Fun in the sun

OCCC students Omsun Guevara, Kris Norwood and Amir Nouri play hacky sack in the college’s enclosed courtyard, located just outside of the bursar’s office. There students will find picnic tables, perfect for relaxing or doing homework.

Investigation exposes food service issue

Carson’s Catering manager vows to fix the problem of not keeping posted hours

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C arson’s Catering manager Corrine Aguilar has promised her staff will adhere to the posted hours for breakfast and evening service after an investigation by the Pioneer showed the food service staff on campus is sometimes closing early.

Pioneer reporters monitored the hours of Carson’s Catering and Deli from March 3 until March 22.

Carson’s contract with OCCC stipulates the hours of operation.

Over a 10-day period, Carson’s opened late one day, switched from breakfast to lunch early on all 10 days, and closed early on four days.

The biggest infraction was employees ending breakfast an average of 15 minutes earlier than the 10:30 a.m. posted time.

Carson’s employees also closed the cafeteria anywhere from five to 10 minutes earlier than the posted hours four times during the 10 days.

Aguilar admits the concerns are legitimate.

Although she is on the job 10 hours a day, Aguilar said, she can’t be present during all the hours the food service is open.

She said her employees should start making the change from breakfast to lunch right at 10:30 a.m.

“I know that the lady that works there … starts cooking lunch while she is doing breakfast because we don’t have a turnaround,” Aguilar said.

“Most places, you have a small turnaround.” She cited McDonald’s as an example, where, she said, breakfast and lunch shifts often overlap.

Library offers govt’s database

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A n online database about the U.S. Supreme Court and its role in American politics recently has been added to the library’s research offerings.

Dana Tuley-Williams, systems librarian, said the database was purchased at the request of American Federal Government Professor Nate Vanden Brook, who saw the database at a conference and asked to have it at OCCC.

“Vanden Brook wanted students to understand the role of federalism and how the court system has evolved,” Tuley-Williams said. “He is using it as assignments for his classes, so the system gets used a lot, because he has a lot of students.”

Published by Congressional Quarterly Press, the database is called CQ Press Supreme Court Collection: History and Cases Shaping a Nation. It is a comprehensive database where students can search cases and justices.

This site allows students to see how the cases and justices impacted the law. Another feature allows a student to use it to find a famous case, read the text of the case, and read the commentary of the case.

“There is also a nice section on the Constitution,” Tuley-Williams said. “It explains how it has been interpreted by courts.”

The Constitution can be found under section: The Supreme Court Explained.

The CQ Press Supreme Court Collection database is a useful tool for any federal government student or anyone wanting to brush up on some American history that has escaped them, Tuley-Williams said.

“The database is free to all students because the college pays for it,” Tuley-Williams said. All students pay indirectly through a $2 per-credit-hour library fee that is included in their tuition.

When students are on campus, they can pull up the database from the library home page, but if off campus, students must sign in to use the database. The login information is the same as for the ANGEL login students have.

Tuley-Williams said the library subscribes to another database by the same government that has escaped them, Tuley-Williams said.

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Everyone loses with NFL lockout

If you’ve watched ESPN for any amount of time during the past couple of months, you know there are questions regarding the upcoming NFL season. Will it be played on time? Will there be a season at all? Will the owners use replacement players if an agreement cannot be reached in time?

Instead of finding answers for these questions, the NFL owners and players have engaged in a full-blown media war to solve the problems. For anyone who has stayed current with this story, it isn’t hard to pick a side.

Neither one is participating in productive business practices, therefore, making it an excruciatingly drawn out process.

Long story short, NFL owners and its players are in a major disagreement over the distribution of revenue. In essence, the owners want more money back while the players simply want to know why.

While these issues are sorted out and a new collective bargaining agreement put in place, the owners have locked out the players and almost all business functions within the NFL are on hold.

While the media puts its doomsday spin on the NFL lockout issue, experts and analysts agree there will be NFL football this fall, on time, as scheduled.

In the meantime, NFL bigwigs and players alike are vying for the public’s approval during the current impasse.

From formal letters from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell all the way to countless tweets from NFL players, the public is growing tired of the glorified pissing match between the two sides.

At first, the general consensus favored the players. They were considered the innocent union just trying to gain leverage or even rally a better public opinion.

