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Team building

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Sociology major Marylin Segura, child development major Dana Carothers, literature major Trinni Stevens and pre-education major Monica Neri do a group exercise together for their Intro to Public Speaking class. "We are developing the process of communicating," Segura said.

Didn't know? Did you check your email?

OCCC Bursar says key announcements are sent via campus accounts
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Enrolling and attending classes can be fun until students are forced to face the harsh reality that a college education is not free. OCCC Bursar Cynthia Gary said by following some simple steps, students can simplify their financial situation.

Gary said she emails students with important current information and even upcoming information concerning student

accounts, payment plans and drop dates.

To begin with, she said, all students should check and read their student emails, especially those from the Bursar's Office.

Students who aren't able to pay their full tuition in advance are automatically set up on a payment plan, she said.

The four-month plan is set up to be billed via email on the fifth day of each month, she said.

If a student does not pay on the fifth of each month, a 2 percent calculated finance balance is added to the total.

Gary said once students receive email notification that a payment is due, they can ac-

cess the bill online at the student portal through MineOnline.

Gary said this is a useful resource that will become increasingly more important after March when, in an effort

to save money and time, paper bills will no longer be mailed to individual addresses.

Students will view their bills

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Some programs likely to see fee increases

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Some OCCC students are expected to see new fees or higher fees associated with attending courses, possibly as early as fall 2015, said Business and

Finance President John Boyd. He said these fees are course specific, only applying to those in certain courses of study. And for those who do see a fee increase, he said, most will only see fees increase by \$5 per class.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | President Obama's proposal will only devalue degrees

Free college opens wrong doors

President Obama's last two speeches hit on a specific topic that people all over the country are talking about: free 2-year college for everyone who "works for it."

While many would argue it's a good idea and something that can benefit this country, I disagree.

It's true that higher education is expensive and can cause enormous debt, but those who reach, work and make the effort for it can get through college with little to no debt.

According to debt.org, an estimated \$46 billion in grants and scholarships is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, as well as an additional \$3.3 billion in gift aid from churches, foundations and non-profit groups.

The money is out there, but many students don't want to put forth the effort to apply for scholarships or grants.

With Obama's proposal, if the funds come from the state, there's a high chance taxes will increase. If the funds come from the federal government, the outcome is the same: higher taxes.

Where the money is coming from is just the tip of the iceberg. To afford college expenses for thousands more students, state and federal funding in other



KATIE
AXTELL

areas will decrease.

A larger need for teachers will open up and in turn will lead to even more expenses to pay the expanding faculty positions. More jobs will be created, but at what cuts to the salary?

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities shows a -22.8 percent change in spending for each student in Oklahoma alone since the recession in 2008. Their list of cuts are "... eliminated course offerings, shut computer labs, and reduced library services, among other cuts," according to the website.

Obama's proposition states that students will have to be willing to work for free college, but with each new generation there is an ongoing issue of more people not wanting to work for even the simple necessities in life. Many are dependent and accustomed to handouts. This would be another of those handouts.

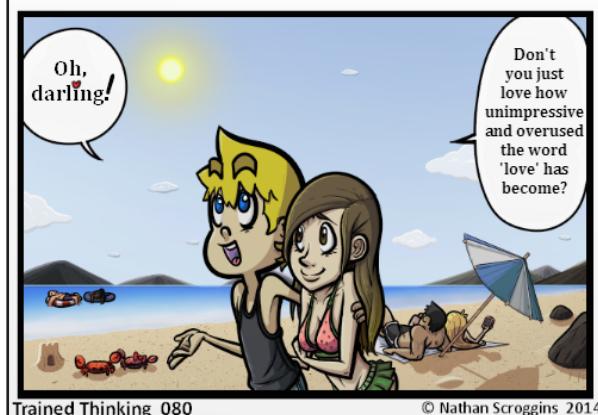
I have found that the more I put into working toward a goal or an accomplishment, the more I can appreciate it. A free education will take away the struggle and effort to obtain something to be proud of.

Working toward expanding financial aid opportunities is more beneficial than free college.

Having an education is one of the most important things in life. Employers look for individuals who have accomplished a better knowledge in the job field. They look for the ones who strive for better and work hard.

Graduating from college is something that should

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make someone want to stand upon Pride Rock and hold up your baby cub of a degree with pride. Having a long line behind you waiting to hold up the same as you makes it insignificant.

Working for a degree and allowing it to grow into something amazing because you were able to get through the hard times and show you're passionate and driven to better yourself is not attainable from something handed out for free.

Nothing in life is free. There are always hidden costs and catches buried between the lines.

We as a nation don't lack the opportunity to achieve a higher education. We lack the drive and will to go after what is better for us as a nation, a community, and an individual.

—KATIE AXTELL
COMMUNITY WRITER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Thousands of animals in Oklahoma need good forever homes

Midwest City Animal Welfare offering no-cost adoptions

To the Editor:

Each year, hundreds of thousands of animals end up in shelters nationwide. In Oklahoma, thousands are sheltered for a variety of reasons: some are abandoned; some are lost and some are given up by owners who no longer feel they are able to care for the pet.

When these animals aren't taken in by another loving home, they are almost always put to death.

Anyone who is wanting to save a fur person but doesn't have the money to pay for the adoption and initial shots can take advantage of a couple of free offers.

According to a flyer posted on their Facebook page, "Midwest City Animal Welfare has teamed up with local philanthropist Bobbie Burbridge Lane to offer

free adoptions in 2015.

If you are willing to give a loving home to an animal in need, the adoption fee will be sponsored by this program. All you have to do is provide unconditional love.

Must have a valid ID and be 18 years or older. All animals will be spayed or neutered before leaving the shelter. No exceptions. MWC Animal Welfare reserves the right to refuse adoption.

The MWC Animal Welfare is located at 7221 NE 36th St. They can be reached at 405-427-6640.

In addition, according to a post on Facebook by Friends of the Midwest City Animal Welfare Center, you can then take your pet and adoption papers to The Dog Groomer located at 7825 NE 23rd St. in

Oklahoma City within 10 days after adoption for one free grooming session.

The number for The Dog Groomer is 405-468-5932.

Please consider adopting an animal into your family, giving it a forever home.

Also, if you have animals, spay or neuter them. There are already enough animals in the world that need homes. No one needs to add to that growing number.

And, lastly, don't use animals to make money or pay for animals. Before you buy an animal from an individual, consider adoption instead.

The MWC Animal Welfare does take donations. It's a great thing to do and is a tax write-off.

—RONNA AUSTIN
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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Buffalo Wild Wings 1, Reviewer, 0

Blazin' challenge not for the weak

I find myself to be a man with a taste for spicy foods — at least more so than the average person. That always seems to be disproven when I am out with friends however, because when we all challenge ourselves to spicy foods, I am the first to bow out.

