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Candy Fest '06



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Freshman Physical Therapy major MieSha Galbreath and freshman Education major Tiffany Johnson make wacky candy test tubes during Welcome Week. For more on Welcome Week, see page 7.

Two-year degree plan often pays off in big income

By David Miller
Editor

While an extensive college education is beneficial when entering the job market, there are high-paying occupations requiring only an associate degree.

In March 2006, there was a nationwide unemployment rate of 4.6 percent for high school graduates. That rate dropped significantly to 3.9 percent for those who held an associate degree, according to the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Of the top 10 highest paying jobs obtainable with an associate degree, OCCC offers degree programs for three of them.

The number-one paying job available with an associate degree is a computer specialist, according to CareerBuilder.com. While the pay will vary by region, the yearly salary for a computer specialist is listed at \$59,480.

"[Computer science graduates] have to start somewhere," said Vicki Gibson, acting dean for the Division of Information and Tech-

nology. "Typically, they start as a computer specialist and they find their niche."

Gibson said, while graduates with an associate degree in computer science may not work toward another degree, with the seemingly constant advances in technology, they frequently will be required to learn new aspects of computer systems.

One of the more popular programs at OCCC is the registered nursing program, which came in at number nine on the list.

Registered nurses treat sick, injured and convalescent patients, and provide education on post-treatment care, according to CareerBuilder.com. An associate degree is the minimum requirement in becoming a RN, along with passing a national licensing examination.

"Hospitals, clinics, long-term care, most of the home-based cares such as: home health care and hospice care, do hire associate degree graduates," said Rose-

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Peruvian musicians to open Cultural Art Series

By Madison Withers
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The OCCC Cultural Arts Series kicks off the fall season at 7 p.m., Sept. 12, in the OCCC Theater with Wayanay Inka, a Peruvian and Latin American musical ensemble.

The group, formed in Peru in 1984, plays bamboo panpipes and flutes, charangos, guitars and drums.

According to the group's website, "Our intention is to express through our song, not only the customs, ways of life, and images of the Andean culture, but also to reflect fully the people who inhabit these lands, sometimes full

of pain and sorrow, yet always with their hearts full of hope. Experience has shown that the music of a people reflects their innermost being; and this is why we feel compelled to allow our songs, with their poetry, to become merged with our people's historical journey."

Wayanay Inka's performance will be followed by Russian Piano and Flute Duo Tatiana Kuleshova and Marina Rubenshtein on Oct. 3; Turtle Island, a string quartet and Grammy-winning group who play a combination of classical, jazz, and world music on Oct. 24, and Flamenco guitarist Ron Radford, who plays Gypsy melodies to Spanish dance rhythms, Nov. 7. All performances are at 7 p.m. in the

College Theater. This marks the 10th year of the series.

Four concerts also are planned for the spring semester. Those can be found at www.occc.edu/CAS/2006-2007.

Season tickets for both the fall and spring season are available for \$85. Students, seniors, faculty, staff and Alumni Association members can buy a season ticket for \$60.

Individual tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students, seniors, faculty, staff and Alumni Association members.

Tickets can be purchased online at

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Negative political ads don't belong

On television the other night, one of those mud-slinging ads for the elections came on. One candidate started to bash the other candidate. I won't say whom it was for, but something caught my eye.

The ads started off just like any other: choose this candidate because the candidate's opponent voted that way, and they did this and that.

Many people will watch it and think, "OK." They will vote for the person who didn't do all of that horrible stuff. Many voters will think this without realizing that the information may be outdated and misleading. It often deliberately distorts the opponent's record.

Voters are sick and tired of watching all that mud-slinging. Most times, if they read the fine print, they learn the subject matter is untimely.

Research conducted by the Project on Campaign Conduct showed 59 percent of people surveyed believe that all or most candidates deliberately twist the truth.

Politicians need to grow up and stop pointing the finger at someone else.

Voters want to know what the candidate stands for now, not years ago. Voters are looking to the future, not the past.

Candidates need to stop the negative ads. If they continue with the character assaults, voters should choose someone else.

Voters want candidates who care about what the people need and want. Voters want to know what the candidates can do to achieve it.

—Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

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Food allergies found in kids

To the Editor:

It is estimated that two million school-aged children have food allergies, and for the parents of these children, back-to-school planning is a particularly stressful time.

Developing cafeteria emergency plans to protect against a possible fatal reaction is crucial, but there are classroom dangers as well.

According to Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder and CEO of The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, the nation's leading non-profit, patient advocacy organization providing education and awareness on food allergy and anaphylaxis, the majority of allergic reactions to foods occur from foods used during class projects

or as incentives in the classroom.

The top eight allergens are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat and soy. Any school project that contains these foods increases a child's risk.

For example, peanut jars may be used to hold crayons; wheat can be found in paper maché; peanuts can be found in play dough; tree nuts are often found in "fossil digs" during school field trips to museums; and egg is sometimes used to thicken tempera paint.

Before sending a child with severe allergies back to school this year, parents should take the following precautions:

- Meet with school staff to go over all allergy needs, and tour the classroom.

- Go through art and science supply closets to check materials and labels.

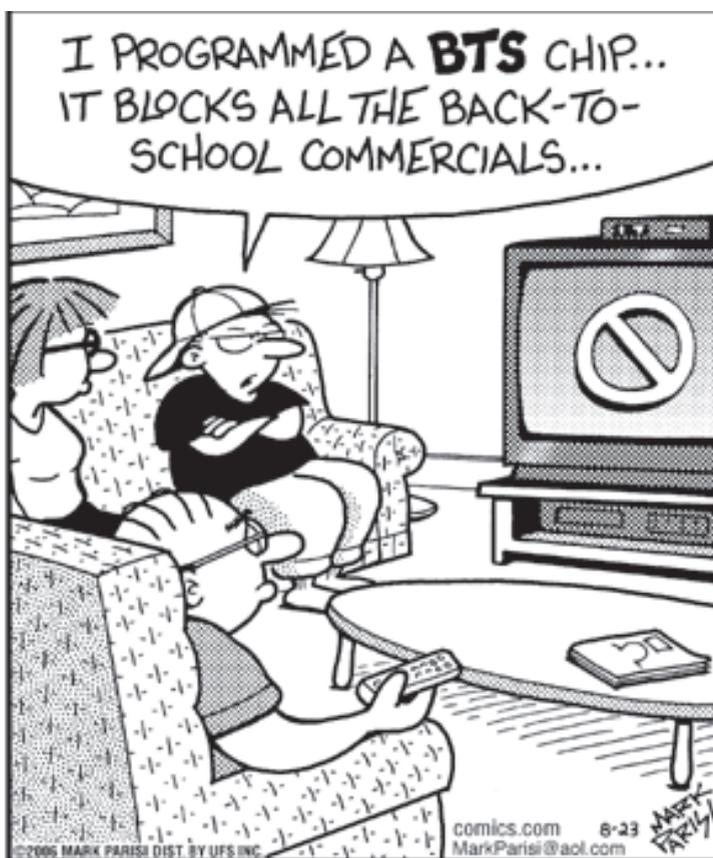
- Tell teachers to call you when new materials come into the classroom.

