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Board approves administrative building site

**John Massey
Center offices
to relocate in
campus child
care location**

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In its March 22 meeting, the Board of Regents approved relocating all departments currently housed in the college's John Massey Center into a building to be constructed on the site of the Child Development Center and Lab School.

The existing John Massey Center, located a few miles south of campus, recently sold for \$2.6 million to Chesapeake Land Develop- ment. The proceeds of the

sale will be applied to the construction of the new building on the main campus, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

The move will affect the college's finance, human resources, and planning and research departments, creating a musical chairs effect of sorts.

To make room for the move, Regent Mike Voorhees said, the Child Development Center and Lab School will be relocated this fall to the OCCC Family and Community Education Center, the former John Glenn Elementary school, located about two miles north of campus, just west of May Avenue.

Sechrist said, regarding the JMC move, the options are either to build a sepa-

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Free green



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Deborah Myers, assistant director of nursing, rearranges the Loblolly pine trees the campus Green Task Force gave away March 22. The task force also planted a bald cypress tree as part of Arbor Day.

EXPANDED CHILD CARE PROGRAM, CAPITOL HILL CENTER PLANNED FOR NEXT SEMESTER

College to open two new facilities fall 2010

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The OCCC Family and Community Education Center will offer convenient and affordable child care to all OCCC students starting fall 2010, said Jerry Steward, executive vice president.

The new center, located in the former John Glenn Elementary School in southwest Oklahoma City, will be great for students, Steward said.

Steward, a single parent during law school, said he understands the importance of child care. "I knew if the babysitter didn't show up, I couldn't go to work," he said.

The new facility will offer quality, fully accredited, and reasonably priced child care for students, Steward said.



Jerry Steward

The current Child Development Center and Lab School will relocate later this year after an \$800,000 renovation is complete.

The facility will provide child care to children from infants to preschool for both day and night classes.

Steward said OCCC will be the first Oklahoma college to offer student-scheduled child care for its students.

The Capitol Hill Center outreach program,

now sharing a building with Latino Community Development Agency, also is in the process of moving locations, Steward said.

In 2009, the college purchased a building in the heart of the Capitol Hill area on Southwest 25th Street with the intention to eventually relocate. The new center will offer a variety of basic courses including English as a Second Language, GED courses, basic and intermediate computer/Internet courses, and job-readiness courses.

The center is being refurbished and the OCCC Board of Regents has authorized the college to spend up to \$1.5 million of existing college-construction funds to renovate enough space so OCCC can start using it.

OPINION

POINT/COUNTERPOINT | Health care reform: Are the sweeping changes good for Americans?

Steps toward slippery slope

There are a lot of rumors, myths and half-truths floating around in America's society today after the passing of the health care-reform bill. This bill attempts to provide health care for everyone in America through several different means.



ETHAN HENDRICKS

The bill, passed March 21, has the country taking a step toward a European-style welfare state. This flies in the face of the ideals of the Founding Fathers who created this country.

The bill forces individuals and employers to buy insurance policies decided by government bureaucrats.

Instead of empowering families and individuals to make their own choices, Obamacare empowers the bureaucracy to make those decisions for them. The moment the government begins making decisions for American citizens is the moment when America is placed on a slippery slope of socialism.

This reform cuts Medicaid reimbursements in 2015, further straining already fiscally unstable state governments.

The takeover of the student loan industry by the government sounds good on the surface. Remember though, the government first justified its subsidized student loans during the Clinton administration by saying it would make college more affordable. Instead, prices continued to climb higher.

This is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. If that's so: Why do the Democrats continue to ignore the will of the people. The people are worried and do not approve of this action by the government. They are being ignored.

Don't just accept what representatives or senators say. This is the people's government and it is the people's duty and responsibility to know what exactly a bill this important entails and how it will affect us. Do the research. Get proactive and be informed.

Bill a good start

Most people are talking about the new health care-reform bill President Barack Obama signed March 24. However, the talk quickly becomes bickering.

It's obvious the bill has divided most of the nation. Many will argue the merits of the bill and whether it helps people receive better health care.

Yet, most of these people have never done any kind of research to see what it actually means or says.

Sadly, it has become common practice among many Americans to base their judgments and belief systems on gossip and what other people believe. They rarely check the facts. The facts are the new health care reform will help to provide insurance to 32 million citizens without medical insurance coverage.

This will be accomplished by mandating most individuals to purchase coverage and offering subsidies to people who cannot afford insurance.

