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**Playing around:** OCCC students rehearsed on Sept. 23 for the play "Uncle Dan and Lemon" that ran Oct. 1, 2 and 3, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Portraying the main characters were (left to right) McKensie Dill as Aunt Dan, Megan Rich as Mindy and Miranda LoPresti as Lemon. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Students can enroll for spring

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**E**arly enrollment for spring opens Oct. 5 for returning students, with enrollment for all students beginning Oct. 12.

Corey Boadu, a physical therapy assistant major, said this was news to him.

"I normally wait until the last minute to enroll in classes, because most of the time I don't know when I can enroll," he said.

Procrastination seems to be a common theme among college students, but when it comes to getting the perfect class schedule, procrastination is the enemy.

Returning students get a one-week head start in the race for seats in the best classes through early enrollment.

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## Event to help clubs organize meetings

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**O**CCC club officers will get a helping hand at how to efficiently and effectively run a meeting at an upcoming Leader Series.

"Robert's Rules of Order" will be the topic from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct 8, in the college's Oklahoma Room, said political science Professor Dana Glencross.

"Robert's Rules of Order" is a book that establishes rules for how to conduct a meeting," she said.

To start, a mock meeting is created, Glencross said. Then, unexpected topics will be raised.

"We will show how those things will be able to be ... solved in appropriate ways," she said.

Glencross said the meeting will have three main sections: the introduction of Robert's Rules, a mock meeting and a question-and-answer feedback session.

"I will take probably 20 minutes to discuss some general rules, then another 20 minutes to practice having a meeting ...," Glencross said.

"I will make various things go wrong and then, I can coach them as how to correct that.

See **RULE** page 9

## Expert urges more openness from OCCC police department

**OCCC and Oklahoma City police say they follow the law when redacting report information**

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*"As the Oklahoma Constitution recognizes and guarantees, all political power is inherent in the people. Thus, it is the policy of the State of Oklahoma that the people are vested with the inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government."*

—Oklahoma Open Records Act

**O**CCC houses a police department. The officers employed there are state employees, paid by taxpayer money.

They perform duties just as any other police department would including ticketing drivers for traffic infractions, responding to distress calls and making arrests.

They also are required to complete reports for any occurrence that requires their intervention. When making these reports, Campus Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said his officers follow the same protocol he used during his time with the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Fitzpatrick said everything of-

ficers must include in incident reports according to the Oklahoma Open Records Act is included.

The Open Records Act is intended to provide transparency of all government agencies.

"The purpose of this Act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power," according to the "Open Meeting and Open Records Book."

OCCC officers are instructed to

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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY REVIEW** | Rolling Stone guitarist talks about life on and off the road

## Get the popcorn for Richards' story

It's kind of funny. As I've gotten older, I've gotten more into the Rolling Stones, instead of getting into them while I was in middle or high school, like most people do.

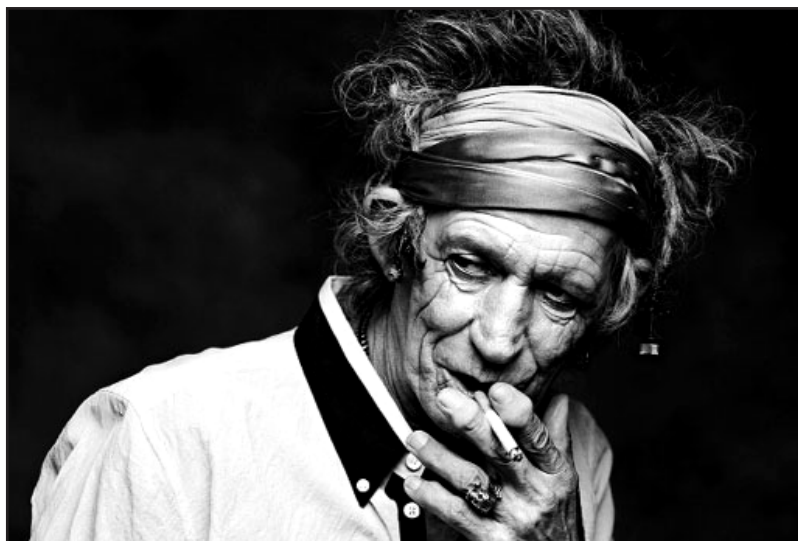
Keith Richards has become more interesting as the years go by, partially because he is seemingly immortal despite everything he has done in life.

Netflix released a "rockumentary" about Richards recently called "Under The Influence." It's only about an hour-and-a-half in length, but reveals some interesting tidbits about a life well-spent from one of rock music's true pioneers and mythic figures.

It features a minimal amount of flashbacks and old footage, and is mostly comprised of Keith working on a new album with some friends of his, and of him driving around to various places where he remembers partying.

It might sound silly to say a documentary sounds staged or cliché, but some parts of the film seemed a little bit forced. Richards tries to make a few comparisons about instruments being like "paintbrushes" and it just doesn't sound right.

The film was for the most part



enjoyable, however, with Richards dropping tiny little pieces of knowledge throughout.

My favorite quote was, "you're never growing up until they put you six feet under."

Richards on the outside embodies a wild personality, so I guess this film tries to paint him in a more sensitive light.

The film features a few guests, most notably Richards' apparent friend Tom Waits, whose current form looks like an old beatnik school music teacher.

Richards likes to brag at times, but as far as I'm concerned, he's

earned that.

One thing I wish the film elaborated a bit more on is Richards' drug addictions and usage.

There is no one block of time dedicated to it, but rather little snippets throughout where Richards will casually mention something such as smoking "dirty cigarettes" on tour — cigarettes laced with heroin — or of how they arranged the speakers onstage so they could hide behind them between songs and snort coke.