This all started when I visited the popular restaurant Buffalo Wild Wings with my friend Andrew in 2013, and he dared me to try their Blazin' Wings, the hottest on the menu.

My initial thought was that I would conquer it easily. Andrew encouraged me that we would need pitchers upon pitchers of water to complete the task.

We were not even attempting the Blazin' Wings challenge, a feat which I am still confused as to what it entails exactly.

We were simply eating an order of 10 Blazin' wings in any amount of time.

When the order arrived at our table, I stared down at my enemy. I was not intimidated — yet.

I took my first bite, and was overwhelmed by the taste of generic hot sauce, which is not a particularly appetizing flavor to be overwhelmed by. The burn, however, was minimal.

MOVIE REVIEW | Film scores with an impressive story, outstanding performances and a powerful finale

'Whiplash' hits on every nerve

Last October I missed my chance to see "Whiplash" in theaters. But lo and behold, the film was nominated for the 2015 Best Picture Oscar meaning it would return to select theaters this month. And, of course, I saw the film the day it was re-released.

Andrew Neiman (Miles Teller) is a talented 19-year-old jazz drummer aspiring to become as great as Buddy Rich. A first-year student of the best music conservatory in the country, Neiman is determined to impress the school's most formidable band conductor, Terence Fletcher (J.K. Simmons).

Neiman is eventually hand-picked by Fletcher to join his band's core group of musicians as an alternate.

It's at this point Neiman witnesses Fletcher's brutal and amusing coaching methods. And it's only amusing because you can't believe how far he goes to make his students feel worthless.

To Fletcher, his methods are used to draw out his student's best potential. Fletcher says, "... There are no two words in the English language more harmful than 'good job.'"

To earn a spot as the band's core drummer, Neiman



I thought to myself how minimal the burn was. Being the cocky youngster I am, I quickly piled three more down the hatch. Only then did the slow burn begin to catch up with me. And boy did it catch up.

Very quickly I began to suffer intensely. The water did very little to aid in my suffering either.

By the time I could no longer continue to eat due to profuse sweating and my acid reflux threatening to add further consequences beyond what Tums could solve, I had finished a whopping five of my 10 wings.

Unless you feel a need to challenge yourself, I would not recommend these wings at all. Try mango habanero instead, for a very spicy alternative that actually includes a delicious flavor as well.

However, against my better judgment, I decided it was time to again challenge myself to the Blazin' Wings.

You can see the possibly disastrous results by visiting pioneer.occc.edu.

Rating: C-

—CLAYTON MITCHELL
SPORTS WRITER



must endure Fletcher's behavior and live up to the conductor's standards. But the more Neiman is pushed, the more he loses his sanity.

"Whiplash" is more a psychological thriller than musical drama.

And the acting is just a too-good-to-be-true five-star quality spectacle. Simmon's viciously high standards and Teller's determination to succeed are an overwhelming combination.

Written and directed by Damien Chazelle, this story is loosely based on his experiences as a jazz drummer in high school.

I won't go too much into the backstory of how "Whiplash" was made but essentially nobody wanted to help make it and now, the film has Oscar nominations for Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Picture.

And it was shot within 20 days.

Basically, go see "Whiplash" if you enjoy impressive stories with outstanding performances and a finale so powerful it could only exist in a movie.

Rating: A+

—ETHAN COOPER
PHOTOGRAPHER



Indeed app makes job searching easy

Whether you are a new graduate looking for that first job, or an old pro, everyone eventually discovers that job hunting is sometimes difficult and confusing. The Indeed.com app makes it easier.

There are lots of places on the web to look for jobs from Craigslist to job boards for specific fields. Indeed.com puts the power of all these other sites in one place.

With the Indeed app, that place is on your phone, making it easy to look for the perfect job with just a few spare minutes.

The interface is streamlined so most of the features of the website are packed into the app. Just tell Indeed "what" and "where" you are looking, and get high-quality job listings.

Searches are easy to customize with the exact keywords you are looking for, and no job is too big or too small.

Type "dog," and you will find listings for everything from "dog sitter" to "pet nutritionist." Type "JavaScript," and a long list of programming jobs pop up. It's also a great way to search for internships.

Indeed aggregates from companies and job listings all over the web.

I consistently get more and better results when searching with Indeed than anything else I've tried.

The advanced search is very powerful. You can include and exclude specific phrases from your search, choose a salary range, filter results based on distance from a specific location, and more.

When you've found a job you are interested in, you can apply immediately or save the job to your list and apply later.

If you overlooked a listing and want to find it again, the app tracks job listings you visited.

The process to upload a résumé is quick and easy, and you can use your résumé to apply for many jobs quickly, right from your phone.

Apply lets you track which jobs you applied for, and where you have interviews.

Indeed even helps track all job offers from different companies so it's easy to pick the perfect one.

Oh, and Indeed has one more great quality. It's free.

—AMAR MOLINAS
PIONEER WEBMASTER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOD REVIEW | Even a squirt of mustard is a taste overkill on Taylor ham

Pork roll makes most delectable sandwiches

Sandwiches never get old.

Many folks are more than content to gobble the same 'loney 'n' cheese or tuck 'n' mustard sandwich for lunch every day.

Sandwiches are a comforting constant in the lives of Americans. Because of that, people are hesitant to experiment with their meat.

In Oklahoma, ham and turkey dominate the sandwich market with a soggy bland fist. And none of the locals seem to be throwing a fit about it.

In the mystical land of New Jersey, the kindly but timid dwellers of the state enjoy life a little differently. They don't eat the same kind of meats the rest of us do. When they want a sandwich, they open their refrigerators and pull out a cotton bag full of pork roll.

Pork roll, sometimes called Taylor ham, is not ham at all. It is not bologna and it is not salami. The consistency is that of a massive hot dog, but the taste could not be more different.

Pork roll has a powerful taste, especially in the spicy variety.

Its sweet saltiness is so formidable that a tiny squirt of mustard would be a taste overkill. Instead of adding condiments, experienced pork roll eaters know to only add bland toppings like lettuce, cheese, and eggs.



Of course, it isn't just tossed onto the bread like a meat prostitute.

It must be fried in a pan, which blackens the edges and gives the meat a deliciously delicate rind of ash.

The flavor explodes on the tongue, which is helpfully diluted by a well-placed slice of tomato. Pork roll can also be microwaved, which sounds disgusting.

This is a high maintenance meat, to be sure.

It cannot be put on run-of-the-mill Wonder Bread. Its raw power (not to mention its grease) will soak it straight through. Pork roll is to be eaten the New England way, on a good thick, hard bread.

