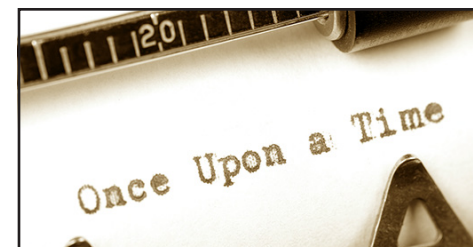


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Silent Witness: Business major Sophia Velasques contemplates the "Silent Witness" exhibit which calls attention to victims of domestic violence who have died as a result. "If you read some of these stories, you see that even with the system, they still died because they were beaten. I think, 'Why? It could have been prevented,'" Velasques said. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

College's 2015 annual security report released

OCCC is required by federal law to abide by Student-Right-To-Know and Clery Acts

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Five reported incidents of fondling, four incidents of motor vehicle theft and five drug law violations were reported on the OCCC campus in 2014, according to the newly-released 2015 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

The report, compiled by OCCC Police Chief James Fitzpatrick in accordance with the Student-

Right-To-Know and Jeanne Clery Acts, was released Sept. 30.

Jeanne Clery was a 19-year-old woman who was raped and murdered in 1986 by a fellow student in her Lehigh University dorm room located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Clery's parents were shocked to find the history of rising crime at their daughter's university, and how administrators and campus police had no system of reporting the incidents to students. In response, they became advocates for informing students of crimes on their campuses, according to clerycenter.org.

REQUIREMENTS

Campuses are required to release the public report — which



This is an extremely safe campus."

—JAMES FITZPATRICK
OCCC POLICE CHIEF

covers a three-year period — by Oct. 1 each year.

The 2015 report includes crime statistics from four separate OCCC campuses: the Main Campus, the Family and Community Education Center, Capitol Hill Center and the Professional Development Institute, although campus police only patrol the Main Campus and the FACE Center, Fitzpatrick said.

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Employed grads finding success

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Most OCCC graduates who have already entered the workforce are finding success, said Institutional Effectiveness Director Janet Perry.

Perry said those numbers are the result of an annual Graduate Supervisor Survey.

Perry said, this year, 92 supervisors were contacted.

She said 77 percent, or 66 employers, responded.

Of those who responded, she said, 92 percent said the graduate's performance was either excellent or good.

Those results are up from last year's Graduate Supervisor Survey of 75.4 percent for excellent or good performance, Perry said.

She said, each year, after the results of a survey sent to OCCC graduates come in, the college then sends out a second survey to the

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Annual Halloween carnival canceled

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For the first time in about 40 years, OCCC will not host its annual Halloween Carnival.

Student Life Assistant Director Kendra Fringer said with the loss of four student workers and one professional staff member, they just don't have the staffing needed to host the event.

"It's not that we didn't want to do the carnival," Fringer said. "It's not that we didn't have the funds to do the carnival. It was that we didn't have the necessary manpower to facilitate a quality event."

In the past, Fringer said, Student Life has put out a call for volunteers when they needed help with an event.

However, for the Halloween Carnival, she said, Student Life requires that two office personnel check all volunteers against a sex offender registry list, and they just did not have the resources to do that.

Student Life currently employs four student workers and five full-time office staff.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOTBALL REVIEW | Writer defends Tom Brady in NFL scandal

Tom Brady's spirit not deflated

Not too long ago, Tom Brady was everywhere for the wrong reasons. The Indianapolis Colts had just been annihilated by Capt. Tom and company, and decided to blame their loss on deflated footballs on the Patriots end, even though their own players said they could have played with basketballs and still lost.

Four games into the season and Tom Brady is out for blood. He's annihilated every team he's faced and managed to postpone his court case to a later date.

He's completed 72.5 percent of his passes, thrown for more than 1,300 yards, 11 touchdowns, and no interceptions. All of this with people rigorously testing each Patriots football before every game.

How silly do you feel if you attributed Brady's greatness to having an advantage by using deflated footballs? Hopefully pretty silly.

For me, it's hard not to be a Tom Brady homer. The guy is practically flawless. I've always had more of a man-crush on him than Peyton Manning. There used to be a very real debate about which one of those two quarterbacks was better, but now? It's not even close.



Since the beginning of the deflategate scandal, I've always stuck with one phrase I saw to defend Tom: "success breeds envy." Tom Brady is arguably the most successful quarterback of all time, and as such, is prone to haters from all walks of life, inside and out of the league.

Brady has made it his mission to silence the critics this season and, so far, is delivering.

Just ask Dallas Cowboys defensive end Greg Hardy, recently back on the field after sexual assault allegations, who told

the media he hoped Tom's wife came to the game. Bad idea. Captain Tom threw for 20/27 and led his troops to a 30-6 victory.

Success will always breed envy and with a player like Brady, it's easy to see why. Everyone wants to be the best. Everyone wants to play for a winning organization that supports their quarterback. We just have to live with the fact that there will always be sore losers.

Rating: A-

— SPENCER GRANT
SENIOR WRITER

FOOTBALL REVIEW | Writer says Sooners didn't bring their A-Game to Texas

Red River rivalry really ridiculous

The Oklahoma Sooners football team lost to the University of Texas on Oct. 10, with a score of 24 to 17 and I'm sure everybody, including me, is very confused.

I watched the great Red River rivalry in the comfort of my home, away from the chaos happening in Texas.

Well, I shouldn't say that because I was causing chaos in my own residence as I loudly screamed at my television for the poorest job of the University of Oklahoma's offensive line that I have ever seen.

I say that because they were giving up a sack every other play, which made it to where our air raid offense couldn't do anything.

If the Sooner quarterback, Baker Mayfield, wasn't getting sacked, he was actually doing one heck of a job.

But playing good every four



plays isn't going to cut it in a game like this — where thousands of fans gather each and every year to watch the Oklahoma Sooners and the Texas Longhorns duel it out, while also enjoying the great Texas state fair just outside the venue.

The first part of the game was just tragic. The Sooner defense was just out of their game the first half, giving up 14 points — which really isn't very much, but considering how Texas has been playing this year, having a record of one win and four losses, was just too much to let go by the Sooners.

The offense wasn't showing up either in the first half, only scoring three points.

The second half, the Sooners seemed to get it together but just couldn't finish off the Longhorns. The defense was decent in the fourth quarter, and the

offense seemed to make a comeback for what was, at the time, an undefeated Oklahoma team.