**Rating:** B+

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**POLITICS REVIEW** | Reviewer says second Republican debate had no real winner

## Trick to enjoying GOP debate is beer

The second GOP debate was 14 chickens viciously clucking at a duck viciously quacking.

As the dust cleared, it was determined Carly Fiorina was the winner by virtue of not being Donald Trump and not being an old white male.

Dr. Ben Carson sadly disqualified himself by disenfranchising all voters who believe not all Muslims are terrorists.

I think it is questionable to declare a winner in a situation where everyone loses — especially in a debate where all parties involved are laser beaming Trump, trying to penetrate his carbon nanotube hairpiece.

The moderators didn't seem to moderate, adopting a laissez-faire approach.

With The Donald still leading in the polls, America better grease up.



The trick to enjoying these GOP debates is to not expect a debate but to expect the political equivalent of a monster truck rally.

Leave the brain on the charger and open a Coors.

**Rating:** B-

—GRANT SWALWELL  
PODCASTER/BLOGGER



## Weather app needed in Oklahoma

After nearly a year in Oklahoma, there are numerous things which make me love this state a lot.

Oklahoma people are so friendly, nice and kind, and the atmosphere is so fresh and peaceful. Additionally, many good educational systems and services are provided all over the state.

However, the thing that confuses me is the weather. Honestly, Oklahoma has the craziest weather.

It could be cool in the morning, then get to 90 degrees in the afternoon, then get chilly again at night. Other weather factors exist as well, such as strong winds, large hail, flash floods or tornados that occur every year.

As a busy person, I don't need any unexpected things happening which might mess up my schedule.

Fortunately, after downloading and using the KOCOWeather app, I don't have to worry much about the unexpected.

This free app is really helpful for me by accurately predicting the weather.

There are five sections users will find helpful.

KOCOWeather shows when it is windy or sunny outside, as well as the the expected temperature of each hour, UV degrees, wind speed and humidity.

This app also forecasts the weather for the next 10 days.

The third section has a number of forecast videos which are updated daily.

Furthermore, you also can watch the latest news using this app, saving yourself some time by not having to look for your daily news on TV or at a website.

The last part is my favorite — a real-time radar map that shows the weather all across the state.

It shows users which areas are under flash flood, thunderstorm, high wind, heavy rain, and tornado watches or warnings.

This is such an excellent app made even better because it is free. Everyone should give it a try.

—HUNG TRAN  
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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**LIVE THEATER REVIEW** | OKC Theatre Company has a full line-up of shows planned this season

## ‘Of Mice and Men’ performance earns an A

I rarely go to the theater. It does not usually occur to me to seek out a theatrical production, but I typically enjoy the experience when I get roped into going by a friend.

When I got invited to see “Of Mice and Men” performed by the OKC Theatre Company, I figured why not? Though I had never read “Of Mice and Men,” I was familiar with John Steinbeck’s work. It is extremely well suited to adaptation for the stage.

Steinbeck’s writing conjures vivid images of place and time in the mind of the reader. His studied use of colloquial language has drawn attempts at censorship for being offensive, even racist, but anyone who reads it realizes that Steinbeck employs language to portray

a historical moment — often the Great Depression — not to offend. His sympathy and respect for the oppressed and downtrodden is evident.

Minimal sets and the small size of the CitySpace Theatre, located in the basement of the Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall, did not detract from the performance. Rather, it provided a sense of immediacy, putting the focus on the characters’ interactions and circumstances.

The poverty and desperation make conflict inevitable and heartbreaking between characters so closely confined.

The main characters, Lennie and George — played capably by Glen Hallstrom and Michael Waugh — bicker over the ketchup they don’t have to go

with the canned beans that is their only dinner.

The harsh reality is movingly portrayed in a scene where one ranch hand, Carlson, feels justified in his insistence to put down another man’s dog because the smell of the blind, lame, old animal is preventing everyone in the bunkhouse from sleeping.

After the show, we saw the actor who played Carlson, Clayton Blair, leaving the theater with the dog on a leash. He smiled when he saw us and said “The fucked up thing is, it’s my dog.”

Compared to other small productions, this was an excellent show. Unfortunately, “Of Mice and Men” ended its run Sept. 20, but OKC Theatre Company has a full



season lined up. You can check it out at [www.okctheatrecompany.org](http://www.okctheatrecompany.org).

**Rating:** A

—AMAR MOLINAS  
WEBMASTER

**MOVIE REVIEW** | Black women too often stereotyped in films

## ‘Colored Girls’ brings injustices to light

Somehow the better, alternative version of Netflix has been right under my nose and I didn’t even notice it. It’s called Films on Demand and it’s free. You’ve surely discovered it, but allow me to nerd out over excitement real quick.

I made a Films On Demand account quickly through a link on the Library website once I discovered the free site.

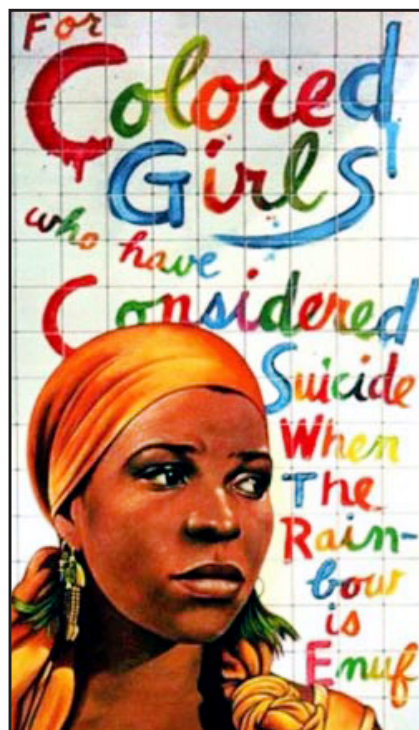
I let out an actual mouse-like squeak when I saw Broadway Digital Archives as one of Films On Demands featured producers.