Finally, there are many Americans who have chosen not to purchase insurance. These people have been responsible for many of the increases in medical care, and those increases have been passed on to others. No one should have to be responsible for someone else's unwillingness or inability to help themselves. Under the new law, everyone, with few exceptions, will be required to purchase insurance by 2014.

Do not be mistaken. The bill is not perfect. Still, the nation has been fighting for fair and equal medical coverage for a long time. This is the first step in the right direction toward better health care coverage.

Instead of arguing about the legislation, people should read and research the actual facts of the legislation. If, after coming to a decision based on the facts, people still disagree with the law, they should contact their legislators and tell them why they disagree and offer suggestions that could improve upon the legislation.

However, a person who actually takes the time to read the legislation and research what it means and how it affects them may discover it is not that bad. It may even help.



MARK SMITH



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YOUR VIEW | Greater Grads program succeeding

Top employers attend grad fair

Nearly 900 students attended the 2010 Greater Grads Career Fair, which featured only Oklahoma-based companies, on March 2 to meet with 83 local employers. In its fifth year, the career fair brings the top employers in Oklahoma under one roof and allows college students to speak to recruiters, apply for jobs and internships, all in one afternoon.

The Greater Grads program is comprised of three parts: A career fair, internship program and comprehensive Web site, www.greatergrads.com. Of the 276 students who participated in the 2009 summer internship program, a four-week series of lunches designed to highlight why Oklahoma City is the best place to start a career, 85 percent said they were somewhat or very likely to stay in Oklahoma City after graduation. Before Greater Grads, only 65 percent said they were likely to stay. Greater Grads is changing their minds.

For more information on the Greater Grads program contact Marcus Elwell at melwell@okcchamber.com or 405-297-8971.

—MARCUS ELWELL
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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FILM REVIEW | New animated film a fun, enchanting story for all

Disney adds another 'Princess'

Sometimes you have to kiss a few frogs to find your prince. And just like this movie, it's worth the wait.

"The Princess and the Frog," a magical Disney flick based on the classic Brothers' Grimm fairytale, hopped into homes March 16 with its DVD release.

The film revolves mostly around Tiana (voiced by Anika Noni Rose), a hardworking waitress who longs to continue her late father's legacy and one day own a restaurant of her own.

Just as her dream finally appears to be coming true, Tiana is crushed when someone else offers the realtor of her father's choice property a larger sum of money than she can afford — until a sweet-talking frog appears on her balcony and offers the needed funds in exchange for a kiss.

Unbeknownst to Tiana, the talking amphibian is in fact the handsome Prince Naveen (voiced by Bruce Campos), who was turned into a frog by the evil voodoo magician Dr. Facilier (voiced by Keith David).

When his kiss turns Tiana into a frog, the pair set off on an adventure through the swamps of New Orleans.

"Princess," Disney's first traditionally-animated film in more than five years, is an instant classic full of love, laughs and even a few tears.

The animation is breathtaking, the songs are lively and fun, and though most of them are of the animal variety, the characters are surprisingly human.

Tiana is a gutsy princess who preaches the importance of following your dreams. Dreams like those of Louis (voiced by Michael-Leon Wooley), the trumpet-playing alligator who dreams of performing in a jazz band, and firefly Ray (voiced by Jim Cummings), who is in love with a star he calls Evangeline.

Even Naveen isn't your typical Prince Charming. He is a spoiled playboy whose parents cut him off due to his philandering ways.

Sinister Dr. Facilier may very well be the coolest



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bad guy since Hades of "Hercules" fame, though he and his creepy shadow creatures might be a bit much for very young children.

"Princess" proves there is nothing quite like the old school charm of classic Disney animation. It isn't the second coming of "Beauty and the Beast" or "The Lion King," nor does it try to be. It's a fun story of love, hope and always remembering to follow your dreams.

Whether you're a kid or simply a kid at heart, "The Princess and the Frog" is worth seeing.

Rating: A

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
STAFF WRITER

YOU *asked* FOR IT

Q: *What does a student need to form a club?*

A: "You will need 10 interested students and two full-time faculty sponsors. You will also need to fill out a petition and submit it to Student Life. Petitions can be picked up at the Student Life office."

—KARLEN GRAYSON
STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTANT

Q: *Will the cafeteria incorporate a healthier menu?*

A: "We are in the process of preparing a 'Better Choice Menu' that will feature diet and fat free options. It should be available by April 1."

—CORRINE AGUILAR
CARSON'S CATERING MANGER

Q: *Will the Bookstore ever have a rental program for books?*

A: "We are reviewing all possible options to help students with the cost of books, whether the books are used, rented or digital, such as the e-book. At this time renting books is an option, but we are considering all the details involved."

