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Students Gabriela Borja and Amy Rodriguez work on their calculus homework June 7 in OCCC's Keith Leftwich Memorial Library with textbooks they checked out for use within the library. A reserve textbook's availability depends upon whether the professor has requested it to be there. The circulation desk or the course professor can verify the presence of any particular textbook. For more on OCCC's library, go to www.occc.edu/library.

Child center open to all in community

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Students with young children may want to check out the OCCC Child Development Center and Lab School.

Located just minutes from OCCC, the center offers both traditional all-day child care open to the community, and student-scheduled child care divided into sessions in order for students to accommodate the student's class schedules.

Barb Carter, Child Development Center and Lab School assistant director, said students from all col-

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE A TECHNICALLY ADVANCED AUDIO, LIGHTING PROJECTION AND RECORDING SYSTEM

Theater completion on track for 2013

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Work on the new Visual and Performing Arts Center theater is progressing on schedule, said Larry Barnes, project manager.

Barnes said the current date of completion is set for Aug. 1, 2013, but, he said, the date may change.

"Trying to nail down an end date for a project is like trying to nail Jell-O to a wall," Barnes said. "There's all kinds of things that can happen."

"We've had some weather issues lately, but they haven't hurt us too bad. But you never know."

While the project is still on budget, Barnes said that's another figure not easily pinned down.

"Every project has change orders," he said. "I think we've had about three go before the (OCCC)Board of Regents now."

"We're in good shape, but trying to figure

"[The theater is] like another grandchild to me. You put your life into it and work with it, and then you watch it take off and grow."

—LARRY BARNES
PROJECT MANAGER

the end budget is like the Jell-O again."

As previously reported in a story in the Online Pioneer in 2011, the OCCC Board of Regents approved the \$18 million project June 27, 2011.

In 2010, President Paul Sechrist told the Pioneer a \$3 per credit hour fee increase in 2006 raised half of the initial \$16 million it was thought the theater would cost.

A rise in costs of materials increased that amount by an additional \$2 million, it was reported in 2011.

Raising the money was a multi-faceted plan of action, Sechrist said in 2010.

It included the \$8 million Student Revenue Bond, a \$4 million Real Property Master

Lease Bond, and \$4 million from private donations and other college resources, such as the Auxiliary Budget and Section 13 Offset Funds, he told the Pioneer.

Sechrist said from its inception, the theater plan had to be approved by many.

"The journey included seeking approval of the plan from our Board of Regents, approval of a joint-resolution in the Oklahoma Legislature, a capital campaign led by members of the community, and approval the bonds by our board, the state regents, and the State of Oklahoma Bond Oversight Committee," he said.

The theater will feature a 1,000-seat acoustical concert hall and be outfitted with technically advanced audio, lighting, projection and recording system.

Barnes said he's proud of the current structure, and the way it's coming together.

"[The theater is] like another grandchild to me," he said. "You put your life into it and work with it, and then you watch it take off and grow."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | The country's huge consumption of sugar costs in a number of ways

Proposed soft drink ban the right step

Once again, we turn our attention to a question of public health: should sugary soft drinks be regulated or banned in the campaign against diabetes?



JEREMY CLOUD

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg thinks so.

Last month, he proposed legislation that would ban the sale of 16-ounce soft drinks in every business that wasn't a grocery store. And I partially agree with him.

Now some observant readers may scream, "Ha! He was totally on the other side when it was his smoking habit under fire!"

Not true. As a citizen, and a journalist, I object to the needless use of government power to make decisions unilaterally for private individuals. When the subject of smoking came up, my point was that regulation was a better route than outright ban. I have no objection to being asked to go to a designated area to protect the health of others.

But, as some may say, soft drinks don't have second-hand effects like cigarettes.

Yes... and also, no. Soft drinks sweetened with corn syrup — as nearly all soft drinks are — can factor into diabetes. The body doesn't process corn syrup the same way it does say, cane sugar, according to "Science of Nutrition," written by Janice Thompson, Melinda Manore, and Linda Vaughan.

