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PROFESSORS NEED TO USE MOODLE

Editor Paris Burris says if all profs would use the program OCCC has provided for them to use, students would fare better. Read more.

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Those who are interested in playing on an OCCC Intramural basketball team can sign up now at www.inleagues.com. Turn inside for more.

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OCCC has named students who made the college’s President’s and Vice President’s honor rolls last fall. Turn inside for the complete lists.

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LIBRARY

College library upgrades system

Tuley-Williams said in addition to offering students a quiet place to study and find books, students have access to easily usable systems, computers, videos, and more books, articles and eBooks than one can count.

“The library takes up most of the first two floors of (the four floors in) our building,” she said.

“The second floor holds all of the circulating books (books that can be checked out), is our quiet study area and has seven group study rooms.

“The first floor has (about) 80 public computers, the circulation desk, [magazine and newspaper] shelving, a featured display area and an instruction area.

Tuley-Williams said the number one resource students should use at the library is help from librarians.

“Usually students ask us for assistance in locating articles and books using our catalog and article databases,” Tuley-Williams said.

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Former bursar facing 27 months in prison

Former OCCC Bursar Brandi J. Henson, 49, of Yukon, must report to federal prison Feb. 18 to begin serving a 27-month sentence for wire fraud, according to a press release from U.S. Attorney Sanford C. Coats of the Western District of Oklahoma.

On Aug. 16, 2012, Henson pleaded guilty to embezzling almost $400,000 from the college between 2004 and 2011, according to court documents. OCCC President Paul Sechrist declined to comment on the sentencing, instead referring the Pioneer to Media Relations Coordinator Buffy Richardson Brown.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Students would be happier if everyone were on the same page

Professors should use Moodle

As a student getting ready to start my fourth semester at OCCC, I can confidently say that I find the resources that are available to students impressive and well appreciated. However, a recurring inconvenience I have encountered since my enrollment has made my experience with certain classes and professors much less enjoyable.

When Moodle was introduced as the new online course navigation website for students, replacing its predecessor Angel, there was a lot of buzz about it. All online professors and students had to convert to the new system. There was no choice.

Students were given orientations, tests and questionnaires to learn about the new system. Professors teaching online courses were required to become educated about it. Professors teaching traditional campus courses have the option to use Moodle features, such as the grade book.

Personally, I find the website very useful, and easy and convenient if it is used properly. I think it makes sense that everyone is using the same centralized system. However, through my experiences and via talking to other students about the issue, I have found that more than half of the time, the system is completely neglected by professors.

This seriously breaks down communication between professors and their students regarding grades.

Sure, students will often get their assignments back with their grades written on them or professors will try to keep files of their students’ assignments. This has been the norm for grading documentation for years. However, with technological advances, this type of record keeping should be a secondary method rather than primary.

Why? Well, what happens when a professor loses an assignment, forgets to document a grade or gives a wrong grade? Unless the student has a reliable resource for keeping track of their grades, it becomes very difficult to keep up with them.

A student usually won’t know of any inaccuracies with their grades until the end of the semester or when final grades are submitted. By then, it is usually too late to fix anything. If it is possible to right the inaccuracy, the process is stressful and difficult.

Many times, I have gone through entire 16-week classes with no solid track of my grades.

With all the work students have to do to be successful in college and the great amount of stress that comes along with that, it would be nice if some professors would make more effort to use Moodle, a system that cuts the stress level dramatically because students can check their grades online.

The only way this will get done is if it is a strict requirement for professors to post all grades on Moodle and it is actually enforced.

And with free computer and Internet access through OCCC, every student can use the system, so that is not an issue.

Students would not only reap benefits but professors, once they are familiar and comfortable with using the system, would undoubtedly encounter happier students and get better reviews at the end of the semester. Using such a great navigation system would eliminate the need to keep track of every student’s work on paper. It would cut down on the amount of emails, phone calls or office visits by students wanting to check their grades.

The required use of Moodle would make school much less stressful for many students. We work hard for our grades. I think it is only fair that we be able to keep track of them.

