Movement occupies nation, OKC

Supporters meet, protest to be heard by representatives

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Support for the Occupy Wall Street movement in New York City continues to grow as grassroots movements have begun to appear across the U.S. in cities that now include Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

The overall mission statement of the movement is, in a word, murky. But that has not stopped these various groups from speaking for themselves in universal outrage.

How are Oklahomans, as well as Americans in general, viewing a movement that, while currently in its infancy, continues to spread?

Harold Morris, OCCC political science major and active member of Occupy OKC, said the movement is a much-needed proxy for those who feel unrepresented.

"Occupy OKC was established to stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street movement representing the 99 percent of Americans whose voices are not being heard by our elected officials," Morris said.

Oklahoma City's Kerr Park has become home to a fluctuating number of Oklahoma City metro residents that have made the placid botanical island in the center of downtown their impromptu home for what they hope will be the foreseeable future.

The park's new residents are using the location as an avenue for protesting issues ranging from, but not limited to, the failure to bring certain banking economic times into focus.

The gap between economic classes in the U.S., political system, the increasing wealth gap between economic classes in the U.S., and the failure to bring certain banking issues ranging from, but not limited to, the unchecked influence major corporations are believed to have over the American political system, the increasing wealth gap between economic classes in the U.S., and the failure to bring certain banking

HEALTHIER HABITS, LIVES THE GOAL, ORGANIZERS SAY

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Why wait for the New Year to make a resolution to get healthy?

You shouldn’t, said Health and Fitness Specialist Marlene Shugart — that's why it’s the theme of Healthier Me at OCCC, the college’s first campuswide fitness challenge.

"Everybody always says, ’Well, I’ll start Monday, but why not start today?’" Shugart said.

Unlike last year’s fitness event, which was limited to employees and focused mainly on weight loss, Healthier Me at OCCC envelops every aspect of becoming and staying healthy.

"Not everybody wants or needs to lose weight," Shugart said. "Some people just don’t know enough about how to get started on a healthier lifestyle, and that’s what we’re here to help with.

“We want to try and get people healthier by getting people moving and incorporating healthier habits in their lives.”

The event, which kicked off this month and will last through February, is open to students, faculty and staff members, and retirees.

“Students are outnumbering staff three to one right now — not that we want to make it a direct challenge,” Shugart said.

However, she said, there is a little “healthy” competition involved. When the program concludes next year, two outstanding participants will win a grand prize.

One prize will be given to the participant with the greatest percentage of weight loss, Shugart said, while the other is based solely on participation.

By partaking in healthy campus events like working out in the gym, taking a fitness class, and attending health-focused Brown Bags, she said, participants will earn entries for the grand prize drawing.

Shugart said entries can also be obtained by attending weekly weigh-ins, whether or not weight loss is your primary goal. Weigh-ins will be held all day Mondays and Tuesdays.

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OCCC faculty band members Brent Blount (left), on tenor saxophone, and Miguel Correa, on baritone saxophone, play jazz music Oct. 12 in the Bruce Owen Theater during the Faculty Recital.

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Sitting on Wall Street won’t change economic woes

There’s something powerful about Americans exercising their First Amendment rights. That power has, for the last 39 days, flipped out America and the media.

On Sept. 17, the Occupy Wall Street movement began. Thousands have remained camped out in New York’s financial district. These people call themselves the 99 percent, signifying the majority of Americans struggling whilst the 1 percent, aka Rich Uncle Pennybags over there twirling his mustache, purposely wreck the economy.

While there is a problem, is sitting down, not working and beating a drum the best way of going about fixing that problem?

Nobody can really answer that question. The problem is that America was founded upon hard work, perseverance, good protestant work ethic, and unfortunately, excess, indulgence, imperialism, and egocentrism.

Yet somewhere along the way we forgot about the hard work part of getting to indulge.

In our age of technology and fast food we have come to expect a meat patty with some unidentified meat filler and fries that could possibly come from a potato, but there’s no way to really know. We accept this meal because it’s cheap and who has time to make a home cooked meal, anyway?

This fast food mentality has carried into every area of our lives. Who said college is a right, or having money for that matter? I thought that was the American dream. Hard work now, equals the life you want later.

This easy street and get rich quick notion is what led this country to where it’s at financially. Although it’s much easier to blame the ones doing most the spending, it took the whole country.

