Part-time professors outnumber full-time 3 to 1

Officials say sluggish economy, increased enrollment have created the imbalance

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OCCC students are more likely to be taught by part-time professors than full-time professors, statistics show.

A recent analysis has shown there are 143 full-time faculty at OCCC and 533 adjunct, or part-time, faculty.

Of those numbers, full-time faculty teach 31 percent of sections, whereas adjunct faculty teach 69 percent. When looking at how many enrolled students are taught, 45 percent of students are taught by full-time faculty and 55 percent are taught by adjunct faculty, according to Planning and Research Executive Director Stu Harvey.

Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino said OCCC strives for a 50-50 ratio but said that isn't always possible.

Aquino said the economy is the reason for the current imbalance. He said OCCC’s state aid has not increased since the recession.

... One of the things in community colleges is that [the recession is] kind of like a contrary indicator.

"When times are bad, when unemployment goes up, people come to us to go to school," Aquino said. "Therefore we need more faculty. Therefore we hire more adjuncts. Since we can't hire any more full-time faculty, we hire more adjuncts."

Aquino said the number of adjuncts hired is based on the amount of funding OCCC receives from the state and what the college’s current needs are.

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UCO to offer students ‘on-the-spot’ admission

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Making students’ lives a little easier is the goal of “On-The-Spot” admissions day for the University of Central Oklahoma, being held Friday.

Oct. 5, on OCCC’s campus, said Transfer and Academic Advising Coordinator Linda Little. Admissions advisers for UCO will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in CU 3 to give students the chance to be admitted on that day.

See TRANSFER page 9
EDITORIAL | Handicapped devices are meant to help those who need it

Able-bodied should stop being lazy

From where I sit in the Pioneer office, I can see one of the main entries to the school. I watch people walk by as they are coming and going to and from class. I see people run through the rain. I see a student dressed as a cowboy every now and then. I love where I sit and it sort of feeds my undiagnosed ADD when I need a little break from a computer screen.

About eight feet from my desk and through a window is a blue button for handicapped people to press to have the doors open for them. In the first month of the semester, I’ve seen one or two people in wheelchairs use it, and a few with crutches or canes. But I’ve seen about 100 people use it that don’t need to.

For the record, I’m not in a wheelchair, nor do I have any disability that hinders me from opening a door, and chances are neither do you. It bothers me when there are three other stalls available for the handicapped bathroom stall for someone to finish, and through a window is a blue button. For the record, I’m not in a wheelchair, nor do I have any disability that hinders me from opening a door, and chances are neither do you. It bothers me.

The same goes for stall selection in a restroom. Are you disabled? Do you have a wheelchair? No? Then don’t use the handicapped stall. Do you really need the extra room and handrails? Do you even know why those are there?

I’ve seen people in wheelchairs wait outside a handicapped bathroom stall for someone to finish, when there were three other stalls available for the other person to use.

This isn’t about being entitled to one thing. It’s about having a little class and respect for those who need a little extra help sometimes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Runners should save Oct. 6 on calendar

5K Fun Run to benefit nursing, physical therapy students

To the Editor:

Make plans to walk or run Saturday, Oct. 6, during the OCCC Life Saver 5K/1 mile Fun Run on the OCCC campus in an event to benefit the Nursing Student Association and Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization. Proceeds from the fourth annual event benefit student scholarships for the OCCC Nursing and Physical Therapy Assistant programs.

Registration for the 5K is $22 or $17 for those who present a valid OCCC ID at packet pickup. The 1-mile Fun Run is $15 or $12 for students with a valid OCCC ID.

To register for the Life Saver 5K/1 mile Fun Run, visit www.occc.edu/lifesaver/info or www.occc.edu/lifesaver/registration, or call Deborah Myers at 405-682-7138.

—Kim Holding

Casting call for April production

To the Editor:

Dancers, musicians and film artists are needed for an upcoming OCCC danical production in April.

The production will celebrate Oklahoma spirit and heritage with vignettes depicting the experiences of groups instrumental in settling Oklahoma, planting traditions, and developing an Oklahoma spirit and culture.