—Paris Burris
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Wellness programs kick off Jan. 23

Health department offers classes that promote health

To the Editor:

The OKC-County Health Department (OCCHD) is offering free Total Wellness classes. The Total Wellness Program provides the tools to learn how to delay or prevent the onset of chronic diseases by helping people change their eating and exercise habits. The classes teach important skills to help participants lose weight and keep the pounds off.

Classes will meet for one hour each week for 12 weeks. Participants will be encouraged to set goals of losing 5 percent of their body weight and becoming active for two and a half hours per week.

Space is limited and classes are filling up fast. To enroll, call 405-425-4352 or email Total_Wellness@occhd.org.

Classes are still available at the following locations:

• Northwest Oklahoma City: Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. starting Jan. 23 at Northwest Library, 5600 NW 122nd St., starting Jan. 23.
• Northeast Oklahoma City: Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m. at OU Children’s Physicians, 1200 Children’s Avenue, starting Jan. 30.
• Midwest City: Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Midwest City Library, 8143 E. Reno, starting Jan. 16.

Total Wellness classes taught in Spanish are as follows:

• Northwest Library-LCDA: Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at 5600 NW 122nd St., starting Jan. 24.
• Agencia Latina: Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. at 420 SW 10th Street, starting Jan. 28.

For more information, call 405-417-1634.

—OKC-County Health Department

PIONEER | OCCC.EDU/PIONEER
‘This is 40’ gets two thumbs up

MOVIE REVIEW | Modern references and gut-busting moments make for humorous flick

With recent drama releases like “The Hobbit,” “Les Misérables” and “Lincoln” comes the refreshing light-hearted and hilarious movie “This is 40.”

It is the sort-of-sequel to the comedy movie “Knocked Up” that had us laughing back in 2007.

While some of the material might be inappropriate for younger ages, with its modern references and gut-busting moments, this movie portrays material that is relatable and humorous to virtually all ages.

The movie stars Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann as Pete and Debbie, a married couple who have been unpleasantly visited by their 40th birthdays.

When Debbie discovers that Viagra has been integrated into her and Pete’s relationship, it sends her into denial and frustration.

Instead of sulking, Debbie decides to take on a new adventure in revamping her marriage. Her strategy for avoiding a midlife crisis is exercising, going to nightclubs and taking a getaway trip with Pete.

However, this is no easy adventure.

During this time, Pete is dealing with and hiding from Debbie the failure in his business and Debbie is dealing with theft in her store.

Meanwhile, Debbie is trying to rekindle her relationship with her estranged father and Pete is trying to gain financial independence from his.

During all this, their daughters are going through the difficult pre-teen rebellion and drama with boys, social networking and school.

As if this weren’t enough, when Debbie gets some shocking news from her gynecologist, the story turns into a cluster of emotions, drama and secrets with unexpected plot twists filled with eye-watering laughter.

The movie is well cast and funny, while the storyline is clever but not complicated. It does earn its R rating with a few vulgar moments. However, they are not overwhelming.

The only downfall I noticed is the movie is a little lengthy at two hours and 20 minutes. While one should definitely be well rested before the movie, it is entertaining for the entire two hours.

“This is 40” gets a huge thumbs up.

Rating: A+

—PARIS BURRIS
Editor

‘Les Misérables’ will appeal to all

MOVIE REVIEW | Stage play turned into successful motion picture

Set in 19th century France, “Les Misérables” is a motion picture musical based on the stage play of the same name. Directed by Tom Hooper, the film stars Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway.

Jackman assumes the role of Jean Valjean, a prison parolee turned fugitive. Crowe is cast as ruthless and relentless Inspector Javert, who is determined to see Valjean returned to prison.

The film follows Valjean and Javert after Valjean’s parole from prison. After a life-altering encounter shortly after his release, Valjean turns his life around for the good. He assumes a new identity, and becomes a businessman and civic leader. After a period of failing to report on parole, he is listed as a fugitive.