I have a distinct memory of a hot summer night when my fan had broken, and I began to prowl the house looking for any distraction from the heat.

I found it during a lazy drag through the channels of midnight analog television, between the women who are always a phone call away and the priest who knows his audience’s late night guilt only too well.

It was Broadway Digital Archives on PBS screening “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf.” At the time I must have been around 14. Watching the original “For Colored Girls” choreopoem, written by poet and actress in the film Ntozake Shange, was like a veil being lifted before my eyes.

I wept for the women who were so raw and full of



emotion, whose anger and loss and burden rolled down my cheeks for the first time.

I realized, like many black American women have, that there is no representation of black women like this in pop culture or mass media. Instead, they are relegated to endless stereotypical roles. The strong black woman. The loud black woman. The angry black woman.

You have seen the roles.

A thousand tears fell down my face for the women who had to hold them back, relegated to the superhuman role that serves to dehumanize them and ignore their struggle with realities.

“Oh, all of these bones shattered like soft ice cream cones.”

This was supposed to be a review about Films on Demand, but instead I think “For Colored Girls” and what

it represents is more important.

Please, watch “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf,” and listen to the actual feelings and lives of black women. Listen to them. Do not assume you know what you will hear.

**Rating:** A+

—LENORA LAVICTOIRE  
STAFF WRITER

### TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Sept. 28  
through Sept. 30

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1. Maze Runner
2. Black Mass
3. The Visit
4. The Perfect Guy
5. Everest
6. War Room
7. A Walk in the Woods
8. Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation
9. Straight Outta Compton
10. Grandma
11. Captive
12. Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos
13. 90 Minutes in Heaven
14. No Escape
15. Minions
16. Inside Out
17. Ant-Man
18. The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
19. The Transporter
20. Pixels



# Act: Police, media law professor disagree on open records

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give a brief but detailed report, and the magnitude of the crime generally determines what information is left in reports or is redacted, Fitzpatrick said.

Redacted means the general public cannot see the information because it is obscured from the report prior to its release. In the case of the college, reports are sent to Marketing and Public Relations where, under the guidance of the police chief, certain information is marked out before a report is released.

Fitzpatrick said he set those guidelines based on the state statute. He offered an example.

"If we send an officer out on the call, and he arrives and discovers a homicide, he's going to put in the [information] like where it was, the date, the time, the location," Fitzpatrick said.

"Obviously he's going to put in some [information] that's probably going to be redacted — like for victims' names, there's next-of-kin issues. From that point on, they turn that report in, and that's about all you're going to get until the homicide case is done.

"Now for larceny, everything is going to be in that report. It just depends on what it's about, but each and every incident report has to have a date, a time, a location, if there's an arrest made, who was arrested, and a brief synopsis of what happened. That's the information that we're required to provide to anybody who walks into our office."

Oklahoma City Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Gary Knight said OCCC does appear to follow the same guidelines his department does. Knight said Oklahoma City police officers — also state employees — must give detailed reports. However, he said, for major crimes, detailed information is found only in a supplemental report which, Knight said, is not an open record.

"We teach our officers to write a clear and accurate

depiction of what happened in all circumstances," Knight said. "On a major crime scene, you will have few details in the initial crime incident report for a variety of reasons. But on things such as an auto burglary report, our guys will usually put everything in the initial crime incident report, as there is no need for a supplemental report by the responding officer.

"If it is an arrest report, the initial crime incident report should contain the elements of the crime that led to probable cause being developed."

Knight said because of what the state's Open Records Act requires, there are many things redacted from Oklahoma City police reports before they are made open records. He said many of these redactions are done to protect the safety or privacy of those involved.

"We always redact the names of minors, unless they are arrested for felonies or traffic offenses," he said. "We redact the names of victims of sex crimes and domestic abuse, and all others on those reports who can lead you to the name of the victim, and the specific address of the attack, if it would lead to the identity of the victim. We redact names of gang sets, as the release of those names often leads to an escalation of gang violence."

Knight said adults' names also are redacted unless they have been arrested or had an arrest warrant issued for them. In addition, he said, reports are not released when information in them could compromise an investigation.

Fitzpatrick said OCCC also does not allow reports to interfere with investigations.

"We've never released investigative reports," he said. "That's a common practice. I came from Oklahoma City and I follow pretty much the same practices as they did, and we didn't release investigative reports from there either.



"(Investigative reports) are not covered under the Open Records Act, as far as open records. It's specific as to what it is that we're required to put out."

Oklahoma State University media law and ethics Associate Professor Joey Senat said while OCCC may follow the letter of the Open Records law, it does not necessarily follow the moral intent of the law.

"... I don't believe they're in compliance with the spirit of the act," the former Freedom of Information Oklahoma president said.

"I think there's a time when, even if there's not an arrest, the information involved in the incident should be made public. So I think their decision that they're only going to release information when there is an arrest is not quite in compliance with the spirit of what the statute requires, which is to inform us of what government is doing.

"Again, I don't think that was the intent of the statute. And part of that goes back to the issue of the way our statute, the Open Records Act, was written, when it comes to law enforcement records."

Fitzpatrick said his goal is to give the public as much information as possible.

"Generally the only thing you're going to have redacted from a report is a name, a social security number, a date of birth, something that would

identify somebody that has not been arrested," he said. "We want to try to make it where we redact as little as possible."

Fitzpatrick said anyone who is concerned that information has been redacted from a report that should not have been should contact him.

"If you ever have a question about that, you should just come in and ask," he said. "You should not be seeing anything redacted from our reports other than identifiers of people.

We shouldn't be redacting anything else from the report."

OCCC officers also respond to medical calls. Information on those reports also are redacted with the police department citing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that was passed by Congress in 1996. The act places limitations on what medical information health care providers can release.

"HIPAA applies to health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and those health care providers that conduct certain health care transactions electronically (e.g., billing a health plan). These are known as covered entities," according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website.