Some have even resorted to name calling. Kevin Burnett, linebacker for the San Diego Chargers, said Goodell is a “blatant liar.”

Along with the posturing and refusal to get an agreement as soon as possible, the NFLPA, the owners, and even Goodell are the ones coming out on the losing side.

The NFL is the most popular sport in America, and if these politicians refuse to resolve these disagreements, the NFL could have a problem.

That isn’t even opinion. It’s a fact.

Prolonging the collective bargaining, getting in spats publicly, and using the media and fans as leverage only make the NFL look worse as each idle second of this off season ticks by.

If they’re not careful, their attempt to force fans to choose a side will only push us away, damaging a sport that is on top of its game.

-Morgan Beard
Staff Writer

School cares more about outside interests than students

To the Editor:

It seems to me every time an important function occurs at OCCC, Parking Lot D is closed off to students and faculty so politicians can shake hands with the President’s Cabinet for a PR photo op.

To me, this smacks of privilege by the school. For those who are not familiar with the concept of privilege, it’s a right, immunity, or benefit enjoyed only by a person beyond the advantages of most.

These politicians who claim to care about students or claim not to be above rolling up their sleeves to do dirty work for the community, seemingly have no problem parking their Beemers and Bentleys in temporary VIP parking that normally would be available to students and professors.

If these politicians really care about students, they would encourage the college not to make special concessions for them.

Of course, I realize they’re only parking where they’re told to park.

The problem starts at home with OCCC officials.

If only the guest speakers need a place to park to ensure they get to a scheduled function on time, maybe the college could have them park with President Paul Sechrist in the regular VIP parking circle with the other members of his cabinet.

I understand OCCC is trying to promote the college as a first-class organization.

However, it looks like during events, OCCC treats its students and professors as if they were second-class citizens when, in fact, without those students and professors, there would be no Oklahoma City Community College.

—Name Withheld
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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS | After 30 years, new wave icons still put on an excellent performance

Duran Duran satisfies fans hunger

With the release of their 13th album "All You Need Is Now," Duran Duran proved they are still the ultimate party band on March 18 by rocking the stage at Winstar Casino in Thackerville.

The visit to Thackerville was just the second stop on their world tour, which also signifies the 30th anniversary of the release of their self-titled album "Duran Duran."

The performance started with beautiful string chords that soon turned into the recognizable tune of their lead single "All You Need Is Now."

The crowd was instantly on their feet as lead singer Simon LeBon's electric energy turned the room in to an '80s dance party.

After playing several upbeat songs — new and old — the mood of the room changed as the band slowed it down with a few ballads placed toward the middle of the set list such as the 1993 hit song "Ordinary World" followed by what LeBon quoted as being the first time to perform "Mediterranea" live.

Hits such as "Wild Boys" and "Rio" were performed just before the encore.

As the band left the stage, the audience roared wildly for several long minutes before the band returned for two final songs.

The concert ended with a long rendition of "Girls on Film" in which all band members were introduced.

Perhaps the moment that got the crowd most excited was when Le-Bon gave the audience what he referred to as a "French lesson" by making them chant bass player John Taylor's signature line "Play that fucking bass, John!"

For many, 90 minutes simply wasn't long enough.

The absence of songs like "Hungry Like the Wolf" and "Save a Prayer" left some disappointed but overall, the performance was just as good, if not better than what you would hear on a recording. The band's modern sound and classy looks proved they really have stood the test of time.

The only ones possibly having more fun than the audience was the musicians themselves.

Rating: A+

—Erin Peden
Staff Writer

REVIEWS | It’s not a ‘small world’ when it comes to new Playstation 3 game

Game short, but big on replay value

"Little Big Planet 2" is an extremely strange game, though it is really fun.

Unfortunately, the main story can be played in about six hours, barring the mini-games.

The mini-games are insanely challenging most of the time, but ridiculously fun.

The main point of the game is to save the world, as is the norm for many of the games.

What happens is a psychedelic explosion of colors, sounds and disco remixes of classical orchestra music.

It’s about as interactive as Kirby’s “Epic Yarn,” though the graphics are much more realistic.

The high-definition capabilities might be wasted on bits of carpet, burlap and cardboard.

Despite the graphics engine being a little overpowered, the visuals are stunning and the different textures are done perfectly.

Collection is a huge part of the game. It’s the secondary objective of the game, really. You go and pick up bubbles with stickers, outfits, skins and accessories for your sackboy.