The game was just sad for all Oklahoma fans.

Now, all the fans want is just one more chance to beat the Longhorns.

But that isn't going to happen so the Sooners will just have to wait until next year to get another shot at head coach Charlie Brown's Texas Longhorns.

Rating: C-

— ZACHARY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER



Brain-eating continues in PVZ 2

My last app review covered "Plants vs. Zombies," a fun game made by PopCap, and an easy way to waste time better spent doing homework.

"Plants vs. Zombies 2: It's About Time" is an evolutionary refinement of the original, not a revolutionary new game. This is good and bad.

The game retains the basic structure and game play of the original game. Players plant plants to defend against the zombie horde.

The game progresses linearly through different levels. Each level brings a new plant or some other element to keep things fresh. The levels are never too hard, so it is easy to feel like you are making progress.

The story takes a twist when the player's old buddy, Crazy Dave, shows up with a time machine. Crazy Dave just ate the last taco on Earth, and the player is along for the ride as Dave goes back in time to eat it again. It doesn't really make sense, but it doesn't have to.

It's just a thinly veiled excuse to play the game in ancient Egypt, on a pirate ship, or basically anywhere other than the suburban lawn from the first game. Even so, the change in appearance is welcome.

The new gameplay elements also are welcomed. One level resembles the kid's game "Memory," but instead of collecting matches to beat other players, the player must make matches to destroy the zombies horde before it overruns the level.

The only bad thing about the new game is the constant distractions. The game has an elaborate system of power-ups, and new levels to unlock that are purchased with coins and gems earned while playing, but players can spend real money to get currency in the game.

I appreciate the game being free to play, and I know the app developers need to earn money, but I prefer the business model of the original game where players could choose from an ad supported version or paid version that was ad free. The constant appeals to spend money for a better game experience in PVZ 2 really feel like the worst combination of these other two options.

Overall, the game is fun though and you will enjoy it if you enjoyed the original.

— AMAR MOLINAS
WEBMASTER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

BOOK REVIEW | Reviewer finds himself a fan of horror novels after just two books

King's 'Shining' and its sequel addictive

If you want to get attention, you just need to carry around any books written by Stephen King.

I was asked the same questions again and again by people on campus when I was reading "The Shining" and "Doctor Sleep." Those were "What do you think about the books?" and "How many books of his have you read?"

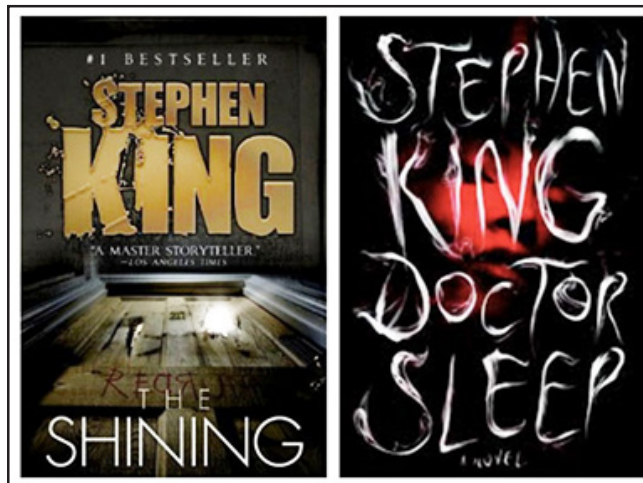
I believe every scary novel fan knows about Stephen King and his numerous fabulous novels.

I learned about him a few months ago after my English Communication instructor introduced me to "The Shining."

Admittedly, after the few first pages, I could not put the book down. The words King uses and the way he structures sentences in "The Shining" is really simple, understandable, but also very attractive and appealing. He is an expert in leading readers to swim in his imagination's world.

The book is about an extraordinary boy named Danny who has a special power called Shining.

The story begins when Danny's father is offered a caretaking position in a big isolated hotel which contains a bunch of skeletons in its closets. Dan and his parents move into the hotel and are the only ones there through the winter months.



With his shining, Danny starts seeing unusual things such as "ghostie people" —those who died in the hotel long ago — and moving hedges in the garden.

King really makes me feel unexpected chills down my back — especially when I read his book at night.

I know I'm not the only person who felt obsessed with the author after finishing "The Shining."

Afterwards, I was curious what became of Danny. I kept wondering how he would deal with his special power as an adult.

I kept asking myself whether he would become a heavy drinker or a terrible father like his father who almost broke Dan's arm when he was only four.

Fortunately, King wrote a book to satisfy my curiosity — "Dr. Sleep." I decided to check out the sequel.

Although not exactly as I had wished and expected the storyline would be, it was still good enough to satisfy me.

Rating:A+

—HUNG TRAN
STAFF WRITER

MUSIC REVIEW | Why would anyone want to mess with pop-star goodness?

When pitted against Swift, Adams loses

As you may have heard, some pop star had a really good idea. One album already sold 8.6 million copies worldwide, so yeah, why not make it again?

Enter Ryan Adams.

Adams released an album in September that covers the entire hit 2014 Taylor Swift "1989" album and since, I've been intrigued by this pop culture "Wife Swap" experiment.

Overall impression: Adams seems to have listened to a lot of Bruce Springsteen while producing this album.

Adams' album kicks off with a power pop rock ballad version of Swift's song "Welcome to New York," which is actually a lot better than the original.

Next up is Swift's hit "Blank Space." Swift's version definitely takes the cake on the over-produced catchy pop hit.

