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Foundation makes updated lab possible

Olney Central College's Radiography Program has a newly updated lab, which features a modern X-ray machine with a moveable tube as well as a larger work area for students.

The Olney Central College Foundation provided funding for the project with proceeds it received from last year's LaGala. The new equipment replaces an older machine, which no longer meets the program's needs.

"This comes closer than we have ever been before to simulating a real-world experience," said OCC Radiography Director Carol Kocher. "The old X-ray machine had a floor-mounted tube and there were certain radiographic positions we just couldn't simulate because we couldn't move the tube. It wasn't like the equipment students were using at the clinical sites. Now, students can take what they learn here and make the transition to the real world. It will provide a more beneficial experience in the lab and students will have an easier time transitioning to their clinicals."

Kocher said the lab is essential for first-year students as they learn to position patients in the radiographic procedures course.

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Above, the OCC Foundation provided funding for the newly updated Radiography lab, which includes new X-ray equipment. Pictured, from left, are Foundation member Brenda Glover, Radiography Director Carol Kocher, Foundation members Tara Lemke, Kris Newton and Carrie Hallam, Foundation President Deborah Mitchell, Clinical Coordinator of Radiography Lisa Rauch and instructor Kate Scott. At left, Radiography students Taylor Horrall and Chelsey Miller use the new equipment during class.

LSC celebrates National Adult Education Week

For the fourth consecutive year, National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week was declared by an act of the U.S. Congress. Olney Central College celebrated National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept. 10-16.

Adult education and family literacy programs serve adult students who need to improve their basic literacy and math skills, improve their oral and written English, prepare for the GED tests to attain a high school equivalence degree, and transition to community college, vocational training or employment. According to the latest national survey of adults, more than 93 million American adults have basic or below basic literacy skills that limit their ability to advance at work and in education. In Richland County, 7 percent of adults have extremely limited literacy skills and/or English language proficiency.

Adult education promotes economic opportunity and helps workers access higher-paying jobs. Workers with a GED experience unemployment rates that are 4.7 percent lower than those without a diploma. GED recipients earn almost \$10,000 more per year than their counterparts without a diploma. Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center serves an average of 300 adult students annually. Every year some 30 to 40 students earn their GEDs. Approximately half of those students enroll in college while others use their newly earned GED to get a better job.

"I think the program is great," said Eric Jarosik of Ste. Marie. "I've learned so much. I feel a lot smarter now than when I started."

Bob Pinkerton, of Olney, says



Olney Central College celebrated National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept. 10-16. The college's Learning Skills Center serves an average of 300 adult students annually. Every year some 30 to 40 students earn their GEDs. Pictured are Olney Central College ABE/GED students and instructors, who attended a pizza party held in conjunction with the celebration.

OCC's adult basic education classes are helping to prepare him for college courses.

"I'm very grateful for this place," he added.

Terry Tackitt, of Olney, encourages others to take advantage of the classes.

"The teachers are wonderful," he said. "They really work with you. They go out of their way to help you."

Delpha Jenkins, of Olney, agrees.

"Whenever I think I can't do something, the teachers keep telling me, 'Yes, you can.' They are very supportive," she said.

Olney Central College 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. Classes to improve computer literacy are also available. The eight-week classes will start again on Oct. 15. GED evening classes will be offered from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Oct. 16. Call 395-7777, ext. 2267, to enroll.

OCC Senate Haunted House

The OCC Student Senate will host its haunted house, The Asylum, from 7 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 18-20 and 25-27 in the OCC stor-

age building at the end of West St. John Street.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. No one younger than 7 will be admitted.

Upcoming campus visits at OCC

Representatives from the following colleges and universities will be at OCC. A table will be located outside the Student Services Office.

- Eastern Illinois University, Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.
- Eastern Illinois University, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7.
- St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8.

National Massage Therapy Awareness Week Oct. 21-27

OCC's Massage Therapy hosts bake and pork burger sales

Oct. 21-27 is National Massage Therapy Awareness Week and OCC's Massage Therapy Program will celebrate with several upcoming events.

Students will hold a bake sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 outside the Student Services Office. The students also will provide chair massages.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, they will have a Monical's fund-raiser. Monical's will contribute 20 percent of sales to the program. Customers must present a flier when ordering.

On Friday, Oct. 26, students will host a pork burger sale from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the IGA in Olney. They will deliver.

The Massage Therapy

students also will be selling hot chocolate, baked goods and glow sticks at the Olney Halloween Parade. Come by and support them.

Students will host a soup day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Student Union.

Appointments are still being accepting for the fall clinicals.

The clinics are open to the public. Appointment times are 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20, 25 and 27; Nov. 9, 16 and 30; and Dec. 1.

The cost for a relaxing, Swedish-style massage is just \$25 for a one-hour session. The massage treatments are for the sole purpose of stress reduction, relief from muscle



OCC's Massage Therapy Program will host several events during National Massage Therapy Awareness Week Oct. 21-27. Pictured, from left, are seated, Program Assistant Michelle Monroe and Instructor Penny Campbell; first row, Carrie Nesler, Jennifer Schackmann, Nikki Rinard, Merissa Smashey and Sara Buckels; and back row, Peter Emondson, Amanda Parker, Kelsie Bare, Samantha Blakney, Colleen Yocum, Breanna Roush and Josh Burns.

tension or spasm and to increase circulation and energy flow.

A massage therapy

instructor will be present at the clinics.

To schedule an appointment, call 392-2430.

