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Book power

Film and Video Production major Quinton Mountain reads "The Making of Avatar" at the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. "It seems like an interesting book because of how it became successful with the visual effects and art of the film," Mountain said. "I'm also searching for books about great directors, like Alfred Hitchcock and Stanley Kubrick." For more information about OCCC's library, visit www.occc.edu/library or call 405-682-7564.

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Students offered free Office 365 apps

Use Microsoft Word, Power Point and more via email

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All OCCC students can now get access to Microsoft Office applications by accessing Office 365, offered free via their email accounts, said IT Infrastructure Director Rob Greggs.

Greggs said, by selecting the Microsoft OneDrive tab on the upper right corner of the email page, students can access ap-

plications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

"It provides Office applications that the students are familiar with and more than likely have used in their academic or professional career," he said. "It provides all of those applications at no cost, because of their student status at the college.

"Previously, if you wanted academic versions of Microsoft Office, the minimum cost was at least \$100 or more."

Just this year, Greggs said, Microsoft has allowed any higher education institution that has a campus agreement to also get the Student Advan-

tage program for free.

He said the vast majority of OCCC's student population is likely already familiar with Microsoft Office applications.

"Tell anybody that they get access to PowerPoint, Excel, or Word and they know instantly

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Campus maps being upgraded, improved

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Having trouble finding your way around campus—even after downloading campus maps from the OCCC

website? Web Development Supervisor John Richardson said that is about to change.

"We've recognized that the maps on our website leave a lot to be desired. They're very rudimen-

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Chromotherapy is used in the medical field to treat many ailments

Colors can have profound effects

There seem to be more uses for colors than painting a pretty picture or coloring Easter eggs. Color can actually improve mood and have healing effects on the body. This type of therapy is called Chromotherapy or color therapy.

“A study at the San Bernardino County Prohibition Center in California was done by putting violent children in a passive pink room. Within 10 minutes, the children would calm down and fall asleep,” according to nytimes.com.



CANDICE SCHAFFER

Although Chromotherapy isn't yet proven by science, there have been multiple studies showing it to improve mood and health properties.

There's been a medical history with chromotherapy treating certain illnesses like jaundice. "... baths of blue light have replaced blood transfusions as the standard treatment for about 30,000 premature babies born each year with potentially fatal neonatal jaundice," according to nytimes.com.

Being in college can be a stressful and sleepless time for students. Sleep deprivation can cause lack of focus, and being overly stressed can cause other health problems. Students may decide to take sleeping pills

in order to fall asleep faster or other medications to help them stay awake, which can have negative side effects. Chromotherapy can be used as an alternative for medicine.

Being a college student also typically means that money may be short so buying medicine, herbal supplements and other things can be costly.

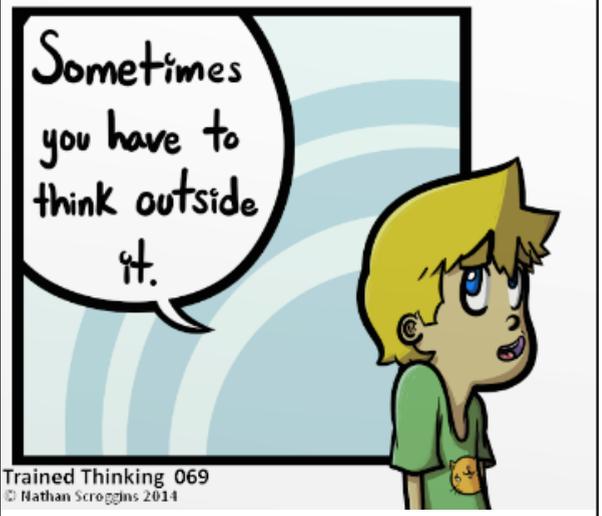
“Bright white full-spectrum light is also now being used in the treatment of cancers, SAD (seasonal affective disorder, so-called winter depression), anorexia, bulimia nervosa, insomnia, jetlag, shift working, alcohol and drug dependency, and to reduce overall levels of medication,” according to www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

For example, “Red is often used to express love on Valentine's Day, but actually red relates more to sexuality and desire, than to love. Love is best expressed with the color pink. The positive side of the red color is that it can create life with its sexual energy. The red color also can stimulate the appetite and is often used for this purpose in restaurants.

Green gives more hope than any other color. The color green has a strong sense of right and wrong, and a good judgment. The color green promotes love of nature, family, friends, pets and home.

It is the color of people who love being in the garden, at home, or being a good host. But the green color meaning also can be associated with being new or

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inexperienced.

Blue seeks peace and tranquility and promotes physical and mental relaxation. The color blue reduces stress and creates a sense of calmness, relaxation and order. Blue lowers metabolism. The paler the blue color, the more free we feel,” according to www.color-meanings.com

Using Chromotherapy can be as simple as painting different rooms different colors, wearing different colored clothes (which also can affect those around you) or wearing different colored glasses. There also are machines for low prices such as LED nightlights, light projectors and relaxation projectors.

The next time you feel blue, try wearing the color instead. It may just perk you up.

—CANDICE A. SCHAFFER
COMMUNITY WRITER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Officials say EV-D68 symptoms are similar to the common cold

Enterovirus reported in Oklahoma; precaution urged

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has received confirmation that enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) is circulating and causing respiratory illness in Oklahoma. Although enteroviruses are a common cause of respiratory illness, EV-D68 is a relatively rare type of enterovirus in the U. S. EV-D68 has been confirmed in 11 other states, including Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.

The CDC has reported seven of 24 specimens submitted from Oklahoma hospitals and labs tested positive for the virus which has been associated with an increase in pediatric admissions at hospitals in the central region of the state. EV-D68 looks very

similar to the common cold with cough, runny nose, body aches, and possibly a fever. However, in some children the illness can rapidly progress to something more serious where the child has wheezing, difficulty breathing, and difficulty getting enough oxygen into their lungs.

Medical providers are not required to report suspected cases to public health authorities so the number of actual cases in the state cannot be tracked. Officials are monitoring the trend of hospital admissions for acute respiratory illness, and requesting that any outbreaks of respiratory disease in day cares or schools be reported to the OSDH. There are no specific treatments or vaccines to prevent EV-D68 infections.

People can protect themselves by:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching the eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact and sharing cups and eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Disinfecting frequently touched surfaces such as toys, doorknobs and light switches, especially if someone is sick.
- Staying home when sick.

Find more information about enteroviruses at www.health.ok.gov or www.cdc.gov.

—OKLAHOMA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | Almost anyone can find something likable about band's music

Tame Impala may cause euphoria

I'm usually too selfish to share an incredible semi-obscure band with the rest of the world, but Tame Impala deserves more recognition.

Tame Impala's frontman Kevin Parker hails from Perth, Australia, and is making a reputation for his band by reviving psychedelic rock and making flip flops cool again.

After listening to their 2010 album "Innerspeaker," and their 2012 sophomore album "Lonerism" countless times, I can't help but want more people to experience the power of the Impala.

I honestly can't say which album is better than the other.

"Innerspeaker" starts things off with the bassy "It Is Not Meant To Be," and leads to the grindy "Expectation" on track 8, which has been one of my favorite songs for a while.

"Lonerism," however, gives off



more of a psych-pop sound with track 4, "Mind Mischief," track 7, "Feels Like We Only Go Backwards," and track 9, "Elephant."