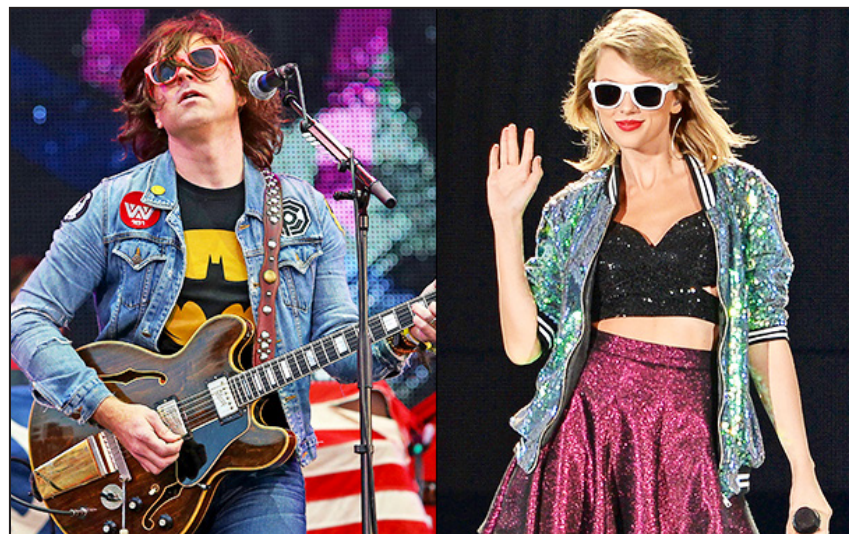
I can picture Adams' breathy version being sung by a drunken boy at a bar whose recent breakup is hitting him particularly hard.

Adams' version of "Style" is like being lost in a hole of reverb, where you can't find either the song or the melody. "Come out of the hole, Ryan!" I yell to him. Swift's version is better, though not my favorite Swift song.

The pace of the album should pick up with "Shake it Off," I think. Swift's version is so hard not to dance to.

I was curious what Adams would do with such an upbeat, fun song.

Adams' "Shake it Off" is a total flop. The song demands energy and Adams seems to have forgotten the caffeine. I



want to shake off this version and never go back.

Adams gets an easier one in "I Wish You Would." The Swift soft acoustic song fits Adams' style perfectly. His version builds more than Swift's version and again, I think of Springsteen.

"Bad Blood" is one of my favorite Swift songs, and is her perfect sassy, girly, and full-of-attitude song. Adams' version isn't surprising to me by this point in the album.

It's depressing and sad, and I've had enough with this album.

I want to leave the pop songs to my girl, T-Swift. Maybe Adams should focus on making his own chart-topping album instead of covering others.

Rating: D

—LENORA LAVICTOIRE
COMMUNITY WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Oct. 16
through Oct. 18

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1. Goosebumps
2. The Martian
3. Bridge of Spies
4. Crimson Peak
5. Hotel Transylvania 2
6. Pan
7. The Intern
8. Sicario
9. Woodlawn
10. Maze Runner: Scorch Trials
11. Steve Jobs
12. Black Mass
13. The Walk
14. Everest
15. The Visit
16. Ladrões
17. Bruce Lee - The Fighter
18. Inside Out
19. He Named Me Malala
20. Goodbye Mr. Loser

G.E.T. office ready to help students transfer

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Let's admit it. For traditional and non-traditional students alike, college life can be particularly tough for students looking to achieve a bachelor's degree without the help of parents or trust funds.

Tucked away in a cushy nook between the offices of registration and financial aid, the Graduation, Employment and Transfer (G.E.T.) office is a one-stop shop for an easier transition to a four-year university, said Javier Puebla, coordinator of Transfer and Academic Advising.

"The G.E.T. office is a good spot for students to start the transfer process and think about what school they want to transfer to," Puebla said. "You don't have to be graduating this fall or spring to come ask questions."

"You can start planning for your future by preparing yourself in making purposeful decisions about what courses you take that line up with your degree program at another university."

Transfer tours to major universities in the state are offered at no expense to the student, Puebla said.

Destinations include the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Uni-

versity.

Tours are personalized according to the majors of the students who go on the trip, Puebla said. Free lunch also is provided, he said.

Criminal justice and forensics major Marta Seitz said she has toured UCO and OU.

"One of the major benefits is being able to tour the schools," Seitz said.

"Everyone is nervous when they are transferring. The G.E.T. office takes care of that and eases the pressure. It's a bit of a scary process."

Seitz's advice to students is to take advantage of the opportunities to get connected now, and know the options.

"Attend G.E.T. workshops and tours," she said. "The school is here to help you."

Seitz said she has used OCCC's transfer services to get acquainted with faculty and staff at UCO, where she plans to transfer after graduation this upcoming spring.

Not everyone plans so far ahead.

One OCCC graduate said he relied heavily on word-of-mouth through professors and other students to aid in the transfer process.

"(English Professor) Nina Smith gave me advice in the transfer process," said Gabriel Wiseman, art education major at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"I felt I had all the advice I needed



Meagan Hansen, GET office peer adviser, helps Nour El Yakine Bel Bekri, pre-engineering major, fill out a graduation form. Bel Bekri will graduate in December and transfer to the University of Oklahoma. "Many students don't realize they need to come to our office to fill out a graduation form before they can graduate," Hansen said. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

because she's really good at her job.

"I feel that if I didn't have a professor walking me through the process, I would have used the G.E.T. office ... if I knew it was [available]."

Outside of the transfer tours, Puebla said, the office offers degree audits to show students how far along they are in their program and what classes they need to graduate.

G.E.T. also offers one-on-one transfer advisement to make sure the student's

degree plan aligns with his or her career plans, he said. Puebla said the office sends out notices about transfer services through OCCC email.

GET2Know UCO will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27, in CU3.

Students can receive more information at the G.E.T. office located on the first floor of the Main Building.

For more information, contact the G.E.T. office at 405-682-7519 or send an email to: transfer@occc.edu.

Student encounters man with gun at traffic light

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Two students recently had encounters of the suspicious kind — one involving a gun, according to OCCC police reports.

Student Donovan Scott, 24, reported one such encounter he had at around 8 p.m. Oct. 6.

Scott told campus police when he arrived at his car in parking lot A, a dark gray Chevy four-door was parked next to it with the ignition running. Scott said after he got in his car, the driver of the other car sped off.

Scott said when he left, he happened to be going the same way as the other vehicle.

As the two cars approached a

red traffic light at May Avenue, Scott said, the other driver began repeatedly tapping his brakes.

Scott reported that it seemed the man was trying to cause Scott to rear-end him.

Scott told police he had had enough of the erratic behavior so he got out of his car and approached the man's car from the driver's side.

He said that was when he noticed the man had a small caliber pistol drawn across his chest in a downward position, according to the report.

Scott said the man also was visibly shaking. The man then said in a loud voice, "I'm just trying to defend myself."

Scott said he walked back to his car after exchanging profanities with the driver, who

then sped off.

Police said the case is still active.

A case of aberrant behavior was reported to campus police around 3 p.m. Oct. 2 by student Danielle Bourgeois.