Destroying the entire basis of American economy seems a bit excessive. Capitalism isn’t perfect, so why don’t we throw it out and adopt communism? We all know how well that’s worked out in the past.

It would be great to forget about responsibility, go protest, and join a noble cause — then I remember I work two jobs and have classes to attend. I’m also not sure of any concrete goals presented. On the Occupy Wall Street website there are great ideals, yet no realistic ones. They don’t have a clue what they want the government to do. It’s all so ambiguous.

With the rise of Occupy Wall Street another group has emerged, calling themselves the 53 percent.

The 53 percent are the Americans working hard, paying taxes, being responsible adults and trying to get the American economy out of the toilet. They have a strong aversion to the 99 percent. While the “hippies” lounge in the street dancing, they are working hard so they can have the right to beat their little drums.

At the end of the day, the 53 percent are at home uploading pictures while the general assembly are trying to do something about what they believe.

The occupy movement is ill-executed but at least there is action being taken. What it boils down to is every generation wants to feel as though they affected things for the better.

My generation has no Vietnam, or Civil Rights movement, but we have faced the biggest financial crisis since the 1930s. Sitting in the street isn’t going to change that. Changing our mentality will.

A comfortable life isn’t an entitled privilege. No economic system can make that a guarantee. Just ask the Philippines, or any other Third World country.

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Whole Foods offers alternatives

After what most would consider a much-anticipated arrival of the Whole Foods grocery store chain to Oklahoma City, it has finally opened its doors to the public. And it is safe to say that lives up to the hype.

Located across the street from the huge Chesapeake Empire at 6001 N. Western, Whole Foods is just one mile north of I-44, an accessible option for customers traveling from other parts of the city.

Whole Foods, originally based in Austin, Texas, is known for healthy natural and organic foods including produce, gourmet food options, fresh seafood and meats and locally produced cheeses.

Not only does Whole Foods tailor to the health-conscious individual, it also promotes local economy and local farmers.

The first thing you notice before walking into the store is the colorful array of seasonal products, such as pumpkins and organic squash set up as a mini-outdoor market.

Each item looked as if it had been strategically placed and polished in its setting. The outside of the store certainly foreshadowed what the rest of the store would be like.

Let’s just say that if Willy Wonka’s factory consisted of healthy foods, this would be it. The first aisle has a bulk item section of 220 products of seeds, beans, grains, and nuts.

Interested in creating your own nut butter? Whole Foods offers six stations to grind nuts into your own mouth-watering butter.

An entire section is dedicated to selling Oklahoma-raised grass-fed beef, an aspect that should lure many-raised grass-fed beef, an aspect that should lure health-conscious individuals. This section includes organic chili, organic squash set up as a mini-outdoor market.

For those consumers trying to stretch a buck in today’s economy, the store offers its own Whole Foods’ store brand 365, a brand that takes organic foods’ store brand 365, a brand that takes organic foods to a conventional level of affordability.

On the east side of the store is a bakery, sandwich bar, sushi bar, pizzeria, and much more.

Unsure whether to purchase that little slice of heaven, such as the garlic pesto pizza on hand-made dough? Whole Foods provides samples of every food they make fresh in their deli and bakery.

The cleanliness and order of the store apparently were top priority to the management and staff. But that wasn’t what left the strongest impression on me. Their congeniality won me over.

Never in my life have I been to a place of business where customer service was above and beyond. Every single employee that made eye contact with me greeted me with a smile, a “hello,” or “are you finding everything okay?”

Sometimes it was a combination of all three. This aspect alone encourages me to refer people there.

Though some patrons may be inclined to dispute some of the grocery item prices, you certainly pay for what you get. I would say Whole Foods is a step in the right direction.

Rating: A

—CASEY AKARD
PIONEER STAFF

Professors serve soup at bake sale

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If you like homemade soup or baked goods then you’re in luck.

The Faculty Association Scholarship Committee will be holding its second annual Soup Contest and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, right outside the Campus Bookstore. Proceeds will be used to fund student scholarships, said history Professor Jeff Carlisle, scholarship committee chairman.

The bake sale will include a variety of items such as cakes, pies and brownies, which will range in price from 50 cents to $2.

There may also be a couple of whole cakes, which will sell for a more, Carlisle said.

The Scholarship Committee also will be sponsoring a soup contest where professors will be making and serving soup. Judges have not been determined yet.

