STRENGTHQUEST ASSESSMENT WILL HELP STUDENTS PLAN FUTURE

Workshops draw out strengths

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There is a solution for students who find themselves in college's biggest quandary: What am I going to do with the rest of my life?

OCCC’s Student Life is offering a free seminar that might help answer that question, said Amy Reynolds, first year experience and Student Life programs coordinator.

“StrengthQuest is different from other similar programs because it never focuses on your weaknesses.” —Amy Reynolds

StrengthQuest gives students a voice to describe their own personality by evaluating a test used to identify their strengths.

“To start the program, students will show up on day one and take an online assessment to determine their top five personal strengths,” Reynolds said. “The assessment doesn’t take very long because (with) each question they are trying to get your first response, so there is a timer.”

The assessment is similar to personality tests, but it is unique in one important way. “StrengthQuest is different from other similar programs because it never focuses on your weaknesses,” Reynolds said. “It tells your five strengths, but you have no idea what your sixth strength is or what your last place strength is, so it stays positive.”

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Free speech right abused by group

The impact of one of the more recent interpretations of the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment is currently being witnessed across the nation in the 2012 presidential primary elections.

The result of two U.S. Supreme Court rulings has created what have been termed Super PACs this election season. PAC is an acronym for political action committee.

And, although PACs have existed for quite some time, the difference now is, Congress has lifted some of the regulations that limit the amount of campaign contributions PACs can give.

In 2010, the Supreme Court ruled on the case Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. They decided in favor of Citizens United with an opinion that took away the government’s power to place limits on how much money a corporation could independently spend for political purposes.


It lifted limits on individual independent expenditure-only contributions. The result is Super PACs. The Super PACs are still required to list their donors and are not allowed to directly coordinate with a candidate’s campaign organization.

Despite that, they are still largely responsible for the barrage of campaign ads invading America’s televisions and computers, according to The Wall Street Journal report titled, “How Much Are Super PACs Spending?”

It has a listing of Super PACs, which candidate they support or oppose, how much they paid, who it went to, and what it was spent on.

Both rulings extended the protection of the First Amendment to cover campaign contributions as free speech.

I’m of the mindset that free speech is always a good thing but I don’t think free speech is the real issue in this situation.

Free speech is simply being used as a sacred American ideal by corporations attempting to have the government influenced through a flow of campaign contributions that the average citizen has no hope of matching.

For the record, corporations are not people.

They are made up of people. No matter how broad a constitutional brush you want to paint with, these are not the same things.

Soon, we will see exactly how an unlimited amount of campaign support funding from corporations and individuals affects the structure of our political system.

The interests of those wealthy enough to contribute vast amounts to a candidate’s campaign will take precedent in a winner-takes-all political system. It is foolish to assume otherwise.

In the end, I suppose it is not too far removed from the age-old practice of sending an army of lobbyists to bombard Capitol Hill into submission.

Instead of being killed quietly in the dark, it seems the American Dream is now being beaten to death in broad daylight.

—Chris James
Staff Writer

Obama administration wrong to force birth control issue

To the Editor:

A recent ruling by the Obama administration would have faith-based organizations paying for birth control for their employees. This is seen as a landmark ruling, but ultimately [puts] the government in a dangerous position.

By forcing religious groups to partake in something they do not agree with — as this resolution most assuredly will — the question has to be asked: where will it end?

Where will the governments’ assault on the liberties of groups and people, brought on by both Republicans and Democrats alike, stop?

We will tell you where: when they can trample over any and all who disagree with them.

The actions people take now can set up future generations to make dangerous or immoral decisions, even if the intentions of the originators are good. Is this the America you want to live in? There is phenomenal strength in diversity of thought.

We might not like people who hold views and opinions and beliefs different from our own, and we might think of them as hippies, hillbillies, fools, or braggarts, but the fact is, their freedom of thought is what guarantees us ours.

We are not saying the current administration is purposefully doing this; it is most likely that they feel as if they are doing society a great favor, and trying to make a difference is commendable.

However, we feel there is a better way to do this.

The people who work for these religious institutions are under no obligation to continue their employment, and if the employment numbers recently released by the administration are to be believed, there might not be a better time to find new employment, especially with an organization that doesn’t stand opposed to something one might feel strongly about, like reproductive rights.