—BRENDA REINKE
BOOKSTORE DIRECTOR

FILM REVIEW | About 100 people attend March 11 concert at Bruce Owen Theater

College jazz bands entertain crowd with lively performance

The OCCC Student Jazz Band Ensemble concert March 11 in the Bruce Owen Theater was a huge success according to students.

Rachel Newell, radiography major, said she enjoyed the concert.

"It was good," Newell said. "The band members were all into their gigs and they seemed to really enjoy performing."

"They made me want to be at the concert."

Mary Melchor, psychology major, also complimented the performers.

"The music was soulful and the players were really energetic," Melchor said.

Composed of OCCC student musicians and professor Micheal Boyle, the band played a myriad of jazz songs including "If You Never Come to Me," "All the Things You Are," "Dindi Aqua Beber," and "Blue Bassa."

The 100-member crowd remained enthusiastic from the beginning of the concert to the end, oftentimes clapping along to the beat or applauding at particularly skillful playing or singing by the students, especially the drummers, David Traxler and River Kanoff.

Guest players included Miguel Correa on the bass saxophone and Elad Katz on the keyboard.

Both the Wednesday band and the

Tuesday band were in sync throughout the entire performance and made no discernible errors or mistakes during the concert. The band members were very energetic

Jazz was not the only music played by the band during the concert. Audience members broke into applause and cheering when band member John Galbadon displayed his shredding ability in "Time Odyssey."

Written by none other than Galbadon himself, "Time Odyssey" provided a nice break in tempo.

Boyle had another surprise in store for the audience, however, one which no one saw coming. As the audience

stood to applaud the band's performance at the end of the concert, the band went into their encore of "Lowrider" by R&B band Cypress Hill.

Singers Johnlee Lookingglass and John Loveless did an excellent job of hitting all of the right notes.

Loveless' rendition of "Peg" and Lookingglass' rendition of "Misty" and "What is Hip," were very moving and very excellent.

Overall, the concert was fun, entertaining and unique. I would not mind going to another one in the future.

Rating: A+

—ETHAN HENDRICKS
STAFF WRITER

FIVE-YEAR PLAN INCLUDES MOVE TOWARD COMPUTERIZED STATIONS, DIRECTOR SAYS

Testing Center looks to offer more electronic tests

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The college will have 150 testing stations capable of administering computerized and paper-and-pencil tests when the college completes its five-year renovation plan for the Testing Center, said Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment Services director.



Jim Ellis

the center would contain 50 stations. This project should be finished by 2015, and cost approximately \$130,000, Ellis said.

Some students oppose the movement to computerized testing because of the potential to lose points on exams where partial credit has been given in the past.

Andrew Huechteman, is one of them.

“Computerized tests make

it hard to receive partial credit on certain tests that shouldn’t be all-or-nothing like a multiple choice exam,” Huechteman said.

Ellis said tests that can offer partial credit are typically related to math and science.

This is an issue for both students and professors, Ellis said.

However, since the desks will be able to accommodate both types of tests, they will allow professors to make the decision to stay with the written form or move to computerized testing, Ellis said.

Other students await the opportunity for a computer-enhanced Testing Center.

“Computerized testing gets rid of the problems that can arise, such as eraser marks, and provides students with an opportunity to take tests in a timely manner,” said Jonathan Holly, sophomore.

Holly also said the results of computerized tests shouldn’t take as long to get back.

Ellis said the Testing Center staff looks forward to creating a testing environment to cater to both viewpoints with the proposed plan.

He said in addition to new desks, chairs and computers, the Testing Center will have to connect each station to the Internet.

To date, Ellis said, the most students recorded in the Testing Center at one time is 120.

The plans have been submitted and steps have been taken to make for an easier transition; however, the plan will officially go into action as soon as the approval process is complete, Ellis said.

For more information about the Testing Center, call Ellis at 405-682-1611, ext. 7368.

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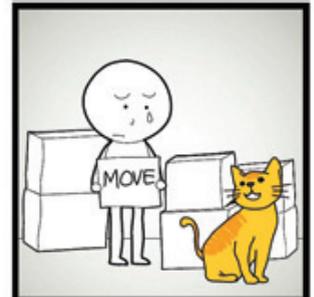
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VIOLENT SPORT KEEPS SARAH TIDMORE BUSY, ENTERTAINED

Student finds thrill working with rugby players

MIA CANTU

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Full-time OCCC student Sarah Tidmore is what you least expect when you think of a rugby manager. However, mending the wounds of reckless rugby players and collecting the sweaty jerseys from a hard-played game is exactly what Tidmore does in her down time.