Having several chance encounters with Javert throughout the years, Valjean must stay on the run all the while caring for Cosette, the daughter of Fantine, a former employee whose death he feels responsible for. Through the years, Cosette grows up

and Valjean continues to attend to her needs as if he were her father while trying not to reveal his past. As time moves on, love blooms for Cosette in a time of political turmoil that threatens to destroy all that she holds dear.

The film has many zany, colorful characters and storylines. Beyond Crowe and Jackman, there are many other powerful performances. This film is equal parts action, drama, romance and comedy.

Hooper does a wonderful job of bringing stage performance to the big screen. He did the production justice. While I enjoyed the vast majority of the musical performances, I felt a few of the numbers were a little too slow and drawn out. I also felt it could have used more dialogue in place of some of the operatic style presentation of lines. However, the story is well written and superbly directed.

Overall, Jackman and Crowe deliver an incredible performance unlike anything they have ever done before. This would be a great date movie as it has something for all. If you enjoy musicals and can follow the dialogue, this is a terrific movie.

Rating: A

—ALLEN MITCHELL
Sports Writer
**COMMENTS AND REVIEWS**

**MOVIE REVIEW | Quentin Tarantino disappoints with latest venture**

‘Django Unchained’ not worth price of admission

“Django Unchained” represents two hours and 45 minutes of my life that I will never get back. The movie is a waste of time. A friend referred the new Quentin Tarantino movie to me and my husband saying it was a great movie. It was anything but.

I was disappointed by the unbelievably ridiculous plot. It is full of historical inaccuracies, cheesy special effects and full views of the human anatomy, which I could have done without.

The setting is two years before the Civil War. Django, a slave, becomes a bounty hunter alongside a German man, Dr. Schultz, played by Christopher Waltz. Django, played by Jamie Foxx, tells Schultz he wants to find his wife, another slave who was sold after she and Django tried to escape their plantation.

I spent most of the movie looking at the seat in front of me because it was more entertaining. While “Django” is listed as a Western, it was more like watching a cheap horror movie including over-abundant gore, ridiculous storyline and flashing of human body parts.

Dr. Schultz and Django think up a plan to buy Django’s wife from Candyland, a plantation notorious for forcing slaves to fight to the death. Candyland is owned by Calvin Candie, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, a vicious man who seems only to care about money and his widowed sister.

While the cast is full of popular and well-known actors, the characters themselves are flat and repetitive. Considering the storyline, I had hoped for some substance to the film but found none.

The score for “Django” was one more letdown. I am confused how a rap song has any place in a Western. It seems that Tarantino threw in a bunch of random things, shook them together and tada, a movie.

After the movie was over, my husband and I slowly walked out of the theater trying to reconcile the fact we had paid to see it. My advice is: don’t waste your time or money on “Django.” You will regret it.

Rating: F

— BUFFIE RICHARDSON BROWN

**STAFF WRITER**

**BUSINESS REVIEW | Roku 2 XD affordable, versatile streaming media connection**

Big entertainment in a small box

The Christmas holiday brought the latest in popular technology to many houses across the States. Technology like tablets, pads, and the latest in audio and video equipment highlighted most Christmas ads and post Christmas sales.

Among these deals was the Roku 2 XD, one of the best deals in entertainment.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Roku entertainment system, it is a little box about three inches wide by three inches deep and one inch tall, allowing the owner to connect their television directly to streaming media via a built-in Wi-Fi connection.

Companies like Netflix, Hulu Plus and Vudu HD Movies have taken advantage of the Roku’s powerful streaming abilities as well as more than 600 other channels, according to Roku.com, and they are still adding channels like Redbox Streaming and local network channels. That’s not all, since the Roku also offers free games like Angry Birds.

These options also are available with the bottom end Roku LT, costing only $49.99 from Roku.com or Walmart.com. The Roku LT will broadcast in 720p HD. However, the remote requires the $30 upgrade to play the games. It comes in one color: purple.

The Roku HD is only $10 more, but as far as I can tell is exactly the same as the LT except it’s not purple.

The XD increases the video quality to 1080p for only $80. The XD also requires the remote upgrade in order to play most games.

I opted for the Roku XD for video quality and I like the ability to move from room-to-room, or house-to-house and still enjoy the same programming.