The vignettes will depict the experiences of vaqueros, Native Americans, sodbusters and immigrants, including pioneer women. Each vignette will be variously comprised of dance, instrumental and vocal music, narrative and media theatricality.

The production is a collaborative effort with numerous artistic and performance opportunities.

For more information, contact Production Artistic Director Elizabeth Hobi at 405-305-4592 or elizabeth.a.hobi-1@ou.edu.

—Elizabeth Hobi

The PIONEER welcomes letters to the editor and encourages the use of this publication as a community forum. All letters must list the author’s name, address, phone number and signature. E-mail letters should include all but the signature. The PIONEER will withhold the author’s name if the request is made in writing.
Glass repair company A OK

As a college student, money is usually pretty tight for me and my husband. He’s got a great job, but his check has to go a long way since mine isn’t anything spectacular. Recently, a friendly neighborhood vandal decided to make a contribution to the war against our wallets by turning his driver side window into confetti.

When hunting for a company to replace the window, we discovered that the old programming/engineering adage of “fast, cheap, or good: pick two” most definitely applies to most of this field. We found five companies we could afford. Of those, two were not noted for the quality of their work and two were not only fairly pricey, but were stated by several previous customers to be rather rude.

Frustrated, we went ahead and called the only one that didn’t have an online price check, a local company called A OK Auto Glass.

The lady who answered the phone was courteous from the start, which raised my hopes. Her computer was playing tricks, so she asked if she could call back after fixing it. Admittedly, that concerned me, but not 20 minutes later, my phone was ringing and she had a quote of $150, nearly $100 less than the “nationally acclaimed” company we tried first.

It also was the lowest quote we’d heard — the second lowest being for a franchise that wanted $178, and had several complaints listed about shoddy work and slow ordering times.

A OK offered to come out right then and there, shocking the crap out of me. Fast and cheap — that equation was looking good right then. We didn’t have the time for an immediate appointment so we made one for a couple of days away.

Day of the appointment rolls around and on my way into work I get a call from them. Turns out, they finished their last call early and wanted to know if they could come by and get the window fixed an hour earlier than scheduled. Needless to say, I called my husband, and he was more than fine with it.

One hour later, my husband calls to tell me that not only did it cost exactly as quoted, but they completed the whole job in 20 minutes, and he couldn’t tell the difference between his old window pre-smash and the new.

My dad has told me more than a couple of times that whenever a company can be found that manages fast, cheap and good all at once, tell people.

So the next time a friendly vandal visits havoc on your car, give A OK Auto glass a shout at 405-204-7382. It’s well worth the money.

They are located at 3916 S Agnew.

Rating: A

— Jeremy Cloud
Community Writer

Poltz shines in storytelling limelight

The Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival was held Sept. 6 through 8 at the Myriad Gardens. The opening act for the event was Steve Poltz, a Canadian born singer-songwriter and former traveling troubadour.

Poltz is a wily and gally man with a lively and authentic voice. He performed throughout the weekend, including teaching a couple of workshop classes.

In his performance on Thursday evening, the only event I was able to attend, he told a humorous story of how he sang the “Star Spangled Banner” before a San Francisco Giants game this past Memorial Day and the awkward stalling he had to do while waiting for the jets to fly overhead.

Poltz wore a cowboy hat, vintage shirt and a western style sports coat. He spoke with his hands and had a friendly voice. He engaged the audience and got them laughing, even crawled over chairs in the crowd while he sang a song, “A Brief History of My Life.” Poltz’s guitar came unplugged during his off-stage wanderings but he continued to play regardless, far from the microphone.

Poltz also sang a scary children’s song called “Sewing Machine” where he used a couple of funny voices for the different characters. He wasn’t playing his guitar during this song, and made grand gestures with his arms and legs as he switched from the different characters in the song.

Poltz then shared a story of how he met Elvis when he was a child on an airport runway and joked that Elvis hugged his sister for an uncomfortably long time.

I had never been to a storytelling event before, and while Poltz was the opening act to Dolores Hydock — who performed an enchanting but lengthy fairy tale “Eglamore & Cristobel” — Poltz stole the show with his short set.

