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PREPAREDNESS HELPS REDUCE SOME STRESS

Senior Writer Katie Thurman says making lists and sticking to them is helpful for students. See what she had to say inside.

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With Veterans Day fast approaching, there are numerous celebrations being held in and around the OKC metro area. For a listing, turn inside to page 7.

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Rock on

OCCC Rock band members, (l-r) vocalist Lori Valentine, vocalist Ramon Harper-Alonso and guitarist Nathan "Burch" Burchett, perform during a concert Oct. 24 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The band covered songs by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Offspring, Aerosmith and more to an audience of about 40. Members not pictured are Tyler Allen, guitarist; Jeremy Koehn, drums and Diamond Middleton, bass.

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PIONEER

Police chief clarifies annual report

Vehicle thefts and robberies increased from 2011 to 2012

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The college experienced an increase in the number of reported burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and robberies last year compared to 2011, according to this year's security/fire safety report issued by the campus police department.

Three counts of burglaries were reported on campus last year as opposed to one count in 2011, according to the report.

Three motor vehicle thefts were reported on campus compared to one reported theft in 2011.

There was one report of rob-

bery in 2012 compared to none in 2011.

There was one drug violation arrest on campus last year as opposed to three arrests in 2011.

Other areas reported in 2012 remained about the same as in 2011 with one count of aggravated assault, the same as reported in 2011. The campus stayed free from reports of arson, forcible sex offenses, murder or non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, and non-forcible sex offenses as it did in 2011.

The report also shows the campus had no arrests of liquor law or weapon violations in 2012.

Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said this year's original report documented 13 reports of burglary on campus, but after more research, the number was reduced to three.

"We've updated our statistics," he said. "I kind of did a self-audit ... We have amended the statistics to the Department of Education and we're about to put out the amended report on the website."

Fitzpatrick said the number was reduced from 13 to three because some of the reports did not fit the definition of a

burglary.

"Essentially, three of [the reports] involved the construction company [on campus]..."

"If you section off a piece of your campus and you give it to a construction company to shelter their goods and their trailers, that's not considered on campus

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Tutoring program for students, by students

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Student Life and TRiO have teamed up to provide students with free weekly small-group tutoring as a part

of Complete College OCCC, a school-wide program that aims to raise graduation numbers.

Karolyn Chowning, TRiO director, said the tutoring sessions were offered after the college

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Using time wisely and keeping to-do lists can help

Most students feel some stress

There is seldom anything more precious to a college student than time. Between classes, homework and studying, work and hectic social and home lives, it



KATIE THURMAN

can seem that having a minute to relax and just breathe for a moment is next to impossible.

As the semester begins to approach the end, students may find themselves with more than ever to do and that can be overwhelming. Projects that seemed far off in August are now due and the pace of classes tends to pick up in the last eight weeks. Feeling like you don't have enough time to complete school work can lead you to feel stressed.

While some students view stress as a motivator to get things done and suffer no ill effects from it, statistics show the majority of college students don't share the same take on stress, to the detriment of their health and academic performance.

"More than half of college students reported above average or tremendous stress levels in the spring 2012, and 30 percent of students said it had a negative impact on their academic performance," according to

the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment's 2012 undergraduate summary,

In studies performed from the mid-1990's until the present, students have always cited time management issues as a large stressor during the school year.

While many of us are prepared for college in terms of what to expect academically, many college students aren't prepared to effectively manage their time.

Being a college student is very different from being a high school student in that college students must handle a massive workload while also juggling adult responsibilities like working and possibly taking care of a family.

For many college students, the art of knowing how to use their time carefully and wisely is never really explained to them so when they enter an institute of higher learning, they have trouble knowing what to do and when to do it.

Time management solutions range from being very practical and simple to being extremely abstract and introspective.

The website www.collegelife.about.com recommends college students purchase and use a calendar to help them keep track of what they're supposed to be doing and when they're supposed to be doing it,

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as well as writing down everything from when you're going to study for a Spanish test to when you're going to go to the grocery store.

Education website www.straighterline.com offers more abstract advice. They recommend taking time to be healthy — that means getting enough sleep and maybe grabbing a salad for dinner sometimes instead of burgers five nights a week — and knowing when it's time to take a break and have just a few minutes of me-time to preserve your sanity.

If you find yourself in need of some immediate de-stressing, visit Student Support Services, located on the first floor of the Main Building.

—KATIE THURMAN
SENIOR WRITER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | 'Giving heart and willingness to help' is most important criteria

Volunteers needed for upcoming Enid dental clinic

To the editor:

The Oklahoma Dental Association is planning for the fifth annual OkMOM Feb. 7 and 8 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center in Enid. The ODA is seeking volunteers of all backgrounds, training and experience to serve the people of northwest Oklahoma. It will take 1,600 volunteers to execute this free, two-day dental clinic.

Volunteers needed include dentists, hygienists, assistants, front office staff, dental technicians, physicians and language translators. There also are volunteer opportunities for non-dental professionals to help with registration and hospitality.

"People might think they need a special skill set, but what they need is a giving heart and a willingness to help," said Dr. Tim Fagan, 2014 OkMOM Chair

and President of the Oklahoma Dental Association.

This two-day clinic is designed to meet the critical needs of dental patients of all ages by providing donated dental care to as many adults and children as time, volunteers and supplies will allow.

The event is presented by the Oklahoma Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation. To sign up to volunteer or for more information about OkMOM, visit www.okmom.org.

The Oklahoma Dental Association, founded in 1907, has a membership of more than 1,600 dentists. The Association was established to help foster an awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of the dental profession to society, to help advance the art and science of dentistry, and to promote public

health and health services in the State of Oklahoma. For more information, visit www.okda.org.

Oklahoma Dental Foundation improves the oral health of Oklahomans by funding scientific research, supporting dental education, and increasing patient access to care. For more information, visit www.okdf.org.

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation is the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and is the state's single largest contributor to dental health and education-related projects and initiatives. For more information, visit www.ddokfoundation.org.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

BUSINESS REVIEW | Plus-size women looking for good fashion are in luck

Catherine's offers modern clothes

Catherine's is a well kept secret that deserves to get out. With half of the American population falling into the plus-size category, it's time women dump those department stores that cater only to women size 12 and under and find a store where they can feel at home.

As you enter the store, you will see there is a wide selection of clothing including jeans, T-shirts, sweaters, dresses, suits, jackets, accessories and lingerie.