Sound familiar? That's because it's OCCC's nutrition textbook. Yeah. This is a well-known chemical difference so elementary, it's in college textbooks.

The difference is that cane sugar, fruit sugars, and vegetable sugars are complex. The body takes time to break them down.

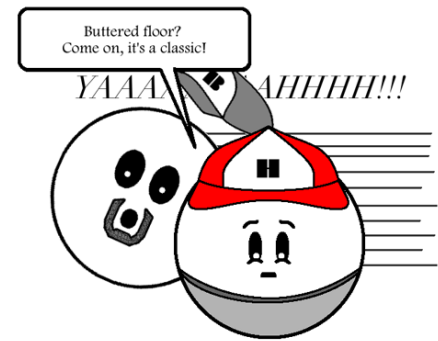
Corn syrup comes ready to use, no work required, and hits the body like a brick. It's the difference between lending a neighbor a cup of sugar once a day, and throwing a 10-pound bag at him every half hour.

The point? When a body gets hit with so much sugar that it can't use so often, it can lose the ability to process sugar correctly — which is the very simple definition of diabetes.

Diabetes costs this country an estimated \$218 billion yearly according to www.diabetes.org where there is a huge breakdown of effects and costs.

That's labor lost, health affected, treatment, diagnosis and preventative treatments. That's a huge chunk

BALLIARD BILL



NO, Harold. And get a mop.



JEREMY CLOUD

of money. In comparison, the entire tobacco industry costs the country \$193 billion.

And that's just diabetes. That's not factoring in obesity and the myriad of related health costs. That's not taking into account the rising concern that soft drinks could also cause bone health issues.

Why all this hullabaloo to protect an industry that dispenses health risks by the 44 oz. foam cup with little oversight and no regulation?

So, the next time any reader is tempted to complain that smokers infringe on their right to breath, please remember that your daily Big Gulp infringes on my right to reasonably priced healthcare.

—JEREMY CLOUD
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Last year, 33 kids died of heatstroke in unattended vehicles

'Look before you lock' campaign saves children's lives

To the Editor:

In 2011 at least 33 children died in heatstroke-related deaths when they were left in unattended vehicles. Heatstroke in vehicles is the leading cause of all non-crash related death for children 14 and younger. It represents 61 percent of total non-crash fatalities in this age group. And it is completely preventable.

In April, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) launched its first-ever national campaign to get the message out about the harmful and potentially fatal effects of leaving children in hot vehicles.

The "Where's baby? Look Before You Lock" message asks all parents, grandparents, and other caregivers to be mindful when leaving a vehicle.

Cars heat up quickly — even with a window rolled down two inches. If the outside temperature is in the low 80s, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach

deadly levels in just 10 minutes. Young children, those under 4 years old, are particularly at risk because their bodies overheat more easily, said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland.

"While parents are the first line of defense when it comes to preventing heatstroke in hot cars, everyone in the community has a role to play in keeping kids safe." NHTSA offers Hyperthermia Prevention Safety Tips:

Never leave infants or young children unattended in a vehicle—even if you leave the windows partly open or the air conditioning on.

Make a habit of looking in the vehicle — front and back — before locking the door and walking away.

Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as:

Writing yourself a note and putting it where you will see it when you leave the vehicle;

Placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back when you leave the vehicle;

Keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where you'll notice it when leaving the vehicle.

If you see a child alone in a vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

We hope NHTSA's simple tips will save lives and help families avoid unnecessary heartache. As anyone who takes care of children can tell you, life can get hectic quickly, and mistakes are easily made. But don't make a mistake with your child's life. Remember to Look before you lock. For more information, visit www.nhtsa.gov/safety/hyperthermia.

—NHTSA

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | If you like humor, this movie is recommended

'MIB3' mimicks first two films

The synopsis of "Men in Black 3" is roughly the same as the first two movies: two men out to save the world from extraterrestrials that are living among the humans on the planet Earth. The third installment didn't stray from the previous movies.

