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The language of food



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Amanda Parker, biology lab assistant, samples foods from different cultures at the OCCC Culture and Food Fair March 5. The event was put together by the International Students Association. For \$6, attendees could get a sampling of a variety of food made by international students and professors.

Students say Higher One fond of fees

When OCCC started using the financial institution four years ago, expectations were high

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When OCCC began offering students a way to get their financial aid and loan money more quickly through a company called Higher One, the expectations were high.

Almost four years later, many students say the company has gotten out of control regarding the fees it charges, making them feel that perhaps it isn't such a great thing after all.

Acting Bursar Cynthia Gary said Higher One accounts serve many purposes — one is acting as a refund program.

"If students receive a refund on their student account, it will go on [their] Higher One card," Gary said. "It's not just for loans, but also for overpayment for any reason — unless they've paid with a credit card. In that case the refund will go back on the credit card," she said.

"If someone paid cash and dropped their classes we're not going to give them cash back. It will go on the card. We don't issue any type of refunds in this office."

Most students interviewed said they think the fees are high. Higher One charges a fee if you use pin number for purchases.

"We don't have checks and I'm charged fees each time I use it," said Mary Brennförder, photography major.

"The 50 cent PIN fee stinks. Students just don't read the insert but that doesn't make it OK," said Natasha Russell, sociology major.

When compared with other financial institution's debit MasterCard program, such as IBC or Midfirst, the funds availability and fee structure of HigherOne are similar.

"I don't like the customer service," said Cailyn Atkinson, Sociology and Forensic

STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROGRAM

OCCC offers affordable child care

NATALIA SMITH-ROBERSON
News Writing Student

For students with children, it's a big deal, yet many don't know it exists. OCCC offers first-class, low-cost child care to students, the only college in Oklahoma to do so.

Their number one goal is to help parents obtain education, said Dr. Barb Carter, assistant director of the Child Development Center and Lab School.

This child care program is different from most because it is designed to be flexible and affordable by breaking the day into five sessions: from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and from 7:30 p.m. to close.

Students only have to pay for the time their child is there and not for the whole day like most child care programs, Carter said. The low cost is only \$7.50 per session with a \$15 enrollment fee. The program does accept

“ This program has been a tremendous help because I don't have to worry about missing my night classes anymore.”

—EMILY MUSICK
OCCC STUDENT PARENT

DHS assistance.

These sessions are available for children as young as six weeks up to 8 years. It makes it easier for parents to attend OCCC during the day or evening and even during the summer.

The Student Scheduled Child Care program is housed in the same building as the Child Development Center and Lab School, at 6500 S. Land Ave., about one mile north of campus.

However, they are different programs, Carter said.

The Child Development Center and Lab School is a full-day program and parents do

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Writer says class was put on hold after a verbal outburst by a visitor

Punish offender, not bystanders

As a community college, OCCC is dedicated to serving members of — you guessed it — the community.

In addition to the full array of courses and amenities offered to students, OCCC also opens up certain facilities and classes to the public.

For example, community members with a valid driver's license or other means of identification can use library computers and check out books via a guest pass.

Citizens also can use the college's gym facilities, such as the weight room and swimming pool.

But when it comes to preferential treatment, what comes first: the community or the college?

The answer should be obvious. Students should come first in an academic environment.

However, this writer has recently learned firsthand this is not always the case.

For the past few months, I have actively participated in a water-based fitness class held in the Aquatic

Center.

Those classes came to an abrupt end last month following a verbal altercation between my instructor and a swimmer.

The swimmer in question, an older gentleman — and I use that word lightly — screamed expletives at my teacher for no reason other than our music being too loud for his liking.

My instructor was embarrassed, and the entire class felt uncomfortable.

We immediately reported the incident to a Wellness Center employee, who informed us there had been complaints about this particular individual and his aggressive outbursts before.

We also learned that he is not a student, but rather a member of the community who simply uses OCCC's pool to swim.

With an investigation of the incident pending, my \$20 per month class has been canceled indefinitely. That's understandable — acceptable, even.

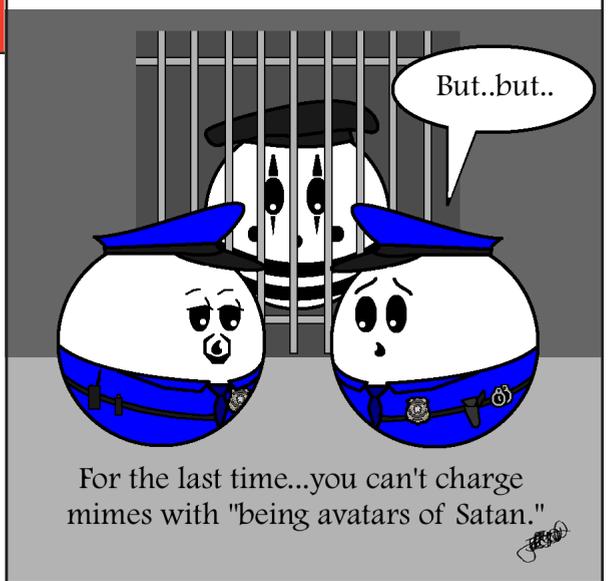
What is not acceptable is that when I stopped by the pool last week, I saw the same man, completely carefree and swimming away.

