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Conference to focus on JFK assassination

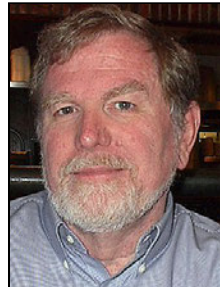
This year marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. In October, Olney Central College will host a free two-day conference, which will bring together nationally-known academics, scholars and authors to lend their perspectives on the events leading up to and following that fateful day in Dallas.

Nearly five decades after Kennedy's death, questions and speculation continue to surround the assassination. OCC instructor and conference organizer David Denton said the event — Changing the Historical Reality of November 22, 1963 — will explore the idea that the version of history put forth by the Warren Commission is untenable.

Denton said the conference speakers will present factual evidence, which questions the Warren Commission's conclusions and offers a different historical reality that takes into account the forces which were aligned against Kennedy. The presenters also will explore the potential means, motive, opportunity and connections, as well as who benefited the most from the president's death.

The conference will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 and from 10 a.m. to 7:20 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Both evenings will conclude with a reception, which will give participants the opportunity to interact with the speakers.

"The conference is open to the public and we encourage anyone who is interested in that period of our history to attend," Denton said. "We will talk about the basic evidence, facts



Douglas P. Horne



Edgar F. Tatro



Judyth Vary Baker



David Denton

and witnesses in the case as well as the controversial elements such as the Secret Service protection, the autopsy of the president and the motives and means of opportunity of people who may have been involved."

Although the Warren Commission concluded in its 1964 report Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy, Denton said the vast majority of Americans have always believed otherwise and the weight of the evidence confirms their doubts.

Among those who questioned the commission's conclusions was the president's brother and Attorney General at the time, Robert Kennedy. He privately expressed concerns that the official investigation was a "shoddy" piece of work. He even suspected rogue CIA agents and/or Mafia associates may have been involved.

Denton has studied the Kennedy assassination for nearly two decades and has taught the course, Political Assassinations of the 1960s, since 2001. From 1996 to 2000, he participated in the Illinois Humanities Council speakers' bureau giving the presentation, "Lee Harvey Oswald — American History's Most Mysterious Figure."

He annually attends a national conference on the assassination,

which is held in Dallas. Through the event, he established contacts with many of the presenters who will be coming to OCC.

"Changing the historical reality of the assassination has always been an objective of myself and others," Denton said. "There are a lot of people who feel the official version of history we have been given doesn't add up. For them, getting our history right and achieving some level of justice becomes a passion. This is an opportunity to attract some of the top experts in the country to our campus. We want to bring as many facts to light as we can and to create an academic record that changes how the assassination is portrayed by historical textbooks."

Denton, who also is a conference speaker, will discuss the Secret Service as well as the CIA. Other presenters include Douglas P. Horne, Edgar F. Tatro, Phillip F. Nelson, Dennis David, Rick Russo, James Wagenvoord and Judyth Vary Baker.

Horne served on the staff of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) from August 1995 to September 1998. His most important work on the ARRB staff was the assistance he provided to the General

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Welding students can participate in new club

Olney Central College's Welding and Cutting Program is forming a new club for its students.

Instructor Curtis Marshall said the OCC Welding Club will provide an additional avenue for students to explore topics and expand their knowledge in the field.

"The club will give us

more time to work on projects and additional discussion times," he added.

Marshall said he is in the early stages of organizing the club, but already a majority of the students in the program are participating.

Throughout the year, the club will host a number of fund-raisers. Marshall said

the proceeds will be used to purchase American Welding Society memberships for the students.

"With their memberships, students will get the American Welding Society Journal, which will help to keep them updated on what is going on in the field," he said. "They also can receive discounts on

welding equipment."

Marshall also hopes to raise enough money so students can attend the annual FABTECH Expo in November.

The trade show, which will be held in Chicago, is North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event.

Conference

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Counsel in conducting all 10 sworn depositions of key personnel who conducted, or witnessed, President Kennedy's military autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital on Nov. 22, 1963. In 2009, he published the five-volume encyclopedic work *Inside the Assassination Records Review Board: The U.S. Government's Final Attempt to Reconcile the Conflicting Medical Evidence in the Assassination of JFK* — a frank and extremely detailed discussion of the evidence of the U.S. government's cover-up in 1963 and 1964 of the medical evidence surrounding JFK's assassination.

Tatro is a long-time educator, who has taught college and adult education courses for 30 years, specializing in the JFK assassination. He is the author of many research articles pertaining to the assassination conspiracy. His work has been acknowledged or footnoted in many JFK assassination books including *Crossfire* by Jim Marrs, *Reasonable Doubt* by Henry Hurt, *Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover* by Anthony Summers, *Destiny Betrayed* by Jim DiEugenio, *The Assassinations (Probe Magazine)* by Jim DiEugenio and Lisa Pease, *The Kennedys: Dynasty and Disaster* by John H. Davis, *Killing Kennedy* by Harrison Livingstone, Doug Weldon's essay in *Murder in Dealey Plaza and JFK and the Unspeakable* by Jim Douglass. Tatro served as a minor consultant to Oliver Stone's film, "JFK," and is acknowledged in *JFK: The Book of the Film* by Oliver Stone and Zachary Sklar.

