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# The Latest at the Lake



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## October is Disability Awareness Month



Almost everyone will develop physical or other disabilities at some point. We are all "temporarily able". Many disabilities, including learning disabilities, diabetes, and psychological disabilities, are invisible.

Depending on how disability is defined, between 15 and 20 percent of U.S. Citizens have some limitation due to a disability-between 38 and 52 million people.

### Why Celebrate It?

- To learn about an important group that is struggling for full inclusion in U.S. society.
- To understand why laws were created to protect people with disabilities, and how they work.
- To appreciate the great and small contributions people with disabilities make to our society.
- To help improve attitudes and eliminate stereotypes that hold back people with disabilities.
- To learn to separate people from their disabilities, so accomplishments are recognized without an inappropriate focus on disability.
- To recognize that we are all just a heartbeat away from becoming disabled through illness or accidents.

### What Can I Do?

- Learn about different disabilities and how they affect people differently: read, ask questions, and respect differences.
- Support the efforts of people with disabilities to lead full lives, work at rewarding jobs, and participate in all aspects of life.
- Correct and challenge stereotypes and slurs in media, advertising, and everyday conversation.
- Support local groups working for diverse multicultural institutions.
- Volunteer in college classes as a note taker, tutor, or reader for a student with a disability.

*“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”*

*-Psalm 95:6-7*

## Halloween Safety

Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real "trick" to making Halloween a real treat for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes. Many communities officially designate a "Beggars' Night" and assign specific hours for trick-or-treat activities.

Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

### Motorists

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

### Parents

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

### Costume Safety

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

### Face Design

- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.
- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
- If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

### Treats

To ensure a safe trick-or-treat outing, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

Submitted by: Denise Gillespie

Taken from:

#### **National Safety Council**

A Membership Organization Dedicated to  
Protecting Life and Promoting Health



## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Submissions must include the author's full name and phone number. Phone numbers are not published. Photo returns are NOT guaranteed. Faculty and staff members should include their title and department. Space is reserved (with a 150 word limit per item) for recognized student organizations. Such submissions should include the name of the organization.

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### More on Service-Learning.....

Service-learning, which is applying what you learn in the classroom to needs in the community, may seem like something for "the other guy" in your class. You may think it is for the noble, those with extra time, or the wealthy...but not for you. However, it is for you and you do have time. While servicing on a project that is related with your course work, you are applying what you learn so you will remember it better and longer. You will see how all that apparently "worthless stuff" we professors make you learn isn't so esoteric!

But service-learning is more than application of course work in a useful way to the community. It also helps with taking the first steps to becoming involved, to feel the reward of giving and making things better. Service-learning gives you opportunities by which you can identify and connect about worthy issues. If you don't have issues on which you feel passionate, service-learning experiences may find hidden interests and passions that you never thought were a part of you. You will "...cross the threshold from passivity to participation, make (y)our voice heard and make (y)our actions count, and re-awaken and sustain (y)our faith in the future" (1). Without any previous experience, getting involved may seem daunting, and thus, this is a safe way to enter into uncharted territories of becoming involved.

When sensitized to environmental wrong-doings in his third grade class, Adam gathered 500 signatures on a Sierra Club petition. Sixteen years later he became Sierra Club's youngest-ever national president because of his accomplishments and passion. An example of service-learning before it became wide-spread; ordinary people taking little steps, eventually leading to great things.

Debby Tennyson

Endowed Professor of Service-Learning and  
Civic Engagement

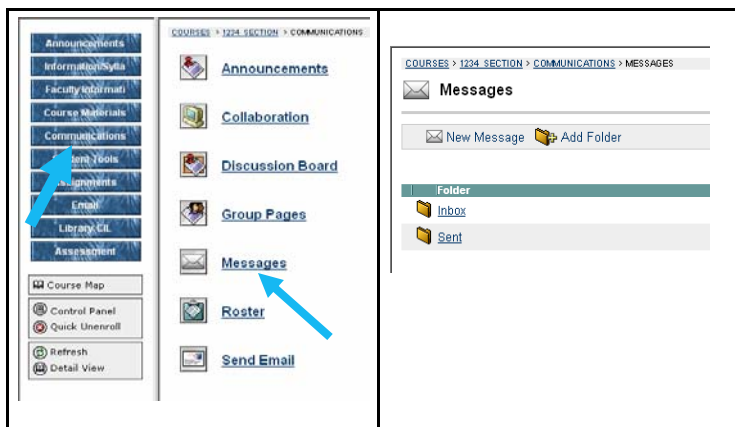


(1) P. R. Loeb (1999). *Soul of a Citizen*. NY: St. Martin's Griffin, pg 11.