The soup winner will get a gift card and a “Best Soup” trophy to keep for a year, Carlisle said.

Some of the soups that were served last year were baked potato soup and two different types of chowder, Carlisle said. The soup will sell for $2 a bowl.

For more information about the faculty soup contest and bake sale, contact Carlisle by email at jcarlisle@occc.edu or by phone is 405-682-1611 ext. 7391.
Wayne McEvilly will offer a concert entitled “Pure Enjoyment – An Hour of Music, History, and Storytelling” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Admission is free.

McEvilly is a Philadelphia native who received his doctorate from the University of Southern California, where he studied the effects of music on the human psyche, said music Professor Michael Boyle.

“Wayne and I have known each other for a few years and he has guest-lectured in my Music Appreciation classes many times,” Boyle said.

“He has the unique ability to make music accessible to a broad range of students.

McEvilly always loves to have fun, while being professional by performing his passion for Beethoven, Mozart, and Chopin.

—Michael Boyle
Music Professor

He supports his fellow musicians while having a Ph.D. in Metaphysics.

Boyle and McEvilly have much in common. They share a love for classical music and they both have enthusiasm for Beethoven in particular.

For more information, contact Boyle at mboyle@occc.edu.

Classical pianist Wayne McEvilly poses at the piano. McEvilly will be performing a concert entitled “Pure Enjoyment” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 1 in the Bruce Owen Theater. Admission is free.

The Gamer Guild is an organization for game education, Karolyn Chowning, Director of Trio Grant Programs

Gamer Guild members slew orcs and threw for touchdowns in their inaugural session Saturday, Oct. 17, in the college union on OCCC’s campus.

There were 18 people in attendance that heard about it through campus promotion.

Gamer Guild sponsor Karolyn Chowning, director of Trio grant programs, said the purpose of the group is to get together to play and discuss games, all kinds of games, including video, board, card, pen-and-paper games.

An important element is gathering in a group setting.

“The Gamer Guild is an organization for game education,” Chowning said.

“We know you’ve got your own friends you play your own kind of games with, but you want to be a part of the Gamer Guild to learn about new, different kinds of games.”

Besides computer video games and console video games, Chowning also included card games like traditional Bridge.

Chowning said even though Bridge is a more traditional game in today’s cyber era, you can’t appreciate the present without experiencing the past.

“The classics [Bridge] can be even more fun than today’s games,” Chowning said.

The Gamer Guild also had a variety of card games including UGO, Magic: [The Gathering], and RPG table tops, Chowning said.

Gamer Guild’s Guild Master Mathew Caldwell chimed in with the different games being played during the meeting.

“Today’s meeting we have a PlayStation 3 set up with two different fighting games,” Caldwell said.

“We have NCAA for Xbox 360 and a Dungeons & Dragons type game.

“We have also played other games like our [The Gamer Guild] constitution itself modeled after Nomic [based on Peter Suber’s 1982 book The Paradox of Self-Amendment].

“Nomic is a game of collective rule making,” Chowning said.

“We like the idea of playing our constitution to change it.”

Corbin Massengale, 22, film and video major, was playing Madden ’12 on one of the screen projectors set up for video games.

Madden ’12 is a pro football video game that allows you to play as one of 32 NFL teams in head-to-head or online play.

Massengale said he would recommend the group to friends.

“Being a Madden fan, it’s not what you typically think of whenever you think of a gamer,” he said.

“Obviously, there’s a place for Madden, a place for card games, a place for board games, a place for Xbox 360.”

For more information about the Gamer Guild or other upcoming Game Guild events, visit the group page at http://occc.campusgroups.com/tgo.
Disability Services helps those in need

Sarah French has a mission to help others acquire accommodations necessary to succeed

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Helping students with disabilities get the accommodations they need to succeed in college is the mission of disability services on campus, said Sarah French, assistant director.

She said she would like for students to have a better understanding of what her department does.

OCCC deals with a wide range of disabilities, such as learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, mental health issues, hearing issues, chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cancer, kidney disease or brain injury, and students with physical or mobility issues, French said.

Before the college can help, French said, students need to visit her office and obtain an application. Once a student has filled out the application, they need to turn it in and schedule an appointment to discuss paperwork that is required. Once appropriate paperwork is turned in, accommodations can be made.

“I love working with everyone and helping people,” French said.

“But it is sometimes challenging to find ways for students with disabilities to have equal access to education.”