OCCC Police Lt. Daniel Piazza said students involved in medical calls have a right to privacy of their medical records.

Senat disagrees. He said if OCCC police are citing HIPAA as a reason for redacting names from medical incidents, they are misinterpreting the law.

"HIPAA does not override state open records acts," he said. "HIPAA would apply only if, for example, an ambulance service bills electronically. Then HIPAA would apply to EMSA records. But it doesn't apply to a police record."

While some OCCC officers are trained First Responders, the college does not bill for that

service and is not considered a medical facility.

Fitzpatrick said open records requests for OCCC police reports can be made via Marketing and Public Relations at 405-682-7590, or by emailing Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan at cordell.t.jordan@occc.edu.

He said for additional information, visit the campus police department on the first floor of the Main Building to make the request.

"There's certain aspects of a case, that if people want follow-ups on them, they can come by and just make an inquiry," he said. "We try to be as cooperative as we can."

Senat said he'd like to see law enforcement agencies make the decision to share more information with the public.

"The Open Records Act, when it comes to law enforcement records, is ass-backwards," he said.

"In our state the legislators wrote it so that there's a list of records they must make available, and then the requestor has to go to court to get access to any other law enforcement record. ...

"Other states don't operate that way."

Senat said people should have no reasonable expectation of privacy in a public property setting such as OCCC.

"If you're involved in an incident in public, you don't have a reasonable expectation of privacy," he said.

"It certainly seems to have become a case of, 'We're not going to tell you unless we absolutely have to.'"

Open records requests for OCPD reports can be made by calling 405-297-1112.

Open Records Act statutes can be found online at [www.odl.state.ok.us/lawinfo/docs/2006-librarylaws-part.pdf](http://www.odl.state.ok.us/lawinfo/docs/2006-librarylaws-part.pdf)

The Oklahoma Open Meeting and Open Records Book can be ordered online at [www.okpress.com/open-meeting-open-records](http://www.okpress.com/open-meeting-open-records).



# U.S. Constitution celebrated during student meeting

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The U.S. Constitution reached its 228th birthday on Sept. 17. The Leadership Council, the college's student leadership group, celebrated Constitution Day with a talk by political science Professor Nate Vanden Brook. About 50 people attended.

"Our country's Constitution is the single longest-operated constitution in the world without massive rewrites or changes," Vanden Brook said. "We have only amended it 27 times in the past 228 years."

He said the U.S. Constitution is not explicit about a lot of things, only about some things. Vanden Brook said that is by design.

He spent most of his 30-minute interactive presentation talking about the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."

"What does that mean?" Vanden Brook asked.

There is no government-sponsored religion, he said, answering his own question.



"So how do we balance religion and the Constitution?" Vanden Brook asked.

He said it is difficult for the U.S. Supreme Court to strike a balance.

Vanden Brook talked about three different U.S. Supreme Court cases and how the Establishment Clause has changed throughout the years.

In 1962, the court ruled in *Engel vs Vitale*. In this case the state of New York issued a short prayer to be read at the start of each school day, but it was voluntary.

The court ruled the prayer violated the "Establishment of Religion" clause of the First Amendment, Vanden Brook said.

In 1971, the *Lemon vs Kurtzman* case resulted in the Lemon Test, where the justices spelled out that laws affecting religion must be "neutral" in their effect, neither favoring nor hindering religious practice.

The two cases involved in *Lemon vs Kurtzman* made public money available to religious schools. The Supreme Court ruled that these two cases did violate the Establishment Clause because government money would go to religious entities.

In 2002 *Zelman vs Simmons-Harris* case, Ohio piloted a plan to allow parents to seek vouchers to send their children to the private school of their choice, Vanden Brook said.

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—NATE VANDEN BROOK  
OCCC POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

The question that was asked was does Ohio's school voucher plan violate the Establishment Clause. No, Vanden Brook said, because the court ruled the payments were given to parents and not directly to schools, making them "neutral" to religion.

"The meaning (of the U.S. Constitution) changes depending on who is reading it," Vanden Brook said. "The composition of the Supreme Court matters. The composition of the U.S. Senate matters. Who becomes president of the U.S. matters."

He encouraged everyone to vote in 2016, pointing out that voter registration forms were available in the Student Life office.

For more information, contact Vanden Brook at [nvandenbrook@occc.edu](mailto:nvandenbrook@occc.edu).

TLC usually meets at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays in the College Union. The next meeting will be Oct 22, because the third Thursday in October is fall break.

## Jazz ensemble ready to lay down some grooves

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OCCC's jazz ensemble band is preparing for its first free formal show at the Bruce Owen Theater, said Ensemble Instructor Mark Giammario.

He said the ensemble will play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the Bruce Owen Theater, and again during a variety event that also will include a theatrical dance class and comedians Tuesday, Dec. 1. Admission is free.

The ensemble most recently performed at Arts Festival Oklahoma, Giammario said.

The jazz ensemble is a class that OCCC has every semester for musicians who are interested in learning about how to play jazz music, he said.

"We have different students each semester. Some have different experience levels than others."

"For example, our bassist has been here for two years. He doesn't even get a credit for the class anymore."

"While music experience is needed to be in the

class, being a jazz player is not," Giammario said. "Some of the students in the class are not even majoring in music."

"Our students come from playing different types of music, like rock for example. Rock and jazz have a lot of things in common so that helps. Everyone is different in the class when it comes to music."

Giammario's ensemble, for which he plays drums, has a diverse group of instruments.

"We have drums, electric bass, piano, two guitars and trombone."

Members are Guitarist Jared Bross, Guitarist Richard Campbell, Pianist Collin Crull, Drummer Mark Giammario, Bassist Zach Lebo and Trombonist Tristan Ryker.