Bourgeois said she was in the Engineering Lab when she noticed a man, 28, whose name has been redacted from reports, asking a student outside of the lab if that was a place he could get engineering help. The man was told yes and was asked if he needed help.

Bourgeois said he responded no, that he was just wondering, and then, left. Then, Bourgeois said, he came back and approached her when she was the only student in the lab.

She reported that he introduced himself to her, then,

took her homework from her. She said he took her papers to another table and began working on them.

She said she asked him if he was an OCCC student and he replied no.

Once he completed the papers, he came back to Bourgeois' table and picked up her physics book, looking through it.

He told her he had left his physics book in his car.

Bourgeois said the man then left but returned around 12:30 p.m. She said he handed her a paper with a solved homework problem on it.

The man had handwritten his phone number on the paper, along with "nice to meet you. Let me know if there is any more fun to be had!"

Bourgeois told campus police the man made her feel uncomfortable.

She filled out a witness statement form. The case is pending further investigation.

Some information was redacted from the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "according to OCCCPD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld."

To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747.

For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-7872.



Row, row, row: OCCC's rowing team races to the finish line during the Oklahoma Regatta Festival Oct. 1. From left to right: Students Heather Morris and Student Allen Park, Nursing Professor Traci Boren, Students Philip Bueno, Natalie Jones, Rosana Toney and Brandee Wilson, and English Professor Mark Zindelo. The team finished in first place in their heat in the beginner-novice category and went on to win the beginner-novice final. OCCC's Dragon Boat team also competed, finishing third in the first heat of the standard Dragon Boat competition. The team did not qualify for the final. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

Deadline for literary journal submissions approaching

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News Writing Student

The Dec. 1 deadline is fast approaching for writers and artists to submit their works into The Absolute literary and art journal, said Faculty Adviser and Editor Marybeth McCauley.

"The magazine is open for submission to the public," said McCauley, English and humanities professor.

She said the process is competitive. "We always have more good pieces than we have room for."

McCauley said several hundred works were submitted for the 2015 issue, which was released in April. Of those, she said, 34 were published.

She said students with strong backgrounds in creative writing or journalism comprise the student staff for the literary journal, along with faculty advisers.

"We look for students who are reliable and conscientious," McCauley said.

"It is not a position for someone who doesn't like to read."

McCauley said the staff convene, score submissions, and decide together which works will be published.

Joshua Sewell, business administration major, said the hardest part is creating the compositions.

"Submitting works of art is the easy part," he said.

Sewell's narrative essay about living with Bell's palsy was published in the

2014 edition of the journal.

This year, he will join the staff as a student editor, alongside theater major and third year editor for the Absolute Tiffane Shorter.

"It's a lot of fun," Shorter said. "The hardest part is narrowing down submissions."

Shorter said the journal seeks good storytelling elements and parallelism in the fiction and non-fiction pieces.

She said it's more difficult with the poems.

"It's more about how you tell the message," she said.

"It is really important that the poems have a good flow."

McCauley said students can submit pieces of fiction, non-fiction, art and photography into the OCCC-sponsored magazine.

Shorter said entries are not limited to short stories and poems. Drama pieces, monologues, dialogues, essays, and even song lyrics also may be submitted.

McCauley said those who submit works will receive a confirmation email thanking them for their interest.

She said they must wait until March to learn if their work will be published in the magazine.

Because the magazine doesn't limit the number of submissions, McCauley recommends those who are interested in entering their writings should submit multiple stories and poems of various lengths.



MELISSA SUE LOPEZ/PIONEER

She said letters are mailed in March to inform selected artists and writers of their successful publication in The Absolute.

An annual reception at the end of April celebrates the release of the new edition. Some of the published authors publicly read their works and Critics Choice Awards are announced.

Last year, the magazine welcomed the OCCC Jazz Band to perform at the event, McCauley said. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Those published will be honored at

the celebration and receive a free copy of the journal.

Previous issues of The Absolute are on sale in the OCCC bookstore for \$5 and also are available for viewing in the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

Those interested in submitting works into the journal can do so by clicking on "The Absolute Literary Journal" under the "Academics" tab at www.occc.edu.

For more information about submissions or the journal, email absoluteditor@occc.edu or mmccauley@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7405.

Automotive students getting hands-on experience

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News Writing Student

Those who venture off to the southeast corner of campus will find four new vehicles and 10 engines in the automotive technology lab that were donated over the summer.

General Motors provided the donation, which saved the school an estimated \$200,000, said Brad Walker, professor of automotive technology and the department chair at OCCC.

The collection is comprised of two 2014 Chevy trucks, a 2015 GMC Terrain SUV, and a 2015 Yukon SUV, along with 10 four-cylinder engines, Walker said.

General Motors is a partner with the college's Automotive Service Educational Program, or ASEP.

Automotive technician students already have gotten their hands on the donated vehicles, Walker said.

The biggest benefit of having these vehicles is that the students get to work on the newest technology available, Walker said.

"You get to see the latest and greatest stuff that's out there, all the new technology," Walker said.

He said all the donated vehicles come "fully-loaded" with the most up-to-date features, such as a GPS-based navigation system, a crash avoidance system that detects an imminent crash and provides a warning or takes action autonomously, and a lane departure system that warns the driver when the vehicle begins to move out of its lane.

Without the vehicles, the school would not have been able to buy new ones and the students would still be working on the older models, Walker said.

The engines the students had been working on were about eight years old and had been taken apart and put back together anywhere from 25 to 40 times, so they are worn down, Walker said.

He said General Motors has made donations in the past because OCCC trains GM technicians through ASEP.

Twenty out of the 25 vehicles that the school owns are from GM.

In return for donating, General Motors will benefit from having capable, well-educated, and up-to-date technicians working for them.

"ASEP students at OCCC work for General Motors dealers while earning their GM certifications in all eight basic automotive areas," Walker said. "Then they get their Applied Science degree."

Christina Atencio, employment and graduation coordinator, said in spring 2015, OCCC had 12 graduates total from the AAS Automotive-Internship, AAS Automotive-GM, and the Certificate in Automotive Technology.

The technician students are working 40 hours a week at their GM dealers and attending classes all day for two days out of the week, Walker said.