While the clothing in the front is usually the first thing that catches the eye, pass these racks and go to the back of the store where they have the "Up to 70 percent off" racks.

Catherine's is a sister company to Lane Bryant, Cacique and Sonsi. The style is young and sassy. They carry some of the normal black, white or brown clothing, and so much more.

Whether you are 16 or 60, Catherine's has you covered. If you're trying to find the right dress for a formal event, a dress suit for work or some hip jeans with the perfect blouse, they've got it.

The last time I shopped in the store, I left with three shirts, three sweaters, a pair of pants and a very cool belt for less than \$100. Had I bought these items when they were displayed in the front, the price would have been more than \$500.

Regular customers receive coupons and other savings. There's always a sale going on.

If you're not a shopaholic and just need some new threads or you prefer to shop online, this is definitely your type of store.

The Catherine's website has links on top for its sister stores, so you can find the style and price that's right for you.

Click on the "Just for You" link and answer a few questions to have a personalized display of the shirts, pants, suits or accessories that fit your individual style and size.

If you're into metallics, skinny jeans, sweater dresses, blazers, cocktail wear or snuggly pajamas, this is the perfect store to buy them.

During the holiday season, you will find a wide selection of costumes including vampire, renaissance, goth, Marilyn Monroe, witch and flapper girl.

Store locations are at the French Market Mall at NW 63rd and May, Midwest City Town Plaza on SE 29th, the Riverwalk Center on Telephone Road in Moore and in the Bryant Square Center on Bryant in Edmond.

Rating: A

—NANCY MARTINEZ
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW | BeLIEve show is full of amazing illusions

Criss Angel a must-see when in Vegas

Do you believe in magic? Magician and illusionist Criss Angel wowed audience members with his show "Criss Angel BeLIEve" on Oct. 19, at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. Launched in 2008, the show is one of six Cirque Du Soleil shows housed in Vegas.

I've been a fan of Angel since his television show "Mindfreak," so going to see him was a must. As my family and I entered the theater, eerie music played in the background while blue lights illuminated the stage where a single, giant head of a rabbit with one ear sat. Before the show started, a crew member came and placed the other ear on the head. Upon the start of the show, a spotlight was placed on the rabbit head which in response, rolled over and exited the stage upside down on its ears.

Following the opening act, Angel appeared in a cloud of smoke, levitating down to the stage toward a screaming wall of excited audience members.

After introducing himself, Angel entertained the audience with one of his first illusions of the night.

After randomly throwing wristbands into the audience, Angel asked each person who caught one a question. After three people had been questioned, Angel reminded the audience of a locked box that had been placed overhead before the show started. The box, still in plain sight, was lowered and inside of it, a piece of paper containing all the answers which the three people had answered was pulled out and read aloud. The crowd burst into applause.

For his next illusion, Angel produced a single dove from his hands which flew to a tree on stage. He then continued to conjure more doves, sometimes making two doves out of one. When all had flown to the tree,

an entire flock of birds flew out from the back of the stage and over the audience.

The trick that amazed me most was when he brought a young woman on stage, showed her and the audience a large, empty, rectangular box which was then locked. Angel then asked the woman to pick her favorite motorcycle from a provided image but not to say her choice aloud.

When he asked her to reveal her selection, the box was opened and there stood the physical version of the bike she had picked.

Other tricks included cutting his assistant in half, and Angel disappearing and reappearing somewhere else seconds later.

Despite the show being part of Cirque Soleil, I didn't see much in the way of acrobatics.

Despite Angel showcasing mostly basic tricks I had seen or heard of before, it was still entertaining. Being on the first row, I hoped maybe I could catch a glimpse of his secrets; however, I remained stumped after every trick.

Angel was very personable, making us laugh as many times as he amazed us.

At the end of the show, he allowed a few audience members, including myself, to go on stage and get a picture with him.

"BeLIEve" is a must-see production for anyone who is a fan of Angel or his television show. His good looks are just a bonus. I will definitely go see again on my next trip to Vegas.

Rating: A-

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COUNSELOR'S Corner

Planning is key to success

"Strive for excellence, not perfection."

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Some people live accidental lives. They are born and then things happen to them. They happen to get certain teachers in school — for better or worse. They happen to make friends — or not. Every day is a new day. Life happens and they go with it, either amiably or less so.

To be a successful college student, you really can't live an accidental life and trust that things will work out in your favor "accidentally." Few people major in the right program for them just by chance, and you probably also won't encounter a career that is meaningful and fulfilling for you simply through serendipity. So, what's a person to do if the perfect plan for life doesn't fall from the sky like manna? Well, you take control and plan for it.

One of the most important things you can do for yourself once you become a college student is to sit down with the college catalog and develop a plan for yourself. By now, you should have a pretty good idea of what your strengths and weaknesses are, what you like and dislike, and how you interact with the world around you. So who better to plan the events of your college life than you? Academic advisers are available to help you get started and offer guidance along the way. Your professors are available to help you with some of the finer points of selecting elective courses and preparing for work or the university. However, putting together a plan of action is your job.

Your plan needs to be firm enough to push you along in the right direction and give you a purpose in getting there but it must also be flexible enough to allow you to go to Plan B when life gets in the way of Plan A.

Enrollment at OCCC is currently open for spring, so take some time to look at the classes you still need for your program of study. The course descriptions in the back of the catalog will give you a brief explanation of each class and what prerequisites there might be. Ideally, your course load should have a combination of skill sets (reading, writing, analysis) so that you do not overwhelm yourself. Consider times and locations of classes as well so that you don't feel overly rushed or flustered moving from class to class. If possible, schedule in a couple of breaks each day so that you can review material and catch your breath before the next class.

If you need help with time management or with how to make everything work together, we invite you to schedule appointments with us. Enjoy the rest of your semester.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Nothing can beat the image of Sissy Spacek drenched in pig blood

Original 'Carrie' still the best adaptation

It's always hard to know what a horror film remake is going to bring to the table. It seems like remakes are a dime a dozen these days and rarely does the new product do anything to surpass the quality of the original.

While director Kimberly Pierce managed to update the scenery and setting of the classic "Carrie," the 2013 remake doesn't offer moviegoers anything more inventive or appealing than what the original 1976 version offered.