The gist of the story: Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones) put Boris the Animal (Jemaine Clement) in alien prison on the moon in the 1960s. Instead of just killing him Agent K shot his arm off and Boris wants revenge. He breaks out of prison and comes for Agent K.

The only way to level the playing field is to time travel. Boris locates a time travel device and returns to the specific day when his arm was taken by Agent K. When this takes place the universe as Agent J (Will Smith) once knew it is altered.

Once Boris goes back in time to seek his revenge there is no recollection of Agent K in the

current MIB system because Boris succeeded in eliminating Agent K in the 1960s. So the solution to making the world right again is to time travel, which Agent J does to save his partner and return things to order.

While Agent J is in the 1960s he is told to not come into contact with young Agent K. At this point in time Agent J does not exist in the MIB system. It also is not an ideal time for African-Americans, so Agent J has a difficult time adjusting. It isn't long before he finds himself at the MIB headquarters and runs into Agent K. Agent K feels J poses a threat to the system, since he doesn't exist in it and decides he must be neutralized.

At the risk of ruining everything, before neutralization he tells young Agent K the truth about why he is there in hopes of not being neutralized. Agent K is a little dumbfounded but it doesn't take

too much convincing for him to understand Agent J is there to assist in taking down Boris.

The movie is funny, but left little to the imagination. I pretty much knew the outcome in the first 30 minutes. The movie did feel as though something was missing.

As the visuals in the movie did pay homage to characters from the previous movies in the trilogy, Zed the previous MIB chief and Frank the talking dog, it just wasn't the same without them.

Overall, the movie didn't throw out many surprises if any. The performances by the actors were on par with the previous movies in the trilogy, so nothing out of ordinary. If you're looking for a movie with not much depth but that has humor I recommend seeing "Men In Black 3."

Rating: B

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WEBSITE REVIEW | Buy or rent your books from chegg.com

Online textbook company rates an A

Students seeking cheaper book prices may want to check out Chegg.com. Designed to help students save money on college textbooks, Chegg offers the option to rent, sell, or buy new and used books.

To get started, one must simply sign up for an account. Once logged in, students can begin browsing textbooks and placing orders. Once users have found the book they want, they will be prompted to choose if they wish to buy the book new or rent it for a lower price.

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Rating: A

—ERIN PEDEN
STAFF WRITER

JOB & CAREER POWER

Students have job opportunities to choose from

If you are looking for a summer job, visit the Student Employment & Career Services office and let us help you land the perfect position. We will assist your application process for both on- and off-campus jobs, and help you with your résumé and cover letter.

We have hundreds of openings listed online at www.collegecentral.com/occc and our student job bulletin boards and job tables also are loaded with options for you to explore. Below are a few of the current job openings we have:

- If you have federal work-study designation through your FAFSA application you may want to apply with OCCC's Financial Aid office. Job skills include: good customer service; reliability; motivated; willing to help students; friendly personality; and they offer a flexible work schedule based on your class schedule.

- Another federal work-study position is available through the YWCA: Our Sisters Closet Store. Candidates must have good customer service skills, be willing to help customers and a friendly personality. Contact Mia Rojo in the at 405-682-7524 or email mrojo@occc.edu

- XEROX is currently conducting interviews for 250 customer support positions. Job responsibilities are: Resolve customer inquiries; provide product and service information; Process orders, forms and applications, and identify customer issues. To apply in person, dress appropriately and bring your résumé to: 100 N Mustang Rd., Yukon, OK, 73099 or contact the Yukon Recruiting Team at 405-350-6131.

- For business and marketing majors, the Oklahoma Army National Guard has 10 spots available for paid interns. You do not have to enlist for military service. Interns work 40 hours per week and earn \$400 per week. The program will last eight to 10 weeks. Job duties are: shadowing the marketing department, and building educational materials such as brochures and handouts. Contact: SSG George Shafer at 405-615-4224, or email George.shafer@us.army.mil

- Duncan Equipment Co., A Division of Black-Hawk Industrial Dist., is seeking a Distribution Center Clerk. Duties include receiving, stocking, pulling, and shipping product for customer orders accurately and in a timely manner. Fax 405-488-3994 or email your résumé to, veronica.blakely@blackhawkid.com

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Call 405-682-7519 or email employmentservices@occc.edu

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

OCCASION BRINGS WITNESSES FROM NEAR AND FAR

Glimpse of rare Venus transit draws spectators

The Oklahoma City Astronomy Club partnership with Science Museum Oklahoma, hosted a transit-of-Venus public viewing June 5 in the museum parking lot.