# STUDENT AWARENESS:

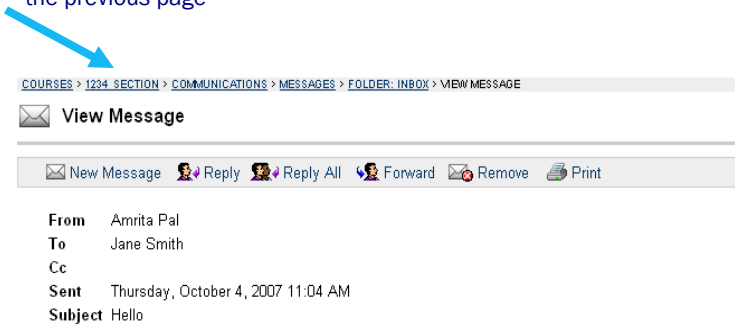
## Messages Tool in Blackboard

The Messages tool in Blackboard gives each course and section a private area for communication. Note – Messages cannot be sent or received outside of the users in the course and/or section. Messages sent from this area are delivered to the Inbox of the recipient enrolled in the same course/section in Blackboard as the sender of the message.



To send a message, select New Message in the Inbox area. Select the recipients, give the message a subject and type in the message. Click Submit to send the message. The message will be delivered to the Inbox area of the recipient/s in the relevant course/section. Messages sent by the user to other users in the course/section are saved in the Sent folder. To add a folder, click Add Folder. Users can reply, forward, remove or print the message using the appropriate buttons.

Tip - Use the [breadcrumb link](#) on the top of the page to navigate to the previous page



Body of message goes here.

Submitted by - Amrita Pal – Technology and E-Resource Coordinator.



## GRADUATION PREP DAYS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 12PM-4PM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 9AM-1PM  
CONFERENCE HALL  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
7434 PERKINS ROAD

### Graduation Photos:

Fee of \$25 due at time of picture. Includes small package and sitting fee.  
Payable to Spencer Studios.

### Announcements:

A representative will assist you in ordering invitations/ announcements for your family and friends. Fee based on amount ordered and due at time of order. Payable to Balfour.

### Caps and Gowns:

Order your cap and gown. No fee, part of Graduation Fees.

### Diplomas:

*Let us know how you want your name printed on your diploma. If you have gotten married, divorced, etc., please bring proof so you can change your name with the Registrar's Office. Without proof, your name will be printed on your diploma as it is in our Student System. No fee, part of Graduation Fees.*

### Intent to Graduate Form:

Make sure the Intent to Graduate Form has been turned in to the Registrar's Office A.S.A.P. so you are included on the official Graduate Listing. If you need a form, contact the Registrar's Office.

### Exit Interview:

*It is a federal requirement upon graduation to complete the exit interview. A representative from Financial Aid will be available to answer any question you have, to assist you, and to explain the importance of this final step.*

### Career Services:

Information about Resume Writing, Interview Preparation and OLOLC Job Fair will be available.

For more information, contact:

Katrina Redmond @

768-1729 or [katrina.redmond@ololcollege.edu](mailto:katrina.redmond@ololcollege.edu)

## The Origins of Halloween

by Dr. Francis W. Vanderwall

Beginning with the Christianization of the pagan Roman Empire pagan feast days routinely were replaced with Christian ones. This tradition was maintained as Christianity spread north. With the conversion of the Celts, the Irish *Samhain* festival, representing the fire festival, commemorating the start of the winter or dark half of the year, became All Saint's Day, November 1. Since the Celts, like most ancient cultures, started every day at sunset of the night before *Samhain* became the evening of "All Hallows" - (hallowed=holy=saint). This was eventually contracted into Hallow-e'en or All Saints Eve.

Many important mythological events were said to have occurred that day. They had to do with the temporary victory of the forces of darkness over the forces of light signaling the beginning of the cold and dark half of the year.

For the Celts Oct 31-Nov.2 was a time of no time, when order and structure were abolished, and chaos ruled. People did crazy things, men dressed as women, women dressed as men, children would knock on neighbors doors for food and treats, and occasionally people's property would be vandalized.

Behind this apparent lunacy remains a deeper meaning. For the Druids these three days were the time when the veils between this world and the next were drawn aside so that contact with the dead became possible. This was essential for the living since the dead were seen as guides and sources of inspiration. They were definitely not seen as sources of fear or dread. The dead were honored and feasted not as the dead but as the living spirits of loved ones, the guardians of the wisdom of the tribe.