Some students have invisible disabilities, meaning they are not always noticeable just by looking at someone. These include brain injuries and autism spectrum disorders. These conditions can make it difficult for students to process information and to recall information when it is needed.

Some of these challenges are overcome by allowing extra time on tests, providing other forms of tests, and being able to take tests in a quieter, less distracting environment. All of these actions are taken in order to “level the playing field,” so everyone has an equal opportunity to be successful in learning.

She said OCCC is committed to compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities and guarantees equal access in a higher education setting.

STEPS TO RECEIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Appropriate Documentation
Provide the Disability Services office with appropriate documentation for your disability. Documentation guidelines can be found at http://www.occc.edu/support/Guideline.html

2. Meet and Discuss Accommodation Needs
Meet with Sarah French, Assistant Director, Services to Students with Disabilities, and talk about your accommodation needs. Accommodations will be determined at that time. To make an appointment call 682-7520 or email disabilitieservices@occc.edu.

3. Class Schedule

4. Provide the Disability Services office your upcoming class schedule.

5. Accommodation Letters
Take your accommodation letters to your professors during their office hours or after class. It is important that you discuss this letter with your professor when other students are not around.

http://www.occc.edu/support/Disability.html

Students who wish to seek accommodations must visit the Office of Student Services, located on the first floor of the Main building, near SEM entry 3. To make an appointment, call 405-682-7520 or email disabilitieservices@occc.edu.

Students also may log on to occc.edu/support/disability for more information.

Students reflect on relationship violence

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One in six couples in Oklahoma will be affected by relationship violence, a distressing statistic that students paused to reflect on Oct. 18 on campus.

OCCC hosted Silent Witnesses, a project commemorating individuals who were murdered by their current or former intimate partners.

Free-standing, life-size silhouettes lined the common area in front of the Communications Lab, each bearing the name of an Oklahoma victim and his or her story.

Students and faculty members stopped to read the stories.

“I’m surprised by it,” said Anna Jacoby, nursing student.

“It’s a back-to-reality kind of thing. It’s sad.”

For some students the message hit close to home.

“I’m moved by this,” said Edward Duncan, first semester student. “I can relate to this because I was one of these guys, but I changed.”

At noon, Student Life hosted Take It Back, a silent march that lasted about 15 minutes.

The march was to honor the people who have been in violent relationships and to let them know that there are people who do care and want to put an end to it, said Diana Rivera, allied health student and student programs leader for the Office of Student Services.

“I’ve had friends go through it, and I was once in a bad relationship,” Rivera said. “I feel for those people.”

Rivera participated in the march, along with seven others. The group began the march in front of the communications lab and went around the first floor of the main building. They carried signs that said “Walk a mile in her shoes,” “Stop the Violence,” and “You should never fear your loved ones.”

“Seeing other students stopping to see the posters—knowing that while not many participated, they understood what was going on—it meant something to me,” Rivera said. “I enjoyed it.”

After the march, the group gathered in the courtyard for a moment of silence. Student Support Services and Student Life presented flowers to Priya Desai, director of Outreach, Education and Volunteer services for the Oklahoma City YWCA, on behalf of OCCC.

Desai had given a presentation on relationship violence earlier in the week.

Silent Witnesses and Take It Back were sponsored by Student Support Services and Student Life as part of Relationship Violence Awareness Week.

Student Support Services provides resources for students who find themselves in a violent relationship.

“We have therapy sessions so they can talk about their relationships, and it’s all confidential.” said Jenna Howard, counselor at Student Support Services.

“Sometimes people aren’t ready to leave, so we help make a safety plan. “

“We help them learn about different options.” Student Support Services has hosted Relationship Violence Awareness Week for the past three years.

This was the first year Student Life organized a silent march as part of the event.

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—JENNA HOWARD
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FACE expansion brings neighbors closer

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Sarah Maxine Palmer has been a good neighbor. Since the Family and Community Education Center opened across the street from her home, students have parked in her driveway, and she has been a victim of the graffiti artists that target the FACE Center.

So when Linda Dudek, Adult Learning Outreach coordinator at the FACE Center, learned of 80 year old Palmer’s troubles, she decided it was time to be a good neighbor too.

“I met Sarah at a town hall meeting for the parking expansions we’re doing,” Dudek said.

The college has purchased nearby homes which are being removed to allow OCCC to expand its parking lot and reduce street parking in the neighborhood.