Members of the club set up telescopes allowing attendees of the free event to view the planet as it was passing between the Earth and the Sun.

People of all ages turned out to witness the only occurrence of the transit within our lifetimes to be viewed from Oklahoma.

Venus became visible as a small black disc crossing the sun in the upper right corner at around 5 p.m. in Oklahoma City, and not even the late afternoon heat could stifle the excitement of those gathered.

Spectators were able to see the transit directly through telescopes, on telescope-connected computer monitors, or discs that had the image projected onto it. Eclipse shades were also available, although without magnification viewing Venus as it passed was difficult.

The Oklahoma City Astronomy Club and Science Museum Oklahoma's planetarium staff had a tent set up to provide information and assistance to those in attendance.

Planetarium Lecturer Bill Wilburn said the event had a good turnout. Wilburn is known as "The Teacher of the Sky" around the planetarium.

Those that arrived later had their view obscured by a patch of cloud cover that rolled in around 6:30 p.m., but this didn't seem to deter anyone waiting for an opportunity to see the amazing event peek through the lingering haze of clouds.

Historically, the transit of Venus, paired with the principle of parallax, or the visual displacement of an object as viewed along different lines of sight, was instrumental in giving 17th and 18th century explorers and astronomers a glimpse at the true scale of our solar system.

Because the orbital paths of Earth and Venus, the transit happens in a pair of



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

occurrences separated by 8 years. The last one was in 2004. The pairs of occurrences are then separated by over a century.

The next is predicted for December of 2117.

Those that made it out should really

consider themselves lucky to have witnessed it with their own eyes. It really illustrated how amazingly complex our universe is, and how small we really are.

RATING: A+

—CHRIS JAMES
STAFF WRITER

Free album download worth the time

Last summer, Oregon singer-songwriter Josh Garrels released his sixth studio album, "Love & War & The Sea in Between."

The album was listener funded and Garrels ultimately released it completely free on his own website at www.joshgarrels.com as well as NoiseTrade.com.

Garrels has one of those sounds you can't quite put your finger on.

If you play the album in its entirety, you may get the sense you're listening to three or four different artists on the same album.

"Love & War & The Sea in Between" is a mix of folk, soft rap, a little spoken word, with bits of beautiful instrumental music.

It's like listening to Woody Guthrie infused with flashes of The Streets.

And to top that off, it is a wonderful concept album,

using lyrics to tie in the different themes the album title conjures up.

In "The Resistance," Garrels shows off his more upbeat rapping skills flawlessly as he sings about the resistance one faces against the world in the pursuit of being what one is supposed to be.

In my favorite song of the album, the slow and beautiful "Ulysses," Garrels shows off his vocals in a simple and broken down version of Homer's "Odyssey" by alluding to the journey back home to his love.

"Sirens call my name, they say they'll ease my pain, then break me on the stones," Garrels sings.

Last summer, I spontaneously decided to drive to the Grand Canyon for the weekend.

A few hours into the trip, I put "Love & War" on and didn't listen to anything else

for the duration of the trip.

From start to finish, "Love & War & The Sea in Between" is definitely an album you want to listen to without skipping a song.

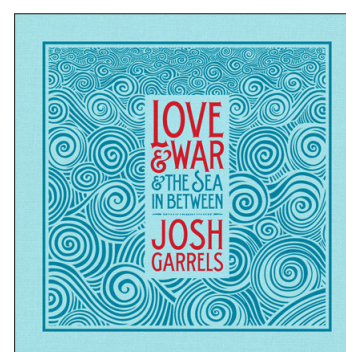
I've purchased a couple of other Josh Garrels albums since that trip and haven't been disappointed.

