Music minded

Music Professor Michael Boyle and Music Professor Jose Gabaldon perform in a faculty recital on Sept. 20 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The recital also featured a couple of Gabaldon’s friends — drummer Josh Fallin and Justin Mettry on keyboards and electric guitar.

English curriculum changes to start fall 2013

Six-credit-hour College Prep English course will take the place of traditional classes

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Just as the math department changed its curriculum two years ago to form College Preparation Math, the English department is hoping to change its curriculum as well to form College Preparation English beginning in the fall of 2013.

The redesign includes combining College Writing I and College Reading I into one six-credit-hour course called College Preparation English I, and combining College Writing II and College Reading II into one three-credit-hour course called College Preparation English II, said Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver.

She said the change is dependent upon approval of the Curriculum Committee that will meet Oct. 11.

VanSchuyver said there are two reasons this curriculum change has come around after five years of discussing and researching it.

One is a new trend both locally and nationally of helping students get through college more quickly, she said.

“…If we [make] more people successful by writing a new curriculum that is more successful and helps people learn those skills better, then they can get on with their college classes and...” she said.

Fast Track, 8-week classes deadlines near

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And students wanting to pick up a Fast Track or 8-week class for the current semester need to be aware of upcoming deadlines.

Hornbeek said Oct. 6 is the last day to enroll in Fast Track session two, Oct. 17 is the deadline for...
OPINION

EDITORIAL | While digital is the way to get grab-and-go music, nothing beats a spinning record

Vinyl sounds good for the soul

Take your favorite LP out of its sleeve, place it on a turntable, set the needle in the groove and turn up your speakers. Or if you are listening to a 45, don’t forget your RPM adapter.

Most people under the age of 30 probably don’t know what this means, although this is slowly changing.

For decades, vinyl records were the primary form of listening to music. Since the invention of digital, however, most people have shoved those crates of albums onto the closest shelf to collect dust.

What’s the point when you can have virtually any song you want constantly at your fingertips? No more broken needles, skips, cracks and pops, and flipping sides every few songs.

With digital, you can take your music with you on the go and create playlists that fit your mood, so why would anyone want to listen to vinyl?

Despite the rapid decline of vinyl record sales since the early 90’s, more people, specifically the younger generations, are starting to discover its magic.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, an information and sales tracking system, vinyl sales increased 36 percent in 2011, making it the best-selling year for records in the last couple of decades. Sales are expected to climb even further in 2012.

So what has caused this jump in sales? The answer is simple: quality. While it doesn’t hurt that newer artists are now releasing music on vinyl, I believe the main cause for this jump is simply the fact that vinyl sounds better.

The sounds are warm and rich, and listeners are able to hear parts of songs they may have overlooked before. You haven’t really heard music until you have sat in your bedroom floor looking over album covers and turning up the music so loud your house and heart are beating in time with it.

Although buying records may be an act of nostalgia for some, it is becoming mainstream for others. Vinyl will never replace digital, that’s for sure, but it is making a huge impact. Artists are finding ways to appeal to all generations of fans by releasing new music on both digital and vinyl, sometimes even providing a digital download to accompany the vinyl record so you no longer have to choose between the two.

Another bonus to vinyl records is you are more likely to listen to the entire album. With digital we tend to pick and choose our favorite tracks and discard the ones we don’t like. What most people don’t realize is these tracks have been strategically placed so the album has a unique and working flow. A track that sounds just OK standing alone may take on a whole new meaning when placed between two others. Just like you wouldn’t skip around chapters while reading a book, albums are meant to be listened to from side A to B. Each album tells a story and it’s up to the listener to figure out its message.

The fact is, digital has made music more easily accessible to people but comes with lack of quality. Whether you crave the convenience of digital or the magic of vinyl is up to each individual to decide. Personally, I say turn up the volume and keep those records spinnin’.

—Erin Peden
Staff Writer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Chemicals in secondhand smoke blamed for unexplained, unexpected deaths

Smoking one cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

To the Editor:

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome involves a sudden, unexplained, unexpected death of a baby during the first year of life, and it’s the leading cause of death in otherwise healthy infants.

A growing body of evidence implicates tobacco use in many of these deaths — and researchers are now beginning to understand more precisely how exposure to secondhand smoke affects developing babies. Chemicals in secondhand smoke appear to affect the brain in ways that can interfere with an infants’ breathing.

Infants who die from SIDS have higher concentrations of nicotine in their lungs and higher levels of cotinine (a biological marker for secondhand smoke exposure) than infants who die from other causes.

It’s long been known that many of the toxic chemicals in cigarette smoke can cross the placenta and concentrate in the body of a developing baby.

