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Framing the shot: Yaxin Tian, journalism major, films an OCCC commercial for her video production class. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

OCCC partnering with Oklahoma City to help southside residents

President says college will likely participate by offering non-credit health-related classes

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OCCC will soon be a partner in a 15,200 square-foot innovative Education and Wellness campus located in southwest Oklahoma City. The center will assist people in getting free or low-cost health services and provide classroom training for teachers working with students in urban schools in Oklahoma City, according to okc.gov.

College President Jerry Steward said he is pleased OCCC will be a part of a facility that will

help enhance the health of the residents of south Oklahoma City. He said there is no financial obligation on the part of the college nor will OCCC help provide any healthcare at the center.

“... We’re not here to provide healthcare to the community,” Steward said. “But what we can do and what we will do ... is be involved to the extent we can in providing educational opportunities at the center.”

He said offering non-credit courses is one option.

“It probably wouldn’t be [credit courses], but it could be ... classes that have to do with health and hygiene, public health and those kind of things.”

Steward said although the college is a partner in the project, no OCCC employees are expected to work at the center.

“I don’t anticipate staffing,

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—JERRY STEWARD
OCCC PRESIDENT

especially with our shrinking [budget],” he said. “I have to protect the core mission, and our core mission is teaching and learning. We will be involved but we will not be staffing it or have any primary responsibility for the operations center.”

Steward said Executive Vice President Steven Bloomberg

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Students can earn cash for used books

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Students who have used books they don’t need any longer can sell them for some extra cash at the OCCC Bookstore as well as local outlets such as Textbook Brokers and Half Price Books, or online.

The OCCC Bookstore’s Book Buyback event is from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7; from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, through Thursday, Dec. 10; from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, said bookstore Textbook Manager Sheila

Laferney. She said students are required to bring a valid OCCC student ID to sell used books.

“[The Book Buyback] benefits the college by recycling used books,” she said. “It also benefits the students so they can get rid of their books that they don’t need. ... [The event] is convenient because they are right here on campus so they can come right to the bookstore.”

“It benefits the students because it gives them cash for unneeded books and provides the bookstore with used books for students for the next semester.”

Laferney said not all books will be bought.

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Holiday break means days off

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Students will get a break from classes for the Thanksgiving holiday this year.

No classes will be held past 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and there will be no classes on Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Police Chief James Fitzpatrick.

He said OCCC’s Main Building will close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Fitzpatrick said all OCCC buildings will be closed from Thursday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 29.

The Test Center, Academic Advising and the Assessment Center will be open regular hours — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23. They will close early at 5 p.m. on both Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Academic Advising and Testing Services Director Tammy Madden.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | New single “Hello” already setting many records

Adele back with a vengeance

The big girl comes back with her biggest hit ever. “Hello” is now considered a ballad rocket.

I think most people know who I am talking about. Yes, it is Adele. I believe nobody can accomplish what she did.

Her first album “21” became an internationally phenomenon with a number of hits. It brought her six Grammy awards and numerous awards from other reputable ceremonies. Then, when she was at the height of fame and success, she surprisingly took a long break.

After almost four years, Adele has once again surprised everyone with a new single “Hello,” released at the end of October. Fans have not been disappointed. During an era of auto-tune music, most pop singers use the support of machines and technology to make their vocals sound good. “Hello” is an exception.

As always, it seems Adele wants people to feel what she feels. She uses her natural voice without the aid of



machines to express the real feelings of a woman missing her lover. The song evokes sadness and desperation.

Just one week after the release date, “Hello” set new records.

The song set a record for the most U.S. downloads sold in a week with

1.11 million, according to Nielsen Music. The video of this song hit 100 million views in the first week and became one of the most-watched music video debuts of all time according to YouTube. “Hello” is now No.1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 Debut.

I love this song, the video, the lyrics and the rhythm. However, one small thing which makes me feel disappointed is “Hello” does not have a real hook like her previous songs.

Still, it’s a good song worth a listen.

Rating: A-

—HUNG TRAN
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MUSIC REVIEW | Canadian pop star has taken on a new grown-up persona

Bieber needs to man up to new image

Canadian pop star Justin Bieber has had a turbulent past couple of years, and I’m sure he’d be the first to tell you that.

He’s gone through a messy breakup with superstar girlfriend Selena Gomez, he’s peed into some things he shouldn’t have peed into, he’s gotten arrested a couple of times for fighting paparazzi and drag racing foreign sports cars, he was found in a Brazilian brothel, he was beaten up by actor Orlando Bloom — honestly I could keep going for another few hundred words but I won’t.

And, if people didn’t like his prepubescent, squeaky clean image prior to these escapades, they probably dislike him even more now.

Justin Bieber is just 21 years old. As a 20-year-old college student, I know everyone commits some tomfoolery similar to the things Bugatti Biebs is doing at this age (probably not, honestly, but go with me), but the difference between him and us is that he’s scrutinized by the entire universe.

As he’s getting older, he’s trying to figure out what he wants to do with his image. Out with the iconic bowl cut and acoustic guitar; in with a body covered only by tattoos and Calvin Klein briefs.