- Suggest substituting food rewards, like candy, with stickers or pencils.

For more information, please visit the website: www.foodallergy.org.

—The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network

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Comments and Reviews

'Dead' rises above others

Fans of George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead" will love sinking their teeth into Capcom's new title, "Dead Rising" on the Xbox 360.

Players put themselves in the shoes of Frank West, a freelance photojournalist in search of the story of a lifetime. Players are flown in on a helicopter and shown the small town that has been overcome by zombies. Armed with only a camera, players can take pictures of the zombies and their actions, and get high scores for catching scenarios like drama, horror and brutality pictures.

Once the game starts, players have 72 hours to uncover the truth about the zombies and meet back on the helipad. Otherwise, they are left in the mall.

Time ticks on at an accelerated speed whether the player is killing zombies or just sitting idle.

At first the zombies can be slow and forgiving and easy to take out but once the clock hits 7 p.m. they

get more aggressive and are harder to kill, making your tasks more difficult and even a little scarier at times.

The mall has everything players need to survive and provides some funny scenes of Frank West wearing ridiculous clothes and accessories.

Shops provide an endless supply of resources for survival. There are all types of child and adult clothing stores, gym equipment, hardware stores athletic stores and several others. Players can use almost anything as weapons: benches, police batons, knives held by thugs, propane tanks, mannequins and plasma TVs can all be held to strike or throw at the zombies.

All weapons will break after several uses, forcing players to pick up other items for survival.

The game's idea is well executed and the graphics look painfully realistic.

The controls are average at best and sometimes can

be frustrating against level bosses where players must use their gun to aim and must maneuver themselves against other's gunfire.

This game does not include multi-player, which would have made this title even better. "Dead Rising" does have a ranking online and other players can check and see where they stand up against others who have completed the game.

Players learn more skills to attack zombies when they level up their characters.

Level-ups are awarded when a certain number of zombies are destroyed or mall goers are rescued. Skills that can be learned include riding zombies, knee drops and over the shoulder judo throws.

If thrashing zombies with hockey sticks sounds fun, then this game is well worth checking out.

Rating: 4/5

—**John Savage**
Staff Writer

Teen award show a sham

If there were a Razzie (an award for worst in Hollywood) for an awards show, The Teen Choice Awards would be the front-runner.

The show that was co-hosted by rumored lovebirds Dane Cook and Jessica Simpson lacked any true sense of an awards ceremony.

It started out just like any other show would, cheap jokes, celebrity guests and tolerable talent.

From there it just went downhill.

A cleaner-than-normal Cook could do little to stop the atrocities that included bad presentations and poor performances that the show and Simpson subjected the viewers to.

Actors seemed to only show up, not to receive the not-so-coveted surfboards, but rather to promote their new work to the ecstatic teens that clung to their every word.

This was apparent when Johnny Depp stepped out onto the stage to receive his Best Actor in an Action Film Award, and was cheered for more than a minute, after which he promoted the third "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Simpson also added to the repugnant

show with her constant bloneness, a characteristic that came to be quite annoying.

And when it seemed the show just couldn't get any worse, the audience was surprised (not really), with the debut of Kevin Federline's new single.

Federline's wife, Britney Spears, introduced him and noted that he chose to debut his single on the Teen Choice Awards, but by the performance of the cheap Eminem impersonation, it seemed that it was the only show to allow him to perform.

Even though the show was filled with numerous negatives, it did have a single redeeming point.

Jason McElwain, better known as the autistic teenager who scored 20 points for his high school basketball team in less than three minutes, received the Teen Courage Award, a presentation which made "My Name is Earl" star Jaime Pressly cry.

That moment was truly redeeming, but not enough to make a lasting impact.

Rating: 2/5

—**Phillip Hemphill**
Staff Writer

CAREER POWER

Students! Welcome to the fall 2006 semester at Oklahoma City Community College. Career and Employment Services can help you make a career choice and show you how to conduct a professional job search.

If you are undecided on your college major, please visit our office soon. We have the tools and information that will guide your decision-making process for plans that include certificate programs and college degrees at the associate, bachelor, master and doctoral levels.

Many students have questions concerning which college major matches or compliments a particular career field. Others are searching for details related to moving from one career to another. We would be happy to work with you in any of these regards.

New this fall we will be offering a series of workshops entitled "Career Power in 25 Minutes!" Students are invited to attend Wednesdays during the noon to 12:25 p.m. lunch period in Room 1F6 of the Main Building on the first floor. Workshop titles include:

- "Let's Talk Careers-What do I want to be when I grow-up?" Sept. 13
- "Discover your Individual Career Interest through Self-Assessment Survey," Sept. 20
- "How do I research Job Openings?" Sept. 27
- "Somebody help me write a Job Cover Letter!" Oct. 11
- "Somebody help me write a Job Resume!" Oct. 18
- "Yikes! I have a Job Interview," Oct. 25
- "How do I write a Post-Interview Thank You Letter?" Nov. 1
- "Work Ethics in the 21st Century," Nov. 8
- "Balancing School, Work, Family & Career," Nov. 15
- "Stress Management!" Nov. 22
- "Work after college AKA - 'The Real World,'" Nov. 29

I would also like to welcome the new Employment Services Coordinator, Dr. Laura Choppy. In future Career Power articles, Dr. Choppy will be sharing employment information for our current students and alumni, as well as free job board registration at www.collegecentral.com/occc. Employment services may be contacted by phone at 405-682-7519 or 405-682-1611, ext. 7369, or by e-mail at employmentservices@occc.edu.