All of those songs are amazing and make me want to euphorically thrust my fist into the air while sitting on a couch eating Cheetos.

I've found the best way to listen to Tame Impala is to put them on shuffle on an iPod. In this way, you get the full Impala experience and learn to appreciate every song they have produced.

Checking out their creatively filmed and animated music videos

is never a mistake either.

The somewhat distorted, yet smoothly orchestrated guitar chords and addictingly rhythmic drumming, make it great music to get you through the day at work or at school.

It's like listening to Paul McCartney singing with Jack White and the Black Keys if they took LSD on top

of a mountain.

With that being said, it's a guarantee that almost anyone who listens to decent music can find something enjoyable from these two albums.

As far as I know, there hasn't been much word about the next album release, but I'm sure Parker has some great ideas up his sleeve and won't be afraid to experiment in new ways with other groups.

Rating: A

—**BRYCE McELHANEY**
EDITOR



App helps women track lady days

That time of the month can be a dreaded time for women, especially when they have no idea when "that" time is going to happen. How can we keep better track more accurately? My Days from the Apple, Google Play and Android App stores.

This app has a lot of useful gadgets within it, some of which include a start and end menstrual cycle counter, a space for notes, when birth control was taken and even a weight, mood, fertility, intimacy and pregnancy counter.

When used for the menstrual cycle for example, it is very simple.

Simply tap the day on the calendar within the app and choose "start period." Whenever the period ends, click the calendar again and choose "end period." The app will then automatically determine when the users menstrual cycle will be for the next month, the number of days until the users next cycle, approximately when she will start ovulating and what day it is in that particular cycle.

This app is great for those who would like to know ahead of time when their cycle will start to be able to plan for upcoming events. This app also can keep track of how long one's pregnancy is and the approximate expected due date.

I have used this app for about three years, and it is accurate within a day later or earlier of when my cycle will start.

This is a free app, although it does have some pesky ad pop-ups.

The app comes in multiple different languages, a password lock and is multi-user friendly.

It is extremely useful to me and I believe other women will find it useful as well.

I recommend it to anyone who is interested in keeping all of their feminine data in one place.

—**CANDICE A. SCHAFER**
COMMUNITY WRITER

CLOTHING REVIEW | When did people stop reading clever slogans?

Hat falls short of desired results

Religion is dandy and everything, but it's never really been on my life's radar. I don't know much about it or participate in it. Naturally, I thought it would be hilariously ironic to buy a hat with the words, "I heart Jesus" on it.

For some reason, seeing that hat online made me laugh out loud. I couldn't imagine who would buy it. I get that people want to share their faith with the world, but would anyone seriously do it in such a goofy way?

"I heart Jesus," like "I heart New York"? It's a step above "The Lord is my Shepherd and All I Got was this Lousy Eternal Paradise."

As I searched the hat all over, I realized there was no company logo on it. Nobody is proud of this hat.

When I started wearing it, I was extremely disappointed by the results. First off, I realized that people almost never read other people's hats. And it doesn't help that I'm in the upper height percentages.



As for the people who did comment on it, they mostly just said, "You love Jesus, huh?" And I'd have to say, "Dude. You've known me for five years. You know I'm not religious." And they'd say, "Oh, yeah. Why are you wearing it?" And my cheeky little joke would be smitten down and banished to the lake of fire.

I'd occasionally run into a jokester that would say, "Oh, you're in love with 'Hey-zoos'?" like I'm in a gay relationship with a regular Latino guy.

I hadn't expected that result. It turns out that on the website where I got the hat, you can get "I heart Jesus" or "I heart Jesus Christ." If only I'd opted to pay the extra for the "Christ," I could have been spared from some terribly lazy jokes.

I soon found the "I heart Jesus" hat has no ironic or genuine value.

Needless to say, I moved back into my cozy Under

Armor hat, and there are no problems with it aside from people constantly mistaking the "UA" logo for a letter "H". But I forgive them, for they know not what they do.

To see more of these stupid hats, visit zazzle.com.
Rating: F

—**JAKE McMAHON**
VIDEOGRAPHER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

PRODUCT REVIEW | Why spend \$75 when \$5 will yield the same results?

Elmer's glue stick an affordable 'stache wax

As a man with a small rodent attached to his chin, I must adhere to an unnecessary hygiene quota I otherwise wouldn't if I lacked facial hair.

For instance, I have to wipe my mouth more often when eating messy foods.

Unless I'm having spaghetti alone on a Friday evening, I can kiss the leftovers I'd generally store in my beard goodbye — for some reason, people in public are disgusted when my facial hair also functions as my lunch box.

While mustaches and beards work wonders as storage space, a friend of mine offered me a quick fix when your whiskers prevent you from being taken seriously as an adult.

It was as simple as an Elmer's Glue Stick.

Although using elementary school glue certainly isn't as fancy as expensive mustache wax and other hair products, it's an easy and harmless way to tame your mane.

An average pack of Elmer's Glue Sticks is under \$5 and likely contains the



same ingredients as other wax styling products.

Simply apply the glue to your mustache and your hair is ready to be sculpted into any ridiculous shape you can imagine.

A handlebar, an elephant, the Mona Lisa — whatever you desire your facial hair to be, the Elmer's Glue Stick can make it happen.

Because the glue is non-toxic and washes off with water, it doesn't threaten your health and is probably a lot safer than whatever \$75 conditioner Paul Mitchell suggests.

It's compact size also makes the Elmer's Glue Stick the perfect portable accessory for any man with facial hair.

Don't be fooled by Men's Health magazine when it comes to taming your mane — simply grab a school supply list and check off the Elmer's Glue Stick for the perfect paste to style your 'stache.

Rating: A

—SIALI SIAOSI
ONLINE EDITOR

MOVIE REVIEW | From the Vault

'Conversation' best movie of 1970s

The 1970s were more than a terrific decade for film — it was the best.

And one of the finest films to emerge from the '70s is Francis Ford Coppola's psychological thriller "The Conversation."

Written, directed and produced by Coppola, the film also was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture in 1974, the same year as Coppola's "The Godfather: Part II."

Made on a much smaller scale than most Coppola films, this story is ridiculously rich with character depth.

Harry Caul (Gene Hackman) is a well-regarded expert in audio surveillance. But viewers quickly discover Harry's capability of surveillance doesn't translate into a talent of security.

In the beginning of the story Harry is only concerned with capturing clear audio.

He knows better than to question his client's motives behind their requests.

That is, until a recording he has done for a powerful client reveals a potential murder.

After cleaning up a particular segment of audio, Harry hears the statement "He'd kill us if he got the chance."