"So it makes a very busy two years, but it's doable,"



Automatic Technology students Joe Isaacs and Jared Waugh work on one of the new engines donated to the college. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

he said.

Gary Beebe graduated this spring and received the President's Award for Excellence, a top academic honor. He works for Wade Higgins in Purcell, the GM dealer he worked for while in school.

Beebe said the hands-on training and all the friends he made are what he liked about the ASEP program at OCCC.

Walker said it is important for a mechanic to be knowledgeable and efficient with the many technological advancements.

Some of today's cars can practically drive themselves, Walker said.

"To work on them, you're needing a little higher degree of a person, someone who can think outside the box."

"Having an associate's degree would increase your job opportunities, it would increase your earning potential."

Beebe concurred.

"Having an associate degree makes finding a job easier," Beebe said. "It puts you at the front."

Making anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year, auto technicians are not paid hourly, but by each job they do, Walker said.

"It all depends on how efficient they are and making sure the vehicles are fixed right the first time," he said.

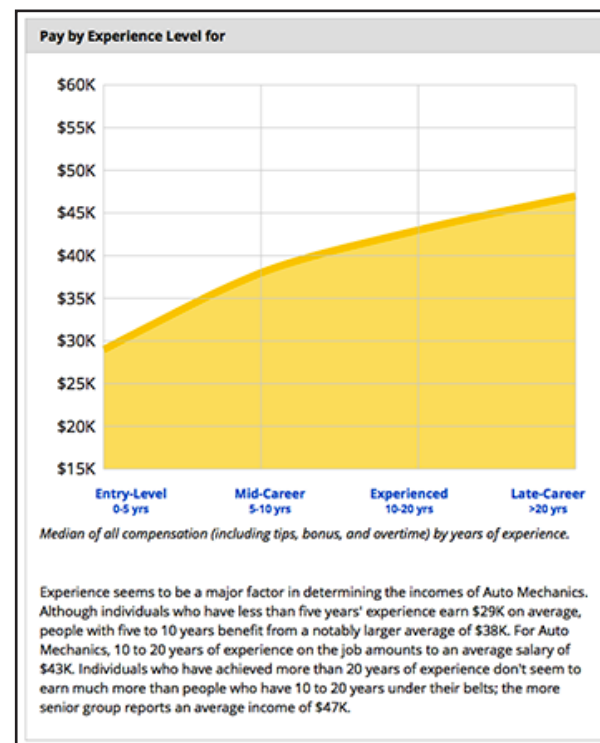
For more information about the automotive technology program, email Brad Walker bwalker@occc.edu.

“ASEP students at OCCC work for General Motors dealers while earning their GM certifications in all eight basic automotive areas. Then, they get their Applied Science degree”

—BRAD WALKER
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
PROFESSOR

Automotive Service Technician/ Mechanic Salary

In the United States, Auto Mechanics earn an average of \$16.82 per hour. The most important factor affecting compensation for this group is the company, followed by the particular city and tenure. The majority of workers are highly satisfied with their job. Health benefits are not enjoyed by everyone in this line of work, and nearly two in five lack any coverage at all. Medical benefits are reported by a majority and dental coverage is claimed by more than a third. This overview is based on answers to PayScale's salary questionnaire.



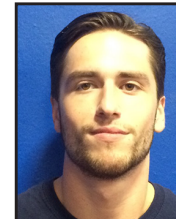
SPORTS



Exercising religiously: Leslie Duncan, business major, works out in the weight room in the Wellness Center. “This place, it’s my therapy and my church,” she said. Students can use the facilities, located on the first floor of the Main Building, free of charge with a valid OCCC ID. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

GETTING TO KNOW:

**JAMES
GIBSON**
**WELLNESS
ATTENDANT
SINCE 2015**



Q: What is your job description?

A: “I’m a wellness attendant. We check people in, we rack weights, clean off the equipment, as well as help people who don’t know how to exercise [the right way.] We also strap up wristbands and make sure everyone’s wearing the proper clothes.”

Q: Do you go to school here? How long have you worked here?

A: “I go to the University of Central Oklahoma. I’m a senior there. I’ve worked here since August. I was a lifeguard at the pool before being a wellness attendant.”

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: “I major in political science and minor in English. [I plan] to go to law school. I like chilling with my friends, watching TV and watching sports — just being a professional bro.”

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

A: “I played football, basketball and baseball as a kid. I pretty much focused on football in high school.”

Q: Favorite sports to watch/ favorite teams?

A: “I like to watch football and basketball. My favorite teams are the Dallas Mavericks and New England Patriots. I grew up in Bedford, which is near [Dallas], so I rep Dallas because I went to so many games as a kid.”

Q: What’s your favorite thing about sports/fitness?

A: “I love sports because they’re competitive and I love fitness because it’s a great release. You can just zone out for an hour or two.”

Q: Why should people maintain a healthy lifestyle?

A: “So you can have a healthy lifestyle and be around for your kids and their memories.”

TRX increases functional fitness

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OCCC students who are looking for a functional fitness class to help them get into shape might want to try out the popular TRX fitness classes now being offered, said Wellness Center Manager Brooke Dresel.

The TRX classes, which have only just become available on campus this semester, use suspension bands to help strengthen the body, Dresel said.

“You use bands that are suspended from the wall to hold onto the handle from the other side. You use your body as the resistance, so it’s basically body weight,” she said. “The more of an angle that you put your body at, the more resistance you will get in the training.”

Dresel said she believes the TRX classes are more helpful than weight training and other fitness exercises.

“You can also gain a more functional strength than you would, for instance, if you were doing weight training,” she said. “You would be focusing on your bicep, doing bicep curls in the weight room. You would be staying in one plane of movement, so you’re basically in a frontal plane when you’re doing bicep curls.”

“In TRX, you’re moving across the planes of your body. In real life, more often than not, you’re using multiple planes when you’re moving.”

The exercises in the class are great for students trying to get fit, because the focus on the body weight helps strengthen every part of the body, said Dresel.

“It helps you develop a more functional strength in your everyday movements without injuring yourself. You’re really strengthening the support structures for the larger muscle groups as well, not just the muscle groups themselves.”

TRX can definitely be intense, Dresel said, but added that it’s also great for beginners because of its progressive approach. The class gets progressively more intense as it goes along.

“Everything progresses in a way where your heart rate is going up and it gets more intense as it goes on,” she said. “This is good for people who are beginners because it’s easy to gauge what you can and cannot do.”