How is it fair that a class that OCCC students pay for was canceled due to this man's actions, but he is



WHITNEY KNIGHT

BALLIARD BILL



JEREMY CLOUD

allowed to continue using the same facility that our class can no longer use?

In a classroom, a student would surely be thrown out if he or she used such coarse language against a professor.

In fact, OCCC's Student Conduct Code no. 5076 states: "verbal abuse ... [and] mistreatment of any person on OCCC-owned premises" is strictly prohibited and will bring about disciplinary action.

But so far, the only action OCCC has taken in this incident has been punishing the innocent.

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
ONLINE EDITOR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR | Writer says focus on class, not what's happening outside

Campus police have better things to do than bust smokers

To the Editor:

(This letter is) in reply to the letter "Are smoking laws enforced?"

When I was in high school, I was accused of smoking by another student who was caught by a teacher.

After I was told who the student was, I was able to leave the principal's office and I confronted the student who accused me.

The student said he thought he had seen me and apologized for the accusation.

I told him it was not about whether

“ I would worry more about listening to the professor in the writer's class than people who are smoking outside a window.”

—DAMON BREWER
OCCC STUDENT

I was smoking or not but what gave him the idea for telling on someone for something so trivial?

The letter writer emphasizes the use of non-smoking signs and that the OCCC police need to enforce the law.

Using that same logic, would the writer email the police for every speeder when there are speed limit signs also on the road?

Making sure the campus stays safe should be the first priority of the OCCC police. Sneaking around trying to catch people smoking is not.

In high school, I can understand this to an extent, but at an adult college it has no place.

If the smokers get caught, they are

old enough to suffer the consequences.

I would worry more about listening to the professor in the writer's class than people who are smoking outside a window.

—DAMON BREWER
OCCC STUDENT

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOD REVIEW | A dose of cultural information enriches festivities

Cultural food fair worth \$6 admission

This year's Cultural Food Fair, hosted by the International Student Association, was just as interesting as last year, though the festivities were put in separate areas.

It cost \$6 to get in the door to the food area, and all four walls were lined with tables. Each table had food from a different part of the world. There were students from just as many different places not only manning the tables, but also visiting and loading up on food.

In the greater dining area, students and professors talked about the countries they were from.

World Languages and Cultures Center Lab Coordinator Chiaki Troutman talked about her home country of Japan, and how the OCCC student support after the massive earthquakes really touched her.

The life experiences really made the trip to the College Union a lot more interesting and informative than the usual trip and complemented the reason we were all

there — the food.

The lumpia, a Chinese dish, had a heavy pork flavor and was weighed down with grease but was delicious, and tasted like a spring roll that is bad for you.

The India curry was almost completely bland, save for a tiny hint of sweetness. It was overshadowed — on the spice scale — by the rest of the Indian food that was represented.

The Chinese fried rice was really good and I caught a bit of sweetness in addition to the spiciness. The very thin slices of meat were a good addition.

The sushi was extremely lacking, as there was little of everything save for cream cheese, which overpowered the entire roll.

The South Korean noodles were incredible and contained chunks of mushroom and steak. I could have eaten a large plate of it and been happy.

There were Turkish meatballs, that tasted spicy, meaty and were

really good without the sauce, but the sauce that came with it added just a bit of sweetness to the entirety of the meatball. It was beautiful.

There was a dish that was made of fried plantains and chicken. Plantains are related to bananas, but have a thicker, starchier taste, but are extremely sweet. I didn't get any chicken from it, but I caught hints of meat on the fruit, which gave it an interesting flavor. It was very tasty.

Last of what I experienced was a South Korean eggroll. These eggrolls weren't like the ones you see in Chinese restaurants but were more like omelettes that were rolled up with various spices, then sliced into thin sections. They were wonderful, and made good use of the egg.

I think the cultural food fair was a great success yet again, and am looking forward to the next one.

Rating: A

—ROBERT BOLTON
COMMUNITY WRITER

ELECTRONICS REVIEW | Image quality just one selling point

Sony camcorder an 'addictive' toy

Just last fall, Sony introduced the NEX-VG20 camcorder. After a few rounds of shooting with it, I have found this could be a very addictive toy.

The NEX-VG20 is a mirrorless interchangeable lens camera that is compatible with Sony's E-mount and A-mount lenses, reducing the thickness of what traditional digital, single lens reflex cameras have and giving you more creative control than ever before.

This video camera features a 16.1 megapixel Exmor CMOS sensor that captures images in the RAW format, a post-processing flexibility that should be familiar to fans of DSLR cameras. Any video enthusiast will appreciate the beautiful depth of field that can

be achieved with this camera.

Competing well with the performance of DSLR cameras (that have, in recent years, become more 'prosumer' in versatility and in sales) the NEX-VG20 records 1920 x 1080/24p AVCHD video with smoother motion.

For those unfamiliar with those specs, it essentially means it has some killer image quality.

Now introduced with this camera is Cinema-Tone technology that enriches color saturation and recreates film-color tones.

Combined with the option of 24p recording, some of the tools for cinematic expression will be right at your fingertips. And if 24p doesn't sound good, perhaps

the options of 60p or 60i will give it the justice it deserves.

