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McAffrey wins demo spot for 5th District race

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Democratic congressional candidate Al McAffrey defeated his opponent, Tom Guild, in the primary runoff election for United States Representative District 5, Tuesday evening. McAffrey will face Republican incumbent Steve Russell in the November 8 general election.

McAffrey defeated Guild by a total of just 40 votes.

August 23 primary run-off elections were held in 58 counties across the state.

McAffrey said he ran because he wanted to serve voters. "I think the motivation for anyone, whether you get into politics, should be the people," he said. McAffrey said his campaign was run for voters and not for himself.

McAffrey's supporters hosted a watch party at the Chi Gallery in Oklahoma City. First-time voter



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Al McAffrey. Aaron Cardenas/Pioneer

A look inside the Paul Blair runoff campaign

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Carol Carmack and Mary Jane Fielden, two seniors from Edmond, happily helped knock on doors, give out yard signs, and talk to hundreds of families about GOP candidate Paul Blair during the past three weeks.

"He's a Christian, he's really intelligent, he's a conservative. That's what I really like," Fielden said.

Paul Blair has campaigned against Adam Pugh since June, running on a platform of a "transparency to the people".

"I've got some ideas I'd like to implement which would allow far greater accountability and far more transparency," Blair said. "It would produce a far more efficient government."

Government is too big, too intrusive, Blair said. After seeing Blair fall short in the polls, some



Inside Paul Blair's watch party Grace Babb/Pioneer

bystanders at his watch party gasped and worried about Pugh's chance of winning.

Cake, crackers, and soft drinks were on hand,

prayers went around the room. Many members of Fairview Baptist Church, where Blair preaches, attended the watch party. Blair's wife, Cindy, and his children maneuvered the room, talking to friends and family.

For a while, spirits were up, even though the outcome looked like it would be down.

Paul called the room together and stood to say a word on the results.

Murmurs filled the room as Blair announced his defeat.

Blair began by applauding his volunteers and campaign helpers, and went on to give a few words about his loss in the election.

"I scare the establishment," he said. "We don't just talk our faith, we live it. You would think that I would be the ideal, Christian republican candidate. But the people don't want that. The people had a clear choice."

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EDITORIAL | Low turnout lets a small group of similar interests decide policy

If you aren't voting you aren't trying



On Tuesday August 23, Oklahoma voters in 58 counties headed to the polls to vote for the primary runoff elections.

These elections determined several nominees for legislative and congressional seats in the November 8 general election.

Oklahoma is one of seven states that uses the primary runoff system. When no candidate wins 50 percent of the vote in the initial primary, the top two candidates move on to a runoff election.

Voter turnout for runoff elections is often much lower than primary elections, meaning the vote is determined by a small electorate.

Information from the State Election Board showed that average voter turnout for the 2014 runoff elections was just 18.1 percent. The final turnout numbers for this year's runoff election are expected to be similarly low.

When elections have low voter turnout, the results of the elections are left to the small number of people who voted. Though our election system works under a democracy, when the people do not vote, a minority of the majority rules in.

In early reports of Tuesday's runoff election, it appeared Al McAffrey had won against opponent Tom Guild by only 40 votes in United States Representatives District 5. A sentiment often held by discouraged voters includes the idea that "your vote doesn't matter". In the case of local elections like this, the difference between 40 people being motivated to get out and vote can be vital.

Al McAffrey will now face Republican incumbent Steve Russell on November 8 in the general election. If McAffrey wins the position, those 40 votes will have been incredibly important determinants in his ability to progress that far.

In a historic close-call during the 2006 primary elections, Republican Todd Thomsen defeated Democrat Darrel Nemecek by only two votes for the Oklahoma House of Representatives seat in District 25.

Our votes in local elections suggest that the candidate who gets the most votes has a higher competency, quality, and ability to represent their constituents than an alternate candidate. When votes come down to such small numbers, our candidates are selected by a miniscule pool of voters.

Sharon Vaughan, Ph.D., a political science professor at Oklahoma City Community College, said voters are often disconnected with the election.

"There's a general indifference to it, just a total disconnect, most people don't know who's running," Vaughan said. "Local elections are important because that's how the priority of public spending is going to be decided by local officials. All of your local things: infrastructure, water, education, school board elections."

"We see in political science that most people that vote are usually white, more

affluent and older. That shows that the general population, especially millennials, are not represented at all by the public choices that are made," Vaughan said.

Vaughan's comments are not just conjecture, but based on fact. The United States Elections Project shows that the majority of older individuals turnout much more reliably than millennials in presidential elections. This data comes from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

Come November 8, over half a dozen important state questions will be on the ballot, as well as varying congressional and legislative seats depending on the district.