One recent study found that infants born to mothers who smoked during pregnancy showed poor motor skills development and were less able to regulate their physiological, sensory and attention responses than infants that were not exposed to tobacco.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, not smoking during pregnancy and not smoking in the home or around a baby help substantially in reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death.

“Obviously, all parents want healthy babies — that’s why it’s so heartbreaking to see expectant mothers who use smoke in adults who use tobacco around infants and young children,” says Oklahoma County Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition coordinator Paula Klein.

“We know how difficult it can be to quit tobacco use, but it’s easier with the right kind of help, and we want everyone to know that help is available, and it’s free,” Klein says.

“Reducing the risk of having an infant die suddenly should be a powerful motivator for quitting tobacco.”

Oklahomans who want to quit are encouraged to call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). For Spanish call 1-800-793-1552. The Helpline is available 24 hours a day or online at www.OKhelpline.com.

Registration and support is free and a free two-week starter kit of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges is available.

—Oklahoma City-County Health Department

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Atomic Lotus eases tattoo pain

After several years of contemplating different tattoo ideas, I finally decided on something I truly loved and was ready to go for it.

Being my first tattoo experience, I was a mixture of anxious, excited and somewhat nervous all at the same time.

Atomic Lotus Tattoo, located on NW 23rd Street in Oklahoma City, impressed me with their professionalism, cleanliness and quality work that helped ease my concerns.

I took a couple of reference pictures to tattoo artist David Ruiz, and from those general references, he created a unique and detailed design that I fell in love with. He really showcased his talent of being able to create beautiful tattoo designs by adding his own touch to my design.

The nearly three-hour session went by quickly and smoothly, and that is solely due to Ruiz's consideration for me as a first time customer.

While there is very little one can do to reduce the pain associated with getting a tattoo, Ruiz made sure that I was as comfortable as possible and made sure to keep the mood positive and encouraging. I was thoroughly pleased with how sanitary the procedure was.

The tattoo artist frequently sanitized the tattoo area probably 20-plus times, used all new needles straight out of the package, and wore gloves the entire time.

Pain and discomfort were kept at a minimum by some type of cooling and soothing liquid that he frequently applied. It was basically heaven in a bottle at the time.

The entire staff at Atomic Lotus was incredibly friendly and helpful. They seemed genuinely interested in seeing the end result of my tattoo and helped the session go by faster by interacting with me.

Another plus about Atomic Lotus is that they offer a three-month guarantee for free touch ups for new tattoos.

Also, a free bottle of antimicrobial soap, which is recommended to wash tattoos with, is given to anyone who simply uses the check-in feature on Facebook to check-in at Atomic Lotus.

I am extremely happy with my results and my experience at Atomic Lotus. I recommend Atomic Lotus to anyone looking to get a tattoo from a friendly, professional, and sanitary place.

Rating: A
—Paris Burris
Online Editor

Financial Aid FACTS

Students have work options

Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) at www.fafsa.gov to take advantage of a variety of federal programs available to help you with the direct costs paid to the college for tuition, fees, books and supplies, and to assist you with other indirect costs such as your transportation expenses, expenses for meals, and additional books and supplies as you go through the semester and as you plan to cover expenses for spring.

One way of meeting ongoing expenses as you go through fall semester and to save money for the spring semester, is to find a student job. If you file the FASFA, you may be offered a Federal Work Study position based on your financial need. Starting wages for work study positions is $8.25 an hour and students normally work 15 to 20 hours per week. Students who do not work through the Federal Work Study program may be able to work a regular student employment position (STEP). The starting wage rate is also $8.25, and students work 15 to 20 hours a week.

To check for student employment positions, Federal Work Study students receive an authorization form from the Financial Aid Office and take it to the College Student Employment and Career Services Office. Student Employment and Career Services is located on the first floor of the Main Building at 1G7. If you have not been awarded Federal Work Study, you should also visit Student Employment and Career Services Office. This office will help you access the College jobs online system to locate positions you may apply for.

If you are seeking a job to help with some of your expenses, you are encouraged to consider student employment. Student employment provides you with valuable work experience that can also help you establish references for future jobs you may be seeking. Student employment positions are on-campus, and help you focus on being a student and structure your work schedule around your course schedule. The Financial Aid Office does have some Federal Work Study positions off-campus in elementary school tutoring positions and positions in community service agencies.

Be sure to stop by the Financial Aid office if you have questions about the Federal Work Study program. You may also visit the Financial Aid webpage at www.occc.edu/financialaid/ then click on Fact Sheets.