And since every television I own lacks HD capabilities, I am happy the Roku still offers RCA cable connectors as well as HDMI and a micro SD card slot.

The Roku was an easy setup, which took all of three minutes.

After the initial setup, I was able to add and connect to my Netflix, Crackle and Vudu accounts, as well as HBO and a ton of other free movie and music channels.

Roku.com has a great list of free and paid channels available, but even Vudu offers free movies when you sign up, as well as with Netflix, Hulu and Amazon.

The Roku even has access to private channels broadcasting everything from HBO to the Discovery Channel via live feeds.

With the cost of cable and satellite these days being near $100 a month for decent programming, it is evident why the Roku is on the rise.

For the simple one-time cost of $80, a monthly subscription to Netflix of $8 and more than 300 free movies, shows, music and events, it’s abundantly clear the long-term savings the Roku offers.

Rating: A+

— SHAWN STAWICKI

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**TOP 20 MOVIES**

Weekend of Jan. 11 through Jan. 13

www.newyorktimes.com

1. Zero Dark Thirty
2. A Haunted House
3. Gangster Squad
4. Django Unchained
5. Les Misérables
6. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
7. Lincoln
8. Parental Guidance
9. Texas Chainsaw 3D
10. Silver Linings Playbook
11. Jack Reacher
12. This is 40
13. Life of Pi
14. The Impossible
15. The Guilt Trip
16. Monsters, Inc
17. Skyfall
18. Promised Land
19. Argo
20. Rise of the Guardians
Students could face fines for parking infractions

Police Chief says arrive early for choice of lots

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Finding a good parking spot can be a frustrating part of each semester, especially with the current construction. Police Chief James Fitzpatrick urges students to know where they want to go and to have an alternate plan in case of a full lot.

Students can follow the OCCC Campus Police on Twitter at twitter.com/otriplec, for tweets on full lots and where to find open parking, Fitzpatrick said.

“There is always ample parking but you might have to park in the back and walk,” Fitzpatrick said. “Parking lots A, B and C generally fill up quickly.”

He also said students need to be aware of the possible fines for parking improperly.

Fitzpatrick said students should expect a fee of $3 for improper parking, $5 for double parking and other minor violations, and $15 for parking in a staff or faculty parking spot.

Campus police and Oklahoma City police monitor vehicles parked in disabled parking and fire lanes. These fines range from $100 to $175.

Once a ticket has been written for a parking violation it is regulated through the Bursar’s Office which has the ability to place a hold on student transcripts until outstanding fines are paid, Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick said the busiest times for parking each semester are the first two weeks of classes. Students who will not be on campus before 8 a.m. should plan for extra time to find parking.

Student LaNeisha Smith said she usually arrives 45 minutes before class and uses the extra time to study in the library.

“Arrive at least 30 minutes before your class,” Smith advised.

To get to parking lot D or E from 74th Street, drivers will have to turn east at Faculty Circle and follow the drive completely around because the shorter route is closed due to continuing construction in lot C.

Parking fines

Failure to stop at a stop sign.........................................................$25
Going the wrong way on a one-way street.................................$25
Reckless driving, unsafe driving...................................................$25
Parking in a fire lane.................................................................... $100
Parking in a handicapped space without a proper permit..............$100
Parking in a faculty and staff area without a proper decal..............$15
Double parking.............................................................................$5
Improper parking (parts of vehicle outside of marked space)......$5
All other parking violations.........................................................$5
Failure to display parking decal or parking permit......................$3
Improperly affixed parking decal or parking permit......................$3

Students are eligible to be on the Vice President's Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 3.5 while carrying at least 12 hours. Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 3.5 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Students and offices that have qualified for the Vice President's Honor Roll are:

- Deanna Hempel, Amy Hendrix, Kelsi Henriques, Craig Henry, Ronnie Herman, Jennifer Hernandez, Julio Hernandez, Zachary Herring, Shaneta High, Megan Fildrath, Katie Hill, Holly Hindman, Briana Hinko, Kendra Hissong, Vy Ho, Uyen Hoang, Kelsey Hobbie, Amanda Hodges, Joshua Holt, Emily Hornby, Christopher Horton, Jennifer Huff, Jessie Hughey, Laura Huls, Robert Hunt, Amanda Hursh, Joshua Hurst, Michelle Hurst-Ingle, Jennifer Hunter, Monica Hutchison, Mitchell Imhoff and Roxanne Irwin.