Poltz is a gifted and accessible man capable of controlling a room simply by his personality. I spent the next week finding his other stories on YouTube, including a great story of how he wrote the song “You Were Meant For Me,” a song performed by Jewel that made it to #2 on the Billboard Hot 100.

The true story involves Mexican federales, machine guns, speed boats, and copious amounts of seized marijuana, and is worth the time.

Rating: A

— Mitchell Richards
Special Assignments Reporter

Counselor’s Corner

Seeking help when needed key to success

“We are not self-made. We are dependent on one another. Admitting this to ourselves isn’t an embrace of mediocrity and derivativeness, it’s a liberation from our misconceptions.”

— Kirby Ferguson

Arguably, one of the most self-limiting beliefs we can possess is that we are completely independent and self-sufficient.

We like to believe that we don’t need help from anyone. In fact, we often look at those who seek help as weak and ill-equipped to face life.

We certainly should enjoy our autonomy and take care of those things we can. However, in the great scheme of life, what we know and what we can do are far overshadowed by those things we don’t know and can’t do.

Given this fact, we in Student Support Services encourage students to seek out the multitude of resources on campus so they can be as successful as possible during their time with us.

No transcript will ever reflect how many hours were spent in a learning lab or in the library. No diploma will ever suggest that a student graduated because he or she asked a lot of questions along the way.

The measure of success is having the courage and tenacity to ask questions and use the resources that are available. Helping our students succeed is one way we pay forward the opportunities we enjoyed during our academic pursuits.

As the semester moves on, we strongly encourage you to use the labs, the library, the websites, and the people who can make the journey toward a degree more enjoyable and meaningful. We in Student Support Services are looking forward to working with you.

— Mary Turner
Learning Support Specialist

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Kanye West has done it again. The man is the Quincy Jones of our generation. Kanye never gets the credit he deserves because of his brass and his flamboyant style.

The much-anticipated G.O.O.D. Music compilation “Cruel Summer” hit stores this week and did not disappoint.

The G.O.O.D. Music label is made of a wide range of gifted artists. Pusha T, Big Sean, Common, Teyana Taylor and many more. One of the only major disappointments of the album is the introduction song. It is a light-hearted song which features a random appearance from R.Kelly.

The song would be fine it it were mixed in throughout the album but the album is made up entirely of aggressive in-your-face records. The song does not set the foundation for what otherwise is a great musical piece.

A song from the album that is starting to pick up steam on the radio is “Clique,” featuring a star-studded line-up of Jay Z, Big Sean and Kanye West. Big Sean has taken a huge leap over the last year because of his great appearances on records and his much-talked-about new mixtape “Detroit.” Big Sean carried that momentum over to this song where he fits the beat perfectly. Jay Z was of course, Jay Z.

Another standout of the album was “Sin City” featuring John Legend and young guns Teyana Taylor, Travis Scott, CyHi The Prince and poet Malik Yusef — and where Scott and Taylor stand out among their peers.

Scott welcomes the listener into the song with a gritty yet intelligent flow. Taylor sings the chorus with such passion and authenticity that you believe every word coming from her mouth. You will be hearing from both in the future.

The song “New God Flow” is very popular on social networks nowadays because of the great lyricism overall.

Pusha T is one of the best lyricists in the game and is growing under the umbrella of Kanye and G.O.O.D. music.

The song also has a much welcomed appearance from the flamboyant Ghostface Killah who reminds us of his great New York-rooted skills.

G.O.O.D. Music is the best music group in hip-hop today because of the wide range of music they touch. G.O.O.D. Music has done a great job of using this compilation as a platform to show off their immense talent. Kanye has the group going in the right direction with this album.