We applaud the Obama administration for trying to be fair, but this is a swing and a miss.

—OCCC
College Republicans
**COMMENTS AND REVIEWS**

**MOVIE REVIEW** | Latest 'Underworld' installment adult fare

‘Awakening’ delivers as urban film

Kicking off the year to a blazing good start, “Underworld: Awakening” continues the story of the vampire Selene (Kate Beckinsale.)

Released January 20, the movie starts with the revelation of the vampire and lycan races to humans, and the subsequent war and attempted genocide.

Selene and her hybrid lover Michael (Scott Speedman) attempt escape, but the human authorities get the drop on them. Michael is apparently killed and Selene captured. Selene wakes up in a cold storage facility, where it seems she has been the subject of experimentation. She soon escapes, and goes on to prod buttock and wreak havoc on a world where lycans and vampires are endangered species.

Easily the equal of the other three Underworld movies, “Awakening” takes the storyline of the first two, which focused on the hybrid Michael, and the hybridized vampire elder Marcus, in a new direction with the introduction of Eve.

A fast-moving plot combines with stunning special effects to keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

And the effects are pure eye candy. Whereas in the first three movies, much of the combat is between lycans and vampires and thus a relatively fair fight, “Awakening” allows Selene to open up on humans.

The difference is shocking, violent, and absolutely delicious. The blinding speed and incredible strength available to vampires is showcased and, for perhaps the first time, the audience sees Selene from a human perspective. It’s a jolting reminder that oh, yes, Selene is a really dangerous woman.

But the special effects, though spectacular, are almost pushed to the background by the skill of the cast. Everyone in the cast turns in a star performance, from Stephen Rea’s creepy, brooding Dr. Jacob Lane, to India Eisley’s simultaneously heart-warming and spooky Eve.

If there is one bad thing to say about this movie, it’s that Scott Speedman sat this one out. The Michael character is this author’s personal favorite of the series, and his absence from “Awakening” drew a sigh of disappointment.

But overall, a brilliant cast, stunning effects, and clean plot make “Awakening” one of the best urban fantasy films out today, and definitely worth a look.

Fair warning though: the vampires don’t sparkle, and the werewolves don’t whine. These are the monsters in the dark, and not for children.

Rating: A

—Jeremy Cloud
Editor

**RESTAURANT REVIEW** | Coffee chain now has something for everyone’s taste

Starbucks’ new blonde roast ‘mellow’

Starbucks recently re-categorized the roasts of coffee: dark roast, medium roast, and introducing blonde roast.

The blonde roast is Starbucks’ lightest coffee roast yet. There are two variations of the blonde roast, Veranda and Willow.

Both variations are light, but the tasting notes are completely different.

Veranda is created from Latin American coffee beans. It is described as soft and mellow, but many flavors are expressed on the palate.

When I tasted the Veranda I got a rush of nutty cocoa flavors. After the rush I tasted a small amount of blossom or a slightly sweet flavor with a touch of a toasted flavor.

I am more surprised at how light the coffee is but possesses such flavor.

Willow, the other blonde roasted coffee, is on the other end of the spectrum by my tastes. Willow is a multi-region coffee, created from Latin American and East African beans. Willow is described as bright and clean, which I found to be accurate.

As I smelled the Willow I could detect the citrus notes and a bit of sweetness in the coffee. I took the first slurp and the coffee sparkled on my tongue. I tasted lemon and hints of sweetness. The body of the coffee is a medium acidity.

The Willow has far more character than the Veranda.

The blonde roast coffees are tasty and delicious and can please anyone looking for a light roast coffee.

I enjoy the complexity of the Willow, especially the notes of lemon tangled with a hint of sweetness.

Overall, the introduction of the Blonde Roast coffees by Starbucks is wonderful.

Now there is something for everyone and every mood.

Rating: A+

—Emily Schorr
Staff Writer

Does your club have an exciting event or meeting coming up? If so, call Robert Bolton at 405-682-1611, ext. 7410, or email him at communitywriter@occc.edu.
MOVIE REVIEW | Based on a true story, film portrays lives of photojournalists

‘Bang Bang’ an intensely political movie

The last years of Apartheid of South Africa was not only amazingly trying on the natives of the land, but also on the photographers as shown in Steven Silver’s 2010 true story film, “The Bang Bang Club.”