This rebrand is true with his music, too. Justin Bieber is a pop music savant. If there’s one thing that is true about pop music, it’s that the only things you need to be a success are a catchy hook and good production.

Look through history and these are the two most important things for crafting some chart toppers.

And, as Bieber blazes his redemption trail back into America’s heart, he does so with just that.

The four singles from his upcoming album, “Purpose,” all follow a similar, but extremely successful formula. “Where Are U Now,” “Sorry,” “What Do You Mean,” and “I’ll Show You” have all already had huge commercial success thanks to this formula.

They’re fun, bouncy and up tempo, but most of all, they’re just good freakin’ songs.

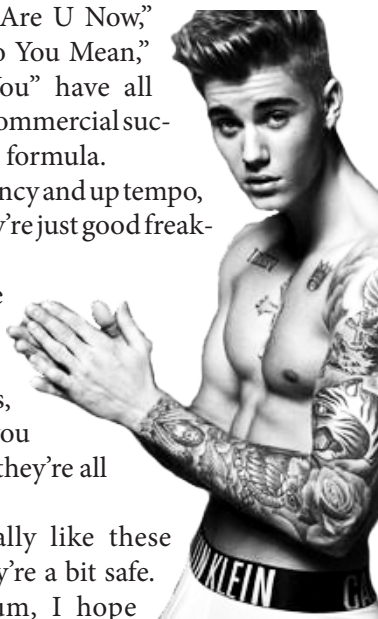
All of them have some cool, weird, beat drop type of thing in the hooks, and even though you know it’s coming, they’re all still satisfying.

While I do really like these songs, I think they’re a bit safe. For Bieber’s album, I hope there’s something that matches his newfound bad-boy persona.

I don’t need something as explicit and unexpected as all of the pictures of Bieber’s genitals on the Internet. But, for now, keep giving me those hits, Biebs.

Rating: B+

—IAN MANERA
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Everyone needs the Flipboard app

When I introduced the app Flipboard to a few of my peers, I was actually shocked that they had never heard of it.

Unless you live under some sort of digital rock, Flipboard is the premier aesthetic news app on mobile devices.

The app allows you to subscribe to any number of things or publications.

For instance, if you love the NBA like I do, you subscribe to Flipboard’s NBA tag, which aggregates lots of sources for NBA news.

Or, if you just love a single publication, let’s say Esquire or NPR, you can subscribe to those as well.

The latest thing the app has done is allow users to put a bunch of articles into a “magazine,” but I personally think that’s useless and haven’t used that very much.

I use Flipboard every day.

I wake up and read it with my breakfast; it is literally my newspaper. Users ‘flip’ pages, hence the name.

The best thing about Flipboard though? It just looks really, really nice. On my huge iPhone 6+, it’s absolutely gorgeous.

Practically any source is on this app as well.

The variety of topics is staggering, with everything from philosophy posts about the humanity of the Nazis to Rolling Stone articles decrying the right wing’s latest mess up.

Did I mention it’s pretty?

Plus, the shareability is amazing.

You can easily share the link to Facebook, Twitter or save it to your Pocket (another amazing app).

The app only occasionally glitches and there are some more specific sources that are lacking (for example, the “big 12 football” tag is almost completely barren).

This app, for me, however, is leaps and bounds ahead of almost any other news-aggregating app because it allows you to control the content so much, and also because it is extremely functional and easy to use.

This free app is available on Android and Apple products, but not Windows phones. You should feel bad for using one of those anyway.

—SPENCER GRANT
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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOD REVIEW | Reviewer says he can live without the morning java addiction some folks have

Coffee nothing to get all snooty about

Have you ever thought about how weird the things are that we eat and drink? We eat meat, veggies, candy, and drink liquids that usually have all been through some kind of crazy processes on the way to your mouth.

Sometimes those processes totally alter the state of what's being consumed. Corn turns into a super sugary goop that becomes a solid candy, shaped like a strawberry. Jell-O is, well, we're not going to get into that.

But one food that goes through a weird change bothers me, and believe it or not, it's not the Jell-O. It's coffee.

Coffee starts as beans, which are harvested, usually roasted in some form, and then ground up. Hot water is strained through the ground beans, making a beverage. Realistically this is not an incredible change of form, until the beans go from a solid, to being used to flavor a liquid.

My problem, however, is not generally with the process that coffee goes through. My problem is with coffee culture.

Realistically a Starbucks just does for coffee what McDonald's does for burgers, or an Italian restaurant does for pasta. It takes the original product, and changes it into something different, with added amenities, in this case

such as hazelnut flavoring or whipped cream.

And people are even snobby about other restaurants like they are about their coffee, which is understandable. Almost everyone has a favorite burger place, Italian restaurant, coffee shop or brand of coffee.

So why do I hate the coffee culture? I know it sounds like I understand what it's all about.

I hate the coffee culture because people act like they can't live without coffee. Coffee runs people's lives like drugs. People act like coffee is some incredible invention and that their frappuccino that doesn't even have coffee in it is something they literally cannot live without.

