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OCC welcomes home soldiers from Iraq

Olney Central College is welcoming home six local soldiers who served in Iraq with various military units including the Illinois National Guard.

A reception honoring Sarah Beauchamp of Sumner, Amanda Ballew of Robinson, Adam Henderson of Clay City, Richard Leath of Newton, and Heather Buzan and Brandt Patterson both of Olney, will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 in the Student Union. The public is encouraged to come and honor these outstanding young people.

OCC President Dr. Jackie L. Davis will present the six with a

proclamation from Olney Central College thanking them for their service in Iraq and welcoming them back.

“Freedom in America is maintained only because of the courage and unrelenting determination of those who serve in our great nation’s armed services,” Davis said. “America will always be a beacon of hope for the rest of the world because, regardless of the price of freedom, our citizens will not accept anything less. We honor and say thank you to these men and women because they have paid that price.”

Olney Mayor Tom Fehrenbacher

and the commanders of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts also will recognize the soldiers.

Before leaving for duty in December 2003, Beauchamp was taking computer classes at OCC in preparation for a bachelor’s degree and Ballew was studying nursing.

Henderson and Leath recently enrolled at OCC. Henderson is studying Administration of Justice and Leath is pursuing an Associate of Science and Arts Degree, with a major in engineering.

Brandt was pursuing an Associate of Science Degree at OCC in the Summer of 2003.

From the Dean

Spring has finally arrived! Midterms are over and the end of the semester is fast approaching. As the weather improves, it’s sometimes easy to let class work fall by the wayside. Stay focused and keep your eyes on your educational goals. That way when that term paper is due or that final exam happens, you won’t be in a state of panic. Make use of the many resources available to help you including the Learning Skills Center and the Anderson Library with their capable staff, and one of your main resources, your instructors.

Spring means two things at OCC. One of them is that it’s time to start registering for summer and fall classes. Registration began March 28. Look over the schedules and make an appointment with your advisor to register. You can also register for classes using web registration. Summer is a great time to pick up a class or two to lighten your load in the fall or spring. Class sizes are usually smaller as well. A variety of classes during both intersession and regular summer semesters is available. Registering now for summer and fall ensures that you can get seats in the classes that you need before the bulk of

incoming freshmen start registering.

The second thing spring means at OCC is a multitude of activities to participate in. There are numerous softball and baseball games to attend. Both teams are off to an exciting start to their spring seasons. Spring Fling is coming up on April 21 with a free breakfast and lots of contests sponsored by Student Senate. The Higher Learning Commission is making its visit on April 18, 19, and 20. The Cavalier Spring Concert is set for April 30. The Music Department Recital is May 3. These are great opportunities to absorb the sights and sounds of our talented musicians.

A Children’s Fun Day, sponsored by the Future Teacher’s Club and the Community Services Department, is planned for April 9. A blood drive, sponsored by the Student Senate and 4-H Vanguard, is planned for April 18. Graduation is scheduled for May 13. The last day to drop classes is May 6, and final exams are May 9 through May 12, which brings me back to my original point. Enjoy all the activities spring brings, but remain focused on your educational goals!

Lisa Benson,
Dean of Instruction

OCC student running for PBL state office

OCC student Jenna Aldrich, of Sumner, is running for state president of Phi Beta Lambda.

The election will be held April 9 during the PBL State Leadership Conference in Collinsville.

She also will be competing in the Public Speaking and Future Business Executive competitions.

Other members of OCC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter participating in the competitions include Karen Everly, Interview; Sara Swain, Computer Applications and Word Processing; and Carla Goebel and Lisa Dvorak (team), Desktop Publishing. Good luck to all participants!

OCC's Phi Beta Lambda Club also is hosting a number of fund-raisers.

PBL will hold a raffle ticket drawing on April 13 with numerous items

available. A complete list of prizes is posted on the business bulletin board, which is located between Rooms 209A and 211A on the second floor of Wattleworth Hall. You also can ask a PBL member for a prize list.

Raffle tickets are six for \$5 or \$1 each.

PBL also is selling flash drives, which are storage devices for computers. They hold 88 floppy disks on one drive, and are only \$25.