Giammario said one thing that makes the class interesting are the changes. He said some students leave while others join, giving way to a constant flow of new ideas.

"Every semester we don't know what we're going to get [when it comes to the students in the class] so the professor has to do these arrangements for different instruments."

This semester, he said, the ensemble is working on more international music.

"We have influences from South America as well as Africa," he said.

"Everyone should definitely come out. It's only going to be an hour long and there's going to be some great music there."

For more information about the jazz ensemble or any of their upcoming concerts, email Giammario at [mark.d.giammario@occc.edu](mailto:mark.d.giammario@occc.edu).





# Domestic violence victims urged to seek help

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October is domestic violence month, a time to bring awareness to an issue that many live with daily and to encourage victims to seek help.

OCCC student Elizabeth Ting, whose name has been changed for privacy, got that help and is now sharing her story to encourage others to do the same.

"He was the first boy I ever held hands with, first boy I ever kissed," she said of her abuser who she eventually married. "Everything was OK for the first year.

When things turned for the worse, she said, she stayed and endured it.

"That's what I thought a relationship was supposed to be because I had never experienced one before," Ting said.

Then, she said, the relationship began showing signs listed as warnings of potential abuse by the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

## THE ABUSE BEGINS

Ting said when she first met the man who became her husband, he opened up about his prior drug use.

She said she was open to forgiving him and starting anew. Ting said she told him it did not matter what had happened in the past because she believed people can change. However, she told him if he ever used again, she would

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—ELIZABETH TING\*  
OCCC STUDENT

leave him.

That day came and when her husband arrived home from work, Ting told him she was leaving.

"The turning point was he took my keys, he threw them — chunked them — out into the woods and said 'You aren't going anywhere,'" she said.

"That was a whole different side of him that I had never seen."

That's when the physical violence started, she said.

"I had told everybody I had fallen down the stairs," Ting said. "Everything was supposed to be perfect so I was embarrassed and ashamed."

Ting's only witness was her daughter, who was 3 years old at the time.

"She was the only one who knew," she said. "My oldest daughter knew because she would have to help feed me and help me get dressed because I

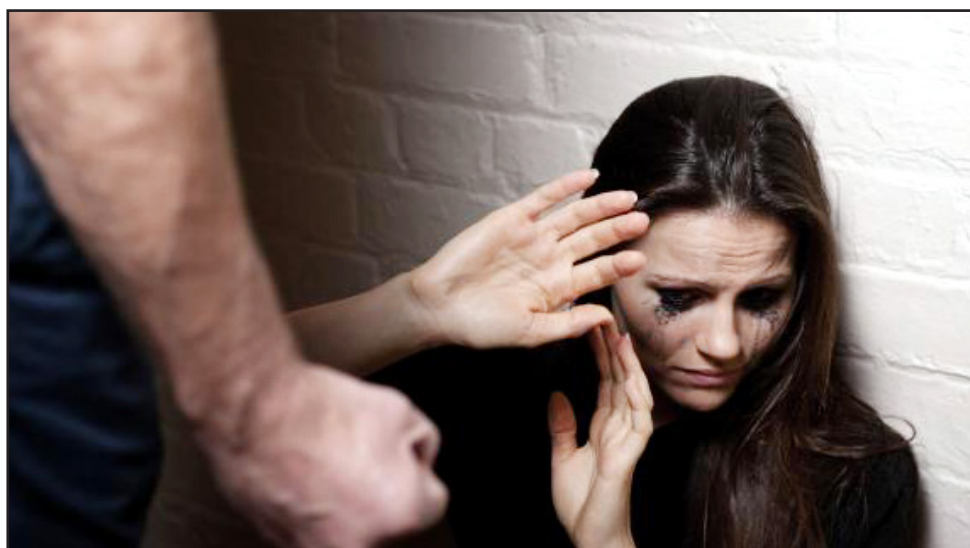


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didn't have use of my arms."

According to the YWCA, one-third of all domestic violence homicides are witnessed by children.

For the next five years, Ting said, she suffered physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse from her husband.

Ting's abuse eventually culminated in her having a nervous breakdown.

"It just built up so much," she said.

"I couldn't walk. I couldn't talk. My body had shut down from the stress.

"That's when he took me to a mental hospital, dropped me off and left me there."

Ting's husband called her daughter's preschool teacher and asked her to come take the children. The teacher contacted Ting's mom who took care of her children while she was away.

## THE HEALING BEGINS

"Those two weeks in the mental hospital were the best two weeks of my life," she said.

"I learned that I was a human being and that I was worth something.

Ting said that experience opened her eyes.

"They taught me how to live on my own. They taught me that I didn't need a man in my life to be somebody and to be successful."

During her stay at the hospital, Ting said, she finally realized she had the strength to leave her abuser.

## GETTING HELP

Oklahoma City YWCA Coordinator Rachele Eskridge said those who experience sexual assault and domestic violence can get help like Ting did through their local YWCA and other agencies.

Those who are in immediate danger should call 911 for help.

She said those who are not in imme-

diated danger can call either the 24-hour YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline at 405-917-9922 or their Sexual Assault Hotline at 405-943-7273 to schedule an intake appointment.

Immediate housing, transitional housing and counseling services for adults and children also are available through the YWCA, according to ywcaokc.org. Eskridge said the center offers a number of services.

"The YWCA is the domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking crisis center for Oklahoma County," she said.

She said the YWCA offers 24-hour free sexual assault and domestic violence forensic exams at their Oklahoma City facility located at 2460 NW I-44 Service Rd.

"Anyone who has been harmed through domestic violence or sexual assault can get a medical exam for free to make sure they are OK."

Ting said she encourages anyone who is experiencing abuse to speak out.

"There are people out there that will help."

For additional resources, visit <http://www.legalhandle.com/Oklahoma-domestic-violence.html>.