Maybe it's just me, but I can live without coffee. I don't find coffee to be all that appetizing, and definitely not worth the money for some fancy drink at Starbucks that rots my teeth more than it give me a caffeine boost.

Rating: D

—CLAYTON MITCHELL
VIDEOGRAPHER



PRODUCT REVIEW | Pioneer reports all the news — both good and bad — that everyone needs to know

All OCCC students have power of press

Many OCCC students are not aware of a student-run asset they have at their fingertips.

This asset can tell students what is happening at the college better than the Student Life calendar which usually only offers a title, date and time but no actual information about an event.

This asset allows students to truly know what is really happening on campus. And this information is from student to student, not dictated by someone in Public Relations on a glossy, disconnected pamphlet.

The creators of this asset will listen to any student who comes into the office where it's housed and has time to talk. It is written to inform OCCC students about what is happening at the college — both the good and the bad.

That resource is the OCCC student-written and operated newspaper — the Pioneer.

Often, the word on the administrative street is that OCCC students don't care about what is going on at the college.

"It's a Walmart for education. You're in and you're out," or "OCCC is a commuter school. Without the students living on campus, you can't form a community here."

If you find yourself saying these things, your next statement should be an apology to the OCCC students who do care what happens at OCCC. You are short-selling their education.

Students here are bright, engaged and responsive. We are intelligent, community oriented and aware.

So if you find yourself teaching, administrating, doing



whatever you do here, and thinking of the students in a "they're in and they're out" mentality, hardly learning names or bothering to remember faces, I think you should move on from the college. The students don't want someone who does not care about their education here.

To my comrades I see every day at the college, you are engaged so it is time to speak up.

I listen and speak with many students in my classes who know about things that are happening here — such as having professors who don't seem to care or aren't attentive, or about programs and offices that are a sham for getting help.

But so many don't speak up about these issues.

If you feel unheard here, remember this: There is a student newspaper ready to help you be heard. Come see us in 1F2 of the AH building.

Rating: A+

—LENORA LA VICTOIRE
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Have you recently seen a movie, read a book or dined at an area restaurant?

Head over to our Facebook or Twitter page and tell us about it.

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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Nov. 6
through Nov. 8

www.newyorktimes.com

1. Spectre
2. The Peanuts Movie
3. Love the Coopers
4. The Martian
5. The 33
6. Goosebumps
7. Bridge of Spies
8. Prem Ratan Dhan Payo
9. Hotel Transylvania 2
10. The Last Witch
11. Spotlight
12. My All American
13. The Intern
14. Burnt
15. Suffragette
16. Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension
17. Sicario
18. Woodlawn
19. La Guerre des tuques
20. Room

Man arrested on outstanding warrants

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A suspicious man with outstanding warrants, a stolen credit card, and a rogue paper printer were all reported to campus police in recent weeks.

At 5:40 p.m., Nov. 4, a suspicious person was reported to be using a phone in a faculty office in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

The man, Todd Smith, 47, said he was on campus to meet someone in the Science, Engineering and Math Center, located on the opposite end of the campus.

Art Professor Jeremy Fineman said he thought the man's behavior was strange and notified campus police.

Officers Zachary Andrews and Patrick Martino found Smith looking around in classrooms in the Arts and Humanities area.

Smith told officers he was at the col-

lege to pick up his nephew, who, he said, was skateboarding somewhere on campus. Smith could not provide a description of his nephew.

The cell number he provided for his nephew's parents was disconnected.

After talking with the Oklahoma City Police department, it was discovered Smith had three outstanding warrants.

Oklahoma City police arrived and transported Smith to the Oklahoma County jail.

Unauthorized use of a credit card was reported to campus police by student Ximing Liang, 21, at 4:19 p.m., Nov. 3.

Liang told Martino someone had used his Bank of America card for up to \$250 in unauthorized purchases. The person used the card the day before in the food service area, he said.

Security footage of the area revealed nothing.



In another incident, a student creating a disturbance over the number of copies she could make on library copiers prompted officers to respond.

At 9:37 p.m., Oct. 22, a student was reported to be causing a scene at the library on the first floor. When Officer David Madden arrived, he met with the student, 43, whose name has been redacted from reports.

Library staff member Michael Ritchey said the student had been warned about excessive printing but refused to cooperate with library staff.

The student had printed 48 pages, which is more than the policy of 25 pages per day, according to the report.

Ritchey had offered to give her the first 25 pages, but confiscated all additional pages.

Madden said when he attempted to speak to the student, she was loud and

created a disturbance. The report shows the student told Madden, "I paid for this library and paper. I can print as much as I want!"

Madden said he explained the protocol for the library, and offered to show her the Communications Lab, where she could print more pages.

The student agreed and left the library.

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.

President, administrators report on college to regents

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At October's Board of Regents meeting, President Jerry Steward recognized a former student, and talked about higher education and the future of OCCC.