The camera has an unprecedented autofocus system, but the camera is tailored more for manual users. It's equipped with just a few outward buttons, which control shutter speed, aperture, white balance, and gain—the typical controls you would find on a video camera.

Other features that are included on the body are a touchscreen interface for menu options, dual hot and cold accessory shoes, media slot that works for either Memory Stick Duo or SD cards, and last but not least — the 5.1-channel audio with the Quad Capsule Spatial Array microphone.

Capturing surround sound has never been easier.

The only drawbacks I found with this camera were the lack of XLR inputs and programmable buttons. But even without these features, I would still recommend this camera to a fellow videographer.

This camera will cost you about \$2,200, an average price for a professional video camera. It's worth every penny.

Even if this new video camera is not integrated as a new industry standard, this video camera will leave enough creative control with the user to disregard any global expectations.

Rating: A

—CASEY R. AKARD
STAFF WRITER

JOB & CAREER POWER

Military job fair on campus March 29

On Thursday, March 29, the OCCC Military Career Fair will be presented from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the College Union greater dining area. Recruiters will be sharing military and educational benefits information.

Many branches of the U.S. military, and campus offices and programs will be represented including:

Air Force Reserve
Air Force
Air National Guard
Army
Marines
Navy
OCCC Student Employment & Career Services
OCCC Veteran's Services
OCCC Corporate Learning
Oklahoma National Guard
Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
Oklahoma Office of Personnel Management
Workforce Oklahoma
ROTC-UCO Army
ROTC-OU
Coast Guard & Reserve

The Tinker Air Force Base Internship Program (TIP) will present a workshop from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, in CU3 for business majors interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Business students accepted into the program will work during their junior and senior years at Tinker for 20 hours each week and receive \$13.41 per hour. Work schedules will not interfere with college coursework and based on graduation, GPA students may be hired by Tinker and enter a fast-track that could lead to GS-11, or a \$50,000 per year salary at the end of two years of employment.

Please do not pass up these career and employment events.

For more information, visit the Student Employment & Career Services office in Room 1G7 of the first floor of the Main Building or call 405-682-7519.

—DEBRA VAUGHN, DIRECTOR
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT & CAREER SERVICES

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

BUSINESS REVIEW | Free parking doesn't override the high admittance price

Oklahoma Aquarium not worth the drive to Jenks

When you've been to aquariums on either coast of this country, you don't hold high expectations for ones that are stuck spot in the middle of Oklahoma.

You've probably guessed it. The Oklahoma Aquarium has very little to offer in the way of awe and amazement.

Ever since hearing great opinions of it this past summer, I have had a desire to see it for myself.

To begin with, from where I live in Norman, it is quite a hike to get there — Jenks to be exact.

Jenks is just outside of Tulsa and because construction there never stops, there is mad construction. If you don't take the correct exit, good luck finding your way.

The Tulsa area is a lot like the DFW area, where the other cities could be considered either Dallas or Fort Worth. It isn't all that easy to navigate.

Parking at the Aquarium is free — a plus.

Although the website says adults must pay \$13.95 to get in, after taxes, it comes to \$15 and some change.

At this point I was thinking, "Okay, this has to be worth it."

However, what felt like millions of tiny, screaming kids running around made me immediately second guess that thought.

The Aquarium is really easy to navigate — another plus.

But after getting through half of it, which only took a whopping 10 minutes, the feeling of being cheated from how much you had to pay to get in starts taking over the joy of looking at the pretty fish.

There is no blowfish, super disappointment.



There is, however, an open tank to pet stingrays — small plus.

It ends with a tunnel to walk in, get dizzy and run into other people trying to look up at the sharks swimming overhead. There aren't even that many sharks.

After that, you get to dodge more screaming kids as you walk all the way back to the entrance to exit.

It's not worth it.

Even for someone who has never been to an aquarium, I

don't suggest trying this one.

Rating: D-

—SARAH HUSSAIN
SENIOR WRITER

RESTAURANT REVIEW | No music or games and dull food add up to a bad experience

The Man Cave is pricey, lacks in atmosphere

Upon entering a place called The Man Cave, one would expect to see scantily dressed beautiful buxom women, beer from door to door, television sets the size of a car, games and, if you're lucky, some good music.

That's not what I found at The Man Cave, recently established at 1522 W Lindsey in Norman.

For those students and staff who might live or frequent the local hot spots Norman has to offer, I say this is just another sunken ship.

Unfortunately, this business was established at an old Kettle — you know, the once popular diner Oklahoma has not seen sign of in more than a decade.

It has since changed hands from Chinese food to failed pizza parlor and more.

That doesn't really look good for any proprietor's future.

I wonder if this should have made me question their ability to reason.

The Man Cave did offer something right off the bat. The parking lot is enormous.

As my party made its way to the door I had vague flashbacks to high school, of makeout ses-

sions in those spacious secluded spaces, and bam — my attention is drawn elsewhere.

The lovely waitress who greeted us was indeed beautiful, buxom and scantily clad. She wore a goalie uniform-print half-top, which showed a bit more than cleavage, and very short black shorts. This must have been unfortunate for her. I believe she was the only waitress working and her top was obviously falling off.

The Man Cave has pretty cheap beer. Others in my party each got an import bottle for \$2.95, while I stuck with the other beer, root beer for \$2.50 — kinda pricey for a product that has a food cost of about a nickle.