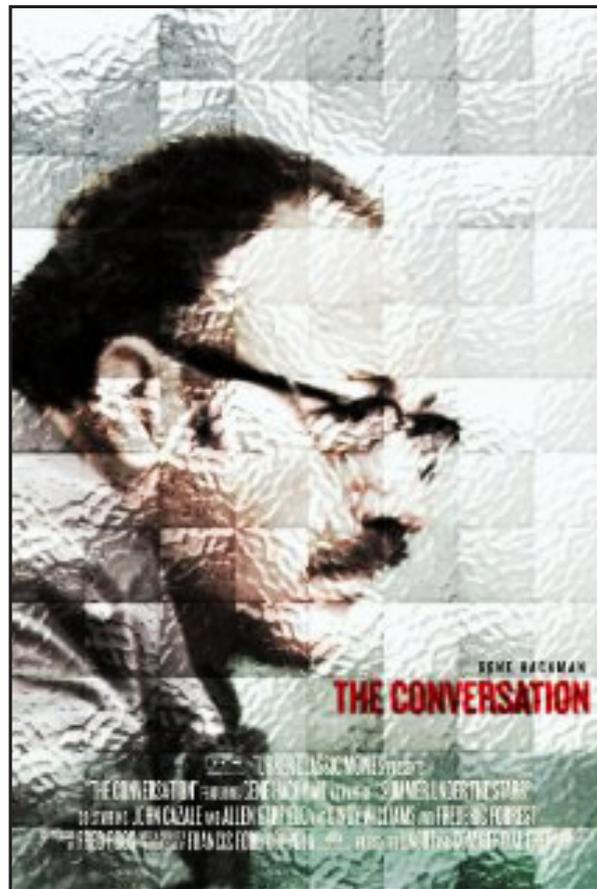
This triggers Harry's repressed guilt along with intense paranoia.

Confessing his sins to a priest, Harry mentions people have previously died because of his work.

Worried the recording will cause more death, he refuses to deliver the finished tapes to his client.

David Shire's unforgettable piano score submerged with Walter Murch's eerie sound montages trap the viewer within Harry's living nightmares.

Many scenes were subtly shot with a surveillance camera-like point of view.



Just as Harry eavesdrops on strangers, the audience monitors his every move. Or perhaps Harry's clients were always watching him?

Aside from "The Conversation" being the type of movie I enjoy watching, it's the type I wish was made more often.

Rating: A+

—ETHAN COOPER
PHOTOGRAPHER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Sept. 19 through Sept. 21
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *No Good Deed*
2. *Dolphin Tale 2*
3. *Guardians of the Galaxy*
4. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle*
5. *Let's Be Cops*
6. *The Drop*
7. *If I Stay*
8. *The November Man*
9. *The Giver*
10. *The Hundred-Foot Journey*
11. *When the Game Stands Tall*
12. *As Above, So Below*
13. *Lucy*
14. *The Expendables 3*
15. *Into the Storm*
16. *Boyhood*
17. *Cantinflas*
18. *Finding Fanny*
19. *Atlas Shrugged*
20. *A Most Wanted Man*

Online tool helps estimate college costs

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For the last three years, OCCC has provided a “Net Price Calculator” through CollegeBoard.org. The Net Price Calculator requires users to input personal and financial information to come up with an estimate for possible financial aid opportunities.

Financial Aid Assistant Director Meghan Morgan played a large role in adapting CollegeBoard.com’s calculator for OCCC.

“It has all the tuition and fees that it would cost them to attend whatever college or university it is that they’re researching at that time, other costs that are associated like housing, room and board, transportation, personal miscellaneous,” she said.

“And it really is kind of like a mock-up FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.”

Morgan said while current students can benefit from using the Net Price Calculator, it is especially helpful to prospective students.

“I think the Department of Education designed it so that students could go out there ahead of time and compare colleges and look and see what kind of financial aid they could possibly qualify for at each institution, as well as cost and all of that so they might have an idea ahead of time,” she said.

“The Net Price Calculator kind of goes through a series of identical questions (to the FAFSA).”

Morgan said while not every college and university uses the same program, they all have to use some sort of net price calculator.

“We liked [CollegeBoard’s software] because we were able to make it more unique and specific to OCCC,” she said. “So at the end, after a student completes it, I was able to add other things, like ‘Oklahoma City Community College offers all these different student support services.’

“It gives the student an idea of what a financial aid award package would look like if they were to attend that college or university.”

The CollegeBoard website makes clear that the Net Price Calculator “is not an application for admission or

“It gives the student an idea of what a financial aid award package would look like if they were to attend that college or university.”

—MEGHAN MORGAN
FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

financial aid.”

Unlike the FAFSA, which can take weeks to give results, Morgan said, the Net Price Calculator gives results the instant the required answers are submitted.

“It’s a pretty quick and seamless process, I think.”

The Net Price Calculator can be found at www.occc.edu under the “Admissions & Financial Aid” tab.

Clicking “Cost Calculator” will take the user directly to OCCC’s Net Price Calculator at CollegeBoard.org.

Clock hits student; weed discovered in library

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The most recent crime reports include a clock hitting a student, a hit and run, and marijuana found in the library.

At approximately 1:46 p.m. on Sept. 8, a clock fell on an OCCC student outside of room 3N4. The 22-year-old male was sitting on the third floor of the Main Building studying when a clock fell off the wall and brushed his right arm. The victim said he was not injured and refused medical treatment.

According to the report, maintenance removed the clock, but left the broken bracket, which was protruding from the wall mount.

No further action was taken.

At approximately 1:19 p.m. on Sept.

10, Monica Carlisle, Lead Library Circulation Assistant, reported she found a small cellophane bag containing a green substance that resembled marijuana.

Officer Jeremy Bohannon arrived on the scene and, after inspecting the bag, he determined the bag with Batman logos on the outside contained what appeared to be marijuana.

The bag was then taken into custody by OCCC Police. According to the report, Sgt. Daniel Piazza was able to confirm the substance was marijuana and the content of the bag was put away for evidence.

Area video footage where the substance was found revealed the bag



was too small to be seen on the video. Although several people were spotted going in and out of the area, none looked to be dropping anything off, according to the report.

Additional information available in a supplemental report was not provided.

At approximately 9:04 p.m. on Sept. 8, OCCC student Charis Casey, 25, reported her 2010 Ford Edge had been hit while she was in class.

According to the report, Casey said she was in class from 5:15 p.m. until 8:55 p.m. Her car was parked in the north end of Parking Lot C.

When she returned to her car, she said, it had significant damage and had been moved about 5 to 6 feet from the

impact.

Officer Ronald Ventresca area security camera footage, shows the collision happened at 6:15 p.m. and involved what appeared to be a Chevy Equinox.

Additional information available in a supplemental report was not provided.

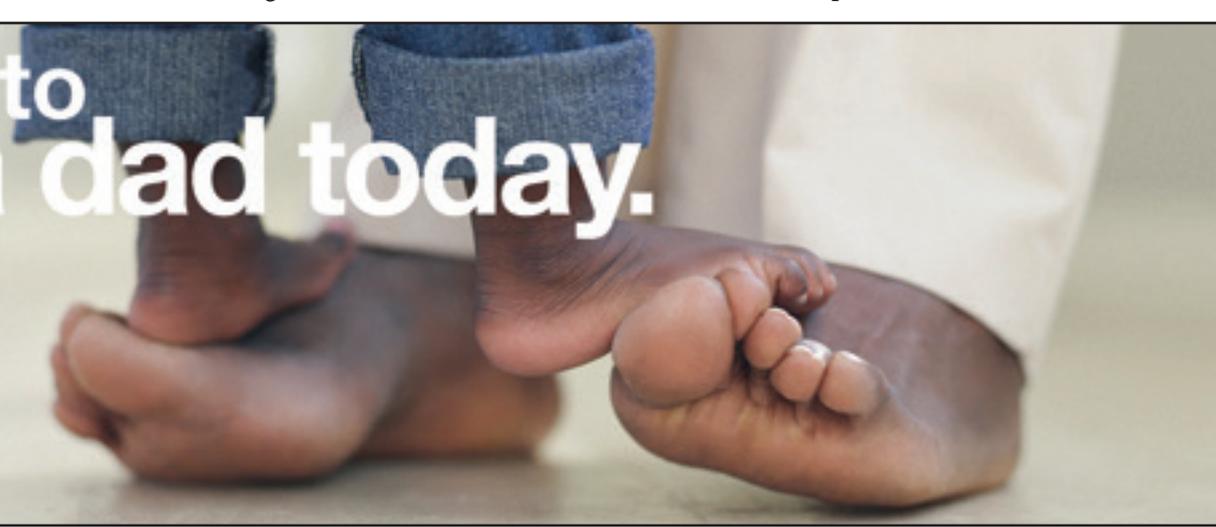
Some information was redacted from the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted “according to OCCCPD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld.” To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