Oklahoma County Commissioner and OCCC alumni Brian Maughan was recognized at the Oct. 16 meeting for his commitment and service to OCCC during last winter's ice and snow storms.

"He has saved OCCC tens of thousands of dollars using county equipment and personnel," Steward said. "We wanted to say thank you."

Maughan, a former student of Steward's, said he likes to think he was doing something productive as a concerned citizen and not as commissioner.

"It's an honor and I'm appreciative of my education at OCCC."

Steward also gave a higher education update that included University of Oklahoma President David Boren's proposed 1-cent sales tax increase to fund state education.

Steward said he doesn't have a prediction as to what the outcome will be, but said the topic has created a number of discussions he will watch with interest.

Steward then addressed guns on col-

lege campuses — a topic that continues to appear in state legislative discussions. Steward said he anticipates additional Guns on Campus legislation to be pushed forward in Oklahoma this year as a result of recent college campus shootings.

He pointed to Wisconsin and Texas now allowing guns on campus with the subject still being a major discussion in Texas.

Then, Steward turned to the OCCC campus and its new legal team.

The firm of Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, P.C. was introduced for filling General Counsel Nancy Gerrity's position after her recent resignation.

John Michael Williams is the firm's managing partner as well as a former OCCC regent.

"[Williams] has been active in community support of the college," Steward said. "His firm has an absolutely outstanding reputation for high quality and good service."

The meeting then turned toward OCCC as The Annual Monitoring Report on College END was presented by Planning and Research Executive

Director Stu Harvey and Academic Affairs Associate Vice President Greg Gardner.

"Our students like OCCC and would recommend it to people in their family to come and visit with us," Gardner said.

"Our graduates are satisfied and happy. Those are indicators of quality and student success."

Acting Executive Vice President Steven Bloomberg also presented a report on the Wellness Center and employee well-being.

Bloomberg said the Fitness Center has expanded by 3,485 square feet with 12 new cardio machines and 42 new weight lifting machines.

He said the prior three years had an estimated average of 25,410 people visit the area with a projected increase of 15,000 for fiscal year 2016.

Bloomberg said the new space is making a difference.

"Wellness is important," he said. "We are addressing more so the mind, body and spirit of our employees and students."

Next on the agenda was the Board Audit Committee presenting an opin-

ion on the finances of the college and the South Oklahoma City Area School District, both of which received clean audits.

Other business conducted was the incidental enrollment report on 2015 fall enrollment, and employee recognition.

Steward also introduced the OCCC Leadership Class VIII with Employment and Employee Relations Director Jana Legako in charge of the class and Professional Development Coordinator Dana Culton assisting her.

Legako said the class "provides focus professional development for emerging leaders of OCCC."

Faculty and staff involved in the class are Kevin Brannan, Building Services; Julie Hathaway, Child Development Center; Julian Hilliard, biological sciences; Charles Myrick, business professor; Darby Johnsen, Academic Student Success Director.

Jermaine Peterson, TRiO Student Support Services; Germain Pichop, business professor; Marlene Shugart, vice president of Business and Finance; Tricia Sweany, reference librarian; Nate Vanden Brook, political science professor.

For more information about OCCC's Regents meetings and recaps, visit www.occc.edu/AboutUs/BoardofRegents.html.

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—GREG GARDNER

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATE
VICE PRESIDENT

Child Development Center and Lab School teacher Constance Pidgeon shows children from her class the different herbs planted in their community garden. They are (left to right) Liv, 4, Mark, 4, and Lucy, 4, from her preschool class. Pidgeon said the garden, located out back in the play area, is used to teach young children about plants and growing vegetables.

Children at the center had help planting the garden Sept. 30, thanks to 14 Heritage Hall high school students, numerous community volunteers and the non-profit organization Oklahoma City Harvest. The goal is to create outdoor classrooms where children can learn about science, math, and nutrition, while also developing gardening skills, said Brittany Earnest, marketing and events manager with OKC Beautiful.

Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer



Community helps children set up, maintain garden area

Pre-school classes plant community garden with help from high school students, Oklahoma City Harvest

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Broccoli, brussels sprouts, parsley, sage, rosemary, and kale are just a few of the cool weather vegetables planted in the OCCC Child Development Center's newly built schoolyard garden.

Children at the center had help planting the garden Sept. 30, thanks to 14 Heritage Hall high school students, numerous community volunteers and the non-profit organization Oklahoma City Harvest.

The goal is to create outdoor classrooms where children can learn about science, math, and nutrition, while also developing gardening skills, said Brittany Earnest, marketing and events manager with OKC Beautiful.

As an added benefit, the garden also provides a peaceful environment for reading to the children, Earnest said.

Larry Heyman, co-founder of Oklahoma City Harvest, said he's gotten positive feedback from participating schools.

"Each garden receives four raised rectangle beds, each measuring 4 feet by 12 feet," Heyman said.

Volunteers got started by laying landscape fabric.

The next step was to lay the paving stones to outline each bed. Nutrient rich compost soil was rolled in and the drip irrigation system installed. Lastly, the seedlings were planted.

