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Variety of scholarships available

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Students looking for scholarships on campus can turn to numerous sources.

One is the OCCC Foundation. The foundation awards approximately 25 scholarships annually, said Pat Berryhill, executive director of Institutional Advancement.

Money awarded ranges from \$150 to \$1,000, she said.

College employees and members of the community keep these scholarships active by donating money throughout the year, Berryhill said.

"Most of the scholarships are in memory of former professors, administrators and family members of the college," she said.

Berryhill said scholarships from the foundation are awarded at the scholarship luncheon in April.

Even though applications are available to all students, she said,

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INCREASE ATTRIBUTED TO CURRENT ECONOMY, OFFICIALS SAY

Biggest enrollment rise seen in 8 years

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Enrollment and credit hours have increased since last spring, said Stu Harvey, executive director of planning.

Part of this increase can be attributed to the current economic situation in the state, Harvey said. Oklahoma's unemployment rate is 6.6 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor in Washington, D.C.

"People who have lost their jobs are considering bettering themselves by

returning to school," he said.

With a total of 13,211 students this semester, he said, the school's total head count has increased by 11.6 percent.

In addition to the increases in head count, black enrollment and American Indian population have both seen about a 24 percent increase in enrollment this semester.

Enrollment numbers aren't the only statistics the college has seen increase this semester.

Harvey said they have seen a 40 percent in-

crease in the number of students who enrolled in Basic Math.

In addition, other developmental math classes such as Intermediate and Elementary Algebra also have seen increases in enrollment, he said.

Tamara Carter, Mathematics Department chair, said she attributes the increased enrollment in Basic Math and other developmental math courses to increased enrollment in the college in addition to other factors.

In addition, she said, some of the math requirements in Okla-

homa high schools differ from the requirements of OCCC and also could account for some of the increases.

"Most high schools only require two credits of math to graduate," Carter said.

"However, a student at OCCC is required to have four credits prior to enrolling in college algebra."

Another reason for increased enrollment in the developmental math classes, Carter said, is some students haven't

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Tax help
available
at OCCC

BISHAL MALLA

Staff Writer

Free income tax preparation is being offered on the OCCC campus to low-income-taxpayers.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, said Don Wigley, site coordinator.

Tax preparers are available until the April 15 filing deadline.

A station has been set

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OPINION

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College diversity should extend further than student enrollment

Black History month is more than an occasion to celebrate black legacy. It is an opportunity to remember American history in its entirety. Despite its tragic beginnings, it tells a story of what can become of mundane thinking. It has the potential to progress.



CHAVON
MCMILLIAN

I have watched our textbooks evolve from the black-and-white portraits of powerful Caucasian men to the present day colorful photos of powerful Americans in their splendid shades of diversity. The society we see ourselves living in is unique and this college is a part of it.

OCCC is a community of diverse individuals who flood the halls in pursuit of higher education. So I wonder why such a diverse environment is not fully represented in our vice presidents and Board of Regents.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said vice presidents

are selected based on diversity of thought as opposed to diversity of skin complexion. While this is a valid statement, the fact is there are no Asians, blacks or other ethnic groups outside of Hispanics, in vice presidential roles. Does this imply these races do not have sufficient diversity of thought to qualify for the position?

The regents are selected by the governor of Oklahoma to serve seven-year terms on the board. We can appreciate the fact that women such as Teresa Moisant and Alice Musser are on the board, as well as Dave Lopez, a Latino.

Surely the other four regents deserve their position and are highly qualified. But might there not be other outstanding Oklahomans who are qualified for the same position, who are diverse in thought and fully represent the student body and faculty?

When walking down the hall of the John Massey Center, one may be taken aback by the photos on the walls that are reminiscent of grade school history books. On the shelves are the black-and-white photos of powerful men and women who built the foundation



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of the college. While their memory should always be on our shelves, on the other side of the hall we hope to one day see colorful photos of all shades of people.

These will be those who have helped shape the college into a name that continues to scream, "We can change."

YOUR VIEW | Get involved with reading project

Join the Big Read

To the editor:

This month, the Library is participating in The Big Read, a national initiative which is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The book is "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett.

As part of the campus-wide project, the Library is sponsoring a screening of the classic 1941 film starring Humphrey Bogart.

Enjoy the movie with free popcorn from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in CU 2 and 3.

Free copies of the book will be available while they last. We also will have Elizabeth Anthony, founder of ReelClassics.com and a classic film expert, to briefly discuss the film.

Even if you haven't read the book, please join us for a great classic film. Free copies of the book also are available in the Library while they last.

—BARBARA KING

LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR

YOUR VIEW | Student Life's relationship series a biased event

Beware of one-sided relationship advice

To the editor:

At first glance, Student Life's upcoming lecture series on relationships appears to be one that would benefit OCCC students by providing some helpful relationship advice.

Unfortunately, appearances can be deceiving, and many fail to consider from whom this advice comes.

The lecture series is presented by the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative, part of the larger Oklahoma Family Policy Council, a

private institution which promotes Judeo-Christian, or "traditional," marriage and family values.

The OMI and its activities are little more than a palatable veneer for a movement that is decidedly against women's constitutional right to bodily integrity and gay rights.