“I found out that some kids had spray painted graffiti on her garage door. And when I learned of all the hell she’d put up with for having us as neighbors, I thought it’d be nice to do something for her,” Dudek said.

And “do something” Dudek did.

On Oct. 14, a sunny Friday afternoon, Dudek, her husband Thomas Dudek, and fellow instructor and friend Anthony Tyrrell set out to repaint Palmer’s defaced garage door.

“Originally, I was just going to pay for the supplies out of pocket and do it on my own time,” Dudek said. “But when I told some of my colleagues about it, my boss, Steve Bloomberg, told me the college wouldn’t mind at all paying for it,” Dudek said.

She said the supplies, including paint, rollers, drop cloths, and masking tape, were procured by J.B. Messer in Facilities Management.

Palmer said the first she heard of it was when Dudek said she’d find a way to help her.

“I feel nice that they would do that, and I really appreciate it,” Palmer said.

This kind of gesture is par for the course when it comes to Dudek, Tyrrell said.

“Linda’s very community minded, and she thought this would be a good way to give back to Sarah, and to the community in general,” Tyrrell said.

He said he was pleased to help out.

“It’s a chance for me to get to know the neighbors around me, around where I work.

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—Anthony Tyrrell
Adult Basic Education Teacher
Recycling easy thanks to Green Task Force

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Recycling at OCCC began with a single box sitting outside of a professor’s office. Now because of the hard work put forth by the Green Task Force, the OCCC campus is going green.

Librarian Rachel Butler walked into Thursday night’s News Writing class recently with a book entitled “Big Thirst” slung under her arm. She came to tell students about the college’s efforts to help the environment.

As a member of the Green Task Force, started by Executive Vice President Jerry Steward in 2009, Butler works to make OCCC a green campus.

Between discussing statistics from her book about wasting water and her own personal attempts to go green, Butler shared the large and small changes OCCC is making.

“Over time it showed that volunteers offering recycling boxes outside of their offices was not going to really do much good,” she said. “We need more resources than that.”

One of the resources that OCCC has put into action is a partnership with Pepsi. Installed in January, Dream Machines are recycling bins placed around campus for students to put their empty beverage containers in.

“The front of it tells you that they take a little bit of money off the top and it goes to veterans trying to start their own businesses,” Butler said.

Not only do the Dream Machines help the environment, but also they support the community.

Not all of the changes are as big as the green machines.

A logo that Butler describes as “simple” still makes an impact on the college.

The green logo is situated at the bottom of emails to remind people they don’t have to print everything and to think about using less paper, Butler said.

These small changes may not send money to veterans, but they do save money in supply costs and keep unnecessary copies out of the trash.

With all of these changes made to the campus, the Green Task Force isn’t done. The task at hand now is spreading the word to faculty, staff and students.

“This committee is a sign of additional acceptance,” Butler said.

“It takes a lot of education and slow steps to get people to change things.”

With the continued work being done by the Green Task Force, OCCC is becoming a more environmentally friendly campus.

There are more ideas and plans the group is working with, in hopes to continue the “go green” initiative on campus.

Chris Tampkins, cyber security major, uses the recycling machine located in the Main Building. There are several locations throughout campus designated for recycled plastic bottles and cans.

Top 10 gross recycling projects

10. Elephant Poo Paper
9. Semen Beauty Products
Semen is a rich source of spermine, an anti-oxidant.
8. Poo Power
In many parts of the world, human waste is being used to obtain gas to cook meals.
7. Foreskin Recycling
Researchers are now harvesting baby foreskin for medical purposes.
6. Human Waste Used to Build New Doors
5. There’s Hair in my Food!
L-cysteine is a dough conditioner used by bakeries for making dough and is made from human hair.
4. Pee-Powered Batteries
3. Pee Pills
Human urine contains an enzyme called urokinase that has blood clot-dissolving properties. UrPort-A-John has toilets with a filter that can process urine into urokinase.
2. Sludge Bricks
A French company manufactures Ecobrique that uses sewage sludge to create building material.
1. Humanure
Humanure is being used on agricultural lands.

http://www.toptenz.net
That Team Over There win series

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After two hard fought games “That Team Over There” prevailed and will represent OCCC in the National Intramural Flag Football Championships Nov. 4 in Dallas.