Oklahoma City Harvest is a non-profit educational organization that helps other non-profits and community organizations plan, build, and grow community and neighborhood gardens.

"The kids are really excited about it," Heyman said.

"School districts have a lot of land and school yards largely go unused.

"We decided that since schools are a great community center and a good community gathering spot for parents, it made sense that we plant schoolyard community gardens.

"One of the things we teach the children is that exposing a carrot to freezing temperatures creates a sweeter tasting carrot," Heyman said.

"It's due in part with the way a carrot distributes sugar to protect itself from freezing."

Constance Pidgeon is a child development teacher and lab assistant at the center.

"After visiting the schoolyard garden at Emerson Elementary School, we contacted Heyman with Oklahoma City Harvest to build a garden," Pidgeon said.

"This has been a dream of ours — to have a schoolyard garden of our own."

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—CONSTANCE PIDGEON
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
AND LAB SCHOOL TEACHER

All the children at the OCCC Child Development Center are involved in the garden, Pidgeon said.

The instructors have found that the children who care for the plants have a sense of pride about having grown food, and are more likely to want to eat it.

The first Oklahoma City Harvest garden was planted at Roosevelt Middle School in May of 2014.

Since then they have planted 14 more gardens, making the OCCC Child Development Center garden number 16.

"We build the garden, then hand it over to the school," Heyman said.

"The major request we have is that all the gardens remain active instructional food gardens."

With help from volunteers, sponsors and corporate outreach, the gardens can be installed in as little as a day, at no cost to the school.

Oklahoma City Harvest provides support and lesson ideas to teachers throughout the year to ensure schools get the maximum benefit.

The program also updates the plants as the seasons change. The Center's garden was dedicated last month.

To learn more about community gardens visit www.okcharvest.org. For more information about OCCC's Child Development Center, call 405-682-7561.

it's a small world

African student in Oklahoma for an education

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International students sometimes find it difficult to adjust to life in the U.S. However, this has not been the case for Angola native Magna Joao.

The OCCC English major is attending school on a \$100,000 scholarship from a petroleum engineering company in her home country located in southern Africa.

Joao said she is part of a group of students studying across the U.S.

"When I'm done, I have to go back," she said.

Joao said attending school in Oklahoma gives her an opportunity to further her education in a place that hasn't been ravaged by civil war as Angola has.

"We only just made peace in 2003," she said.

Prior to that, Joao described a civil war fought between the Angolan government and rebels.

She said she enjoys being in a place that feels organized — a big difference from her home

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—MAGNA JOAO
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

country, which, Joao said, is still working out the kinks 12 years after peace was made between the feuding groups.

She said there are other differences she likes as well.

"The roads are much better here. Lots of people have cars in Angola, but the public transportation is terrible."

Joao said she likes the people of Oklahoma as well, describing most of them as being "friendly."

She said there are also things she misses about home — such as the food.

"There's so many burgers, and fast food (here). It's gross," she said. "Angola has many beautiful beaches, so we eat a lot of fish there."

She said one of the best things about her home country

is a specific style of dance invented there, called "Kuduro."

"Angola is a good country," she said. "We have lots of animals there that you can't find anywhere else."

Joao said the biggest difference between Oklahoma and Angola is the weather.

She said it's much colder here than in her tropical homeland.

Joao hails from the capital of Angola — Luanda — formerly known as São Paulo da Assunção de Loanda from previous Portuguese rule.

It's the third most populous Portuguese-speaking city, behind only São Paulo and Rio De Janeiro in Brazil. Joao speaks fluent Portuguese.

Since coming to the U.S., Joao said, she has started to expand her religious beliefs.

In the past, she said she was a practicing Catholic. She said she isn't quite sure what her religion is now.

"Some friends brought me to their Methodist church," she said. "... It was OK, it was good."

Joao said she is enjoying



MELISSA SUE LOPEZ/PIONEER

Magna Joao

learning English in Modern Language Professor Abra Figueroa's classes, and is working to improve her GPA to transfer to the University of Oklahoma. She said although she is currently studying English, she eventually would like to work toward a degree in

chemical engineering.

Like many students around the world, Joao said, her future feels like it's up in the air at times.

"After I graduate I will go back (to Angola), but I don't know if I will work there, or somewhere else."



Angola

Capital: Luanda

Population: 21.47 million (2013)

GDP: 5,783.37 billion USD (2013)

Size: 481,400 sq. miles (912,050 million km²)

Official Language: Portuguese

Currency: Angolan kwanza

Government: Republic; multi-party presidential regime

Religion: Christian, predominantly Roman Catholic

Details: Angola is a southern African nation whose varied terrain encompasses tropical Atlantic beaches, a labyrinthine system of rivers and Sub-Saharan desert that extends across the border into Namibia. The country's colonial history is reflected in its Portuguese-influenced cuisine and its landmarks including Fortaleza de São Miguel, built by the Portuguese in 1576 to defend the capital, Luanda. —World Bank



SPORTS



Cardio to the max: OCCC students and staff come together to play and enjoy basketball a few times a week in the college gym. Blaze Schein, nursing major, (third from left) said he plays after class. "I like to get my cardio in," he said. Students can check-out basketballs with a valid OCCC ID at the Wellness Center desk. For more information, call 405-682-7860, or visit www.occc.edu/rf/index.html. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

Basketball season still going strong

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Although the fall semester is coming to a close, Recreation and Fitness's open run basketball tournament is still going very strong, said Intramural Sports Assistant Matthew Wright.

