MLB Catcher Brent Mayne to Speak January 30th

Free Program Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Former major league catcher Brent Mayne will share his story about how a kid from the playgrounds of Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa High School, OCC and Cal State Fullerton played in the big leagues for 15 years in a free Friends of the Library program on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gym Foyer.

Mayne will brush upon work ethic, luck and what it takes to make it to the top. There will be plenty of time for questions, and Brent will also sign his new book, The Art of Catching, which will be available for sale.

Brent was a major league catcher from 1989 to 2004. He played most of his career with the Kansas City Royals, but also spent time with the Mets, A’s, Giants, Rockies, Diamondbacks and Dodgers.

He ranks 75th in the history of baseball with 1,143 pro games caught, and his .993 career fielding percentage is 4th all-time. Brent also has the distinction of being the only catcher in the 20th century to have won a game as a pitcher. He also caught Bret Saberhagen’s no-hitter in 1991.

Brent attended Orange Coast College in 1987 and played baseball for his father Mike Mayne, who coached baseball at OCC for 15 years. Brent was inducted into OCC’s Hall of Fame in 2006. After one year at OCC, he became an All-American at Cal State Fullerton and was drafted in the first round (13th pick overall) of the 1989 draft.

In retirement, Brent has gone on to serve on the board of directors of the Braille Institute and the Center for Hope and Healing. He is the author of a book titled “The Art of Catching” and creator of a website/blog at www.brentmayne.com.

Brent’s father, Mike, coached the Pirates to a record of 400-188-6. His OCC baseball team won five South Coast Conference Championships, two Orange Empire Conference Championships and the California State Community College Championship in 1980.

Mike was the conference coach of the year eight times and the National Community College Coach of the Year in 1980. He was inducted into the California Community College Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

Following his retirement from OCC, Mike was pitching coach for the Fresno State Bulldogs and helped the Bulldogs win the College World Series in 2008.

325% Increase in Annual Library Visits

Since the new building opened in February 2008, OCC’s Library has experienced an amazing jump in use by students, faculty, staff and the community.

Dean of Library and Media Services Sheri Sterner tallied some telling statistics while she was preparing for the Library’s program review.

Comprehensive data collected shows:

- 325% increase in usage for the first full academic year (2008-2009) compared to the last full year (2006-2007) in the old facility;
- 115% increase in gate counts during the first complete semester in the new building;
- 68% increase in gate counts from Spring 2008 to Spring 2009 and another 25% jump in the first three weeks of Fall 2009;
- In 2008-2009 total Library visits were 569,435, compared to 134,158 in 2006-2007;
- Students checked out 39,846 books from the Library textbook collection, an increase of 163% over 2006-2007.
Banff Action Films Screen March 24

Orange Coast College will host the “best of the best” from the 34th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival on Wednesday, March 24. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the OCC R.B. Moore Theatre.

The BMFF World Tour features an international selection of films that present a wide range of outdoor adventures and portraits, including climbing, mountain expeditions, remote cultures and the world’s last great wild places.

A featured short film will be the U.S. production, “Revolution One.” This film takes a look into the history, people and places that have defined the rapidly emerging sport of off-road unicycling. Follow world champion unicyclists Kris Holm and Dan Heaton as they display riding that has blown the minds of viewers worldwide.

Advance sale tickets are $9 at the OCC Bursar’s Office. Tickets can be ordered by phone at (714) 432-5880, ext. 1, or online at occtickets.com. Tickets will be $10 at the door. OCC students can purchase tickets for $5. For ticket information, call (714) 432-5880. For general information, call (714) 432-0202 x21058. Proceeds will benefit OCC Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library President’s Message

As we begin 2010, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a happy and healthy year forward.

One of the purposes of our Friends organization is to support the OCC Library. I would like to relate to you one of the ways we did so last semester.

Annually we receive a “wish list” from the librarians requesting funding for items that could not be provided for in their regular budget such as books for the Best Sellers shelf, audio books and media items. Last spring we voted once again to fund these requests. But as the summer wore on, word was coming down that the budget belt was tightening even more than expected.

In mid-August the Library Dean, Sheri Sterner, emailed an emergency request to me. The cuts were going quite deep, and the Library was going to have to cancel weekend hours. As you probably know, most students juggle their time between classes, and part-time or full-time work. They must squeeze in studying and research time where they can. So Sheri was requesting funding to keep the Library open for four hours on Saturdays.