"I've worked voting days just to see what it's like and I've always had some people come in and say, 'I just want to vote for the president I don't want to do this other stuff', when there's other stuff on the ballot they don't even want to do it," Vaughan said.

That kind of mentality is devastating to our democracy in statewide elections. Some of the state questions will include decisions on execution methods for

prisoners, constitutional guarantees for farmers, sales tax increases for education funding, allowing public money to be spent for religious purposes, and potentially medical marijuana legalization.

The outcomes of these questions will affect major parts of our lives as Oklahomans, and it all comes down to who will get out and vote "yes" or "no".

Individuals who claim that voting is ineffective or "not worth the time" perpetuate a dissatisfaction with "the way things are." In our current election system, elections are held frequently and often throughout election years. It takes active participation in the voting process for our democracy to

work the way it should - for the people, by the people.

If more individuals participate in civic matters, an avenue for local and community representation is made accessible. Procedures and requirements to run for office can be found on the Oklahoma State Election board website.

Come November 8, be ready with your driver's license, a photo ID issued by the Oklahoma or US government, a military ID, or your county election board voter ID. You are allowed under Oklahoma law to take up to two hours paid time off work in order to vote if your shifts start earlier than 10 a.m. or ends later than 4 p.m.

Your vote matters - so make sure you plan ahead of time to find when and where you can vote in the general election. You can visit votesmart.org to read about the positions of candidates that will be on the November 8 ballot.

You can find out if you're eligible to vote by going to canivote.org.

You can also find where to cast your vote November 8 by visiting <https://services.okelections.us/voterSearch.aspx>.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | A modern take on the classic coming of age tale

When geeks become ‘Dope’ things get real

Sex, drugs, lies and gangsters turned Malcolm’s life upside down.

Every person has a story – their very own experiences.

Every person has made life altering decisions that impact their future.

Every person has been in a position where they stop and consider the consequences and possible outcomes of the decisions in their lives.

Malcolm’s story in the film “Dope” is no different.

High school student Malcolm is studious, focused and determined to attend college after graduation.

He seems to have his life under control – taking the SAT’s and filling out college applications.

For a senior, Malcolm has a good sense of who he is and what he wants to become.

Son of a single mother and living in Inglewood, California, Malcolm has survived being sucked into the hood life by keeping his head down until he’s invited to an underground party by gangster Dom.



Malcolm questions whether or not to attend the party. What will happen? Will there be drugs? Should my friends go? Will I die?

Malcolm puts his future and all the hard work he’s put in thus far on the line.

Director and writer Rick Famuyiwa beautifully intertwines the lives of the characters. Just like Malcolm, his friends and new acquaintances make decisions that begin to affect him in one way or another.

Though the film has some R-rated scenes, the story

is real and raw. Life isn’t always pretty.

Malcolm, like many teens today, is exposed and encouraged to do the “cool” thing and later find themselves in trouble.

Although Famuyiwa uses humor and drama to tell the story there’s an underlying truth and sadness that teens, specifically African American males face.

After watching the film on Netflix, I had to take a minute to process what Malcolm just lived before my eyes. Viewers should expect to feel just as impacted and question society.

People who liked the films “Straight Outta Compton” and “Fruitvale Station” will enjoy watching this film.

Rating: A+

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Campus police quick to certification

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On August 15, the Campus Police Department at Oklahoma City Community College received the Award of Certification from the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police Oklahoma Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The Campus Police Department has made OCCC safe and secure for the last six years, providing law enforcement and safety services since 2010.

The department is operated year round, with commissioned campus police officers on duty around the clock. The department is led by its Chief Daniel Piazza.

OCCC's police department is one of four campus agencies to receive this certification.

"I think a lot of times people view campus law enforcement as being unprofessional or not well trained, and that's a myth. This proves that, because we have to meet the same standards that any other agency has to meet for certification or accreditation," Piazza said.

Jim Spearman, who is currently the state program manager for the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, said the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was established in 1996, "with the purpose to enhance the law enforcement profession by providing an avenue for agencies to demonstrate that they exceed accepted standards and professional best practices."

Accreditation provides objective evidence of an



Chief Piazza Grace Babb/Pioneer

agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, and resource management.

The OCCC Campus Police Department completed the certification process in record time.

"Typically agencies will spend about 18 months on this process. The OCCC police completed this process in less than ninety days," Spearman said.

"When I got interviewed for the chief of police, one of the first things they commented on was that I had

it as a goal to be certified," Piazza said.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies website says that certified and accredited agencies report a reduction in liability insurance costs, as well as a better ability to defend themselves against civil lawsuits.