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Nursing student claims Miss Black Oklahoma title

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The wrong shoes may have tripped up Si'Mone Mathenia, but it didn't prevent her from taking the Miss Black Oklahoma crown on Aug. 2.

"My original shoes broke," Mathenia said. "I was supposed to go recover the other shoes and I forgot — stressful week.

"I had to wear the shoes I had with me, but they weren't high enough. I thought, 'OK, you've got to fake it til you make it' ... and in the midst of my turn in my evening gown, I tripped."

Mathenia said she had a moment of absolute terror on the inside but, on the surface, she was able to remain poised, recovering gracefully and instantly.

"Nobody could see that little transition ...," she said. "My mom videotaped it and you couldn't tell."

When she was announced as the new Miss Black Oklahoma, she was shocked.

"[I said] 'That's me.' Then the tears started to flow."

Mathenia said winning was about more than recognition.

It was her third attempt at vying for the Miss Black Oklahoma crown.

There had been some who had told her to just give up, she said.

"It was really just proving to me that I've looked past the negativity that was thrown at me ... to say 'look how far you've come.'"

Mathenia takes pride in the responsibilities that have come with becoming a pageant queen.

"As Miss Black Oklahoma ... I have to make appearances and when people call me I have to be ready," she said. "One thing I like to say is, 'if you stay ready, you don't have to get ready,'" she said.

It's a policy she applies to the rest of her responsibilities as well.

In addition to being in OCCC's nursing program, Mathenia serves as the Black Student Association's club president and as co-chair to OCCC's Leadership Council. These are facets of her life she said are all closely intertwined.

"The BSA has truly helped a lot ...," she said. "It's helped me adjust to different personalities and different age groups.

"I would like to say it helped the leader come out of me and that can go underneath my crown as Miss Black Oklahoma."

Mathenia said, under her guidance, she hopes the Black Student Association can help drive graduation rates up among black students.

“One thing I like to say is, ‘if you stay ready, you don’t have to get ready.’”

—SI'MONE MATHENIA
NURSING STUDENT AND
MISS BLACK OKLAHOMA

"I want them to realize their leadership potential and go for it," she said.

Mathenia said that she's always recognized leadership and has benefited from outlets that have nurtured those qualities within herself.

She said organizations like BSA inspire young people toward doing their best.

"It's a lot easier when you have people pushing you," she said.

Mathenia said she wants students to be bold in an educational way and understand the value of networking.

She said she looks back on her time in the President's Leadership Class as a special opportunity that taught her a lot about herself.

Through OCCC and by participating in pageants, Mathenia said, she's now undaunted by challenges and has found a confidence that will guide her to even more success in the future.

She said she may even have her eye on the Miss America crown somewhere down the road.

Mathenia goes on to compete next in the Miss Black America Coed pageant Nov. 28 through 29 in Houston.

It is a pageant program that manifests the spirit of the "coeducational" tradition, according to its website, referencing the "strong heritage of women who have integrated into male-populated schools."

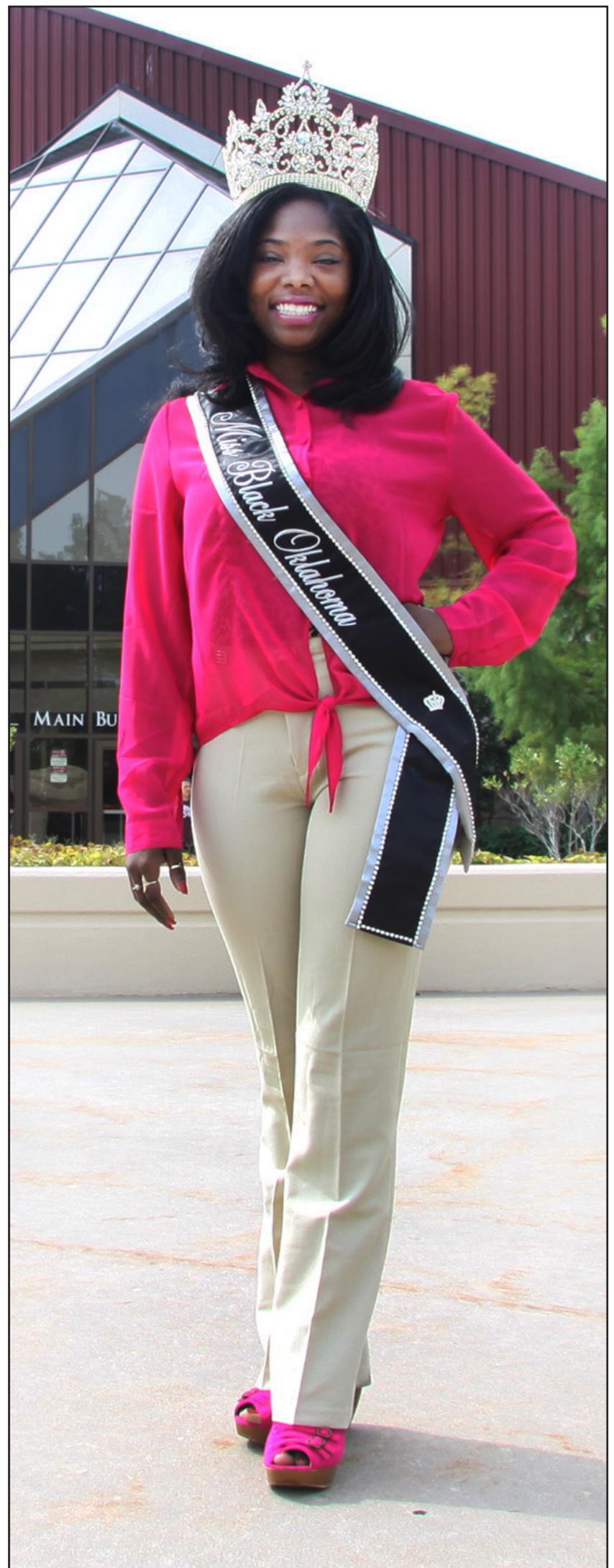
For more information about Mathenia or Miss Black Oklahoma, visit www.missblackoklahoma.com.

To learn about the Miss Black America Coed pageant, visit missblackamericacoed.org.

For more about OCCC's Black Student Association, email bsa@my.occc.edu.

Nursing major Si'Mone Mathenia recently won the Miss Black Oklahoma title. Mathenia is president for the Black Student Association and co-chair for The Leadership Council. She said this was her third attempt at the crown. The event took place at Metro Tech on Springlake Drive in Oklahoma City.