## Victims to be remembered via Silent Witness display

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More women are killed every year by domestic violence than they are by cancer, said Oklahoma City YWCA Coordinator Rachele Eskridge.

In fact, Oklahoma ranks third in the nation for the number of women killed by men, according to the YWCA. One-third of all women murdered each year are killed by their husbands.

That is the focus of the upcoming Silent Witness display on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Wednesday, Oct. 7, in the General Dining Area Lobby, put on as a partnership between Student Life and

Student Support Services.

The display consists of red figures that represent real victims and their stories.

Kim Wynn with the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said the display consists of 20 silhouette cut-outs, five and a-half to six feet tall.

The figures are intended to end the silence about domestic violence, according to silentwitness.net.

Student Support Services Counselor Janey Wheeler declined an interview about the display.

For more information on the Silent Witness initiative, visit silentwitness.net.

For more information on Oklahoma City YWCA services, visit ywcaokc.org.

There are many signs of an abusive relationship. The most telling sign is fear of your partner. If you feel like you have to walk on eggshells around your partner — constantly watching what you say and do in order to avoid a blow-up — chances are, your relationship is unhealthy and abusive. Other signs that you may be in an abusive relationship include a partner who belittles you or tries to control you, and feelings of self-loathing, helplessness and desperation.

—[www.helpguide.org/articles/abuse/domestic-violence-and-abuse.htm#signs](http://www.helpguide.org/articles/abuse/domestic-violence-and-abuse.htm#signs)



## SPORTS



**Kick it:** Fitness instructor Julie Slate leads a cardio kickboxing class on Sept. 22. “I’ve been involved with fitness classes over half of my life,” she said. The class is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center group fitness room on the first floor of the Main Building. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Intramural basketball begins Oct. 21

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Oct. 21 will mark the beginning of the popular weekly intramural basketball tournament at OCCC, said Intramural Sports Assistant Matthew Wright.

After having a very successful stint of the open-run tournaments in the previous semester, Wright said, he is planning another semester of them.

“Last year when we did it, it went on for about six or seven weeks,” he said. “The longer it went on, we had more people each week. By the end of it, we had eight full teams.”

Wright said the open-run basketball tournament is perfect for students who want to get involved with intramurals but might not have the time to make it every week.

“It’s a one-day tournament that we’ll have every Wednesday night starting Oct. 21. It runs all the way through Dec. 2.

It’s a one-night tournament, so people sign up the week before the tournament,” he said.

“You can sign up as a team or an individual. We play a one-night double-elimination tournament.”

Wright said the program is great for students because they can meet new people each week.

“There’s no commitment with the open run basketball,”

he said.

While the rules are standard like most basketball games, Wright said, he makes sure everyone has a chance to play.

“The only difference is the time length and (that) depends on how many teams we have,” he said.

“If we have five or six teams, we can play a little bit longer.

“If we have eight, the games will be shorter. It will be somewhere between 10- to 15-minute games,” he said.

While the games are short, Wright said he makes sure that all students will play.

“That’s why we have double-elimination, so everyone will have a chance to play two games,” he said.

The tournaments will be held in the OCCC gym beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will last until around 10 p.m., Wright said.

While interested students can show up the day of the tournament, Wright said, he prefers that students sign up online at [www.imleagues.com/OCCC](http://www.imleagues.com/OCCC).

“While I’d like people to sign up online, we will accept walk-ins if there are open spots for that day,” he said.

“It’d be best to sign up online to reserve your spot.”

For more information on intramurals on campus, contact Wright at [matthew.j.wright@occc.edu](mailto:matthew.j.wright@occc.edu), or by calling the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-7860.



### GETTING TO KNOW:

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**Q: What is your job description?**

**A:** As a Wellness Center attendant, I clean the gym, I check people in and I make sure everything is running.

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

**A:** It’s pretty laid back. I love the people that come through to work out and the people that I work with.

**Q: What are some of your hobbies?**

**A:** I like wakeboarding, longboarding and working out. I obviously like working out here. I’m trying to learn how to play guitar and I recently got my motorcycle license.

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

**A:** I took gymnastics, softball and I played golf. Now, I’m just working out.

**Q: What are your favorite teams?**

**A:** The Oklahoma City Thunder and the University of Oklahoma teams. I’m an Oklahoma sports fan so I root for any team from Oklahoma.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about sports/fitness?**

**A:** The physical action of it. I love blocking everything out of my mind and just going at it.

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

**A:** I believe they should. I believe it keeps them motivated to do other things as well. Just doing something physical. It motivates them in other aspects.

### HAVE SPORTS NEWS?

Email [sportswriter@occc.edu](mailto:sportswriter@occc.edu) or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7676, to get your sports news in the Pioneer



# Enroll: Assistant registrar says enroll early to get best classes

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Assistant Registrar Chris Shelley said students should make time to talk to their academic adviser before enrolling.

The office of academic advising is available on a walk-in basis or by appointment, Shelley said.

Also, he said, students are encouraged to reach out to an academic adviser or a faculty adviser.

"It can only benefit them," he said. "Students should stop by

the office of Student Support Services and ask any questions they might have."

Shelley recommends this time of year because the lines are not as long, because it's not a peak enrollment period.

He also pointed out that checking student email is a good way to stay informed about what's going on at OCCC.

"Students should check their school email," he said. "A lot of information gets sent out through that."

Huyen Nguyen, an allied health major, said she checks a website called Rate My Professors before she chooses which classes to take.

"Rate My Professor is a valuable resource for college students to know about," Huyen said.

"If they use it, then they will already know what to expect or even get to know a little bit about the professor before they start the class."

Rate My Professor is a student-based website where

students can rate and give feedback about their professors and read comments and reviews from other students, according to the site.

Thao Cao, a business major, said she wished she would have known about Rate My Professors before enrolling in her fall classes. Thao is an exchange student from Vietnam. Before she enrolled at OCCC, she said, she did not know about that resource.