The OMI, though entitled to its own opinions and a forum in which to express them, has no place in a government-funded school, particularly when its primary goal is to teach

an unnecessarily limited point of view (purportedly for functional or healthy relationships).

The OFPC and OMI promote its ideals without addressing the larger issues that can destroy any relationship, traditional or not.

The American Bar Association reported that of the almost 3.5 million violent crimes committed against family members between 1998 and 2002, 49 percent of these were crimes against spouses,

and child abuse has been reported in 33 to 54 percent of families in which adult domestic violence occurs.

Although the OMI's aims are perhaps well-intentioned, especially when considered within the more limited context of its beliefs, the school and its students would be better served receiving relationship advice from a less biased and more practical source.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | Sad twist on old break-up tactic

'John' disappoints 'Notebook' fans

What would you do with a letter that changed everything?

That is the question one lovesick soldier must answer in "Dear John," a bittersweet romance about the aforementioned Army officer and his true love.

The film was released into theaters Feb. 5.

The film is the latest book-to-movie adaption from Nicholas Sparks, whose sugary-sweet tales of romance have translated into big screen hits such as "A Walk to Remember," "Nights in Rodanthe," and "The Notebook."

"Dear John" tells the story of John Tyree (Channing Tatum), a young soldier home on leave, and Savannah Curtis (Amanda Seyfried), the kind-hearted college student he falls in love with during her spring vacation.

When their two heav-

ily weeks together come to an end, the star-crossed lovers make a heartfelt promise to one another: To stay in touch by sending a continuous stream of handwritten love letters overseas, until John's tour of duty ends and he returns home.

After the terrible tragedy of Sept. 11 occurs, however, John must make a choice: Get out of the service now and take his place at Savannah's side, or do the patriotic thing and re-enlist for another two years.

They spend one last, romance-filled night together, and leave each other with the same promise as before.

Unfortunately, when time and distance slowly take their toll on Savannah's commitment to John, their picturesque future together starts to crumble.

Her letters begin to dwindle in frequency, until John is delivered the final blow: She is engaged to another man.

Heartbroken, John throws himself into military life for the next seven years, until a family tragedy brings him back stateside — and back to Savannah.

But is it too late for them, or can true love still prevail?

In its first hour, "John" is a delightful, whimsical tale about the magnitude of love.

Unfortunately, like John and Savannah's relationship, it doesn't last.

When their love falls apart, so does the film.

It loses its heart — the very thing that separates a love story from any other mundane tale of life and loss.

In addition, Tatum and Seyfried's scenes together,



though decent, leave a little something to be desired.

Perhaps most disappointing of all is the ending itself, which feels rushed and unnatural.

There is enough life in "Dear John" to entertain casual moviegoers, but not quite enough to satisfy a true romantic.

If you're looking for a real tearjerker of a love story, I'd suggest staying home and renting "The Notebook" instead.

Rating: C-

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER

MUSIC REVIEW | 'Spy Next Door' may be worst Disney movie to date

Chan only bright spot in spy movie

You can only rehash the same storyline so many times. Unfortunately for moviegoers, "The Spy Next Door" did just that.

Jackie Chan plays Bob Ho, a Chinese agent on loan to the CIA.

He has been posing as a pen importer and dating his next-door neighbor, Gillian (Amber Valetta).

Her three kids, Faren (Madeline Carroll), Ian (Will Shadley) and Nora (Alina Foley) don't exactly like Bob, making things difficult between Gillian and Bob.

Bob manages to capture his evil nemesis Pol-



dark (Magnus Sheving) and decides to retire so that he can marry Gillian. Unfortunately, Gillian's father is in the hospital and she needs someone to watch the kids. Bob volunteers to watch the

children much to their chagrin.

Poldark's minions manage to help him escape, with the aid of someone in the CIA.

Ian accidentally downloads a file from Bob's computer that the CIA sent to him to look at.

Unknown to him, the file used to belong to Poldark and when Ian opens it, Poldark orders his minions to find the download and get it back.

The rest of the movie revolves around Bob fighting off the villains, trying to find out who the mole in the CIA is

and keeping the kids safe. Unfortunately, the movie falls short of what it could have been.

Most of the comedy is boring and flat. Amber Valetta's acting is poor in some scenes.

The plot line leaves a lot to be desired. The entire time I watched it I kept thinking how much it reminded me of "The Pacifier" with Vin Diesel.

There were a few redeeming qualities. Alina Foley's performance as the 4-year-old Nora is frankly adorable.

The action scenes with Jackie Chan are some-

YOU *asked* FOR IT

Q: How big is the lot OCCC is on?

A: "OCCC is on a quarter section of land that consists of 160 acres. We have approximately 143 useable acres due to easements. In addition, The John Massey Center is on 5.3 acres."

—J.B. MESSER

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Q: Why doesn't OCCC have tackle football?

A: "People ask me this all the time. The reason is we don't have the facilities nor athletic department to consider having collegiate teams."

—ERIC WATSON

SPORTS AND RECREATION SPECIALIST

Q: Are there any late fees for an overdue library book?

