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#### **Celebration marks OCC's 50th anniversary**

For five decades, Olney Central College has been changing lives and providing educational opportunities for those in the communities it serves.

On Oct. 23, more than 100 people gathered at OCC's Student Union and Banquet Room for its 50th anniversary celebration.

During the event, guests perused the historical displays featuring items from the OCC archives including photos documenting the college's beginnings in the former Pure Oil Building to the construction of Wattleworth Hall to the present day. Various programs were spotlighted including the Art Department, Collision Repair, Radiography, Welding, Massage Therapy, Cosmetology and the Student Nurses Association. Visitors even got the chance to see how technology has changed through the years.

The contributions of the OCC Foundation, which was formed during the college's first decade, also were highlighted. Members of the OCC Music Department's vocal and instrumental programs performed during the reception.

OCC President Rodney Ranes was delighted with the turnout for the golden anniversary.

"We had a fantastic day celebrating 50 years in our community," said Ranes, who is an OCC alumnus. "We appreciate those who took time out of their day to participate in our celebration. I was inspired by the stories of the early experiences of OCC. I am grateful to be a part of such an organization and its history."

Olney Community College – as it was known at the time – opened its See Anniversary, Page 3



During the celebration, Keith Simpson, a staff member for State Rep. David Reis, presented OCC with the Illinois House of Representatives' resolution recognizing the college's milestone. Pictured, from left, are Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chief Executive Officer Terry Bruce, IECC Board of Trustees Member Gary Carter, OCC President Rodney Ranes, IECC Board of Trustees Member Brenda Culver and Simpson.



Karen Keller Speers, left. Phil Bennett and Marilyn Miller Fritchley were among the members of Olnev Central College's first class who attended OCC's 50th Anniversarv **Celebration on** Oct. 23. Speers and classmate **Terry Conour** were featured speakers.

#### OCC selected to participate in pilot program

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is participating in a pilot program to provide math courses to high school students.

IECC is among seven community colleges selected to participate in the Illinois STEM College and Career Readiness program (STEM CCR), which is being administered by the Illinois Community College Board. Other participants include Heartland Community College, Illinois Central College, John Wood Community College and three colleges in the Chicago system. The project is funded through a \$986,000 federal Race to the Top grant.

Jervaise McDaniel, Associate Dean of Adult and Continuing Education at IECC, said the goal is to identify those high school students who might be placed in developmental education courses and provide instruction and support services to them before they enter college.

"We want to help them finish these math and English classes so when they walk into the doors of one of their community colleges they won't have to take additional courses," she said. "It is designed to encourage them and to help them complete their degrees faster."

IECC launched the program in June with two summer bridge courses at Olney Central College. OCC worked with East Richland High School to identify students who were interested in STEM careers or were undecided and needed additional help with math.

Thirteen of those students enrolled in the beginning and intermediate algebra classes, which met three hours a day for a month. In addition to traditional coursework, the summer bridge provided students with information about STEM careers, financial aid and college enrollment. Tuition and fees for the courses were waived allowing students to take the classes at no cost. Grant funds paid for student textbooks.

McDaniel, who is overseeing the project, is pleased with the results.

"No one dropped and every one moved on to the next math level," she said. "Ten are now attending college in the district. We would like to have had more students enroll, but we had a very short turnaround time to get the program going. It was also hard to get students to commit during the summer. We have students who are working two and three jobs. I have a great respect for those who did participate and toughed it out."

McDaniel hopes as more students learn about the summer bridge courses they will choose to take advantage of them.

"The students who participated in the classes were all very appreciative," she said. "They liked the format and the fast pace. They wanted something quick and were willing to put in the time and effort needed. I commend them for having the ambition to get up, sit in class for three hours and forge ahead."

McDaniel said the college and high school's close collaboration was key to the program's success.

"OCC and East Richland High School should be commended for their work," she said. "The faculty and administration on both sides were willing to be flexible and meet any challenges that arose. It was always, 'How can we address an issue?' and never, 'We can't do this.""

OCC President Rodney Ranes said the STEM CCR program opens a new avenue for the college to assist students in meeting their educational goals.

"We're excited to receive funding from the grant and to partner with the local school district to provide this opportunity for the students to accelerate their coursework toward their degrees. Efforts that focus on students as they transition to college will increase student success.