—Harold Case
Student Financial Support Services Dean

INSIDE THOUGHTS

Pioneer editor recommends gaining outside experience before graduation

Interning with a company in the field of your major is something college students are all highly encouraged to do. Some degrees require at least one internship during college, while some people do it just to get some valuable experience.

I am an intern on the metro desk at The Oklahoma this semester.

As a journalism major, it is something I knew I needed to do from day one. I just was at a loss about how to achieve the position.

Fortunately with the help of great professors and their wide base of connections in the field and some good words about me being spread by former co-workers, I finally got what I had been working up to for so long.

As a metro desk intern I am a staff writer covering a wide range of news happening mainly in the Edmond area.

It works a lot like working here in the Pioneer, where we are assigned stories, set up interviews, transcribe notes, write, and organize a story for readers.

However, it is a little more work because all my sources are not in the same building as I am and getting hold of people is a little more tricky. But I suppose that is one of the things my editor and mentor look at when judging how I am doing as an intern. How resourceful I am.

I believe that is the key to all internships, how resourceful and productive you can be.

Interning is basically a long application to a job you hope to land one day.

You have to shine brighter than you ever have and do more than you ever thought you could.

I am so thankful for landing this great position. I highly suggest to anyone, no matter what major, to get an internship.

It’s one thing to sit in a class and be told this by a professor who may or may not have experience in the field you are hoping to go into.

It’s another thing to experience it firsthand and get your foot in the door for when classes are over and the real world hits you.

—Sarah Hussain
Editor
**COMPMENTS AND REVIEWS**

**PRODUCT REVIEW** | Reviewer revives Thermos after tooth extraction forces liquid meals

**Thermos a good choice for those on the go**

As the leaves begin to turn and the temperatures start to dip, it’s clear fall is here to stay — and winter isn’t too far behind.

When the days grow cold and dark, sometimes the most comforting thing in the world is a hot cup of soup that warms you from the inside out.

But when you’re working and going to school, it’s hard to brown bag a steaming cup of anything unless it’s to be consumed immediately.

Luckily, that’s where Thermos comes in.

Unless you’re a camper, the last place you likely heard that name was on the little plastic flask that came with your Backstreet Boys lunch box in fifth grade.

But with the cost of eating out skyrocketing and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches becoming a little mundane, it was time to revisit an old friend.

I recently picked up the 16-ounce Thermos Steel Vacuumware model at Walmart for $16.99 after a pulled tooth reduced my nutritional pyramid to soup, butterscotch pudding and bottles of vanilla Ensure for a few days.

At about 7 a.m. one morning, I put a large can of soup on the stove top until it began to boil. After it reached that point, I poured it into the thermos. The soup perfectly reached the brim of the thermos, though if you’re packing a little extra, Thermos also makes the steel vacuumware container in a 40-ounce version.

Six hours later when I was ready for lunch, my soup was so hot I had to open the lid and let it cool for several minutes. As a bonus, under the lid is an expandable metal spoon, so you don’t need to worry about lugging utensils around with you.

This thermos is perfect for hungry students and office workers who don’t have access to, or don’t like using a microwave. If you prefer packing cold foods, the model promises to keep items cooler for even longer than it keeps hot things steaming.

The Thermos Steel Vacuumware container is available at Walmart stores and online at www.walmart.com.

**Rating:** A+  
—Whitney Knight  
**Contributing Writer**

**GAME REVIEW** | Gamer misses ability to dismember game characters

**‘Borderlands 2’ changes mostly good**

"Mayhem awaits. Bring friends," is plastered on the ads for the latest "Borderlands" title, and it’s the truth.

I recently picked up "Borderlands 2" and have become a terrible boyfriend because of it.

If I’m not at work, school or asleep, I’ve been playing the game with my friend.

The game starts out with a cinematic of an ill-fated ride through the tundras of Pandora.

The four current characters are showcased in an action-packed short movie where they face down a small squad of robots.

Salvador is the replacement for Brick but instead of running in like a fool and swinging his fists, he instead runs in like a fool using a gun in each hand during his action skill.

Maya is the replacement for Lilith, and instead of disappearing and reappearing for her action skill, she lifts enemies into the air so she can shoot them at her leisure.

This seems a lot like the force if you ask me.

Zero is the replacement for Mordecai. His action skill summons a decoy and he turns invisible. During this he is able to attack with his sword, aiming at enemies' weak points.

Axton, Roland’s replacement, comes equipped with another turret.

It’s larger and more intimidating than the Scorpion turret from the first game but looks to do much of the same things.

One of the fun things about "Borderlands" is the rampant use of spoofs and parody of popular stuff.