And the rest of the menu made my wallet drop to the floor.

Avast a cheap pixelated, laminated piece of paper lay a menu that confused my party.

Overpriced sandwiches, pizza, wings and appetizers were all nestled snugly on the page. And what was smack dab in the middle? Salad. Not big-old meaty, cheesy, leafy salad but plain old salad, with an option to make it a chef salad.

I had to wonder what man says 'Gee I want a salad,' without getting hit in the face by another man. Needless to say I stayed away from the salad.

Our waitress recommended the wings, so at \$6.95 for six wings, we were hoping to see some nice meaty wings.

Our wings came and boy, was I disappointed. The garlic wings lacked the taste of garlic. They were juicy — but not boneless and definitely not meaty.

According to our waitress, the wings are what they pride themselves on.

So now I was afraid. These wings were obviously cooked from frozen.

The rest of us ordered burgers which came with a choice of potato wedges, chips or potato balls (mini potato). I got the balls. The burgers were kinda pricey. The bacon cheeseburger I ordered was almost \$9. I was hoping for that price it would be loaded with bacon but was disappointed later.

Now came our \$8.95 burgers. They were good but hardly worth the money.

The balls were just fine, but

there was no butter provided to me by the waitress so they were dry. Overall, I not impressed.

So bring on the music and games.

The Man Cave had none. I mean not even a bar-top game that you could spend hours playing strip poker or something on.

And where was the jukebox? No music in a bar is just wrong. And even though the walls were clad with kind of large flat-screen televisions, it felt as if the place just lacked so much in living up to its image.

Upon leaving, I and the others in my party all agreed we would not be eating at The Man Cave again, as if the experience were some dirty little secret we should never share with the world.

If nothing else, at least a good cheap bar with bountiful parking awaits its next customer.

The Man Cave is a bar with no music.

A customer who doesn't mind that fact or paying too much for food just to see a waitress whose top is falling off will love it.

Rating: D

—SHAWN STAWICKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

weekend of
March 2 through 4
www.yahoo.com

1. *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*
2. *Project X*
3. *Act of Valor*
4. *Safe House*
5. *Tyler Perry's Good Deeds*
6. *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D*
7. *The Vow*
8. *This Means War*
9. *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D*
10. *Wanderlust*
11. *The Artist*
12. *Gone*
13. *Chronicle*
14. *The Secret World of Arrietty*
15. *The Descendants*
16. *Hugo*
17. *The Woman in Black*
18. *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace*
19. *A Separation*
20. *The Iron Lady*

HONORS PROGRAM ALLOWS PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER

Students benefit through involvement

RACHEL TILLMAN
News Writing Student

Biology major Jaden Walker said he wishes he had known of OCCC's Honors Program in his first semester at OCCC.

Walker learned of the Honors Program through a professor who urged him to apply, which he did in the summer of 2011.

The Honors Program gives students the opportunity to go beyond the normal academic requirements.

Through the Honors Program, students and professors work together to form an academic plan

that lets students push their knowledge by creating insightful assignments, Walker said.

English professor and Honors Program coordinator Nina Smith said students have to be willing to take the opportunity and accept the academic challenge of the Honors Program.

"These students go above and beyond to distinguish themselves with honors," Smith said.

For students to be eligible for the Honors Program, they must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT.

OCCC has 50 students

currently enrolled in the program with seven graduating with honors this semester, Smith said.

While the program is based solely on academics, Honors Program students benefit in other ways too.

"I can do whatever I want at my own speed and work directly with the teachers, which is a lot of fun," Walker said.

In Chemistry II, Walker learned how to work with organic chemistry and synthesize insect pheromones.

Through the Honors Program, Walker said, he is able to further his education beyond the knowledge one

“These students go above and beyond to distinguish themselves with honors,”

—NINA SMITH

HONORS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

would receive in a regular course.

In addition to having it look good on a resume, honor students are able to know their professors better because they work together to form their honors contract.

Walker is scheduled to graduate this spring with his associate degree in biology with 20 honors credit hours, more than the 15 required by the program.

Despite getting a late start, Walker said, he has no regrets about his involvement with OCCC's Honors Program.

"We decided I should go for it and I haven't looked back since," Walker said.

To learn more about the OCCC Honors Program, or to fill out an application, contact Nina Smith at 405-682-1611, ext. 7141. You can also visit the website at www.occc.edu/honors/index.

Language library includes Spanish, French

EMILY MAYES
News Writing Student

Students struggling to learn a foreign language can find free help online with the library website's Mango Languages learning system.

Mango Languages offers students the opportunity to study foreign languages on and off campus.

The availability and convenience of off-campus use is one reason the library chose Mango, reference librarian Rachel Butler said.

Mango is used by one in five North American libraries, about 85 million library patrons, according to the website.

In addition to libraries, the Mango software is also used by many federal agencies and schools.

Mango offers 38 languages for students to learn, according to the Mango Languages website.

The most popular languages offered on the website are Spanish, German, Italian, French and Pirate.

Mango allows students to

“It (Mango Languages) has a variety of exercises and ways they present the information,”

—RACHEL BUTLER
REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

have fun while learning.

The Pirate language is one example.