"Instructor feedback involving the bridge model was very positive and students who took part were successful in completing the courses," Ranes added. "We greatly appreciate the administration, staff and faculty of the East Richland School District."

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#### Anniversary giveaway winner

Donna Rude presents a 50th anniversary polo shirt to Olney Central College student Sheyenne Hass of Fairfield. The Bookstore held a drawing for the shirt in connection with OCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 23.



#### Graduation evaluation appointments

Graduating Fall 2013 or Spring or Summer 2014?

Stop by the Student Services Office or call 395-7777 to schedule your graduation evaluation appointment.

It is highly recommended you schedule your evaluation prior to spring or summer registration to be sure all requirements will be met.

### **Music Department Fall Concert Nov. 15-16**

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The concert will feature the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble, and is the first concert cycle of the 2013-2014 Season.

This season, the OCC Music Department is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Olney Central College by applying its theme, "Celebrating our past, looking to our future," to the programming for the year. Music of the past, present and future will be featured in all of the concerts, culminating in the Alumni Reunion Ensembles that will be presented on

#### **Anniversary**

**Continued from Page 1** doors to 154 students on Sept. 3, 1963. Among those first scholars was Karen Keller Speers, who reminisced about OCC's early days.

Speers told the audience that OCC was a place where friendships were forged as the fledgling institution brought together students from high schools throughout the area to begin their educational journeys.

She fondly recalled the initial faculty members and the time passed with classmates in the Student Union where they learned to dance the Twist that fall and where many first heard the sad news that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated.

As a counselor at Newton Community High School, Speers enjoyed assisting students as they applied for scholarships and admission to her alma mater. She shared their excitement when they were accepted.

Classmate Terry Conour said OCC opened the door to a college education for himself and for many others whose parents couldn't afford to send them to a four-year university. He was able to live at home, go to school and work, eventually earning his law degree.

Conour enjoyed his time at OCC and noted being a member of the

the April 11 Spring Concert.

"Hearts of Adventure" by Ryan Main celebrates the present by featuring music of the Xbox Live game "Shifter." The past is honored in the performance of "Divinum Mysterium," arranged by Tom Wallace and based on a Gregorian chant of the Middle Ages. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Andrew Boysen brings the ensemble into the future by using innovative instrumental techniques to paint the picture of Ichabod Crane and his misadventures with the Headless Horseman.

The Concert Choir is proud to present a variety of music from Handel to Gospel. The choir will present "Concord" in celebration of Benjamin

inaugural class gave him and his contemporaries the unique privilege of choosing the school colors, selecting a mascot and forming the student government.

As Conour and his fellow representatives worked to establish the student governing body, they contacted educational institutions around the country seeking their organizational bylaws. He said few responded since they had never heard of the newly formed OCC.

However, the University of California at Los Angeles did reply and OCC's Student Government has the distinction of being patterned after that prestigious institution.

Other dignitaries speaking during the event included OCC's longestserving president Dr. Jackie L. Davis and his predecessor Dr. Hans Andrews.

Davis noted that for many students the bonds they forged with faculty and staff outside the classroom were as important as the lessons in the classroom. Those are the memories many carry with them throughout their lives.

Andrews cited a renewed sense of camaraderie and dedication to the community and students as lasting memories of his six-year tenure.

He also praised the Foundation for its relentless efforts to attain new Britten's 100th birthday anniversary as well "Hallelujah" from the movie "Shrek," and a touch of Gilbert and Sullivan.

The Jazz Ensemble this year will be playing greatest hits from the past 10 years of the OCC Jazz Ensemble, in tribute to the 50th anniversary celebration theme. This concert features works by Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock and Charlie Parker, among others.

Admission is \$5, and tickets are available at the door, or in advance from any ensemble member.

For more information about this concert, or how to participate in the Alumni Reunion Ensembles on the Spring Concert, please visit the OCC Music Website at www.occmusic.org.

technology as state funding dwindles.

OCC officially became a Class I College on July 1, 1968, and was renamed Olney Central College. The following year, OCC joined with Lincoln Trail and Wabash Valley to form the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District. Today, the District also includes Frontier Community College.