Zero sometimes spoofs "Yu-Gi-Oh!" when he goes invisible. "How hilarious, you have activated my trap card!"

I’ve not been able to get too far into the game yet but my childhood has already been stomped a few times — in such a way that it merely amuses though.

Overall, the game has the same flair for destruction as the first. I only have one real complaint other than the difficulty. The enemies don’t pop or get dismembered anymore. That’s the one thing that bugs me about the new game.

Everything else is fabulous, but seeing a bandit’s head disappear was like a reward for being able to properly aim with a sniper rifle.

**Rating:** A  
—Robert Bolton  
**Online Writer**

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**TOP 20 MOVIES**

Weekend of Sept. 21 through 23  
[www.newyorktimes.com](http://www.newyorktimes.com)

1. Hotel Transylvania  
2. Looper  
3. End of Watch  
4. Trouble with the Curve  
5. House at the End of the Street  
6. Pitch Perfect  
7. Finding Nemo  
8. Resident Evil: Retribution  
9. The Master  
10. Won’t Back Down  
11. Dredd 3D  
12. The Possession  
13. The Perks of Being a Wallflower  
14. Lawless  
15. Arbitrage  
16. The Dark Knight Rises  
17. ParaNorman  
18. (none listed)  
19. The Bourne Legacy  
20. The Odd Life of Timothy Green
MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION WISHES TO EDUCATE OTHERS

Club raising awareness of Islam on campus

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The Muslim Student Association has two goals, said club president Sebghattullah Noori. One is to establish a community for Muslims on campus, while the other is to raise awareness of Islam and Islamic culture among non-Muslims.

“Our aim is to inform people that all religions are intertwined in a way, and we are all brothers and sisters,” Noori said.

The MSA wants people to be informed about the true Islamic culture and not to perceive all Muslims as being “terrorists” or affiliated with the Taliban, Noori said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, MSA members will be in the hall in front of the Union offering international sweets to help raise money for the club.

Raising money for countries in conflict, such as Syria, Egypt or Afghanistan, is a goal of the club, Noori said.

This semester the club also has access to a prayer room, which is available to everyone, on the first floor in the library, in room 101.

“This prayer room is beneficial because it provides a place for students to reflect, meditate or pray,” Noori said.

The Muslim Student Association is one of five religious clubs on campus, and is open to all students regardless of faith, religion or beliefs.

Currently the MSA is 55 members strong and is always eager to welcome new faces, Noori said.

One new member is Nawar Salam Al Rbeawi, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Baghdad, Iraq. He came to Oklahoma in January of 2008 with his father, who received a government scholarship to complete his doctorate in petroleum engineering.

Al Rbeawi decided to continue his education in Oklahoma to get the best education possible like his father, he said.

“I like the U.S., I think it’s a very fun place,” Al Rbeawi said. “I also like the diversity and the mixing of different cultures. However, I do think people are misinformed on a lot of things that happen abroad because of the media.”

He said he would like to play a part in helping Americans better understand Islamic culture and values.

Muslim Student Association meetings are held every other week at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The next meeting will be Oct. 16 in the prayer room, room 101 in the Library.

For more information on the Muslim Student Association, contact Noori at sebghattullah.noori@email.occc.edu.

SECOND CONCERT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO WOODY GUTHRIE

Jazz ensembles to perform ‘The Jazz of Gatsby’

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Two concerts featuring music from opposite ends of the jazz spectrum will be performed by OCCC’s jazz ensembles this week.

The program at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, will cover 1920s jazz from the era of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel “The Great Gatsby.”

By contrast, the performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, will be flavored with blues and protest lyrics from the 1930s and ’40s, said music Professor Michael Boyle, who leads both ensembles.

The free performances will be in the Bruce Owen Theater. They are offered in honor of National Humanities Week, Boyle said.

“The Jazz of Gatsby” performance will correlate with The Big Read, an annual celebration of literacy and literature. Boyle said the bands will be playing a themed show of music popularized in the Roaring Twenties by Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, and Irving Berlin.

The other concert will pay tribute to Oklahoma native and music legend Woody Guthrie, who inspired the music to be played on Oct. 11.

Boyle said that after the success of performances he arranged for last year’s Humanities week, he knew that participating again this semester was a must.

“We decided to have a more focused approach to this year’s concerts," Boyle said, indicating that is what led him to undertake preparing to play some of Guthrie’s music.

Boyle noted that the show is meant to be a celebration of sorts for the late Guthrie’s 100th birthday.

Guthrie was born in Okemah, about 60 miles east of Oklahoma City. As a folk singer in the 1930s, he was widely regarded as one of the most influential musicians of his genre.