"It's got whole lot of languages, including Pirate which they're pretty proud of, I think," Butler said

Students can learn how to speak like a pirate, with phrases like "blow me down" and "shiver me timbers."

Nevertheless, Mango is a serious learning tool, Butler said.

Mango Languages has been available to students through the library's website since last summer, Butler said.

Students can create a learner's profile on the Mango website and track their progress through the program.

Students can also get the Mango Languages app, available on iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch.

To download the app,

students must create an account with Mango Languages via the library's website.

The online language learning system focuses on practical conversation skills and can help students with pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar of a language.

"It (Mango Languages) has a variety of exercises and ways they present the information," Butler said.

Butler said the program offers some cultural information about each language, in addition to vocabulary and language structure.

Mango Languages can help students improve pronunciation interactively.

If the computer has a microphone, students can match their pronunciation with the pronunciation on the program and improve their pronunciation of certain

words and phrases, Butler said. Mango also benefits international students who are learning English as a second language.

The website offers tools for ESL students to build their

English-speaking skills, Butler said.

For more information about Mango Languages contact Rachel Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7643 or email [butler@occc.edu](mailto:rbutler@occc.edu).

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AMERICANS CELEBRATE HOLIDAY IN DIFFERENT WAYS

St. Patrick's Day traditions

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On March 17, the world will unite under a banner of green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Catholic feast day in honor of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick was a Catholic bishop who spent 40 years working to convert the various Irish tribes to Christianity in the 4th century, according to Catholic.com.

But the current incarnation of the holiday is a relatively recent development, said an article on History.com.

In fact, the article states, the Irish government mandated

that all public drinking establishments close on March 17.

It wasn't until later that some current traditions were formed.

"On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon.

"Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage."

In fact, the article states, the Irish government mandated that all public drinking establishments close on March 17.

It wasn't until 1995 that Ire-

land began to consider adopting the international image and traditions of St. Patrick's Day as a way to drive tourism to the country.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica online, it wasn't until Irish Americans began to use the holiday to proclaim solidarity and demonstrate the power of the "green machine" block of voters that the holiday began to be celebrated in its current form.

The "wearing of the green" and "green beer" traditions are also an American invention, said Britannica.

Among the more unusual traditions surrounding St. Patrick's Day in America is the dyeing of the Chicago River, said History.Com.

"The tradition started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges and realized that the green dye might provide a unique way to celebrate the holiday."

"That year, they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river—enough to keep it green for a week!"

The Irish Plumbers in action on St. Patrick's Day Dyeing the Chicago River Green at the Michigan Avenue Bridge.



St. Patrick's Day Events

St. Patrick's Day Downtown Parade

The 2012 Downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 17. The parade will run from 5th and Broadway to EK Gaylord, east on Sheridan into Bricktown.

Quite a popular holiday event, the parade typically has thousands of Oklahoma City residents lining the streets. This year the parade will be led by Patrick Rooney, chairman of First National Bank of Oklahoma. There will be more than 80 parade entries, shiners, dancers, clowns, animals, antique cars and more.

Bricktown St. Patrick's Day Block Party

The 2012 Bricktown St. Patrick's Day Block Party will be held Saturday, March 17. The outdoor festival is held on the streets of Bricktown, on the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue, typically beginning in the early morning.

Past years have featured green eggs and ham for breakfast, and the party goes from noon until midnight. Bring your lawn chairs, have green beer, listen to the live music, and see authentic Irish step dancing. Admission is free and there are areas for the kids as well. No coolers, cameras, weapons, pets or outside food or drinks will be allowed.

Catholic Charities of OKC's St. Patrick's Ball

The 2012 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal Green Tie Gala will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 10 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, 1700 NE 63rd.

There will be a dinner, a silent auction featuring art, jewelry, sports memorabilia and more, and, of course, dancing. Tickets are \$125 per person with proceeds going to benefit Sanctuary Women's Development Center for homeless women and their children. For more information, contact 405-523-3000.

St. Patrick's River Cruise

Oklahoma River Cruises is having a St. Patrick's sunset cruise from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 17. There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a limited cash bar. Reserve early online.

Tipsy Tow

A free tow for your car and a free ride home for you are available from AAA Oklahoma if you think you've had a bit too much to drink at a St. Patty's Day party. AAA Oklahoma's Tipsy Tow program runs from noon on Saturday, March 17, until 6 a.m. on Sunday, March 18, in metropolitan Oklahoma City.

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Month dedicated to women's history

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With March being Women's History Month, it al-

lows women to celebrate the achievements and advances that have been made.

We have compiled a short list of just some of the women from Oklahoma who have made an impact not only in the state, but on the nation and the

world.

For more information on achievements made by all women, not just Oklahoma women, or to get involved visit your local library or go online to www.womenshistorymonth.gov.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society.

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed a bill which authorized and requested the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week."

Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week."

In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed another piece of legislation which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month."

Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.

Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

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Great Women from Oklahoma History



Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher

Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher was born in 1924 in Chickasha. A black woman, she graduated from Langston University and applied to the University of Oklahoma's College of Law, but was denied because state law prohibited blacks and whites from attending classes together. Fisher's lawsuit against OU made it to the U.S. Supreme Court and paved the way for the Civil Rights movement in Oklahoma.