Uter domination occurred on Oct. 14 when That Team over There met the Smash Brothers in the 8-on-8 Intramural Flag Football Championship series, in a best two out of three playoff series.

TTOT went on to win the first two matches and were crowned 8-on-8 Flag Football Champions after the best of three play-off series, scoring a combined 96 points in quite elegant fashion.

“Elegant fashion” did not end with the games and the Smash Brothers in sync and always seemed under pressure from TTOT’s Benjamin Dunn, who recorded two sacks—a rare feat in flag football.

TTOT quarterback Brad McKay said, “We were down one player and we were lacking chemistry. I thought we were lacking chemistry. We just felt like they were missing a piece.”

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The switch proved to be effective as the score was now 40-6.

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For many, it would have been a mistake to confuse their honorable expression for weakness however, as was evident in TTOT’s 50-26 Game 1 victory.

TTOT is an offensive juggernaut, who seem to come up with consistent scoring drives in an “on-the-fly” way. “We run the ‘DOT’ offense: Do our own thing,” TTOT quarterback Brad McKay said.

Coming off the Game 1 loss, the Smash Brothers wanted to come out in Game 2 and bring some energy and to hit on all cylinders.

Unfortunately for the Smash Brothers, that new energy quickly evaporated as TTOT struck first.

TTOT’s lefty quarterback Ryan Fields connected with Clinton Fowler for a five-yard gain but, being the playmaker that he is, Fowler quickly turned five yards into a long creative touchdown reception.

The Fowler touchdown made it 8-0 to TTOT after the two-point conversion. Fields and Fowler seemed to be the consistent duo for most of the day.

After a non-productive drive by the Smash Brothers, Fields threw a beauty of a spiral deep to Fowler to make it 16-0 with the extra try.

The Smash Brothers finally started to gain some ground on their next possession.

The Smash Brothers quarterback Victor Quezada was able to consistently find his crew of receivers, with receptions from Eriz Espinoza, Stephen Udo, Sean Roberts and Will Crome. The Smash Brothers were finally able to get into scoring position.

Not to be left out, Quezada also found DaShon Lovelace in the back of the end zone to make it 16-6.

After the Smash Brothers score, the game then tipped in favor of TTOT.

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Luckily for the Smash Brothers, Quezada would find time and escape the pressure to find Roberts and Lovelace for two consecutive touchdowns plus a two point-conversion, which then made the score a respectable 46-28.

Throughout the championship series, chemistry became a key factor for both teams and it showed.

Fewer players and a lack of inter-squad understanding seemed to be the main obstacle for the Smash Brothers.

“We were down one player and we were lacking chemistry,” Lovelace said.

This, however, was never a problem for an experienced TTOT.

“Most of us have played together since we were in junior high and we are all good friends so we might go to the park and just throw it around for fun,” McKay said.

This was apparent and key to TTOT winning the 8-on-8 Flag Football Championship.

TTOT players are very excited about the trip to Texas as well as the competition.

“Yeah, we are stoked for Texas,” McKay said.

“We’re excited to play some good teams from all over,” Hensley said.

“Plus just the trip itself is going to be a lot of fun.”

Zumba instructor Caryn Hales works out some moves in the sports and recreation gym Oct. 15. In addition to Zumba in the gym aquatic zumba was also offered.

RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER
and corporate officials to task for their supposed involvement in the economic collapse of 2008.

Kerr Park “resident” and protestor Zakk Flash said he has been active in the protests since the earliest general assemblies of Occupy OKC, and is an organizer for their sister movement 18 miles south with Occupy Norman.

Flash believes a portion of the changes being called for have come in response to the weight of unsustainable social criterion.

“Change occurs not simply because it should or because enough people fill permitted and predetermined ‘free-speech zones,’” Flash said.

“But because the status quo becomes too difficult to maintain, whether socially, financially or politically. Strength of conviction or validity of argument is not enough.”

Oklahomans, New Yorkers and citizens of many communities across the country are beginning to see a mobilization of the disenfranchised, and a consolidation of efforts to mobilize their various grievances like those being voiced in Kerr Park.

Oklahoma native, small business operator and Orlando, Fla., resident Vik D said he feels the movement’s apparent lack of a central message is more a strength than a weakness.

“The thing is, is that people are pissed and they’re pissed for many reasons,” D said.

“If this was a protest against just one of the ways the people are getting screwed then it might have been difficult to find thousands of people who are particularly pissed about a single issue.”