A: "We don't charge any fines, per se. If a book is overdue, the student will receive several notices that will eventually lead to a hold being placed on their account. They will not be able to receive transcripts or re-enroll in any classes until the book is returned. If the book is lost, the student must pay a \$50 fee to replace the book or buy a new copy of it entirely."

—BARBARA KING

LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Q: Does the OCCC Coffee Shop accept Starbucks coupons?

A: "Unfortunately, we cannot accept Starbucks coupons. We proudly serve Starbucks coffee, but because we are not a licensed part of the corporation, we cannot accept coupons or gift cards."

—CHRIS PEAVLER

OCCC COFFEE SHOP MANAGER

what entertaining and so are a few of the comedic parts.

Overall though, this is one of those movies you

see simply because it has Jackie Chan.

Rating: C+

—ETHAN HENDRICKS

STAFF WRITER

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WINTER BREAK DEATH SADENS COLLEAGES

Math department adjunct professor dies

Koleada was 'kind, considerate,' say colleagues

NICK STOUT

News Writing Student

Derwin Koleada, adjunct professor, died Jan. 25 after a short illness, said Virginia Hovda, Biology Lab supervisor.

Koleada, 60, had a great passion for his profession, Hovda said. He would offer his time in the Biology Lab when needed, tutoring students working on homework or lab assignments.

He was well known around campus, Hovda said. Koleada taught biology, and human anatomy and physiology.

Nursing major Odlaine Lubin had Koleada last semester for anatomy and physiology.

Lubin said he was a good professor who was passionate about teaching and seeing his students excel.

"I will miss him deeply. I always went to him for help," Lubin said. "He was a nice man and he joked around with students a lot."

Not only did Koleada teach at OCCC, but also the retired chiropractor taught at other

schools and colleges around the area, including Centennial High School in the Oklahoma City district, Hovda said.

Koleada was named Science and Mathematics Division's outstanding adjunct professor in the spring 2009.

Sonya Williams, science director in the Science and Mathematics Division, said she nominated Koleada for the teaching award.

In an e-mail message, Williams said Koleada was "kind, considerate, and mindful of others."

If the department needed to open another biology sec-

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—ODLAINE LUBIN
NURSING MAJOR

tion to accommodate more students, Koleada would volunteer to teach another class, Williams said.

"He was always available to help students or take another student into his full sections," Williams said.

Hovda described Koleada as "admirable and honorable."

For him, no job was too great to tackle, she said. He was always concerned with his students, fellow faculty, and other employees.

Hovda said Koleada proclaimed to be an ordinary person.

"He was anything but," Hovda said.

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Institute to update Boomer's job skills

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Baby Boomers looking to update their skills in order to compete in today's job market can now turn to OCCC.

The Boomer Institute was created this semester to provide training for older workers, said Delores Jackson, Corporate Learning director.

Some workers in their 50s and 60s are job hunting for the first time in decades, and many have no idea how to fill out an

online job application or use common computer software, Jackson said.

Jackson said these classes will level the playing field for the Boomer generation, many of whom are job hunting due to the economy.

"You know, most Boomers have worked the same job for the past 20 years," Jackson said, "They've never had to look for a new job and in those 20 years, a lot has changed."

The program was created after Jackson attended a National Council for Continuing Edu-

cation Training convention.

At the convention, Jackson said, she realized the need for older workers to learn skills that would allow them to re-integrate into today's workforce.

Francine Gissy, Corporate Learning consultant, agrees.

"There is a whole population out there that needs these programs," Gissy said. "For this younger generation, computers are second nature.

"But there are many in the Boomer generation who don't even know how to turn on a computer, much less use one."

Job seekers don't send résumés by mail anymore — it's all on computers, Gissy said.

The classes offered will cover

a large range of topics and will be taught in the John Massey Center. Anyone can sign up, not just Boomers, Jackson said.

Keyboarding and Speed Building will be held Wednesdays from Feb. 17 to March 10.

Introduction to Personal Computers will be held Wednesdays from March 24 to April 14.

Introduction to Personal Computers II will be held on Wednesdays from April 28 to May 19. Each of the three classes cost \$80.

Résumé Writing costs \$40 and is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings, May 24 and May 26.

Successful Interviewing Techniques, a one-day class,

Getting started

To enroll in any of the five Boomer Institute classes, contact Francine Gissy three to four days in advance at 405-682-1611, ext. 7856.

will be held June 2 and costs \$25.

All the class times are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the final two courses which run until 8:30 p.m.

Joann Landrum, business and computer professor, will teach some of the classes.

"I really believe this is something we need," Landrum said.

For more information, contact Jackson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7857.

Wind Turbine program set to begin Feb. 24, 25

ADAM HOLT
Staff Writer

OCCC's Wind Turbine Technician Certificate Program prepares students to work in the green energy industry of wind-turbine installation and maintenance, said John Claybon, Corporate Learning consultant.

AC/DC classes begin Feb. 24 and Intro to Wind on Feb. 25.

The program will teach fundamental electronics, electronic trouble-shooting and safety with wind turbines. Only 20 to 25 positions are available, Claybon said.

"We have filled every class we've created since we started the program in September 2008," Claybon said.