IECC Chief Executive Officer Terry Bruce saluted the faculty, staff and students through the years for making OCC such a special place. Bruce praised the efforts of Dr. Kent Wattleworth and his fellow founders for possessing the vision of bringing a college to Olney. That vision carries on in 2013 and beyond.

Other speakers included Walter Koertge, an OCC Foundation Executive Board member and former member of the IECC Board of Trustees, and Adam Griffy, a Level 1 nursing student and a founding member of the OCC Oath Keepers Club for student veterans.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of an Illinois House of Representatives' resolution recognizing OCC's milestone.

The document was presented to the college on behalf of State Rep. David Reis by his staff member Keith Simpson.

#### SNA celebrates OCC's anniversary at Health Fest

The OCC Student Nurses Association helped celebrate OCC's 50th anniversary at the Olney Central College/Richland Memorial Hospital Health Fest on Oct. 5.

The SNA students had a display that represented the IECC Nursing Program at OCC celebrating the past and looking to the future.

A blood pressure screening was offered by the SNA students. Approximately 160 readings were taken.

Hypertension is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease. Statistical data was collect on the clients who participated in the screening.

Approximately 54 percent of the clients who had their blood pressures taken had a previous history or current blood pressure reading of 140/90 or higher.

Less than 20 percent of the clients had hypertension, and approximately 25 percent of the clients were currently taking blood pressure medications and had normal blood pressures.

The students also educated the



Ashlee Holmes represents the OCC Nursing Class of 1971 while Adam Griffy represents the Class of 2015 during the Olney Central College/Richland Memorial Hospital Health Fest.

clients on the risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Students taking blood pressures included: Tonya Thomas, Tiffany Nix, Patches Slane, Ashlee Holmes, LeAnn Jones, Rachael Millman, Joni Voyles, Adam Griffy, Beverly Harrison and Aubree Harrison. The Student Nurses Association wishes to congratulate everyone who helped at the Health Fest.

"We could not do it without you, again thanks for your time to promote wellness."

Contributed by Em Hunt, SNA Newsletter Editor



#### SNA anti-bullying display

The OCC Student Nurses Association created a video on anti-bullying for National Anti-Bullying Month. The SNA purchased Stop Bullying wristbands, which were given away to participants at the recent Health Fest. Pictured, from left, are Em Hunt, Kaytlyn Slunaker, Jessica Schuetz and Morgan Lane.

#### Students should keep vehicles locked

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

### Operation Christmas Child donations being sought

This holiday season for a service project OCC is collecting items to pack in shoe boxes and send to children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

Please consider donating some of the following items to be packed and sent to these children via Samaritan's Purse. Items will be packaged in shoe boxes and the cost of shipping will be covered.

Items needed include:

• Toys such as small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals and jump ropes.

• School supplies including pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators and coloring and picture books.

• Hygiene items including toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap in a plastic bag, comb and washcloth.

Other items like candy and lollipops (double bagged), mints, gum, Tshirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches and flashlights with extra batteries can be included.

You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may write back.

If you have any See Donations, Page 10

#### German student begins exchange program with semester at OCC

Stefan Haasenleder, of Kerpen, Germany, has recently begun a semester of study at Olney Central College.

He is in the United States as a participant of an exchange program called the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals. Stefan is one of 75 German scholarship recipients who will study at a select group of 58 colleges in 30 states and complete an internship in his career field.

He also will complete a community service project of his choice during the fall term.

During this yearlong program, Haasenleder will attend seminars in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, now in its 30th year, was designed to strengthen ties between the younger generation of the United States and Germany. Founded in 1983 and annually endorsed by members of the United States Congress and the German Parliament (Bundestag), the program has enabled more than 3,500 young professionals to trade countries with their counterparts to live, study and work for a year in a foreign environment.

The program is financially supported by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as well as the German Bundestag.

Cultural Vistas is designated to administer the program in the United States through a grant agreement with the U.S. State Department. In Germany, the program is administered by Cultural Vistas' partner organization, GIZ GmbH. in Bonn.

Hosts for future German participants are currently being sought by the



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exchange program.

If you are interested in hosting, or know someone

who may be, please contact Zoe Stroebel, See German, Page 8

#### Students being sought for exchange program

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals is currently accepting applications and OCC students are encouraged to apply.