New York City resident Mark Barry has interacted with the protestors at what has become the de facto “ground zero” for the movement in lower-Manhattan’s Zuccotti Park and greets the growing protests with enthusiasm and also points out the merits of a message that isn’t necessarily “universal.”

“I don’t agree with everything I hear [in Zuccotti Park] but I don’t have to. That’s part of the beauty of the movement, different ideas and viewpoints being put out into the marketplace,” Barry said via phone call.

“That’s the essence of democracy and what makes this country great.”

One point many protestors and citizens agree on is they feel finances have become too at-home in the political arena.

“How many American can think their vote matters, when special interest groups, also known as lobbyists, are pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into politicians’ pockets, is astounding.” Barry said.

D echoed the point, citing the wealth disparity between citizens and their elected officials.

“One percent of the people are millionaires and 50 percent of Congress are millionaires,” D said.

“We are not being represented and the difference is that the conservatives want laws that favor millionaires because they were taught that they have the opportunity to achieve that; whereas a lot of the rest of us are aware that it’s a rigged game.”

An increasing number of comparisons have been made that compare the Occupy movements to those of the multiple “Arab Spring” protests occurring over the last year in much of the Middle East including Libya, Syria, Egypt and Tunisia. But Americans are hesitant to attach complete symmetry between the two movements.

“They’re both protests against corrupt systems which have resulted in poverty and the equivalent of servitude. But I think the similarities probably end there,” Barry said.

Flash agreed.

“While I agree many of the goals are ideologically similar — namely, corruption of government by casino capitalists and a rejection of strong handed tactics by authoritarian governments — I hesitate to correlate the two in such terms,” Flash said.

Whether the movement continues to gain strength as time passes will be something that will force supporters and detractors both to “wait and see,” but there is no denying that a great many hopeful voices are being raised at a time when hope may seem to be in short supply.

“In times like these it behooves us to remember that democracy isn’t dying — it is being killed,” Flash said.

“And those who are killing it have names and addresses.”

Barry said seeing people fight back puts a smile on his face.

“I am happy, you might even say relieved, that somebody is finally taking a stand against what is and always has been an inequitable system designed to maintain the status quo,” Barry said.

While unsure of its ultimate direction or fate, Morris is optimistic about the movement.

“How will the Occupy Wall Street/OKC movement lead? No one knows. But the movement is making a difference already,” Morris said.

“The media is no longer only talking about debt and austerity, but are instead now talking about unemployment, the mortgage crisis, the occupy protests, and the economy in general.”

The Occupy OKC protestors were granted an initial three-day permit to assemble at Kerr Park that is open to daily renewal by the City Council.

The Occupy Wall Street movement began, in earnest, Sept. 17 when Zuccotti Park became flooded with protestors who gathered in an attempt to confront social injustices they believe to be occurring in the U.S.
Linguistics flair for November

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Poetry readings, Latin dance lessons, a presentation about the Arabic language, and a Japanese cultural workshop are among the activities scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the World Languages and Cultures Center on the second floor of the Main building.

Coordinator Chiaki Troutman said this will be the third annual Modern Languages Festival, which aspires to raise awareness of languages and cultures. The festival will be a come-and-go affair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“I am nervous but very excited,” Troutman said. “This festival is a really great opportunity for students to experience.”

In previous years, more than 100 students have attended the festival. Troutman said it is open to the general student body, is geared towards language learners, and is completely free.

The festival will commence with a short-and-sweet ice breaker led by Troutman, in which students will get to share how to say “hello” and listen to others say “hello” in many different languages.

Afterwards, Abra Figueroa will host a poetry-reading session filled with international students’ poems from their native literature presented in various languages. Figueroa is the ESL Academic Bridge Program coordinator and a professor of modern languages.

At 12:30 p.m., Keven Mendoza will teach the Bachata, a Dominican dance. “I love dancing,” he said. Mendoza was once a dance instructor. His interactive session will introduce students to the basic steps. Mendoza is a native of Mexico and serves as a work-study student assistant in the WLCC.

After that will be a cultural presentation by Thabet Swaiss, a native Jordanian who has served as an Arabic professor at OCCC, and Amin Zadeh, Communications Lab assistant. Swaiss is a former broadcaster who worked as a Jordan Television Corporation reporter in Amman, Jordan. He and Zadeh will speak about the rising importance of the Arabic language and the potential influence it could have on employment in the future. They also will discuss the cultural aspects of learning Arabic. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Then, at 2:30 p.m., Troutman will host yet another session entitled “How to Rosetta Stone,” where she will present a short demonstration of the language software and answer any questions regarding it.