New Jersey is too far away to go for lunch every day, but that is no reason to panic.

The delectable mystery meat can be ordered online at jerseyporkroll.com. No matter how much you buy, you always wish you had bought more.

While you're ordering, get some real bread.

Rating: A

—JAKE McMAHON
VIDEOGRAPHER

BUSINESS REVIEW | The "not-a-Starbucks" offers Starbucks specialty drinks

Campus coffee shop the real beans

Coffee shops are places where people go with their MacBooks and cute journals with the intention to get things done and maybe shyly meet someone.

In reality, everybody sits separately, silently refreshing their \$2,000 Facebook machine.

This sad fact has put me off coffee shops the last year or so.

Redcup and Elemental are the exceptions — the former because I've been ditching school to go there since I was 16 and the latter because it's the only place to get a decent cup of coffee.

Special reference to Grey Owl of Norman being respectfully chill (especially for Norman), and Evoke of Edmond being awful and posh (and in Edmond) but making a solid latte.

Then there is Starbucks, the Obama of coffee.

Starbucks promises high-quality, expertly prepared, fair-trade brew and delivers battery acid with food coloring that you are scientifically proven to enjoy more because of the logo.

But our campus "not-a-Starbucks" coffee shop that sells Starbucks drinks is better than that. The employees will quickly tell you the coffee shop is not a Starbucks.

I have only good things to say about those people



who staff the OCCC Coffee Shop.

They are quick, they get your drink right and they are friendly.

Personally, I could never staff a coffee shop like OCCC's "not a Starbucks."

I would not be able to sell white chocolate raspberry soy lattes to walking iPhones wearing uggs and yoga pants because that has as much to do with coffee as OCCC has to do with the rise of the so-called Islamic State.

So the employees really are some troopers.

They make my half dark roast, half hot chocolate dutifully, experiencing an average less confusion than baristas of other coffee establishments, which for a drink that is quite simple (and known in some

circles as a Florentine) causes the equivalent delay of a ventifrapimochanutcocada-soy-no fat/sugar for whatever reason.

Keep doing what you do campus "not-a-Starbucks" coffee shop. You do it well for the deceptively low-quality ingredients you have to work with and we appreciate it.

Rating: B

—GRANT SWALWELL
PODCASTER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Jan. 30 through Feb. 1
www.nytimes.com

1. *American Sniper*
2. *Paddington*
3. *Project Almanac*
4. *Black or White*
5. *The Boy Next Door*
6. *The Wedding Ringer*
7. *The Imitation Game*
8. *Taken 3*
9. *Strange Magic*
10. *The Loft*
11. *Selma*
12. *Into the Woods*
13. *Birdman*
14. *Game of Thrones*
15. *A Most Violent Year*
16. *Mortdecai*
17. *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*
18. *The Theory of Everything*
19. *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*
20. *Unbroken*

OCCC's alliance with tech center equals more degrees

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Respiratory Care Therapist. Prosthetics Technician. Network Technology. Manufacturing Technology. Diesel Technology. Aviation Maintenance Technology.

These are a sample of degrees offered through Oklahoma's Cooperative Alliance program — which gives students a chance to pursue certain tech degrees that colleges such as OCCC do not directly offer but will give credit for.

The Cooperative Alliance program was created by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, so students "can earn college credit toward an Associate in Applied Science degree by successfully completing courses at both technology centers and colleges in Oklahoma," according to the OSRHE website.

Academic Advising Director Tamara Madden said career technology centers add to what OCCC already offers.

"The tech centers have some specialties that we don't," Madden said.

"We give the student the opportunity to learn the skills and the trade, but also work toward an associate degree and completing their general education core."

"The tech centers basically provide the specialty of the degree."

Madden said, from a student perspective, this means they can participate in a degree program that their two-year college does not specifically offer, at a local career tech center, while taking their general education classes at their college.

She said students pursue an associate degree through OCCC and take other classes through the tech centers.

"The tech centers have an agreement to send us a transcript so that we can provide that credit."

Madden said all Cooperative Alliance degrees are listed in the OCCC course catalog with the rest of the degrees the college offers.



She said the Cooperative Alliance degrees are listed with a hash mark next to them under the pages for each academic division and their programs.

Cooperative Alliance Program Director Alexa Mashlan said the program is currently under review and some changes are forthcoming.

"Some of the programs may still be there, but others may be gone entirely," she said. "There are going to be some drastic changes."

Even so, Madden said, students in any of the programs should not be worried.

"All the colleges have to be sure that these programs meet the higher learning commission's accreditation requirements," she said.

"That's why the state is doing a review, and there are some changes coming."

"And I really don't know that it's that important to students, because all the cooperative alliance programs at this time are going to continue."

"If they enrolled in the fall, they're going to be grandfathered in to whatever happens."

"If there's any action that the college will take, it's going to be in the best interest of the student," he said.

"I attended a session to get an update as to what's going on with them, and in December they were supposed to have kind of a finalized meeting to determine how they were going to address credits."

However, Madden said, the college is not worried about the program losing any

ground because of the upcoming changes.

"All the talk of the change has to do with how the colleges evaluate the credits, and being that the state's working on it, they're going to find a way," she said.

"I have a lot of faith that the state will figure it out."

Mashlan said changes to the program are expected to be announced in late February, but could come later.

The Pioneer will follow the story and update its readers when the changes are official.

For more information about the current program, contact Cooperative Alliance Coordinator Melissa Dyer at 405-682-1611, ext. 7116, or mdyer@occc.edu; Mashlan at 405-682-1611, ext. 7721, or visit www.occc.edu/coop-ed.

"OCCC's Cooperative Alliance Programs can give students an edge when beginning a college career, completing an Associate of Applied Science degree, Certificate of Mastery as well as accumulating college credit for job enhancement purposes."

OCCC and four area technology centers, Francis Tuttle, Metro Tech, MidAmerica and Moore Norman, have created partnerships to allow students, high school and adult, in cooperatively offered degree programs, earn college credit towards an Associate of Applied Science degree while attending the Technology Center.

This partnership offers students an opportunity to reduce the time it takes to complete a degree giving the student an educational advantage that employers are looking for in today's competitive world."

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REGENTS ATTENDED A FACULTY ASSOCIATION MEETING JAN. 27 TO GATHER VIEWS

Faculty asked what they want in new leader

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Faculty members expressed their sense of the success the college has had with choosing a leader from its own ranks, someone who shares their vision for the college. These thoughts were voiced in a Faculty Association meeting with two OCCC regents on campus Jan. 27.

Regents Jim White and Christie Burgin hosted a question-and-answer session during the meeting but also asked the faculty what characteristics they would like to see in a new president.