The program consists of six classes and is taught over an 18-month span, meeting two evenings a week.

A variety of subjects are covered, he said, beginning with the eight-week prerequisite Introduction to the Wind Energy Industry.

This is followed by AC/DC Fundamentals, Industrial Electronics, Instrumentation and Control, Programmable Controller, and Electrome-

chanical Devices, all 16-week courses.

There is no "hands on" training with turbines, but field trips to wind farms will let students get up close to see how the wind turbines and wind farms operate, Claybon said.

The job market has slowed momentarily due to the economy, he said. Once the economic slump ends, Claybon expects many available jobs to open.

Entry-level technicians are paid approximately \$15 to \$19 an hour, he said.

OCCC's Wind Turbine Certificate Program was the first of its kind in all of Oklahoma.

"We wanted a program that would allow us to be in the green industry," Claybon said.

Today, the program's influence can be seen by the number of wind turbine programs that popped up around the state, he said.

"After our program came about and was successful, it just kind of exploded around the state," Claybon said.

To enroll

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Scholarships: Apply early and often to increase chances, say officials

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the process is competitive and there are some criteria students must follow.

For example, many scholarships require students have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and display financial need, Berryhill said.

To help stand out, she said, students should be professional when completing scholarship

applications. Typed answers are preferred over a handwritten application.

Students should be thorough when turning in their paperwork, she said.

“Don’t forget to attach your latest transcript, personal statement and any other attachments that are required,” Berryhill said.

The college’s Recruitment and Admissions office also

can provide a complete list of available scholarships and help students complete applications.

Linda Sapp, Recruitment Student Services Assistant, said a variety of scholarships are offered through her area.

Sapp said students should

come by to determine which ones may be right for them.

The office is located on the first floor of the Main Building next to the main entrance.

Sapp offered this advice:

“Apply early,” she said.

She said after students apply, they should check back often

— every two to four weeks — to find out the status of their application.

To obtain copies of OCCC Foundation scholarship applications and for other scholarship information, contact Berryhill at 405-682-7617 or Sapp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7654.

Tinker seminar to focus on jobs

JEREMY CLOUD
News Writing Student

A Tinker Air Force Base representative will present information about student jobs and internships Tuesday, Feb. 16. A workshop will be held from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. in CU3.

Hoover McCoy, a base recruiter, will lead the sessions, said Judi McGee, Employment Services coordinator.

McGee said the college organized the workshop to inform students of the opportunities.

“A lot of people don’t know that there are student jobs [at] Tinker, or are unable to find them,” McGee said.

Student jobs at Tinker are usually part-time, requiring about 20 hours a week, she said.

Part-time internships with Tinker can pay up to \$28,000 a year, she said. If the intern is a

good match for the position, it can lead to full-time work with starting pay as high as \$50,000.

Internships differ from student jobs in that they provide training for students’ eventual career and can count toward college credits, while student jobs are simply jobs, McGee said.

She said the Tinker Jobs workshop will cover how to apply online, the application process and recent changes to the internship program.

Maya Hill, nursing student, said while she does not plan to attend, she encourages other students to do so.

“Tinker jobs are a really good opportunity to get job experience,” Hill said. “You get good opportunities getting into government positions, as well as civilian jobs.”

For more information, call Employment Services at 405-682-7519.

Scholarship information

1. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship — \$500 (business majors)
2. Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship — \$500 (math majors)
3. Susan Clowers Memorial Scholarship — \$300 (all students)
4. Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship — \$300 (Arts and Humanities students)
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6. Bobby D. Gaines Memorial Scholarship — \$300 (all students)
7. Larry D. Golden Memorial Scholarship — \$300 (health professions majors)
8. Keith Leftwich Film & Video Scholarship — \$500 (film and video students)
9. Mary Ann Merz Memorial Scholarship — \$300 (Arts and Humanities students)
10. Moore Service League Scholarship — \$300 (graduates of Moore, Westmoore and Southmoore high schools)
11. Connie Nieser Memorial Scholarship — \$1,600 (business degree majors)
12. OCCC Association of Alumni & Friends — \$300 (all students)
13. OCCC Engineers for Tomorrow Scholarship — \$500 (engineering majors)
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15. Sharon Robinson Memorial Scholarship — \$150 (Arts and Humanities students)
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18. Southeast High School Alumni Scholarship — \$500 (graduate of Southeast High School or parents, grandparents)
19. Linda Thornton Memorial Scholarship — \$250 (Arts and Humanities students)
20. Robert P. Todd Leadership Scholarship — \$500 (Student Leadership Council members)
21. Cody Watkins Memorial Scholarship — \$500 (banking and finance majors)
22. Wilhelm Foreign Language Scholarship — \$500 (foreign language students)
23. Peter Wright Memorial Scholarship — \$150 (history majors)

All applications can be picked up at the OCCC Foundation office near the Bruce Owen Theater. Deadline for scholarships is 5 p.m. March 5. Turn in completed applications to the OCCC Foundation office or Recruitment and Admissions office.

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Black history month testament to a rich history

What we now call Black History Month originated in 1926, founded by Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week. The month of February was selected in deference to Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln who were both born in that month.