OCCC's police department is only 24 out of 481 police agencies in the state of Oklahoma have been certified through CALEA.

The certification was formally presented at the Board of Regents meeting August 15.

"We wake up every morning on the campus police department striving to achieve greatness. Part of that includes the completion of the certification process, and moving on towards the accreditation," Piazza said at the meeting.

Steve Swinford is the campus police department's Community Liaison and training officer, and serves as the department's Accreditation Manager. His role is to make sure the department is on track with the certification and accreditation process.

"The best way to describe it for someone who is involved with the college or university is that it is basically the same process that a college or university goes through to get accredited. It's very intense," Swinford said.

In addition to the certification, a certificate of leadership was given to Chief Piazza, and a recognition of leadership was given to Lieutenant Chris Tipton.

"You want to try and serve the community as best as you can, you want to make sure they're safe, and you want to make sure they're being served professionally. And in my opinion, certification is one of the only ways you can do that," Piazza said.

Organization fair to highlight students' interests

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There are more than fifty tables, some covered in candy, some covered in flags. The students slow down on their way to class, admiring the decorations that the student groups set up. Student leaders recruit with sign-up sheets. They discuss their club's mission, shaking hands and welcoming new members. Hundreds of new friendships form while the not-so-usual school day goes on.

At the beginning of each semester, this is the scene set by the Club and Organizations Fair at Oklahoma City Community College. This year's fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. August 31 and September 1.

More than 20 active clubs ranging from the Native American Student Association to the Psychology Club -- will participate in Club and Organizations Fair. Groups will set up in the atrium between the

OCCC Coffee Shop and cafeteria.

Assistant Director of Student Life Kendra Fringer said she is heavily involved in organizing the fair each year. Fringer works to process club applications and paperwork, event requests, and to assist student leaders in whatever ways she can. Fringer said she helps take new club ideas and turn them into fully functioning, student organizations.

"Every club will have an opportunity to be represented at the club fair," she said. "Every recognized club on campus receives a tablespace that the Office of Student Life will provide, it's up to the club to decide how much time will be spent at their own tables."

Fringer said organizations may form around any interest, "We don't dictate as far as clubs fitting in a specific category. They just have to find two sponsors, find ten participants, form a structured governing body, and follow the policies and procedures of the institution."

Religious groups such as Christians on Campus are just as welcome as the Agnostics, Atheists,

and Free Thinkers club, which will both have tables at the fair this year, she said.

Economics professor Charles Myrick is a sponsor for the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Enactus business club. Myrick has been involved in student clubs for years and is a big supporter of student involvement on campus.

"I think it's important for students to be involved in clubs on campus because it provides you more of a connection to the college as a whole," Myrick said. "Though we're a commuter campus, I think a lot of the college experience is about developing connections with other people on campus who are likeminded."

If you visit the fair and don't see a club you may have wanted to join, an appointment with Student Life can be the first step to starting your own organization. New clubs are approved at the end of each fall and spring semester, giving students more time to organize, find new members, and secure faculty sponsors.

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OCCC proactive in recruiting new students

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After enrollment numbers showed a shortfall this summer, Oklahoma City Community College officials have stepped up recruitment efforts.

The target for summer 2016 enrollment was set at 6108 students, while the actual number of students enrolled came to 5997. That means this year's summer enrollment was 114 students less than the target. The target number is an average taken from the three most recent summer enrollment numbers.

Vice President for Enrollment & Student Services Lisa Fisher addressed the enrollment decline at an August 15 Board of Regents meeting. In a presentation, Fisher discussed why enrollment was down and new strategies that will help prevent a further decline.

Fisher said that colleges and universities "are enhancing their recruiting plans, and they're recruiting hard." She said that other colleges are becoming increasingly creative in developing new graduation programs and completion pathways that "sound enticing and quick".

Some of these creative techniques and programs include the University of Oklahoma's flat-rate tuition fee. Students who pay a flat-rate for 30 hours of credits but do not use all 30 in the fall and spring may use the remaining paid-for credit hours in the summer.

"I want to be proactive and respond to these declines in enrollment," Fisher said. "What are we going to do about it?"

Fisher introduced to the Board of Regents a new and robust recruiting plan. At one time, OCCC had only two high school recruiters working the entire Oklahoma City area. Now there are six recruiters

employed at OCCC, each with their own specific geographical area to cover.

"This will give them more time in the high schools, working with the students, meeting the counselors, explaining our programs. They're going to be more visible, they're going to go to some of the big high school athletic events," Fisher said. "We have more people that are able to do that, and they're spending less time on the road."