Garrels is really a gem, his music is layered with many instruments and sounds and never produces the same sound.

He has a very specific style, that transforms and reshapes throughout the album as it progresses.

I've used the website NoiseTrade.com a few times to download free music, and even though I've found a lot of great music, I've never found anything quite like Josh Garrels.

The site gives away free music, usually for a limited time, directly from artists



in exchange for information and a post to the listeners' social media accounts.

The user can also pay what they want or leave the artist a tip, up to \$100.

NoiseTrade.com includes music from mostly indie bands, but occasionally features more mainstream bands like The Civil Wars, Nada Surf, The Rocket Summer, and Andrew Bird that is all free and all legal for download.

RATING: A+

—MITCHELL RICHARDS
STAFF WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of
June 8 through 10
www.yahoo.com

1. *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*
2. *Prometheus*
3. *Snow White and the Huntsman*
4. *Men in Black 3*
5. *Marvel's The Avengers*
6. *The Best Exotic Mari-gold Hotel*
7. *What To Expect When You're Expecting*
8. *Battleship*
9. *The Dictator*
10. *Moonrise Kingdom*
11. *Dark Shadows*
12. *The Hunger Games*
13. *For Greater Glory*
14. *Bernie*
15. *Chernobyl Diaries*
16. *Intouchables*
17. *Think Like A Man*
18. *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*
19. *Crooked Arrows*
20. *Hysteria*

CAMPUS DIRECTORIES RECEIVE AN UPGRADE

Wayfinding signs point students in right direction

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Students and faculty returning for summer classes were greeted in the hallways by directory signs pointing the way to their destinations. Called wayfinding kiosks, the new signage is part of an ongoing program to make OCCC more navigable to the unfamiliar, said Chris Snow, Facilities Management assistant director.

“The program’s been going for about three years now,” Snow said. “It started with the building signage, putting the name of each building on it, so you could look and see that this was the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library, or that’s the Visual and Performing Arts Center.”

Snow said the second part of the project was the signs that recently went up around the grounds to direct incoming and outgoing traffic to various parking lots.

“So when you come in and follow the loop road around, it tells you which direction to go for the various parking lots, and which lot is best for which building,” he said.

The kiosks, which were designed by an outside engineering firm, were placed in their current locations with an eye towards having a kiosk available at every major entrance, Snow said. He also said a minor concern is walking around in the mornings and finding the kiosks have been moved around a bit.

“It’s not much, just sort of wiggling them about in the place they were put. It might be because they’re in such high traffic areas,” he said.

The concern is that the signs are highly directional, Snow said.

“They have arrows pointing in various directions,

and they have a little map that says ‘you are here.’ If they move too far, or too much, they won’t make sense anymore.”

Snow said he’s heard a lot of positive feedback on the kiosks, especially from new and prospective students.

Amanda Zustra, nursing major, said she’s pleased the college added the kiosks.

“Those wayfinder signs are great. It does help me to navigate around,” Zustra said.

She said she wasn’t sure where the English side was when heading from the Math department, let alone the gym area when she first started school at OCCC.

Snow said the next step is to find a way to change the room numbers of the original complex from a grid system to a numbered system.

“The problem is, so many of our systems depend on that grid, but that gives us rooms like NP4, which can be confusing to new students,” Snow said.

“If we try to transfer over directly, we get problems like three walls going from room numbers like 100-150, then suddenly having a wall of 350-360. The grid isn’t intuitive.”

Snow said the college is looking for a solution, and will implement wall hangers, like those in the VPAC, when such a solution becomes viable.



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

TRiO Program Director, Karolyn Chowning, asks student David Nguyen to locate his first class on the new Wayfinder placed on the third floor of the OCCC main building, as part of a guided tour given to students. Wayfinders have popped up all over campus in an effort to help students better navigate the OCCC campus.

“At the end of the day, we’re trying to make this campus as friendly as possible to new and incoming students. We want new students to be able to learn to navigate the campus more smoothly,” Snow said.