The son of a slave, Woodson was born in New Canton, Va., on Dec. 19, 1875.

He began high school at the age of 20, then proceeded to study at Berea College, the University of Chicago, the Sorbonne, and Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1912.

Woodson founded the Association for the Study of



Carter G. Woodson

Negro Life and History in 1915 to train black historians and to collect, preserve, and publish documents on black life and black people.

He also founded the Journal of Negro History (1916), Associated Publishers (1922), and the Negro Bulletin (1937).

Woodson spent his life working to educate all people about the vast contributions made by black men and women throughout history.

He died on April 3, 1950, leaving Black History Month as his legacy.

—courtesy <http://inventors.about.com/od/blackinventors/a/BlackHistoryMonth>

what's being said ... When you think about Black Heritage in today's society, what comes to mind?



“Some people are hesitant to be open-minded because they are scared of change. We are supposed to build the world together.”

—Tonya Speckels
Arts major



“The moment we can get past the little things, we will be able to thrive as a society.”

— Lawrence Cagle
Film Production major



“Be proud of where you come from. Use your past as your motivation. Once you get where you are going, they will know you deserve it.”

— Imara Livingston
Premed major



“A human being is a human being despite our cultural differences. We should learn about each other.”

— Khalid Alzubi
Pre Denistry major



“People are more proud of where they come from and are not ashamed. They know they have come a long way and their future looks brighter.”

—Anny Duangvilay
Cerography



“A kid was just brutally beat by police. We have come far, but at the same time police still have a lot of power and take advantage of it.”

—Phillip Lenzy
Computer Science major

Notable blacks from Oklahoma history

Clara Luper — Okfuskee County, Okla.

- Known as the mother of civil rights movement in Oklahoma
- OKC NAACP Youth Council adviser who organized sit-ins

Ralph Waldo Ellison — Oklahoma City

- Famous for his 1952 novel “Invisible Man”
- Earned Nation Book Award in 1953

J.C. Watts — Eufaula

- Served four consecutive terms in the U.S. Congress
- Played quarterback for the University of Oklahoma

Anita Hill — Morris, Okla.

- Brought the issue of sexual harassment to the national spotlight
- Popular lecturer on racial and gender issues in the workplace

Maxine Horner — Tulsa

- First black female senator from Oklahoma
- Founder of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame

Joseph Carter — Oklahoma City

- 1981 College Baseball Player of the Year
- Remembered for hitting the winning home run in 1993 World Series for the Toronto Blue Jays

Juanita Kidd Stout — Wewoka

- First elected black female judge in the U.S.
- First black woman to serve on a Supreme Court

John Hope Franklin — Rentiesville, Okla.

- Best known for his book “From Slavery to Freedom”
- Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, highest civilian honor

Wayman Tisdale — Tulsa

- Dominant basketball player for the University of Oklahoma
- Accomplished jazz bass musician in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame

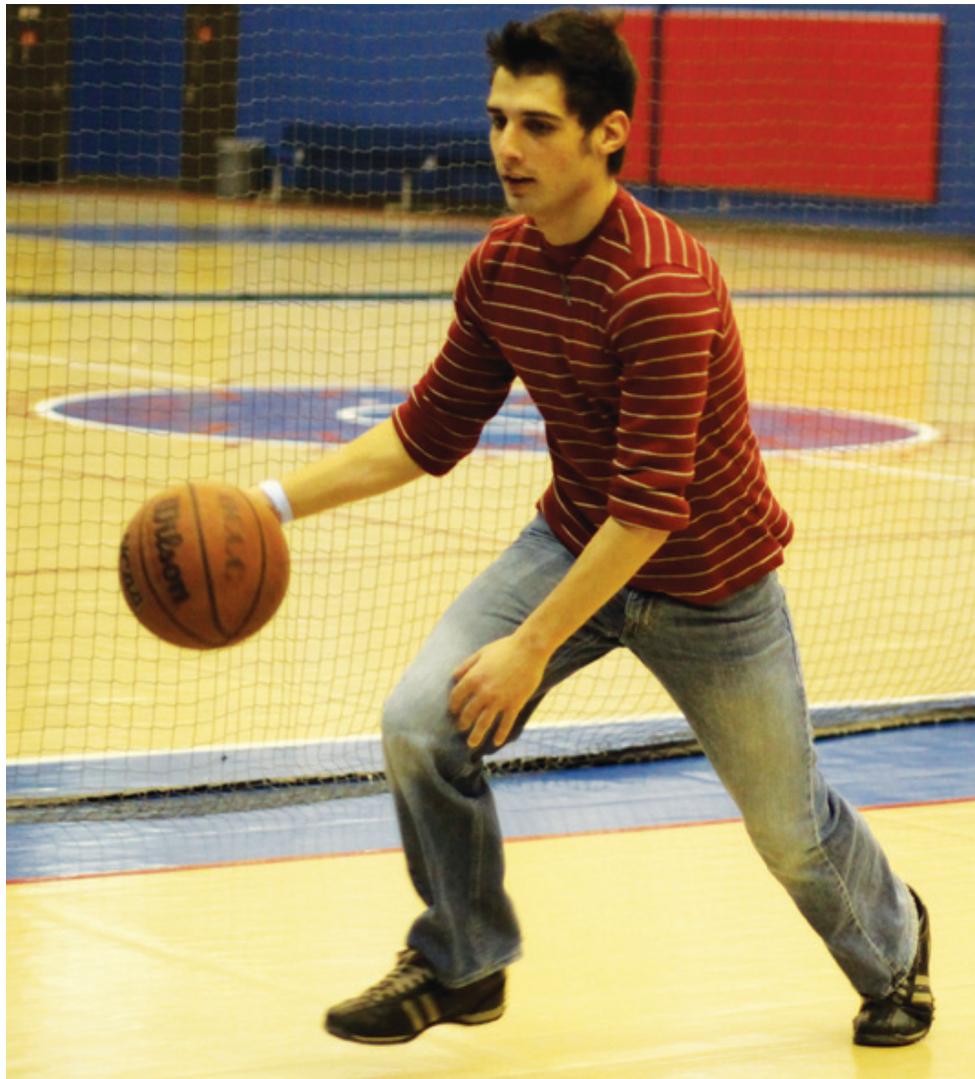
Vicki Miles-LaGrange — Oklahoma City

- First black female to serve in the state Senate
- Inducted into the African-American and Women’s Halls of Fame

SPORTS

Dribble break

Matt Greenwood, business major, practices his basketball-handling skills in between his classes. Many students spend their free time by playing basketball in the Wellness Center gym.



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UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Feb. 19:** Intramural basketball: US vs. Crusaders at 1 p.m. court 2; Back To Back Champs vs. DBA at 1 p.m. court 2; US vs. Da Team at 2 p.m. court 2; Back To Back Champs vs. The Untouchables at 2 p.m. court 3; Da Team vs. Team of Me at 3 p.m. court 2; and Ballaholics vs. Jar Heads at 3 p.m. court 3. Games are held in the Wellness Center gym.

• **Feb. 19:** Intramural basketball: Women's three-on-three basketball will have a meeting in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

• **Feb. 19-20:** Aquatic Center to host OSSAA Swimming Championship Swim Meet. Pool will close Thursday, Feb. 18, and reopen Monday, Feb. 22.

• **Feb. 23:** Intramural basketball: Hot Shots Challenge, three-point competition, at 1 p.m. in the Wellness Center gym.

• **Feb. 23-27:** Aquatic Center to host Mountain West Conference Championship Swim Meet. Pool will close Monday, Feb. 22, and reopen Monday, March 1.

• **Feb. 26:** Intramural basketball: The Untouchables vs. DBA at 1 p.m. court 2; Ballaholics vs. Da Team at 1 p.m. court 3; Jar Heads vs. US at 2 p.m. court 2; Crusaders vs. The Untouchables at 2 p.m. court 3; Jar Heads vs. Back To Back Champs at 3 p.m. court 2; and Team of Me vs. Crusaders at 3 p.m. court 3. Games are held in the Wellness Center gym.

• **March. 4-7:** Aquatic Center to host Sectional Swim Meet. Pool will close Wednesday, March 3, and reopen Monday, March 8.

• **March. 5:** Intramural basketball: Da Team vs. Jar Heads at 1 p.m. court 2; The Untouchables vs. Team of Me at 2 p.m. court 2; and US vs. DBA at 3 p.m. court 2. Games are held in the Wellness Center gym.

For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

INTRAMURALS | Defense leads Jar Heads over Team of Me

Jar Heads win season opener

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Defense was the key to the Jar Head's 57-41 victory over Team of Me in its opening game of the intramural basketball season Feb. 5.

The Jar Heads got off to a hot start with 6 unanswered points, courtesy of Matthew Scott and Donni Emerson.

Team of Me struggled to get an offensive rhythm going, only scoring 2 points in the first 11 minutes.

Team of Me was hard pressed to defend its basket, often times seeming confused as to how to stop the Jar Heads.

The domination accelerated through the first half as the Heads continued to stifle its opponents — holding them to only nine points in the first half.

The Jar Heads went into the half leading 23-9.

The Heads continued to spread the

ball around and kept attacking the basket from every angle during the second half.

Using a zone defense, the Jar Heads held off Team of Me repeatedly, forcing them to make off-balanced and poorly aimed shots.

Team of Me fed the ball repeatedly to its team captain, Micah Johnson, in hopes of him scoring.

Johnson was stifled, however, by the Heads' defense who held him to 12 points.

However, Team of Me finally found an offensive rhythm in the second half but were unable to seriously challenge the Jar Heads.

Emmerson of the Heads drove the lane using his speed and quickness and repeatedly hit lay-up after lay-up, finishing the game with 12 points.

Scott, Jar Heads team captain, scored 21 points including a few three pointers.

On the defensive side, the Heads had 12 steals led by Thomas Walker who

had 5.

The Jar Heads capitalized on half its steals, scoring 12 points.

Scott said teamwork and defense played the biggest roles in the Jar Heads' victory.

"We worked the ball," Scott said. "We passed it around and spread the ball to everyone instead of focusing on one player."