The flash drives are available in Rooms 209A or 211A. They also can be purchased from any PBL member.

During April, PBL will hold its Humane Society Project. Members will be collecting dog food, cat food, blankets, litter, treats and other items cats and dogs may need. Donation boxes will be placed around the campus



OCC President Dr. Jackie L. Davis congratulates Jenna Aldrich, of Sumner, on her campaign for state president of Phi Beta Lambda.

and in other locations. Monetary contributions also can be made to Phi Beta Lambda.

The items will be distributed to the Richland County Humane Society and Dog Pound.

At 3:30 p.m. on April 13, Jerry Rynder, a

retired human resource director for Automotive Technology Systems Inc., will be a guest speaker at OCC.

He will discuss his experience in the business world and will be taking questions. The program is open to the public and will be held in Room 106.

Radiography Program to host three application meetings

The OCC Radiography Program will host three application meetings for prospective students.

The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27; Wednesday, June 29; and Tuesday, Aug. 9 in the OCC Banquet Room.

All students wishing to apply for acceptance into

the Radiography Program for 2006 must attend one of the application meetings. No registration is required.

Those attending will receive the radiography application and admission requirements. If you have any questions, contact Pre-Radiography Advisor Joyce Nix at 395-7777, ext. 2015.

PTK bake and rummage sale

OCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will hold a bake and rummage sale from 7 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 9 in the OCC Banquet Room.

OCC Foundation Golf Outing May 6

The OCC Foundation will host its fourth annual golf outing at 1 p.m. Friday, May 6 at the Richland Country Club in Olney.

Entry fees are \$55 per person and include an 11:30 a.m. luncheon, 18 holes of golf in a scramble format and the chance to win prizes on the course.

Prizes include \$220 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$75 for third place. Prizes also will be given for the closest to the center line, the longest putt and the closest to the pin.

Individuals and businesses can support the event with a hole sponsorship for a \$100 donation or a tee box sponsorship for \$50.

To register or for more information, contact Carla Gardner at 395-7777, ext. 2003, by Monday, May 2.

Bruce attends ebook conference

Anderson Library Director Charlotte Bruce attended the ebooks in Illinois Academic Libraries Conference March 7-8 in Champaign.

The Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program, McKendree College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville sponsored the event.

William Harroff, reference and information technologies librarian at McKendree College, and Charlotte Johnson, director of User Services at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, were the organizers. They received an Illinois State Library grant to explore and disseminate information on electronic books.

The conference featured a number of speakers and presentations by several vendors. The program also included a demonstration of 25 different devices, including Game Boys and phones, which can be used to access electronic books.

A unique aspect of electronic books is the expanded information they offer the reader.

"They can include multi-media clips, links to web research and chat boards where people can discuss the book. If there is a word you don't know, you can click on it and get a definition or if there is a geographical location mentioned, you can get an expanded description of the place. With an ebook, you are getting more than just the book," Bruce said.

Bruce is exploring the possibility of adding electronic books to the Anderson Library and creating a core collection of best sellers through ebooks. She plans to conduct a survey later this year to gauge student interest.

"There are some people who do better reading on the screen, but we don't want to invest in another platform that is just there," she added. "The conference was very helpful. We learned what the issues are to consider, as a library, if you are getting ebooks. It's an intriguing idea we will watch more closely and the conference was a good starting point."

Spring Fling April 21

The OCC Student Senate will host its annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 21.

Events scheduled include:

- 10 to 11 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast in the Student Union
- 11 a.m. to noon — Pool and Ping Pong Tournament in the Student Union
- Noon to 1 p.m. — Survival of the Fittest Challenge in the Student Union
- 1 to 2 p.m. — Road Rally (possibly a poker tournament)
- 7 p.m. — Spring Fling Dance, with coronation of the king and queen at 7:30 p.m.

Signup sheets for Spring Fling events are posted on the bulletin board outside the Bookstore.