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it's a small world

Iraqi student says education is powerful

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Computer Engineering major Karrar Khudhair said he misses the food the most, particularly lamb kebabs. And, like most who go away to college, he misses family and friends too — particularly with the current turmoil occurring in his home country of Iraq.

All that aside, he said, he's happy to be at OCCC.

Khudhair has traveled far to pursue his education. He was born in Iraq and spent most of his 29 years in Baghdad, the capital city. He finds himself now at OCCC and works at a local retailer. Khudhair says he looks forward to furthering his education and beginning his career in the U.S.



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Karrar Khudhair

Iraq, he said, has been ravaged by war throughout his entire lifetime.

Sanctions levied between warring governments in the 1990s left Iraq's civilians without food and basic necessities well after the war had ended.

Khudhair said nights were lit by candlelight and life in Baghdad was harder than it had ever been. Khudhair was still only a child.

He said electricity didn't return to Baghdad until 1994, when he was 9 years old, but that it remained rationed and intermittent at best.

Amidst it all, Khudhair said, he began learning English as part of his school's regular curriculum when he was young. Fortunately so, he said.

In 2003 war descended upon Iraq once more before Khudhair's education was complete.

Khudhair said although he had lost friends and family, the horrors of war had become so commonplace in his lifetime that they'd become routine.

"When I finished school in Iraq," he said, "there was no work because of the war."

Khudhair said without many other prospects ahead of him, he agreed to be recruited by the U.S. Army.

"This is a good opportunity for you," an Army general had told Khudhair.

The general, who would quickly become his friend, told Khudhair his service would be rewarded with the safety and educational opportunities of the U.S.

Khudhair served for three years as an interpreter and then was brought to America.

"I didn't know much about the United States," he said, "I thought all of it would be like in the movies ... like New York City.

"When the plane took us toward Lawton, where the general lived, I was like, 'Where are all the buildings?'"

In acclimating himself to his new surroundings, Khudhair said he was drawn to OCCC by its reasonable cost and smaller classes.

Khudhair said after he graduates, begins his career and earns some money, he may visit Iraq from time to time to see his family but said this is his home now.

He said he worries about his friends and family as he watches the news and sees the deadly threat of the extremist Islamic State group operating in Iraq and Syria. He worries about war but said he agrees with any solution for eliminating ISIS and supports U.S. airstrikes. Khudhair said there will always be a part of him that is a U.S. soldier.

"Ninety-nine percent of Iraqis are also against ISIS," he said, "but they don't have the capability to prevent them. They need help."

Khudhair pointed out that ISIS exploits young people who have lived in poverty — people who are desperate and angry — to back their cause. He said education is the most powerful weapon against extremism. Without education, he said, young people are manipulated. They are misinformed and lack the knowledge or ability to question what they are told.

It is education, Khudhair said, that improves the world and prevents exploitation.

He said the interesting and warm weather is his favorite thing about living in Oklahoma. He said people also tend to be friendly here.

Khudhair said he also has discovered some of the comforts of his former home in Oklahoma — kebabs at Zam Zam Grill in Warr Acres.



Iraq

Capital: Baghdad

Population: 33.42 million (2013)

GDP: 6,669.54 billion U.S. Dollars (2013)

Size: 168,754 sq. miles

Official Languages: Arabic, Kurdish

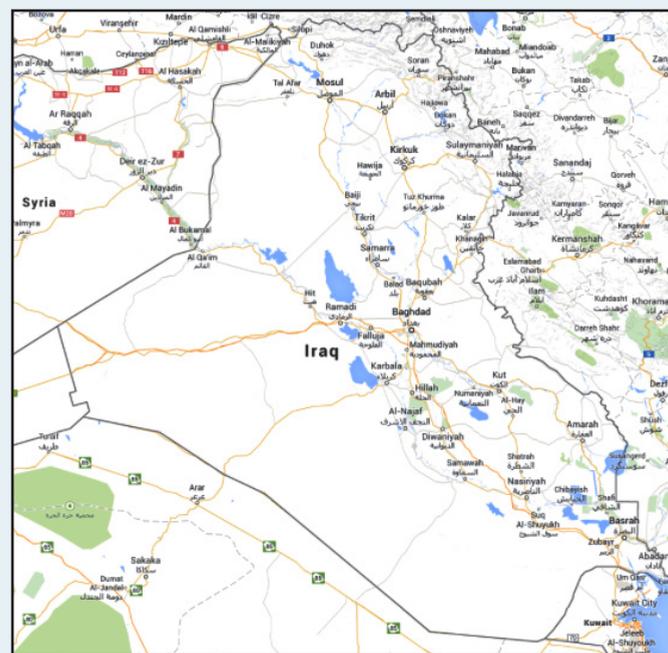
Currency: Iraqi dinar

Government: Multi-party system, with a prime minister and a president.

Religion: Predominately Muslim in which the two major sects of Islam are represented. Slightly more than half of the population are Shi'ite, and about two-fifths are Sunni.

Details: Iraq, officially the Republic of Iraq, is a country in Western Asia that borders Turkey to the north, Iran to the east, Kuwait to the southeast, Saudi Arabia to the south, Jordan to the southwest, and Syria to the west.

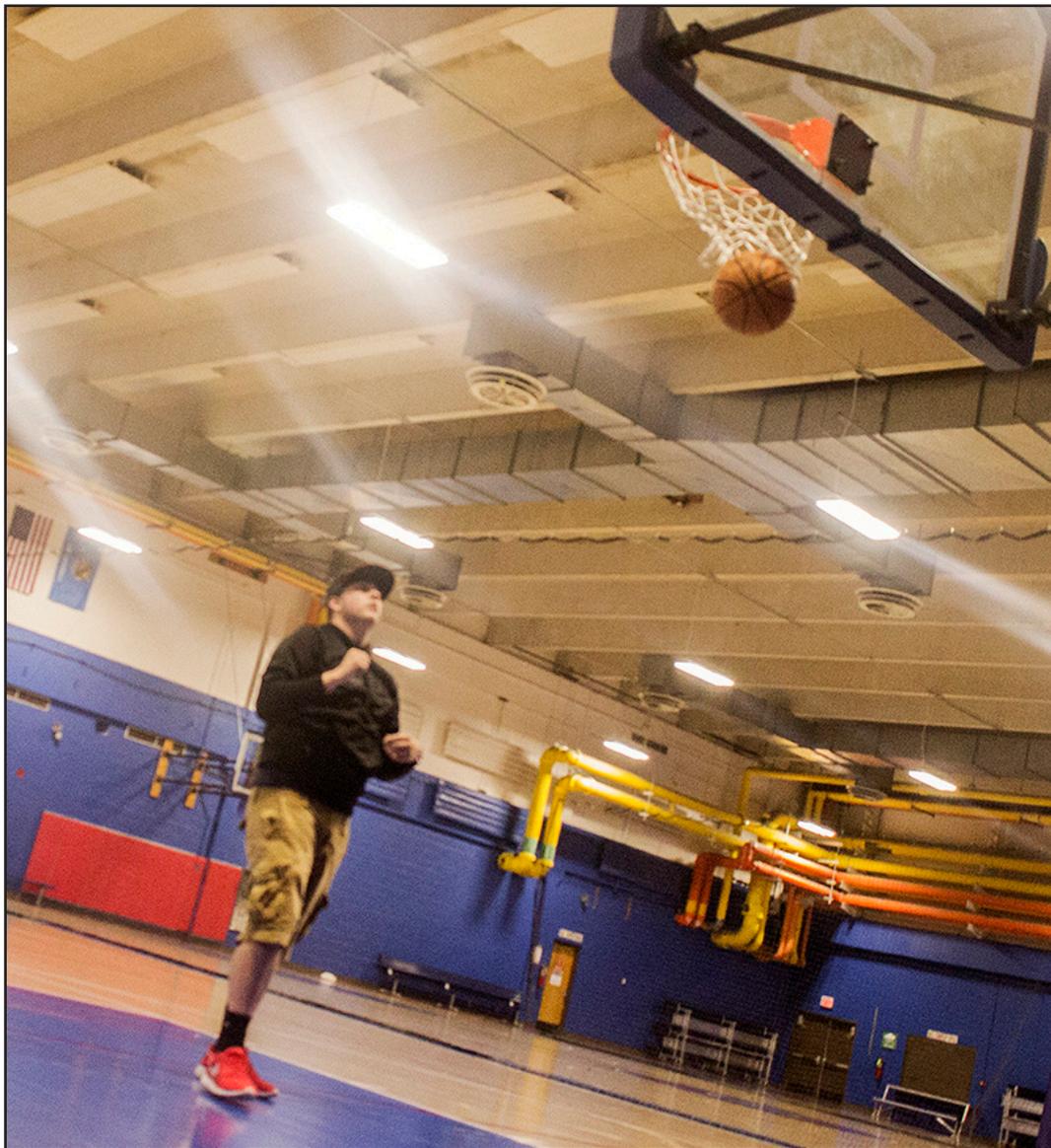
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SPORTS