Fisher also described how many students coming into OCCC are hesitant to apply for scholarships to the school because they may lack confidence in themselves.

"We're looking at focused scholarships to recruit students. We're working closely with Academic Affairs to introduce students to specific programs, and we're also working with the high school counselors to help them understand these scholarships and programs," Fisher said.

In addition to added strategies and recruiters, OCCC's Marketing and Public Relations Department assisted the new recruitment plan by developing advertising techniques for recruiters.

"We have new banners so when we're out recruiting we have tables set up and you can see we're OCCC," Fisher said. "Our recruiters also now have uniforms, we bought them nice polo shirts with the college logo so they're identified as OCCC recruiters and advisers."

Fisher ended her presentation to the Board by saying, "Retention of students is also a way to continue enrollment, and that is very important to us, it is more expensive for me to go out recruiting than it is to retain the students we've got."

Admission Outreach Advisor Royce Liston is one of OCCC's recruiters that travels to visit area high schools.

"We try to give our presentation, 'College 101' to the high schools we visit. When it comes to higher education, you get a lot of misinformation. You get a lot of people who don't know what questions to ask, don't know how to state certain things," Liston said. "We want to give them the vocabulary needed so they can explore college and ask questions so they can better navigate the waters of college."

Liston mentioned reasons why students should attend OCCC out of high school, and how he communicates that message across to the high school's he visits.

"We are the most affordable in Oklahoma. We are both state and nationally accredited, meaning everything is going to transfer," Liston said. "We're dealing with first generation students in a lot of instances. We want to show them our resources, our labs, our tutors."

"We want them to understand there are other ways to get that 'college fill'. We don't have frats or sororities, so that's where our clubs come into play to help them get that social aspect of college," he said. "If they're talking about specific programs, it's our job as recruiters to know about our programs on a level that we can explain to them. If a student wants to go into film, as a recruiter you have to know what the college offers."

With the new recruiting design, he hopes to attend high school sporting events multiple times a week to reach out to potential OCCC students. Liston currently travels to more than six high schools in Oklahoma, some located throughout the Tecumseh, Choctaw, Tuttle, Shawnee, and Putnam City school districts.

Campus police investigate drinks and drugs

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Police responded to attacking bees and thefts of beverages from around campus.

Latest police reports indicate that a beverage thief targeting the President's office is on a Coca Cola stealing spree at Oklahoma City Community College.

On July 20, a police officer was dispatched to the OCCC president's office area to take a report of a possible larceny. On July 19, a student worker noticed two cans of Coca Cola missing from the kitchenette inside the president's office area, and on July 20 noticed yet another can of Coca Cola missing. The student worker stated that he did not know who could have taken the Coca Cola.

A Yeti cup was also reported missing by a woman who said it had disappeared from her desk on July 28.

On July 7, a visitor in the Admissions lobby found what appeared to be marijuana laying on the ground.

A partially smoked marijuana cigarette; commonly referred to as a "roach" was placed in a clear evidence bag and photographed. No suspect information was recovered from the Admissions lobby camera footage.

Multiple police reports were filed alongside the Yeti cup's disappearance on July 28, including cases of thievery, a bee attack and suspicious persons watching children.

Two Facility Management staff members reported that they had been attacked by a swarm of bees while working on the south side of the campus.

About \$100 worth of items went missing from a car that morning. The items stolen included a football, some CD's, a key lanyard, the vehicle's insurance verification, and some loose change.

Around the same time at the FACE center, a suspicious person was reportedly watching children and writing notes in a notepad. Witnesses asked him why he was there and what he was doing, to which he

responded that he was new to the area and wanted to know what was offered in the building.

On June 29, a woman in the Communications Lab reported that a man gave her a friendly wave, which she returned. Once she left the lab, she went to her car and the same man approached the driver side of the vehicle.

He then asked if she was married. The next day, the man came

back into the Communications Lab, and followed her out of the building. He tried to get her attention by yelling "hey!" The victim stated that she did not want to press charges, but wanted to be sure she was not being stalked.

On August 9, a professor reported that a vulgar note had been written in her personal notebook. No further details were included.



What's in style on campus this fall



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Left: Jeremy Crawford keeps it business casual for a business major. Crawford's earthy tone prep look is seen all throughout men's fashion. This look can be used for an interview, work, and even a night out on the town.

Top Right: Ragan Marsee in crushed velvet, which has made a comeback from the '90s, popping up on celebrities and in teen clothing stores. Mixing patterns and textures such as a striped shirt with a crushed velvet skirt, makes for an eye-catching combination.