Interested students can find the schedule for the TRX classes at www.occc.edu/rf/wellness-classes.html or outside of the Wellness Center on the first floor of Main Building.

For more information about TRX or any of the other fitness classes, contact Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-7860 or visit www.occc.edu/rf/index.html.

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Big Band leader Doc Severinsen on campus Oct. 26

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Grammy award-winning horn player Doc Severinsen will bring a one-of-a-kind jazz performance to campus at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, in the OCCC Visual and Performing Arts Theater.

"He is an amazing trumpet player, but also he is quite the character," said Lemuel Bardeguez, acting vice president for Community Development.

Known for his personality and colorful attire, Severinsen led "The Tonight Show" band during Johnny Carson's run from 1962 to 1992. They created this huge following for big bands, Bardeguez said.

"Performing with [Severinsen] is the Oklahoma City Jazz Orchestra," said Linda Bosteels, Performing Arts Series coordinator.

Oklahoma City Jazz Orchestra is a premier jazz orchestra that can play its own performance as well as back up other stars, like Doc Severinsen, Bosteels said.

Bardeguez said the audience should hear familiar tunes.

"This show will be a fairly traditional big band jazz show. It's probably going to showcase Doc Severinsen's favorite arrangements," Bardeguez said. "It will be a big, fun, exciting show, all things that big bands are known for."

The show will feature Severinsen on the trumpet and feature a couple of numbers by the Oklahoma City Jazz Orchestra, Bardeguez said.

Bosteels said they are expecting a full house.

"The VPAC Theater holds a thousand people," she said. "He will be close to a sell-out."

Theater doors will open at 7 p.m.

Students are able to receive two free tickets to see Doc Severinsen by showing their student ID at the box office.

General admission ticket prices range from \$38 to \$50 depending on seating.

Tickets are available at <http://tickets.occc.edu>, by



calling 405-682-7579, or by visiting the OCCC Box Office located in the atrium of the VPAC Theater in person.

Results: Survey shows employers like hiring OCCC grads

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supervisors of graduates in the workforce.

"The supervisor survey is sent to those supervisors that the graduate has been asked if they're working in the field," she said.

"If they're working in the field in a related or somewhat related position, then we send

that survey out.

"It doesn't make a difference if they feel that it's somewhat related or directly related. We will send it to that supervisor.

"And again the supervisor receives the name of that individual so they are actually evaluating that graduate from the program."

Other results were calculated as well.

The top four performance ratings on a 5-point scale are teamwork topping the list with a 4.72 rating, reading with a 4.59, cultural diversity with a 4.55, and computer utilization coming in at a 4.5.

The lowest four performance ratings on a 5-point scale were negotiating at 4.28, conflict resolution with 4.22, consensus building at 4.21 and leadership

at the bottom spot with a 4.17 rating.

One area did decline from last year, Perry said.

Supervisors were asked if they would hire another OCCC graduate if given the chance, she said.

That number decreased from 100 percent last year to 94 percent.

Still, Perry said, the numbers

are positive.

"These are the types of numbers that we enjoy looking at and saying yes, we are doing a great job," she said.

For more information about the survey results, call Perry at 405-682-1611, ext. 7213, or email jcperry@occc.edu.

See the survey at www.occc.edu/planning-research/survey/html.

Event: Halloween carnival canceled for 'lack of manpower'

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Traditionally, OCCC clubs and organizations have set up various booths for the carnival where children could play games, and receive candy and prizes.

Nursing major Yessenia Valadez said she has never been to the carnival and was looking forward to the carnival this year.

Valadez said she is in four campus clubs and each of them had planned to participate.

"I wanted to dress up and run a little booth or at least help," she said.

Valadez said one of the clubs planned to hand out candy, another wanted to hold a fundraiser at the carnival and another had hoped to give back to the community by working at a booth.

She said she thinks Student Life could make the event happen if they really want to.

"I think they should have put it on," she said. "I think their excuse was pretty bad. I think if there was really a will to do it, they would have gotten people from [another division]."

History Professor Ray McCullar has worked at OCCC since the college opened in 1972. He said he remembers the carnival being held as far back as 1974.

He said he remembers dressing up as a mad scientist in the carnival's haunted house, which he participated in every year until they did away with the house.

"We had kind of a haunted house and the children enjoyed that," McCullar said.

McCullar said the carnival is always a very busy and a popular event, especially since more people have stopped trick-or-treating.

"A lot of people don't like to go door-to-door because they don't know what

kind of treats they're getting or who's going to open the door," he said.

While he is sad to see it canceled this year, he said he hopes Student Life will have enough workers to put on the event next year.

"I think it's a good thing because it brings in the community, it brings in children, their parents — people who otherwise might not see the college," McCullar said.

"But if you don't have enough volunteers and you have to go outside the college to get volunteers, it gets complicated."

Nursing major Katie Peabody said she took her daughter Sophia to Francis Tuttle's carnival last year but was excited to attend OCCC's carnival this year.

"I wanted to go this year but then I got the email that it was canceled," she said. "I wanted to take my daughter this year because she's 2 and that'd be

fun for her."

Fringer said students can contact Student Life for a list of alternative local Halloween events.

For more information about the carnival's cancellation or upcoming events, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

In the past, a \$1 donation has been suggested for each child attending.

Fringer said last year, carnival proceeds were donated to United Way. She said, this year, students could donate to those organizations in a different way.

"We are encouraging students to participate in events that the United Way committee is advertising," she said.

The 2015-2016 Budget allocates \$1,000 to the carnival, which, Fringer said, will now be used for Student Life spring events.

"We know this is an event that people enjoy," she said. "The funds that were dedicated will not be misused."

CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Showing school spirit:

Starsky the Ram, the mascot of Oklahoma City University, invites students to come and learn more about the university's programs and scholarships from OCU faculty and staff, as well as the benefits of transferring to OCU upon completion of an associate degree. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

Speaker gives inspiration to students

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Dr. Kathleen McElroy's first memory of news was the day John F. Kennedy's funeral was broadcast in November of 1963.

"It was the first day of my life in which cartoons were not on TV," McElroy said. She was 3 at the time.

Now 56, McElroy sees that memory as an example of the way media shaped her world.

She teaches at Oklahoma State University as an assistant professor of multimedia, journalism and sports media.