The Houston native was born with a caring side and it shines through on a regular basis as she travels with the University of Oklahoma rugby team across the nation.

Tidmore said she was introduced to the job by a friend who was a rugby manager and brought Tidmore to some of the practices and games.

Tidmore said she fell in love with the thrill of the sport and began to get

involved, thus inheriting the job as rugby manager.

Not many young women can handle the brutality that comes along with rugby, she said, but it just so happens to be her favorite sport.

"It is a very violent and entertaining sport to watch," Tidmore said. "I've seen countless concussions and I've even seen an ear get torn off."



Sarah Tidmore

During one concussion scenario, a player for Tidmore's team took a cleat to the back of the head. Once he was finally conscious, the player was suddenly confused and began to question how

he'd ended up on a bus.

With grass around him and a rugby game still occurring, the injured player hadn't moved an inch from the field.

After hours of babysitting more than a few dozen rowdy rugby players and keeping up with her schoolwork, spending time relaxing in the great outdoors is just the thing to calm Tidmore's mind, she said.

"When I was little, I was that girl who spent her time catching lizards more often than playing Barbies," Tidmore said. "There's just something about being in the middle of nature, away from all the troubles of the real world."

Though camping and fishing are a couple of Tidmore's key activities, she has an artistic side that she loves to explore regularly. Photography and painting are two hobbies she can't get enough of.

Tidmore always enjoyed painting, but was inspired to continue doing so when a friend of her mother's pointed out her talent and told her to never give it up.

The family friend believed so firmly

“It is a very violent and entertaining sport to watch. I've seen countless concussions and I've even seen an ear get torn off.”

—SARAH TIDMORE

OCCC STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA RUGBY MANAGER

in Tidmore's gift that she took her to the store and bought her new canvases, brushes and paints.

If she could have her way, Tidmore said, her dream job would include both her passion for nature and the arts.

She would travel across the world and near the ocean, snapping pictures as a professional photographer.

For now though, she wouldn't have life any other way: Full of sweaty athletes, dirty jerseys and violent rugby injuries.



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FAMILIES ABROAD LOSING JOBS, MAKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT DIFFICULT

Economic hardships affect international students

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The long arm of the recession is reaching around the globe, clouding the educational futures of some international students who depend on their parents for funding.

“My parents sent me almost \$8,000 last year from Nepal and they said they cannot send me any more this year,” said Amit Shrestha, (name changed on request), who is currently enrolled as a full-time student at OCCC.

His home country, Nepal, is in Asia, north of India.

He said his father’s business closed down due to the worldwide economic crisis and he cannot afford the tuition for Shrestha anymore.

The cost of 12 credit hours of non-resident tuition is \$2,688 compared to \$1,008 for Oklahoma residents, according to OCCC’s fee schedule. In addition, students need money for food, housing, transportation and books.

International students come to the U.S. for their higher studies on an F1 visa, a non-immigrant, full-time student visa that allows foreigners to pursue education in the U.S., according to the U.S. immigration department Web site.

So, does Shrestha’s situation leave him unable to stay at OCCC? Not necessarily, said Sunny Garner, International Students coordinator.

However, there are very few options available to Shrestha to supplement the money his father can send, she said. A student can either try to prove hardship status or try to find work on campus.

Hardship status

One option is applying for hardship permission to work off campus, Garner said. This lengthy process is only for international students who have attended school full-time for one year.

Students who are facing financial difficulties can apply for the hardship which allows them to work off campus — 20 hours per week during school session and 40 hours per week during summer or spring break.

“International students have to demonstrate that they have severe economic hardship to work off-campus,” Garner said.

She said the process of seeking permission can take 30 to 90 days, depending on the backlog of applications.

Once the necessary documents are turned in to her office, Garner said she could recommend the economic hardship to the U.S. immigration office.

On-campus employment

Another option is for a student to work on campus. International students are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week on campus.

Shrestha said he applied for an on-campus job but wasn’t hired.

“There are not many international students who work inside the campus,” Shrestha said. “It may be

because of the language problem that international students do not get jobs on campus.”

Judi McGee, Employment Services coordinator, said the hiring process for international students is exactly the same as for American students — whoever is the most qualified for the job will get hired.

“Everyone has the same shot for the jobs,” McGee said.

She said the only positions international students are not qualified for are work-study positions, federal government-funded positions. A student has to be a U.S. resident in order to apply for work-study, she said.

McGee said about 3,000 students apply for 200 student positions every semester.