Bottom Right: Alyson Warren rolled her high rise jeans to show off her lacey socks, which added a sweet touch to her tennis shoes. Her two necklaces added detail along to the striped pattern of her Earth toned sweater. The look paired adorably with her green hair. I'm hoping this rainbow-colored-hair trend keeps up, it's nice to see some pinks and greens walking through the halls.





Above: Michael Amritt kept it classy with a button up, dark wash jeans, and brown lace-up shoes. The pastel hues added a fresh color to the mix. Oxfordesque lace up shoes such as Michael's can make a difference in any outfit – easily taking it from casual to clean cut.

Below: Ankle boots, skater skirts, chambray, and Bardot tops have been major trends this year. Students Oliviah Crawford and Emily Payne, right, managed to make these looks their own by combining mixed patterns and fabrics. Emily's ripped shorts and caged sandals compliment one another, and Oliviah's camo jacket adds an interesting pattern to the all black mix.



Fashion spread



Left: Isaac Diaz kept it simple with light wash jeans, a grey T-shirt, and green military jacket. We're seeing a trend here with the armyesque jackets, which I'm sure will continue into the fall. Complementary colors such as navy, green, and grey make for a simple cohesive look that's pleasing to see.



Right: Susmita Tamang paired black high-rise skinny jeans with a white zip-up turtleneck and matching white high-top converse, making a clean, crisp monochromatic look. We loved the stark contrast between the shoes, jeans, sweater, and hair.

SPORTS



The OCCC Dream Team's Nick Pinkerton (left) avoids Spartans defenders Josh Vanover (middle) and Donald Worth (right) as he scrambles on the play. The Dream Team won 43-37 over the Spartans on Oct. 1 2010. *Pioneer Archive Photo*

OCCC announces Fall intramural schedule

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Football season is underway – even at OCCC.

Beginning Sept. 7, Oklahoma City Community College will offer intramural football, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, indoor soccer, flag football and open run basketball.

“The schedule includes ultimate frisbee, volleyball, indoor soccer, flag football, open run basketball, as well as ping pong and dodgeball tournaments,” said Sports and Recreation Specialist Matthew Wright.

Wright said flag football will be the first of intramurals to start on Sept 7.

“Flag football is coming first and we do it on Wednesday nights,” he said. “Depending on how many teams we get, games will be played on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. Players will not need pads nor mouth guards unlike tackle football. Players are allowed to wear cleats if they choose to, but are asked to wear normal street clothes.”

Wright noted that while there may be some incidental contact, deliberate and aggressive contact will be penalized.

Teams will play on fields that are different from a traditional football field, he said



Matthew Wright

“Normally you’d play on a 80-yard field, but we don’t have 80-yards to play on,” Wright said. “I split the field up into three zones and each team is given four downs to get from each zone to the next.”

When the time comes to put up the pigskin on Oct 17, participants will compete in an ultimate frisbee league on Monday nights.

“Sort of like flag football, teams must throw a frisbee from one teammate to another in order to travel across the field to score. If the frisbee hits the ground, it goes to the other team,” Wright said.

In November, the gym will offer open run basketball, where a new basketball tournament will be held every Wednesday night. The gym will also hold volleyball and indoor soccer league competitions.

OCCC will hold its annual ping pong tournament on November 29, and a dodgeball tournament will take place on Oct 19. Both tournaments will be held in the school gym.

Interested students are asked to fill out a signup sheet in the gym and return it to the Recreation and Fitness office. Participants may register as a team or as an individual or free agent and will be assigned to a team said Wright.

For more information, contact Matthew Wright at matthew.j.wright@occc.edu

CAMPUS SPORTS SCHEDULE

FLAG FOOTBALL SEPT. 7 - OCT. 12

5 P.M. - 8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

ULTIMATE FRISBEE OCT. 17 - NOV. 7

4 P.M. - 7 P.M. MONDAYS

VOLLEYBALL NOV. 3 - DEC. 1

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. THURSDAYS

INDOOR SOCCER NOV. 4 - DEC. 2

2 P.M. - 5 P.M. FRIDAYS

OPEN RUN BASKETBALL EARLY NOV.

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT OCT. 19

5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT NOV. 29

4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Election: Pugh defeats Blair in GOP primary

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Trevor Cruz said he supported McAffrey because he felt it was important to make his voice heard.

"I was told voting is not a privilege and the whole thing," he said. "I never took it to heart until I started talking to people."

Cruz said he understood that he had to find out what the candidates stood for and make an effort to make the choice he thought was right. "I went on YouTube and all parts of the Internet to see what the Democratic candidates had to say," he said. "I thought McAffrey seemed real honest."