The Church blessed this practice, not being able to eradicate it, by turning this festival into Hallow'en or All Hallows eve (Oct.31); All Saint's Day (Nov.1) and All Soul's day (Nov.2). The festival clearly illustrates Western Christianity building on pagan foundations in Christianizing Europe.

## MISSION MOMENTS

THE MISSION EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE IS SPONSORING THE MISSION MOMENTS COLUMN IN THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER. WE ASK YOUR HELP - STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF - IN PROVIDING THE NEWSLETTER STAFF WITH MOMENTS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED OR OBSERVED WHERE THE COLLEGE MISSION IS BEING INTEGRATED/DISPLAYED IN OUR EVERYDAY COLLEGE LIFE. PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR MISSION MOMENT TO BRITTANY WIEBELT, SECRETARY, STUDENT SERVICES AT: [BRITTANY.WIEBELT@OLOLCOLLEGE.EDU](mailto:BRITTANY.WIEBELT@OLOLCOLLEGE.EDU)



### AN EXAMPLE OF A MISSION MOMENT IS:

Prayer and Meditation  
Our Lady of the Lake College is sponsoring  
Weekly Prayer and Meditation  
Dr. Francis Vanderwall will lead the group.

Every Friday, 12:00 Noon - 12:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Lake College Library Conference Room  
Library Building - 5329 Didesse Drive

### THE COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

INSPIRED BY THE VISION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND IN THE TRADITION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
WE EXTEND THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST TO GOD'S PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST IN NEED.

WE CALL FORTH ALL WHO SERVE IN THIS HEALTHCARE MINISTRY, TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS TO CREATE A SPIRIT OF HEALING ----- WITH REVERENCE AND LOVE FOR ALL OF LIFE, WITH JOYFULNESS OF SPIRIT, AND WITH HUMILITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL THOSE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE.

WE ARE, WITH GOD'S HELP, A HEALING AND SPIRITUAL PRESENCE FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE.

## STUDENT SERVICES:

Friday, October 26, 2007

1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Our Lady of the Lake

# College Job Fair

Health Sciences Building, 7443 Picardy Ave.



**Over 40 Employers!!!**

Bring your resume and meet employers from Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas plus other companies around the Country.

Sharon W. Walker, LPC, NCC, MCC, MA  
Swalke02@ololcollege.edu

## Our Lady of the Lake Tutor Lab Hours

Having trouble with a Class?

To make an appointment for Tutoring, call  
Student Services at 490-1620



Monday– Thursday  
8am-8pm

Friday  
8am-4pm

Saturday  
11am-3pm

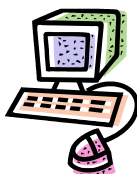
Sunday  
1-5pm

## Response to Suggestions:

**Wireless access not working:** In recent weeks the College's information technology services have been moved organizationally to be the responsibility of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (FMOL) Health System Information Services department. Issues such as the availability of open access to the Internet, Blackboard and other services will be addressed by the Health System's IS department.

### Availability of registration, tuition and fee payment and balances through the Web:

College personnel are working feverously to complete the implementation of the new student information system which will allow for Web registration and other Web-based student services. This type of implementation is usually a two-year process but we are trying to do it in 18 months. If all goes well, with the help of the Health Systems IS department, the College will be fully functioning on the new system in the Fall of 2008.



**New computers in Arts and Science lab overhead glare problem:** The College is exploring with the vendor of the new desks a solution for this problem that affects some students.

James B. Davis, Ph. D.

### Book Voucher Suggestion

The College is working with Chimes Bookstore to have books available as early as possible before the start of the semester. To avoid issuing multiple vouchers to the same student, the Business Office has issued vouchers one week before the start of classes. The Business Office will issue vouchers two weeks before the start of Spring 2008 classes and evaluate the number of vouchers.



Leon Mathes

## Want to have your voice heard?

**Please submit all suggestions  
on the suggestion box located on the  
bottom of the OLOL College homepage.**

### Suggestion Box

We invite all members of the campus community to offer suggestions for improved customer service and satisfaction at OLOL College.



## Library News You Can Use

By Kevin Baggett

Did you know the Library's hours have changed? Well, they have!

### The new hours are:

Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 11:00pm

Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm

Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday 2:00pm to 10:00pm

Did you know the Library's website has changed? Well, it has!

### Check it out:

<http://www.ololcollege.edu/LRC/LRC.htm>

The website was changed for aesthetic purposes and to allow for easier browsing by students. The biggest change that students need to be aware of is how to access Library e-resources from off campus. Just click on the link "DATABASES" and follow the prompts to sign in using your e-mail username and password.