Shannon Lucid was born in 1943 in China, but was raised in Bethany. She earned a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Oklahoma in 1973, and was chosen for NASA's Astronaut Corps in 1978. She completed her first space flight in 1985 and later did four more. Lucid's most famous tour in space was in 1996, when she spent 188 days in space, holding the record for longest time in orbit by a woman and by an American. Lucid was chief scientist at NASA from 2002 to 2003, and served as the lead communicator for several space shuttle missions.



Shannon Lucid



Governor Mary Fallin

Mary Fallin was born in 1954 in Missouri and grew up in Tecumseh. She was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1990, and became the lieutenant governor in 1995. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2007 to 2010, and is currently the governor of Oklahoma. Fallin is the first woman to serve as Oklahoma's lieutenant governor and governor, and the second woman to represent Oklahoma in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cherokee Wilma Mankiller was born in 1945 in Tahlequah. Mankiller grew up in poverty and her family was forced to relocate during World War II. After living in California for many years she returned to Oklahoma in 1977 and began working for the Cherokee nation. She became the first female chief of the Cherokee nation in 1985. Mankiller is credited with helping revitalize Cherokee culture and empowering Cherokee women.



Wilma Mankiller



Shannon Miller

Shannon Miller was born in 1977 in Missouri, but her family moved to Edmond while she was still a baby. She started practicing gymnastics when she was 5 and began competing in world competitions when she was 12. Miller participated in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics, and led the 1996 team to its first Olympic Gold. Miller is one of the most decorated U.S. Gymnasts.

SPORTS

SPORTS | NAIA Swimming and Diving national championship at OCCC

Oklahoma Baptist captures first, second

NICHOLAS MOYER
News Writing Student

The Bison from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee claimed the national championship in the men's division of NAIA Swimming and Diving meet at OCCC the first weekend in March.

It was the first year for the Bison to enter the contest. Oklahoma Baptist was the only Oklahoma college competing.

The Bison won first place in the men's 400-yard freestyle relay with a meet record of 2.57.83 to clinch first place.

The win helped the Bison come from their second place position to gain a five-point lead over the Fresno Pacific Sunbirds with a final score of 757 points.

OBU head coach Sam Freas said he was impressed with how the team had done its first year,

"It was all in the athletes," he said. "They were committed to win."

Concordia University of Irvine, Calif., took third place for the men with a score of 574.5 points.

The Fresno Pacific Sunbirds women's team dominated the competition with 780 points, a lead of over 200 points, in the women's division of the Swimming and Diving National Championships.

The OBU women came in second with a score of 578 points, with the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia following with a score of 468 points.

It was a weekend of success for many athletes who broke 21 national event records during the championships. The Sunbirds beat the NAIA championship record set in 2009 by over a second in the men's 400-yard medley relay. The Sunbirds swam a 3.15.27 and the championship record was 3.16.49.

Championship play



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Hoosier, Matt Hamilton gets his shot blocked by Street Prophet Shay Chapman on March 2. The Street Prophets won the game 56 to 52 and advanced to the championship round.

“It was all of the athletes. They were committed to win.”

—SAM FREAS
OBU HEAD COACH

Paul-Bernar Mary-Rose, who swam the last leg of the 400 medley for the Sunbirds, also went on to win the men's 100-yard freestyle and set a new NAIA record. The previous record was 44.33 and he swam a 44.31.

Cheyenne Coffman beat the championship record in the women's 200-yard backstroke for the Sunbirds by over four seconds. She swam an astonishing 1.58 seconds while the previous record was 2.63.

For more information on the championship, visit www.NAIA.org or www.occc.edu

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

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Mar. 16: HeyDay Mini-Golf Season begins. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

Mar. 16: Union Regional Championship Dive Meet. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

April 11: Singles Table Tennis Season begins. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

April 19: Intramural Spring Swim Meet begins. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

April 25: Laser Tag begins. \$5 per player. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

April 29: Paintball Tournament: Capture the Flag Tournament. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

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Fees: Higher One charges too many fees, students say

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Science major.

“It took forever to get a live person, but if a student overpays on a class it’s a quick refund process to the card. It happened to me.”

This can be helpful to students that don’t have access to a financial institution.

“A lot of students don’t have bank accounts,” Gary said.

“They can spend it at the bookstore and they can get gas.”

Gary said the use of a Higher One card helps prepare students for the future.

“This gets students used to the process. When they move onto other institutions like University of Central Oklahoma, they will get a Bronco

card,” she said.

“So we’re putting them ahead of the game with this type of electronic medium.”

Some students said there shouldn’t be as many fees. “I don’t like the fees,” said Nikki McKeil, nursing major.

Jude Floyd, Theater Arts major, said he agreed.

“There are too many fees and they should just give us one big check,” Floyd said.

Franklin Martinez, pre-engineering major, said he likes the program. “I have my own bank so it’s not a problem,” he said.

For students with a bank account, they can opt to have



their refunds directly deposited into their bank account rather than HigherOne, according to the HigherOne website.

“I like the program and enjoy the benefits,” said JR. Rogers, music production major.

Gary pointed out some aspects of student life that can affect the bottom line.

“So many of our students move so often that our level of return mail is high, and if we were mailing out checks... it’s hard enough to get these cards into their hands. It’s a cost saving measure for the college and a security measure for them,” Gary said.