The CBYX is a yearlong fullyfunded fellowship to study and work in Germany.

The exchange is open to applicants in all career fields, though preference is given to students in STEM, agriculture, business and vocational fields.

The fellowship is funded by the U.S. and German governments through a grant provided by the

U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961.

The CBYX annually provides 75 participants with two months of intensive German language training, one semester of study at a German university or university of applied sciences, a five-month internship with a German company in the participant's career field and transatlantic airfare, health insurance and monthly living expense stipends.

Prior German language knowl-

edge is not required, though it is preferred.

Applicants should have clear career goals and some relevant work experience in their career field, which may include summer, part-time or internship work.

Participants must be between the ages of 18-24, possess a high school diploma or equivalent and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interested applicants can apply online at www.CBYX.info. The application deadline for the 2014-2015 program is Dec. 1. For more information, visit www.CBYX.info.

#### **Athletics Department launches new website**

The Olney Central College Athletics Department has launched a new website uniting all of the Blue Knights' teams.

"The new website is much sharper and more professional. It's clear and concise," said OCC Softball Coach Nick Short, who has been working on the project since May with the athletic website provider PrestoSports Inc.

Previously, OCC teams managed individual websites. Short said the sites were often difficult to maintain and information wasn't being updated as frequently as it should.

"We were one of the very few schools who hadn't consolidated all sports in one place," he added.

Last year, the National Junior College Athletic Association forged a

#### Sports Schedule

**Men's Basketball** • Nov. 8 – OCC Rotary Classic, OCC vs. SC Sports Academy, 7:30 p.m. • Nov. 9 – OCC Rotary Classic, OCC vs. Des Moines, 7:30 p.m. • Nov. 17 – OCC vs. SC Sports Academy, 3 p.m. at home • Nov. 23 – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 7:30 p.m. • Nov. 26 – OCC vs. Kaskaskia College, 7:30 p.m. at home Women's Basketball • Nov. 6 – OCC at Danville Area, 5:30 p.m. • Nov. 8 – Wabash Classic, OCC vs. Moberly, 5 p.m. • Nov. 9 – Wabash Classic, OCC vs. State Fair, 1 p.m. • Nov. 13 – OCC at Parkland, 6 p.m. • Nov. 18 – OCC vs. McKendree JV, 7 p.m. at home • Nov. 23 – OCC at Southeastern Illinois, 7:30 p.m. • Nov. 26 – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, 5:30 p.m. at home • Nov. 30 – OCC vs. Danville Area, 7 p.m. at home

corporate partnership with PrestoSports to serve as the official statistics provider for the NJCAA. This opened the door for OCC to work with the web developer.

"With the new website, we now have a great place where recruits and their families can go for information," Short said. "We've been getting a lot of positive feedback."

In the past, coaches had to update information on their individual websites as well as those of the NJCAA and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference. PrestoSports has reduced this repetition.

"Coaches can now post a schedule or a roster on one of the websites and the changes will automatically be made to all three," Short said. "It's more convenient and practical." The new website features pages for each of the OCC athletic teams with rosters, schedules and statistics. A link also is available to follow the teams on Twitter at OCCAthletics@OlneyCCSports. The new website can be accessed at www.olneycentralathletics.com and a link also is available on the OCC homepage at www.iecc.edu/occ.

Short said OCC Women's Basketball Coach Clint Burris assisted with the websites' development. He noted both Athletic Director Dennis Conley and OCC President Rodney Ranes have been supportive of the project.

"I especially want to thank President Ranes for providing the funding necessary to make this a reality," Short added.



#### OCC Automotive Showcase Day

The OCC Automotive Service Technology and Collision Repair Technology programs hosted an Automotive Showcase Day on Oct. 30. About 50 students from East Richland, Edwards County and Robinson high schools participated in the event that featured tours of the facilities and handson demonstrations.



#### Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Students in the ABE/GED classes at Olney Central College celebrated Adult Education and Family Literacy Week on Thursday, Sept. 26. OCC provides free classes each semester to help students improve basic skills in reading, English or mathematics as well as day and evening classes for the GED test. In addition, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered for students who wish to improve their English speaking, listening and reading skills.