Again, our offices are here to serve your career and employment needs. Call for an appointment or visit us in Advising & Career Services located on the first floor of the Main Building. Have a great and productive semester.

—**Debra Vaughn**
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Lunchbreak caters to students careers

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

For students trying to choose a college major, knowing where to find information about jobs and careers is helpful, said Career Specialist Debra Vaughn.

She will be talking about career choices and college majors in her workshop "Let's Talk Careers" at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13, in room 1F6 of the Main Building.

A recent online business article noted many people believe they have to go into law, medicine or banking to earn a big salary, but reported other careers also can pay surprisingly well.

Aircraft engine mechanics, court reporters, restaurant managers and elementary school principals all earn median salaries over \$50,000, according to Tom Van Riper at www.Forbes.com.

Information regarding shortages in career fields

such as nursing also will be covered, Vaughn said.

"Let's Talk Careers" is the first of 11 scheduled courses and is designed to be an introduction to the free workshop series.

"It is an intro into what information they can access from these workshops," Vaughn said.

At "Let's Talk Careers," students will receive transfer guides to the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma along with several other

schools.

Two magazines published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) also will be distributed to those in attendance.

The material is designed to help the students make informed career decisions, Vaughn said.

"Every career is like an umbrella," she said "We are just trying to help students pick the right umbrella," she said.

Students will learn how

to gain access to student employment service videos. The videos cover topics ranging from goal setting to job searching.

Overall, Vaughn said, her goal is to help students choose the right path early so they don't take unnecessary courses.

For any questions or comments, contact Vaughn at 405-682-1661, ext. 7529.

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Workshop offers students help with studies

By Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

If gas prices are depleting your resources for lunch, you might want to stop in for one of Student Life's Brown Bag Lunches this semester.

Everyone who attends a brown bag lunch can enter to win a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate, redeemable for gasoline.

The programs are aimed at helping students achieve success in college by providing them with informa-

tion not usually presented in classes.

First Year and Student Life Programs Coordinator Sara McElroy and Service Learning and Student Life Coordinator Jon Horinek will host the Brown Bag Lunch Series.

Topics for the lunches cover basic collegiate information (such as study skills, navigating Mine Online, and managing a budget), preparation for finals and term papers, and general interest topics such as stress relief and intro to

sign language.

The first Brown Bag Lunch session will be at noon Sept. 6 in the College Union and will cover study skills.

The Brown Bag Lunch Series is open to anyone wanting to attend, said Horinek.

"If you feel you need to improve study skills you should come," he said.

Sessions will start at 12:30 p.m. and be held in the College Union unless specified otherwise.

Sessions usually run

about 45 minutes and will be held numerous times throughout the semester.

Besides the Sept. 6 session, there are sessions on Sept. 7 and 26, both starting at 12:30 p.m.

The Sept. 7 session will cover test taking, and the Sept. 26 session will cover MineOnline.

In addition to the drawing for free gasoline, Horinek said, each session would have a drawing for door prizes such as OCCC bookstore gift certificates and iTunes gift cards.

Although drinks will be provided, students will need to bring their own lunch.

For printed schedules of the Brown Bag Lunch Series or more information, contact McElroy at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or Horinek at 405-682-1611, ext. 7697.

Or, students can visit online at www.occc.edu/studentlife or visit the office of Student Life.

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eCards deliver more than just a happy smiley face

By Randal Wright
News Writing Student

Sexually-transmitted diseases are more common than anyone might think. There are more than 15 million cases each year according to www.inspot.org, a website that lets a person send eCards to inform sexual partners they might have contracted a sexually transmitted disease from that individual.

Somewhat like greeting cards, eCards have different messages and allow the person sending the message to personalize it, then, either sign the card or send it anonymously.

One reads, "It's not what you brought to the party, it's what you left with.

Please go get checked if you haven't already."

Another one reads, "I got screwed while screwing and you might have, too. Go get checked soon if you haven't already."

There are six different cards to choose from.

Talking to sex partners even virtually, helps take away the stigma associated with STDs and is scientifically proven to reduce transmission, according to www.inspot.org.

Although Oklahoma is not one of the states listed on the website, everybody can use this site to send eCards.

The cities, states and country listed on the website are there because those particular areas also

offer current information about local testing and treatment resources through eCards.

If persons sending eCards do not live in the ant of the site's geographic areas listed, www.inspot.org suggest they include that type of — about local places that test — in their message.

The site's webpages have a frequently-asked questions page that answers many of the questions people may have about eCards.

Some students say the procedure seems like a good idea but also feel it could be taken as a joke.

"I wouldn't take it very seriously," OCCC student Clarese Colbert said.

"It's kind of cheesy even though it has a good point."

Other students agree with Colbert.

"I would think it was a joke," said OCCC student Nick Petrovic.

Other students feel this would be a good way to get vital information about a touchy subject.

One OCCC professor agrees.

"Some might be relieved not to have to discuss it face to face or on the telephone," OCCC psychology Professor Richard Anglin said. "It might get people to actually notify their partner or partners when they might not do it in person."

But then again, he said, "Some people might think this is way too impersonal

about something so important."

The website has certain rules users follow.

For instance, website members agree to never give out personal information other than their own.

If they have any problems with the website or other users, they can go to feedback@inspot.org.

The website also reminds recipients that if they get a card it doesn't necessarily mean they have an STD, just that they need to go get checked by a health professional.

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Faculty, staff recognized for service

By John Savage
Staff Writer

OCCC awarded five employees this year with Employee of the Year Awards, the Elven Gray Award and, new to this year's ceremony, the Robert P. Todd Leadership Award.

Faculty and staff who went above and beyond the expectations of their jobs were recognized Aug. 15.

The Classified Employee of the Year Award went to Business Division Assistant Lea Ann Hall. Hall said she was pleased to be picked for this year's award.

"I felt honored and surprised," Hall said. "I would like to thank the committee that voted for me and all my friends at the college."