Character customization is another heavy point in this game. The items you collect will mostly be used to change the appearance of your character.

My personal favorite character design is a clockwork knight.

The game has room for four characters which makes the game a lot of fun for everybody. In fact, some parts of the game require up to four people to complete though they aren’t required to complete the game.

What happens is a psychedelic explosion of colors ...

—Robert Bolton
Staff Writer

Overall, the game is quirky, extremely entertaining and very challenging.

"Little Big Planet 2" only for the PlayStation 3 is rated E and will run you around $60 retail, though you might be able to get it cheaper used.

I would suggest buying this game for the replay value attached as well as everything that you can do in it.

Rating: A-

—Robert Bolton
Staff Writer

Balance leads to happiness

"Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed."

—Coretta Scott King

The predominant American culture values the future. There obviously is prudence in considering what lies ahead for us and in planning for security and happiness.

The most successful people tend to be those who can delay gratification and patiently wait for the rewards that follow their efforts.

Sometimes, however, we tend to focus so intently on our future lives that we forget to live our present life.

As we have seen time and time again, life can change in an instant. Whether by a natural disaster such as a tornado or earthquake or tsunami, a deranged person on a rampage, an accident, or an illness, lives can be lost and other changed forever.

If you are inclined to tell yourself that you’ll buy that new dress when you’ve lost 50 pounds or visit someplace new when you have more money or that you’ll slow down and enjoy life when you retire, then you may be short-changing yourself.

Life is not a destination; it’s a journey.

To be truly successful and happy, we must find balance in our lives.

Having goals is essential. Working hard to reach our goals is essential. Finding time to watch a sunrise or sunset is equally essential.

As you begin to plan for the summer, for the next semester, or for your career, make sure you build your life in such a way that you experience your moments and enjoy them.

One fine day in the future, you’ll be able to look back and enjoy them again.

—Mary Turner
Learning Support Specialist
Leadership council elects new chairman

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Kenneth Meador won the election for chairman of The Leadership Council, OCCC’s equivalent to student council, on March 20.

TLC is comprised of representatives from each campus club, plus several at-large members.

“It’s a good opportunity,” Meador said.

“I’ll do my best to serve the school because I appreciate the opportunities I’ve had here,” Meador said.

For co-chair, Cadmus Surrell might have been running unopposed but that didn’t stop him from asking for votes.

“I’m going call it a vote of confidence,” Surrell said.

Surrell served as the director of research this year.

Jorge Krzyzaniak is the new 2011 researcher. Krzyzaniak represented Advocates of Peace this year.

“I’ve always been an advocate for those who can’t be heard,” said Krzyzaniak.

Rico Smith won the election for the office of community and public relations.

“I’ll think critically about each event and how to most effectively use all the resources we have to promote the event,” Smith said.

Smith represented the Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature this year.

TLC serves as a resource for the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services and the rest of the President’s Cabinet, providing open, honest feedback about all aspects of the campus environment, according to its website.

Each club on campus has one vote. TLC meets every other Thursday in the Student Life Conference Room.

For more information or to inquire about becoming an at-large member, contact TLC sponsor Erin Logan by phone at 682-1611, ext. 7821, or by e-mail at elogan@occc.edu.

OCCC serves tacos with side of scholarships

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OCCC and Big Truck Tacos are teaming up to help students with their appetites and their futures from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 7 in parking lot D.

Students can stop by and get a taco as well as scholarship information, said Lealon Taylor, Institutional Advancement executive director, and Jennifer Harrison, Institutional Advancement development director.

Taylor and Harrison collaborated on the idea of bringing in the Oklahoma City icon Big Truck Tacos to increase awareness of the “Fund for the Future,” the college’s general scholarship fund.

“We want everyone to come by the booth and find out what sort of scholarships are available,” Taylor said.

Taylor also said 10 percent of the proceeds from sales will go to the fund.

Tacos will be $3.25, Big Truck Tacos regular price.

Big Truck Tacos is located at 530 NW 23rd Street in Oklahoma City and sells a variety of Mexican street food with a unique twist.

“Fund for the Future,” contact Taylor or Harrison at 405-682-7548 or visit OCCC’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/otriplec and Big Truck Tacos’ Facebook page at www.facebook.com/big-truck-tacos.