The movie tells a story of high schooler Carrie White, a girl who has long suffered bullying at the hands of her classmates. Carrie (played by Chloë Grace Moretz) is an outsider in the cruel world of her school's halls where it is widely known that her mother Margaret (played by Julianne Moore) is a religious fanatic with a poor reputation in their small town.

Carrie is as abused at home as she is at school. When she comes home from school one day after being taunted by classmates in her gym class, Carrie is locked in a closet by her out-of-touch mother. Enraged, Carrie screams to be let out and to the surprise of her and her mother, a crack forms in the

door, revealing that Carrie has telekinetic powers.

While the latest adaptation by Pierce isn't bad, it just isn't overwhelmingly good either. The story remains largely the same — painfully so — and watching the 2013 adaptation after having seen the 1976 movie just seems unnecessary. If you're expecting the writers and director have found a way to discover hidden elements in the plot, you're in for a disappointment.

You can tell Pierce's intentions were in the right place, that she thought a present day reimagining of the story would somehow be edgier, or would offer something new.

I was left thoroughly unmoved by the famous (or infamous) scene where Carrie, having just been crowned prom queen as a set-up by bullies, has a bucket of pig's blood dumped on her. Sissy Spacek, who played Carrie in the 1976 adaptation of the film, will forever be remembered as the iconic image of a blood-drenched Carrie, preparing to exact her revenge.



It wasn't all bad. Moretz and Moore both gave fantastic turns as Carrie and Margaret, a dysfunctional mother-daughter duo for the ages. They were standouts in a cast that boasted a lot of unfamiliar faces and forgettable performances.

If you ask me, I'll tell you to forego 2013's "Carrie." Instead, go vintage and watch the original 1976 flick for an overall better quality experience.

Rating: C

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DVD REVIEW | Timeless classic stands up to the test of time

'Gatsby' great for multiple viewings

I saw the remake of "The Great Gatsby" for the second time a few days ago and it was like seeing it for the first time. The movie just has an essence to it.

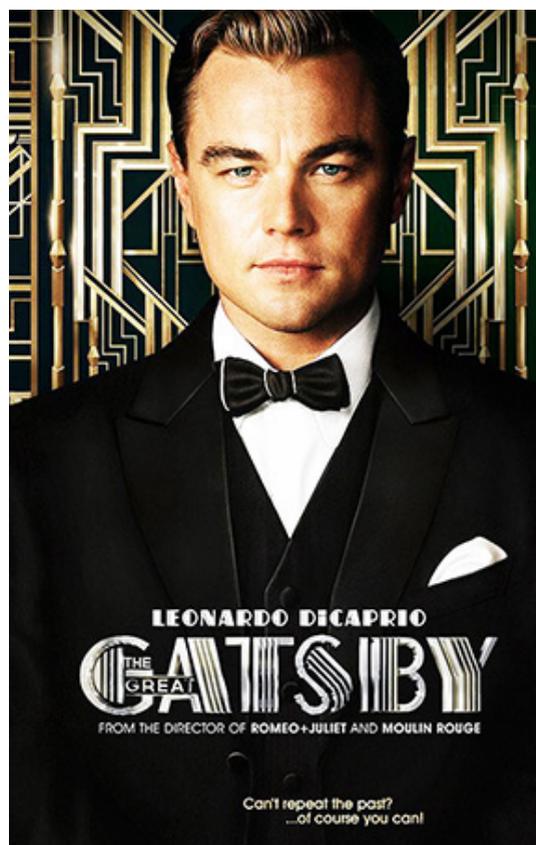
"The Great Gatsby" is based off a 1925 novel written by American author F. Scott Fitzgerald that takes place in the summer of 1922 in Long Island, New York, during prohibition.

You first meet Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire). He's fresh out of Yale and looking to get a start in bonds at the Stock Exchange.

Carraway moves into a small house, next to an enormous mansion where parties of an extreme magnitude are held. The host of these get-togethers is Jay Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio).

Gatsby is a millionaire who has made his riches via working with a gangster and buying drugstores in New York.

Nick gets an invite to have dinner with his old Yale companion Tom Buchanan (Joel Edgerton)



another millionaire, and his wife Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan) who is Nick's cousin.

When Daisy learns Nick lives next door to Gatsby, she blushes. Later we find out Gatsby and Daisy had a relationship before she met Tom.

The movie follows all of the characters as they create a tangled web of lies, deceit and death that leads to one character's complete downfall.

Through all of the seriousness of the movie, one scene had me laughing hard. It's when Gatsby and Nick are driving to lunch and they pass a car with what looks like to be a 1920s version of gangster rapper Notorious B.I.G. standing up in the car, partying with three women.

The movie hit the theaters in May of this year and was released on DVD in August.

Rating: A

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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Oct. 25 through Oct. 27
www.newyorktimes.com

1. Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa
2. Gravity
3. Captain Phillips
4. The Counselor
5. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2
6. Carrie
7. Escape Plan
8. 12 Years a Slave
9. Enough Said
10. Prisoners
11. Insidious: Chapter 2
12. Rush
13. Baggage Claim
14. We're the Millers
15. The Fifth Estate
16. Runner Runner
17. I'm in Love With a Church Girl
18. All is Lost
19. Don Jon
20. Despicable Me 2

OCCC ADVISES STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP PLANNING THE FUTURE AND PAYING FOR IT

Advising takes on numerous forms at OCCC

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The Academic Advising office is known as the place where students line up to decide what classes to take but OCCC offers two other types of advising as well — faculty advising and financial aid advising.

Academic Advising Director Tammy Madden said, when visiting that office, take the time to ask for a faculty adviser to be assigned.

“Faculty advisers assist students in selecting major and support electives,” Madden said.

“(They) have resources more specific to the discipline.”

Madden said faculty advisers are a good resource. Students can discuss career opportunities, internships and receive other tips that are necessary for success with them.

The difference between an academic adviser and a faculty adviser is simple, Madden said.

“[Academic advisers] know a lot

about a lot,” she said.

Faculty advisers offer major or discipline-specific advising. Madden said the main function of academic advising is to ensure students are enrolled in the right classes, help

them change majors and assign them to a faculty adviser. Academic advisers also direct students where to find other resources on campus.

“We advisers are a wonderful resource for [students],” Madden said. “We want them to be successful.

“We are not going to pass judgment on them. We want them to successfully navigate college.”

The best piece of advice for new students, Madden said, is to “come early and come often.”