Swish!

Criminal Justice major Maxwell Marcum shoots hoops in OCCC's gym. "I'm just getting a few jump shots in right now," said Marcum. The facility, located in the Wellness Center on the first floor of the Main Building is free to all students with a valid student ID. Balls are available on-site. For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Office at 405-682-7580 or visit www.occc.edu/rf.



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SPORTS | Sign up for spring soccer at imleagues.com

Intramural soccer play a goal for spring

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One man stands alone in the running for MVP of OCCC's club soccer league this semester. He's leading the league by being the only person currently registered for the intramural soccer season — and that isn't likely to change, said Sports Assistant Matthew Wright.

In actuality, there will be no award for this fall's MVP, Wright said. There will be no championship T-shirt, no ceremony and no actual soccer season this semester.

Eric Watson, OCCC's Sports and Recreation Specialist, said club teams such

as soccer, unlike intramural teams, compete against other schools, wear uniforms and travel to tournaments.

OCCC students and faculty can register for spring soccer at imleagues.com until midnight on Dec. 30 but soccer will not be played this semester, Wright said.

"We just had that up there just for people to sign up," Wright said, "That way we could contact them if we did have a club team."

Only one person is on the roster right now, and he could not be reached for comment. He is captaining his own team according to the IMleagues site but Wright said currently there is no league to play in.

"We're not doing club soccer this year for sure," Wright said.

However, Wright said, interested parties could register now to express their interest in spring soccer. They will be contacted when a club team forms next semester. He said he hopes to receive enough interest to form an intramural soccer tournament in the spring as well as a club team that will participate in more structured, regular practices.

Journalism major Ian Manera said he intends to compete in OCCC's intramural sports but soccer may not be one of them.

"I just don't like playing soccer anymore ... it's hard,"

Manera said.

Wright said, "next semester we'll have intramural soccer for sure."

Wright said that the intramural soccer games would begin later in the spring.

"March and April," he said.

Intramural soccer will be a coed sport and is open to students and faculty. All that's required is comfortable clothing, a valid school ID and the free IMleagues registration, Wright said.

To register for intramural sports at OCCC visit imleagues.com

For more information visit the recreation and fitness office or email Matthew Wright at matthew.j.wright@occc.edu.

EVENT NEWS

Fall 2014:

- Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the Aquatic Center free of charge. The Aquatic Center features two pools, and an 18½-ft deep diving well with 1- and 3-meter spring boards and 5-, 7- and 10-meter platforms. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF.

- OCCC Group Fitness classes are offered at a variety of fitness levels and are spaced conveniently throughout the afternoon and late evening hours. Discounted group fitness passes are available. See more at www.occc.edu/rf/cr-group-fitness.

- The Recreation & Fitness Center is open to students, faculty, staff and community members. The center features a 15,000-square-foot gym with two basketball courts and one recreational volleyball court, a cardio room with three treadmills, two cross trainers and two recumbent bikes as well as a weight room featuring a complete circuit of Cybex equipment and free weights. Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the facilities free of charge. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF or call 405-682-7860.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events, complete with the most current updates.

(Free QR code reader apps can be found online or in app stores on smart phones. Follow the directions for the app you download.)

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

365: Student email upgraded to include a terabyte of storage

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they can use [Office 365] to do complex calculations, presentations and get templates online to fit into any of these applications," he said.

"Even if students have used different word processing applications, different spreadsheet programs, or different slideshow applications, Microsoft Office has been a standard in the industry for office productivity applications," he said.

Each student will be provided a drop box (OneDrive) with one terabyte of storage, Gregg said.

Computer Science major Kyle Windgate said he would

rather use OneDrive and Office 365 rather than using a USB flash drive.

"I honestly don't really use my email that much, considering it seems outdated," Windgate said, "but if they added something in to where it could be more accessible, I think that would be pretty great."

Gregg said USB drives still have uses in spite of the many conveniences OneDrive provides.

"I would say that purpose is now less involved in terms of file movement, saving and backing up documents," he said.

"The Office 365 cloud and OneDrive cloud allow you

to save your documents one time and they replicate to all of your devices. You don't have to worry about losing a key ... or the data becoming corrupt."

Gregg said other conveniences of OneDrive are the recycle bin functionality and the versioning functionality.

He said students can edit documents as well as look at past edits that were made to documents.

OneDrive and Office 365 is mostly convenient in the way it is distributed to the students, Gregg said.

He said with Office 2013, students would have to install the applications using a CD and keep track of a license key.




SharePoint
Lync
Exchange

"With Office 365, you just go to a web page and click install."

Gregg said being able to manage installations and install software from any place you have Internet connection is a great benefit to students.

Gregg said although Office 365 has been available to students since Aug. 25, the

college just made the official announcement at a Convergence workshop Sept. 10.

For more information about OneDrive and Office 365, visit the college website www.occc.edu.

For more information about student emails, contact the IT Help Desk at 405-682-7777.

OCCC: CampusBird to change the face of all campus maps

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tary renderings of the various buildings on campus. It just isn't the type of experience the people need with a relatively large campus like ours."

Richardson said his team has spent a good amount of time looking at different products to use for mapping the campus.

"We have been trying to earmark funds for a couple of years now and find the product that really does the type of job that we think our guests on our campus deserve," he said.

"We came up with this one from a company called Concept 3D. The name of the product is called CampusBird."

Richardson said he looked at the product and was "blown away" by how well it represents OCCC's campus in an understandable coherent way.