Students should also take notice of the new layout of the databases in this link. The databases are now listed by platform or individual title- EBSCO, LexisNexis, ProQuest, PubMed, Medline Plus, and World Cat. LexisNexis is a recent addition to the Library's list of databases and it is a leading provider of comprehensive information to professionals and students in a variety of areas. Another new addition is Nursing & Allied Health Source found in the ProQuest platform.

Other new additions to the Library website include a list of useful links, links to other libraries in the area, and a quick reference guide. A comprehensive set of subject guides in OLOL College disciplines will be coming soon so keep an eye out for that.



## OLOL College Brag Corner:

### PTA Students Volunteer for Wheelchair Tennis Fundraiser



On September 14, 2007 the PTA Program class of 2008 volunteered to assist the Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Association with their jambalaya fundraiser. The 24 students Volunteered their time and energy to assemble and deliver over 150 jambalaya dinners to various businesses around the Baton Rouge area. The money raised will be used to fund tennislessons and tournaments for wheelchair tennis players. The volunteer experience was very rewarding for the students and provided an opportunity to contribute to the needs of others.

### Skills Fair

The School of Nursing held a Skills Fair for all returning ASN students on Friday August 18. Thirteen skills station were set up in the Nursing Skills Lab and students were able to rotate through the stations and perform various skills that had been previously learned. Students voiced that they felt more confident in their skills after attending the fair. The glowing comments echoed by many, indicate that we are off to a great school year.



During the Skills Fair, faculty and students alike had a huge surprise. Noelle, the recently purchased birthing simulator gave birth to a little boy. No

one in the room had realized that Noelle's delivery was imminent. Luckily, Annette Knoblach, OB instructor and faculty member Paulette Johnson were near to assist. Noelle and baby are doing fine. The School of Nursing hopes to have many more deliveries in the Skills Lab.

Submitted by:

Mary Pat Thevenot, MSN, RN



Dr. Michael Dreznick, Assistant Professor of Psychology in the School of Arts and Sciences, will make two presentations – a poster and a Participant Idea Exchange – at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) conference. The conference will take place at The TradeWinds Island Grand Hotel in St. Pete Beach, Florida, from January 3-6, 2008. The poster is titled *Deception in Intimate Relationships: Modeling the Research Process*. In this poster, I will describe how I chart the progress of my research on deception and use it as a teaching tool in my Research Methods class. My students can model my progress throughout the course as they work on their own research projects. The Participant Idea Exchange is titled *Creating "Developmentally Appropriate" Writing Assignments*. For this presentation, I will lead a group discussion that will describe how Dr. Marion Cahill and I created writing assignments, of increasing complexity, to gradually guide students through all four levels of undergraduate coursework. I will describe these assignments in detail, discuss our progress with them, and solicit ideas for refining them for the future.



Pictured is Tiffany Blount who was recently elected to serve as Secretary for the American College of Healthcare Executives student organization at the College. Tiffany is a junior in the Health Service Administration program and is considering a career in Human Resources.

KUDOS to Valerie Schluter for her editorial work in *Professional Nursing: Concepts and Challenges* by Chitty and Black.  
- Desley Washington

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

One of our respiratory therapy students, Jamie Vu, is having an article published in the next edition of *Focus for Respiratory Care and Sleep Medicine*. The article is entitled "The Right to Die in the Pediatric Population". We are very proud of her achievement.

### Way to Go Nursing Faculty!!!

At the Lamaze International Conference (September 9, 2007), Jane Salvage presented the study concerning perinatal mood changes and alternative therapies. **That presentation won the 2007 award.**

As part of the team of investigators, "Perinatal Nurse in Uncertain Times: The Katrina Effect", Jane Savage, Gloria Giarratano, and Susie Orlando have been selected to present at the AWHONN National conference in LA next June.

On October 1, 2007, several nursing faculty were honored at the OLOLRMC employee luncheon to celebrate their years of service and dedication. Congratulations to: Scellita Bonds-30 years, Kim Hurst-20 years, Tanya Romanowski- 10 years, Mary Pat Thevenot-15 years, and LaTonya Dorsey-10 years. Congratulations and thanks to all of you.



## Student Spotlight



### Deidra Robey's Blog Helps Missing Black Women

This past July, Deidra started a blog at <http://blackandmissing.blogspot.com>. Everyday she spends some time gathering information about black women and girls who have gone missing. Currently Deidra's blog lists over 200 missing females. Deidra goes to state and local police sites as well as local and national media for information about the women—which she then compiles into her blog. To her surprise she has built a following . . . approximately 2000 people visit her blog every day.