Tatro is the original editor of *Texas in the Morning*, the memoirs of LBJ's mistress, Madeleine Duncan Brown, and editor of the Bugliosi Chapter in *Biting the Elephant* by Dr. Rodger Remington. He contributed research to Sen. Sam Ervin's Watergate investigative committee and the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Tatro was responsible, via the AARB, for the release of the unidentified print found on a box in the alleged sniper's nest in the Texas School Book Depository and, via the LBJ Library, for the release of the rough drafts of the rough draft of NSAM #273, which he shared with L. Fletcher Prouty, who shared them with Oliver Stone for "JFK."

He was a consultant to Nigel Turner's "The Truth Shall Set You Free" and "The Smoking Guns," parts six and seven of *The Men Who Killed Kennedy* series. He was a primary recruiter and participant in Turner's "The Guilty Men," part nine of the same series.

Nelson has conducted extensive research into the life of former President Lyndon B. Johnson and is the author of *LBJ: The Mastermind of the JFK Assassination* and its sequel *LBJ: From Mastermind to The Colossus — The Lies, Treachery and Treasons Continue*.

David was serving as Chief of the Day at Bethesda Naval Hospital on Nov. 22, 1963 and directed the off-loading of the president's body prior to the autopsy. William Law interviewed him for the book *In the Eye of History: Disclosures in the JFK Assassination Medical Evidence*.

Russo is one of the nation's leading experts on President Kennedy's autopsy and served as a key consultant to *The Men Who Killed Kennedy* documentary series.

Wagenvoord was employed as an assistant to *Life* magazine's executive editor at the time of the assassination. In that role, he became deeply involved in the purchase and publication of the Zapruder film. In the years since, he has added important information citing Johnson's ties to corrupt practices in his rise to power.

Baker is the author of the memoir, *Me & Lee — How I came to know, love and lose Lee Harvey Oswald*. A promising science student who dreamed of finding a cure for cancer, Baker describes in her book how she strayed from a path of mainstream scholarship into a life of espionage in New Orleans with Oswald.

She also explains her involvement in a biological warfare project aimed at eliminating Cuba's Fidel Castro. Baker's intimate relationship with Oswald, who she and others say was involved in the anti-Castro effort and was framed in a cover-up, has become the subject of documentaries, plays and books since she first spoke out to *60 Minutes* in 1999.

Her relationship with Oswald is chronicled in "The Love Affair," episode eight in *The Men Who Killed Kennedy* series.

For additional information about the conference, please visit [Facebook.com/ChangeHistJFK](https://www.facebook.com/ChangeHistJFK), [Twitter.com/ChangeHistJFK](https://twitter.com/ChangeHistJFK) and ChangeHistJFK.blogspot.com or contact Denton at 395-7777, ext. 2133.

Tickets for 'Steel Magnolias' on sale Sept. 23

Tickets for the Olney Central College Theatre's production of "Steel Magnolias" will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 23.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19. An afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20. Dinners will be held before the Friday and Saturday shows at 6 p.m. The menu includes: ham with pineapple sauce, baked sweet potatoes, peas with pearl onions, seven-layer salad, hot roll and butter, peach cobbler with ice cream and beverage.

Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias" is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, La., where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken,

Cast selected for fall play

Cast members have been selected for the Olney Central College Theatre's upcoming production of "Steel Magnolias."

Names of the characters and cast members are: **Truvy**, Lisa Benson; **Annelle**, Ivy Benson; **Clairee**, Sherry Brauer; **Shelby**, Jessica Gwaltney; **M'Lynn**, Jennifer Balding; and **Ouiser**, Bea Gardner. Gwaltney is from Albion and all other cast members reside in Olney. Ivy Benson is an OCC student.

wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for 40 years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy

when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength — and love — which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

Tickets may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday in the lobby of the

Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats for children and adults for the production and \$20 for reserved seating and the dinner. A special price of \$9 each for the production and \$19 for the dinner and reserved seating will be available for groups of 20 or more.

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 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.



International Students at OCC

Olney Central College is welcoming several international students this year. Pictured are front row, from left, Naif Saad of Qatar, Hao "Alvin" Feng Xie of China, Lisette Lopez of Peru, Leonie Paula Griet Vanstappen of Belgium, Yensia Lopez of Peru, Anna Sakamoto of Japan, Rina Nur Annisa of Indonesia, JungMin Park of South Korea, and Ibrahaim Akram Burhan of Qatar; and back row, TaeSung Kim of South Korea, Kevin Liu of China, Nakarin Bromeling of Thailand, Zhaoming "Maxwell" Guo of China, Stefan Haasenieder of Germany and Baher Saad of Qatar. Not pictured is Massiel J. Mori of Peru.