Cruz told the Pioneer that he identifies with the Democratic party and will most likely vote for Hillary Clinton for president in the fall.

Edmond preacher Paul Blair stood against former Air Force Capt. Adam Pugh in the race for State Senate District 41. Pugh defeated Blair with 54 percent of the vote. Blair had campaigned since June, running on a platform of a "transparency to the people."

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Blair said he "scared the establishment."

"We don't just talk our faith, we live it. You would think that I would be the ideal, Christian republican candidate," he said. "But the people don't want that. The people had a clear choice."

Though several elections were controversial and

contested, voting was mostly sparse Tuesday evening.

In northwest Oklahoma City, Judy (who did not disclose her last name), a public school teacher, voted at the India Shrine Center on NW 36th with her daughter.

"I usually come with a posse," Judy said. "But people got busy today so I came alone."

Judy said she voted for Linda Dodson who ran for Court Clerk and for David Hooten, who sought the office of County Clerk.

"I know them personally and I think they're very

qualified for what they're running for," she said.

A total of only 17 people voted in the Oklahoma City Community College precinct, Tuesday evening. Compared to the last election, OCCC precinct officials said no one voted at the college's precinct.

"The community is seeing more people take an interest in local politics," precinct worker Bud Adam said.

The winners of Tuesday evening's runoff election will face opponents in the November 8, general election.



Paul Blair, after conceding his bid for State Senate District 41, thanked supporters at his watch party Tuesday night. *Grace Babb/Pioneer*

Clubs: if you can't find one, you can form

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"I encourage students to not just go to the club fair, but to also read about what the student clubs are about on the Student Life website. There is probably a club out there that can fit our needs," Myrick said. "And if there's not a club out there that you would like to see, if you can recruit sponsors and students, you can start up your own club on campus."

Concurrent student Aubrey Meneses just went through the club application process herself.

Meneses started the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance group at the end of the spring semester, citing the help of Kendra Fringer and Ryan Middleton, a nursing major at OCCC.

"It wasn't too hard to find ten members, we looked around for friends and people from our classes who might be interested and then had them



Black Student Association members Sarah Sehhati and Simone Mathenia at 2013's Organization Fair. *Pioneer Archive Photo*

sign the required papers," she said. "It was a little bit of a long process finding professors to sponsor and setting up the structure of the club. If you do have a whole semester, there's a lot more time for you to

get things done."

Meneses said she was excited for the fair and the potential members that might come from the exposure.

"Hopefully when we have a table at the fair we will get more members," she said.

"We're planning on decorating our table with a flag, maybe putting out some candy or pins. Something that looks nice, catches your attention when you walk by." This will be the first time SAGA participates in the Club and Organizations Fair.

"I encourage everybody to come out and see what interests them," Fringer said. "If you see a group you might be interested in, put your OCCC email address down on their sign up sheet. There is no limit on how many clubs you can be involved in, it's up to the individual student to decide how active they want to be in their clubs."

Students can also visit <http://www.occc.edu/studentlife/clubs.html> and use their student email address to sign up for club mailing lists.

Students test comfort zones at auditions

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Oklahoma City Community College theatre auditions were held on August 22 at the Bruce Owen Theater. A group of lively students said they were determined to make the cut for productions of “Cyrano de Bergerac” and “The Cop in the Head.”

“Cyrano” tells the story of a French renaissance man who feels he is flawed by his tremendously large nose. He discovers the woman he loves falls for Cyrano’s best friend, Christian. Cyrano then helps his friend write poems to her and teaches him what to say to win her heart.

“The Cop in the Head” is an improvisational piece taking inspiration from Augusto Boal’s Theatre of the Oppressed. It takes audience member participation to convey what our society may define as oppression.

Over thirty people from OCCC, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, and interested community members combined seemed eager to get started as OCCC Professor of Theatre Brent Noel and USAO Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Katie Davis planned the exercises on stage for the students to go through.

Katie Davis called for all USAO students to stand up. She told the students to find someone they haven’t met before and introduce themselves.

OCCC Theatre major Kala Anderson said she found out about the audition through Noel, who teaches one of her classes.

“I chose to audition because I am in love with the art and I learn so much with every production that I am in,” she said. “I would be happy to be involved in either production. Each is special and interesting in their own way.”

USAO Musical Theatre student Ian Morrow said she chose to audition because it is part of her requirements for the major. “I would have enjoyed it no whether it was required or not,” she said.

Morrow said she would be happy to be in either production.

“Cyrano would be nice because that’s what I am working on and reading for my Theatre class, and so I will be more familiar with it,” she said. “Plus, the story just sounds really cool.”