Rating: A-

—BRANDON WILLIS
Sports Writer

**TOP 20 MOVIES**
Weekend of Sept. 21 through 23
www.newyorktimes.com

1. End of Watch
2. House at the End of the Street
3. Trouble with the Curve
4. Finding Nemo
5. Resident Evil: Retribution
6. Dredd 3D
7. The Master
8. The Possession
9. ParaNorman
10. Lawless
11. The Bourne Legacy
12. The Odd Life
13. The Expendables 2
14. The Dark Knight Rises
15. The Campaign
16. Arbitrage
17. 2016 Obama’s America
18. Hope Springs
19. The Words
20. Barfi!
MUSIC PROFESSOR RON STATON WILL LEAD COMBINED CHOIRS

Choirs to perform Oct. 4 at local Baptist church

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Three OCCC choirs will combine their talents for the fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday night, Oct. 4, at Wilmont Place Baptist Church.

Music Professor Ron Staton will be conducting the choirs, accompanied by pianist Lisa Barsaleau.

“We try to do all different styles of music,” Staton said.

He said he knows his audience is diverse and he hopes to have different pieces to please all listeners.

Among the songs that will be performed are “What a Wonderful World,” written by Bob Thiele and George Weiss; a medley from the musical “Les Miserables”; and the Dixieland tune “When the Saints Go Marching In.”

There are some a cappella pieces and a spiritual that Staton thinks the audience will appreciate.

The choirs perform their concerts off campus because they traditionally draw an audience of about 500 people, Staton said. “Our Bruce Owen Theater will hold only half that many.”

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK PROMOTED ON CAMPUS

Sending a message of hope

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A hopeful message opened the campus lecture on suicide awareness, that life is worth living. Speaker Jenna Howard explained that of the 1,000 people who have attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, 16 miraculously lived.

Eight of the survivors were interviewed and every one said that on the jump down, they each wished they had not leaped off the bridge. Howard’s message to the 30 students in the audience was that even if they do harbor suicidal thoughts, committing suicide is irreversible and there is always a better way out.

Student Support Services and Student Life hosted the Brown Bag lecture “Suicide Prevention: Saving a Friend from Suicide” in honor of Suicide Prevention Week, which ran from Sept. 9 through Sept. 15.

Howard serves as a licensed mental health counselor at OCCC. She said she and her fellow counselors are available to talk to students who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide, or know someone who is.

Her topics included at-risk demographics, statistics on suicides, myths about suicide, warning signs and clues and steps to persuade someone to stay alive.

The lecture was interactive with many students asking questions and presenting personal anecdotes.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students and is 100 percent preventable, Howard said.

One young lady who asked not to be named said she is a college freshman who recently has had suicidal thoughts. The student explained that since becoming a college student, she has begun to question her future and what she wants for herself. She said the lecture was “eye-opening” and said that she would seek help for her suicidal ideation.

Suicidal thoughts are not unusual, Howard said. In fact, she said, they are quite common. Her lecture stressed the fact that having a suicidal thought does not make a person crazy or abnormal. Howard said that almost everyone has had a suicidal thought at some point in their life.

The important thing is to get help and talk to someone before you do anything that you cannot undo, Howard said.

Student Support Services is available to all college students and can be reached at www.occc.edu/support, or by calling 405-682-7520. You can also stop by Student Support Services located on the first floor of the Main Building.

We try to do all different styles of music.”
—RON STATON
MUSIC PROFESSOR

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OCCC graduate lands dream job in radio broadcasting

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OCCC graduate and former Pioneer videographer Casey Akard is living her childhood dream as an on-air personality on 93.3 Jake FM. Akard said, as a child, she always wanted a career in radio, but didn't think it would actually become a reality.

Now, she credits OCCC with helping make her dream come true. "Learning under the instruction of professors who were also professionals in the field of study made the biggest difference," Akard said.

"They taught material that was up-to-date and the standard in the industry. They also taught from their own experience, which has also been a guiding light."

Akard said she got the job at Jake FM while trying for an internship at their sister station, KKNG at 97.3 FM. After two days of interning, Akard said she was hired on as a deejay at KKNG and after a few months was moved to Jake FM for the midday airshift.

Besides being on air, Akard is a production assistant and oversees social media for both Jake FM and KKNG, emcees events for both stations, and has recently designed T-shirts for Jake FM. She said she also is about to go nationwide with a commercial she not only produced but stars in that will air on the radio stations.

In addition, Akard said she gets to use the video skills she honed at the Pioneer to shoot videos for the station’s website of country artists who come into town.