Music Department Fall Concert Nov. 2-3

The Olney Central College Music Department will present its Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. This concert will include performances by the OCC Concert Band, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

The Concert Band will present unique works that incorporate old band traditions with contemporary interpretations. *Diamond Fanfare* by Samuel Hazo rings in a new season with triumphant brass and resounding percussion, yet with an interesting tonal twist presented by the woodwinds. *Ancient Echoes* combines two familiar folk melodies, the Korean *Arirang* with the Shaker Hymn, *Simple Gifts*. The Concert Band will conclude with a rarely performed Karl King march, *Big Four*.

The Concert Choir will celebrate the whimsy and tenderness of childhood with its program centered upon the

joys of youth. *Circus Band* by Charles Ives musically represents the excitement and confusion of a young child when the circus comes to town, as set in early twentieth-century America. The choir also will present several works by Fred Rogers – otherwise known as “Mister Rogers,” who was a prolific composer, writing all of the music used in his 31 years as host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.

The Jazz Ensemble will pick up this theme as they present themes from popular animated and puppet series from the 1950s through today, traveling to Bedrock to *Meet the Flintstones*, visiting our favorite cool cat *The Pink Panther*, dancing to calypso music with Sebastian in *Under the Sea*, and remembering Big Bird, Elmo and friends with the *Theme to Sesame Street*.

Tickets are \$5 and available from any ensemble member, or at the door.

Sports Schedule

Men's Baseball

- Oct. 20 – OCC at University of Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Oct. 21 – OCC at SWIC Jamboree, TBA
- Oct. 28 – OCC at Vincennes Jamboree, TBA

Spring registration

OCC will begin registering current students for spring semester on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

It is recommended that students meet with an advisor prior to registration for their last term. This will ensure the student is aware of all remaining graduation requirements.

Contact the OCC Student Services Office for more information.

OCC orchid class begins Nov. 6

OCC is offering a four-week course designed for orchid lovers and those who want to learn how to grow and care for them.

The class, LSC 1150 Orchid Plant Biology, will meet from 8 to 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 6.

“We’re very happy to be offering the orchid biology class,” said instructor Jim Burnett. “This is a class for students interested in growing, studying, photographing and painting orchids or those who just enjoy this large and diverse group of flowering plants.”

The course includes a study of the orchid family focusing on anatomy, physiology and flowering habits.



OCC biology instructor Jim Burnett will be teaching a four-week orchid course beginning Nov. 6. The class will cover how to care for these beautiful plants.

“We cover everything you have ever wanted to know about orchids – from beginning to advanced techniques,” he said.

During the course, students also learn how to repot orchids.

“If you received an orchid, and want to repot it, bring it in,” Burnett said. “This will be the perfect class for you.”

In addition to hands-on work with orchids, the class will take a field trip

to an orchid greenhouse.

“It’s always one of the highlights of the class,” Burnett added.

Burnett has been working with orchids for 10 years. Currently, hundreds of varieties are being grown in the OCC Greenhouse.

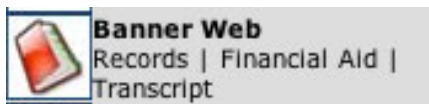
“This class is a unique opportunity for people who are interested in orchids,” he said. “If you sign up for this class, I guarantee you will have fun.”

To register, contact the Student Services Office at 395-7777. Burnett encourages those with questions about the course to contact him at ext. 2221 or by email at burnettj.iecc.edu.

“I’d be happy to answer any and all questions,” he said.

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.

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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.

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.



Student Nurses Association

OCC students participating in the Student Nurses Association include front row, from left, LeAnn Ireland-Jones, Selina Finn, Heather Hansen, Amber Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Tonya Thomas and Tammy Merrell; second row, Margie Hill, Wendy Vaughn, Sherri Brazil, Angela Perdue, Vice President Debra Gilbert, Nic Litherland and President Aurora Gibbs; and back row, Amanda Weishaar, Tiffany Nix, Sean Stanley, Newsletter Logan Ashworth, Piers Neal and Sarrah Eichholz.

Find out more about Eastern's Bachelor of Arts in General Studies

Learn how you can earn a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree while taking evening, weekend and online classes.

Eastern Illinois University will host an informational session on Friday, Oct. 19. An EIU representative will have a table set up outside the OCC Student Services Office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bachelor of General Studies Degree Program is for adult learners who want to complete a bachelor's

degree, but have limited time and family responsibilities that interfere with achieving that goal. The BGS program is adult friendly, transfer friendly and offers affordable tuition plus textbook rental.

Pending enrollments, the BGS program will be offered at OCC, with classes meeting evenings and weekends or online.

Visit www.eiu.edu/~bgs to learn more or call 1-800-446-8918, or email bgsba@eiu.edu.

Lab

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"Our students are very excited about the new lab and being able to use it this semester," Kocher said. "It is a wonderful addition to our program."

Kocher said the equipment in the lab is very similar to what students will encounter in a medical setting. They will be able to use a floating table for precise positioning and a simulated touch-control panel. Students can even access and view X-ray images through the touch-control panel.

"Really, the only difference between this and the clinical site equipment is that the students can't make an exposure," Kocher said.

She added, "I want to thank the OCC Foundation. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have this. We also received tremendous support from Tammy Fralicker, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, and OCC President Rodney Ranes. I can't thank them and the Foundation enough. This is huge for our program."

Follow OCC on Facebook

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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.

College closed

OCC will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12 to observe Veterans Day. The college also will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving Break.

Happy Birthday To:

October

- 3 Wain Davis
- 4 Tammy Effler
- 4 Julie Crawford - FCC
- 12 Tiffany Cowger
- 16 Libby McVicker
- 17 Chris Webber

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the November Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

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