USAO Drama major Ali Love said she attended the audition to get a feel for the group of people she’ll be working with. She focuses as a makeup artist and tends to work backstage.

“It’s very important for me to get to know the people I’ll be working with both on and off stage,” she said.

Students shuffled and laughed as they walked around, shook hands, and even embraced fellow students to introduce themselves.

Davis explained her role as director of “Cyrano” She talked about the plot and shared the ending to the crowd to get a reaction.

Gasps echoed throughout the theater when Davis described the tragic ending.

“This is what I want from the audience,” she said. “Theatre can reach out and be so much more to make

you feel. This is our job. We can make this happen, but I need your help.”

Davis said the production required an extensive commitment from students and participants, which includes a bi-weekly rehearsal schedule and travel to Chickasha.

“Few exceptions can be made, but if you’re with us, you’re with us all the way. There are days you absolutely cannot miss,” she said.

Noel took the spotlight as he talked about his role as director in “The Cop and the Head.” He said

he wanted to create a dialogue with the actors and the audience with the scenarios he will put together in the production.

“There is no storyline or plot to The Cop in the Head, we will create our own with input from the audience and see how oppression affects us all,” he said.

After a short break, all participants were instructed to stand on stage and form a circle as the audition was about to begin.

First was “Columbian Hypnosis.” Participants were instructed to find a partner and agree on a “leader” and a “follower.” Noel said the leader has to hold their hand six inches away from the follower’s face. The leader then had full control of the follower as the follower had to move in any way they could to keep the leader’s hand in front of them.

Noel and Davis walked around to observe the creative ways participants would move their followers. They threw in variations where a leader had to control two followers at a time and see how far the participants could push their followers.

The next exercise was called “This Is Not a Bottle.” Noel called for everyone to get in a circle again and slowly walked to the center of the circle with an empty bottle in hand.

The rules of the game were for participants to use the bottle in creative ways to see what the bottle could represent. Once someone knew what the bottle was, then anyone could run in and take the bottle to bring life to it.

“This is not a bottle!” Noel said. After a moment participants fought to get to the bottle since there was no turn structure. The bottle was swung, sang into, used to play an instrument, and even worshipped as students clapped and laughed when they realised what the bottle became person to person.

Davis said “Stop!” as three participants stood in front of the bottle. “Now you three must agree on what the bottle is, without speaking.” The participants stared at each other for a few moments before one of them pointed the bottle at the ground. A metal detector was the silent agreement as one followed closely and the other used an imaginary shovel.



Brent Noel and Katie Davis. Victor A. Pozadas/Pioneer

After about ten minutes the participants were then instructed to get into a circle once again. Davis said, “Now I want you to say something personal. Anything that warms or breaks your heart.”

One by one, participants poured their hearts out in front of friends and strangers while Noel and Davis silently listened in the background.

Small inspirational quotes and happy thoughts mixed with statements of anger and sad frustration held the room as each person spoke.

Morrow said, “I think talking about the heartbreaking, optimistic stuff definitely gave us deeper views into each person and got our emotions nice and raw for exercises.”

Participants paused for brief moments to collect their thoughts and respond when it was their turn. Some voices cracking as others were stern.

“I felt a great deal of anxiety, being vulnerable in front of so many people is nerve wracking to say the least. But, transgressing your comfort zone is liberating and essential!” Anderson said.

Finalizing the audition, participants were free to ask questions or speak any concerns regarding anything that came to mind. While the audition at the Bruce Owen Theater wrapped up, students prepared for the second round of auditions on August 25 where more of their skills will be put to the test.

“The exercises we did were really eye opening and I was able to get a good take on all the people I’ll be working with. With all the different personalities I’m excited to get to know these people and I see the opportunities for me to expand.” Love said.

For USAO Musical Theatre student Ian Morrow, the process is all about theater magic.

“I’m really excited for this journey in my life! I’m so thankful I get to be here with this specific theatre family, I really do feel blessed beyond measure, and I can’t wait to work with all of them to create wonderful theatre magic,” Morrow said.

“Cyrano de Bergerac” will premiere at USAO November 10-12, then the following weekend OCCC will host the production. “The Cop in the Head” will premiere at OCCC October 6-8.