His legacy lives on today in the styles of other musicians, most notably Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell.

The Oct. 11 concert will feature music by Billy Bragg, Wilco, and especially the works of an Illinois native and folk rock singer/songwriter named Jonathan Brooke.

Boyle said that bands such as Wilco and artists like Brooke and Bragg have all taken poetry written by Guthrie and set it to music, adding to Guthrie’s lengthy body of work and extending his legacy.

The setlist will feature Guthrie staples and some songs made popular by the aforementioned artists, Boyle said. “All You Fascists,” “Christ for President,” and “Sweet and Bitter Bowl" will all be included.

Students in the jazz bands are practicing diligently to hone their skills for the concerts.

Nicole Pearce, who is a music major and vocalist for the band, talked about the hours of work that she and other students are putting in.

She said she practices every single day.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” Pearce said. “But I really love it.”

She herself is drawn to Guthrie’s music in the program because of the “poetry of the lyrics,” she said, adding that they “are deep and connecting.”

Boyle is pleased with the progress the musicians are making.

“This concert is turning out to be outstanding,” Boyle said. “It’s going to be really cool.”

If you’re interested in becoming involved in the school’s jazz music bands or you’ve got questions, contact Michael Boyle at mboyle@occc.edu.
Students host adaptive equipment expo

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Occupational therapy assistant students put on an adaptive equipment exposition in the College Union Sept. 25 to show devices they had created or found to help their clients live more independent lives.

It was a way for second-year students to show off the projects they have been working on for the past year.

OTA student Wendy Hinricksen said she came up with picture memory aids for people who have dementia, Down Syndrome, or other memory problems. Hinricksen said the picture memory aids showed common household items and how they should be used.

For instance a picture of a clock set for 6 a.m. would remind the person to set the alarm for that time every night. Such memory prompts can allow the clients to be more independent.

"The expo was a great opportunity to show what is important to us," Hinricksen said. "I knew immediately what I wanted to do."

OTA student Crystal Rowe said she took an idea from an adaptive equipment catalog and made it better. Rowe said her "foot scooper" was quick and easy to make at home and would allow a person with weakness or paralysis on one side to put on socks and shoes unaided, thus allowing more independence.

"The foot scooper was made out of a very soft felt material and a little bit of velcro to allow a person to wrap it around their foot and adjust it to the length they would like. With the device, Rowe said someone could use one hand to pick up their foot, hold their foot in place on the knee and put on socks and shoes.

"It's really neat to be able to show people that this is occupational therapy and that this is what we do," said Tabby Hasley, OTA student.

Adaptive equipment helps people who have had strokes, dementia or Alzheimer's as well as children with disabilities or who have had injuries. It helps with range of motion, balance, coordination, gross motor skills and fine motor skills, Hasley said.

"Occupational therapy is very creative and it's fun," said OTA student Megan Ott.

OTA students were able to show off their creative and money-saving ideas. Many students came up with their own adaptive equipment idea while others found equipment in an adaptive equipment catalog and found ways to make it at home for less money.

"It was an opportunity to show what we have learned," said OTA student Kari Stevenson.

"We did it as a project to help ourselves and first-year students. It gives us hope that graduation is near."
Domestic violence awareness to be promoted

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Too many people believe domestic violence doesn’t happen to them when, sadly it does, said Student Life Director Erin Logan. Logan said her department is incorporating Relationship Violence Awareness Week into the larger Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in order to reach a wider variety of students who may not fit the classic definition of domestic violence victims.

“We work with Jenna Howard in Student Support Services and with some of our resources in the community to take Domestic Violence Awareness Month and really focus it towards our student population,” Logan said.

She said the first part of that initiative is a Brown Bag luncheon event on Healthy Relationships, which will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23, in CU1.

“There is violence in relationships of any kind. It can be a friend, it can be parental, it can be a same-sex couple, a straight couple, a dating couple, a married couple. We’re really looking at the effects relationships in general have on that week. So we do the OCCC twist, and look at our student population to see where those needs are,” Logan said.

Logan said another facet her department is working with is alcohol safety education, especially as it relates to relationship violence. An event to promote alcohol safety awareness will be held 12 to 1 p.m. Oct. 24, in CU2. In addition to the other alcohol safety training her department usually sponsors on campus, she said there will also be more resources added to help students.

“We’re in the process of working with Campus Police to come up with safety tips and tricks that students can use when they’re out,” she said.

Logan said there are dangers to watch out for when out drinking alone or with a friend.

“There are things like people slipping things into your drink. We’ll also be looking at how to recognize both alcoholism and binge-drinking, and the differences between them,” she said.