Both President Paul Sechrist and his predecessor, Robert P. Todd, were chosen during an internal search. Sechrist plans to step down July 1.

As Sechrist's retirement draws near, the search for someone to fill his position is underway.

The Board of Regents has chosen the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to guide the search for a replacement, White said.

Part of that search includes completing the profile for the job, which was the purpose of White and

Burgin attending the January Faculty Association meeting.

Fabiola Janiak-Spens, biotechnology and chemistry professor, said the candidate should value OCCC's small but unique skills-oriented programs.

Other faculty members said they would like a candidate who is familiar with those in the state Legislature, someone who is able to get the funds required for OCCC to do its job of providing students with an excellent education.

Tad Thurston, physics professor, said the college will need someone who can make hard decisions in tough financial times.

Both the professors and the regents commented on the dedication this college has to its students.

Other professors said they want someone with a quality that has defined Sechrist's character: an attitude of service.

"Whoever is chosen should have a service mentality," said Professor Kathy Wheat, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program director.

It also would be beneficial if the candidate had a background in both business and education, par-

ticularly community college faculty experience, the professors said.

"We'd like someone who has walked in our own shoes, someone who has had full-time faculty experience," computer science Professor Anita Philipp said.

While ACCT will assist in the process, the regents will make the final decision regarding the candidate, White said.

He spoke of the regents' decision to look first for internal candidates.

"We're looking on campus first," White said. "That doesn't mean that's where we'll finish, but that is where we are starting."

As questions arose about the hiring process, Burgin explained how the faculty will have the chance to meet with candidates.

Faculty and students will be able to attend question-and-answer sessions with finalists, Burgin said.

When will the OCCC community get to meet the new leader? The regents plan to ease him or her into the position shortly before Sechrist retires in July.

"We're hoping for a seamless transition — that would be best for us," White said.

CONVERGENCE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON CAMPUS FEB. 24 AND 25

Technology security highlight of conference

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Help is here for students who want to receive their college email on their phones, need guidance through Moodle, want to get campus alerts by text message or want to learn about protecting their personal data.

Technology security will be the theme of this year's Convergence — a recurring technological resources conference.

The conference will take place on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 24 and 25, said Technology Support Services Director Tim Whisenhunt.

Whisenhunt said the event will be set up throughout the College Union rooms and at tables in the lobby of the Communications Lab offering information and discussion.

"The goal is to inform people about the resources available, whether they be faculty or students or staff, and then to be able to engage and find out what your resources are and what my resources are," he said.

Convergence allows Technology Support Services to better understand the needs of others on campus so they can help faculty, staff and students succeed and remove whatever roadblocks there may be, Whisenhunt said.

He said the value of attending Convergence has increased with each semester since its inception.

"This is something that originally started out being just for faculty and staff," he said.

"We've been trying to make it more informative for students now as well. There will be opportunities for them to learn all about some specific resources that will be available."

"In the past, staff from the Center for Learning and Teaching have done demonstrations about how to use Moodle and how to manage things within Moodle."

Whisenhunt said demonstrations will be led mainly by faculty and staff from various departments around OCCC, but a few guests from beyond campus are expected to offer valuable insight to students and staff as well.

"We've got some people coming from outside to talk about cyber security and things that you could do to possibly protect your personal data," he said.

Guests may include representatives from the FBI and the Oklahoma Banking Association, Whisenhunt said.

He said Convergence is not entirely geared toward teaching the use of technology and resources.

"I hope it's a way that we can generate collaboration between different departments to accomplish different things ... and help students to be successful and achieve their goals," he said.

"It's about opening up a dialogue and exchanging ideas."

"That's the idea — to be able to put people who have various needs and people that have various resources in the same area to see what grows out of it."

"I talk to people quite often that say, 'I wish I could do this' and I say, 'We can help you do that.'"

Technology Support Services is accepting conference session proposals from faculty and staff who would like to host a session at Convergence, Whisenhunt said.

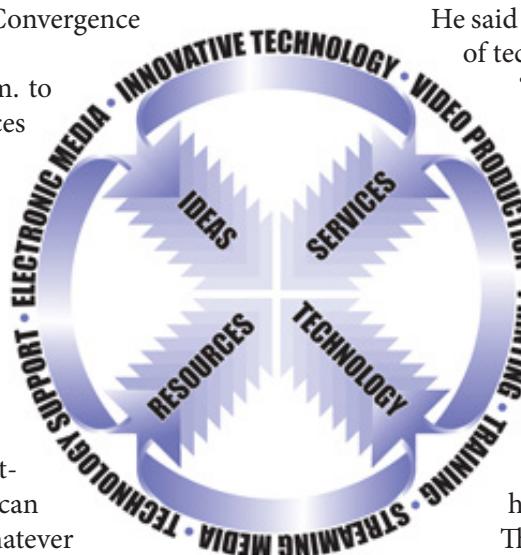
Those interested in demonstrating methods of use for resources or technologies can email a session title and a brief overview of the content to convergence@occc.edu for consideration.

He said he welcomes involvement from those at OCCC.

"Right now, we're sending out information to try to get ideas from faculty members [who] would present something they can share with their peers about their teaching methods and how they can use technology in the classroom."

For more information, call Technology Support Services at 405-682-1611, ext. 7349, or email twhisenhunt@occc.edu.

Check the Pioneer Online at <http://pioneer.occc.edu> for a full schedule of Convergence events.



Single or in love — Valentine's Day for everyone

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner. For those who have a significant other, you are either unenthusiastically lightening your wallet, or impatiently waiting for your oversized teddy bear and box of chocolates.

However, those who are single may not be anticipating the notorious single-

hating holiday.

Student Curtis Greene said he has extensive plans for his girlfriend, but his advice to single individuals would be to go out with a group of friends who are also single.

"Bad karaoke would be fun," he said.

Financial Aid Assistant Director Meghan Morgan had the same idea. Movies, ice cream, and friends is her idea for a good time on Valentine's Day.

As far as cheap food, Morgan said,


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Taco Bell would be good.

"I doubt a lot of people will be there on Valentine's Day," she said.

Movie fans are urged to steer clear of movie theaters by student Michael Emerson, who works at one.

"Everyone is there on dates," he said, "and movies are crowded with ... kissing couples."

Singles who have love spilling out and nowhere to direct it may

want to consider performing random acts of kindness on Valentine's Day.

Small acts of kindness and love shown to those less fortunate not only make a person feel better, but it can also bring a smile to those who share the same relationship status, or lack thereof, according to <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>.

A small note in a neighbor's mailbox, a small box of chocolates, flowers for a stranger or buying the Starbucks for the person behind you are just a few ways to spread love and a smile to those who may be having a rough day.