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CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM MAY INCONVENIENCE TAXPAYERS

New IRS laws delay tax filing for some

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The Internal Revenue Service offered taxpayers both good news and bad news this year.

The good news is those who owe taxes have three additional days to file and pay.

According to www.IRS.gov, the 2011 tax deadline has been extended to April 18.

Washington D.C. will observe Emancipation Day on April 15, a holiday celebrating the freeing of slaves.

This impacts the tax deadline in the same way federal holidays do, thus giving taxpayers the additional days to file. The bad news is that some taxpayers who are expecting refunds have to wait longer than they normally would for their money.

The IRS website www.IRS.gov shows that tax law changes enacted by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama back in December had some people waiting until mid- to late February to file their tax returns in order to give the IRS time to reprogram its processing systems.

According to the IRS website, some taxpayers were impacted by several tax provisions that expired at the end of 2009 and were renewed Dec. 17 of last year. Those who itemize deductions on Form 1040 had to wait until mid-February as well to file.

Rachelle Johnson, undecided major, said after having to wait for her employer to send her W-2 in the mail, she realized she fell into one of the categories of those who had to wait.

“I found out after waiting that I did not even make enough money last year to even qualify for a refund,” she said.

Ursula Hudson, child development major, said although the tax law changes did not affect her, she is aware of some who are feeling the impact.

“It hurt a lot of people because it is taking longer to send the refunds back to some taxpayers,” said Ursula Hudson, child development major, said although the tax law changes did not affect her, she is aware of some who are feeling the impact.

For more information on if these changes may or may not affect you, visit www.IRS.gov.

Non-major biology class available in Fall 2011

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OCCC will separate its General Biology course into two different classes, one for science majors and another for non-majors, beginning fall 2011, said Raul Ramirez, biology professor.

General Biology will be split into General Biology, BIO 1114, and General Biology (Majors), BIO 1124.

“It was unfair to beat the non-majors with a lot of detail a major student would need,” Ramirez said.

This change will affect all students whose degrees require a biology course in order to graduate. Students who are non-science majors would only need to take BIO 1114, or General Biology, while students who are science majors would need to complete BIO 1124, General Biology (Majors).

Beginning fall 2011, the General Biology (Majors) course will serve as a pre-requisite for higher level biology courses.

If a student had completed BIO 1114, General Biology, before fall 2011 that student will not be required to take the new General Biology (Majors) class in order to take any higher level biology courses.

Courses that will require the General Biology (Majors) course as a pre-requisite include: General Zoology, Cell Biology, General Botany, Invertebrate Zoology, Human Physiology and Human Anatomy.

Students who are majoring in biology must complete both General Biology (Majors), as well as General Biology II (Majors).

These students must complete both courses at the same institution in order to transfer to a four-year biology program, Ramirez said.

“Science is applicable to everybody, no matter what major you’re in,” said Raul Ramirez, Professor of Biology.

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Students are encouraged to speak with their academic advisers to find out how they will be affected.

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—Raul Ramirez
Professor of Biology
VOLUNTEERING ALLOWS VICKY DAVIDSON TO PERCEIVE THE WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES

Professor travels the world to help those in need

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Los Angeles, Thailand, the Gulf Coast, Mexico, and Canada have all been travel destinations for Professor Vicky Davidson, a physical therapist who teaches in OCCC’s physical therapist assistant program.

Davidson goes to work, not play.

Davidson has been a volunteer at numerous work sites for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds homes for less fortunate families in the U.S. and in other parts of the world.

Davidson said she was motivated to participate in these trips after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005.

“I had been to New Orleans many times, since my daughter and niece attended Tulane University,” she said. “Seeing the condition of the city after Hurricane Katrina really made me want to do something for that community.”

To begin with, she tried to find a local church or group that would be effective in New Orleans. Eventually she found a program that was working through Habitat for Humanity.

After going on her first trip, Davidson said, she felt great.

Some time later she vacationed in Cozumel, Mexico, with some friends.

“The first few days of lying on the beach were great, but after that it just got boring,” Davidson said.

“These trips (the community service trips) don’t get boring, because you are always working. Whether it’s loading 80-pound bags of concrete or bricking a house, you are always busy.”

Davidson is no stranger to long-distance trips.

“I flew to Thailand by myself, which was a 40-hour flight. Then I slept eight hours in the airport.”