Andres Calderon, from Colombia, South America, works on campus and also relies on his parents’ help to pay non-resident tuition. He said he uses his bank card from home to pay his tuition and his parents pay the payment.

Calderon, who works in the advising office, said it’s not too difficult for him right now because he has his job. Furthermore, he has a scholarship that lowers his tuition.

However, he said, he believes it’s going to be difficult for him once he transfers to a four-year university.

Calderon said, if he doesn’t get any scholarships after he transfers, then he might have to leave his studies and go back home.

The illegal option

Shrestha said he has chosen a risky option to make ends meet. He admits to illegally working full-time off campus at a local gas station.

Shrestha said he is aware of the immigration rule preventing him from doing so but said he doesn’t have any other choice.

“When I don’t have money to eat and survive, what am I supposed to do?” he said.

“I think I am not stealing or cheating somebody. I am just working and making some money to survive and I don’t think it’s wrong.”

Shrestha said he drives 30 miles every day from Edmond to come to the college.

“There’s no way I can survive working only 20 hours a week inside the college especially at this time when gas [prices are] so high and everything in the market is so expensive.”

He said he is aware he could be deported from the U.S. if found to be working off campus.

Garner said, as far as she knows, no student has ever been deported for that reason but said student should heed the rules.

“International students cannot work off campus unless they have prior approval with immigration,” Garner said.

Getting help

McGee strongly encourages all international students to come to her office on the first floor of the Main Building near Student Life to learn more about on-campus jobs that are available.

For more information or help with any immigration issue, contact Garner at sgarner@occc.edu or call 405-682-7884.

Business division assistant loses battle with cancer; scholarship set up

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Lea Ann Hall, Business Division assistant, lost her battle with cancer on March 13.

Hall, 51, had worked at OCCC for 13 years, and knew all the ins and outs of the division, said Kristi Fields, business division secretary.

“She really knew her stuff,” Fields said. “She knew everything. She had this amazing ability to have anything you needed.”

Her knowledge was not the only trait of Hall’s that was impressive. “She was one of the most thoughtful people I’ve ever known,” Fields said.

“She was liked by everyone. Everyone in the school would come by and talk, and she always had candy.”

Being involved with helping the community is an idea Hall strongly believed in. She was involved with Arts Festival Oklahoma, Helping Hands, Parent-Teacher Organization and Girl Scouts.

On campus, Hall sponsored the Student in Free Enterprise club. She also won both the Elven Gray award — a distinction given to a staff member at

OCCC for excellent service — and the Employee Award for Excellence during her time here.

Hall was born in Lubbock, Texas, on May 8, 1958. She grew up in northwest Texas. She married Howard Wesley Hall on April 19, 1980, in Amarillo, Texas.

Hall also was a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her family said she was known for going on field trips and attending class parties with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Wesley of Tuttle; daughters Keri George and her husband Chris of Minco; Samantha Long and her husband Brandon of Tuttle; stepson Wesley Hall of Panhandle, Texas; mother Lois Patterson of Lubbock, Texas; brothers Phillip Patterson and his wife Linda of Edmond; Jerry Wilson and his wife Karen of Lubbock, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Her family, in partnership with the faculty and staff of the Division of Business, have set up the Lea Ann Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact the Academic Division of Business at 405-682-7501.

A memorial service was held March 17 at Eisenhower Funeral Home in Blanchard.

SPORTS

Defense at best

Brian Harrison, business and art major, stops Brandon Willis, political science major, from scoring during their pick up basketball game. Students can check out a ball at the gym or bring their own.



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INTRAMURALS | Back to Back Champs defeat Jar Heads to become three time basketball champions

Champs earn third consecutive title

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The Back to Back Champs won the Intramural Basketball Championship March 12 for the third year in a row.

The Champs defeated their rivals, the Jar Heads, for the third time this season in a lopsided 63-39 victory.

“Three times in a row,” said Champs’ captain Josh Vanover after their victory.

“Hopefully some of us can come back next season and we can win it again.”

The two teams played fairly even throughout the first half as the defense for both teams kept the scoring low.

The Jar Heads had difficulty hitting their shots early in the game.

Missing their first five shots put the Jar Heads behind the Champs, 6-0 after a three-pointer by Champ Jesse Hargrav, and a two-pointer and foul shot by Dylan Dolezal.

Jar Head Demetrius Merkerson cut this deficit in half with a three-pointer

at 15:45, making the score 6-3.

Team captain Matthew Scott completed a foul shot with 14:55 left to play, shortening the gap once more to 6-4.

Jay Philips of the Champs hit yet another foul shot with 13:30 left to play.