After all, Valentine's Day is supposed to be the day of love, so why not show the world a little love?

Restaurants serve up inexpensive date nights

Looking for an affordable place to celebrate Valentine's Day? Many area restaurants offer just that. A few of those are:

GoGo Sushi:

—1611 S I-35 Service Road
—432 NW 10th Street

A great, inexpensive option for sushi. It would even be a great option for singles, as an individual can have a nice meal for under \$15.

The Red Cup:

—3122 N Classen Blvd.

Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options available as well as regular menu foods.

Cox Convention Center/Barons Hockey:

—1 Myriad Gardens

For the sports fans who are or are not fans of Valentine's Day, the OKC Barons have a home game with \$1 hot dogs.

Or, if your heart is set on that special pricy meal, go to Groupon.com for some meal deals. A few that are currently available at www.groupon.com/local/oklahoma-city/restaurants are:

Lumpy's Sports Bar & Grill:

—See all locations at www.lumpys-sportsgrill.com.

- \$12 for \$20 worth of American food for two or more.

- \$24 for \$40 worth of American food for four or more.

The menu includes cheese fried, buffalo-chicken nachos, a philly steak sub, BLT sandwich, jalapeño cheeseburger, chicken-fried steak and French dip sub.

Timber Lodge Grill:

—13100 Colony Pointe Boulevard, Piedmont.

- \$18 for \$30 worth of steakhouse food two or more.

- \$36 for \$60 worth of steakhouse

food for four or more.

The menu includes meatloaf sandwich, broiled apple-stuffed quail, New York strip steak, aged boar chop, cedar plank salmon, and rainbow trout almondine.

Britton Thai:

—1428 West Britton Rd.

- \$12 for \$20 worth of Thai cuisine for two.

- \$22 for \$40 worth of Thai cuisine for four.

Classic restaurant and street-market Thai cuisine; housemade noodles and specialty green, yellow and red curry.

The Wedge Pizzeria:

—230 NE 1st St.

—4709 N Western Ave.

- \$12 for \$20 worth of wood-fired pizza and Italian food, valid Tuesday through Sunday.

Brick oven pizzas topped with fresh

ingredients paired with local beer and an extensive wine list at a classic Italian restaurant.

The Urban Taco Shop:

—110 N Robinson Ave.

- \$12 for \$20 worth of Mexican food for two or more.

- \$24 for \$40 worth of Mexican food for four or more.

Burritos and street tacos loaded with flavorful ingredients such as chipotle-coffee brisket, spicy adobo chicken, and braised pork belly.

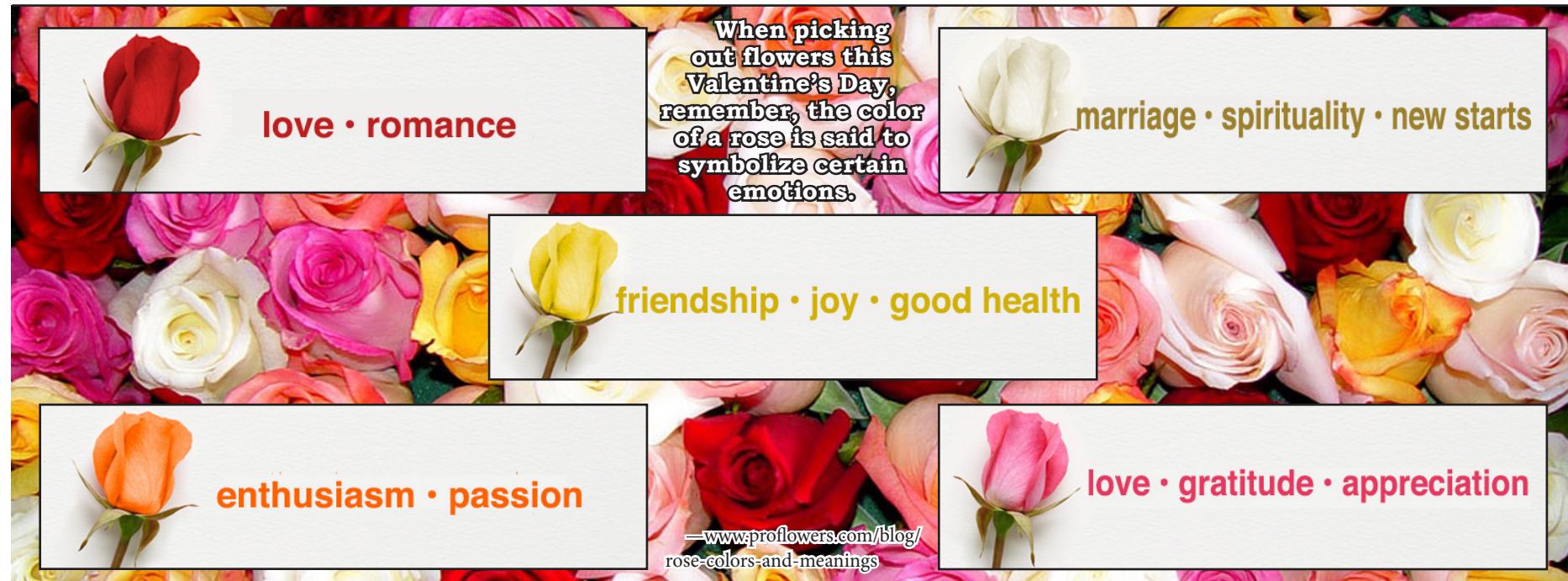
Naylamp Peruvian Restaurant:

—2106 SW 44th St.

- \$16 for two Groupons, each good for \$15 worth of Peruvian food (\$30 value)

Fresh seafood ceviches, whole-roasted chickens, and tamales cooked in Peruvian style.

Be sure to read the fine print for each Groupon as specific rules apply to each offer.



love • romance (Red rose)

friendship • joy • good health (Yellow rose)

enthusiasm • passion (Orange rose)

marriage • spirituality • new starts (White rose)

love • gratitude • appreciation (Pink rose)

When picking out flowers this Valentine's Day, remember, the color of a rose is said to symbolize certain emotions.

www.proflowers.com/blog/rose-colors-and-meanings

SPORTS

Resistance training



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Diversified Studies major Tommy Phan does a tricep pull down with a rope in OCCC's Wellness Center on Jan 28. "This concentrates on triceps, but if you pull your forearms up too high it also concentrates on your forearms," Phan said. The Wellness Center provides many fitness areas free to students with a valid OCCC ID. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/rf/wellness.html.

SPORTS | Larger spaces, more exercise equipment planned in Rec and Fitness

Renovations to begin on Wellness Center

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After a long wait for official approval, improvements to the Wellness Center are now underway, said Recreation and Fitness Director Michael Shugart.