The film focuses on mainly the characters and the drama that comes between them, but the overall point is how they go about capturing phenomenal photos during this extremely dangerous time period from 1948 to 1993 when a system of legal racial separation existed in South Africa.

Neels Van Jaarsveld (Joao Silva), Taylor Kitsch (Kevin Carter) and Frank Rautenbach (Ken Oosterbroek) are three young combat photographers who eventually meet up with Greg Marinovich (Ryan Phillippe), and are all bonded by friendship and their sense of purpose to tell the truth.

If you are in the mood for a suspenseful, risk-taking movie, this one shows how four photographers jeopardized their lives to tell the world of the brutality and violence during this time.

The intensity of the political period brought out their best work which won two of them Pulitzer prizes.

Based on the book of the same name, written by two of the photographers, the film also stars Robin Comley (Martin Akerman). It explores the thrill, danger and moral questions associated with exposing the truth.

For any journalist, especially photojournalists, this movie is a must see.

It explains that nothing is impossible — no matter what it takes to get the shot, the story, it is all worth it.

Rating: A

—SARAH HUSSAIN
Senior Writer

APP REVIEW | Mac application good but could use improvement

iBooks 2 allows users to create textbooks — with limits

On Thursday, Jan. 9, Apple released iBooks Author, an application to create books for the iBooks 2 app, iTunes U and the iBooks Bookstore. The application is for Mac OS X and is available for free in the Mac App Store.

According to the Apple website, “iBooks Author is an amazing new app that allows anyone to create beautiful Multi-Touch textbooks — and just about any other kind of book — for iPad.”

It would appear the target audience for the application would then be educators and self-publishers.

On that, Brian Chen of the New York Times has noted the end-user license agreement reads, in part:

“If you charge a fee for any book or other work you generate using this software (a “Work”), you may only sell or distribute such Work through Apple (e.g., through the iBookstore) and such distribution will be subject to a separate agreement with Apple.”

While that bit seems prohibitive, the program has many redeeming features.

To begin, the application has a number of professional-looking templates that allow for a quick start.

These templates mostly look like textbooks, but are highly adaptable and adjustable.

The interface is easily recognizable for those that have worked with Apple’s iWork suite, and the program allows for cross program integration with both Pages and Keynote.

The user experience is much like using word processors in a What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get environment that supports drag-and-drop for images, sound, video and 3D objects.

Those multimedia items are part of a class of document options the program calls widgets.

Other widgets include charts, interactive images, photo galleries, and a method of setting up review material that tests the reader.

Beyond that, the application automatically generates a table of contents for the user. The user may set up glossary terms with definitions and include a brief introductory video to the book.

Publishing the book is just as easy as putting it together. It provides a way of previewing the book on the user’s own iPad.

Clicking on the button labeled “publish” brings the user to a save dialogue that will allow one to upload to the iBookstore using iTunes Producer.

The book also can be exported in iBooks format or as a PDF to be distributed personally without charge.

Overall — docking points for

—Mike Wormley
Online Writer

Comments? Opinions? Let us know!
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TOP 20 MOVIES

weekend of Feb. 4 through 6

1. Chronicles
2. The Woman In Black
3. The Grey
4. Big Miracles
5. Underworld: Awakening
6. One for the Money
7. Red Tails
8. The Descendants
9. Man on a Ledge
10. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
11. Contraband
12. The Artist
13. Beauty and the Beast
14. Hugo
15. The Iron Lady
17. Joyful Noise
18. Haywire
19. Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
20. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
Writing workshop to help students excel

Students receive assistance with more than grammar and punctuation

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The Communications Lab will be holding a writing workshop for OCCC students Feb. 27 in room College Union 2.

"Beyond Proofreading" will help students examine issues in writing that delve deeper than just grammar and punctuation, said Rachel Olsen, Communications Lab supervisor.

"We want to help students identify writing needs that are not just about editing," Olsen said.

"This workshop will help students talk with tutors about writing concerns such as development, organization, rhetorical situations, and research."

In addition, Olsen said, the workshop will give students a better understanding of the Communications Lab's methods of tutoring.

"Beyond Proofreading" will consist of a mock tutoring session to display what students will go through when they use the Communications Lab.

Students will also do collaborative work in teams as they go over the various areas of discussion regarding writing improvement.