She said students shouldn’t wait until the week classes begin and then stand in line to speak with an adviser.

Enrollment is already open for spring classes and students are urged to start

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—TAMMY MADDEN
ACADEMIC ADVISING DIRECTOR

early.

Students may also call 405-682-7535 to set up an appointment and avoid the long lines.

When students arrive for an appointment, she said, they should go directly to

the peer adviser to check in.

Financial aid advisers also are ready to help students, said Joan Sublett, senior loan adviser.

Sublett said students have been assigned to financial aid advisers alphabetically.

She said email sent from the Financial Aid office is normally from your personal adviser unless it’s automated.

Students have the right to sit down and discuss financial aid with the adviser.

They can do that by going to the front desk in the Financial Aid area and asking to visit with an adviser. Financial aid can be very confusing and frustrating for students, Sublett said but the advis-

ers on staff are there to help simplify the process.

“Anytime someone wants to come in and have a one-on-one, they can do that,” she said.

“Things are changing rapidly. We have to keep up with them and we have to keep in compliance with the federal regulations.”

Sublett said, currently, one of their main concerns is the burden to students caused by student debt.

“OCCC has a loan monitoring policy. Student loan debt has topped the credit card debt in the United States.”

Sublett said students can visit www.OCap.org to learn more about financial aid.

For more information about academic or faculty advising, call Madden at 405-682-7897 or email tmadden@occc.edu.

For more information about financial aid advising, call Sublett at 405-682-7526, or email jsublett@occc.edu.

Both the Academic Advising office and Financial Aid office are located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Students feed community through volunteer work

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With more than 675,000 Oklahomans being at risk of being hungry each day, the need for assistance in solving this problem is great. OCCC’s students often help with this cause and will continue to do so at the Regional Food Bank service trip, which will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 8, said Angie Gaines, marketing and communication director for the Regional Food Bank.

Gaines said the Regional Food Bank disburses enough food each week to feed more than 90,000 Oklahomans. In FY 2013, 47.9 million pounds of food was distributed.

There are a total of eight programs where the food bank reaches out to hungry people, Gaines said.

Some of the programs provide help for seniors, before and after school food for kids, and a garden that contributes to the amount of food for distribution.

Gaines said for every \$1 donated, the food bank is able to provide five meals. To make this an attainable goal, volunteers are required, she said.

Gaines said volunteers at the food bank touch one-third of the products going out. The food bank would not be able to operate without them.

“[They] saved us \$3 million in food cost,” said Gaines, referring to volunteers last year.

In a usual volunteer shift, which lasts three hours, there are normally anywhere from 170 to 200 people, she said.

Abby Vershage, psychology major, said she volunteered because it was something that she would like to help with.

“My church did something like it previously, and so I thought it would be something I was interested in.”

While volunteering, students can expect to help sort food pack backpacks, which is a part of the backpack program the Food Bank has for kids.

Gaines said the backpacks have non-perishable food items inside. They are sent home with about 15,000 elementary school students each weekend.

Sacks of food are packed as well, she said, and sent to senior citizens who cannot afford food due to fixed incomes.

Students also will repack items, such as frozen peas, Gaines said. The items the food bank receives are often in bulk, so volunteers help put them into smaller boxes that can be distributed more easily.

Packing boxes is a major part of what the Food Bank does, Gaines said. The boxes often go to families who are in need.

Vershage said volunteering a small amount of time can make a big difference.

“There’s a lot of starving people that you hear about in other countries, but in

Oklahoma I heard there’s like one in four kids here. By helping out at the Regional Food Bank, you are helping people starving here in America.”

Courtney Meikle, physical therapy major, did not volunteer for this trip, but is interested in going on one in the future.

“It shows that [students] are involved in the community.”

Gaines said students will be able to help their community and make a difference in the lives of hungry neighbors.

The registration deadline for going on the service trip is Nov. 7. There are currently 10 registration spaces remaining.

For more information contact the Student Life office at 405-682-7523 or sign up through the Student Life website under the service day registration at www.occc.edu/studentlife/serviceday.

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'Apps for Education' presentation Nov. 6

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Students and professors alike are invited to come to a presentation entitled "Apps for Education" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6. The event will be held in room CU1 in the College Union.

"Apps for Education" is aimed at helping students and professors by teaching them how to use applications for their mobile devices that will digitally organize their work.

There will be a lot of focus on the individual apps and how to use them.

The material will be directed toward electronic tablets and smart phones, both Apple and Android, said Angela Cotner, an English professor at OCCC.

The event is being hosted by Professors Darby Johnsen, Pamela Stout, and Cotner.

Jason Cimock, Instructional Tech-

nologist from the Center for Learning and Teaching, will be at the event as well.

Cotner said she hopes the event will be well attended.

"Anyone who wants to learn how to organize things digitally would benefit," Cotner said.

She said 15 apps will be covered during the event.

Twelve of the apps are free and three are paid. The most expensive app costs \$4.99.

Cotner said students also can benefit from just the free apps, even if they decide not to purchase the paid apps.

Johnsen, Student Learning coordinator, said she is excited about the event.

"I encourage all faculty, staff, and students who are interested in using their iPad effectively to join us," Johnsen said.



For more information on the "Apps for Education" event, contact Johnsen at djohnsen@occc.edu or at 405-682-1611, ext. 7389, or contact Cotner at acotner@occc.edu or at 405-682-1611, ext. 7238.

Students should pay heed to upcoming drop date

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The deadline to withdraw from any 16-week classes and receive a W instead of an F is Friday, Nov. 8, said Meghan Morgan, financial aid assistant director.

Students can withdraw by going online to MineOnline. occc.edu or by going to the enrollment counter located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Dropping a class could have some repercussions for students receiving federal financial aid, Morgan said.

She said students who have a 67 percent completion rate or above will not be required to pay back any money.

Students who have below a 67 percent completion rate are given a warning.

Once a student has been given a warning, that student is no longer allowed to drop or fail any classes, Morgan said.

Students who fail to adhere to the warning and fail or drop a class will then be placed on financial aid suspension.

Pam Smith, a work-study

“(Before dropping a class), the best thing to do is to come to Student Support Services or Academic Advising.”

—ALTA PRICE
LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

student at the Financial Aid counter, said a W is always better than an F on a transcript.

She said there is no penalty for students who drop or fail one class but it does show on a transcript.

