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Music Department gets new saxophone

The Olney Central College Foundation recently provided funding for the OCC Music Department to purchase a new Yanagisawa baritone saxophone with a low A.

Director of Bands Suzanne Downes said the baritone saxophone is a welcome addition to the department and will complement the other instruments it has acquired in recent years with assistance from both the Foundation and the college. She noted this particular instrument came highly recommended.

Downes said the baritone saxophone is needed for OCC's ensembles to perform college-level literature. OCC's Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble as well as the Community Band will benefit from the purchase.

"The baritone saxophone fills out the bottom sounds and gives the gut punch needed in the jazz band setting," she added.

The Music Department debuted the instrument



The OCC Music Department has purchased a new baritone saxophone with funding from the OCC Foundation. OCC student Dylan Hemrich played the new instrument for the Foundation during a recent meeting. Pictured are front row, from left, Foundation President Deborah Mitchell, OCC Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman, OCC Director of Bands Suzanne Downes, Dylan Hemrich, and Foundation Members Carrie Hallam, Brenda Glover and Brandy McKinney; and back row, Walter Koertge, Andy Hires, Bartley Zuber, Cindy Bailey, Morgan Fehrenbacher and Kate Patterson.

during its Winter Concert on Feb. 22-23.

"We are very thankful to the OCC Foundation. They have been very supportive

and the students will greatly benefit from this. Without the support of the Foundation, we couldn't have done a lot of the

things we have been able to do. The Foundation has been essential in meeting and exceeding the students' needs."

Tickets now on sale for Student Senate Talent Show

Tickets are now on sale for the OCC Student Senate's upcoming Talent Show.

Tickets are available in the Student Services Office or from Student Senate members. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children

10 and younger.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

This is an opportunity for OCC students and staff to showcase their skills in a fun night of entertain-

ment and laughs. The event will feature bands, singers, comedy acts and much more.

For more information, contact Student Senate Advisor Michael Conn in Room 201A or by e-mail at connm@iecc.edu.



OCC Assistant Director of Cosmetology Diana Emmons talks to high school students attending the Career Fair during the Transition Expo.

OCC hosts Transition Expo for area high school students

Students from 12 area high schools recently attended a Transition Expo at Olney Central College.

OCC Learning Skills Center Director Donita Kaare said the event focused on helping sophomores, juniors and seniors with disabilities transition from high school to college.

About 150 students and staff attended the program, which provided information on a variety of topics ranging from how to file for financial aid to the skills necessary for postsecondary education or to obtain a job.

Guest speaker Brent McGuire, a former police officer specializing in cyber security, discussed appropriate use of social media and steps students can take to protect themselves online.

Prior to the program, students completed a career assessment. The

expo featured a career fair, which gave them the opportunity to explore a number of fields.

“The students visited the different booths and had a chance to ask questions to help them determine what career they might want to go into,” Kaare said. “They learned about the salary they could make and the training they would need.”

Response from the students was overwhelmingly positive Kaare said.

“We got the evaluations back and they had comments like, ‘This was the best day ever.’”

Students also toured OCC and enjoyed lunch in the Student Union.

The event was sponsored by the Southeastern Illinois Transition Planning Council, which includes representatives from the Department of Rehabilitation Services, ARC Community Support Systems, Southeastern Special Education and OCC.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **March 7** – OCC at Southeastern Illinois College, 3 p.m.
- **March 9** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, noon at home
- **March 11** – OCC vs. Lindenwood University, 1 p.m. at home
- **March 14** – OCC at Rend Lake College, 2 p.m.
- **March 16** – OCC vs. Rend Lake College, noon at home
- **March 19** – OCC at McKendree University, 1 p.m.
- **March 20** – OCC vs. Vincennes University, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 21** – OCC vs. Wabash Valley College, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 23** – OCC at Wabash Valley College, noon
- **March 26** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 28** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, 3 p.m.
- **March 29** – OCC vs. Southwestern Illinois College, noon at home

