
56. Makes amends  
60. Climbing plants  
61. Not written  
63. Mete (out)  
64. Hues  
65. In person  
66. Expel  
67. Stockholm resident  
68. Go-getter  
69. Washington bills

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2. Sharpen  
3. Isn't, incorrectly  
4. Tiled artwork  
5. Hidden supply  
6. Tumult  
7. Cure-all  
8. Brunch dish  
9. Pains  
10. Shakespearean King  
11. \_\_\_\_ Macpherson  
12. Drain obstruction  
13. Fair (hyph.)  
21. Invent  
23. Wobble  
26. Severe  
27. Select group  
28. More congenial  
29. Round vegetable  
30. "\_\_\_\_ Doubtfire"  
31. Start of a Dickens title (2 wds.)  
32. Astronomer Carl \_\_\_\_  
33. Curl  
36. Taken illegally  
38. Declare  
40. Ball  
41. Peeved  
43. Toronto's province  
47. Mr. Schwarzenegger  
49. Caribbean religion  
50. Old hat  
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# Controversial, mature play scheduled to debut Oct. 1

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News Writing Student

"The difference between a perfectly decent person and a monster is just a few thoughts."

Playwright Wallace Shawn wrote this in the appendix of his play "Aunt Dan and Lemon" when explaining the theme.

Thirty years after its debut off Broadway, "Aunt Dan and Lemon" is making its way to the Bruce Owen Theater at OCCC.

Opening night is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, with performances continuing Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3.

A special discussion featuring Rabbi Abby Jacobsen and Professor Nate Vanden Brook will take place after the performance on opening night with the cast and audience.

Brent Noel, OCCC theater professor, is directing the play. He explained the reasoning behind Thursday's after-performance session.

"I hope we can discuss how morals and compassion, and other first principles, are easily discarded when our way of life is threatened," Noel said in an email message.

"We invade privacy to protect our security. Critical thinking has been overtaken by our need for comfort. When this happens, we become sheep and are easily manipulated."

Noel said the play does include adult content and is intended for mature audiences.

"Yes, there is sex, murder, politics, philosophy, some sophisticated ideas and language you'd hear on a middle school playground," he said. "I guess to some people that means adult and mature."

Tiffane Shorter, a sophomore theater major, gave some insight into the play's storyline.

"I would say it is a play about Nazis, and (Henry) Kissinger, and the Vietnam War and how politics play into that," she said.

The play centers on Lemon, an introspective young woman who admits that she admires the Nazis because of their "refreshing" lack of hypocrisy.

Lemon then recounts her life story and, in the process, she explains how she came to hold these views.

The majority of Lemon's stories are actually stories shared with her by a close family friend, Aunt Dan.

Aunt Dan is an intelligent, eccentric

**“We invade privacy to protect our security. Critical thinking has been overtaken by our need for comfort. When this happens, we become sheep and easily manipulated.”**

—BRENT NOEL  
OCCC THEATER PROFESSOR

woman who has a profound effect on Lemon.

She shares stories with Lemon about her sexual affairs and relationships, including an imaginary one with Kissinger.

Aunt Dan also is a proponent of Realpolitik which causes her to look at politics and life in terms of power and submission. Lemon admires Aunt Dan and takes Dan's philosophies as her own.

Megan Rich, a sophomore diversified studies major, will play Mindy in "Aunt Dan and Lemon." She said she auditioned because of the show's "shock value."

"It's shocking, of course, because of the content, but also because it kind of makes you think about things you hadn't really thought about — like the whole question of empathy, as to whether or not it actually exists.

"Even if you believe it exists, you still question it," Rich said.

"The play has a subtle way of asking you some very important questions about yourself and the world around you."

This production at OCCC will be performed in three-quarter round, similar to theater in-the-round, a style of theater where the audience surrounds the performers on stage, Noel said.

He said this creates a theater experience where audience members feel like they have been immersed into the story.

"I think the intimacy of the material is better dealt with if the audience can't just sit back passively and observe," Noel said.

"They are much more a part of the event if they are in the same space as those going through it."

Shorter, who plays Lemon's mother, said she likes the round staging.

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"Doing it as an actor ... is really fun, and it's just intimate and it's perfect. I love it," she said. "I want people to think about how people treat others.

"That's what I really want them to take away: whether it's government treating the citizens a certain way, government treating each other a certain way, how people treat the government even, and

how citizens treat each other."

Students with a valid OCCC ID get in free on Thursday, Oct. 1, with student tickets costing \$5 every night thereafter.

General admission tickets are \$10.

For more information, email Noel at bnoel@occc.edu, contact the Box Office at 405-682-7579, or visit tickets.occc.edu.