- Jean DeP.defaultValue, Nicole Labbe, Anh Lam, Evan Lambeth, Dayton Lange, Alisse Laneh, Christopher Lansdale, Thomas Lawson, Hannah Layman, Eile En, William Le, Trang Dai Le, Chau Le, Theo L, Aerie Lecer, Hu Lan, Jean Le, Meggan Leach, Micah Lewis, Brendan Lindgren, Sydnie Lindsay, Yang Liu, Shaun Loeffler, Sunny Lomnec, Jaime Lorette Ogletree, Tamara Losom, Adam Longloughner, Colby Lovelady and Alisa Ludwig.


Students are eligible to be on the President’s Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 4.0 while carrying at least 12 hours. Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.


Madeline Bentley, Thomas Berberich, Elisabeth Berry, Jack Beyer, Mandy Black-Guevara, Greyson Blum, Gina Bowline, Robert Boulanger, Brandon Bowline, Rusty Bondeson, Mathew Borum, Marc Boulanger, Cody Bowline, Rachel Boyd, Jacqueline Briggs, Kara Brock, Kat Brown, Kaylie Brown, Lyle Brown, Sheila Bruner, Matthew Buchanan, Casey Buchanan, Ashley Burchett, Kevin Burks, Nathan Burris and April Buxton.

Mathew Caldwell, Bridge Cannon, Karen Carlile, Gerard Carreon, Jayson Carter, Alethea Case, Araina Cash, Declan Catelli, Matthew Cates, Miles Chaney, Abiebacat Chatman, Isra Cheema, Katie Chestnut, Patrick Chevis, Ricky Chik, Korey Childers, Ray Chu, Vivian Chu, Jason Clark, Melissa Cleaveland, Jeshal Colbert, Chastity Cole, James Cole, Jacob Coleman, Trish Colvin, Amy Conaway, Brittany Condraen, Caitlin Connell, Taylor Cook, Sarah Corbell, Candy Corbin, Riley Cotter, AnnaLisa Craft and Tippi Curry.


Coty Karr, Lynna Kay, Michael Kennedy, Zaid Khaimi, Denise Kilmer, Jeong Kim, David Kimbler, Annesha Kirk, Amanda Knowles, Kofi Kodeo, Cheri Lambert, Steven Lang, Marnie Langford, Jennifer Lanier, Jason Lauderdale, Thomas Lawson, Joseph Lee, June-Kwon Lee, Cynthia Leonard, Tam Lewis, Ruozhu Li, Brittny Ling, Brittany Linster, Thomas Lipton, Lirong Liu, Courtney Lockwood, Traci Long, Sarah Long, Kari Lord, Petrina Lorenz, Rene Luna and An Luong.


Frederick Smeltzer, Megan Smith, Beverly Smith, Martha Smith, Kaihlin Smith, Zachary Smith, Amine Snider, Michael Snodgrass, Rockelle Sollars, Vanessa Sola, Gayla Sossamon, Troy Southard, Jillene Sroczyński, Nikki St. Laurent, Marcus Stephens, Brian Stevenson, Brian Stolfa, Delores Stoops, Nicole Stratton, Yang Su, Whitney Sudhoff, Jordan Sudhoff, Crystal Sullivan, and Collin Swander.

Rachel Taber, Chieb Ping Tan, Tamara Tartaglia, Stephen Taylor, Melissa Teague, Wendy Tecumseh, Kayla Terell, Candice Thomas, Susanna Thomas, Cody Thornton, Graciana Tiku, Preston Totters, Jacob Touchstone, Kelly Toumbs, Priscia Tosway, Angie Tran, Elizabeth Tran, Quyn Tran, Thuy Linh Tran, Sheryl Truelove, Renee Trumbly, Quyen Truong, Lauren Tubbs, Danielle Tucker, Zachary Van Gorder, Davis Varghese, Deanna Vaughn, Benjamin Vergis, Hung Vo, Richard Vollmeier, and Phung Vu.