"I never thought I’d still be doing the video stuff in radio," she said. "There is a major media integration happening in broadcasting. It’s kinda the nature of the business.”

Akard recalled a student field trip to a local radio station where the deejay told her class radio is a job for nomads, and one where it is almost impossible to land a job in the same market you live in.

"Basically, it was a very discouraging visit," she said, "and I pretty much gave up on my dreams. But I decided I would go on with broadcasting even if I would never get where I wanted to be.”

After the field trip, she emailed Mass Media Communications Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, because she said she felt lost at that point.

“She encouraged me to keep on keepin’ on. In fact, I believe she said, ‘rock their world.’”

When asked about Akard, Faulconer-Lippert said she is proud of her success.

“The blessing of being a community college professor is that you meet students where they are. They come in and you see all their potential. Then you get to help them find their passion. Casey Akard has found her passion and we’re all benefiting from it.”

Akard had one last piece of advice for the students coming up behind her.

“When someone tells you something isn’t possible or that you’ll never be able to do something, let their ‘no’ be your motivation to say ‘yes I can.’ I am where I am now because I refused to believe I could never do it,” she said.

"Each day I go to work, I am living my dream. Everything I could ever want to do I have already done. That sounds corny, but it’s the truth.”

—CASEY AKARD
OCCC GRADUATE
William Shakespeare’s comedy “Twelfth Night” will open the OCCC theater season when it is performed at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 through 6 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The production is being directed by theater Professor Brent Noel.

Cait Brasel is playing Olivia, a character who finds herself caught up in the middle of all the conflict in the play. Brasel is in her fourth year at OCCC, double majoring in film and theater, she said.

Brasel said she has worked with OCCC in several productions as both an actor and stagehand. She is a busy student, acting in plays and films throughout her academic career.

Besides playing a central character in “Twelfth Night,” Brasel currently is performing in a film by Film and Video Production majors Andrew McDonald and David McEntire. The film is called “The Way Station” where Brasel plays the role of Anna.

Sophomore Kevin Mann is a psychology major performing in his first role in a campus production. In fact, he said, this is his first play since he was 5. He will be playing the pompous Sir Andrew Aguecheek in “Twelfth Night.”

Mann said he tried out after he saw a flier for auditions that included non-theater majors, and thought why not? Mann was very enthusiastic about his academic debut role. “No nervousness, no stage fright. I got this, let’s rage.”

The performances will be the first time on an OCCC stage for OCCC’s new theatre technical director, John Farrell.

“Farrel grew up with stage techs in his family,” said Ruth Charnay, department director for Communications and the Arts.

She said he has experience working backstage and in operations management with the Civic Center. “Twelfth Night” is a comedy dealing with mistaken identity, romance, and gender role reversal. “Twelfth Night” will open at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The play will continue through Oct. 6. Tickets will cost $10 for general admission and $5 for students. The Thursday night performance will be free for OCCC students.

Misty Red Elk, who is finishing her degree at OCCC this year, will be the stage manager and Tasha Bird, a sophomore theater major, is the assistant director.

Tickets will cost $10 for general admission and $5 for students. The Thursday night performance will be free for OCCC students.

“Twelfth Night” is the first of four productions for this school year, Noel said.

The theater season will continue with a performance they are calling “Improv-ing Your Life” as a part of Theater for Social Change on Nov 29 through Dec 1.

“ ‘Theater for Social Change is developed out of Theater of the Oppressed by Augusto Boal, and is a way to use theater techniques to examine and question power,” Noel said.

The spring season will include the production of the all-female play “Top Girls” by Caryl Churchill, featuring Rachel Iryck as a guest director.

For more information, contact Noel by phone at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, and by email at Bnoel@occc.edu.
**Sports**

**Upcoming Intramurals Events**

**Sept. 28:** OCCC Intramural Flag Football begins. Registration ends Oct. 12. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

**Oct. 6:** Lifesaver 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run begins on the main campus at 8 a.m. For more information, call Deborah Myers at 405-682-1611, ext. 7138.