Sports Schedules

Baseball

- April 5** – OCC vs. Lincoln Trail College, 1:30 p.m. at home
April 7 – OCC at Lake Land, 1:30 p.m.
April 9 – OCC vs. Lake Land, noon at home
April 11 – OCC vs. McKendree College, 2 p.m. at home
April 12 – OCC vs. Southeastern, 1:30 p.m. at home
April 13 – OCC at Kentucky Wesleyan, 3 p.m.
April 14 – OCC at Southeastern, 1:30 p.m.
April 18 – OCC vs. Brescia, 1 p.m. at home
April 21 – OCC vs. John A. Logan, 1:30 p.m. at home
April 23 – OCC at John A. Logan, noon
April 24 – OCC at Danville, 1 p.m.
April 25 – OCC at Millikin, 3 p.m.
April 28 – OCC at Kaskaskia, 1:30 p.m.
April 30 – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon at home

Softball

- April 5** – OCC at Rend Lake, 2 p.m.
April 7 – OCC vs. Lake Land, 2 p.m. at home
April 9 – OCC vs. Wabash Valley, noon at home
April 12 – OCC vs. St. Catharine, 2 p.m. at home
April 14 – OCC at Lincoln Trail, 2 p.m.
April 16 – OCC vs. Kaskaskia, noon at home
April 19 – OCC at Southeastern, 2 p.m.
April 21 – OCC at John A. Logan, 2 p.m.
April 23 – OCC vs. Southwestern, noon at home
April 26 – OCC at Danville, 3:30 p.m.
April 29 – OCC at Sectional Tournament, TBA
April 30 – OCC at Sectional Tournament, TBA

IECC-OCC Nursing Program receives grant

The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges-Olney Central College Nursing Program is the recipient of a state grant designed to help address Illinois' nursing shortage.

The \$250,000 Southeastern Healthcare Consortium Grant will enable the nursing program to assist rural healthcare workers in upgrading and increasing their skills.

Donna Henry, associate dean of Nursing and Allied Health, said the nursing program will partner with Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney, Wabash General Hospital in Mount Carmel, Clay County Hospital in Flora, Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson and The United Methodist Village

in Lawrenceville to determine interest and to assess participants' learning and curriculum needs. The long-term goal of the grant is to assist CNAs and LPNs to reach the next licensing level.

"One of the benefits is that we are going to reach people who might not otherwise be coming to the college," Henry said.

Retired IECC instructor Linda Branch is the grant coordinator. She taught in the Office Careers Program for 30 years and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business education. Deb Rister is the program advisor. She is a graduate of the nursing program at Frontier Community College and has been a part-time faculty

member at OCC. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in psychology.

Henry and Branch recently met with the partner agencies to discuss the project and to assess interest. Branch and Rister also interviewed interested students to assess their needs and will be developing courses to address them.

"We are hoping to offer as many courses as possible on site to take advantage of their schedules," Branch said.

They will be looking at implementing remediation and support classes. Potential offerings include a study skills class and a Spanish course for healthcare workers.

Spring Fun Day April 9

The Olney Central College Community Services Department and the Future Teachers Club will host a Spring Fun Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

The event, for children in kindergarten through the fifth grade, will include breakfast with "springtime friends," arts and crafts, games and other activities.

The cost is \$12 per child, which includes supplies and breakfast. Children attending the event must bring a sack lunch.

Pre-registration is required and may be made by contacting Kristi Angle-Crawford at 395-7777, ext. 2132.



Nontraditional careers

Above, fifth-graders at East Richland Elementary School complete Career Interest Inventories. OCC Special Populations Coordinator Joyce Nix and Single Parent Program Director Andi Pampe received a grant through the Nontraditional Occupations Look Project to sponsor the program. At right, Nix and Pampe also presented a Parent Workshop. Parents had the opportunity to complete career assessments and to learn more about nontraditional careers.



Scholarships available

The following scholarships are available for the 2005-2006 school year.

If you have questions about financial aid, contact Vicki Stuckey at 395-7777, ext. 2008.

Independent Accountants Association of Illinois Foundation Scholarship

The Independent Accountants Association of Illinois Scholarship Foundation will present three, \$1,000 awards to residential college students throughout the state of Illinois who are attending an Illinois college and pursuing a career in the field of accounting.