“Another time I flew to Canada, arrived at midnight, rented a car and drove four and a half hours alone.”

Although Davidson is an adventurous person, she is not afraid to admit power tools make her nervous.

“In New Orleans, there were people shooting nail guns down on a porch while people were walking underneath,” she said.

“That really made me anxious.”

These trips have changed the way she perceives the world, Davidson said, and have added to the way she teaches her classes.

“Our students help at a pro bono (free) clinic where they spend two nights in their last semester,” she said.

“They also do a service learning project.”

When Davidson takes trips during the school year, she said, she uses her personal leave days.

She said she even gives up part of her three-month summer break to do volunteer work.

“Projects that are meaningful to the students are really going to help students feel good about themselves,” she said.

For more information about the workshop and other opportunities offered by Student Employment and Career Services, e-mail dvaughn@occc.edu or call 405-682-7519.

The Student Employment and Career Services offices may be found on the first floor of the Main Building, right next to the Student Life office.

Workshop to focus on applying for state jobs online

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A human resource professional will be on campus the week of April 6 to help guide students through the always-evolving world of online job applications, said Debra Vaughn, Student Employment and Career Services director.

Herman Johnson, a representative of Oklahoma’s Office of Personnel Management, will lead a job workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in CU3.

Johnson also will be available until 2 p.m. after the presentation to speak with students one-on-one, Vaughn said.

She said the Office of Personnel Management is the entity for all state jobs in Oklahoma.

During the hour-long session, Johnson will demonstrate how the unit’s web system works.

“I know that many jobs have that (online) process in place now, but each website has its unique challenges,” Vaughn said.

“The Office of Personnel Management employs thousands of people, and is probably the largest employer in Oklahoma.”

“To come to this workshop and watch the process from a real human resource professional — wow, what an opportunity. Who knows, in the future, you may be utilizing that website.”

She said Johnson will make use of an overhead projector to pull up the website and click through all necessary steps, while advising students about the Office of Personnel Management’s different divisions and types of jobs.

Although Vaughn said Student Employment and Career Services frequently hosts workshops, having an Office of Personnel Management representative on campus is a first.

“We are very excited,” she said. “We hope students will attend.”

The event is free for all students to attend, Vaughn said. Although professional dress is not required, she said she highly recommends always looking your best.

“It’s always good practice to dress professionally,” Vaughn said. “With [Johnson] being from the human resources division, you could dress professionally and ask him, ‘Do you feel that I am appropriately dressed?’”

Vaughn said Johnson should be helpful in this area.

“If the student did put a professional interview outfit together, who better to critique (it) than someone from the state agency who has human resource credentials and is in the business of advising people on how to get the best jobs?” she said.

For more information about the workshop or other opportunities offered by Student Employment and Career Services, e-mail dvaughn@occc.edu or call 405-682-7519.

Scholarship bake sale

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The OCCC Faculty Association will be hosting its annual Make It, Bake It Sale and chili cook-off on April 5 outside the student bookstore.

Proceeds from the sale and cook-off go to the Faculty Association Scholarship Fund, said Jeff Carlisle, faculty association scholarship committee chairman, in an e-mail.

The cook-off starts at 11 a.m., with participants bringing their favorite chili to be tasted and judged.

“The winner gets a $25 gift certificate to Chili’s,” Carlisle said.

Winner of last year’s cook-off, physics professor Tad Thurston, said he looks forward to another great contest this year.

“I’m just warning any chump who wants to enter that they better bring the flava.”

Linda Boatwright, Faculty Association scholarship committee member, said the students who are awarded scholarships must be nominated by their professors.

“Usually the scholarships range in amount from $250 to $300 depending on the number of applicants and the amount in the Faculty Association Fund.”

For more information about the sale or cook-off, or to enter as a contestant for the cook-off, e-mail Jeff Carlisle at jcarlisle@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7391.
FACE Center opens doors for child development

Quaduple the classrooms, an all-natural playground, and on-site security are just a few of the amenities to be had at OCCC’s Child Development Center and Lab School, recently relocated to the new Family and Community Education Center at 6500 S. Land Avenue.

“We were busting at the seams (before),” said teacher’s assistant Rebecca Linger. “Now, we have room to grow.”

In its former on-campus location, teacher Lisa Jones said, the CDCLS had cramped office quarters and only three classrooms.