Jordan Fost, literature major, is one of many students planning on attending the workshop.

"You can never get enough advice on how to become a better writer," Fost said.

"This workshop sounds like it will be an amazing way for a lot of students to improve in multiple areas, so I'm looking forward to it."

Olsen said the workshop is the first of its kind on the campus, but is excited for a possible turnout of approximately 20-50 people.

Students will be given the opportunity to learn something new in a fresh way.

"Students who attend will likely understand their own writing needs in a different way," Olsen said.

"But above all, the workshop will be fun."

For more information regarding this workshop and any others, contact Communications Lab assistant Nick Webb at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678 or by e-mail at nwebb@occc.edu.

Students get chance at redemption

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The college's Mind Games team will face off against Redlands Community College on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Redlands in OCCC's first participation since the National Academic Quiz Tournament on Jan. 21.

Mind Games is an academic contest that pits colleges statewide against one another in a battle of wits.

The game on Tuesday will be a shot at redemption for the OCCC team, who lost in the final rounds to Redlands in the tournament. The OCCC team consists of Alina Lorant, Matthew Leveredge, Richard Lee, Neil White and Mike Wormley.

The winner will be moving on to the next round, said History Professor Jeff Carlisle, who coaches the college's Mind Games team.

The team that loses will not get another attempt until next year.

"We will be having tryouts for next year's team, and a backup team, in a few weeks," Carlisle said.

He said he will be adding an additional five players to serve as backups in case of late substitution, and to have the two teams practice against one another.

To try out students must be enrolled in six credit hours.

Students who participate will get a $500 tuition waiver, Carlisle said.

The tryout schedule for next semester will be announced in a few weeks, he said. He will be getting word out through other professors and fliers.

For more information, contact Carlisle at jcarlisle@occc.edu.
Parents can attend college and have a job

ORGANIZATION IS KEY TO BALANCING SCHOOL, PARENTING AND WORK

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Time management has always been a constant pressure that students face while attending college. Research papers, midterms, and homework are the typical scenarios for students.

Add on parenting, full-time work, or a social life to these academic pressures and you have created quite the challenge for what some might consider a “nontraditional student.”

Millions of adults return to college to earn a degree, and the added responsibilities of adulthood compromise any extra social or personal time needed outside of work and school.

Single parent and OCCC nursing student Britney Morrow understands this all too well.

“Last semester I took two online classes. With kids, you have to incorporate your entire schedule around them, so it made it easy to work it all out,” Morrow said.

Morrow says the key to balancing a busy lifestyle is prioritization.

“My family comes first and foremost. So if a kid is sick, homework has to wait. And I can’t neglect my job because that puts food on the table.”

Online classes and on campus daycare have certainly eased the burden on those attending college who have a busy schedule, but a broader set of options are also available to students.

Nursing major, Britney Morrow, 26, studies in the Arts and Humanities lobby on Feb. 2. Morrow is a single mother who juggles work and parenting while attending class at OCCC.

“With kids, you have to incorporate your entire schedule around them, so it made it easy to work it all out.”

—Britney Morrow
Parent and Nursing Student

Morrow said she appreciates the late hours the professors and learning labs offer.

“Extended office hours help because once I get off work and get the kids, I can still make it up to the campus in time to take care of what I need to,” Morrow said.

Often students find that there is a sacrifice to be made with their social and personal needs outside of school.

Kylee Jones, a 2011 graduate of OCCC, found that reducing certain luxury expenses required fewer hours she needed to work.

Freed up time meant more opportunities to take classes, study, and learn. And with careful time management, a social life existed as well.

“I’m also very driven, so by prioritizing efficiently it made it possible for me to still work full-time, take college courses, and keep a fun social life.”

She believes that anyone can go to college if they really want to, regardless of circumstances.

“Figure out a good schedule that works for you, and stick to it,” Jones said.

“Being organized and managing stress helps even if your schedule is not very flexible.”

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have the financial resources to attend college.

Even those who rely on financial aid are still seeking a college education with a full-time or part-time job.

Those interested in applying for Financial Aid can apply anytime, but students should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 15, 2012 in order to get the best chance at receiving funds.

For more information regarding Student Support Services, the number is 405-682-7520.