McElroy said she considers herself a "dinosaur" because the way she accesses media is completely different from younger generations. She grew up in a family who read newspapers and talked about current events.

She spoke to that younger generation Oct. 1 in Professor Sue Hinton's journalism class.

McElroy's resume sparkles with success. She worked as an editor at the New York Times, a task she said was sometimes "like cleaning up behind elephants."

As Page 1 editor at the Times, she said, she helped decide which Abu Ghraib photos to put on the cover. Abu Ghraib was a military prison in Iraq where some U.S. soldiers took hundreds of photos showing the mistreatment of prisoners.

McElroy came to the class to talk about her journey through the media landscape to OCCC students preparing for their own explorations in the scene.

She inspired the students by telling her history.



Kathleen McElroy

"Forget the whole idea of a perfect career trajectory," McElroy said. "You don't have to have it."

She spoke of her own decisions, made from real life predicaments, after she graduated from Texas A&M University.

She decided to move from the Bryan-College Station Eagle, a Texas newspaper with a circulation of 20,000 people at the time, to a mere 6,000 circulation paper, the Huntsville Item.

"What is Huntsville famous for?" she asked the class.

Punching a fist in the air, she answered, "Yes! Executing people."

She said her journalism colleagues told her she would "die

there" at the Huntsville Item, and pleaded with her not to take the job.

But McElroy said it was the right decision. Her husband had found a job in Huntsville, and could not find work in Bryan-College Station.

"If you must take a job because it pays bills, or [you] need to be close to [your] family, then you do it," McElroy said. "If it's the right thing to do, you do it."

The decision led her to other better jobs, including the New York Times, only six years after working at the Huntsville Item.

In New York, she was sent to the Olympics, the World Series, and served as sports editor before becoming Page 1 editor.

She encouraged students to have a concept of what their perfect world would be, choose what they like to do, and surround themselves with people and things that make them happy.

Quickly finishing her doctoral degree, she had plans to travel when someone told her to apply at OSU. She got the job, and accepted it because she wanted something new.

"I've never had a backyard before," McElroy said. She says she enjoys living in Stillwater.

McElroy can be reached at kathleen.mcelroy@okstate.edu.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Doc Severinsen to perform at OCCC

Band leader Doc Severinsen will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, in the OCCC Visual and Performing Arts Center. Severinsen was the band leader on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson for numerous years. For tickets and more information, contact the OCCC Box Office at 405-682-7579.

UCO transfer event Oct. 27

The Graduation, Employment and Transfer department will be hosting UCO faculty and advisers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, in CU3. The series is open to all to get information on degrees and scholarships. A transfer counselor also will be there to answer questions. For more information, contact the GET office at transfer@occc.edu or 405-682-7519.

Student Rock Band to give free performance

Students, faculty and staff are invited to see the Student Rock Band for free at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the Bruce Owen Theater. For more information, contact the Arts Division at 405-682-6278.

Blood Drive Oct. 27 and 28

OCCC students, faculty and staff can donate blood at the Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the General Dining Area. For more information on donor requirements, visit obi.org or call 1-877-340-8777.

Service Learning opportunity offered

Student Life will have a service learning trip to the Regional Food Bank from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. The trip has been rescheduled from Nov. 7. For more information, contact the Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Royal National Theatre to be aired at OCCC

OCCC is premiering London's Royal National Theatre performance of "Hamlet" via National Theatre Live video at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, in the Visual Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are free with all other tickets at \$15. Tickets may be purchased at tickets.occc.edu or 405-682-7579.

Tuition Waiver applications due Friday, Nov. 20.

Tuition Waiver applications for the spring 2016 semester will be available from Monday, Oct. 19, until 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in the Financial Aid Office. Students need to attach an Academic Transcript and be enrolled for at least six hours in the spring semester before submitting their Tuition Waiver application to the Financial Aid Office. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525.

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

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1. Rodeo rope

6. Advertising emblem

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14. Director Woody ____

15. Primates

16. Alley

17. Hangar occupant

18. For each person (2 wds.)

20. Open shoe

22. Raise

23. Directed

24. Manchester's country (abbr.)

25. Volcanic rock

27. Disintegrate

29. Roasting rod

30. Certain leathers

34. Approach

38. Eve's home

40. Rattler, e.g.

41. Agreeable

43. Summer drink (2 wds.)

45. Type of bean

46. Bread topping

48. Brashness

49. Show up

51. Beige

53. Compass reading (abbr.)

54. Penn or Connery

55. Roberto's "two"

58. Certain dashes

61. Pub brews

63. Bemoan

65. Hunting dog

68. Hobby wood

69. Diva's solo

70. Very little

71. Metric measure

72. Categorize

73. Besides that

74. Overjoy

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1. Slip-up

2. Edgar ____ Poe

3. Street talk

4. Forward

5. Shaquille and Tatum

6. Drink like a dog

7. Perform surgery

8. Richard ____ of "Pretty Woman"

9. Movie awards

10. Swiss peak

11. Flunk

12. Poker word

13. Enjoy a book

19. Stir up

21. Jacket part

26. MTV feature

28. Looks after

31. Computer fodder

32. Squeaks by

33. Oceans

34. California valley

35. Discharge

36. Slangy negative

37. Evaluates

39. Sister's daughter

42. Dwarfed shrub

44. Reef material

47. Reduces

50. Remove

52. Incapable

55. River mouth

56. Beginning

57. Fixed gaze

58. Distinct times

59. Fiddling emperor

60. Recipe verb

62. Like a villain

64. Send a letter

66. Squeal

67. Seeded bread

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Everyone invited to open mic event Oct. 29

LUIS CLAUDIO

News Writing Student

Writers, poets and singers will bring their talents to the microphone when Student Life and the student literary magazine The Absolute sponsor the third annual open mic event.

Participants and spectators are invited to attend from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in CU3.

Student Lerhu Brown has participated in the past and said she is excited to participate again this year.

Brown said all the stories she has read are stories that impacted her life and made her stronger.

She noted that she did not have the perfect family while growing up. She lacked role models that she could look up to and grow as a strong woman.

Although her life was not the best, she said, she is still trying today to accomplish everything that she would like to do for her future.

She said one person who influenced her to share her life struggles was English Professor Marybeth McCauley.