After Nov. 8, students can no longer withdraw without receiving a grade, said Learning Support Specialist Alta Price. If the student is failing at that point, the grade will be an F, she said.

"Each individual case is different for each student," Price said.

"(Before dropping a class), the best thing to do is to come to Student Support Services or Academic Advising. If you have financial assistance, then I would check there too."

Morgan said if for some rea-

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last day to drop with a W (with an arrow pointing to the 8th)

son a student has to drop all of his or her classes at one time, then the student will have to payback all of the financial aid.

Sophomore Kristin Ayres said she had to drop her college algebra class last semester because she had difficulty understanding her professor.

"I'm glad I dropped it, because I was going to fail," Ayres said.

"I hate that I had to start over this semester doing the same thing, but thankfully, I have a better teacher this semester."

Sophomore Eli Glass said he dropped two classes last semester because he had too many commitments to be able to keep up with the coursework.

"I didn't have a choice," Glass said. "I was failing chemistry, so I'm glad I didn't get an F."

"I also dropped calculus ... I had too many other classes on top of work and friends and family."

"I have definitely learned to pace myself better and not overload myself trying to get through college."

For more information, contact Morgan at mmorgan@occc.edu or Price at aprice@occc.edu.

U.S. celebrates Veterans Day Nov. 11

Veterans Day is a way for people all over the U.S. to honor those who have served in the armed forces and marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. Oklahoma offers several events and opportunities for individuals to get involved.

•Norman Veterans Day parade and memorial ceremony:

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, and the memorial ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. The parade will go north on Webster from Eufaula, east on Main, south on James Garner, south on Jenkins Avenue to the memorial ceremony in Reaves Park at 2501 S Jenkins Ave. The parade and ceremony are sponsored by the Norman Veterans Committee, a group of volunteers dedicated to honoring all veterans. For more information, visit www.normanfun.com.

• Inaugural Oklahoma City National Veterans Day Run:

The event will offer two distances: a timed 5K run and a one-mile family walk at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Stars and Stripes Park at 3701 S Lake Hefner Drive in Oklahoma City. All participants will receive the following: a race goodie bag, pre-race ceremony honoring veterans, commemorative finisher's pin, finisher or participant online certificate and finish-line refreshments. Participants in the 5K will additionally receive a collectible finisher's medal

and individual chronotrack timer. Veterans and active-duty military discounts offered. All donations will go to the Folds of Honor Foundation. To register or volunteer, visit www.veteransdayrun.com/run/oklahoma-city.

• 45th Infantry Museum ceremony:

This event will pay tribute to the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces and honors those men and women who have paid the ultimate price in service to their country starting at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at 2145 NW 36th Street in Oklahoma City. Ceremony highlights include a helicopter flyover, massing of the colors, patriotic music and distinguished guest speakers. The event is free. For more information, call 405-424-5313

• Free admission to the Oklahoma City Zoo:

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, all active duty, active reserves and retirees with up to five guests receive free admission. The zoo is located at 2100 NE 50th Street in Oklahoma City. For more information, call 405-425-0262.

• Free admission to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum:

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, all active duty, active reserves and retirees and up to five guests receive free admission. Proof of military ID is required. For more information, call 405-478-2250.

Vets sound off

OCCC student veterans shared what the Veterans Day holiday means to them and how they will spend the day.

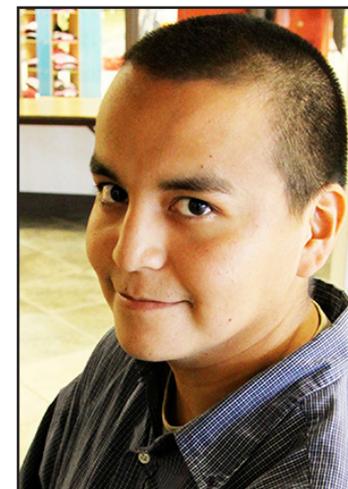


"[Veterans Day represents] everything that I've fought and sacrificed for. It means coming home and seeing my daughter. I'll be remembering friends that I've lost."

—DEBORAH STEVENS
BUSINESS MAJOR
U.S. ARMY

"(Veteran's Day means) honoring those who have given their lives for this country. I'm going up north to Minnesota to spend time honoring the ones who have served in my family."

—ANTHONY JULIANO
CHEMISTRY MAJOR
U.S. ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD OF OKLAHOMA



"I did active duty for four years and I've deployed once ... I was 18 when I joined (the Air Force). I'll barbecue with family and other military friends."

—REX DIAZ
ALLIED HEALTH MAJOR
U.S. AIR FORCE

HISTORICAL FACTS

— On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War."

— Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, Nov. 11 became a legal federal holiday in the U.S. in 1938.

— In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

—www.history.com/topics/history-of-veterans-day

Those who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life: they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers and an important part of their communities.

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million veterans are women.
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33 percent of all living veterans.
- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941 to 1945).
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950 to 1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- Five states have more than one million veterans among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930. Since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

—U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Are you a veteran or an active member of the military? The Pioneer wants to know what your plans are for Veterans Day. You can find us at: www.facebook.com/occcpioneer or www.twitter.com/occcpioneer.

SPORTS

Stepping up

Community member Dawn Cannon participates in a cardio kickboxing class at OCCC. The class meets 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Participants will learn how to use their hands and feet to defend themselves while increasing coordination, speed and stamina. The class is limited to 30 people and costs \$30. Call 405-682-7860 for more information.



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SPORTS | Class is limited to 30 participants instructor says

Cardio kickboxing enrolling now

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Cardio kickboxing class will run from Nov. 4 through 27 said cardio kickboxing instructor Elizabeth Hobi.

The class will meet at 5:30 p.m. and will go until 6:25 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday in the Wellness Center 11KB1, Hobi said.

She said the cost for the class is \$30.

“Or, if you have a group fitness pass you get in for free.”

Fitness group passes are \$35 and will admit the holder to any class offered at

for one price.

Hobi said the class is limited to 30 people.

“Due to space, we can only take so many people at once,” she said, “but I challenge the guys to come take my class. It is a tough class.”

“We go up and down on the steps and we lift weights as well.”

Hobi said the benefits from taking the class are getting into better shape and burning fat at the same time.

“You will get your cardiovascular workout,” she said.

“The class is for all levels of people whether you are a beginner or advanced.

“Also the class is a really good stress relief—especially with all of the kicks.”

Hobi said the class doesn’t use punching bags or spar.