Scott responded at 12:25 with another basket, bringing the score 7-6, Champs leading.

By halftime the score stood 22-18, Champs leading.

Referees Nick Pinkerton, Collin Gentry and Eric Watson called a tight game, not allowing much pushing and shoving, which had brought a previous match to a premature conclusion.

During the second half, things fell apart for the Jar Heads as fatigue set in.

The Champs were able to remain strong due to having two extra players.

They alternated subbing in and out of the game.

According to Vanover in an interview earlier in the season this was one of the keys to the Champs success.

“Our ability to substitute tired players

is one of the main keys of success for this team,” said Vanover. “If you want to beat us you have to have more than five players.”

The Champs outscored the Jar Heads 41-19 in the second half.

The Champs scored basket after basket, including a spectacular alley oop with 1:05 left to play in the game.

When the buzzer finally rang, the score stood 63-39 and the Back to Back Champs were the victors.

One Champ player jokingly said maybe they should be called the Back to Back to Back Champs.

“We pass the ball,” said Vanover after the game, “and work well together. We played good and it feels good to be champions.”

The Jar Heads still maintained they could beat the Champs if they played them when they weren’t tired.

“Every time we play them,” said Scott, “we play them second. If we could face them when both teams were fresh, we could beat them.”

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **March 15-April 15:** Aquatic Center closed for renovations.

• **March 29:** Adult volleyball: All Sets Are Off vs. Brookwood - 1 7 p.m. Court 1. Skippy’s Mistake vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates 7 p.m. Court 2. Brookwood - 2 vs. Skippy’s Mistake 8 p.m. Court 1. Can You Dig It vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates 8 p.m. Court 2. Garder vs. Brookwood - 2 9 p.m. Court 1. Serendipitty Slammers vs. Can You Dig It 9 p.m. Court 2 in the Wellness Center gym.

• **April 5:** Adult volleyball: Serendipitty Slammers vs. Skippy’s Mistake 7 p.m. Court 1. Brookwood - 1 vs. All Sets Are Off 7 p.m. Court 2. All Sets Are Off vs. Brookwood - 2 8 p.m. Court 1. Garder vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates 8 p.m. Court 2. Brookwood - 1 vs. Can You Dig It 9 p.m. Court 1. Brookwood - 2 vs. Garder 9 p.m. Court 2 in the Wellness Center gym.

• **April 7:** Coed intramural volleyball: Coaches meeting at noon in the Wellness Center gym.

• **April 12:** Adult volleyball: Can You Dig It vs. All Sets Are Off 7 p.m. Court 1. Skippy’s Mistake vs. Brookwood - 1 7 p.m. Court 2. Can You Dig It vs. Serendipitty Slammers 8 p.m. Court 1. The Bow-Legged Pirates vs. Skippy’s Mistake 8 p.m. Court 2. The Bow-Legged Pirates vs. Brookwood - 2 9 p.m. Court 1. Garder vs. Serendipitty Slammers 9 p.m. Court 2 in the Wellness Center gym.

• **April 14:** Coed intramural volleyball: Tournament to be held at noon in the Wellness Center gym.

• **April 19:** Adult volleyball: Brookwood - 1 vs. Garder 7 p.m. Court 1. Can You Dig It vs. Skippy’s Mistake 7 p.m. Court 2. Can You Dig It vs. Brookwood - 1 8 p.m. Court 1. Brookwood - 2 vs. All Sets Are Off 8 p.m. Court 2. Serendipitty Slammers vs. Brookwood - 2 9 p.m. Court 1. All Sets Are Off vs. The Bow-Legged Pirates 9 p.m. Court 2.

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

CAMPUS CRIME KEEPS OFFICERS BUSY

Missing child, stolen keys reported

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A report of a missing child March 10 in the library drew the response of Safety and Security Officers Brandon Wheeler and Jeffrey Porter.

According to the report, the officers spoke with Bobbie Wolfe, the mother.

She said her 9-year-old son had been with her daughter inside the library and that her daughter could not find him.

Wolfe said her daughter was walking around the Main Building looking for him.

Porter asked the librarian on duty to make an announcement to see if the juvenile was there. Porter located the child a short while after the announcement was made.

Wheeler said he explained the child policy to the mother and daughter, and advised them that the boy would need to be monitored the entire time he was on campus since he was underage.

On March 9, Officer Wheeler responded to a report of stolen keys from the locker room area of the Wellness Center.

The victim, Manuel Burciaga, said he entered the locker room around 5 p.m. and returned around 6:40 p.m. to change his clothes.

At that point, he noticed his keys were missing from the pocket where he left them.