National facts about parents in college

- 27 percent of students in college in 2010 had dependents of their own.
- Almost half (12 million) attended two-year community colleges rather than four-year schools.
- Nearly 40 percent of female undergraduates are married and/or have children.
- Only 14 percent of female undergraduates younger than 25 are married and/or have children.
- 73 percent of female undergraduates aged 25 or older are married and/or have children.

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OCCC CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB EXPLORES INTERESTS

Children learn from real life experiences

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The OCCC Child Development Center and Lab School bases its curriculum around projects that are incorporated into daily classroom activities and lessons.

The projects are inspired by questions the children have about the world around them. For example, when construction began next door on a new parking lot, the kids began asking questions about the construction vehicles. The questions prompted their teacher, Sandy Pogue, to use their curiosity for teaching various things about construction.

Pogue said the theme carries through daily activities like art, science, math, language, literacy, books and music.

The children also have dramatic play time, which has the children enacting some real life situations like going to the grocery store. Don’t forget, these are preschoolers. Additional class projects are based on other interests.

Lisa Jones said her class has been interested in learning about light and shadow since coming back from Christmas break.

They’ve been working with transparent and opaque objects, light boards, and a shadow room where the children can play with flashlights and look at glow in the dark stars.

Heather Pierce said her class is doing things like painting snowflakes and learning about warm clothes, because they took an interest in winter.

The kids are fascinated with water and its cycles in Kendra Miller’s class. She said they have access to a water table and are making things with water bottles.

Constance Pidgeon said the children are learning about bread in her class. The children are baking breads based on recipes brought from home and doing dramatic playtime to enact running a bakery.

In Adrien Wright’s OCCC student-scheduled classroom, the children had questions about what mom and dad were doing at college.

Wright said they are currently learning all about OCCC while looking at campus maps and pictures.

One of the other student-scheduled classes is taught by Julie Wray. She said that in her class, the kids had an interest in rocks. They are doing activities like examining rocks with a magnifying glass and also painting with them.

Once the kids take an interest in something, Lisa Jones said that the first step in developing a program is finding out what the children already know about the subject of interest.

The second step should be asking the kids what they would like to find out.

From there, she said it goes deeper into investigating the subject and learning about it until the children become interested in something else. Then they move on to another project.

Lee Ann Townsend, Child Development Lab supervisor, said the idea of projects being incorporated into all of the daily activities started back in the 1980s. She said the children learn best in this way.

“The research shows if children are learning about things they are interested in and what they already know something about, then the knowledge that they are building is meaningful learning,” Townsend said.

“All of our projects are about things the children have already had real life experiences with. Because the infants and toddlers have not had many real life experiences yet, their projects are subjects like water.”

OCCC students interested in enrolling their children in student-scheduled classes should contact Barbara Carter at 405-682-1611, ext. 7450.

Spots for children age 6 weeks to age 8 are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and enrollment for a semester opens at the same time as OCCC college courses.

Kate, 4, uses a light board to trace her name Feb. 3. CDCLS instructor Lisa Jones is teaching Kate and her class about light and shadows. Lee Ann Townsend, Child Development Lab supervisor said, “The project approach is the preferred approach to teaching our curriculum, because it focuses on what the children already know.”

Bronson, 2, is looking at a map of OCCC with his instructor Adrien Wright, while Emma, 1, looks at a book. Wright’s class is learning all about where mom and dad are when they go to school.
War Child, Lightning dominate court

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War Child and Sinagang came out on top in the first week of 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball. War Child defeated You Know 92-69 and the OKC Lightning defeated Sinagang 66-43.

It was evident that it was the first week because you saw a lot of walking and sloppy play due to players being out of shape.

The quality of basketball should improve as the teams gain chemistry and fatigue.

In the first game, Sinagang really struggled on defense.

OKC Lightning was not much better as they only scored 34 points going into the half.

"It was our first time out there playing together," said OKC Lightning power forward Marsean Longmire.

OKC Lightning team caption Brendan Walker dominated the first half scoring 18 points.

After leading 34-15 at half, OKC Lightning never let up in the second half due to a great combo of Walker and Longmire.

"We just went out there and played really hard," Longmire said.

Longmire contributed to the cause by adding 12 points.

Sinagang seemed to gain some chemistry scoring 28 points in the second half but it just wasn’t enough as OKC Lightning won 66-43.

In game two, War Child againsts team You Know, the first half was intense as both teams matched each other point for point.