“We do pretend to be punching a mini bag,” she said.

“... You go through the motions by doing jabs, punches, kicks and even throwing elbows.”

Hobi said she has taught various exercise classes since the ’80s. She also teaches the ab express class that takes place from 5:05 to 5:25 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

For more information, call 405-682-7860.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• Nov. 4

—Ab Express class begins. The class, designed to strengthen abdominal muscles as well as improve lower back strength, is limited to 25 people and costs \$20. This class meets from 5:05 to 5:25 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

—Theatrical Dance class begins. Participants will increase core strength, coordination and flexibility with elements of ballet, jazz, modern dance and pilates. Tights and leotards or stretchy, close-fitting attire and ballet, jazz or dance shoes are required for the class. No tennis shoes. Bare feet allowed. The class is limited to 15 and costs \$25. It meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

—Cardio kickboxing begins. Learn how to use your hands and feet to defend yourself while increasing your coordination, speed and stamina. The class is limited to 30 people and costs \$30. It meets from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

• Nov. 5

Total Body Workout class begins. The class improves overall strength, agility, balance, and conditioning. The class is limited to 20 people and costs \$30. It meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

• Nov. 11:

Nitro ball season starts. Games are Monday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. Teams will be a 4v4 and can be coed. For more information, call 405-682-7860.

• Fall semester:

Visit the Recreation and Fitness website at www.occc.edu/rf/swimming-diving to enroll in a number of events held in the college’s Aquatic Center or call 405-682-7860 to find out about Aquatic Center events.

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

Traffic stop nets police foot chase, arrest

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On Oct. 15, officer David Madden stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at the stop sign at South Service Rd. and Faculty Cir. Madden approached the vehicle and said he saw three occupants in the car. Madden asked the driver, Ashley Turner, for her license and insurance.

Turner provided valid in-

surance but stated that she didn't have a license. Turner said the two other passengers, who identified themselves as William Reece and Andrew Anderson, also didn't have licenses.

As Madden checked for warrants on the occupants, he said he noticed the rear driver's side door open. Anderson had left the car and was walking north. Madden told Anderson to get back in the car to which Anderson replied, "I didn't do

anything."

Madden said Anderson then started running. Madden chased Anderson from across May Ave. to the east, and up SW 78th St. Madden lost sight of Anderson when he ran between some homes in a neighborhood.

Madden called in a description to OCCC dispatch. Officer Tim Harris helped Madden look for Anderson with no results.

Madden and Harris returned

to the initial stop where the driver and the front seat passenger were waiting in the car.

Turner was given two citations and she and the passenger left with Turner's mother. The vehicle was impounded.

Upon further investigation, Madden was unable to find anyone named Andrew Anderson with the date of birth that had been given to Madden by the fleeing man.

Two days later, on Oct. 17, Madden made contact with

Turner, a student worker in Health Professions, after he discovered she had an active warrant in Oklahoma City for prior traffic violations.

Madden brought Turner to the campus police office where she was arrested by Oklahoma City Marshals.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747. For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-7872.

Report: Police chief says students should read report

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property, that's private property. So the trailers that were broken into out there — those came off.

"The others were ... when you look at the strict interpretation of what burglary is, the people that were in the rooms when the stuff was missing had lawful entry into the office. It wasn't somebody [who] did not have access to the room, so technically, they are larcenies which are not Clery crimes. That's why those came off."

Fitzpatrick said the three motor vehicle thefts were either attempts or successful theft of a motor vehicle out of a campus parking lot.

He said an example of burglary on campus would be stolen items from a storage closet.

"We know the equipment is there on Monday, the door is locked, and we come back on Tuesday and the equipment is gone," he said.

Fitzpatrick said there is a significant difference between burglary and robbery.

"Broken down into simple terms, a robbery is the taking of property from another person against their will by the use of force or fear," he said.

"Essentially, burglary involves breaking (and) entering with the intent to commit a felony or a theft inside."

Fitzpatrick said the one report of robbery did not involve an OCCC student.

"It occurred on our Clery jurisdiction right out on May Avenue at the entrance to Keels Blvd," he said. "Even though it didn't involve students, we have to count it."

Fitzpatrick said the numbers in the report do not reflect when the crime happened but instead, when it was reported. He said the annual report is sent out as a requirement from the Department of Education in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

"It's a federal law that requires any

institution that gets funding under Title IV to file an annual security report."

The report holds valuable information that is important for students to be aware of, Fitzpatrick said.

"I think students should read it," he said. "At least be familiar of what's in it, what information is on there."

"There's policy statements that affect them — what we're going to do in an emergency here, how we're going to notify them of something that's going on, how the campus will react to any type of a certain situation that's part of the Clery act ...

"It gives them a play-by-play of what we want them to do but it also tells them what they can do."

The report is available to the public and can be found on the college's website by searching "security/fire safety" in the search bar.

Fitzpatrick said the Oklahoma City Police Department is involved in the college's investigative process concern-

ing some reported crimes on campus.

"We get the OCPD involved to be the primary investigating agency, where they can take that case and be involved with looking at it globally and throughout their jurisdiction to see if there are other cases similar to it with a similar description of the offender or what have you."

Fitzpatrick said this is due to time sensitivity.

"We don't have a forensics section. We don't have a lab," he said. "We don't have specific units where this is what they do all day long is work with that one particular type of crime."

"If we try to take on a major case, we wouldn't have anyone to patrol the parking lots."

"We'd be stuck in here doing nothing but investigating and following up, so we don't have enough people to have detectives."

For more information, call Fitzpatrick at 405-682-7891.

Tutoring: Hopes are program will raise retention rates

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identified a need for them.

"Students continually [said], 'No, I need someone to meet with me one-on-one,' [as opposed to going to a learning lab for help with work] and outside of TRiO ...

"It was just an identified need that wasn't being met."

Chowning said this new form of tutoring and student-volunteer interaction provides unique opportunities for all.

She said the college an-

icipates a great result in terms of students improving their grades and thus, retention rates.

Tutoring is available for all students enrolled in any College Prep math class and College Prep English I and II.

The tutoring will be provided by trained student volunteers, who have been participating in training sessions designed to make them more capable when it comes to helping their fellow students.

Students had to complete

four sessions of training to be eligible to provide tutoring.

The small groups will schedule no more than five students being tutored in one group, she said.