The Jar Heads now turn its focus toward the Crusaders. The teams face off at 1 p.m. Friday on court 3. Team of Me looks to bounce back with a win against DBA at 1 p.m. Friday on court 2.

Intramural basketball week 1 results

Jar Heads 57, Team of Me 41
US 65, Crusaders 44
Da Team 47, The Untouchables 41
Ballaholics 52, DBA 48
Back To Back Champs 75, Jar Heads 65
Back To Back Champs 64, US 19

ENROLLMENT: math deficits also cited

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been in a math class in quite some time.

Therefore, they have not been able to practice their math skills, as would someone who recently graduated high school.

“Math is like any other skill,” Carter said. “If you don’t use it, you lose it.”

To handle the increase in the math department, Christine Peck, acting Math Lab supervisor, said they renovated the lab at the beginning of the last semester to allow them to install 20 more tables with chairs.

In addition, Peck said, the Math Lab staff has been focusing on bettering its services.

“We have taken extra training on how to provide more

effective tutoring,” she said.

For more information about enrollment or any other college statistics, contact Harvey at 405-682-7849.

Students who are interested in learning more about developmental math classes and other services provided by the math department, contact Carter at 405-682-1611, ext. 7167.

at a glance ... Spring 2010 enrollment numbers

ETHNICITY

Asian: 850 students

Black: 1,394 students

Hispanic: 780 students

American Indian: 805 students

Pacific Islander: 38 students

Caucasian: 7,714 students

Other/Unknown: 1,630 students

TOTAL

Head count: 13,211 students

Credit Hours: 119,862 hours

TAXES: Free income tax preparation service offered until April 15

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up outside the Student Life office on the first floor of the Main Building, Wigley said.

VITA is a program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service to give free tax assistance to families with a household income of less than \$50,000 per year, Wigley said.

“The IRS provides all the materials needed for the program and the volunteers have to pass the exam to be a tax preparer,” he said.

Wigley said those interested in the service need to bring W-2 forms, 1099 forms, Social Security cards, copy of last year’s tax return and a valid photo ID.

Wigley urges people to use the free income tax preparation service as early as possible to avoid the traffic in the last moment.

“It’s a first-come, first-serve basis,” he said.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said he believes the VITA tax preparers are beneficial not only for students and employees of the college, but for commu-



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Dana Phelps, special education early elementary major, receives free tax advice from Don Wigley, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program site coordinator. The free tax assistance is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays until April 15 across from Student Life in the Main Building.

nity members too.

“It has been very helpful and lots of people have used them,” Sechrist said.

Matthew Dienl, photography major, said he likes the idea.

“If people are willing to help, I will get all the help I can to file my taxes,” Dienl said.

Wigley, who has been volunteering as a tax preparer for

10 years, said the VITA service started in OCCC 15 years ago.

Approximately 1,000 people use the service every year, he said.

For more information on tax preparation, visit the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, or speak with VITA taxpayers who are located in the first floor of the Main Building near Student Life.

International students must file tax forms

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International students are required to file forms with the Internal Revenue Service by the April 15 deadline, said Sunny Garner, International Student Services coordinator.

Every international student has to file Form 8843, which is available on the IRS Web site or in the International Student Services office, Garner said.

According to its Web site, Form 8843 is the form international students must file to report their presence in the U.S.

Garner encouraged every international student to file Form 8843.

“Form 8843 is a way for the U.S. government to verify that the students don’t receive any funds and they are not liable for any taxes,” she said.

International students who work also have to file a 1040 EZ Form, Garner said.

“The 1040 EZ Form is for students who worked on or off campus with immigration approval,” she said.

Normally, U.S. immigration does not allow international students to work off campus, Garner said.

These forms cannot be filed through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, said Don Wigley, VITA site coordinator on campus.

“We are not qualified to file forms for international students because they are not U.S. citizens,” Wigley said.

Garner said international students without Social Security numbers can get an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number — a number the IRS issues to non-resident alien individuals not eligible for a Social Security number.

This number can be obtained by submitting the most recent version of Form W-7, according to the IRS Web site.

For more information, visit Garner in the International Student Services office or e-mail her at sgarner@occc.edu.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

CULTURAL SEMINAR | Bowing essential Japanese courtesies



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Colby Warden, pre-engineering major, pours Renee Burris, business major, a cup of green tea Wednesday, Feb. 10, during the Japanese Workplace Culture presentation. The event explored workplace customs in Japan and was presented by Chiaki Troutman, World Languages and Cultures lab assistant the College Union.

Students experience Japanese culture

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Almost 30 students learned Japanese customs Feb. 10 during a workshop sponsored by the World Languages and Cultures Center.

The Japanese Workplace Culture event explored Japanese customs inside the workplace, such as basic etiquette and other traditions.

Chiaki Troutman, World Languages and Cultures Center lab assistant, presented the workshop.

The event was the first in a two-part series over Japanese culture.

Circular tables full of almond chocolates, coffee-flavored mints, traditional Japanese crackers and steaming cups of jasmine-infused green tea greeted those who attended.

Troutman, a native of Japan, said bowing is the most basic courtesy in workplace customs.