"I plan on using Rate My Professors before enrolling

next semester," Cao said.

Morgan Graham, a radiation therapy major, said she learned a lesson the hard way about delaying her enrollment. She said last semester she waited to enroll and got stuck in a class that she hated and ended up dropping.

"Now I enroll early," she said. "That way I have a better chance of getting the classes I want."

For more information, contact Chris Shelley at cshelley@occc.edu.

# Rule: Robert's Rules of Order the topic of upcoming event

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She said another 10 to 15 minutes will be set aside for the Q and A session.

"Anybody can attend," she said. "Students do not have to be club officers."

Glencross said skills will be learned at the event such as what rights each person has.

For instance, she said, every voting member in a meeting should have the chance to vote, know what they are voting on and understand what is going on in the meeting.

Glencross said the meeting also will help [students and clubs officers] understand the order of opening a meeting, conducting business, taking votes and closing the meeting.

"I think a lot of club officers lack training and lack direction in who gets recognized to speak, and so they will all talk at once," she said.

"... Then they run out of time to get business of the club done."

Glencross said the event came about after Student Life noticed many clubs on campus fail to follow meeting criteria in their meetings.

"It is frustrating for students who take their time to go to club meetings (and) then they come out an hour later and haven't done anything," she said.

"And it is also frustrating because [club members] want to say something or have an idea and they never got to do it."

Glencross said [Robert's Rules of

Order] is good not only for a club's officers, but also for people who are involved in the community.

Gradahpe Pizano, pre-medicine major, said she was in a debate club in high school. She said some of the meetings she attended then were unorganized.

"Club meetings have a limited amount of time, and they usually could not cover the whole topic in time," Pizano said.

Pizano said she thinks the Robert's Rules of Order event will help club leaders avoid that issue.

Psychology student Adelina Gregory said Robert's Rules is a great idea for helping clubs conduct their meetings more efficiently.

"... Club speakers usually spend too

much (time) on subjects at the beginning of the meeting, then they try to rush in other subjects."

For more information about the event, email Glencross at dglencross@occc.edu.

For more information on Robert's Rules of Order, visit [www.robertsrules.com](http://www.robertsrules.com).

**UPDATE: The Nicaraguan Water Crisis event, a presentation scheduled during OCCC's "Water Matters" series will now be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 in CU1.**





# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



**Keep going:** Petroleum engineering major Olga Umanskaya speaks with a representative from the University of Oklahoma at OCCC's bi-annual Transfer Fair in the College Union. "I was just wondering about their premed program," Umanskaya said. The next transfer fair will be held during the spring 2016 semester. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Not all is spooky in October

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October signals the coming of winter, pumpkins and the holiday season. This month religions all over the world will observe and celebrate many different holidays.

October kicks off with the Catholic St. Francis of Assisi Day on Sunday, Oct. 4. St. Francis was a humble servant of God, out of the will to be Christ-like and known for kindness to animals. English Professor Mark Zindelo celebrates the holiday at his Oklahoma City parish named for the Saint.

"I definitely will be celebrating St. Francis Day on Sunday, October 4 by bringing my fat cat to be blessed," Zindelo said.

"He is in poor health, so I would like to have Father's blessing. I attend St. Francis Church, which is near my house, so it's a very special day for me."

The patron saint of ecology and animals, St. Francis saw the beauty of God manifested in his creations, according to [americancatholic.org](http://americancatholic.org).

For Jewish people, Shemini Atzerat begins at sundown on Sunday, Oct. 4, and lasts all day Monday, Oct. 5. After the seven-day Sukkot, God invites the Jewish people to stay and dine with him. Traditionally, Jewish people celebrate the holiday in their Sukkah, a temporary structure constructed for the eight day

celebration, according to [jewfaq.org](http://jewfaq.org).

Immediately following is the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, which begins at sundown Monday, Oct. 5 and lasts through Tuesday, Oct. 6. Simchat Torah translates to "rejoicing in the Torah" and is the celebration of the Jewish holy book. Synagogue festivities include carrying Torah scrolls around the temple, with children carrying representations of the scrolls behind them, according to [jewfaq.org](http://jewfaq.org).

Tuesday, Oct. 13 kicks off Hindu Navratri, which translates from Sanskrit as "nine nights", that last through Wednesday, Oct. 21. The festivities celebrate the universal Mother Goddess, and is celebrated twice a year at the start of summer and winter, according to the Art of Living Foundation.

Wednesday, Oct. 14 marks the new year on the Islamic calendar. The first day of Muharram is also Hijra, or the day that the prophet Muhammad emigrated from Mecca to Medina, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Five days later, 5 million followers will celebrate the Birth of the Báb, the central figure of the Baha'i faith beginning at sundown Monday, Oct. 19.

For Sikhs, Tuesday, Oct. 20, will mark the day the eighth Sikh Guru canonized the Guru Granth as the scripture and living holy book for the Khalsa, the followers of Sikhism, according to [sikhs.org](http://sikhs.org).

For more information and other holidays not mentioned in this article, visit the [interfaithcalendar.org](http://interfaithcalendar.org).



## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### 'Water Matters' interactive discussion

Professor Nate Vanden Brook and Academic Student Success Director Darby Johnsen will start the 'Water Matters' series with an interactive discussion about water conservation from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, in CU3. The talk is part of the OCCC Reads series on the book "Water Matters: Why We Need To Act Now to Save Our Most Critical Resource." For more information on Water Matters, visit [www.occc.edu/library/occcreads](http://www.occc.edu/library/occcreads).

### Free Jazz performance Oct. 6

OCCC's Student Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the Bruce Owen Theater. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jessica DeArman at 405-68-1611, ext. 7100 or [jessica.r.dearman@occc.edu](mailto:jessica.r.dearman@occc.edu).