"It's just an overall good experience," he said. "We can incorporate all sorts of stuff to the mapping of buildings — how we'll be able to set it up where [you] can pop off a building and see the floor plans."

Richardson said aside from helping students find their way around, another aspect that was taken into consideration when rethinking the online

mapping is the number of people who would be visiting the campus for the Performing Arts Series concerts.

"... We are going to have a lot of people who aren't familiar with our campus coming to those performances."

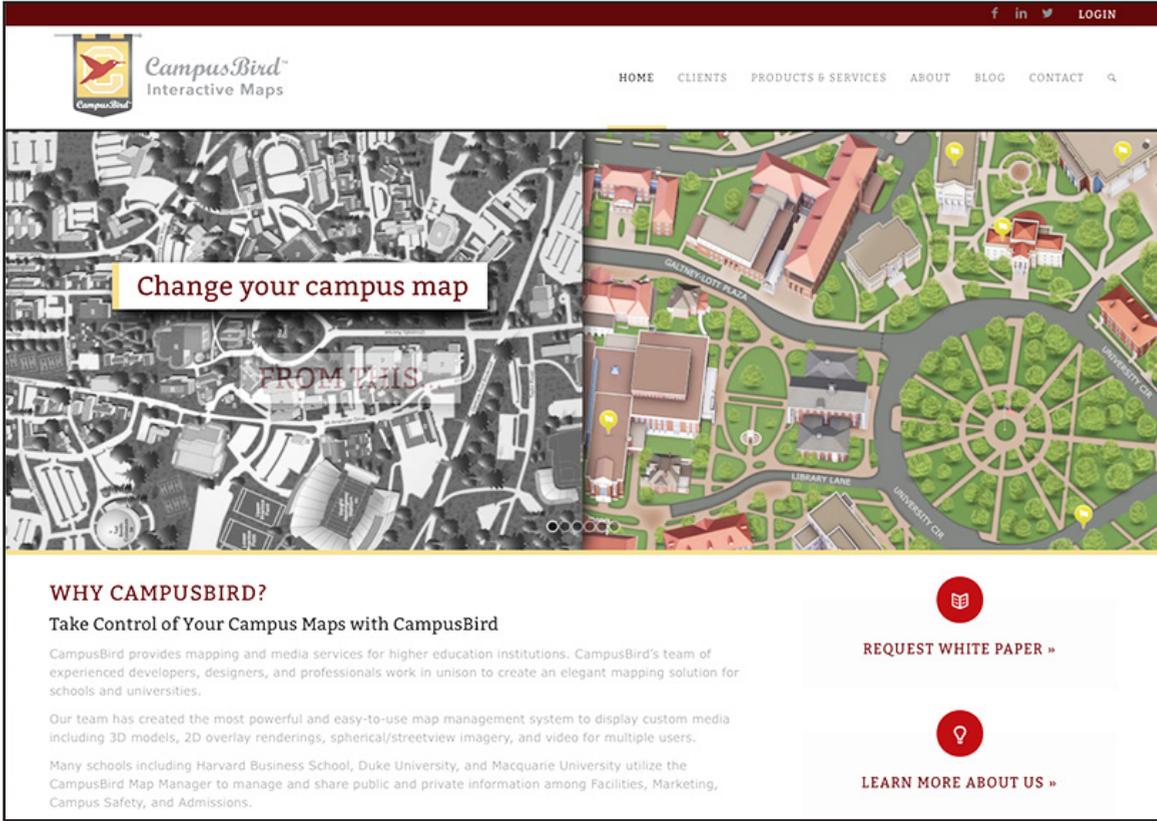
He said CampusBird will be able to clearly communicate to students and visitors where specific areas are located on campus. Richardson said he doesn't want people coming to campus for the first time and getting lost.

CampusBird will not be featured on an app, but on OCCC's website, which will be compatible on smartphones and tablets, he said.

"This software has to work properly on any kind of device and it does," he said.

Richardson said the product will accurately represent the campus with representations of buildings and even specific trees.

"People can zoom in on stuff and move it around. If you want to look on the interiors of buildings, you can check that," he said.



Richardson said users can see where a certain classroom is in a certain building as well as dining facilities, restrooms and safer areas on campus.

"We can set up all sorts of categories that will then help people know where things are, like where the athletic facilities are," he said.

Richardson said students can expect the new mapping system on the website by next

spring semester.

"We'd like to have parts of it functional in December, because classes start in January ...," he said.

For more information on Concept 3D's CampusBird, visit www.concept3d.com/ clients for examples of other campuses.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Study time



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Art and music major Harland Loring, and psychology major Brittney Henderson study outdoors in the courtyard between the Main Building and library. "We're just waiting for our next class," Loring said.

COMMUNITY | OCCC literary journal was started in 1972

Absolute Live gives printed art a pulse

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Art is a form of expression, and when people come together and express themselves, it's a priceless thing.

Marybeth McCauley, English professor and Absolute faculty adviser, said the Absolute literary journal published by OCCC, gives students a way to get their work included in something that's bigger than themselves.

The Absolute started at OCCC in 1972 and lets people from all over the community show off their talents and abilities.

Absolute Live will give voice to poems, essays and stories from the journals. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, in the Bruce Owen Theater. McCauley said the night will be filled with various forms of art.

"Students from the music department and the theater department go through the editions of Absolute ... The students who are chosen to be in the performance pick pieces and perform them.

"They might do dramatic readings of stories. Some of the music students might put something to music, so it's a real collaboration of the arts," she said.

This is the second year to host Absolute Live, and McCauley anticipates the event to be a huge success because of the response last year.

An edition of the Absolute is published each year, and the deadline for Absolute 2015 submissions is Dec. 1, 2014.

McCauley said students, faculty, staff, and other people can submit non-fiction or essays, short stories, poetry, artwork and photography.

"We accept multiple submissions so people are encouraged to submit multiple genres, multiple pieces," McCauley said.

It benefits them in more than one way.

"It's good for them to share their talents with an audience. There's a great sense of accomplishment in being published, and also, everybody else gets to benefit from the artistic endeavors of people on the campus and in the community," she said.

Unlike other publications, all submissions are chosen by student editors.

"I'm the faculty editor and adviser and I have a board of student editors who read all the submissions and score them. We hold meetings and they compare scores. The student editors decide what's published each year," she said.

Submission forms can be found at www.occc.edu/

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

ExCel Series: College Success Stories

College Success Stories will be told as part of the ExCel Series from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in CU3. College can be challenging, but OCCC wants to share stories that will inspire students. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch and meet with other students. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

University of Oklahoma recruiter visit

Representatives from OU will be at the Transfer Center booth from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30. For more information, contact Javier Puebla at 405-682-7567.

ESL Conversation Groups aim to help fluency

English as a Second Language will host conversation groups designed to help strengthen the fluency of those who may not speak English as their first language. The groups are a safe place where they can have fun while gaining self confidence. The groups are held from 12:30 until 2 p.m. each Monday in VPAC room 146 and from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. each Thursday in VPAC room 146. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/comlab/eslcg.html or contact Senior Communications Lab Assistant Lydia Rucker at 405-682-1611, ext. 7105.