“We want students who’ve never been here before to be able to come in any entrance, find their way to registration, and start their college journey.”

For more information on the wayfinding kiosks, contact Facilities Management at 405-682-7554.

Severe weather notifications available to students

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With the severe weather season in full swing, students should make sure they are doing everything they can in order to stay safe when bad weather approaches.

Director of Emergency Planning and Risk Management Lisa Teel said in the event of severe weather, there are a number of ways students can be notified.

“A message will come across the screen if a professor is using a projector,” Teel said. “Messages also come across the phones and fire alarms so an actual audible will come over and you will hear a person talking.”

Students traveling outdoors between classes will also receive a warning via speakers. The campus alert notification system allows students the option to supply their phone number online so in the event of severe weather or closings, they will receive text messages to their phone. In addition, the school’s

Facebook, Twitter and college home page all provide current weather updates.

OCCC has recently become a “storm ready” campus and added items such as wayfinder signs and floor captains, Teel said. If severe weather does occur, wayfinders will show students the nearest safe area while floor captains will directly point them out and assist students to safety.

“Being recognized by the National Weather Service shows we have taken precautions and are proactive in what we do to monitor the weather,” Teel said. “Our safety and security officers and campus police department do a great job of monitoring the weather then getting the word out.”

There are many other ways students can stay prepared if not home as storms approach. Many free phone apps such as the News 9 Weather application provide a current forecast, live radar, and even links to videos, blogs, school closings, and more.

In addition, news meteorologists such as Gary England, David Payne and Rick Mitchell all send out

weather updates via twitter as they turn up. Accounting major Galveston Suazo says he mostly prefers to get his weather updates the old fashioned way.

“Usually I just watch the news but I also have a weather app on my phone,” Suazo said. “Luckily I never seem to be at school when severe weather happens.”

Teel added it is important for professors to go over safety precautions at the beginning of each semester.

“Not all your classes are in the same building,” Teel said. “You may know where the safe area is in the SEM building, for example, but not for the social sciences building. So often we get busy and aren’t paying attention to the weather,” Teel said. “Just make sure you are watching out for yourself and try to be responsible and understand that the weather can change at any time.”

To learn more about receiving weather texts, visit www.occc.edu. To get additional updates from OCCC, “like” Oklahoma City Community College on Facebook or follow O’TripleC on Twitter.

ANIMAL PRINTS ARE BACK AS STAPLES OF A STATEMENT WARDROBE

Summer fashion includes a palette of colors

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It's warm out, but summer trends are cooler than ever. With the sun as our greatest spotlight, this time of year is all about challenging the rules of fashion.

Mixing and matching bold, daring colors and patterns is what's in this season.

Colorblock is the new black. Combinations of turquoise, hot pink, lemon yellow, neon orange and green, and other vibrant shades of colors make for a fun and edgy look on any type of apparel and accessory.

Whether on dresses, shorts or shoes, there's no longer a limit on the brightness or number of colors wearable.

Playful colors are now especially fashionable on pants. Bright and pastel skinny jeans are a must. Often spiced up with the also-in-style blazer, these pieces are bound to add a hint of sunshine to dark closets everywhere. Jean and blazer favorites include hot red, green, neon pink, soft lavender, royal blue and aqua.

Also colorful are the patterns currently in vogue. Floral and leopard prints, for example, are top hits. Blending all sorts of colors such as soft pastels, these prints are most common in pants. Stripes, cheetah and zebra patterns are in demand, too. Paired with a simple top such as a cardigan, this look screams summer.

Another popular piece nowadays is the maxi dress. Long, cute and elegant feminine dresses can be seen flowing all around. Whether a formal or casual occasion, the dress is always both flattering and comfortable. Compliments are pretty much guaranteed when accompanied with the famous navy, white and a popping color such as red, sailor look.

Accessories are practically mandatory with all outfits this season. A mild look transforms almost instantly with the touch of a necklace, bracelets or earrings. Today, chic statement jewelry is its own trend. Whether chunky and gold, multi-colored and gemstone or delicate and pearly, accessories are a great way to add a glamorous kick to appearances.