Wright said the weekly open run basketball tournaments started last semester and so far, the sport has been just as successful this time around.

"It's a one-night, double-elimination tournament that we'll have every Wednesday night," he said. "You can sign up as a team or an individual."

Wright said, while the tournament is only one night, there's no shortage of action. There is always a game going on, with no time in between, he said.

The games are short and compact, he said, so players have to be prepared to make their mark on the court as soon as they step on it.

"If we have five or six teams, we can play a little bit longer," Wright said. "But, for example, if we have eight, the games will be shorter. It will be somewhere between 10- to 15-minute games."

Students who invest their time in the tournament won't be disappointed with playing time, Wright said.

"We have double elimination, so everyone will have a

chance to play two games," he said.

The weekly tournament is the perfect way to meet new people, said Mechanical Engineering major John Hoops.

"I love being able to play with my team," he said. "I have a team that I've been playing with since March, and this is how I met them actually."

"Now, I go to their house every Friday and hang out with them. It's brought us together."

Hoops, who also works as a wellness attendant at the college, said the addition of the weekly tournament has been a welcome change.

"Last semester, there was an actual intramural season, now it's just this tournament every Wednesday, which I like more," he said. "[With a season], it's hard because some people don't show up, and players could be stuck with a sucky team the whole semester."

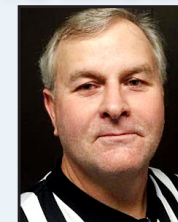
The weekly tournament is held every Wednesday, and it runs from 5:30 p.m. all the way to 9 p.m. when the gym closes.

Anyone interested in playing in the tournament can just show up, but Wright does prefer if students sign up at www.imleagues.com/occc. The only requirements are a valid OCCCC student ID and proper athletic attire.

For more information about the open run basketball tournaments or any of the intramurals offered on campus, contact Wright at matthew.j.wright@occc.edu or call the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-7860.

GETTING TO KNOW:

JAMES
BROWN
SPORTS
ATTENDANT/
REFEREE
SINCE 2012



Q: What is your job description at OCCC?

A: "I'm a sports attendant and I'm a referee. [As a sports attendant], we work all of the intramurals. We have basketball, volleyball, tee ball, soccer, as well as flag football. I referee all of the sports. I'm also a coach."

Q: How long have you worked at OCCC?

A: "I've been a sports attendant and a referee for three years here at OCCC. I'm a certified referee. I also referee at other elementary schools in the metro area."

Q: "What's your favorite part about working at OCCC?"

A: "I just enjoy all of the people here. Not just the students, but also my co-workers. I enjoy being a referee a lot. I really get along with kids from all ages."

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: "Electronics. From home audio, to car audio, to home theaters. I love working on that kind of stuff on the side."

Q: What kind of sports have you been involved with throughout your life and what teams do you like to watch?

A: "I've played and been involved with basketball throughout my life. I'm a really big University of Oklahoma supporter and I root for the Oklahoma City Thunder."

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

A: "Fitness keeps you going, it keeps you energetic. As far as sports, it's enjoyable as far as participating with other people. I'm very competitive."

Q: Do you believe personal fitness is important? Why?

A: "I think so. I just had a birthday last week, I turned 50 years old. I've been really lucky. I've never had any health issues and not everyone can say that. Everyone's health is important. You have got to keep your immune system up. A lot of people don't understand that."

Books: Students have several options for selling used books

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“Because sometimes the publisher comes out with new editions and sometimes the instructor will use a different book, so the book is too old and the material is not updated,” she said. “Then the department or the instructor will pick another book.”

OCCC students also can sell their used books at Textbook Brokers located just north of the college at 7445 S May Ave. More types of used books are accepted there than in the OCCC’s bookstore, said Textbook Brokers Store Manager

Brice Varbel.

“It doesn’t matter if [students] purchased the books from us or not,” he said “We don’t care if you buy it from another source. We still buy the book back from you.

“At the school, there are more tricks on the requirements. They only buy [books] which they will need for the next semester.

“They only buy certain formats. We try to purchase every type of book — as long as they have all the pages.”

Nearby bookstore Half Price Books at 1449 W Interstate 240 Service Rd. also buys used

textbooks.

Shift Leader Jacob Jackson said there are annual textbook buyback events happening near the end of the year or toward the beginning of the year at local Half Price Books.

Plus, the store offers perks, he said.

“We will have a buy campaign when every time you sell books, you will get a 10 percent off coupon,” Jackson said.

“We just require a government issued photo ID. (It’s first come, first serve.”