Now, she said, 67 children between the ages of six weeks and 8 years occupy 12 classrooms in the facility, with an additional three rooms available if enrollment expands.

In addition to an on-site security office that allows for quick response should an emergency arise, Jones said, one of her favorite new attractions is the playground.

Instead of the usual metal and plastic jungle gyms, she said, the CDCLS is combining toys and nature to create an “outdoor classroom.”

“It’s an opportunity for them to experience nature in nature,” Jones said.

Among the playground’s new features are a cement bicycle path, a wing-shaped butterfly garden, and a small dirt mound affixed with plastic slides that children can climb and slip down.

Jones, who has worked with the CDCLS for 15 years, said she is thrilled with the move.

“It’s by far the most positive thing that’s happened since I’ve been here,” she said.

Teacher Constance Pidgeon said the facility’s littlest occupants are just as excited about the move as her fellow instructors are.

“We started a project before we moved to help prepare the kids,” Pidgeon said. “We talked to them, they helped pack boxes, and we showed them maps of where we were then and where we were moving to.”

Rhianna, 5, said she likes the new facility better than the old one. “I like it here,” she said.

Emily, 4, agreed. “I like the toys,” she said. “I don’t like the big college.”

Above: Ethan (left) and Jauquin (right) play in the sand at the new Child Development Center and Lab School located at FACE Center. Other programs at the FACE Center include the Summer Kids Camps for students in grades first through eighth, and adult personal enrichment classes that allow adults to learn dance, language, computers, driver safety and music.

Left: Best pals Jonah, left, and Riley, right, hang out in the new kindergarten classroom at FACE Center. Fifteen classrooms were designed for the CDCLS.

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Lifeguard training course offered

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The OCCC Aquatic Center will host an American Red Cross lifeguard training class almost every week through mid-June.

The next class runs April 7 through 16 on Thursdays and Fridays from 6 to 9:30 p.m., including two consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This course will certify people to be lifeguards at city pools in Oklahoma and most other states, said Aquatics Center secretary Jenny Kellbach.

There are slots available for individuals interested in the class. The cost of the class is $130, according to Recreation and Fitness Manual. Students will learn the skills necessary to prevent and respond to water emergencies. To take the course, participants must be at least 15, must complete a 300-meter continuous swim and be able to retrieve an object off the bottom of the pool, Kellbach said. This skills test will be given on the first day of class.

American Red Cross Lifeguarding offers training in skill instruction, professional lifeguard responsibilities, first aid and CPR/AED training, according to Recreation and Fitness Manual. American Red Cross Health and Safety Director Cathy Tortolini said, “It is the mission of the American Red Cross to help people deal with emergencies, including swimming and diving emergencies.

“Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow brought this philosophy to aquatics in 1914 when he started the American Red Cross Life Saving Corps.

“This program was the first of its kind, and it contributed to a dramatic reduction in the number of lives lost as a result of drowning,” Tortolini said.

Individuals interested in lifeguard positions on campus need to apply at www.occcjobs.com/applicants. OCCC pays lifeguards about $8.25 an hour with tax breaks for students, Kellbach said.

For more information contact Kellbach in the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.
Carson’s: Manager promises changes, better service

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She said she can’t be everywhere at once and doesn’t understand why her shift supervisors aren’t being more vigilant.

“I have people work different shifts with supervisors and they’re supposed to be watching their employees, and I don’t know why they’re not,” she said.

“I have five other people who work under me and that’s their job, to watch them. I constantly get them about it.”

Aguilar said Carson’s should never close early for any reason. She said she replaced one worker who failed to adhere to the posted hours.

Aguilar said she plans to monitor her employees more closely.

“I’m going to be watching and if they’re not doing their jobs, there are other people that need jobs,” she said. “We will hire somebody else.”

Aguilar said she takes it seriously when students aren’t able to get food at scheduled times.

“I’ve written up my employees and I’ve let people go for this,” she said. “If I have to get rid of my whole staff that’s doing this, I will.”

Brenda Carpenter, assistant director of Finance, said she was unaware of any complaints concerning Carson’s and plans to speak with management promptly.

If necessary, Carpenter said, she “wholeheartedly” agrees with Aguilar dismissing any of the current Carson’s staff who do not adhere to the contract schedule.

Carpenter said OCCC does not sanction closing early unless it is approved.