The Professional Employee of the Year Award went to Student Development Counselor Claire Echols. Being given this award means a lot Echols said.

"It's unexplainable ... I never thought I would ever win this award," she said. "This award means more to me than anybody would ever think. I was amazed."

Faculty Employee of the Year Award went to Professor of Administrative Office Technology Jenean Jones. She said it was an honor to be chosen.

"I want to thank the business division for supporting me and my

efforts to pursue what I want to do to make our program up to date and competitive. I especially thank Dr. [Jim] Schwartz," Jones said. "Teaching to me is a joy and it always has been. I love my job, just being able to serve students. It makes you have a really great feeling."

The Elven Gray Award went to Chemistry Professor Steve Shore.

The Elven Gray Award was established in 1991 to honor a college employee who best depicts the spirit of the late Elven Gray, a former college employee. Selections are based on the following criteria: consistently going the extra mile; displaying a friendly, positive attitude; exhibiting devotion to the college; and becoming an inspiration to others.

"It's very humbling to think that somebody thought enough of me to put that nomination forward," Shore said. "I have always considered the Elven Gray Award to be one of the coolest awards the college gives."

"Everything I have heard about Elven Gray, he sounded like a fantastic person. To think I could be even considered for that kind of award just blows me away."

The Robert P. Todd Leadership Award was established this year and recognizes a college employee who has demonstrated outstand-



Top, left to right:
Brenda Harrison,
Jenean Jones and
Claire Echols.

Bottom, left to right:
Steven Shore and Lea
Ann Hall.

ing leadership in his or her work.

The award is named after former OCCC President Robert P. Todd who died in December 2005.

This year's award went to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Brenda Harrison, who was taken by surprise by the award.

"I don't know any words to describe it," Harrison said.

"It's the best thing that has happened to me in my 30 years of pro-

fessional life."

"I would like to thank the selection committee and everyone in Academic Affairs because I could not do my job without the deans and the department chairs and the program directors and the faculty."

"They make it easy for me to look good because they've worked so hard."

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New Board of Regents member named

By David Miller
Editor

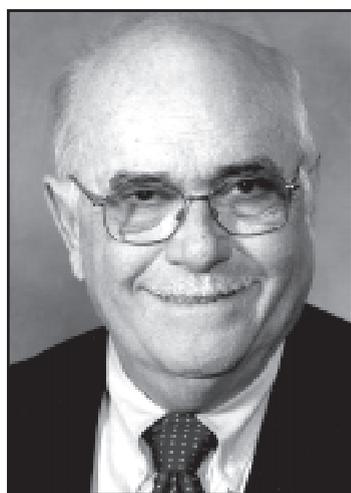
Gov. Brad Henry has appointed Dr. Tom Carlile, Osteopathy physician, to OCCC's Board of Regents.

Carlile replaced Edward Chappell II, who resigned his position on the board May 31. Carlile was appointed Aug. 8 and will serve until April 22, 2008.

In an e-mail from Henry's press office, the governor praised Carlile's qualifications and abilities.

"Dr. Tom Carlile is an outstanding professional and has a long history of involvement in the higher education community," Henry said.

"I am pleased to make this appointment, and I ap-



Tom Carlile

preciate his willingness to serve."

Born in Coweta, Okla., Carlile served as Chairman of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine from

1979 to 1989. He previously served on OCCC's board from 1977 to 1979, when the school was called South Oklahoma City Junior College.

Carlile said his reasons for joining OCCC's list of regents are simple.

"I'm doing it to be of service to the community and the institution," he said.

For 37 years Carlile has owned and operated a family medical practice in the Oklahoma City area. He graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and earned his doctorate in Osteopathy from the Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

He has donated to the OCCC Foundation for several years, which allows the

Foundation to provide scholarships and fund projects through OCCC, according to the OCCC Foundation website.

"We are very fortunate to

have Dr. Carlile appointed to our College Board," OCCC President Paul Sechrist said in an e-mail.

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Student workers see pay increase

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

OCCC student workers received a wage increase this semester.

Under a compensation and benefits plan, Gary Lombard, Human Resources and Support Services vice president, recommended student-worker wage increases to OCCC President Paul Sechrist and his cabinet.

The recommendation was approved by the Board of Regents, thereby raising student workers wages by 50 cents per hour. This is the first raise student workers have seen since 2001.

Students who have worked for the college two years or less went from making \$6.50 an hour to \$7 an hour.

Students who have worked for the college for two years or more now earn \$7.50 instead of \$7.

Some OCCC students who don't work on campus are insulted student workers received a wage increase in the midst of a tuition increase.

"I wanna become a student employee so I can be reimbursed [for tuition]," said James Wynn, business freshman.

Still, other non-student workers, like Psychology

major Christina Peek, don't see a problem with the wage increase.

"[The college's tuition is] going to raise anyway," Peek said.

Donna Nance, Finance director, said the tuition increase is not directly related to the pay raise.

"[The] (tuition raise) was, by no means, in order to fund a raise," she said.

Lombard said the wage increase was necessary to stay competitive with the job market outside of campus.

"We want to provide opportunities on campus for our students," he said. "The college benefits from ser-

"We want to provide opportunities on campus for our students."

—Gary Lombard

Human Resources and Support Services
Vice President

vices they provide."

Some student workers are grateful for the raise.

Matt Meath, a math lab tutor, is happy with the pay raise.

"I'm totally for it," he said.

Students like Jenny Stacey, a peer mentor who gets paid through the student service program, doesn't think it will make much of an impact.

"As a student worker,

you're not getting paid enough for college anyway," she said.

Lombard said student workers benefit themselves as well as the community.

"All of our employees are important parts of providing excellent services to our students and the community," he said.

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Student Life to give students chance to help out

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Service Saturdays are returning to OCCC, giving students the chance to help others in need.

Each month, Student Life and student volunteers set aside one Saturday to help groups like Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army.

The first Service Saturday will be Sept. 9. Students can register at www.occc.edu/volunteer.

About 20 OCCC students will don work clothes and spend the day restoring a care facility for disabled children that day.

Jon Horinek, Community Engagement Coordinator, said this is a chance for students to help others in their community and work with other students at the same time.