There are three Half Price Books locations in the area. The closest is at 1449 W Interstate

240 Service Rd. Oklahoma City. Other locations are 1159 E. 2nd St. in Edmond and 6500 N May Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Another campus option is the Buy and Sell book board located on the first floor of the Main Building, said Student Life Coordinator Kendra Fringer.

Fringer said the board is located near the OCCC Coffee Shop by the elevators. She said the board contains two folders with empty forms — “wanted” and “for sale.”

After students fill out the correct form, they can then thumbtack or staple it to the

board. Students also can put their own ads or pictures of their books on the board, Fringer said.

“If somebody is interested in that specific book, they can contact the person with the information that is provided to them,” she said.

One other outlet students may want to consider when selling used textbooks is online options.

A number of websites such as BookScouter.com, Amazon.com, and Half.com buy used textbooks. Do a Google search and do your research to get the best prices.

Break: Thanksgiving holiday building, lab hours posted

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The Math Lab will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Math Lab Supervisor Christine Peck.

OCCC’s Communication Lab will close at 5 p.m. on both Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Lab Assistant Nicholas Webb.

The OCCC Library will hold normal hours on Monday, Nov. 23, but will close at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24. The library will only be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, said

Lead Library Circulation Assistant Monica Carlisle.

The World Languages and Cultures Center will be closed starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, said Center Coordinator Chiaki Troutman.

The Family and Community Education Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said FACE Receptionist Josh Free.

However, the Child Development Center and Lab School located within the FACE Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on both Tuesday and

Wednesday the week of Thanksgiving, said Aryn Balfour, center secretary.

The OCCC Bookstore will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Bookstore Finances and Student Accounts Coordinator Kim White.

The Bursar’s office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Student Account Representative Kay Woods.

The Accounting Lab will close early at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, and will stay closed Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Senior Accounting Lab Assistant Julie Young.

The Biology Science Center will close

early at 5 p.m., on both Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Lab Tutor Marissa Graham.

OCCC’s Capitol Hill Center will be open regular hours Monday, Nov. 23 through Wednesday, Nov. 25, said Graciela Lopez, Capitol Hill Center Office Assistant.

A complete list of OCCC’s Thanksgiving break hours can be found in both student and employee email inboxes titled, “Thanksgiving Operational Hours 2015.”

For more information on building hours contact Fitzpatrick at jfitzpatrick@occc.edu.

Building: College partners with Oklahoma City for center

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has been the representative at the meetings to help with the partnership and facility plans.

Other public and private organizations who are partnering are The City of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City-County Health Department,

Oklahoma City Public Schools, the University of Oklahoma and the Metropolitan Library System. The campus will be at 6700 S Hudson Ave. in South-

ern Oaks Park and will be open to Oklahoma City and county residents. Construction is set to start next year pending final City Council approval.

“I think it’s a great idea ...,” Steward said. “All these agencies are coming together to provide better care for the residents in that area.”



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Soup me: The Faculty Association served soup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 11 during the annual soup contest. Lidia Rivera, Bridge Program, left, bought a bowl of Cheesy Vegetable soup. “The soup is delicious,” she said. Catalina Martinez, nursing major, right, and Claudia Sanchez, literature major, center, volunteered to help. *Melissa Sue Lopez/Pioneer*

Imagery of American Indians still wrong

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Jerry Bread said he frequently points out the “frozen imagery” of Native American people to many non-Native Americans, even in the academic environment.

Bread, founder and director of the Native American Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma, spoke at OCCC on Nov. 9.

“When you say American Indian in many cases, if you’re honest with yourself, 90 percent of the people [envision] long hair, buffalo, teepees, feather,” Bread said. “I’ve lived with that imagery all my life, and to this day I still live with that imagery.”

Bread said the reason such imagery exists today is the lack of education to help them break down harmful stereotypes of Native American people.

“I talk about American Indian people today and tomorrow rather than always being immersed ... in the past,” Bread said.

With a Kiowa name given to him by his grandfather which means “one who does not retreat,” Bread said he has spent his entire life educating Native Americans and non-Native Americans about such harmful imagery.

“All my life I have fought for what I thought was right for our people, myself and family ...,” he said. “We have achieved a great deal as a result of Civil Rights, post-civil rights, but as the wheel turns you revisit civil rights again in terms of attitude and imagery of Indian people. Things haven’t changed that much in terms of the imagery. It should have changed back in the ’50s and ’60s but it didn’t happen.”



Jerry Bread

Bread said the vow he made 40 years ago that his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would not grow up with the same inhibition of imagery of non-Native Americans as he had to was the reason he pursued his doctoral degree which led him to founding the Native American Studies program at OU.

The program offers a core curriculum of critical indigenous theory and methodology, he said. Students can then choose areas of emphasis such as indigenous media and arts, tribal governance and policy, or language, cultural knowledge and history.

He said the program offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees. It’s a chance for Native Americans to learn about their lineage and culture which, he said, is fascinating.

Bread said the contemporary setting of Native American people in Oklahoma is a very mixed lineage — confused and diluted.