Deidra has been surprised and thrilled by the response. She was recently interviewed by a reporter from The State, a large newspaper out of Columbia, South Carolina, for a piece about the use of the internet to publicize the plight of missing black women. Deidra was also featured as a guest writer on CrimeSceneblog.com, one of the leading crime blogs in the US. In addition, her blog has been mentioned on National Public Radio, and she has been requested to write for other sites in the online community who are interested in publicizing the individual cases of these women. Deidra's hope is that by spreading the word, these women can be found.

Deidra is a first year bachelor degree student in the Health Service Administration program here at OLOL College. She is a native of Baton Rouge and graduated from Baton Rouge Magnet High School. She says that she first decided to do this blog after reading about the missing woman, Stepha Henry. After realizing that Stepha had been missing for over a month, she decided to do her own research and was surprised to find only a few blog articles and an out-of-date America's Most Wanted profile.

Deidra believes that more needs to be done about educating women about their safety. She would welcome interest on the OLOL College campus for personal safety classes. Her email is [mzdeidra@hotmail.com](mailto:mzdeidra@hotmail.com) for anyone who is interested in helping organize something on campus or to help with gathering information for the blog.

"I just want people to know that it only takes one person with a lot of determination to make something happen. I've heard this over and over again in my life and I truly believe it. Pretty soon, that one person you helped will turn into several people that you helped and maybe hundreds and thousands."

-- Denise Crowe, Information Services

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Angela Frasca**

**Winner of the Movie Tickets  
for Registering to:**



**Guest Speaker**

**LSU Health Sciences Center  
will make a presentation about the Role of  
Public Health in the 21st Century**

**November 13th from 11:30-12:30 in Health Sciences**

**Information will also be given  
about the LSU Master's Program to  
prospective OLOLC students**

# Franciscan FUNdamentals:

## FUN FACTS ABOUT OLOL COLLEGE

### Student email accounts:

As many of you may have noticed, your student email account has recently increased in size. Each student's email storage allotment has increased from 40 megs to a generous 250 megs. This means that you have additional space to store your emails. On the other hand, we still strongly encourage you to clean out your email box periodically and delete unnecessary email. (Contact the Academic Computing Department at 214-1947 if you would like to learn how to set up a PST file on your home computer for old email storage.) This added email storage space was made possible by your student technology fee.

### Fall enrollment numbers are up:

Our Lady of the Lake College is happy to report that total enrollment numbers are up for the Fall of 2007. Undergraduate student enrollment is 1936 and Graduate student enrollment is 150. The greatest increase in OLOLC numbers are due to growth in our recently implemented graduate programs. Students in the graduate programs have increased 27% since the Spring semester. The graduate programs currently offered are Master of Science Degrees for Nurse Anesthetist, Nursing (Administration) and Nursing (Education) and a Master of Medical Science Degree for Physician Associate.

In addition, we have two new undergraduate programs starting up. The first is an accelerated Nursing ASN degree program starting October 1st in Baton Rouge. The second is an accelerated Nursing ASN degree program starting January, 2008 in the West Jefferson Hospital in Marrero.

### Online Student Surveys:

In the past, the end of each semester found students with No. 2 pencils filling in bubble forms about the strengths and weaknesses of their courses and instructors. At the end of the Fall 2007 semester, however, students will be sitting at their computer terminals, clicking through online surveys.

These online student surveys will be an improvement for many reasons. First, they will be customized to the particular course being surveyed. Secondly -- and better yet for the student -- they will take less time to fill out. Additionally, deans and faculty will gain quicker access to the data compiled by the online surveys. These new online student surveys will be a huge advantage to both student and faculty alike.

- Denise Crowe, Information Services

### Computer Discounts

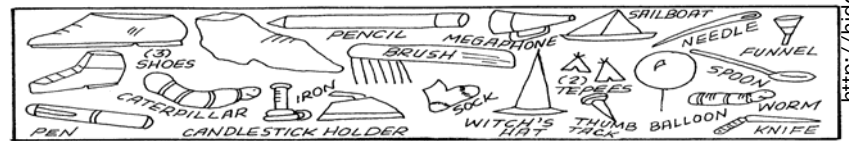
#### Tip of the Day:

Check the OLOL College home page periodically for a link to discount coupons for Dell computer products and other technology discounts.

-- Denise Crowe, Information Services



Can you find the Hidden Pictures?



http://hiddenpicturepuzzles.com/print

## Sudoku Challenge

### How to Play:

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1-9. No number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution.

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# OLOL College Calendar



## October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 SGA Meeting 3:30PM Admin Conf.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 SGA Student Forum 3:30 PM Admin. Conf.	24	25	26 Job Fair Health Sciences 1-3	27
28	29	30	31 Boo!!! 			

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