From all the beauty products and styles out there, there are two crowd-pleasing ones that stand out extra this summer. Dip dye hair, a way of highlighting the bottom tips of hair with bright hair colors, and poppy lip color, vivid lip shades such as hot red, electric tangerine and coral, get people noticed and feeling fancy.

As for shoes, nearly anything goes these days. Heels are more commonly seen as wedges and in pastel colors such as beige. Boots are still spotted occasionally. However, it's flats like sandals that are really taking the runaway.

Low and high top sneakers are especially popular.

The single most important article of clothing anyone and everyone has to own this season is an essential — an Oklahoma City Thunder T-shirt. White, dark blue and bright orange are the colors that have become a uniform for this proud state. Though simple, it's the biggest trend in wardrobe yet.



Jessica Young, criminal justice major, is seen wearing bright neon colors head to toe.

Layan Salous, left, and Amina Elbaz, concurrent students, are seen wearing combinations of colors and patterns with belts to nicely tie their outfits together.



Mariam Ahmed, pre-dental major, is seen wearing an eye-catching lime green top and an array of bracelets with the Dip Dye Hair Trend.

PHOTOS
BY ERIN
PEDEN



Minh Vu, pre-nursing major and dancer, is seen wearing purple jeans and grey high top sneakers with a matching top.

BRAGG FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY ON DISPLAY AT OCCC GALLERY

Professor and daughters exhibit family photos

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“Like mother, like daughters” is how it is for the Bragg family.

Theresa, Julie, and Annie Bragg are bringing an art exhibit to the campus of OCCC, a photographic essay documenting the family’s impressive collection of art.

The exhibit runs through July. “The exhibit is an interesting mixture of photographs. With Annie being 12, Julie 21 and me pushing 48, we have varied taste and interests,” said Theresa, the mother of Annie and Julie.

“It’s almost a multi-generational exhibit.” Theresa said she got a call from a gallery curator in Kansas City who caught wind of the family’s work. In just 30 days, with help from their extended family who reside in Kansas, the Braggs were able to mat and frame 50 photographs and hang the exhibit.

The exhibit was displayed in Kansas City for six weeks where it garnered positive reviews. The very same exhibit made its way to Edmond where the Braggs were asked to show it in the Photography Gallery at the University of Central Oklahoma for two weeks, Theresa said.

The Braggs were asked to display their photographic essay on campus because of their ties to OCCC.

Theresa is an adjunct professor of photography at OCCC while her oldest daughter

Julie is an alumnus of the photography program.

Photography within the family basically started at birth. “From the time both of the girls were 3, my husband Toni and I gave them cameras,” Bragg said.

Julie, 21, attended four years at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, studying photography. Now entering her senior year of college at UCO, Julie is a student photographer in the Photo Services Office. She is also an intern at the Norman Transcript, both positions her mother held around 30 years ago.

Theresa Bragg says her youngest, Annie, 12, is a natural with the art of photography. Despite this, her best talent just might be the art of duct tape. Theresa calls Annie the “duct tape queen” for the things she is able to construct with the sticky tool.

The “Like Mother...Like Daughters” photographic essay art exhibit runs through July 9. An opening reception will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 15, in the OCCC Art Gallery in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.



“MOON OVER QUARTZ MOUNTAIN” BY THERESA BRAGG



“LEXI” BY JULIE BRAGG

“Like Mother...Like Daughters” runs through July 9 at the OCCC Art Gallery.



PHOTO COURTESY THERESA BRAGG

Annie, Theresa and Julie Bragg bring their photographic essay “Like Mother...Like Daughters,” June 11 through July 9, to the OCCC Art Gallery.



“KOI” BY ANNIE BRAGG

SPORTS

Father knows best



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Student Chris Hayes helps his son, John, maintain good form as he lifts weights June 4 in the OCCC Wellness Center. The Wellness Center has a variety of free weights, exercise machines and other equipment available for use.