Students Life provides a ride to the job site along with box lunches and refreshments throughout the work day.

Horinek said it typically takes all day to finish a job.

He said, for liability reasons, only students can volunteer.

Volunteers should dress comfortably and wear clothes they don't mind get-

ting dirty, he said.

Also, shoes should be durable and comfortable with no open-toed shoes or sandals.

Horinek said there are five opportunities for the

students to help on Service Saturdays.

Students will have a chance to help Habitat for Humanity, Blind Nature Trail and ring the bell for the Salvation Army during

the holiday season.

Service Saturdays sign-up sheets have been revised and are now available online.

There will be a waiting list to ensure there are plenty

of people to help volunteer.

For more information, contact Horinek at 405-682-1611, ext. 7697.

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Workshops assist students with college website

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

It can take a lot to learn the ropes at OCCC. Students can make sense of the confusion by attending "Steps to Success" workshops held by Advising and Career Services.

The workshops are designed to help new, returning and transferring students navigate MineOnline, as well as the college and its website.

Workshops will begin Sept. 5 and continue every Tuesday through November.

The meeting times are different for each workshop to accommodate different schedules.

The main focus of the workshops will be to introduce online options students have which help save time.

"Walk-ins during heavy enrollment ... have been

"We want students to know they have multiple options."

—Leslie Jones

Secretary to the Dean of Student Development

waiting anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours," said Leslie Jones, secretary to the Dean of Student Development, and developer of the workshops.

Freshman Nicole Cheatwood is one of those who had to wait.

"That line was a two- to three-hour wait one week before school," she said.

The workshops will help students save time by using online alternatives when conducting school business.

"We want students to know they have multiple options," Jones said. "Once they're enrolled ... they can do a lot of things online so they won't have to wait."

Freshman Desiree Burle-

son also had to wait in a long line to see an adviser.

Burleson has never used MineOnline, but is willing to learn.

"I would probably go (to the workshops) maybe once," she said.

In addition to time, students also don't have gas to spend on excessive travel.

"With gas prices, the more you can do online, the better," Cheatwood said.

The workshops are free. However, they are limited to 30 seats per workshop.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 405-682-7535.

Staff Writer Rachel Carlton can be reached at Staff-Writer3@occc.edu.

Mark your calendar!

The 28th annual Arts Festival Oklahoma will be on the OCCC campus Sept. 1 to 4. Featured musical guests Billy Richards' Coasters, The Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Janie Fricke will provide entertainment during the Memorial Day weekend. Food vendors serving everything from bratwurst and turkey legs to funnel cakes and chocolate-dipped cheesecake will supply the treats. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/AFO.

Students welcomed with fun

Colored dyes, sugary treats and gruesome wax molds gave the first week of fall semester an atmosphere reminiscent of Halloween.

Liz Largent, director of Student Life, said the purpose of Welcome Week is to welcome new and returning students to campus.

On Tuesday, students were able to make molded wax figures of their hands.

Hog Wild Entertainment furnished the melted wax for the molds and assisted students in creating their molded sculptures.

Students dunked their hands in the melted wax eight times, allowing the wax to dry between each dunk.

After the wax was the proper thickness, a Hog Wild staff member would pull off the wax mold and then dunk it into the student's choice of red, blue, green or yellow wax.

Several of the resulting molds took on a spooky appearance resembling Thing from The Addams Family or other Halloween haunted house props.

On Wednesday the staff of Hog Wild was back, this time with wacky candy.

Students were provided plastic test tubes and caps as well as numerous colorful sugar sand candy choices.

After selecting their preferred flavors and colors, students would fill a test tube with as much and as many of the sugars as they desired to create artistic candy tubes resembling sand paintings.

On Thursday, Student Life provided T-shirts and spray dyes for tie-dye tees.

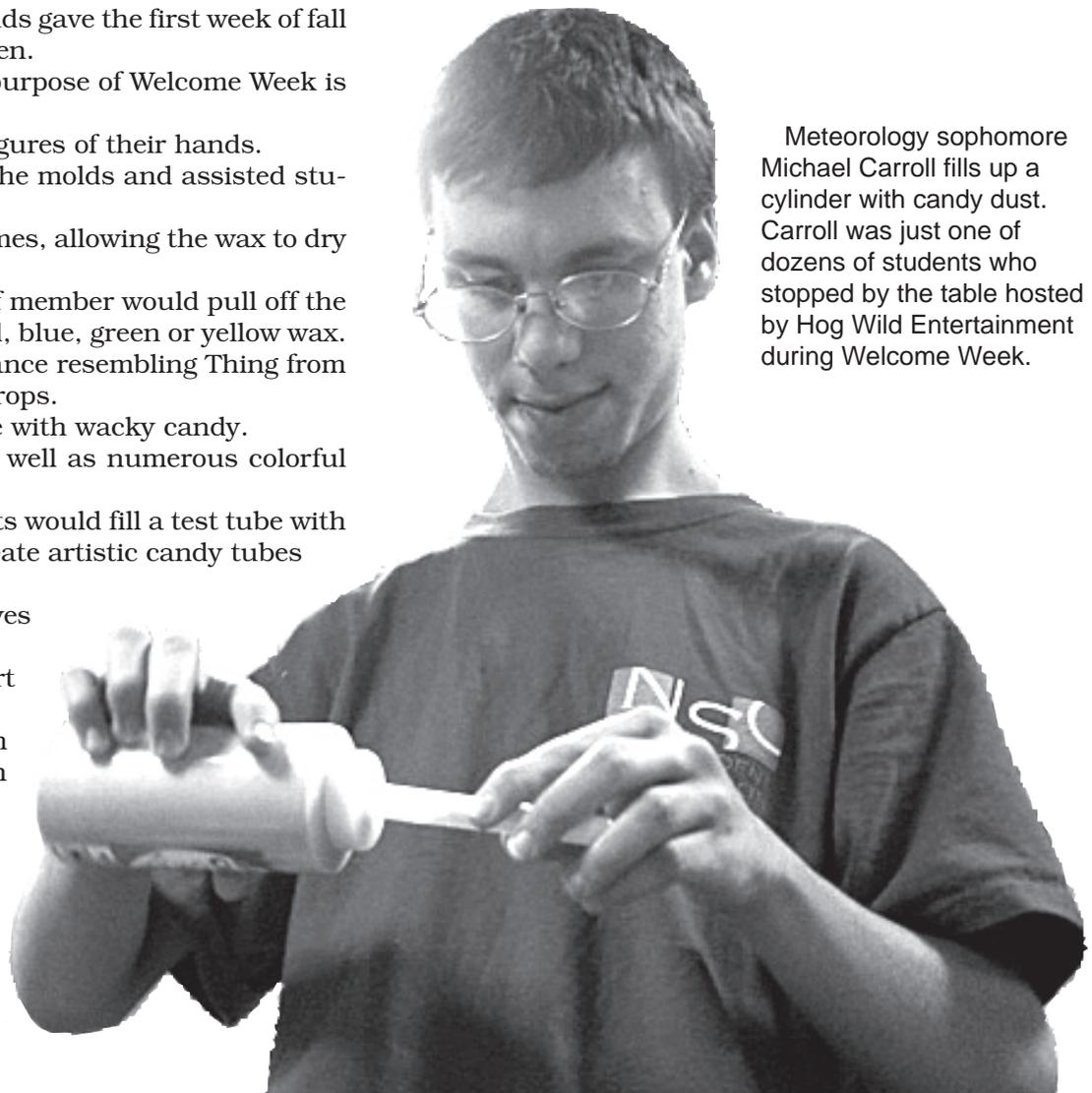
Students chose the colors they wanted, twisted the T-shirt as desired, and sprayed the shirt with the dye.