See the Financial Aid Office for an application.

The deadline to apply is June 30.

Nursing Education Scholarship Program

Applications are being accepted for the 2005-2006 Nursing Education Scholarship (Department of Public Health).

The goal of the Nursing Education Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois by offering scholarships to overcome financial barriers to education. The program provides financial assistance to qualified individuals pursuing a degree in nursing.

See the Financial Aid Office for an application.

The deadline to apply is May 31.

Illinois Community College Faculty Association Scholarship

The Illinois Community College Faculty Association will be awarding five, \$1,000 scholarships to students attending Illinois community colleges during the 2005-2006 academic year.

See the Financial Aid Office for an application and guidelines.

The deadline to apply is Aug. 1.

Campus visits

A representative from McKendree College will be at OCC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13.

A representative from Western Illinois University will be visiting OCC on Thursday, April 21.

A table will be located outside Student Services for each visitor.

Blood Drive April 18

The OCC Student Senate, Student Nurses' Association and 4-H Vanguard are sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in Rooms 112 and 113.

Those who donated blood during the Feb. 11 drive are eligible to give again.

Graduation May 13

OCC will hold its 41st Graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. May 13 in the gymnasium.

Happy Birthday To:

April

- 1 – Larry Harbaugh
- 1 – Lori Phillips-WVC
- 2 – Dennis Conley
- 5 – Carmen Allen
- 12 – Larry Gangloff
- 18 – Jim Tucker
- 21 – Tamara Fralicker-LTC
- 21 – Wilma Cummins
- 24 – Nancy Buttry-FCC
- 25 – Grace Wyatt
- 27 – Theresa Marcotte-WVC

Knightline information

Please submit information for the May Knightline to Kristi Angle-Crawford or to Deanna Ratts by noon on April 20.

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Apply for 2005-06 Financial Aid now

FAFSAs (free applications for federal student aid) are available in the Student Services Office as well as online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Take precautions when logging onto this website. Be aware that there are many websites and companies that will file your financial aid for you for a fee.

Remember the first F in FAFSA stands for free. You should avoid

anyone who is charging you a fee to file your application. Many websites are similar to the government website with little variation in the address. Don't be taken advantage of.

You must apply early to receive the most aid available to you. Please contact Vicki or Sara in the Financial Aid Office for more details.

OCC hosts annual WYSE competition

Students from 16 area high schools participated in the 27th annual academic challenge contest held at OCC on Feb. 2.

The regional contest, entitled World Wide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE), is sponsored each year by the OCC Foundation.

Division 300 schools competing this year were: Palestine, Cisne, Oblong, Clay City, Hutsonville, North Clay and West Richland.

Division 700 schools were: Robinson, Newton, Mt. Carmel, East Richland, Edwards County, Fairfield, Red Hill, Flora and Lawrenceville.

Cisne was the first-place winner in Division 300. Edwards County placed second and Palestine finished third. Newton won in Division 700, with Robinson and East Richland finishing second and third.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE SPRING SEMESTER 2005



For classes that meet MT R, M W F, MTWR, MT RF, or M WR, the final exam will be during the exam period listed for MTWRF classes.

FOR CLASSES THAT MEET

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

MTWRF 9:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 11:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 1:00 p.m.
 MTWRF 1:45 p.m./2:00 p.m./
 2:15 p.m.

Monday
MAY 9

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

T R 8:00 a.m.
 T R 9:30 a.m./10:00 a.m.
 Makeups
 T R 1:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.

Tuesday
MAY 10

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MTWRF 8:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 10:00 a.m.
 MTWRF 12:00 p.m./12:30 p.m.
 Makeups

Wednesday
MAY 11

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

T R 9:00 a.m.
 T R 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.
 T R 12:00 p.m.
 T R 2:00 p.m./2:30 p.m.

Thursday
MAY 12

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If any student has four final exams scheduled on the same day, they should see the Dean of Instruction.

EVENING CLASSES

Classes after 4 p.m. will have their final exam on the last night of the regularly scheduled session during the week of May 9 through May 12, 2005.

There will be no exceptions to this schedule unless authorized by the Dean of Instruction.