Logan said she feels that incorporating alcohol awareness into awareness about relationship violence is important because often they are related.

“We want to make sure the alcohol isn’t playing a role in those problems,” she said.

OCCC Counselor Jenna Howard said one of the events she’s bringing to the campus is the Silent Witness program.

“They’re plastic silhouettes of women, children, and men. They represent people who have been murdered by domestic violence. We’re going to put them throughout Student Services, and we’ll have information about them. “They’re not only here to honor the dead, but also to raise awareness of the fact that domestic violence can lead to murder.”

Howard said the best way to help a person in an unhealthy or abusive relationship is be supportive.

“You can say you’re concerned. Just letting them know, being specific. ‘This is what I’m seeing in your relationship, and I’m a little concerned,’” she said.

Howard said it’s important not to alienate individuals in unhealthy relationships. She said such individuals may go through several instances of abuse or violence before deciding to leave their partner.

“If you confront someone, and you just say ‘you just need to leave, you need to get out of there,’ they may become isolated from you. There’s an attraction, they’re connected to this person, even if there are unhealthy aspects in the relationship. And they may not be ready to leave. If you just say you need to leave him or her, they may not come back to you. They may not feel like you’re a safe person to talk to,” Howard said.

Howard said the best policy is one of not being judgmental.

“If they have an open door that they can come talk to you, that you’re going to support them and encourage them without rejecting them for not leaving, then even though it may not be this time or next time they decide they need to leave, when they come to a decision, they know they can come to you.”

There are a number of resources for men and women in such situations, Howard said. The YWCA is one, offering women resources that include counseling and legal support.

Howard said legal support can be especially beneficial to individuals who are immigrants to the country and fear being deported is they report their abuser, and married women who are concerned that attempting to get a divorce will worsen their situation.

She also said that, while male victims do exist, there aren’t as many resources available to them, due to the prevalence of female victim oriented relationship violence. Howard said that any student in such a situation can come to Student Support Services, however, regardless of gender or orientation.

For more information, contact Student Support Services at 405-682-1611, ext. 7520, or stop by their office on the first floor of the Main Building.

Additional domestic violence resources

Norman:
Women’s Resource Center, Inc.
Phone: 405-701-5540
Web: www.wrcnorman.org
Email: wrc@wrcweb.net

Oklahoma City:
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Phone: 405-524-8999 or 1-800-742-2272
Web: www.oklahomacasa.org
Help for abused and neglected children who need court advocacy.

Crime Victims Compensation Board
421 NW 13th, Suite 290
Phone: 405-264-5006 or 1-800-745-6098
Email: victimsservices@dac.state.ok.us
The Crime Victims Compensation Act provides a method of compensation for victims of violent crime. An arrest of the offender does NOT have to take place to be eligible to file a claim; however, the victim and/or claimant is expected to fully cooperate in the apprehension, investigation and prosecution of the perpetrator.

YWCA Crisis Service
2460 West I-44 Service Road
Hotline: 405-917-9922 or 405-949-1866
Hotline for Sexual Assault: 405-943-4724 or 405-943-7273
Phone: 405-948-1770
Web: http://www.ywcaokc.org

National:
Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women
P.O. Box 252
Harmony ME, 04942
Hotline: 888-2HELPLINE
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Web: www.safe4all.org/
Email: safe@safe4all.org
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Professor advocates sport

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Physical Science Professor Gary Houlette uses golf as a teaching tool with the OCCC Engineering Club. Houlette has no background in golf but he believes golf is a sport that has many advantages for students.

"Golf is one of those sports you can play all your life," Houlette said. "For young people there are so many business opportunities on golf courses."

Houlette said that golf can help improve communication skills and also open up possible opportunities.

Houlette said he has already seen the benefits of his new found appreciation for golf, through former students.

"Last spring, one of my engineering students signed up for a golf tournament at OU, even though he wasn't very good," Houlette said.

"He ended up being paired with a guy who works for Chesapeake and they got to know each other and the next thing you know the student has an internship at Chesapeake."

"Sometimes people will sit and talk to you just because you have a golf club in your hand," Houlette said.

Engineering Club members and engineering majors Harrison Schroer and Joshua Woodard both said they have taken a liking to the new hobby and have began to take advantage of the facilities near OCCC.

"It's great," Schroer said.

"We go to Earlywine golf course about twice a week. We just take a break and are back here within 45 minutes," Schroer said.

Woodard said he is enjoying the experience but understands there is a lot of development to do in golf.

"It's fun, but there is just a lot that goes with it," Woodard said.

Houlette said he wants to get rid of that attitude immediately.