Ideally, they will all meet with one tutor who will be able to provide aid to everyone, based on the small size of the groups.

Chowning said the primary benefit of the tutoring program is seeing retention rates rise "not only for the students being tutored but for the tutors

themselves," she said.

"We are really hoping that both students and volunteers are accountable to one another."

Students are mainly being recruited for the sessions through Success In College and Life courses, according to the informational flyer distributed by TRiO.

Depending on the success of these initial tutoring sessions, the tutoring program may be continued or expanded in the future.

Chowning said, ideally, the college would like to expand tutoring sessions to cover other classes if space and funding allowed for it.

The Complete College OCCC initiative is a part of the school's new academic plan.

Chowning said those who are interested in becoming tutors can enroll for the training sessions next spring.

For more information, contact Chowning at 405-682-1611, ext. 7620, or email kchowning@occc.edu.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Well read



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Students browse through a selection of books and DVDs during the DVD and Book Sale Oct. 23. The two-day sale featured fiction and non-fiction paperback books for \$1 each and hardback books and DVDs for \$2 each. The sale raised \$579 for United Way.

COMMUNITY | Many events are on the calendar for campus organization

Advocates of Peace very active club

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Advocates of Peace club members recently participated in Halloween events including Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and the college's carnival. They are a very active club, said English Professor Stephen Morrow, who is faculty sponsor of the club.

Members raised money for needy children while hosting the UNICEF event Oct. 23 and Oct. 29. With the money, the kids are able to receive food, vaccines and even toys.

During OCCC's Halloween carnival, the club had a booth where they encouraged kids to paint peace rocks and decorate them with googly eyes meant to encourage kids to be non-violent.

"We're sending out the message 'Peace Rocks,'" said Kimberly Aguirre, member and biology major.

Morrow said, starting this month, the club will host a number of events.

"We're having a documentary series on Islamic culture this semester," he said.

The series will start at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Student Union.

Morrow said the club also will participate in Peace Festival on Nov. 9 in downtown Oklahoma City.

On Nov. 25, Morrow said, the club will provide bags and care packages for the homeless which will include clothes from the a two-week drive they have planned on campus. Students can pick up bags to give

to people that are in need. The bags also will include food and gloves.

Morrow said some club favorites also will return.

"We try to do [free hugs] twice a semester. And then [conduct] a protest in the cafeteria. We try to do that once a month."

The club will offer free hugs again at the end of the semester.

Morrow said Advocates of Peace is all about helping others and making a difference within the school.

"We want it to be a club, an organization for students ... a safe place for students to share and explore progressive ideas and making our community a better place," he said.

Aguirre said Advocates of Peace help students build relationships and make differences as individuals within the community.

"We all have basically the same mission — we want to help people," she said.

Aguirre said the club has about 80 members.

She said members encourage other students to join but say that there is no pressure.

"... It's really laid back. Whenever you have time, we really appreciate [students] being there."

Morrow said as the club grows and becomes more active, they are hoping to work with other clubs on community issues.

For more information about the Advocates of Peace or meeting times, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7350, email smorrow@occc.edu or visit /www.facebook.com/occcadvocatesofpeace.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications available

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for the spring 2014 semester are available in the Financial Aid Office. Make sure that you have attached an Academic Transcript and that you are enrolled in the corresponding semester for at least six hours before submitting your tuition Fee Waiver to the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. on Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 682-7525.

Attend the next Leadership Council meeting

All students are welcome to attend the next bi-weekly meeting of OCCC's The Leadership Council (TLC) for student clubs and organizations from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in CU1. For more information, email SLStaffDL@occc.edu.

Show support for veterans

Celebrate Veterans Day from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Nov. 11, in CU 2&3. The Veteran Services office and Student Life are creating a photo slideshow of OCCC veterans and family members of OCCC faculty, staff or students who served in the armed forces. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this slideshow presentation, email your photos to elogan@occc.edu and include the following information: name, rank, military branch, relation to you and your name.

Bravo Brass Quintet to take stage Nov. 12

The dynamic chamber ensemble Bravo Brass Quintet will perform a full range of musical styles from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Bruce Owen Theater. The Quintet is composed of Tulsa Philharmonic professional brass musicians. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 to the general public. Visit the OCCC Office of Cultural Programs located in 1G1AMB, visit www.occc.edu/tickets or call the Cultural Arts Series Box Office at 405-682-7579.

OCCC's Blues Band will take the stage Nov. 12

OCCC's student Blues Band will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in room 1C5. The concert will consist of old and new styles of blues music, including some rockabilly and classic rock music. The free show is open to the public. For more information, email Band Director Terry Isaacs at terry.l.isaacs@occc.edu.

Help fight against hunger

Students can take a Service Learning trip to the Regional Food Bank from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. Register through the Student Life webpage, Service Day Registration tab. The registration deadline for this event is 11:59 p.m. Nov. 7. Those who sign up will receive further instructions by email. For more information, call 405-682-7523.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to communitywriter@occc.edu or visit the Pioneer office located in 1F2 AH.

CLASSIFIEDS

Pioneer classified advertising is free to all enrolled OCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ad applications must be submitted with IDs supplied by 5 p.m. Fridays prior to the next publication date. For more information, call the Ad Manager at 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or e-mail adman@occc.edu.

FURNITURE

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FOR SALE: Neiman Marcus Robert Rodriguez collection size 14 strapless cocktail dress. Never worn. Still has store tags. \$50. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

FOR SALE: New size 26 jeans — never been worn. Brands include Vans, Levi's and Zumiez. \$10 per pair. Retail for \$40 each. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

FOR SALE: "Star Wars" Hayden Christensen autographed photo in plastic protector & Certificate of Authenticity. \$60. Text 405-818-0083 for more information.

FOR SALE: HP office jet all-in-one printer. New color and B&W cartridges. Power cord. Works great. \$50. 405-602-6499 or 405-568-5996.

FOR SALE: Golden oak corner TV cabinet. Gold trim, glass door on power storage section. Gently used. \$75. 405-602-6499 or 405-568-5996.