I forwarded her request in an email to the members of our Executive Board. Our emails flew back and forth, and everyone quickly weighed in and unanimously granted her request. Because of this Board’s commitment, the Library was able to start the fall semester with its doors open on Saturdays.

I would like to publicly thank all our Board members for stepping up to the plate and doing what needed to be done. Ultimately, in November, the OCC Associated Students voted to fund the Saturday hours and reimburse us, but back in August we were able to keep the Library doors open when there were no other alternatives.

I am relating this action of our Board because this is where your money goes when you support us. By becoming a member of the Friends, attending our programs and events, even donating used books – these are the ways you can support us, which then allows us to support the Library.

As we look to the future, budget tightening will likely become the norm. Our Friends organization will probably be asked to provide additional help. It is why we exist...for the Library and the students it serves. I truly appreciate your past support and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Claudia Ackley, FOTL President
FOTL Programs for Spring 2010

The Art of Catching
Saturday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Brent Mayne, author
and former MLB and OCC catcher
Admission free

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Location: OCC Gymnasium Foyer
RSVP to (714) 432-5087

Exploring the Splendors of Greece
Monday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m.
Presented by Irini Vallera Rickerson, OCC Professor of Art History

Join Professor Rickerson, as she takes us on a fascinating journey of archeological sites in Greece. As a native of Athens, she has a wealth of knowledge of her homeland. She will cover such well-known sites as Olympia where the Olympic games began, Delphi famous for its oracle, the island of Santorini with its amazingly well-preserved houses and frescoes, Pella with its remarkable pebble mosaics, and more. Join us as Irini transports us to this magnificently beautiful Mediterranean nation.

Location: Lido Isle Clubhouse,
701 Via Lido Soud, Lido Isle, N.B.
No donations of used books at this program.

Rock & Roll and OCC Through the Decades
Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.
Presented by Joe Poshek, Dean of the Visual & Performing Arts Division

Take a social and musical journey through the seven decades at Orange Coast College and the corresponding changes in music, culture and style. Beginning with 1947, we will explore the OCC scene decade-by-decade, along with the corresponding popular music trends. Particular note will be made of the evolving fashion and stylistic trends of the OCC student and its particular connection to the revolution of rock music of the same era. Joe Poshek’s musical career began with his first paying gig as a rock guitarist in 1969, when he performed an eclectic mix of such rock standards as Gloria, Wipeout, Sunshine of Your Love and In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida. He presently is dean of the Division of Visual and Performing Arts at Orange Coast College and teaches History of Rock to more than 300 OCC students each year.

Orange Coast College Library,
2701 Fairview Road, C.M.
Donations of used books happily accepted.

Donation: $5 at the door -
FOTL and LIWC Members,
OCC Students Free
RSVP to (714) 432-5087

Great Used Books at Incredible Prices!
The Friends of the Library will host their Spring Book Sale on Wednesday, April 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Library patio.

Friends of the Library members are invited to a special pre-sale starting 9:00 a.m. before the event is open to the public. Anyone may join the Friends of the Library prior to the book sale to take advantage of the one hour “pre-sale” exclusive for Friends members.

A variety of books will be available from bestsellers, romance, and mysteries to science, art, history and computers. Most books sell for $1. The sale will culminate with a “dollar-a-bag” sale starting at 2:00 p.m.

Metered parking will be available in Lot E (take Merrimac Way to the southwest corner of campus). Please call (714) 432-0202 x21058 for further details. Free parking permits will be available for FOTL members.

Donate Your Gently Used Books
Friends of the Library is collecting book donations for use in the Library, the FOTL Store and for the April 28th book sale. Books can be dropped off at the OCC Library or in the OCC Foundation Office, located in the campus Administration Building. Book donors can use free 20-minute parking in the Theatre Circle adjacent to the Administration Building. The college will provide receipts verifying your donation for your records.
An Invitation to Join
the Friends of the Library

Annual dues: $20 individual, $30 couple, $5 student
Lifetime membership: $150 (includes annual parking permit)

Benefits of Membership:
• Access to OCC’s new $33 million Library, with free parking
  (pick up your day-use permit in the Library office)
• Early-bird shopping at annual spring and fall book sales
• Free admission to FOTL programs
• Volunteer opportunities
• Friends of the Library newsletter

Watch for special activities for FOTL members we are planning throughout the year!

Send your membership dues to:
Friends of the OCC Library
P.O. Box 5005, 2701 Fairview Rd., Costa Mesa, CA 92628-5005

Please make checks payable to “OCC Foundation”