**Oct. 13:** OK Senior Games Swim Meet begins. The pool will be open to the public during the meet. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

**Oct. 26 through Oct. 28:** Chesapeake Halloween Invitational Swim Meet. The pool will be closed to the public. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

**Nov. 3 through Nov. 5:** Oklahoma Baptist University Swim Meet. The pool will be closed to the public. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.

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**Sports | Event to aide PTA students**

**Fun Run event to be held on campus**

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About 400 runners are expected on campus for the 4th Annual Life Saver 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, on OCCC campus. Proceeds from the event will go towards producing more scholarships for nursing and physical therapy assistant students, said Nursing Program Director Deborah Myers.

Myers said this will be the fourth Life Saver 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run event, which was created to help nursing and physical therapist assistant students with scholarships and to help with health in the community.

"Those who think they have no time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness" will be the theme for the event. This quote by the Earl of Derby, Edward Stanley in 1873 is a motivating root for Myers, she said.

"I firmly believe in that quote, as evidence, it’s in my email signature," Myers said. "Our bodies are to be active and mobile and the fastest way to decrease your functional mobility is to live a sedentary life.”

Registration and packet pickup will take place promptly at 6:45 a.m. and will end at 7:45 a.m. in the lobby of the Health Professions building, according to www.occc.edu/lifesaver.

Myers said she is expecting a large turnout for the event, based on registrations.

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According to the event website, www.signmeup.com/83261, it will cost $22 to participate in the 5K for non-students, but it will only be $17 with an OCCC student ID.

The 1-Mile Fun Run costs $15 for non-students and will only cost $12 if you have an OCCC student ID.

At 8 a.m., the 1-Mile Fun Run will begin and at 8:30 a.m. the 5K will start, Myers said. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group as well as the top overall and female finisher.

While the main events are taking place there will be plenty to do for the spectators.

Myers said the event will have lots of activities, including a photo booth, entertainment, drawings for great prizes, face painting by a professional artist, food and drinks, and much more.

For more information on the Life Saver 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run, contact Myers at 405-682-1611, ext. 7138.
Adjuncts: Part-time professors outnumber full-time

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“That’s our decision based on our [overall] funding and based on our needs.”

He said OCCC receives a fixed amount from the state and that amount, added to the tuition received from students, is what goes toward adjunct professors’ pay.

Aquino said, at $670 per credit hour, OCCC pays adjunct professors more than any other community college in the area.

“We also provide the best working conditions for them,” he said.

That is important according to an article that appeared in the Aug. 23 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Findings from an online survey of 500 adjunct faculty members conducted last fall by the New Faculty Majority Foundation showed that many colleges make two big mistakes when hiring part-time professors: that possibly set students up for failure — hiring those teachers at the last minute and then not providing them the necessary supplies to teach effectively.

Aquino said OCCC makes sure part-time professors have their needs met.

“Every division has a workspace for adjuncts,” he said. “We extend professional development opportunities to adjuncts.”

“We have an adjunct advisory committee. We really go out of our way because adjuncts are so important.”

“We could not do what we do for all of the students that we serve without adjuncts and we know that. We try to be as proactive as possible in meeting their needs.”

Adjunct professors say they appreciate OCCC’s support.

Michelle Cole, Anatomy and Physiology II and Online Medical Terminology adjunct professor, has been with the college since 2009.

“I think we’re treated really well,” Cole said. “I have had a good experience here.

“It’s really easy to get plugged in, (and) everyone is super friendly and helpful.

“The full-time instructors are really good at making sure that we, as adjuncts, get the flow of things and have access to everything we need to have access to.”

Teresa Kuhlman is an adjunct professor who teaches College Writing and Success in College and Life.

She has taught at OCCC for two years and also teaches at other two-year institutions around the city.

“[Students will] have to have an official transcript with them,” Little said. “… They can meet with [the admissions staff] to talk to them and fill out the online application.

“For the most part, most of them will know when they leave that they’ve been admitted to UCO for the spring semester,” she said.

UCO Transfer Student Support Coordinator Javier Puebla said UCO’s $40 application fee can be collected later if a student can’t pay at the event.