OKC Zoo Service Trip on Oct. 4

OCCC students, faculty and staff can attend a service trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Students who volunteer for the event will be given hours of service for Civic Honors or Academic Service Learning. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Brown Bag event to address PTSD

Professor Jeff Anderson will lecture over the topic of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in CU3. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

2014 OCCC Reads on calendar

The National Endowment of Art's Big Read for the year is "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. The Big read event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the OCCC library. The library has free copies of the book for professors and students. The National Education Association's Big Read website provides an online teacher's guide along with lesson plans and essay topics along with discussion questions. For more information, visit <http://libguides.occc.edu/occcreads> or contact Reference Librarian Rachel Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7643.

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

english-humanities/absolute-submissions.html.

Previous editions of the Absolute can be purchased for \$5 in the OCCC Bookstore. PDF versions are also available online at www.occc.edu/english-humanities/absolute.html. For more information, contact McCauley at 405-682-7405.

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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT: Male, 23, full-time stu-

dent looking to rent a room close to campus for no more than \$250-\$300 a month from May 17 to the end of the fall semester. Email john.white336@my.occc.edu.

FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED: Room with bathroom. Washer/dryer, Internet, cable. Close to OCCC. Big room. All amenities. Nice neighborhood. \$450 a month, all bills included. No drugs, no alcohol. Call 405-317-4002.

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WANT TO RENT A ROOM: 21-year-old male Looking for a room to rent. Call or text Roman at 770-301-2791 with information and price.

FOR SALE: Bed liner for standard long bed pickup w/ tailgate liner. \$45. GC. Text 405-818-0083.

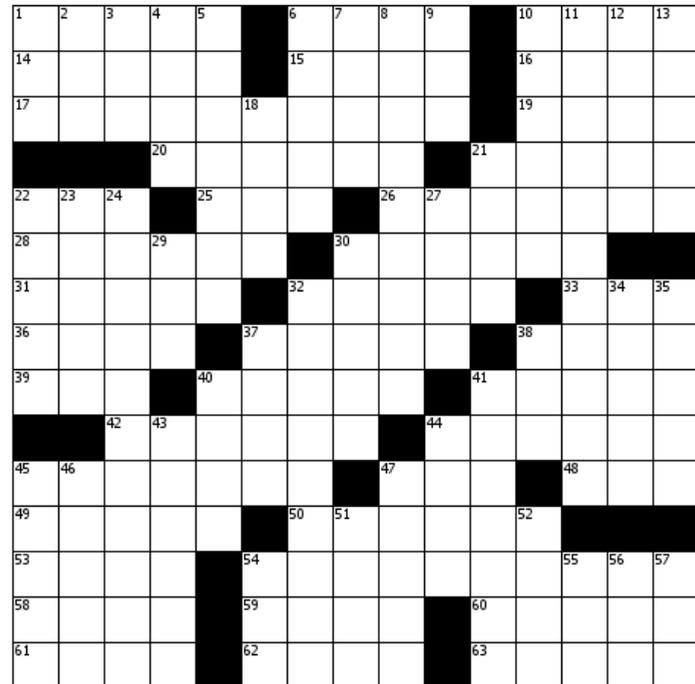
FOR SALE: Neiman Marcus Robert Rodriguez collection size 14 strapless cocktail dress. Never worn. Tags. \$50. Text 405-818-0083.

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

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15. Playwright Coward
16. Greenish-blue
17. Burro, for one
19. Diving position
20. More out of date
21. Word with profit or time
22. Expressions of understanding
25. Skedaddle
26. Rests
28. Screen beauty Welch
30. Diocese division
31. Reject with contempt
32. North Dakota city
33. Corn holder
36. Dentist's instruction
37. Suspends
38. Reach new heights
39. "Science Guy" Bill
40. Social class
41. Fry lightly
42. Sister of Eva and Magda
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45. Daughter of Hillary and Bill
47. Debussy's "Air de ____"
48. It's found in sticks
49. Part of a dealer's inventory
50. Use plastic
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58. "... and make it fast!"
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61. Openers
62. ____ buco
63. Legally prohibit



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| 4. Responds ` la "Jeopardy!" | 23. Word with landing or medium | 44. Business salutation, sometimes |
| 5. Conversion target | 24. Strategy used by Joe Torre, maybe | 45. Frog sound |
| 6. Old-womanish | 27. Cupid, in Greece | 46. Wiesbaden, Germany is its capital |
| 7. Johnny-____-lately | 29. Vase | 47. Rodeo saddle attachment |
| 8. Change furniture around | 30. One of three in 1492 | 51. About half of all lobsters |
| 9. Conduit bend | 32. Routs, in sports | 52. Subjects of clashes |
| 10. Compassion | 34. Like some cereal | 54. Arafat's grp. |
| 11. Place for a racket | 35. Kansas City slugger George | 55. Fast or slow attachment |
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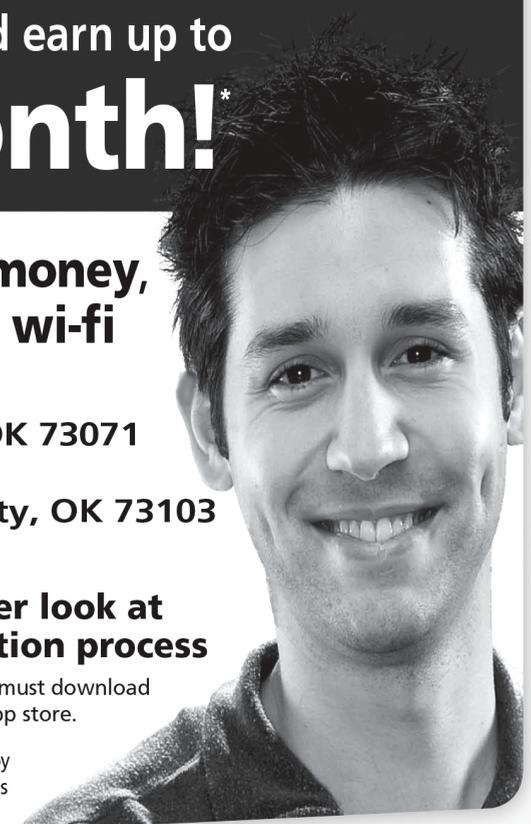
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Autographed albums featured in gallery



Above: Autographed album jackets of 55 musical greats make up the featured art exhibit “Tailored Jackets.” The exhibit — an appreciation of music legends across genres — is on display in the Inasmuch Gallery in the VPAC through Friday, Oct. 31.



A few of the album jackets on display include Led Zeppelin’s “Houses of the Holy” (left) and the Beatles’ “Revolver.”



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John, Paul, George and Ringo are hanging in the college’s Inasmuch Gallery with Bob Dylan and other musical greats as part of a featured art exhibit “Tailored Jackets.”

The exhibit — an appreciation of music legends across genres — is on display through Friday, Oct. 31, said Cultural Programs Assistant Scott Tigert.

Tigert said a private collector donated the record jackets, adorned with autographs of band members from Fleetwood Mac to electronic house musicians.

“It’s 55 autographed record jackets that have been framed — ergo, “Tailored Jackets,” Tigert said.

“It’s a conglomeration of artists — all the different visual artists who worked on all the different albums.

“It’s about 30 to 40 years [of music genres] — from folk all the way to techno and house.”

For the most part, Tigert said, most of the original band members signed the record jackets on display.

The Inasmuch Gallery is open to the public from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located in the Visual Performing Arts Center

on the northeast corner of the campus.

For more information, call 405-682-7576.

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