“If it’s lost and they haven’t activated it, we charge \$10, but if it’s been activated, then lost, it will cost \$20. The first one is provided at no cost,” Gary said.

The Higher One brochure provides much of the necessary information at student’s fingertips.

One of the nice features of the program is that students could setup online bill pay, receive detailed online statements or receive mobile alerts and it doesn’t require a minimum balance.

Students can use either of the two kiosks on campus with no fee. One is in the east entrance of the library and the other one is located near the entrance of the Main Building.

For more information about HigherOne and their services, go to occcdebitcard.com.

Child Care: Student says program ‘a tremendous help’

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not have to be OCCC students to enroll their child.

Student Scheduled Child Care program is only available to enrolled OCCC students.

The Student Scheduled Child Care Program has had great success since it opened, Carter said.

“In 2008 we had one student enrolled in the summer,” she said. “Last semester, which was the fall of 2011, we had 94 students enrolled.”

On Feb. 3, a classroom was filled with six children ranging in age from 1 to 4. The children seemed to be actively learning while also enjoying themselves.

The children choose the topics and focus on only that subject for a fair amount of time, Carter said. It helps them understand the concept more. On this day, the children were learning about different types of light.

They had glow sticks, transparent lights, different lighting in different parts of the classroom, and a glow-in-the-dark play table.

Three-year-old Joshua Musick has been enrolled in the Student Scheduled Child Care program since the summer of 2009.

“He loves it,” said Emily Musick, Joshua’s mother. “He has learned how to write and spell his first name, and now

the teachers are teaching him how to write his last name.”

She said enrollment was easy. “This program has been a tremendous help because I don’t have to worry about missing my night classes anymore,” Musick said.

College students have the opportunity to pursue their education goals without child care being a barrier, Carter said.

There are not any openings at this time but students who apply will be placed on a waiting list and will receive the next available opening.

For more information, contact Carter at 405-682-1611, ext. 7450, or bjcarter@occc.edu.

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Communication is key



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Business major Harold Rocca gets advice on precise writing in the new OCCC Communications Lab 2 on March 5. The lab is located in room 146 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

COMMUNITY | Wayfinding signs approved by students

New kiosks to aid lost students

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Students across campus will be noticing new wayfinding signs.

They are sharply designed with colors that complement the current campus designs and brings curb appeal up a notch or two.

With the results in from a competitive bid process for the wayfinding signs, Sign-A-Rama received a recommendation as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$130,000, said Chris Snow, Facilities assistant director.

Snow said the college policy is set up to reward the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

"Typically the lowest bidder is chosen, but if documentation shows that they didn't meet expectations then they are no longer considered responsible," Snow said.

"Sign-A-Rama is the college's contractor of choice for all campus signage. They did the exterior parking lot, which was also a bid process."

Snow said faculty and staff initially approved the parking signage and began the approval process for the monument exterior group.

"We presented (the approved design) to the students and the signage committee after the President's approval."

Snow said installation of the kiosks in multiple locations will begin in the transportation Technology Center and transition to the first floor of the Science Engineering and Math Center.

Phase 1 of wayfinding has already begun.

"Classroom and office signage will only take place in the John Massey Center, FACE, and health professions center," he said.

Snow said there is good reason for choosing those locations, rather than the entire campus.

"The reasoning behind it is we are entertaining a new numbering system because the grid is confusing for some," he said.

"The numbering system is a part of all software systems. To make a change would have a huge impact on all the operations.

"We aren't ready to do this nor are we sure that the college wants to do this yet," Snow said.

Snow said the kiosks provide a current location and a direction for the neighboring rooms.

For example, if a student were looking at the kiosk on the second floor of the Main Building, they will see a design layout of the rooms and an arrow point-

ing to the Math Lab.

That includes Main Building rooms 2G4/2G5 and Main Building 2J4/2J5, as well as the World Languages & Cultures Center. The classroom and office signs will have braille.

Students may see interactive signage in the future.

"Since there are several other departments involved, the IT department may take the lead on it, Snow said.

"They are already responsible for all of the digital signage we currently use."

The project is slated for completion by May 14. For more information contact Chris Snow at 405-682-1611, ext. 7575.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Beer Goggles Obstacle Maze

Student Life is hosting an obstacle course from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 12, in CU1. The maze will simulate the impairment effects of alcohol on vision. For more information, call Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Dinner and Piano Bar

Pianist Maggie McClure is making an appearance on campus at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in the General Dining area to entertain students during lunch. For more information, call Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Magical time assured at Gamer's Guild

The Gamer's Guild is hosting a Magic the Gathering tournament from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 16 in the General Dining area. A free workshop will take place during the tournament. The cost of the tournament is \$5 to enter, and participants get to keep the cards they receive. For more information, contact Jeremy McKinley at Jeremy.d.mckinley@email.occc.edu

Texting and you: not while driving

TRIO, Upward Bound, and Student Life are hosting a discussion with an accompanied table and display about the dangers of texting while driving from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 26 in rooms CU1, CU2, and CU3.

An information table will be outside the Communications Lab and vehicle that was involved in an accidental death will be on display in front of the Main Building. For more information contact Karolyn Chowning at 682-1611, ext. 7620.