Different patterns were created depending on how much the tees were twisted or wadded and how far the spray can was from the shirt while the student applied the dye.

Sophomores Melody Hurley and Jacqueline Dill said this was the first Welcome Week event they had participated in. Both students said they had a good time making tie-dye T-shirts.

Welcome week is generally held the first week of classes with different events scheduled for each semester.

Events for this semester started Monday, Sept. 21, with free snow cones handed out by Student Life employees.



Meteorology sophomore Michael Carroll fills up a cylinder with candy dust. Carroll was just one of dozens of students who stopped by the table hosted by Hog Wild Entertainment during Welcome Week.



Sophomore Psychology major Liza Dewitt sprays an OCCC T-shirt with colored dye during the tie-dye T-shirt event.



Freshmen Heidi Bell and Lisa Karr admire their wax hand molds created during the wax hand event of Student Life's Welcome Week activities. Students dunked their hands numerous times into liquified wax. After removing the molds from their hands, they chose what color of wax they wanted the Hog Wild Entertainment staff to dunk the hands into for the finishing touch.

Text by Carrie Conk • Photos by Carrie Cronk and Richard Hall

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC
INTRAMURALS
EVENTS

•**Aug. 28:** The Oklahoma College Club Soccer League starts practicing for the upcoming season. Practices will be held at 6 p.m. on the southeast side of the campus. The official start of the season is Sept. 9. Students can register to play at the Recreation and Community Services office. There will be a team meeting at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 29, in classroom 1C1B. Students must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours at OCCC and have a validated student ID to be eligible.

•**Aug. 30-31:** Recreation and Community Services will start a new club called ClubRec. There will be a booth in the Student Club and Organization Fair for students who are interested in signing up for sport activities. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 7:** OCCC National Football League flag football will start registration for the upcoming season Sept. 7. The season starts Sept. 19 and runs through Oct. 28. The non-competitive leagues are for boys and girls, ages 6 to 14. The cost is \$65. Game days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Each team will play a total of eight games. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2:** OCCC youth basketball league will tip off its season of non-competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12 years old. Registration ends Nov. 9 and the season starts Dec. 2. Each team will play eight games. The season ends Feb. 17. The cost for this league is \$60. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

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Soccer team back on pitch

*By John Savage
Staff Writer*

It's time to roll the soccer balls onto the pitch and get back into shape for this year's OCCC soccer club.

The regular season will start 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at a game hosted at the University of Central Oklahoma. A total of eight teams will compete in this year's soccer season. All games will be held on Saturdays.

The soccer team is co-ed and there are no restrictions on joining. Everybody will have a chance to get some playing time, Coach Yeboah said.

There is a required fee of \$40, which covers fall and spring. Other items that members need are a pair of white socks and blue socks, and blue shorts. OCCC will provide the shirts.

Yeboah said the team can only be successful and win games if "most people can make it to practice."

Anybody can join the team as long as they are an OCCC student and have a validated ID. Practices for the soccer team will be on the south practice field next to the Child Development Center and Lab School.

Yeboah, who has been playing soccer for many years and coaching OCCC for three years, will bring with him his love for the game he has been playing since youth.

"I've been playing since I was a kid," he said.

He said coaching has been a learning experience. Not everybody gets what he or she wants.

"I have realized it is not easy to please everybody."

Yeboah said he doesn't know what to expect out of this year's team since he hasn't seen them in action yet.

He said he would meet them in practice on Aug. 28 before the team meeting. This year's soccer team will work to be more physical but include dump-and-chase tactics and ball control.

"This will give us a variety of options depending on the opponents," Yeboah said.

Participation has been a problem with some previous teams but the excitement of this year's World Cup action might inspire some players

to come out and play, Yeboah said.

Practices would be set by the team to allow for the most player-friendly times.