“Adhering to the schedule as stated in the contract is a top priority,” Carpenter said. “We insist upon it. They know what hours they are supposed to work. They know to stay open.”

Aguilar said she wants to take care of students.

“I’m here for you guys,” she said. “That’s part of what I’m going to address with my staff … that students and staff pay their wages.”

The Pioneer ran a letter to the editor March 18 in which OCCC student Jeff Porter claimed Carson’s was closing early and that the college made up any money Carson’s lost.

Aguilar said Carson’s is not subsidized by OCCC.

“We have to make a profit, yes, but the school doesn’t subsidize us,” she said. “The school doesn’t give us money. The reason we don’t stay open until 8 o’clock, even though we want to, is because our sales are not there,” she said.

“From five to six o’clock, we have very few sales. It’s just that little group of people that come in before class.

“We do offer food at the Coffee Shop after six o’clock, but (the cafeteria food service) shouldn’t be closing before six,” she said.

An employee who asked not to be named said there were legitimate reasons for ending breakfast early. He said it gives him extra time to set up the line for shift turnover.

Library: Government site makes hard topics easier

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This too is a great tool for those who want to stay up on the latest news, she said.

For more information about the website and library, contact Tuley-Williams at 405.682.7564 or dtuley@occc.edu.
Student rewarded with laptop

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The Enrollment and Student Services office, along with Student Life, recently presented Diana Rivera with a new Dell laptop computer.

Rivera’s name was drawn from about 50 names of students, all of whom completed 12 hours of service learning during the fall semester.

Rivera, allied health major, is part of the OKC-Go program at OCCC.

OKC-Go provides tuition waivers to Oklahoma City Public School students who are interested in attending OCCC after they graduate high school.

Jill Lindblad, Service Learning and Student Life Programs coordinator, presented the laptop to Rivera.

“[Rivera’s] been to a number of the service trips that we hold in our office,” Lindblad said. “She’s always had a really good attitude. She’s always been a really fun addition.”

Rivera was surprised by the award.

“When I won the laptop, I could not believe it,” Rivera said. “I had my younger sister read the e-mail to confirm it was true.

“I am extremely happy and blessed.”

The laptop was funded by the Office of Enrollment and Student Services, Lindblad said.

“(Enrollment and Student Services Vice President)

OKC-Go student Diana Rivera receives a brand new Dell laptop from Jill Lindblad, Service Learning and Student Life Programs coordinator.

I am extremely happy and blessed.”

—DIANA RIVERA
OKC-Go Student
Allied Health Major

Dr. (Marion) Paden really values the service the students provide and commit to.

“She wanted to show that she recognized it by awarding somebody a laptop.”

Rivera is in her second semester at OCCC and hopes to transfer to the University of Oklahoma. She said she enjoys volunteering, especially at her church, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

“I enjoy volunteering because I love helping others and I make new friends,” Rivera said.

“I’m blessed that God has made me healthy and I feel like I should give back by helping others in anyway possible.”

For more information, e-mail jlindblad@occc.edu.

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CAT open house set for April 29

STUDENT WORK TO BE SHOWCASED

The exhibition is for current students, prospective students, their friends, and family.

Taghavi-Burris said projects from the graduating students and product packaging will be on display, in addition to animation, game design, and Photoshop students' posters. There also will be animations from the hand-drawn animation class and board games from the history of video game technology class.

The open house will be hosted in room 206 of the library, she said. “Come see what students have been making all year,” Taghavi-Burris said.

Computer-Aided Technology Professor Akram Taghavi-Burris will host an open house April 29 to showcase the Computer Aided Technology students' works.

CIA officer scheduled to speak April 7

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OCCC’s Student Life will be presenting a lecture series discussing the Central Intelligence Agency on campus at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in CU 2 and 3.

Donald Hughes, officer for the Congressional Affairs office of the CIA, will be sharing his experience about working in Brazil in a large government program.

“Hughes will be talking about his experiences with working with other countries and what that means to communicate with other countries,” said Jill Lindblad, coordinator of Service Learning and Student Life Programs.

Hughes has been working with the CIA for more than 10 years. He is currently assigned to the University of Oklahoma making him a local officer, Lindblad said.

This event would be good for students interested in working with the CIA or in that type of field, she said.

To learn more about “Inside the CIA” with Hughes or other upcoming Student Life events, visit occc.edu/studentlife.