“Today’s imagery is evolving,” he said. “It really doesn’t matter in many cases what you look like. It’s not what’s on the surface. It’s what’s underneath that because you can’t distinguish that.”

Bread said he takes issue with the U.S. government describing Native Americans as a race.

“There’s 562 federally recognized tribes in this country, politically speaking,” he said. “To put them all under one umbrella that you call Indian not only isn’t fair, but an easy way out for the government.”

Bread said he is a member of the Kiowa tribe, which is a sovereign nation — not a race, but instead a political entity with a relationship to the federal government.

“The relation is nation-to-nation not race-to-race,” he said.

For more information on the Native American Studies Program, contact the GET Office at 405-682-7521.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Sexual health discussion Nov. 23

Nursing Professor Jennifer Peters will speak to students, faculty, and staff about sexual health, sexually transmitted disease prevention and testing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 in Social Sciences Center room 1H8. For more information, contact Peters at jennifer.j.peters@occc.edu.

Campus closing for Thanksgiving break

The OCCC Library, Main Building, and all other OCCC facilities will be closed Wednesday through Sunday the week of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume Monday, Nov. 30. For more information on shortened hours the week of Thanksgiving see page 1.

Coffee & Gender Monday, Nov. 30

Psychology Professor Greg Parks, Human Relations Vice President Angie Christopher, and Sociology Professor Lierin Probasco will speak about gender at noon on Monday, Nov. 30, in CU3. For more information, contact the Student Life Office at 405-682-7523.

Design a water vessel Wednesday, Dec. 2

Take your mind off end of term stress by keeping your hands busy. Ceramics Professor Jeremy Fineman will help students design and make their own ceramic cups at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in CU3. For more information, contact organizer Tricia Sweany at tricia.l.sweany@occc.edu.

Gym closed Friday, Dec. 4

The gym will be closed for the Police Athletic League from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Office at 405-682-7860.

Free fitness classes during lunch

Students, faculty, and staff can use their OCCC ID to attend quick, 30 minute classes offered during their lunch hour Monday through Friday in the Wellness Center. Yoga, pilates, TRX, cardio kickboxing, and more are offered. For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.occc.edu/fitness/classes.html>.

OCCC’s Home for the Holidays will be Dec. 5

OCCC’s annual Home for the Holidays event will take place at 10 a.m. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater. Family-friendly festivities will start with pony rides, a petting zoo and balloon artists. Disney characters from Frozen will be there for free pictures, as well as a special appearance from Santa Claus. The main event will start at 11:00 a.m. There will be singing and dancing with performances by Edgar Cruz and Jaminalz. Attendees will receive a special gift on the way out. For more information, contact Arts Division Secretary Jessica De Arman at jessica.r.dearman@occc.edu.

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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Passport to Wholeness: An emotional wellness event
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3,
WHERE: Main Building near the Communication Lab

Passport to Wholeness is an OCCC Campus Fair that includes fun, learning activities and community resources to improve emotional wellness. Below are some of the activities and vendors:

- Art Therapy Table with OCCC Psychology Club
- Calming Table and Positivity Wall • Community Health and Support agencies • Crossings Community Church/ Celebrate Recovery • De-Stress Table with Spotify Music
- OCCC Fitness and Recreation services • Happiness Table with OCCC Advocates of Peace
- Health Food and Nutrition stores
- Rufus, the Comfort Dog
- OCCC Student Support and Trio Services
- Yoga and Wellness studios

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5. Broadway performer
10. Lather
14. Easy stride
15. Call up
16. Spot of land
17. Small bills
18. VCR remote button
19. Snail-like
20. Spending for a pol's pet project
22. Garden tools
23. Chalkboard accessory
24. Sugar amts.
26. Canvas shelter
29. On the ocean
33. High-school subject
37. Piece of lettuce
39. Young horses
40. Impressive grouping
42. Without exception
43. Group of Girl Scouts
44. San Antonio shrine
45. Rip up
47. Longings
48. Peter Rabbit's sibling
49. Barbecue rod
51. Prepare, as a salad
54. Cooks, as a chicken
59. Partially open
62. Ragtime dance
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66. Literary device
67. Rabbit relative
68. Biblical paradise
69. Dike
70. Sicilian mount
71. Belt out a tune
72. Genealogy charts
73. Paper purchase

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1. Skiing surface
2. Pay tribute to
3. Musical drama
4. Where workers sit
5. Clothing
6. Burn slightly
7. Guided vacation
8. Beginning
9. Fishing-line holders
10. Exaggerated yarn
11. Norway's largest city
12. Lotion ingredient
13. Kitty cries
21. Gamble
25. Negotiated agreement
27. Tidy
28. Narrative stories
30. Gin flavoring
31. Town on the Thames
32. Poisonous snakes
33. "Just the facts, _"
34. Folk singer Guthrie
35. Golf hazard
36. Upper leg muscle
38. Envelope part
41. Toy on a string
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52. Circus clown's lifter
53. More likely
55. Multiple-choice option
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