OCC Theatre atrium undergoes renovations

The atrium in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center at Olney Central College has undergone extensive remodeling this summer.

OCC President Rodney Raney said the 37-year-old facility had experienced significant leaks and water damage in recent years, which necessitated the work. The renovations included replacing the existing windows with new energy-saving glass, which will both prevent leaks and reduce solar heating.

Portions of the floor tiles, which had become dislodged due to water damage, also were replaced. The project was funded through Protection, Health and Safety monies and should be completed early this month.

"We are looking forward to the upcoming theater and music events," Raney said. "With the improvements to the lobby, it will be a more pleasant experience for our students and guests."



Renovations have been underway this summer on the atrium in the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center. The work included replacing the original glass and floor tiles.

Grove new LSC Resource Specialist

Monica Grove has joined Olney Central College's Learning Skills Center as its Resource Specialist.

In her new position, Grove will assist students in OCC's adult education program by providing counseling and testing. She also will register students for classes and keep track of their attendance.

"I also will be helping them with any problems they are experiencing in class," Grove said. "If there are extenuating circumstances, I can refer them to local agencies that can address those issues. We want to ensure they have the skills they need to help them succeed so they can earn their GEDs and move on."

Grove moved to Olney from St. Peters, Mo.,



Monica Grove

when she was a freshman in high school. She participated in the Illinois Eastern Community College's TRiO Upward Bound Program and attended OCC for a year. She transferred to Eastern Illinois University, where she completed a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Grove and her husband, Tim, resided in Savannah, Ga., while he was stationed there in the military. During that time, Grove taught both second and fourth grades.

The couple returned to the area three years ago and since then Grove has worked in both the East Richland and Clay City school districts. Grove served as a personal aide and taught Spanish to students in kindergarten through second grade. In addition, she worked with middle school students in the Leading and Learning class, which brings the older students to the elementary school and pairs them with fifth-graders to help those children build leadership skills.

She also led the ERMS
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Sports Schedule

Baseball

- **Sept. 14** – OCC vs. AAU, noon at home
- **Sept. 19** – OCC at Vincennes University, 4 p.m.
- **Sept. 27** – OCC at Austin Peay State University, TBA
- **Sept. 29** – OCC at Danville Area Community College, TBA
- **Oct. 9** – OCC vs. Danville Area Community College, 2 p.m. at home
- **Oct. 12** – OCC at University of Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Softball

- **Sept. 13** – OCC vs. Morthland College, 2 p.m. at home
- **Sept. 15** – OCC at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 1 p.m. EST
- **Sept. 21-22** – OCC at Boonville Tourney, TBA

Rusty Foerster joins OCC Anderson Library staff



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Rusty Foerster has joined the Olney Central College Anderson Library staff as a clerk/library assistant.

A 2012 graduate, Foerster served as a work-study student in the library while attending OCC. He started his new position in early August.

"I like the environment and the people I work with," he said. "I like help-

ing the students and there is always something to do."

In his new position, Foerster will oversee video and computer equipment checkout and delivery. He also will prepare and receive books for loan through I-Share as well as work at the circulation desk.

Foerster, who resides in Olney, attended the

University of Southern Indiana last year. He plans to pursue a career in a computer-related field and is searching for an online program that will allow him to work while he completes his studies.

"I'm really glad I got the chance to come back to OCC," he said. "I really enjoyed going to school here and I like working here."

Massage Therapy schedules clinicals

Olney Central College's Massage Therapy Program will begin accepting appointments this month for its fall clinicals.

The clinics are open to the public and will be held on Oct. 10 and 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22; 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 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. If you are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Get your time scheduled soon because slots fill up fast. Student and faculty massages are just \$20 with an OCC ID.



OCC Massage Therapy students are seated from left, Terra Byrley, of Palestine, Gabrielle "Brie" Bennett of Oblong and Celia Butterfield, of Olney and back row, Instructor Penny Campbell-Henry, Angela Rodgers of Robinson, Carlee Seessengood of Noble and Rebecca Lynk of Bakersfield, Calif. Not pictured is Traci McCaslin of Bridgeport.

LSC offers free tutoring to students

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.

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. Tutors are required to attend some training and are paid minimum wage.

The Learning Skills Center is located in the back of the Anderson Library in Conference Room 4. Stop by to learn more.

Automotive program seeking car donations

Have an old car you want to get rid of? You can donate it to the Olney Central College Automotive Service Technology Program.

Instructor Tyler Boyles said the program will accept most cars, but would prefer vehicles manufactured after 1996. The students will use the cars for training purposes.