FOR SALE: Netgear N300 wireless router. Great for setting up home worksites. Used for only one month. Comes with power cord and Ethernet card. \$35. 405-602-6499 or 405-568-5996.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

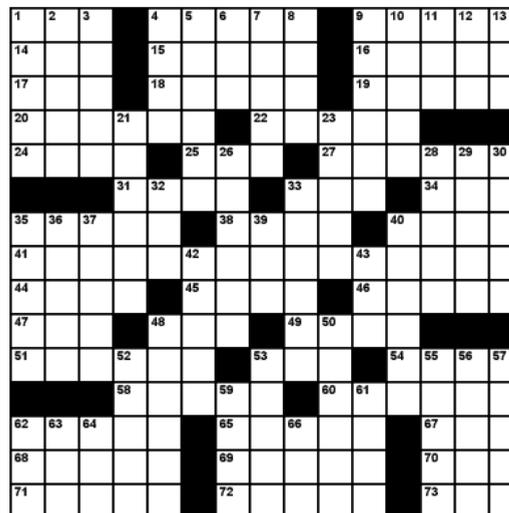
Hmm... Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Hmm... a film studio
- 4. Slate-colored bird
- 9. Western brewer
- 14. He beat Joe and lost to Leon
- 15. Cookwear?
- 16. Gumbo ingredients
- 17. It's not for nay-sayers
- 18. Whooping, for instance
- 19. Great
- 20. Capital of Mali
- 22. Be busy as a beaver?
- 24. Moslem leader
- 25. __, amas, amat
- 27. Hmm... a rapper
- 31. Rowboat
- 33. Samovar
- 34. Outer prefix
- 35. Corroded
- 38. Resonated
- 40. Hews
- 41. Em, not 'M'
- 44. Bird lover's offering
- 45. Flightless South American bird
- 46. Indistinct
- 47. __ Wan (Star Wars sage)
- 48. Call for help
- 49. Where the stitches are
- 51. Hmm... a candy
- 53. Make do
- 54. Chances
- 58. Give way
- 60. Worship
- 62. A chaperone, probably
- 65. Inspect, in a way
- 67. Neither partner
- 68. Fergie, really
- 69. More slippery
- 70. Debtor's letters
- 71. Like a lobster
- 72. Plow inventor
- 73. Hmm... a business model

Down

- 1. Noncommittal response



- 2. Make like a star
- 3. East coast city
- 4. Trunk item
- 5. Disturbance
- 6. Armed grp.?
- 7. Yuppie abode, perhaps
- 8. Draftable
- 9. It has rows
- 10. Giraffe's relative
- 11. Former Boston Bruin, Bobby
- 12. Speakeasy tune, possibly
- 13. Comp. pt.
- 21. Intense
- 23. Come together
- 26. Aromatic resins (fit for a king?)
- 28. Link
- 29. Put out
- 30. Saunter
- 32. North of NY
- 33. Be a spoil sport at a costume party
- 35. __ Downs (Derby location)
- 36. Part of the Dutch West Indies
- 37. Associate
- 39. Manipulate
- 40. Sci-fi writer, Isaac
- 42. Jagged
- 43. Koop's grp.
- 48. Where to find a forge
- 50. Stranger
- 52. Originally Zimmerman
- 53. Draw out
- 55. Ubiquitous fabric
- 56. The very young or very old may do this
- 57. Plasma
- 59. Like a cornerstone
- 61. French 101 verb
- 62. Biblical transport
- 63. Skip stones over water
- 64. Flimflam psychic, Geller
- 66. Pass on

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Spanish professor says students keep him young

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Spanish Professor Pedro Córdova is one constant that has remained since OCCC opened its doors in the fall of 1972 and he started teaching Spanish courses on campus.

"I remember when we had no walls, just partitions.

"I had a professor come up to me, asking us to bring the volume down when singing 'La Cucaracha.' I told her to join us and learn some Spanish," Córdova said.

He said he loves all of the students and faculty.

"I'm a hugging type of person," he said. "That's part of the Hispanic culture. We hug each other. We have big hearts and we give them our heart."

Córdova credits the growth of the college to students and faculty being happy and everyone coming together to learn.

"It's amazing how the college has grown. I think it's great."

Córdova's day job was as a teacher and later a principal at Mount St. Mary High School for 38 years. During that time he would also teach twice a week at OCCC.

He decided to retire when he found himself teaching the grandchildren of former students in his high school. At that point he decided it was time to only teach at OCCC.

A party was held before the fall semester began to celebrate Córdova's 40 years of teaching

at OCCC. He also was nominated for outstanding adjunct faculty member this year.

The party came as a shock to Córdova but he described it as "wonderful" and said he was thankful for the celebration.

"The reason that I have stayed here so long is that I enjoy being around young people," Córdova said. "They keep me young and help me grow, and I have to stay ahead of them at all times."

He said he loves teaching and still gets excited about showing a student how to do the material.

"I get excited when students understand the material.

"For example, the grammar part — I can tell in their eyes and their faces that they understand and when they grasp it," Córdova said.

Professor Ginnett Rollins has worked with Córdova for seven years. She said she can see that his students really care for him.

"His students are kind of like groupies," Rollins said.

"They like to take him a second semester because he has his own traditional style and they feel comfortable with him.

"His students can just tell that it's very important for him to pass on the culture and language," Rollins said. "He knows how to motivate his students to do well in Spanish and apply it."

Córdova said he doesn't see much of a change in the types of students he's had in the past compared to today.

"Students have always been very courteous to me and they know that I love them and would do just about anything that I could do to help them along," he said.

"The respect has been there since I started to now."

Student Sarah Hanson said Córdova mixes Hispanic culture and history in his class, and really cares about his students.

"You can tell that this is not just a job to him," she said. "This is his life and he loves it. He loves his students and he's here for us. He's not in it for the pay or anything other than to help us succeed."

Córdova said one of the main things he emphasizes is keeping his class light.

He tries to bring humor to his class through his personality, singing songs and having a party or two in his class.

"We learn by laughing at ourselves," he said.

"You have to have a sense of humor after you pronounce some of those words. We never laugh at you but we do laugh at ourselves."

He has seen an increase in the number of students he has in each class.

"Years ago I used to take my students to my home, and my wife and I would show them how to make tamales," Córdova said. "We can't do that any more because of the size of my classes."

Student Marcus Daniels said



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Spanish professor Pedro Córdova has taught at OCCC since the college first opened its doors in 1972. He said teaching keeps him young.

the professor mixes humor in his class but also is about getting business done at the same time.

"He's very concerned about us learning," Daniels said. "He

brings the [material] to life for me."

Córdova will teach Spanish II again this spring. For days and times, visit www.occc.edu/ schedule.

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