Brittney Williams, Steven Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Bobbie Wilson, Ashley Wingo, Jerry Winner, Veronica Wisniewski, James Womack, Joshua Woodward, Sarah Woodruff, Joshua Wooten, Amber Wright, Michelle Wright, Jessie Yedpjuo, Sara Youkna, Alexandra Young, Denis Yurchenko, Winifred Zajac-McConaghy, Phuong Hue Zarco, Seth Zimmer, Julie Zimmerman and Hassan Zouga.

“Being named to the honor roll is a mark of academic distinction and excellence. I commend the students for their outstanding achievement.” —Paul Sechrist

OCCC President
Intramural basketball returns to campus

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Feb. 8 begins another season of intramural basketball at OCCC. Students, faculty and staff may register as a team or as individuals, said OCCC Intramural Sports Coordinator Matthew Wright. The season runs from Feb. 8 through March 8.

Games are played at the OCCC gym on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. and are officiated by OCCC students who also work in the gym as attendees, he said. There is no cost to participate.

Each team decides individually when and how often to practice, so students can participate without worrying about it interfering with their studies, Wright said.

Many students enjoy the camaraderie and exercise benefits that come with intramural basketball. History major Chad McKee said he enjoys getting exercise while playing with friends.

“We’re all kinda on the same level,” McKee said. “I’m going to talk smack whether I’m doing bad or good.”

Some students enjoy the convenience of being able to play on campus.

Casey Phillips, preeducation major, said he’s drawn to the intramural program here at OCCC because its easier to play where he attends school.

He said he also enjoys interacting with friends in competition.

“It’s just something I love to do,” Phillips said.

The intramural basketball league provides new and returning students the opportunity to expand their social circle.

Wright said there are other advantages to playing intramural sports.

“Playing intramural basketball is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.”

—Matthew Wright  
OCCC Intramural Sports Coordinator

To register as an individual or a team, visit www.imleagues.com/Schools/OCCC/Registration. After completing the online registration an email will be sent to the users email. The user should follow the link in the email, select “Create or Join a Team” from the tab at the top of the page, find the sporting event and select it.

For more information on the facilities available to students, contact the Fitness and Recreation department at 405-682-7860.

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—Matthew Wright  
OCCC Intramural Sports Coordinator

Have sports news to share?  
Email Allen at sportswriter@occc.edu, or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7676.
Thefts, suspicious visitor top crime before break

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Right before classes let out for break, a number of incidents occurred including two thefts.

Dennis Tran-Vu reported his watch as having been stolen between 4 and 5 p.m., Nov. 7, from the Wellness Center locker room. Tran-Vu said he placed his watch in a locker but did not secure the locker with a padlock. When Tran-Vu returned to the locker his watch was gone. The watch is valued at $130.

In another incident, OCCC Police Sgt. David Shriver noticed a parked vehicle with its lights off in the construction area by parking lot C at 1:15 a.m., Nov. 12, while on patrol. The man in the car was Ryan Lane Edwards, 29. He told Shriver that he was parked there so he could find his cell phone charger. Edwards said he had seen two individuals walking around the college and parked in the construction area to hide from them while he tried to find his charger to call his wife.

Shriver noticed fresh dirt on the tires of Edwards’ car and asked if he had driven through the actual construction site. Edwards admitted he had driven through to take a look at the new construction.

The Oklahoma City Police Department was called to run Edwards’ information and search his vehicle. His information returned clear and nothing suspicious was found in the car. Edwards was advised to leave the campus immediately.

On Nov. 11, Student Donald Freeman reported his laptop had been taken from the library sometime between 8 and 9:45 a.m. Freeman said he arrived at the library at 8 a.m., plugged in his laptop and left his backpack at a study table on the second floor of the library. He said his laptop takes a while to come on so he went to use a computer on the first floor.