"The gym is going to close at noon on Friday, Feb. 13, and when we come back (on Monday, Feb. 16), the wall between the weight room and the cardio room will be gone," he said.

Shugart said the space behind the front desk was already mostly empty, and with the coming improvements, it will be put to better use.

"The area behind them was all wasted space," he said. "It was just carpet and we didn't use it for anything."

"I'm going to have eight new pieces of cardio equipment coming . . . There's going to be brand new flooring there."

In addition to the changes in the area behind the check-in desk, Shugart said, an entire new counter is going to be put in at the desk.

"It's going to have cubbyholes in it for employees to put all of their stuff," he said. "It's going to be L-shaped, and it



will come all the way around to the wall, so all the computers will be on top of the new counter.

"There's going to be a new chainlink fence that's going to encompass the guys that work up here — just to separate us from the rest of the area."

The idea behind the improvements is to give more students the ability to work out at any given time, Shugart said.

"Right now, it's tough," he said. "If people come by at lunch time, we only have two ellipticals and three treadmills, and if there's people on those, it's just not enough."

"We are getting new weight room equipment that is more technologically advanced."

He said that equipment is expected to arrive in March.

Shugart said the renovations should be done soon so the increased availability of equipment for students will follow shortly thereafter.

"I've been told that the entire renovation will be done prior to spring break," he said. "I'm hoping that in the next two weeks it's going to be done."

For more information about the improvements to the Wellness Center, contact Shugart at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425, or contact the Recreation and Fitness department office at 405-682-7860.

EVENT NEWS

SPRING 2015:

- 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 OCCCID 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.

Email: Students should regularly check their campus email

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online and make payments with a credit or debit card, she said. Gary said students can help their parents sign up, as well.

"It's going to be really important that the student sign their parent up to get the bills via email, or they can print them out and take them to their parent," she said.

"The responsibility is going

to be on the student that they make sure whoever is paying for their education receives a bill, or they set them up ... with a parent pin."

Gary said students who do not have access to a computer or printer can use the computers on campus.

"The Com Lab has agreed they can do that there," she said. "They can do it in the Library. If they come here and use our kiosks ... we'll print out the bill

for them. We don't want it to be a hindrance."

Students who are paying by check can skip the line at the Bursar's office and use the drop box located by the Communications Lab on the first floor of the Main Building.

"They just need to put their ID on the envelope and stick it in the dropbox," she said.

"If they're paying cash, of course, they need to stand in line. We have kiosks here if they

have a debit or credit card."

Students also will be notified via email about important drop dates.

Gary said those who miss drop dates may end up owing unnecessary money to OCCC.

Each semester, Gary said, many students do not drop their classes before the final drop date, which means they are charged for a class even if they did not attend.

"Once the drop dates have

come and gone, I really can't help the student," she said. "We do have an appeal process, but if your reason is, 'I didn't know,' it will not be approved, unfortunately....

"It's heartbreaking for students to think they know the drop dates and they really don't"

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/bursar/index.html or contact the Bursar's Office at 405-682-7825.

Fees: Certain majors will likely see fee increases in the fall

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On Monday, Jan. 26, OCCC Regents voted to authorize a request to approve modification of academic service fees.

"The request now has to be approved by the State Regents for Higher Education," Boyd said.

He said, currently, OCCC applies six different course specific fees—a science lab fee, applied music lesson fee, application fee, international student status maintenance fee, a remedial course fee and the electronic media fee.

Four of these fees stand to be increased and four new fees have been proposed.

A \$5 increase would apply to the science lab fee, application fee and the international student status maintenance fee, Boyd said.

The applied music lesson fee will increase by \$75 to \$125.

Boyd said, for this, the student receives a top-notch, personal music lesson at a very reasonable price.

Boyd's report shows the gain in revenue to OCCC from increasing these four fees would total about \$100,000.

"When you're considering a tuition budget of \$22 million, that's a fairly modest increase," he said.

As for the new fees, Boyd said, these were costs the student was already paying—just in a different manner.

"(For instance), in one of the nursing programs, they have to buy a lab kit that costs \$155. They would go to the bookstore and they individually would have to pay for the lab kit and then have to wait on their financial aid reimbursement," he said.

The newly added fee will allow the division office to purchase the lab kits and have them waiting for every stu-

dent enrolled in that nursing course.

"Their financial aid will have already been applied to that cost," he said. "[The students are] totally out of the process. All they'll have to do is show up for class.

"It's transparent, it's convenient and it allows the student to use their financial aid.

"Now they can very easily quantify, 'this is the money that I'm having to spend for this course.'

Boyd said the decision to propose modifying current fees was not one that was made lightly. He said the fees were first analyzed against the costs to the college for providing these services in 2011. It stood out clearly right away that OCCC was heavily absorbing costs in a manner that was unsustainable, Boyd said. In its entirety, he said, the process of bringing his proposal before the regents took close to three years.

Part of that process was making a close comparison of OCCC's fees to other, similar colleges.

"It's difficult to do an apples-to-apples

"This is the first time in my tenure here, and even the first time in a couple of decades, that these fees have been increased."

—JOHN BOYD
VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

comparison with the cost of fees at other schools because other colleges might have fees that we just aren't going to have. But I think that what you'll find, in respect to these other colleges, we are very comparable."

For example, fees for new student application and records processing are \$10 higher here than at Rose State but Rose State charges a \$10 per semester parking fee to every student, Boyd said.

According to Boyd's reports, OCCC's applied music lessons fee is on par with some nearby colleges like Rose State and Tulsa Community College, but still well below Redlands \$200 fee.

Boyd said the vote is expected to pass. He said during his tenure at OCCC, he's never seen a fee modification voted down.

Although a specific date has not yet been set, the final vote will take place by June 25, Boyd said.

He said the request will be posted to the State Regents for Higher Education on March 5.

The meeting will be open to the public. College presidents also will attend, making their own cases to the board for the necessity of such changes.

The fee changes are not much to worry about, Boyd said. He said most of the proposed increases are still roughly the same cost as a cup of coffee in the campus cafe.

In fact, he said, few students will actually be affected by the change in fees.