For more information about the soccer club, contact Community

Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786. Or, call Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

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Getting physical

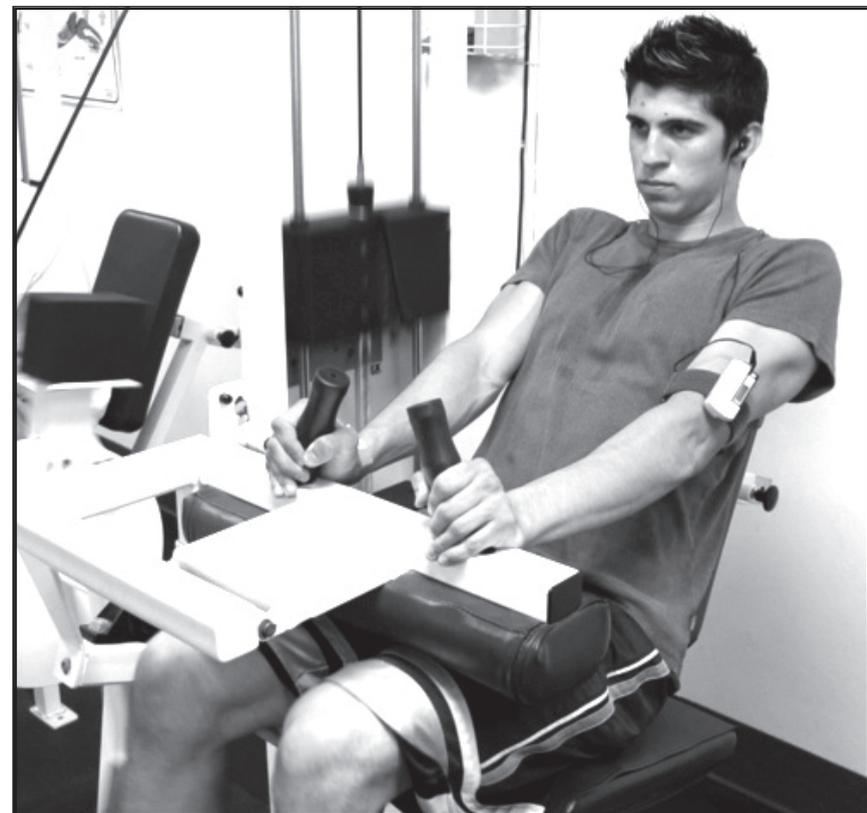


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Joey Biorato, International Business sophomore, works out his legs in OCCC's Wellness Center. Biorato, 19, said he uses OCCC's facilities at least twice a week. "I go to [OCCC] 12 hours, work ... so I have to fit a workout somewhere," he said. The Wellness Center is free to OCCC students with a valid ID.

OCCC Club Soccer Team

- Eligibility:** Student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours at OCCC and have a valid student ID.
- Fee:** \$40 this covers the fall and spring season.
- Club soccer registration deadline:** Sept. 7.
- Team meeting:** 6:30 p.m., Aug. 29, in room 1C1B, near the Recreation Services Center.
- Practices** will be held at OCCC's practice field next to the Child Development Center and Lab School.
- If you are interested** please call Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or, visit the Recreation and Community Services office located across from the Wellness Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

September proclaimed National Preparedness Month

The Oklahoma City Office of Homeland Security has designated September as National Preparedness Month, said Ike Sloas, OCCC Safety and Security director.

As a public service, the Pioneer, in conjunction with the OCCC Safety and Security office, will run a week's worth of safety tips each week for the next four issues.

Sept. 1: Take a moment to imagine there is an emergency, like a fire in your home, and you need to leave quickly. What are the best escape routes from your home? Find at least two ways out of each room. Now, write it down. You've got the beginning of a plan.

Sept. 2: Pick a place to meet after a disaster. Designate two meeting places. Choose one right outside your home, in case of a

sudden household emergency, such as a fire. The second place needs to be outside your neighborhood, in the event that it is not safe to stay near or return to your home.

Sept. 3: Choose an emergency contact person outside your area because it may be easier to call long distance than locally after a local/regional disaster. Take a minute now to call or e-mail an out-of-town friend or family member to ask him or her to be your family's designated contact in the event of an emergency. Share the contact's phone number with everyone in the family. During an emergency, you can call your contact who can share with other family members where you are; how you are doing; and how to get in contact with you.

Sept. 4: Complete an emergency contact card and make copies for each member of your family to carry with them.

Be sure to include an out-of-town contact on your contact card. It may be easier to reach someone out of town if local phone lines are out of service or overloaded. You should also have at least one traditionally wired land line phone, as cordless or cellular phones may not work in an emergency.

Sept. 5: Dogs may be man's best friend, but due to health regulations, most emergency shelters cannot house animals. Find out in advance how to care for your pets and working animals when disaster strikes. Pets should not be left behind, but could be taken to a veterinary office, family member's home or animal shelter during an emergency. Also, be sure to store extra food and water for pets.

Sept. 6: Just as you would prepare an emergency supply kit for your family, think first about the basics needed for

your pet's survival, particularly food and water. Some items to consider keeping in your pet's emergency supply kit include:

- Food (at least 3 days worth in an airtight, waterproof container)
- Water (at least 3 days worth specifically for your pet)
- Medicines and medical records
- First aid kit (most should include bandages, tape, scissors, flea and tick prevention, latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution)
- Crate or other pet carrier (the carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down)
- Sanitation (include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs)
- Picture of you and your pet together (a picture helps document ownership and allows others to assist you in identifying your pet)

•Familiar items (favorite toys, treats or bedding can help reduce stress for your pet)

Review your kit regularly to ensure that its contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

Sept. 7: Include in your pet's emergency supply kit a back-up leash, collar and ID tag. Place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and include in your kit. You should also consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification such as microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

Look in the Sept. 4 issue of the Pioneer for more tips, or visit www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov.

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Highlights

Communication Lab needs student volunteers

The Communications Lab is organizing groups of students who take English as a Second Language classes at OCCC. Student volunteers who speak English as a second language are needed to lead the groups and help the students practice conversation. The groups will meet for one hour each week during the semester from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Time slots are available Monday through Friday. Students can sign up to lead a group in the Communications Lab or by contacting Charlotte Roller at 405-682-1611, ext. 7588, or via e-mail at croller@occc.edu.

Student Life to hold Brown Bag Lunch Series

Student Life will hold a series of brown bag lunches that will teach attendees about study skills, test taking and using MineOnline. The first workshop, on study skills, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, in room CU3. The majority of the presenters will be faculty and staff. Door prizes will be given away to those who attend. Students who attend the workshops will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gas card. For more information, contact Sara McElroy, First Year and Student Life Programs coordinator at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or via e-mail at smcelroy@occc.edu.

Health Professions Club will hold first meeting

The Health Professions Club will vote on events that will be scheduled during the Fall and Spring semesters. Free pizza is available to those who attend. The first meeting is scheduled from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, in rooms CU1 and CU2. For more information, contact Health Professions Club sponsor Steve Kamm at 405-682-1611, ext. 7268, or via e-mail at skamm@occc.edu.

