



# O.I.L. Reporter

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## ***J. Edgar Splits Viewers***

**By. J. Dorsey (ORU)**

Friday Night, O.I.L. delegations came together at Penn Square 10 Theater to take in the classic pastime of American cinema. The film that a slight majority of us viewed, J. Edgar, was directed by Clint Eastwood and script by Dustin Lance Black. As groups left the theater discussing the film, the overheard response from the students that viewed the film was mixed. After further research, some viewed this film as heavy on the gay agenda, some viewed it as an intimate view into the fragile private life of one of 20<sup>th</sup> America's most powerful figures. The film focuses on the 48- year tenure of J. Edgar Hoover in the F. B. I. from the Red Scare of 1919 thru Nixon's Inauguration, as well as a view into his private life as a closeted, gay man and his alleged relationship with Associate Director, Clyde Tolson.

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## ***Education Bill Passes Both Chambers*** **By A. Chase (OSU)**

Most delegates, by now, are tired. The Senate, however, defied the Saturday slump and passed house bill, OU-503, which covered a sensitive issue. The subject was also close to two specific delegates. Akash Patel, a representative from the University of Oklahoma, wrote the Education for All Act.

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## **O. I. L. Sudoku**

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## ***Activity Pass Offers Socialization***

**By M. Grady (NSU)**

Most outsiders would think that after an entire day of long, hard, intense debate, political maneuvering and lack of proper nutrition, that delegates from Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature would eat and then go to bed at a reasonable time upon arrival at the hotel. However, most OIL delegates are blessed with an inherent ability to run off of sheer will power. When the debate ends, socialization begins. This semester and last semester the activity passes have been consistent and seemed to please delegates.

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(Activity Pass, continued) The activity pass helps cover the dinner provided in the evenings, as well as Laser Quest, a new addition last semester, a welcome social, a movie pass and the Governors Ball. Prior to last semester, the activity pass changed frequently. Three semesters ago bowling and rock-climbing were unpopular events, with lackluster attendance. “It is really convenient to have meals and it helps provide an environment where we socialize with everyone in the organization and venture out of our respective delegations,” said Representative Alexandria Meyer, Oklahoma State University junior and a 1 star. “I really like Laser Quest but the movie night isn't social enough and I wish we could have an activity to mingle in.” The value of activity passes lays in networking and interacting with people from different delegations. While the political process is obviously one way to hook delegates into returning, many delegates return because of the bonds they form with delegates from other universities. The percentage of delegates who purchased activity passes this semester is the highest in a while, according to Representative Anna Facci, Oklahoma State University senior and 3 star. “Consistency is different between the flow of events, the venues seem more inclusive and focused on team building,” said Representative Tim Rice, Southern Nazarene University junior and a three star. “The rock-climbing and bowling seemed to have no focus on team building.”

### ***House Freshman Bill***

**By K. Good (ORU)**

The House Freshman Bill for this session was House Bill No. RSU-501 by Rep. Katie James; the bill was appropriately titled “Triple A.” The bill dealt with eliminating affirmative action “in regards to public employment, public education, or public contracting.” It also repealed any laws that mandate the use of affirmative action by any “organizations receiving funds from the state of Oklahoma.” The bill received four friendly amendments. The amendments specified that ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity be added to the list of protected categories of people. The fourth amendment stated that the protected categories were not limited to the listed ones. Rep. Hughes chaired the proceedings with the assistance of Speaker Bender, and later, Speaker Emeritus Rogers. The amendments were controversial, and the debate was passionate. This bill brought out many different opinions of how America should approach the issue of race among other related issues. After over three hours of legislating, Triple-A did not pass. Many of the on-looking veteran delegates were felt sorry for Rep. James’ when her bill failed, but many were just happy that the freshman bill was finally concluded.

(Bill Passes, continued) The bill allowed undocumented students to have access to higher education in Oklahoma, lets them apply for instate tuition and apply for merit and need-based scholarships. Patel came to America with his family at the age of two. Since then, he has been working on obtaining his citizenship. At the age of 18, he finally received his green card. It was 16 years after he reached America. "If I hadn't gotten my green card when I had gotten it, then I would not have been able to apply for college," Patel said. "I would have been stuck. I was lucky to even go to high school." Patel's bill passed through the House of Representatives on Friday night. Before it could pass, though, it received eight amendments. In the senate, it received nine more amendments and rigorous debate. There were debates on both sides. However, the majority favored the bill's passing. One student was Senator Lozano, who also has personal reasons for supporting the bill. "I am not necessarily illegal, but I have a lot of family that is," Lozano said. "I feel that it is important for people to see that there are so many students that are waiting for an application to go to school. Who are we to say that they do not have the same opportunities that we do? This bill allows students to be able to do something with their lives." The bill finally passed the Senate, with a tally of 21 to 4, with 1 in the affirmative. One senator, Alyssa Zimmerman, described the atmosphere. "Frenzy," she said. "It was a controversial issue." Some senators who were against the bill felt that the wrong problem was targeted. One senator, who wished to remain anonymous, felt that education was "the symptom to a larger issue." Patel, however, was pleased with the

outcome. "I'm really glad to see people are as interested as they are," Patel said." The system is not efficient and we need to fix it. They (the senators) actually seem to care."

### ***Moot Court Update***

#### **By J. Dorsey (ORU)**

Yesterday, the Moot Court made its first cut trimming the list of competitors from nine counselors to six. Competitor argued the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights of a law professor who was a member of the Birther movement and moderated a chatroom which harbored threats against threats against the president. The final round takes place today in the Senate conference rooms. The case that competitors had to argue was hypothetical but based off of an actual case. Counselors were set up to petition or respond on the behalf of a law professor, Chester Comerford, who was an active member of the Birther movement and also aided and abetted threats toward the president of the United States. "Being petitioner made it hard for me in this case," Said Counselor Jazmine Cotton of ORU, "most of the cases that we were given were easier for the respondent." Continuing on her experience after being cut she said, "I'm content in the fact that I did a better job this time, yet it's bittersweet." Counselor Joe Jackson, a zero star also from ORU who is in the semi-final round today said last night, "I'm just one of those people who have been in these types of competitions so I'm not easily surprised, I strive to do my best and hope that it's good enough for the judges." Jackson is also in the semi-final spotlight with Counselors Campbell, Monahan, and Bourne of OSU.

(J. Edgar, continued) The film simply examined the rumored relationship between Hoover and his second in command. I observed that as the group from our auditorium filed out of the theatre, comments ranging from innocent questions such as, "I didn't know J. Edgar was gay?" or non-differential statements like, "It was okay." to off color jokes. I asked around on opinions of the film, while "It was interesting; Clint Eastwood used a different style and I don't expect anything less from him. It had great dialogue, but it was too moody and dark, which I wasn't necessarily

prepared for ...the homosexual storyline was a little too pushy on the gay agenda and seemingly in question [with history]," said Joe Jackson of ORU's delegation. However, Gov. Shane Williams, offered this, "I thought the movie was a great representation of the strength and struggles that defined the life of the single most important government official of the 20<sup>th</sup> century." Overall, J. Edgar had O.I.L. viewers leaving with mixed final decisions as well as the rest of the country, receiving a 49 % Rotten vote on RottenTomatoes.com.

### **Strange Oklahoma Laws**

- Whaling is illegal.
- People who make "ugly faces" at dogs may be fined and/or jailed.
- Oral sex is a misdemeanor and is punishable by one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.
- It is illegal to wear your boots to bed.
- Dogs must have a permit signed by the mayor in order to congregate in groups of three or more on private property.

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