#### Pilot ·

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A recent article in the Community College Times, the online newspaper of the American Association of Community Colleges, highlighted the success of IECC's summer bridge program.

OCC and East Richland are continuing their collaboration this fall by offering intervention math and English courses to approximately 29 ERHS students. The courses are taught by two high school teachers using the college syllabus. Additional classes will be offered in the spring.

"We hope by teaching the community college courses, the high school teachers and college faculty will work together even more closely to improve curriculum alignment," McDaniel said.

East Richland School District Superintendent Marilyn Holt is thrilled ERHS and the college are working together to provide the bridge and intervention courses to the students.

"I was worried about our

students who were having to take developmental classes and pay for them without receiving college credit," she said. "This is such a boost to the students and their families. Students are able to complete the classes before they go to OCC so now they can take classes for credit right away. It is a big savings for the students and their parents."

Holt said the program is strengthening the cooperative spirit and partnership that has always existed between East Richland and OCC as they strive to meet their mutual goal of preparing students for the future.

"OCC and East Richland have a long-standing tradition of working together," Holt said. "I really think this shows that we are working together to get the students ready and are being proactive. I'm very impressed with the efforts of all those involved."

East Richland was initially selected to participate in the program due to its status as a Race to the Top School. As the program moves forward, McDaniel said IECC hopes to work with other area school districts to establish summer bridge and intervention courses for their students. She has already approached Mt. Carmel High School.

Throughout the grant's implementation, McDaniel has received assistance from the ICCB's Brian Durham and Amanda Corso.

"The ICCB has been wonderful to work with and very flexible," she added.

Through the STEM CCR program, the ICCB hopes to identify models, which will lessen the time to complete English and math remediation. This is essential as more students are testing into math remediation courses.

"For a large percentage of students across the country — not just in Illinois — math is a hurdle," McDaniel said. "It's not a reflection on K-12 or on the students. Careers today require more math and we want to make sure our students go into the workforce with good math skills.

"We want to convince students that math isn't as difficult as they think and they are capable. We don't want them to be discouraged from choosing a career they are interested in just because math is involved."

As the program matures, McDaniel would like to see lots of creativity in how math is taught, strengthen the partnership with the high school, figure out the best way to bring community college advisors to the high school and negotiate data-sharing agreements with the schools.

McDaniel stressed this is a long-term initiative for IECC and an ongoing commitment to students in the district.

"We need to make sure there is something in place to sustain the program when the grant is gone," she said. "It is all about helping the students to reach their goals and doing it effectively to minimize the time it takes to complete and earn their degrees."

#### German-

**Continued from Page 5** Associate Program Manager, at 212-497-3514 or zstroebel@culturalvistas.org.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange is also currently seeking qualified American applicants for the 2014-2015 program year in Germany. For more information, please contact Max Flescher, Program Assistant, at 212-497-3522 or mflescher@culturalvistas.org or visit www.cbyx.info

In addition to the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, Cultural Vistas administers a variety of other internship programs.

For more information on Cultural Vistas and its programs, including the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, please visit the organization's website at http://culturalvistas.org.



#### Welding students participate in Pink Out Day

Students in Olney Central College's Welding and Cutting Program participated in the Pink Out Day sponsored by Trio Upward Bound. OCC employees and students were asked to support the Oct. 24 event, which was held in connection with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



#### JFK Conference

OCC hosted "Changing the Historical Reality of November 23, 1963," a two-day conference focusing on the John F. Kennedy assassination. The Oct. 25-26 event brought together nationally-known academics, scholars and authors to lend their perspectives on the events leading up to and following the assassination. OCC instructor David Denton organized the event. A press conference with the speakers was held Oct. 24 at the Holiday in Olney. Pictured, from left, are presenters, Dennis David, Edgar Tatro, Phillip Nelson and Douglas Horne.

#### Students interested in Radiography Program

Students interested in entering the Radiography Program in 2014 should schedule an appointment to meet with Advisor Joyce Nix. Stop by the Student Services Office or call 395-7777, ext. 2015.

#### **ONLINE PAYMENT**

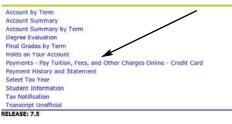
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Student Records



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#### OCC Theatre holds auditions for children's roles in 'Shrek'

The Olney Central College Theatre will host auditions for two children's roles in its upcoming production of "Shrek the Musical."