Softball

- **March 7** – OCC at St. Louis Community College, 2 p.m.
- **March 12** – OCC vs. Rend Lake College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 14** – OCC at Lake Land College, 2 p.m.
- **March 16** – OCC at Wabash Valley College, noon
- **March 17** – OCC vs. St. Louis Community College, noon at home
- **March 19** – OCC at Shawnee Community College, 2 p.m.
- **March 21** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 23** – OCC at Kaskaskia College, noon
- **March 25** – OCC vs. Millikin University, 3 p.m. at home
- **March 26** – OCC vs. Southeastern Illinois College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 28** – OCC vs. John A. Logan College, 2 p.m. at home
- **March 29** – OCC at Southwestern Illinois College, noon

OCC Part-time Service Recognition Awards

Olney Central College recently presented Service Recognition Awards to its part-time employees. Those honored who were not avail-

able for photographs include Heather Ackman, Steven Colclasure, Jeffrey Grove, Tessie Herdes, Kayla Reynolds and Erin Volk, all three

years' service; Pat Everette, five years' service; Mark Zimmerman, 10 years' service; and Danny Dishong, 15 years' service.



Above, Service Recognition Awards were presented to Pam Mulvey for 10 years' service and Sue Dufilho for 15 years' service. At right, receiving Service Recognition Awards are, from left, Ashley Waggoner, 10 years, and Jennifer Bourland and Frank Hatten, both five years.



At left, Service Recognition Award recipients include, from left, Patricia Keortge, five years; Rita Damm, 10 years; and Vicki Thompson and Sherri Snider, both five years. Above, Service Recognition Awards are presented to Chad Pusey for five years and Kali Jones for three years.

OCC to offer free evening GED classes starting March 12

OCC will offer free GED classes beginning March 12.

GED test preparation classes will meet from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The classes include a general review of test subjects and the books are free.

Eight-week daytime classes begin March 11 and include math, reading, science, social studies, English and the Constitution.

OCC is encouraging those who haven't completed their GEDs to do so before changes are made to the

test in 2014. Students, who haven't completed all subject areas by then will have to start over and pay for the test a second time.

To register or for more information, call 395-7777, ext. 2267, or toll-free 1-866-622-4322.

Tickets still available for OCC Theatre's 'Annie'

Tickets are still available for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Annie."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Afternoon shows will be offered at 2 p.m. on March 17 and 24.

Dinner theatres will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, seven-layer salad, hot roll with butter, peach cobbler with ice cream and beverage.

With equal measures of

pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts, despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan.

With the help of the other girls in the orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous and magical world of New York City. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil schemes and befriends President Franklin Delano



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Roosevelt. She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets for the production are \$10 for

reserved seating for children and adults. Tickets for the meal and show are \$20.

Those who wish to reserve tickets may call 395-7777, ext. 2408, during the hours designated for ticket sales. Tickets may be purchased with a

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Sophomore Night

Olney Central College honored its sophomore basketball players on Feb. 28. At left, are Bira Seck, Josh Harmon, Kyheim Hall, Deonte Houston, Ryan Helfert and Thomas Anderson. Below, are Samantha Beatty, Tabitha Thurman and Hannah Ware.

Upcoming college visits

Representatives from the following colleges and universities will be visiting OCC.

Information tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

- Lakeview College of Nursing will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 12.
- St. Mary-of-the-Woods College will be here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 14.
- Tosha Baker with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to noon on March 20 and April 3.
- MacMurray College will be at OCC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 11.
- Benedictine University will be here from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on April 17.



Don't wait! File your FAFSA

If you've been putting off filing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2013-2014 school year, don't wait any longer. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov and complete the form today.

You can complete your FAFSA even if you haven't filed your taxes, just check "I have not yet completed my return" and estimate your tax information.

If you have questions, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

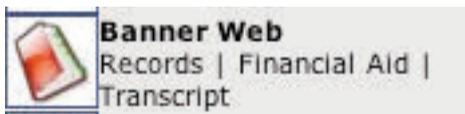
OCC Anderson Library has new Facebook page

The OCC Anderson Library invites you to like its new page on Facebook.

You can find the Anderson Library at facebook.com/olneycentralcollegelibrary.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Step 1: Log into your Entrata account with your username and password. Click on the Banner Web icon at the right-hand side of your screen.



Step 2: Click on Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online — Credit Card to make your online Payment.

Student Records

Account by Term
Account Summary
Account Summary by Term
Degree Evaluation
Final Grades by Term
Holds on Your Account
Payments - Pay Tuition, Fees, and Other Charges Online - Credit Card
Payment History and Statement
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Student Information
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If you encounter problems with making your online payment, please contact the IECC HelpDesk at 618-395-5299 or toll-free 1-866-529-4322, ext. 4357.