The donation is tax deductible and the automotive program will provide donors with a receipt for tax purposes. For more information or to donate a vehicle, contact Boyles at 395-7777, ext. 2521.

Pittman spends summer on the opera stage

Olney Central College Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman spent part of his summer with the opera company Opera Experience Southeast, in Rock Hill, S.C.

The production included performances of the Leoncavallo opera "Pagliacci" and the Puccini opera "Gianni Schicchi." The performances were given at Sun City, a wealthy retirement community just outside of Charlotte, N.C.

In "Gianni Schicchi," Pittman played the role of Betto di Signa, portrayed in this production in a comic, slapstick fashion requiring a great deal of physical comedy.

"I love being in ensemble



OCC Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman, far left, performs with the opera company Opera Experience Southeast.

operas like 'Schicchi,'" Pittman stated. "You're on stage nearly the whole show, but the focus is rarely on any one character for too long, allowing for constant interaction

and more emotional freedom."

For "Pagliacci," Pittman took on the challenge of serving as chorus master, training the chorus for its role in the production.

"Although I love performing, as a conductor I dislike inefficient rehearsals and hope to find my way into the directing and conducting side of production in the future so I can make the rehearsal process more effective and fun for my fellow singers using my experiences, both good and bad, as my guide," he said.

For the full interview with Pittman, and to find out more about the Olney Central College Music Department, please visit www.occmusic.org.

For more information about the Opera Experience Southeast, visit its Facebook page, found at <https://www.facebook.com/OperaExperienceSoutheast>.



Olney Central College Day

In honor of OCC's 50th anniversary, Mayor Ray Vaughn signed a proclamation designating Tuesday, Sept. 3 as Olney Central College Day in Olney. Olney Community College, as it was known at the time, held its first classes on Sept. 3, 1963. Pictured are front row, from left, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges CEO Terry Bruce, Olney Mayor Ray Vaughn and OCC President Rodney Raney; and back row, 50th Anniversary Committee Members Chris Webber, Andi Pampe, Mary Corry, Shasta Bennett, Kathy Slichenmyer and OCC Foundation Executive Board Member Walter Koertge.

Learn about Information Systems Technology program

Learn more about OCC's new Information Systems Technology program. Instructor Dustin Leek

will host an informational meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 in the OCC Banquet Room.

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Olney Central College recently purchased a muscular figure with funding it received from the OCC Foundation. The figure will be used in OCC's Anatomy/Physiology for Massage Therapy I and II classes as well as the Pathophysiology for Massage Therapy course. Pictured with the new equipment are Foundation Executive Board Members front row, from left, Morgan Fehrenbacher, Kerry Kocher, Brenda Glover, Deborah Mitchell, Carrie Hallam, Brandy McKinney and Kate Patterson and back row, Bartley Zuber, Kris Newton and Tara Lemke.

Foundation provides funds for muscular figure

Olney Central College recently purchased a new muscular figure with funding it received from the OCC Foundation.

Instructor Carol Weiler said students will use the three-dimensional model in the Anatomy/Physiology for Massage Therapy I and II classes as well as the Pathophysiology for Massage Therapy course. The new equipment covers all of the body systems addressed in the classes.

Weiler said the intricate model is hand-painted and can be taken apart allowing students to see inside the chambers of the heart and even to

remove the brain. Before acquiring the new muscular model, Weiler had to utilize paper diagrams during class discussions.

"Its visualization as well as the hands-on identification capabilities will enhance the learning experience," Weiler said. "This will help students with identifying body parts, now as students, and even later as massage therapists. It will improve the overall hands-on practical experience one needs in the classroom as well as give the students the skills and confidence to be successful massage therapists."

OCC Foundation to host annual Wine Tasting

The Olney Central College Foundation will host its fifth annual Wine Tasting Affair from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Local wineries Fox Creek Vineyards, Homestead Vineyards and Lasata

Wines will be featured. Light hors d'oeuvres also will be served.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Kathy Slichenmyer at 395-7777, ext. 2003.

Grove

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Enrichment class, which prepares middle school students for success in high school.

"This is a big change for me," Grove said. "I'm looking forward to working with adults in a program that is designed to help them better them-

selves and succeed. This is also a chance to try something new and to better myself. I enjoy trying new things and I'm looking forward to helping numerous people succeed."

The Groves currently reside in Olney with their two children, Connor and Sophia.

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, Oct. 15; Wednesday, Nov. 6; and Tuesday, Dec. 3.

- Tosha Baker from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Sept. 18; and Wednesday, Oct. 16.

- Eastern Illinois University, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16; Tuesday, Oct. 15; and Wednesday, Nov. 20.

- MacMurray College, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21.

Lost and found items

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

Knightline Information

Please submit information for the October Knightline to Deanna Ratts by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

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