### Caring Van to offer free immunizations

The Caring Van will administer free immunizations to those who qualify from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Family and Community Education Center parking lot located at 6500 S Land Ave. For more information, contact Lee Ann Townsend at 405-682-1611, ext. 7423 or [ltownsend@occc.edu](mailto:ltownsend@occc.edu).

### Fall Choir Concert Oct. 8 in the VPAC

OCCC students will showcase their talent at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Visual and Performing Arts Theater. The concert will feature music from the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and the Symphonic Community Choir. Admission is free. For more information, call the Arts Division Office at 405-682-1611, ext. 6278.

### Dance Theatre OKC to give free performance

OCCC's Dance Theatre OKC will perform a short program of contemporary dance to original music composed for the guitar and violin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Bruce Owen Theater. For more information, contact the Cultural Programs Department at 405-682-7576.

### Register to Vote

Student Life will have a voter registration booth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13 and 14, in General Dining Area. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu).

### ExCEL discussion with Coffee & Religion

Professor Jon Inglett and Professor Stephen Morrow will have an open discussion over coffee and religion at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in CU3. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or [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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# National Theatre Live program free to OCCC students

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Students can experience the world-class performing arts magic of London's Royal National Theatre this fall via National Theatre Live, said Arts Dean Ruth Charnay.

Beginning Oct. 18, students can enjoy productions featuring popular actors such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Charnay said.

As an added bonus, student tickets are free at the VPAC Box Office located in the VPAC Theater, Charnay said. All other tickets are \$15.

Charnay said this is a great deal for students and non-students, since ticket prices at other venues are typically much higher.

She said each production is performed at the London's Royal National Theatre and videotaped from the audience's perspective. The films are then distributed in a digitized format.

Charnay said this is a good

opportunity for OCCC to showcase the new technology in the Visual and Performing Arts Theater.

This is the first year the college has hosted National Theatre Live, Charnay said.

If it's a success, it will not be the last, she said.

The first production, "Skylight," featuring actress Carey Mulligan, will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 18 in the VPAC Theater, Charnay said.

She said the film centers around an attempt to rekindle a past romance.

"Hamlet," one of Shakespeare's most famous plays, is showing at 6 p.m. Nov. 1. It features Cumberbatch as the title character, Charnay said.

The story revolves around Hamlet who seeks revenge on his uncle Claudius for murdering Hamlet's father, the king of Denmark.

The next performance, "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" is at 6 p.m. Feb. 7.

Charnay said the story is about an Indian family's struggle to keep a recycling

business afloat amidst a global crises and evil neighbors.

"The Audience," scheduled at 6 p.m. April 3, features Actress Helen Mirren.

The play centers on weekly meetings, called audiences, between Queen Elizabeth II, played by Mirren, and her prime ministers.

The romantic comedy "Man and Superman" is showing at 6 p.m. April 17, she said.

It features renowned actor Ralph Fiennes as an eligible and rich bachelor who is running from a life of domesticity as he is pursued by an heiress.

Charnay said "A Streetcar Named Desire" is showing at 6 p.m. May 15.

She said the Tennessee Williams masterpiece focuses on the bond between two sisters as they reunite later in life and their bullying stepbrother.

She said initial screenings during Arts Festival Oklahoma drew several hundred people.

"We're anticipating more success."

Above all, Charnay said, the experience is meant to inspire

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students to take theater seriously and to consider participating in the arts more.

"Watching great art can be an educational experience as well," she said.

"We're glad to give students

another opportunity to participate in the arts."

For more information, call the Box Office at 405-682-7579.

For more information on National Theatre Live, visit <http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk>.

## Possible campus car theft thwarted by bystander

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A possible attempted car theft, a man with a hatchet, and an unconscious student were reported to campus police recently.

A possible car theft in parking lot B was halted by campus police at about 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 17 after a caller described two men in dark clothing trying to break into a 2006 Ford Mustang.

Officers P.T. Solinski, Zach Andrews, and acting Sgt. Jeremy Bohannon responded to the call.

Once there, they encountered a man, 23, who said his brother, 24, had locked his keys in his car.

He said he was trying to help him get them. He said his brother was in the library.

A man exited the library and was



identified by the man as his brother. That man backed up the claim that he had locked his keys in the car when he had been there earlier with a friend.

The report shows the car was found not to be registered to any of the men. It had an expired

license plate with with an invalid 2016 sticker, and none of the men, whose names were all redacted from the report, had a valid driver's license.

Bohannon said campus police declined to help the men gain access to the car.

Since no actual crime had been committed, the two men were permitted to wait in the library until someone arrived to drive them away.

Bohannon ordered the Mustang to be impounded after an unsuccessful attempt to contact the car's owner.

OCCC Capitol Hill Center employees received a scare when a man with a hatchet walked by the building recently.

At 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17, employee Gloria Torres reported seeing the man on the sidewalk by the building.

OCCC campus police Dispatcher Van Ninh called the Oklahoma City Police, who stopped the man, but released him after he told them he was on his way to a friend's automotive shop.

Reports show that Officer Gordon Nelson attended a medical call regarding an unconscious woman in room 1H1 in the Health Professions Area at 1:37 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Upon arrival, Nelson reported, the student, 18, was breathing but unresponsive. The woman, whose name has been redacted from reports, was transported by EMSA to St. Anthony's hospital.

Student Tanner Wallace, 20, came to campus police on Sept. 23 complaining of another student hitting him after he made jokes in class.

Wallace said the student, whose name was redacted from the report, said Wallace was "insulting her" with his jokes.

Wallace declined to press charges, the report said.

A missing iPhone 4 was reported to campus police at around 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 by student Austin Moore, 21.

Moore told campus police he had left the phone in room 1CS of the Arts and Humanities building after a class that had ended at 4 p.m. The case is still open.

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 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, 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.