Officer Wheeler arrived to escort Burciaga to his vehicle where Wheeler used an unlock kit to enter the vehicle so Burciaga could retrieve his wallet. A cab was called for Burciaga and he later returned to get his vehicle.

A surveillance videotape showed a group of five young girls appearing to lift the gate to the serving area of Carson's food service after hours March 12.

It wasn't clear whether they entered the restricted area.

That day a member of the cleaning crew reported the entry gate to Carson's appeared to have been tampered with.

According to their report, Sgt. Kevin Tipton and Wheeler did a walk-through of the food service area and didn't see that anything had been tampered with.

Later they looked over the area again with Corrine Aguilar, manager of Carson's Catering, but couldn't find anything had been stolen.

OCPD Officer Cody Koelsh arrived to gather information for his report and took pictures of the scene.

Koelsh gave Aguilar information to contact if anything was missing.

Massey: Campus building sells for \$2.6M

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rate building on the site, or to add to and incorporate the existing Child Development Center building as part of the new structure. "There are no plans to tear down the existing building," Sechrist said.

"Given the current estimate of the construction costs, we do believe there will be excess funds from the proceeds of the sale of the current John Massey Center, beyond the construction costs of the new building."

Sechrist said the funds remaining after the construction will be applied to capital improvement projects and other construction at the college.

Plans for a new building are already in progress with Triad design group, the college's

architectural and engineering firm. Triad has been working with the college for a while on designing a new building, Sechrist said, but needed to know where the building would be located. The design group will come back with a prototype of what the building might look like on the location the board recommended.

Sechrist said the college would then go forward with approving designs, then hiring a company to begin construction. He said during the time of construction, the staff will remain in the John Massey Center.

In October 2008, Sechrist said, Chesapeake Land Development offered to purchase the John Massey Center from the college for \$3 million and

the OCCC Board of Regents approved the sale Oct. 20, 2008, at a regular meeting of the Board.

He said the sale was delayed at the request of Chesapeake Land Company and in early January 2010 it revised the offer to \$2.6 million.

General Counsel Nancy Gerrity said Chesapeake requested the delay because they did not need the building as soon as they anticipated.

"Chesapeake put additional money in escrow — money that would become OCCC's property if Chesapeake decided not to purchase the property," Gerrity said.

The sale agreement allows the college to continue to occupy the building rent free for 24 months, Sechrist said.



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CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Sweet treats

Richard Sporn, accounting major, prepares a snow cone as part of Students In Free Enterprise's fundraiser. The group sponsored a snow cone and popcorn fundraiser March 24 to raise funds for its upcoming regional competition.

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ORGANIZATIONS | Nursing Student Association to host annual fundraiser event

Club to sell Easter gift baskets

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Stuffed animals, books and candy are just some of the treats students will find from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the Nursing Student Association hosts its annual Easter basket fundraiser outside of Health Professions room 226.

Jacqueline Frock, club sponsor and basket creator, said more than 40 festive gift baskets will be available for immediate purchase.

Prices of the baskets will range from \$5 to \$12, Frock said.

"This will be our third year selling these Easter baskets," she said. "This is something we've really come to rely on."

Frock said money earned at the sale will help send herself and six club members to the annual National Student Nurse's Asso-

“ Making gift baskets is a hobby of mine. I put a lot into them. They're not going to be filled with cardboard. They will be just as nice as the ones you find at CVS or Wal-Mart, if not nicer. And they will definitely be cheaper. And, of course, they will be going to a great cause.

—JACQUELINE FROCK
NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION SPONSOR

ciation convention, held April 7 through 11 in Orlando, Fla.

"The money we raise usually goes toward funding nursing scholarships," she said. "This is something we're doing for us, to help our students learn."

Frock said past fundraisers have been met with success.

"Last Easter, we sold about 75 baskets in less than an hour," she said. "They go fast."

Those who purchase the baskets will get something nice for their

money, Frock said.

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For more information, contact Frock at 405-682-1611, ext. 7226, or e-mail jfrock@occc.edu.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Engineering club to host bake sale

The Engineering Club will be hosting a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday to raise funds for their annual cookout event. For more information, contact Greg Holland at 405-682-1611, ext. 7163.

Enrollment basics Brown Bag scheduled

Learn the basic details of enrolling for your next semester of classes with the Enrollment Basics Brown Bag, held from noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday in CU1. Proof of attendance will be given to students who participate in the lecture. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Gay-Straight Alliance to host spring bash

Join the Gay-Straight Alliance for the GSA Spring Fling, held from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the College Union. Events will include music, games, a canned food drive and open-mic talent performances. For more information, contact Mark Schneberger at 405-682-1611, ext. 7244.