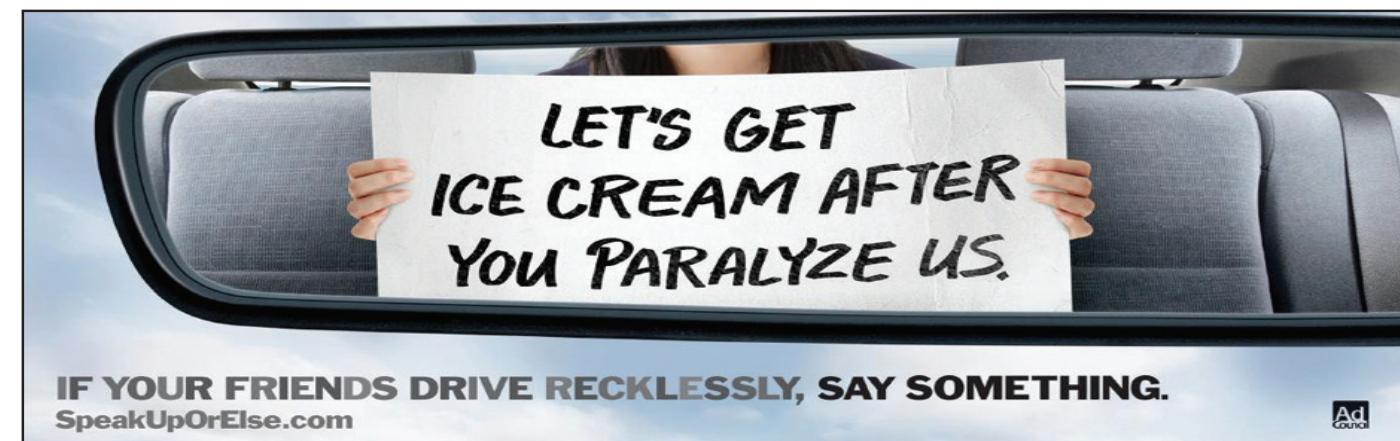
"It's a modest increase for a very select number of students By no means is this an across-the-board increase," he said.

"This is the first time in my tenure here, and even the first time in probably a couple of decades, that these fees have been increased. Most have not been increased since their inception In some cases, we're talking decades."

Boyd said affordable education remains at the core of his and OCCC's values and he maintains his dedication to the mission of the college.

Information about the State Board of Regents for Higher Education and upcoming votes is available at www.okhighered.org.

For more information about new and increased fees at OCCC, email Boyd at jboyd@occc.edu or call 405-682-7501.



CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Club fun



ETHAN COOPER/PIONEER

Physical Therapy assistant major Randall Napolitano plays "Soul Calibur" on Jan 28 at the Gamer's Guild table during OCCC's Club Fair. "I just joined today," Napolitano said. Gamer's Guild president Jared Scales said they were demonstrating the different activities the club offers.

COMMUNITY | Student Life Program Assistant encourages participation in Civics Honors, Campus Impact

Volunteerism broadens horizons

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The Civic Honors and Campus Impact awards are great opportunities for scholarships, Student Life Program Assistant Jill Robertson said.

"Civic Honors is more focused on the community and doing community service out in the metro area," she said. "Campus Impact is done on campus and impacts the campus, students, faculty and staff."

Robertson said students who are signed up for either one or both awards and complete the program "receive a medal and get recognition at graduation."

It also goes on their academic transcript.

Robertson said both award programs can be done concurrently or students can choose to sign up for just one.

At the end of the program, she said, Student Life does a final review to go over the experiences and projects each student has completed.

Robertson said most students realize an impact on not just the community, but themselves as well.

"... Not only does it impact those they are volunteering for or with, it impacts them and changes their outlook on the community, and it gives them a broader spectrum of the world."

Robertson said the biggest difference they hear is students are learning a lot more about diversity.

"It opens their eyes to a bigger world and [they]

experience more than they would have if they didn't do service learning," she said. "They feel like they have a wider worldview. It's a really good learning opportunity for them to work with different groups of people."

The Civic Honors service trips are diversified, but the Regional Food Bank and Christmas Connection are the ones attended the most, Robertson said.

Service trips are done with groups of around 25. She said going as a group gives students a different experience.

"It's different when you go and volunteer individually.... Whenever you go as a group you get to experience that in a whole new way."

Robertson recommends the program to students, but wants them to know it is a program they have to sign up for and commit to.

"Sometimes students think they can just do the hours, but it is something you have to sign up for and have mentor sessions, a portfolio and a reflective project to do."

Robertson said students who want to participate need to be in good academic standing with a 2.0 GPA and ready to complete the required hours. She said students can stop by the Student Life office to see an overview with the requirements of the programs.

The first service learning trip is to Christmas Connection at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Availability for the trips is limited, so students will have to sign up before that date.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Fan Fiction and Art contest at area library

The Fan Fiction and Fan Art Contest is accepting entries until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Fan art can be any medium and contain original characters, but must contain copyrighted characters as the main theme. For more information, visit www.metrolibrary.org/dog-eared/01-14-2015/fan-fiction-fan-art-contest.

Glenn Miller Orchestra in VPAC Feb. 10

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the VPAC Theater. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$45. For more information, contact Cultural Programs office at culturalprograms@occc.edu or 405-682-7576.

Blood donors needed Feb. 11 and 12

OCCC will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 12, in the General Dining Area. For more information, email studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

Volunteer Fair scheduled for Feb. 11

There will be a Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, on the first floor of the Main Building. Multiple agencies will be there to give information about volunteering and service learning options. For more information, contact the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or 405-682-7523.

The Leadership Council to meet Feb. 12

A Leadership Council meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in CU3. The meetings are opportunities for student voices to be heard by administrators. For more information, contact the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or 405-682-7523.

Black History to be discussed Feb. 18

A special Brown Bag session on Black History month will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in CU3. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Student Life at studentlife@occc.edu or 405-682-7523.

Scholarship money available for OCCC students

The OCCC Foundation has more than 30 scholarships available for students. An email about the scholarship opportunities has been sent to all current students. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 20. For more information, contact Institutional Advancement Development Director Jennifer Harrison at jharrison@occc.edu or 405-682-1611, ext. 7771.

Service Learning trip to Christmas Connection

A Service Learning trip to the Christmas Connection is planned for 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Students must register to attend. Spaces are limited. For more information, contact Student Life at studentlife@occc.edu or 405-682-7523.

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.