Auditions will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

Girls who are less than 5 feet tall and ages 11 to 13 may audition for the role of Young Fiona. A strong singer is needed and those auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 measures from any Broadway song.

Both boys and girls ages 9 to 11 and less than 4 feet 8 inches tall can audition for the role of Young Shrek.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29. Afternoon shows will begin at 2 p.m. on March 23 and 30.

### Electronic version of the Knightline

An electronic version of the OCC Knightline is available on the OCC website at www.iecc.edu/occ. Past issues of the Knightline are also available for download.

#### **College closed**

OCC will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The college also will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving Break. OCC will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2.



The OCC Music Department recently purchased a piccolo with funding from the OCC Foundation. Pictured are front row, from left, Suzanne Downes, Director of Bands at OCC, and OCC student Angie Branstetter; second row Foundation Executive Board Members Gary Houchin, Brenda Glover, Brandy McKinney, Carrie Hallam and Kerry Kocher; third row, Bartley Zuber, Misty Melton, Katie Patterson, Tara Lemke and Allyson Padilla; and back row, Jason Doris, Kris Newton, Bruce Peters, Walter Koertge and Morgan Fehrenbacher.

## Music Department acquires piccolo with funding from OCC Foundation

The Olney Central College Foundation supported the purchase of a Yamaha piccolo for the OCC Music Department.

This instrument will be featured in the OCC Fall Concerts to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center.

"The Foundation has been so generous in their support of the Music Department," said Suzanne Downes, Director of Bands at OCC. "The piccolo, along with the purchase of the baritone saxophone and vibraphone, among many other purchases, allow our ensembles to perform literature we otherwise could not. The students and I greatly appreciate the support of the OCC Foundation."

The piccolo will be used in several pieces on the Fall Concerts, having solo passages in "Divinum Mysterium" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" performed by the OCC Concert Band.

For more information about the OCC Music Department, please visit www.occmusic.org. You can also find more information about the OCC Foundation on this site by clicking the "OCC Foundation" tab at the top of the page.

#### Southern Illinois University hosts Scholarship Day

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will host a Scholarship Day from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the OCC Student Services Office. Tosha Baker, SIUC Service Center Coordinator, will aid students in searching and applying for scholarships. She also will help them create a Salukinet account and check their status.



#### Massage Therapy Awareness Week

The OCC Massage Therapy students celebrated Massage Therapy Awareness Week Oct. 19-Oct. 25. On Monday, Oct. 21 they offered free chair massages outside the Anderson Library. The Massage Therapy Club held a number of fund-raisers throughout the week including a pork burger sale and chili luncheon. All proceeds from the events will go toward student exams and licensing fees.

#### LSC offers free tutoring; tutors needed

Need help with a class? Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center offers free tutoring in any subject taught at OCC.

Biology study guides are available, as well as videos for Basic Math, Beginning Algebra and Intermediate Algebra.

The LSC also can provide tape recorders, large screen monitors, readers and note takers.

#### **Donations** -

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standard sized shoe boxes, please bring them. If you prefer not to shop, you can donate cash.

Please do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; If you have any special learning needs, come and see the LSC staff.

The LSC also is looking for students to serve as tutors. Tutors must have an A or B in the subject they are tutoring. They need a reference from an OCC instructor if possible. The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; and breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, contact Amie Mayhall.

#### Spring registration

Olney Central College is currently registering students for spring semester classes.

Students are encouraged to enroll early to ensure they get the classes they want.

Stop by the Student Services Office to schedule your registration appointment or call 395-7777.

#### Upcoming campus visits

Representatives from the following institutions will be visiting OCC. Tables will be located outside the Student Services Office.

• Franklin University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

• Eastern Illinois University, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

#### Lost and found items

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

#### Happy Birthday To:

#### November

- 1 John Kendall
- 2 Michael Conn
- 13 Susan Adams FCC
- 17 Grayson Flittner
- 19 Chris Mathews
- 21 JoAnne Waggoner
- 24 Nick Short
- 24 Cristina Siegel
- 30 Teresa Beehn

#### **Knightline Information**

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

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