Concluding the festival, Japanese language instructor Keiko Shafer will lead a hands-on workshop filled with Japanese cultural practices. Shafer is a representative of the Japan-America Association of Oklahoma.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided for participants throughout the event.

The event is sponsored by the WLCC as part of the Arts and Humanities division and by Student Life.

For more information, call Troutman at 405-682-1611 ext. 7523, check out the website at http://www.occc.edu/world and their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OCCCCWLCC.
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Hunting, fishing on campus

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The land where the college is now located was undeveloped prairie not so many years ago, one speaker told a group of students on Oct. 13.

Native American writer Phillip Carroll Morgan spoke about his Oklahoma ties to 30 students and faculty members in the Bruce Owen Theater as part of Humanities Week.

Morgan spoke about experiencing OCCC before the school was created.

"I grew up here on the south side of Oklahoma City," Morgan said.

"I hunted and fished on this very acreage. No shops, no freeway was here."

Professor Michael Snyder said Morgan gave him a new perspective on the campus.

"I found it fascinating that he had that kind of connection to the school and the land," said Snyder, who invited both speakers to participate in the event.

"It really inspired me. It made me rethink my ties to the school and the land."

Morgan played three songs on the guitar and read three poems. He encouraged the audience to sing along with the chorus to the first song, "Jump Down, Turn Around, Pick a Bale of Cotton."

"I liked the songs," said Taylor Barnes, music major. She sang along, she said.

Her favorite of the three songs was "Talk's Cheap."

"The song is made up of old sayings and a few original ones that my father told me over the years," Morgan said. "My father followed the Indian stereotype pretty closely, but possessed a good sense of humor."

"He was fair and kind. He was truly a man of few words." Barnes said, "It was cool he put [all the advice] together in the song."

The other speaker, Charles Red Corn, spoke about Osage history and tradition that lasts even in the present.

He spoke about the I lo'n shka dances that take place in Gray Horse, Hominy, and Pawhuska for four days each and have been going on for over 110 years.

"I think the I lo'n shka dance has kept us together," Red Corn said. "It's a social dance. It's part of the glue that holds us together. It's not just black and white. It works."

"The novel tells four stories, Red Corn said. It covers the discovery of oil and the wealth it brought the Osage; the ancient Osage teachings; how much fun he thought the 1920s were; and the Osage murders and the conspiracies against them to inherit oil rights."

"Over 300 Osages died from inadequately explained causes during the 1920s," said Red Corn.

"I started out writing the novel and leaving out the murders, but I figured out you can't do it."

"The novel took him three years to write, Red Corn said. Professor Stephen Morrow opened the evening, and Snyder introduced both speakers. Morrow and Snyder, as well as Professor Bertha Wise and Professor John Inglett, shared personal works after intermission.

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Time For Three perform Nov. 3

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Their music combines elements of classical, country-western, jazz idioms, and string.

Known as Time for Three, the trio includes Ranaan Meyer, playing double bass, with Zachary De Pue and Nicolas Kendal, playing violins.

The group will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in Bruce Owen Theater.

Time for Three began its young career with a unique new category of music and the not-so-usual combination of musical instruments, said Lemuel Bardeguez, Cultural Arts director.

"These three musicians played together while students at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute for Music, Bardeguez said. Each of them brought a different musical sound to the group, which they experimented with and formed their own sense of style.

"After Time for Three makes a stop at OCCC, the group will go on to Tulsa to perform."

Bardeguez said he heard Time for Three play at the Philadelphia Orchestra in 2003, they gained the attention of Philadelphia’s Mann Center of Performing Arts during a power outage.

Meyer and De Pue started an impromptu jam session, which made the crowd go wild, Bardeguez said.

They are a well-known group that has performed at more than 200 engagements, many much larger than OCCC’s theater.

Tickets for the event are $22 for the public and $10 for students. Tickets are available in person at the Office of Cultural Programs (1G1A MB), inside the SEM Entry 1 or may be purchased at the Cultural Arts Series website at http://www.occc.edu/cas/time-for-three. html, or by phone at (405) 682-7576.