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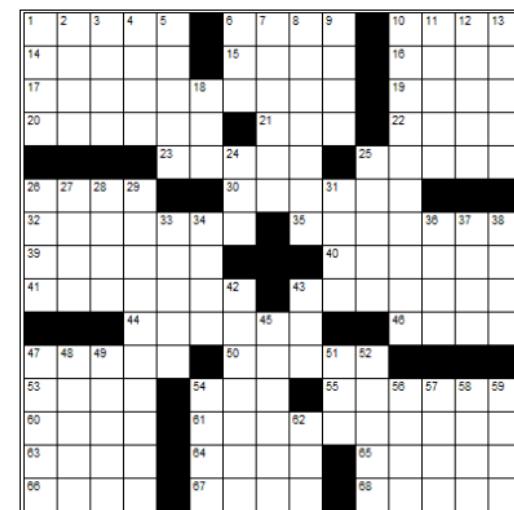
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6. Astringent
10. Fur
14. Two-door car
15. Diminish
16. Arab chieftain
17. Significant
19. Type of cereal grass
20. High regard
21. Best seller
22. Anagram of "Ties"
23. Microwaved (slang)
25. Central points
26. Razz
30. Greek god of darkness
32. Thirstily
35. A despicable coward
39. Wind sock
40. Record player
41. Underwrote
43. Strong and proud
44. Voice box
46. Makes lace
47. Normal
50. Connection
53. Confined
54. Letter after sigma
55. Enthrall
60. 53 in Roman numerals
61. Apparent
63. Within
64. Bit of gossip
65. Descendant
66. Adolescent
67. Stringed instrument
68. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Highest point
2. Cow sounds
3. Parental sister
4. Disgorge
5. Seminal fluid
6. Barley bristle
7. Soapsuds
8. Unassisted
9. Defrost
10. Stubbornly unyielding
11. Gives forth
12. Allowed
13. Tall woody plants
18. Flightless bird
24. It unlocks doors
25. Zest
26. A Star Wars hero
27. Acquire deservedly
28. Prima donna problems
29. Ordinance
31. Headquarters
33. Not urban
34. Lascivious look
36. Operatic solo
37. Lease
38. Accomplishes
43. 70 in Roman numerals
45. Spay
47. Lit to a higher degree
48. A river through Paris
49. Come together
51. A large vase
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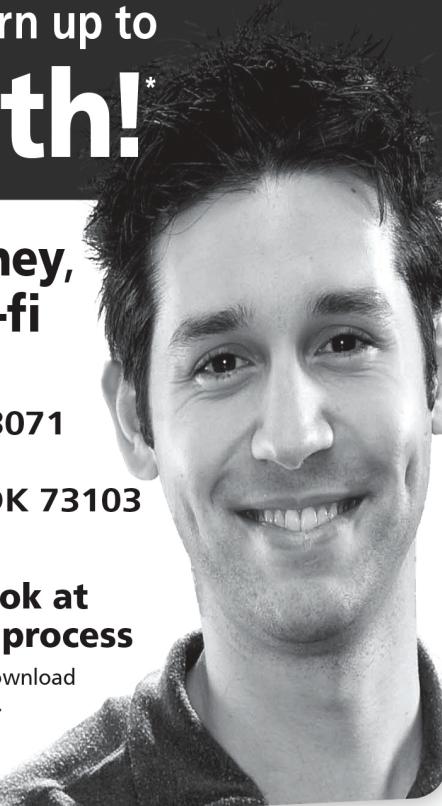


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Professors react to being named as NISOD winners

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OCCC touts eight recipients of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development award for 2015.

NISOD, created in 1978, awards faculty and staff among community colleges for their dedication and excellence.

According to the NISOD website, nominations are provided by faculty and students.

Each department then makes a selection from the nominees.

Biology Professor Brenda Breeding, Mass Communications Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, Computer Science Professor Vicki Gibson, Math Professor Ernest Gobert, Business and



Economics Professor Germain Pichop, Geography Professor Julie Rice-Rollins, Occupational Therapy Assistant Professor Fonda Scott, and English Professor Mark Zindelo are this year's winners.

"I'm very honored," said Scott. It's a big deal."

Scott has been teaching as an adjunct since 2002 and full-time since January 2014.

Scott said she was surprised, but pleased to be selected.

"It's nice to be rewarded for the job I do."

Pichop had the same reaction to being named.

"It just took me by surprise," he said. "It's an encouragement for me to continue with what I'm doing."

"It's nice to

know people notice what I'm doing."

Pichop has been teaching as an adjunct for 12 years and full-time since 2008.

"I'm not big in personal gratification. I just do what I'm supposed to and what feels right," he said.

Gobert said he feels honored "to get acknowledged by the school, the dean, and the people running the school."

Gobert has been a full-time faculty member at OCCC for 10 years and an adjunct for 12. He also won the award in 2008.

Zindelo also previously won the award in 2007.

"I never would have expected to win it again," he said. "I had to ask the person next to me, 'did they really say me?' It came completely out of the blue."

Zindelo said winning the award is a way for him to know he is living up to his goals since starting at OCCC as an adjunct in 1999 and going full-time in 2002 with a year break from 2007 until 2008.

Breeding, who has been teaching

at OCCC since 1992, has previously won the award 20 years ago in 1995. Breeding said she was thrilled to win again, but said this time was different than the first.

"The first time it was a complete shock," she said. "This time it was just nice to know that they think I'm still doing a good job."

Gibson, who has been at OCCC for 13 out of her 33 years in teaching, said winning the award is always an honor. She won the award for the second time this year, with her first being in 2004.

"I was pleasantly surprised since we have such wonderful professors in this division."

Gibson said it was nice for the professors who work hard and care about their students to be recognized.

"... That's kind of what I'm made of, is helping people get better at what they do."

The NISOD 2015 award winners will be honored at the Excellence Award Dinner and Celebration at the NISOD Conference in Austin, Texas.

For more information, visit www.nisod.org.

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Stolen car reported to campus cops

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A stolen car, stolen merchandise and an arrest for driving with a suspended license top the latest crime reports.

An OCCC student reported to campus police on Wednesday, Jan. 21 that his car had been stolen from a campus parking lot.

Shawn McCarter said his car went missing after he lost his keys at some point earlier in the day. According to the report, McCarter's 2009 Chevrolet Malibu was recovered the following day by Oklahoma City Police with virtually no damage and all contents accounted for.

McCarther said police suspect his car had been taken for a "joyride." His keys were not recovered. McCarter said "MOV 97" was carved into the car's gearshift.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact Oklahoma City Police at 405-235-7300.

Campus police were dispatched to the Bookstore Monday, Jan. 26, after a theft of merchandise with a total value of less than \$50 occurred. Officer Daniel Piazza was able to identify and interview a suspect who confessed to having stolen the items.

The property was recovered and returned.

No arrest was made. The suspect's name was redacted in this report. Additional information is available in a supplemental report that was requested but not provided.

A student was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 27, when a traffic stop for expired tags revealed the student's license to be suspended. It's reported the driver also told Officer David Madden she did not have insurance.

After the student provided her name and date of birth for police, a driver's history check showed she had been convicted four previous times for driving under suspension and three times for failing to carry insurance.

The student was arrested for Driving Under Suspension and was transported to Oklahoma County Detention Center without incident.

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 OCCC PD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld."

To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

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.