Students who want to pay the fee using financial aid will need to notify the school in advance — preferably through an email, he said.

“If you want to pay for it using your financial aid, we can do that,” Puebla said.

“We just need you to send us some acknowledgement that you’re asking us to do that — something like an email saying ‘hey, charge it to my student account.’ And … we’ll put that in your file to show that you’re authorizing us to do that.”

Students who are hoping to have the fee waived altogether will need to visit the UCO campus, Puebla said.

“In those situations, students have to meet with our director of admissions, and she makes that call on a case-by-case basis.”

Little said students who plan to attend UCO should go to the event and take advantage of being able to enroll early.

“You don’t have to drive [to UCO] to do it,” Little said. “… So it’s a little less intimidating.”

Little said one of the most common problems students make when transferring to another college is waiting too late to apply and missing the deadlines.

“Unlike OCCC, where you can enroll in classes all the way up to the day of class, four-year universities have hard deadlines for admissions, and if you wait too long you miss those deadlines,” she said.

For more information, go to www.occc.edu/transfercenter.

“[Part-time professors] are way more helpful than the full-time faculty.”

Nathan Ashley, film and video production major, said adjunct professors are more interesting. “I think they give a lot more information than the full-time professors I’ve had.”

“Even the simple things like they seem to care more.”

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It’s wonderful here,” she said. “This is my favorite place to teach. I started here first, so I guess I have a soft spot.

“I’ve always been very impressed with the way OCCC makes adjuncts feel like part of the team,” Kuhlman said.

“Even the simple things like the way they feed us at the welcome dinners every semester lets us know we really are a part of the team and we have a lot of support.”

Students have mixed feelings about adjunct professors.

Taryn Johnson, pre-baccalaureate nursing major, said she has had some issues with adjunct professors.

“When they say they have office hours and you go to see them, they’re not there,” she said. “Since they don’t write the curriculum, they always seem to be surprised of what’s next to teach.”

Angel Icenhour, diversified studies major, said she prefers full-time professors because “they seem to care more.”

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Free activities planned for Humanities Week

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OCCC’s Big Read, “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald is just one thing students will have to look forward to during Humanities Week. The event, which runs Oct. 8 through 17, will include activities such as “The Jazz of Gatsby,” interpretive readings of the novel and more.

The event, which began last year, was started by Student Life, Student Support Services and the humanities department to coincide with the national observance of Humanities Week.

Student Life Director Erin Logan said the goal of the program is to learn about some of the diversity on OCCC’s campus, both related to humanities and diversity.

“There’s a lot of opportunity to learn more about our culture at OCCC throughout this week and a lot of self-exploration as well as exploration of people who are very different,” Logan said.

Logan said other key events will include a presentation by Jim Stovall, author of “The Ultimate Gift” at 2 p.m. on Oct. 9 followed by a screening of the film “The Bully Project” at 4 p.m., which will be followed by a discussion about bullying on college campuses and The Woody Guthrie Project at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11.

“Everything is open admission and free to [attend],” she said. “We’ve tried to come up with a variety of topics and we want to see as many students as we can.”

Logan said all events are different from last year and that this year’s events have actually been extended to a week and a half.

“We ended up having so many good ideas we didn’t necessarily want to cut things out,” she said. “Since the next week is a short week because of fall break, we wanted to make sure we had some stuff for students to do that week.”

Psychology major Sherry Davis said she is interested in attending National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, a day which celebrates and supports LGBT individuals, their friends and families.

“I think it will be interesting,” Davis said. “I think it’s important for students to know there are people out there who care and support them in their life decisions.”

Logan said with the wide range of activities being offered, the event also is a good way for faculty and students to incorporate these activities into their classes and even their everyday lives.

“The time period of the Great Gatsby and Woody Guthrie is so vastly different but it’s made — especially in this part of the country — a huge influence,” she said. “It’s a great learning opportunity.”

For a complete list of dates, times and events, visit www.occc.edu/studentlife.

Kappa Beta Delta
There will be a scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Oct. 11, in room 2R0. The topic will be the Fall Induction Ceremony, the Holiday Angel Tree, and Officer Openings.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue.
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