Freeman returned to the second floor around 9:45 a.m. and found his HP laptop missing and his backpack still at the table. Nothing was missing from the backpack. His laptop was valued at $400.

To contact Campus Police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747, or stop by the Police Department located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Library: Variety of resources available for patrons use

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Williams said.

"Databases such as EbscoHost are an excellent choice for students who are looking for timely, quality articles for an assignment."

Tuley-Williams said the coolest thing the library offers is its selection of eBooks.

"We use Overdrive as a means to ‘loan’ users eBooks,” Tuley-Williams said. “This is primarily for pleasure reading, rather than academic research. We also buy lots of print bestsellers.”

Students are able to check out up to 10 items at a time, according to the library website www.occc.edu/library.

The types of items that are available to students include books, eBooks, and eAudioBooks. Students also have access to magazine, journal and newspaper articles as well as online databases and search engines, according to the website.

Tuley-Williams said other conveniences include how easy it is to use the library system and the ability to access the library from a home or campus computer.

Students are able to go online to library.occc.edu and use the simple library catalogue search engine to find books or articles, she said.

From there, students can find information on a book’s availability, a brief description of the book, what section to find the book, and can even place a hold on a book for later pick up.

All a student needs to check out a book is a valid student ID, according to the website.

Tuley-Williams said the library is open every day except Sunday.

The hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The building is closed on Sunday.

For more information, email Dana Tuley-Williams at dtuley@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7390.

Henson: Former bursar Brandi Henson to serve time

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Cordell Jordan.

Jordan said he had no new comments on the case.

“I think we have already said all we needed to say,” Jordan said. “We are pleased the ruling has brought an end to the matter.”

Henson appealed to the court for a sentence of probation as appropriate for her “aberrant behavior.”

According to court documents, “aberrant” is defined by the court as committed without significant planning, of limited duration, and representing a marked deviation by the defendant from an otherwise law-abiding life.

The court concluded Henson could not claim her behavior was aberrant because “a seven-year scheme to defraud is not short-lived nor of limited duration.”

"[The] repeated acts of wrongdoing spanned several months,” the document states in rejecting the argument.

In her position as bursar, Henson had access to an account used to refund tuition and book money to students through their credit card accounts. She would sometimes credit a duplicate amount to her personal credit cards, according to court documents. “The scheme unraveled when a fraud prevention officer from one of Henson’s personal credit card companies contacted OCCC about suspicious refunds.”

In August of 2011, it came to light that unauthorized credit card transactions had been processed through the Bursar’s office over several years. Henson was charged on July 10, 2012.

The FBI prepared a loss spreadsheet that Henson signed that tallied the amount of refunds to her credit cards from 2004 to 2011 in the amount of $398,315.12.

On Jan. 16, U.S. District Judge David L. Russell sentenced Henson to 27 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, according to Russell’s office. She also was ordered to pay restitution to OCCC.

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Student clubs form connections

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A great way for new and returning students to get connected during the semester is to join a club.

Students can stop by the Student Life office in the Main Building to pick up brochures listing all of the available clubs and organizations, with contact emails included.

The OCCC campus offers many for varying interests; Muslim Student Association, Advocates of Peace, Black Student Association, International Student Association, Gay Straight Alliance, Health Professions Club, Multicultural Student Business Club, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education, College Democrats and College Republicans.

Karlen Grayson, student clubs and organizations assistant, said there are many benefits to joining a club.

"It is great for student development and a way to get connected and a major benefit is leadership skills," Grayson said.

Jeremy Cobb has been a member of The Gamers Guild since the beginning of the club two years ago. One benefit of a club, Cobb said, is that students have fun and meet new people who enjoy the same interests.

"We actually hang out every day in the campus cafeteria," Cobb said.

Cobb said freshmen joining a club will discover diverse campus services that a new student may not be aware of, but other members may use.

"Generally I have noticed in all of the clubs that current members are more than happy to help new members," he said.

There are many different ways to join a club. Students can pick up brochures, browse the five club boards posted around the campus or go to the Student Life homepage at www.occc.edu/studentlife.