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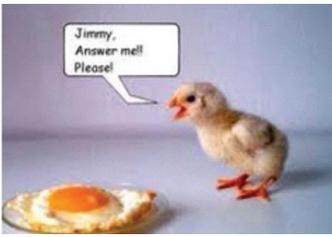
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Movie Actors 2
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GRADUATION APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AND ON CAMPUS

Those about to graduate need to get process started now

AMY MILLER
News Writing Student

Students planning to graduate in May still have time to see their names in the commencement program for this year's ceremony — if they apply soon. Those who have not applied for May graduation should do so immediately, said Barbara Gowdy, Graduation Services director.

"If you have your application

in before spring break, your name will be in the commencement program," Gowdy said.

However, she said, students anticipating graduation should apply earlier than the middle of their last semester. Ideally, students should apply for graduation the semester before they plan to finish their coursework.

Student Jamie Paddock already has applied for graduation.

"I did know that you had to

apply for graduation," she said. Paddock is getting her associate degree in business.

Some students are unaware they have to fill out the graduation application early if they want their name in the commencement program.

Even though the deadline to apply has passed for this semester, Gowdy seems to be pretty relaxed.

"We usually try to get anybody we have in [the com-

mencement program] before spring break, but they go to print early, so if you haven't applied by then, your name won't be in the program," she said.

Not being named in the program will not prevent a student from participating in the graduation ceremony.

"We take [applications] until the last day of the semester," Gowdy said.

Students in need of a graduation application can find them

online at the Graduation and Records page on OCCC's website. Applications also can be picked up in the graduation office on the first floor of the Main Building.

Applications must be submitted in person to the graduation office.

OCCC hosts one commencement ceremony each year. This year's will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Cox Convention Center.

Good pay, ample opportunities draw men into nursing field

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News Writing Student

More men are choosing to major in nursing at OCCC, part of an emerging national trend.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics, in 1992 about 4 percent of registered nurses were men. Today the number reaches almost 6 percent and is predicted to keep rising.

Grady Memorial Hospital Orientation Leader Brad Warden said he has seen an increase in male nurses working in the field over the last couple of decades.

"Overall I'd say the male nursing staff has definitely increased and has been at a steady incline since the early days of nursing," Warden said.

Director of Nursing Deborah Myers said of the 368 students in OCCC's registered nursing program, 74 are men. That's 20 percent of the total.

Myers said men are attracted to the nursing field for a number of reasons.

"Abundant job opportunities, good salaries, and

the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives appeal to men," Myers said.

Pay is another reason. On average a registered nurse in Oklahoma will make \$67,000 annually. Job availability is another.

By 2020, more than one million jobs are predicted to be available for registered nurses across the country, according to the Bureau of Health Professions' Supply versus Demand Projections for FTE Registered Nurses.

Corey Matzkanin is one of OCCC's male nursing students. Matzkanin is now in his third semester and anticipates a registered nursing degree upon graduation in December 2012.

A former restaurant chef, Matzkanin went back to school for nursing in 2009.

"It is always different and interesting," he said. "I also like that it takes on a more technical side."

OCCC's nursing students are required to complete clinical assignments, shadowing a nurse and helping him or her through their daily work.

Grady Memorial Hospital is one of several hospitals that host an educational, hands-on learning program where OCCC nursing students can gain experience while shadowing a nurse on staff.

Nursing students, male or female, are up for challenging course work, said Chandler Boettcher, registered nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital.

"Throughout the semester students will go to the clinics once a week and follow a nurse," Boettcher said. "With a nurse's supervision, the students perform daily tasks and routines that mimic what they will be facing in a typical day as a RN."

Clinicals are among the most memorable experiences for nursing students, especially for Matzkanin.

"The first clinical was the most memorable and nerve racking for me, but it really showed me how nice everyone is," Matzkanin said.

As Matzkanin comes closer to graduation, he said he feels confident about his abilities in nursing.

"I think everyone is nervous but our orientation process is long enough we should all be fine."

Apply for summer financial aid now, director says

BROOKE DEMIRANDA
News Writing Student

Now is the time to apply for federal financial aid for summer, said Linette McMurtrey, Student Financial Support Services assistant director.

For students returning to OCCC, summer financial aid registration starts March 26. New students can register starting April 2.

McMurtrey said students should register for summer classes by April 27 to ensure the financial aid office has enough time to evaluate their eligibility

for summer financial aid before classes begin.

She said summer enrollment reports will be reviewed weekly to ensure all students with a FAFSA on file are evaluated for eligibility.

The financial aid office will notify students by email by of their eligibility.

"Many summer students do not realize that in order to receive Federal Title IV Financial Aid, they must be a degree-seeking student at the institution where the financial aid is being received," McMurtrey said.

If a student is taking only summer courses at OCCC and not seeking a degree here, they are ineligible for summer financial aid.

Other assistance may be available through tuition waivers and scholarships but federal financial aid will not be an option, McMurtrey said.

The deadline for summer tuition waivers is April 20.

Now is also a good time to begin the financial aid application process for fall, McMurtrey said. She said the deadline for fall tuition waivers is July 20.

Students are encouraged to

visit with the Financial Aid Office if they have questions. They also can receive answers by email at financialaid@occc.edu.



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