"It's not about being good or not," Houlette said. "It's good to just go out there and knock that little white ball around."

This is the first year the Engineering Club has started playing golf, but Houlette said he has big plans for the club in the future, with help from the OCCC community.

"If anyone on campus has a set of old golf clubs that they would like to donate to the club, that would be great," Houlette said.

"There are a lot of good golfers on campus including faculty and staff. "What I would like to do is ask them to come play with the students, not only for the golfing experience but also its about developing communication skills, and that alone can open up so many doors," he said.

If you would like to donate equipment or help instruct, contact Gary Houlette at ghoulle@occc.edu, or by calling 405-682-1611, ext. 7676.
‘LIFE DURING THE GREAT GATSBY ERA’ WILL BE PERFORMED OCT. 11

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Retired English Professor Richard Rouillard will portray a character from the 1920s in a dramatic performance entitled “Life During the Great Gatsby Era” from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in College Union Rooms 1 and 2.

The fictionalized character will talk about the jazz age, prohibition and the literary figures of the day. The character will make reference to Jay Gatsby, the central figure in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel “The Great Gatsby,” as if he had read of Gatsby’s death in the local newspapers, Rouillard said.

The OCCC library is hosting the event in conjunction with The Big Read. This year’s Big Read novel is “The Great Gatsby.”

Reference Librarian Jay Ramanjulu said The Big Read is a program designed to bring communities together nationwide to read specific titles and discuss their views about the meaning of these books.

Also they will talk about the themes and how they relate to today’s world, Ramanjulu said. The Big Read was created by the National Endowment for the Arts. Through this program, selected communities receive grants that range from $2,500 to $20,000 to support their project.

The mission of The Big Read is to make literature in America more popular and get many more people to read, Ramanjulu said. This program started in 2006 and since then it has awarded more than 1,000 grants to town and cities all across the U.S.

“The Great Gatsby” takes readers back to the Roaring Twenties, when a young man by the name of Nick Carraway moves to New York state to learn a new trade, Ramanjulu said.

The new house he has moved into is located next door to a wealthy yet mysterious man named Gatsby. Every Saturday Gatsby throws extraordinary parties.

Finally Nick is invited to one of Gatsby’s famously extravagant parties where he is asked to serve as a go-between to unite Gatsby with his lost love, who happens to be Carraway’s cousin, Ramanjulu said.

Reference Librarian Rachel Butler helped organize the event.

“I am ready to hear what people have to say about the book,” Butler said.

She noted how the background of the book is similar to today’s economy, with a growing distance between the rich and poor.

She said she is excited to hear all the different themes and different views people have.

Student who want to join in The Big Read can get a free copy of “The Great Gatsby” by asking at the campus library.

For more information, contact Ramanjulu at jramanjulu@occc.edu or Butler at rbutler@occc.edu or call the library reference desk at 405-682-1611, ext. 7251.

Changes:

Three classes will be replaced by one course

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search went into figuring out how to revise OCCC’s entry-level math courses.

“We had been researching what had been working for other people,” Carter said. “We had been trying those things. Some of the things that worked for other people weren’t working for us. Some of the things that were working for us weren’t working for other people, so we decided to look at what was working for our students.

“We took the best of what had been working for our students, dumped the stuff that had not and we created College Prep Math.”

She said College Preparation Math is a four-course sequence leading up to the entry level, college-level math. In CPM, all but the first course includes rotating between mini lecture, small group and computer time.

Business major Curtarius Perry said CPM IV has helped him get through math.

“It’s sort of beneficial,” he said.

“You have the small group, you have the hands on, then you have the computers.”

Carter said the response has been good.

“The feedback that I’m getting from the students — (the) majority of it is that this is working and it’s a good thing,” she said.

VanSchuyver said the learning skills faculty are hopeful CPE will be as successful as CPM has been.

“We’re really hoping that by teaching the reading and writing together … it will make [students] more prepared for college classes,” she said.

VanSchuyver said the new classes will be taught by the same professors who are currently teaching College Writing and Reading, but they will have to go through some training in order to learn how to teach the combination.

Enroll:

Choosing classes early key to desired schedule

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late 8-weeks enrollment and Nov. 17 is the last day students can enroll in Fast Track session three classes.

Students may search for available classes via MineOnline.

“Registration for fall classes began in March so some are likely to be full.”

However, Hornbeek said, students shouldn’t give up hope.

“Students are constantly adding and dropping classes, so students should use MineOnline as a resource to see if seats open up in a full class.”

Hornbeek said students with any type of hold will not be able to self-enroll.

She said early enrollment is ideal to ensure students get the classes they want.