War Child’s Antoine Newson really put on a show as he scored with ease throughout the ball game.

War Child’s guard Jacques Murray got whatever shot he wanted as he scored 15 points in the first half, and ended with 19.

You Know’s guard Marcus Robinson kept it interesting, though, by scoring 12 points in the first half.

You Know’s Saajan Patel chimed in with 12 points also as he hit four consecutive three pointers.

Despite You Know’s great shooting, War Child took a 49-41 lead going into halftime.

The second half could not have been worse for You Know as War Child went on an offensive explosion.

The second half belonged to War Child’s Antoine Newson.

Newson scored 24 of his eventual 48 points in the second half.

“We played as a team and just made runs," Newson said.

You Know just did not have enough to hang around as they were barraged with three pointers from Newson.

“They were really fast on the break and we just couldn’t keep up," You Know’s Patel said.

The intramural basketball season, started Feb. 3 and runs through Feb. 24, said Recreation and Sports specialist Eric Watson.

For more information on the OCCC Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball League, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

To enroll your team in the OCCC Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball League, visit http://imleagues.com by the end of the day Feb. 10.
Politics: Student clubs come together on political issues

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Horton said his is to expand the political field. "Without this [petition]," Horton said, "the only people guaranteed on the ballot are Republicans and Democrats. This is the only way for an independent to get on the ballot right now." Summer said he wants to see more voters. "You can't complain about what's happening to the country unless you're actively trying to make a difference," he said. "Complaining doesn't solve anything. Getting up and getting your hands dirty does." Gutierrez agrees. "It's important for everyone because it effects everyone," she said. "There's always something in politics that affects you, whether you think so or not. Your vote will count."

For more information on the College Republicans or College Democrats, visit https://occc.campusgroups.com/, or their Facebook pages: The College Republicans of Oklahoma City Community College or OCCC College Democrats.

For more information on Americans Elect, visit www.americanselect.org.

Workshop: Students will have chance to learn strengths

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Once students are aware of their strengths, they return to the seminar a week later to discuss how to explore their strengths. "The seminar gives personal insight on why you do what you do," Reynolds said. "It's great for people who don't know what they want to do in life or are asking themselves, 'how do I fit in?'"

The last meeting of the seminar is to discuss how to use personal strengths in business and student life. During the final day, students learn how their strengths interact with other strengths, and how they can be used to succeed when working with other people, Reynolds said.

For students unable to attend the February meetings, another three-day StrengthQuest seminar is scheduled for April.

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Building a house for the homeless or providing food for the hungry are just two of the community services students can sign up for at the volunteer fair. The volunteer fair will run from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on Feb. 14 in the General Dining Area and will have 25 organizations available to choose from.

Students will be given the opportunity to help different organizations around the Oklahoma City area such as The Salvation Army, the United Way, the March of Dimes, and the City Rescue Mission.

Both mechanical engineering major Rodolfo Monsivais and music major Lorrie Cobart are in the Civic Honors program and said they enjoy performing community service.

"I think it's something that everybody should participate in, because we're all helping each other in some capacity anyway," Cobart said.

"It only takes a small amount of your time," he said. Monsivais said he likes to think of the people who he is helping by donating his time.

"I feel that I am contributing and having a part, and somehow blessing their lives with my service," he said.

Student Life said they wish for people to get involved in the community, and hope the fair will inspire people.

"We want to use this as an opportunity for people to express their love of the community," said Student Life Director Erin Logan.

"We really excited about it and I'm hoping we can connect a lot of students with resources that they may need or they may want to help with," she said.

Students who are taking place in the civics honors program may find this particularly interesting, as time spent in donation to the organizations present will count towards the required hours for the civic honors program.

The program requires 50 hours of service through the school's sources, which will be available to speak with during the volunteer fair.

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—ERIN LOGAN
STUDENT LIFE DIRECTOR

Democracy at work

Jan Smallwood, from the Americans Elect organization, answers questions for sociology major Cari Knight about petitions for better ballot access on Jan. 31. Smallwood said for a nominee to run for president out of Oklahoma, a petition of 53,000 signatures is required.

For more information about the Volunteer fair, the Civic Honors program, or where to go to volunteer, call Student Life at 682-7523, or visit the civic honors website at www.occc.edu/studentLife/CivicHonors.html.
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