Oklahoma history lecture to be held

Learn more about Oklahoma history and the Oklahomans who made it possible with the "Oklahomans Who Followed Their Dreams" lecture by Dr. Bob Blackburn of the Oklahoma Historical Society, held from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 in CU2 and 3. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

International club to host cultural fair

The International Student Organization will host the annual International Cultural Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, in the College Union. For \$5, students will be able to sample foods from countries around the world, enjoy native costumes and dance, and participate in an eating competition. For more information, contact Camille Njeugoue at 405-445-8697.

Basketball mascot to visit campus

Oklahoma City Thunder mascot Rumble the Bison will visit campus from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the College Union to meet and take pictures with students. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Tuition fee waiver applications available

Tuition fee waiver applications for the summer 2010 semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. For more information, contact Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525, ext. 7188.

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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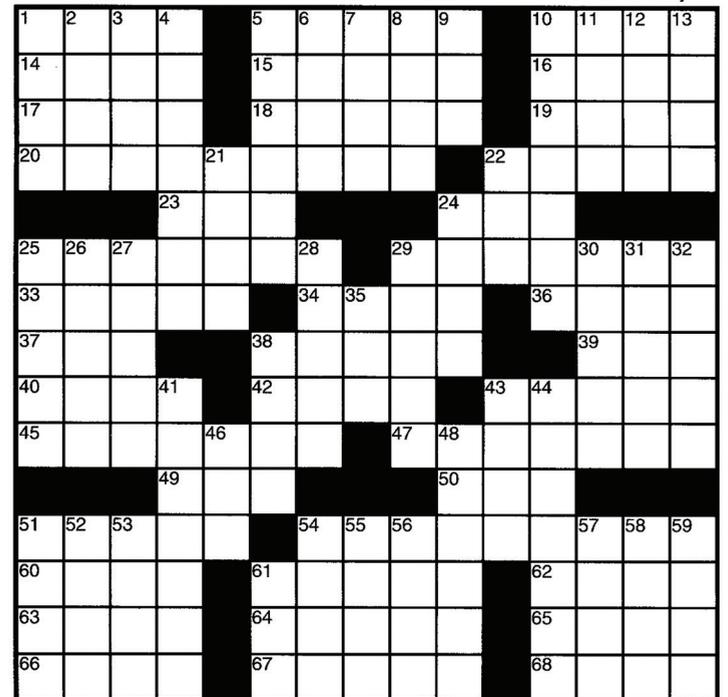
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DRAG SHOW, SAFE SEX INFORMATION AND MUSIC PLANNED

Gay Straight Alliance to host fling March 31

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Jazz music, a flashy drag show and information about safe sex will be offered when the Gay Straight Alliance hosts its first Spring Fling party from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the College Union, said Club President Camyron DeCarlo.

DeCarlo said her goal is to incorporate fun into an educational environment.

"It's not only about getting the members involved, but also the community," she said.

"The fling will have brownies, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy sold for 25 cents."

Prices are low for the event so more people will attend, she said.

She said she is in the process of creating unique games that party-goers will enjoy.

The festivity will include a safe sex booth set up to teach those who enter not only about prevention, but also the repercussions from sexually transmitted diseases, DeCarlo said.

She stressed the power of knowing what the diseases are, how to prevent them, and how they affect an individual's life.

DeCarlo said she expects there will be an open mic available and a flashy drag show for both men and women.

Both events are open for all who attend. DeCarlo said she plans to participate.

A marriage booth will offer a certificate for two people's profession of love for a dollar.

This booth allows couples of the same and opposite gender to join in their expression of love or friendship.

“It's not only about getting involved, but also about the community.”

—CAMYRON DECARLO
GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE CLUB PRESIDENT

The package will include two ring pops, DeCarlo said.

Music for the event will be provided by a jazz trio. One of the musicians is club officer Anthony Edwards.

Edwards, who is the drummer, said the group consists of OCCC student Nate Steinman,

who plays woodwinds, and a friend of theirs who plays bass.

"We will be playing improv free-form jazz," Edwards said, "the kind of stuff not heard often these days."

Bracelets will be sold at the event for a quarter.

Each one will be made of string and a random small design that will signify that whoever wears it attended the event, DeCarlo said.

She believes the bracelets will be worn to promote safe sex and to identify those who support the Gay Straight Alliance organization.

Although, this is the first Spring Fling, DeCarlo hopes it will be something that continues to grow and reach the community in the future.

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