Student Life currently has a listing of 34 current clubs on campus listed in their brochure.

If students have an idea for a new club, they can stop by the Student Life office to start the process.

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Coffee mug creation event planned
Student Life will sponsor a coffee mug creation event as part of Welcome Week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the lobby of the Main Building.

An evening with Frank Vignola
Frank Vignola has been called one of the most extraordinary guitarists performing in public today. He will be performing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Tickets prices are $10 for students and youth (under 17), $20 for adults and $17 for seniors. For more information, contact Lumen Bardeguez at lbardeguez@occc.edu.

2013 student art calendars for sale
The Arts and Humanities office is selling 2013 desk calendars featuring art from OCCC students. Each page has a short biography of the artist on the back. To purchase one, bring $2.50 to the Division Office, or call 682-1611, ext. 7558.

Enrollment at Downtown College
Check out the OKC Downtown College Spring Class Schedule at www.downtowncollege.com/pdf/spring-2013-schedule.pdf. Topics include Art, Writing, Literature, Criminal Justice, Education, Humanities, Fitness, Languages, Workplace Safety, Professional Certifications and more. Classes are held at noon, evenings and weekends.

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Movie filmed on campus can be seen in Duncan

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“Crazy Enough,” a film starring “Saturday Night Live” veteran Chris Kattan, was partly shot on the OCCC campus. The movie will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan, Okla., said Producer Sean Lynch.

Tickets to the festival can be purchased online at www.traildancefilmfestival.com. Ticket sales end Wednesday, Jan. 23, according to the website. Two-hour passes cost $7, Friday passes are $20, Saturday passes are $25 and weekend passes are $40.

“It would be good to see OCCC students out to support the film,” Lynch said.

Film students who assisted with the production of the movie were able to earn class credit and, in some cases, were paid, said Pioneer Lab Assistant Shawn Stawicki. Stawicki is Kattan’s stunt double in the movie.

He said he was discovered by Lynch when he was seen sitting at his desk in the Pioneer office.

“They thought I was Chris,” Stawicki said.

Since the storyline involves Kattan playing a twin character, Lynch thought it would be a good idea to hire Stawicki as a double.

“It was a lot of fun working on the movie, and the majority of people I worked with were great,” Stawicki said.

Stawicki said he was paid $50 for each day he worked as Kattan’s double.

“Some days I worked for only an hour and other days I would be there all day,” he said.

The entire movie was filmed in Oklahoma, Stawicki said. The majority of the scenes were filmed on campus and other parts were filmed at the State Capitol, in Edmond and other parts of Oklahoma, he said.

Lynch said the movie is set for DVD release on April 16 and will be available at Walmart, Target and other major distributors.

The movie was originally named “Just Crazy Enough” but has now been changed to “Crazy Enough,” Lynch said.

Volunteer opportunities are available at the festival, according to the website. Signing up to be a volunteer can be done on the website.

For more information about the festival, visit traildancefilmfestival.com.

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Guitar great to perform Jan. 24

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Guitar virtuoso Frank Vignola is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in OCCC’s Bruce Owen Theater as part of the 2012-2013 Cultural Arts Series. Cultural Programs Director Lemuel Bardeguez said Vignola is one of the most extraordinary guitarists performing today.

“He has been the guitarist of choice for many of the world’s top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, Donald Fagen, Wynton Marsalis, Tommy Emmanuel, the Boston Pops, the New York Pops and guitar legend Les Paul, who named Vignola to his ‘Five Most Admired Guitarists List’ for the Wall Street Journal, Bardeguez said.

“Additionally, his program appeals to a wide variety of audiences as he plays anything from pop to jazz to classical and delivers it all with a wonderful Vaudeville style sensibility.

Tickets for the performance are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors, and $10 for youths. Also, a $3 convenience and ticket handling fee is added to all online tickets orders. Tickets can be ordered online through the Cultural Arts Series page on the college website. For more information contact the Cultural Programs Office by phone at 682-7576 or email culturalprograms@occc.edu.

Frank Vignola