"Career Power in 25-Minutes" aims to help students

Advising and Career Services will hold "Let's Talk Careers," the first of 11 scheduled workshops, from noon to 12:25 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, in room 1F6 of the Main Building. Free information regarding careers and transferring will be available to all in attendance. For more information, contact Career Specialist Debra Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7362, or via e-mail at dvaughn@occc.edu.

Toastmasters Club holds humorous speech contest

The Boomer Story Tellers Toastmasters Club will hold its annual speech contest at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 28. The contest will be at Aloha Gardens restaurant located in the Walnut Shopping Center on Interstate-240 and S. Penn., and is open to the public. Meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m., at Aloha Gardens. For more information, contact Kitty Gilligan at 405-413-0929.

St. Andrews to hold Divorce Adjustment Workshop

St. Andrews United Methodist Church, located at 2727 SW 119th St., will hold a two-day divorce workshop from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, and from 1:30 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$30. Attendance for both days is required. Topics covered at the workshop include grief, rebuilding and self-esteem. The topics will be presented by trained professionals. To register call 405-692-4242 or visit www.saokc.org. For any questions or comments contact Lesa Stiger at 405-692-9268 or 404-202-5220.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.

Snack time



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Chris Haynes, Baptist Collegiate Ministries sponsor, hands out free pens, donuts, drinks, and gift bags full of information about their club to an interested student. The booth was set up to attract potential members.

Dormant clubs erupt into action

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

The words "student life" no longer need to be an oxymoron when it comes to school.

The transition from high school to college doesn't only include term papers and exams, but also a variety of clubs and organizations, all of which are looking for new members.

And no matter what the interest, OCCC has a plethora of groups to join.

"We have three categories of clubs to choose from," said Karlen Grayson, Student Clubs and Organization Assistant.

"There are special interest groups such as the International Student Association, departmental clubs like the Health Professions Club, and honor societies."

One of the departmental clubs is Student Art Guild, which is geared towards anyone that has a love for art.

The group will host a booth at the Arts Festival to display members' artwork in addition to recruiting prospective members.

"We will be trying to promote ourselves," said Art Professor Mary Ann Moore, co-sponsor of SAG.

Another departmental club, Business Professionals of America, will host its first meeting on Sept. 6.

BPA works with students to build a professional business appearance, said Lee Ann Hall, BPA co-sponsor.

Special interest organizations such as the College Democrats have started to prepare for the upcoming semester.

The College Democrats have tentative plans for hosting candidates campaigning for office, said College Democrats co-sponsor Rick Vollmer.

The plans include holding a forum for candidates and inviting them to visit with students.

The plans will remain

tentative until the group gains more membership.

"The more active students we have, the better we will be able to plan these events," Vollmer said.

The College Democrats have worked with the College Republicans in the past to sponsor a voter registration day. Vollmer said it is something they wish to do again.

"The College Republicans also want to host a forum with the College Democrats," said Student Accounts Coordinator Ralph deCardenas, co-sponsor of College Republicans.

"But due to dwindling membership, they might not be able to," deCardenas said.

The majority of clubs will be present at the Organizations Fair from 8 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday Aug. 30 and 31, in the college union.

Staff Writer Phillip Hemphill can be reached at Senior Writer@occc.edu.

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Some of nation's top-paying degrees available at OCCC

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mary Klepper, nursing director.

Although it varies by region, the yearly salary for an RN with an associate degree is \$52,330, according to CareerBuilder.com. This may include a hefty signing bonus, which is an incentive due to nursing shortages in home and acute care centers.

"There are places that are paying \$5,000 to \$10,000 hiring bonuses," said Jo Ann Cobble, Health Professions Division dean.

Cobble said states such as Colorado, Kansas and

Texas are luring nurses from Oklahoma by offering substantially higher pay.

"I have family in Texas, so, you know, if they offered me more to go to Texas, yeah, I would move there," said Heather Biggerstaff, nursing student.

A diagnostic medical sonographer is number eight on the list with a yearly salary of \$52,490.

A sonographer provides imaging technology for women who are pregnant as well as diagnosing certain diseases.

In addition to an associate degree, some employers prefer graduates be registered with the American

Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, according to CareerBuilder.com.

OCCC offers this program in conjunction with an area career technology center. "There's a new program at Moore-Norman Technology Center and we work with them," Cobble said.

"It's a nationally accredited program, so their students can earn an associate degree through [OCCC]."

The other seven occupations on the list are nuclear technician, dental hygienist, radiation therapist, nuclear medicine technologist, fashion designer, aero-

space engineering and operations technician, engineering technician, none

of which OCCC offers.

Editor David Miller can be reached at editor@occc.edu.

10 best-paying jobs for associate degrees

(as reported by CareerBuilder.com)

1. Computer Specialist: \$59,480*
2. Nuclear Technician: \$59,200
3. Dental Hygienist: \$58,350
4. Radiation Therapist: \$57,700
5. Nuclear Medicine Technologist: \$55,840
6. Fashion Designer: \$55,840
7. Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technician: \$52,500
8. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer: \$52,490*
9. Registered Nurse: \$52,330*
10. Engineering Technician: \$49,440

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Ensemble to kick off cultural series

*"Cultural Arts Series,"
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www.occc.edu/CAS/2006-2007 or by calling 405-682-7579.

Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant, said a person can save as much as \$60 to \$75 by purchasing a season ticket. "Come see quality artists at a fraction of the cost."

Linda Bosteels, Cultural Arts Series acting director, encourages everyone to attend at least one performance.

"Take a step out and try one of the concerts.

"I think we have three or four Grammy winning artists ..." she said. "It will be another great season."

Tiffany Black, OCCC psychology student, said she may attend a concert.

"I've been to things like that for class but I have never taken the initiative and gone on my own."

Tigert said, "This is an opportunity to broaden your already existing interest. You'll never know the importance they might have for you."

He said it will be an experience not soon forgotten.

"One can lose possessions but no one can take experience from someone."



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The OCCC Cultural Arts Series begins the fall season at 7 p.m., Sept. 12, in the OCCC Theater with Wayanay Inka, a Peruvian and Latin American musical ensemble.

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