“Early registration means that students know in advance what classes they are going to take which allows for planning in regards to purchasing books,” Horbeck said.

“Another huge benefit is beating the peak lines in January.”

Business major Colby Morgan said enrolling early is something he definitely encourages.

“I learned the hard way to enroll early in the classes you really need,” Morgan said.

“Now I make sure I enroll as soon as it’s available.”

Hornbeek said new and first semester students are asked to enroll in person.

“All new students need to be advised by the Advising Office prior to coming to Registration for enrollment in their first semester classes,” Hornbeek said.

Open registration, which includes new students, will begin Oct. 15.

For all of the college’s registration dates and deadlines, students may pick up a hard copy of the 2012-2013 Catalog or can access it online at www.occc.edu/catalog.

Deadlines are listed on pages 8 and 9 of the catalog.

For more information, call 405-682-7535.
**Kappa Beta Delta**
Kappa Beta Delta will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in room 2R0. The topic will be the Fall Induction Ceremony, the Holiday Angel Tree and Officer Openings.

**Cell phone photo contest**
The OCCC art department is looking for cellphone photographs for a 2013 exhibition. Entrants must be current students or employees, and may only submit one photo. Photos must be original file size, submitted as an attachment using OCCC email addresses. They should include title, cellphone type, software used to manipulate the image and photographer's name. The deadline is Oct. 15. For more information, email dblake@occc.edu.

**Free immunizations for children**
OCCC is partnering with the Oklahoma Caring Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma to host the Caring Van from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Oct. 10, in the OCCC FACE Center parking lot, to provide free immunizations to children.

For more information, please call the OCCC Child Development Center and Lab School at 405-682-7561.

**Humanities Week events**
Student Life, Students Support Services and the Humanities Department have teamed up to coordinate events for Humanities Week, Oct. 8 through Oct. 17. Some events for the week of Oct. 8 follow:

- **The Big Read** — 11 a.m. Oct. 8, in the General Dining area
- **The Bully Project** — 4 p.m. Oct. 8, in CU1
- **The Jazz of Gatsby** — 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9, in the Bruce Owen Theater
- **Motivational speaker Jim Stovall** — 2 p.m. Oct. 9, in CU3
- **Diversity Week: National Coming Out Day** — 10 a.m. Oct. 11, in the Main Building Lobby
- **The Woody Guthrie Project** — 7 p.m. Oct. 11, in the Bruce Owen Theater
- **The Great Gatsby** — 2 p.m. Oct. 11 in CU1

**Anniversary cake**
OCCC student Iva Trujillo gets a piece of cake to celebrate the college’s 40th birthday.

**Administrative Assistant for Institutional Advancement**
Denise Gomez serves the cake in the College Union Sept. 25 at the 40th Anniversary Celebration.

**Institutional Advancement**
hosted the event. The event offered students, faculty and staff the opportunity to view images of years past and present.

**Action packed October planned**

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With projects ranging from Humanities and Diversity Week to Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and programs as varied as alcohol education and financial education, this is going to be a busy month, said Student Life Director Erin Logan.

“October is just so action-packed, because of all the different things we have going on,” Logan said.

“We’re adjusting some of the previous programs we’ve done, just to give it a little bit more of a different take than we have in the past.”

One of the bigger programs being tweaked a bit this year is the Halloween carnival Student Life puts on every year, she said.

“We’re really promoting it to our campus community specifically this year. We’re inviting all the children that are at the Child Development Center, we have more clubs and organizations on campus this year, and have more club involvement, more student involvement.

“We really want it to be the OCCC family atmosphere that we know and love, but bring your actual family.

“We really encourage faculty, staff and students to bring their families and friends, or just themselves, and stop by and play some games and celebrate Halloween,” Logan said.

Logan said the brown bags this month have a heavy focus on alcohol awareness and relationship violence, but that there are other programs lined up as well.

“We’re continuing the financial literacy series. The library’s coming to talk about some of the new really cool features they have with ebooks and online resources. We’re really getting a big variety for October,” Logan said.

Logan said this month’s financial literacy Brown Bag will be taking a look at targeted marketing.

“We’ve been working closely with SIFE and the Black Student Association to plan the programming for October. We’re looking at targeted...advertisements when it comes to extravagant spending, or impulse buying. Looking at the cultural differences in spending, and really examining what our students are going through when it comes to ‘keeping up with the Joneses.’

“Having to have that thing — is it a need or a want?” Logan said that while the details of the final content for the series is still being worked out, the overall message is about the cultural impact of marketing, and how students can better their financial situation by learning the difference between “need verses want.”
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