"I assume that when most of you meet someone new, you ask them 'How do you do?' and shake their hand," she said. "In Japan, you bow."

Bowing conveys a mutual respect between the involved parties, Troutman said.

"Every conversation in the workplace begins and ends with (bowing)," she said.

In addition, she said, while most Americans simply hand business cards to one another, in Japan the

exchange is performed more like an intricate dance.

"The younger person holds his card above the hands of the older person," Troutman said. "The cards are then exchanged at the same time."

Of course, she said, the exchange is always ended by a bow.

To demonstrate, Troutman sorted the attendees into groups of two, and walked them through the exercise with faux business cards.

What's next?

WHAT: Japanese conversation seminar

WHEN: April 7

DETAILS: Call Chiaki Troutman at 405-682-1611, ext. 7104

Renee Burris, business major, said this was her favorite part of the presentation.

"I loved seeing the differences in their culture in action," Burris said. "It was a lot of fun."

Troutman said in Japan, even elevator rides go beyond the norm.

"The younger employees stand closest to the doors, while more senior employees stand behind them," Troutman said. "This allows the younger employees to get out of the way faster."

However, she said, Japanese culture is not entirely different from that of America.

"A lot of people go out and drink alcohol after work," Troutman said, drawing laughter from the crowd.

"Sometimes, they go out and party in celebration of some big event. But sometimes, there's no reason for it at all.

"Sometimes, we all just like to have some fun."

For more information about the World Languages and Cultures Center, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7560.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Internships to be discussed Thursday

Joyce Burch, Greater OKC Chamber of Commerce manager, will speak to students about internships and the upcoming career fair during a special Students in Free Enterprise meeting, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Main Building, room 2N0. All students are invited to attend. For more information, contact Germain Pichop at 405-682-1611, ext. 7285.

Math scholarship applications due Friday

Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship. To qualify, a student must: have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours, have completed or currently be enrolled in MATH 2104, have a minimum 3.25 grade point average and plan on returning to OCCC in the upcoming summer or fall semesters. A brief essay entry also is required. Entries must be received by Friday. Applications are available in the Math Lab, located in 2G6 of the SEM Center.

Jazz photography on display

A series of black-and-white photographs taken by Pulitzer-prize winning author Dan White is now on display from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. The exhibit will remain until March 5. For more information, contact OCCC Cultural Programs at 405-682-7576.

Scholarship available

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Dr. Bruce B. Owen Memorial Scholarship. To qualify, a student must: have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours, have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and be intent on completing an associate degree at OCCC. Applications may be obtained at Recruitment and Admissions and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. For more information, contact Linda Sapp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7654.

Three business scholarships offered

Two scholarships offered by the Business Division have an application deadline of 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. They are the Kayla Fessler Business Scholarship and the Connie Nieser Memorial Scholarship. Another scholarship, the Cody Watkins Memorial Scholarship, has an application deadline of 5 p.m. Friday, March 12. Students may pick up the necessary forms in the Business Division office, Main Building, room 2N4.

All Highlights are due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue.

Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located on the second floor of the Main Building, across from the elevator.

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- 1) Name the department at OCCC which offers free help with résumés.
- 2) Which financial institution is sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship video contest?
- 3) What was the score of the intramural basketball game, between the Jar Head's and Team of Me, played Feb. 5?
- 4) What type of business is the company "Quick Fix" ?
- 5) Which OCCC certificate program prepares students to work in the green energy industry?

Good luck. Enjoy reading the Pioneer.

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CORRECTIONS:

In the Feb. 12 edition of the Pioneer, it was incorrectly reported that a Pharmacy class offered on campus is a 32-week program. The class is a 32-week program.

Also, in the Feb. 12 edition, it was reported students can get help in Student Life by appointment. Students also can walk in for help with no appointment.

Security kept busy taking accident reports

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Non-injury accidents drew the attention of campus Safety and Security officers recently.

Feb. 4 Officers Tanya Vroenen and Tim Densmore were dispatched to an accident at the stop light in the outbound lane on J. Lee Keels

Boulevard.

Lin Fen Tsai, driver of a 2005 Toyota Corolla, said when she approached the light, it turned yellow so she stopped. That is when she was rear-ended by a 1998 Isuzu Rodeo driven by Andrew Carrick.

Carrick reportedly told officers he was going the speed limit but felt the wet roads prevented him from stopping

his vehicle.

The report did not include the damage estimate to either vehicle.

The same day another non-injury accident occurred in parking Lot E.

Densmore met Julie Rice-Rollins, who was driving a 2004 Nissan Sentra, and Logan Schmidt, the driver of a Ford F-150.

According to the report, Rice-Rollins said she attempted to make a right turn into Parking Lot E from the entry drive and turned too wide, striking Schmidt's vehicle.

The report did not include the damage estimates to either vehicle.

Feb. 3, Officer Jeff Porter responded to an accident where a parked Honda CZX,

owned by Ashley Garber, rolled downhill, hitting a Honda Civic, owned by OCCC employee Joan Sublett.

Garber was not at her car when the incident occurred but later that day went to the Campus Security office where Sgt. Kevin Tipton obtained a copy of her insurance.

The report did not include the damage estimates.



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