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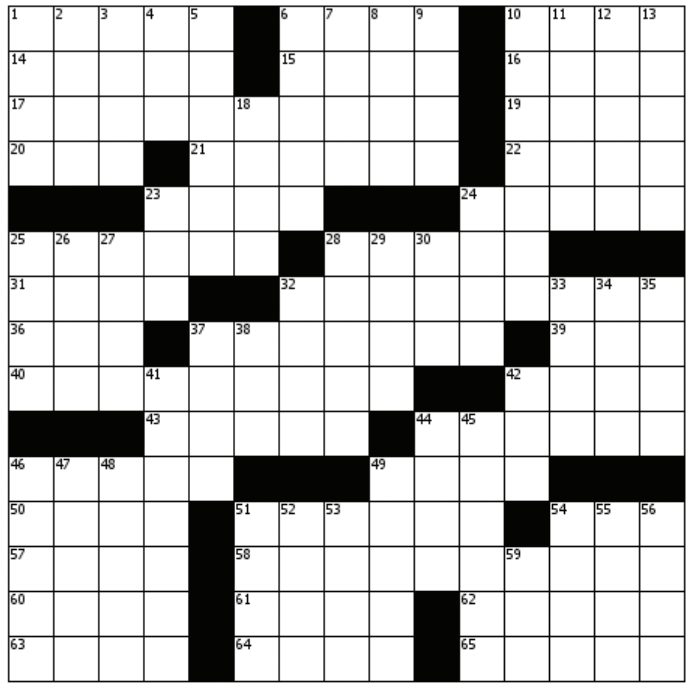
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Across

- 1. Extinct birds
- 6. Curve
- 10. Tear apart
- 14. ____ acid (nutrient)
- 15. Discount event
- 16. Eternally
- 17. Eye-opener
- 19. Bay
- 20. Compass pt.
- 21. Changes for the better
- 22. Supplements
- 23. Bakery employee
- 24. Cake layers
- 25. Sailors
- 28. Scout unit
- 31. Field cover
- 32. Not lasting long (2 wds.)
- 36. Air hero
- 37. What cabinets are used for
- 39. One of us
- 40. Honed
- 42. Actress ____ Moore
- 43. Clear the blackboard
- 44. Not as tight
- 46. Shabby
- 49. Manage
- 50. Checkup
- 51. Ironed fold
- 54. Large antelope
- 57. Electrical conductor
- 58. Awful
- 60. She, in Seville
- 61. Egg-shaped
- 62. Wear down
- 63. Remainder
- 64. Mexican coin
- 65. Actress Winona ____

Down

- 1. Shucks!
- 2. Warning sign
- 3. Plunge
- 4. First in a series
- 5. Comfort
- 6. Fall bloom
- 7. Drought's lack
- 8. Oaf
- 9. Egg layers
- 10. Proof of purchase
- 11. Call forth
- 12. At no time
- 13. Garb
- 18. Prayer's end
- 23. Little devil
- 24. Handbag
- 25. RR stops
- 26. To ____ his own
- 27. ____ code
- 28. Trio number
- 29. Street
- 30. Assoc.
- 32. "My Three ____"
- 33. Watches
- 34. Caesar's city
- 35. Naturalist John ____
- 37. Nimble
- 38. Brewed drink
- 41. Mutton, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 42. Forest female
- 44. Misplace
- 45. First game
- 46. Underground drain
- 47. Deport
- 48. English noblemen
- 49. Monte ____
- 51. Karate blow
- 52. Wander
- 53. Ages
- 54. Bad's opposite
- 55. Unclothed
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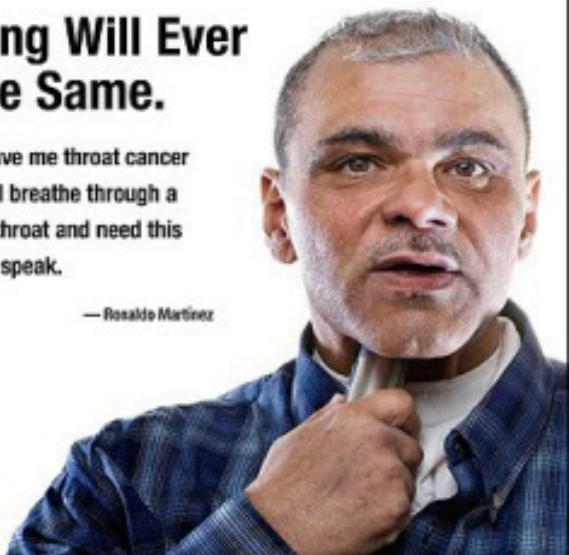
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Artist draws crowd at OCCC

Caricature Artist Hector Lopez has been invited to campus at the beginning of each semester in order to draw for students at OCCC.

"This is the 10th time I've come here," Lopez said, "I love it because I could get to know people, their major, where they come from and I am also making money at the same time."

Nursing major Samila Neba is modeling for him.

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