Winter Weather Policy

It is Olney Central College's policy to remain open unless the weather makes it too hazardous to do so.

When the safety of students and staff is threatened due to inclement weather or other emergencies, OCC will be closed or classes canceled or delayed.

Administration will attempt to notify media outlets prior to the 6 a.m. news on the day of the closing.

Don't assume that if the elementary and high schools close, OCC will be closed as well. If no announcement is made, classes will meet as usual.

Closure of day classes does not necessarily mean that evening classes will be canceled. Announcements regarding evening classes will be made prior to 4 p.m., if at all possible.

The following radio and television stations will be notified of

any cancellations or delays:

- WVLN-AM and WSEI-FM in Olney

- WIKK in Newton
- WAKO in Lawrenceville
- WFIW-AM and -FM in Fairfield

Fairfield

- WNOI-FM in Flora
- WSJD in Mt. Carmel
- WCRC in Effingham
- WTWO and WTHI in Terre Haute, Ind.

Haute, Ind.

- WEHT, WFIE and WTVW in Evansville, Ind.

Closings also will be announced on the following websites:

- www.iecc.edu
- www.weatherclosings.com

Closings also are announced through IECC Alerts. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

If you have already created an account, you may want to log on to ensure it is still active.

OCC emergency alerts

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has contracted with e2Campus to provide alert notification services.

The system will notify students and employees of campus emergencies and closures by e-mail and/or cell phone text message. Log onto Entrata and click on the alerts link to activate an account.

IECC Alerts is an opt-in service. While there is no direct cost for signing up for the service, you may be charged a text message fee by your cell phone provider.

Please check your cell phone plan to understand the costs you may incur using the service.

The system will be used to send text messages related to campus emergencies, weather-related closures, test messages and notifications when accounts are about to expire.

If you do not have an Entrata account, please contact the Records Office at 395-7777.



LSC offers students free tutoring

Need help bringing up a grade in one of your classes? The Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Study guides and videos are available in several subjects.

If you have any special learn-

ing needs, come and see the LSC staff.

They will be glad to provide suggestions, help and/or accommodations.

The LSC is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4.



Valentines for Heroes

Members of the Student Nurses Association participated in the Valentines for Heroes program sponsored by Congressman John Shimkus. The OCC students made 50 valentines, which were distributed to veterans and those currently serving in the military.

Student Services to accept advisement appointments

The OCC Student Services Office will begin accepting appointments March 18 for advisement for summer and fall registration.

Current students may register for summer and fall classes beginning April 1. Students are encouraged to register early.

Registration for new students will begin on April 8.

For more information, stop by the Student Services Office or call 395-7777.

Summer classes begin June 5 and fall semester gets underway on Aug. 15.

Follow OCC on Facebook

Like OCC on Facebook to keep up with the latest happenings on campus. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/olneycentralcollege.

Lost and found items

If you have lost an item, please check with the switchboard in the Student Services Office.

Keep vehicles locked

Students utilizing the OCC parking lots are advised to keep their vehicles locked when unattended.

Knightline issues

Current and past issues of the Knightline newsletter may be downloaded by visiting the OCC website at www.iecc.edu/occ.

OCC closed

OCC will be closed on Friday, March 29 for Spring Holiday.

Happy Birthday To:

March

- 3 Ed Wright
- 3 Carl Sager
- 6 Ruth Lynn
- 9 Jennifer Jennings
- 24 Donna Strawbridge

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the April Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22.

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Massage Therapy fund-raiser to feature Blue Suede Crew

Enjoy an evening of music and help support the Olney Central College Massage Therapy Program with an upcoming fund-raiser featuring The Blue Suede Crew Rock'n Roll Revue Show.

The concert will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 in the

Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They may be purchased at TrustBank in Olney or the OCC Massage Therapy Building, 108 E. Main St. Golden seating is \$30. For more information, call 392-2430.

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Mastercard or Visa.

Reserved tickets will be held for five working days, until picked up in person or a check is received in the mail. Patrons may send a check with a self-

addressed, stamped envelope to OCC and the tickets will be sent by return mail.

Any remaining tickets may be purchased one hour before the performance.