"Ms. McCauley has been a great teacher," Brown said. "She is the one who inspired me to like and read poetry."

Brown will be reciting a poem called "Trapped."

She said she chose this poem because it reminded her of the time that she did not have a strong bond with her mother and felt completely alone.

Her poems and stories remind

her of the dark past that haunted her as a child, Brown said. It's a memory that will never go away or leave her in peace.

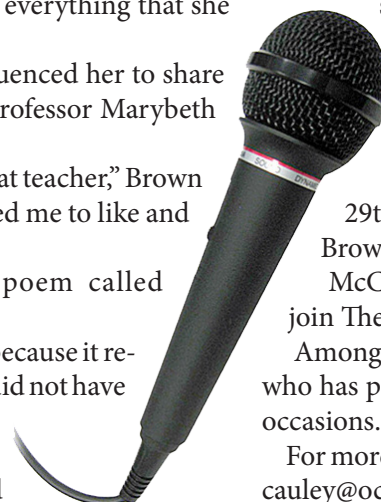
Writing poems and reciting them are the only things that put her at ease, she said.

"I am very excited to perform on the 29th and I can't wait to see you all there," Brown said.

McCauley said she hopes many authors will join The Absolute's open mic event.

Among others, she expects singer Andria Wallen, who has performed original songs on two previous occasions. Wallen is a former OCCC student.

For more information, contact McCauley at mmc-cauley@occc.edu.



Clery: Annual crime statistics report shows campus numbers

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There are currently around 13,000 students enrolled at OCCC in addition to 1,427 employees.

As of the 2015 report, Fitzpatrick said, the guidelines now mandate forcible and non-forcible sex offenses to be broken down into a crime hierarchy, where crimes fall into their highest offense.

Fitzpatrick offered the example of the 2007 Virginia Tech mass shooting to explain sorting crimes by hierarchy.

He said although there were numerous counts of aggravated assault, the highest crime within the hierarchy committed in the incident was murder.

Therefore, only the 32 homicides were listed on Virginia Tech's Annual Security Report the following year.

CLERY ACT AMENDED FOR SEX-BASED CRIMES

In 2013, President Barack Obama signed the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act as part of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.

This amended the Jeanne Clery Act to require campus police departments to categorize sex-based crimes as well.

OCCC lists one reported rape on campus. There also was another instance where a rape is listed as having been determined to be unfounded.

Fitzpatrick said that incident of rape was investigated by the Oklahoma City Police Department and the reporting person recanted her statement.

There were no reported incidents of rape in either 2012 or 2013.

In 2014 there were five reported cases of fondling, up from one in 2013 and none in 2012.

Fitzpatrick said he feels fondling crimes were reported at a higher level in 2014 because of awareness and education programs OCCC has implemented.

"People realize [they] used to blow [these incidents] off, but now they are saying '[the offender] touched me in a way that was improper,'" he said.

OCCC Police Lt. Daniel Piazza said when one victim came forward about an incident of fondling,

the investigation ended up identifying two more victims.

OTHER CAMPUS CRIME NUMBERS

Hate crimes also are included in the 2015 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. In 2014, one hate crime was identified.

Fitzpatrick said the incident involved a student being intimidated by classmates due to a lack of religion. He said the offenders used bias against the victim.

"Whether it is bias or hate, it does not matter" he said.

Robbery crimes on OCCC campuses are still down, with both 2013 and 2014 showing no instances of robbery, and one reported instance in 2012.

Aggravated assault cases also are on the decline, with no reported instances in 2014, a reduction from one each year in both 2012 and 2013.

Though there were three reported cases of burglary in 2012, none were reported in either 2013 or 2014.

Motor vehicle theft is more prevalent this year. There were four reported cases in 2014, with two cases in 2013 and three cases in 2012.

There was one reported case of domestic violence per year in both 2014 and 2013, and none in 2012.

There were two instances of stalking in 2014, and one instance in 2013.

Additionally, one instance of stalking in 2014 is listed as unfounded.

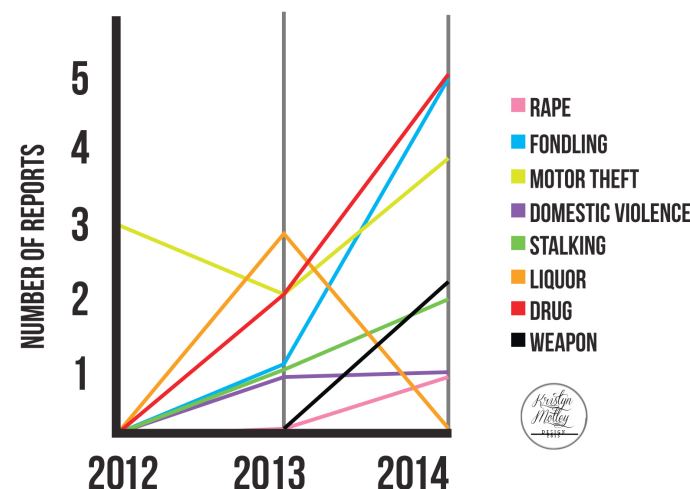
Fitzpatrick said he was notified the report needed to be amended as the stalking incident listed as unfounded does not meet the guidelines of the crime.

Campus drug law violations appear to be on the rise with one instance in 2012, two instances in 2013 and five reported in 2014.

There were two instances of weapons violations in 2014 — one violation with a handgun and one with a knife.

According to the report there were no weapons violations in either 2013 or 2012.

ON CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS 2012-2014



The report shows three liquor law violations in 2013, up from zero in 2012. However, there were no reported instances in 2014.

OCCC SUMMARY

According to the ASR, from years 2012 to 2014 there have been no reported instances of murder, non-negligent or negligent manslaughter, incest, statutory rape, arson, or dating violence.

Overall, Fitzpatrick said, he is impressed with the reduced number of campus larcenies since 2010 and with the relatively low number of car burglaries and drug violations at OCCC, Fitzpatrick said.

"This is an extremely safe campus," he said.

In fact, Fitzpatrick said, he has been surprised during his years at OCCC how few students have been arrested for drug violations.

"There is not a drug problem on the campus."

For more information, contact Fitzpatrick at 405-682-1611 ext. 7891. For a copy of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report 2015 visit the Campus Police Office.

For previous reports, visit www.dev.occc.edu/police/crimesafetystats.html.