SPORTS | Summer camps offer kids a fit and safe summer

OCCC hosts summer youth sports

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Each week throughout the summer, the OCCC Recreation and Fitness Center is hosting youth sports camps. Recently 45 children from ages 6 to 14 attended the boys basketball camp held at the OCCC gym.

Amy Nguyen, an employee of the Recreation and Fitness Center, was working with the players at the boys camp.

Nguyen said she helps lead the campers through drills and various games and activities.

"The kids are very fun, I enjoy coming in everyday to play with them,"

she said.

The campers spend a lot of time working on the fundamentals: running, free throws, teamwork and dribbling.

Tyree, 10, a camper Nguyen described as a star player, said his favorite drills at the basketball camp are shooting free throws and playing as a team.

"I'm very fast, I came in first place when we ran two laps and I started in fifth place," he said.

Tyree said his favorite OKC Thunder player is James Harden.

Another camper, Nathan, 7, said that team games were his favorite part of the week-long camp. Nathan eagerly said his favorite player was

Kevin Durant of the Thunder.

Many of the campers were wearing Thunder shirts and jerseys the morning after the Oklahoma Thunder clinched the Western Conference Championship, securing their spot in the NBA Finals.

The purpose of these camps is to promote teamwork and making new friends for young athletes, said Eric Watson, Sports and Recreation specialist. He said the week of June 5 the college was hosting around 125 campers, including the sports camps and the Camp Teen Xtreme.

When asked how many children were in the basketball camp, Nguyen looked out over the noisy gym and replied with an exhausted look on her

face, "a lot." Nguyen followed her response with a laugh.

Nguyen said the hardest part about keeping track of all those kids was getting them to listen and stay focused.

Future camps being hosted by the Recreation and Fitness Center include baseball, golf, swimming and soccer just to name a few.

Each week features a different sport. The camps run throughout the summer and cost \$65 a week. A majority of the camps are being held on campus.

For more information about upcoming camps, visit the Recreation and Fitness Center's website at occc.edu/rf or call 405-682-7860.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

June 18 - June 22: Youth Baseball Camp. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

June 25 - June 29: Youth Golf Camp. For more information, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

July 9 - 13: Youth Competitive Swimming Camp. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 405-682-7860.

July 16 - 20: Youth Volleyball Camp. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 405-682-7860.

July 16 - 20: Youth Soccer Camp. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 405-682-7860.

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One-car accident

On Wednesday, June 13, a pickup left a southbound lane of Interstate 44 and drove through the perimeter fence of the OCCC campus after the driver lost control. No one was injured. Read the full story at the Pioneer Online, www.occc.edu/pioneer.

PIONEER STAFF PHOTOS



Theater: OCCC theater will feature state-of-the-art sound

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That feeling, Barnes said, is one of the reasons he loves construction work.

“I just love my job. I wake up every morning and come to work excited about going to work.”

Barnes said it may seem like progress is slow right now because much of the work being

done is foundation work.

“People driving by see a lot of dust and big machines, and hear a lot of noise.

“But what they don’t see is the pipes and cable, and lines for electric — all the things that go under a building being put into place.”

For more information on the college theater, visit www.occc.edu.



Work on the new Visual and Performing Arts Center theater is progressing on schedule, said Larry Barnes, project manager. Barnes said the current date of completion is set for Aug. 1, 2013.

CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

CDCLS: Child care center an educational experience

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leges — not just OCCC — are welcome.

“We are constantly enrolling,” Carter said.

“Our center is licensed for 140 children; however, we usually enroll a little bit over that because not all children will attend the same session at the same time.”

She said to accommodate the growing interest in the program, the center has recently expanded and added new classrooms.

“Right now we have a total of eight classrooms that are open: five traditional schedule and three for the student schedule program,” Carter said.

Depending on the semester, the center can be open anywhere from 7:30 a.m. to as late as 10:30 p.m. she said.

If enrolled, youngsters can expect to participate in many educational activities including literacy, science, math,

social studies, and cooking.

Carter said the classroom is set up so children are able to experiment and discover things.

“We are constructivists to our approach to education so we help [our children] build knowledge and understanding of the world around them,” Carter said.

“We don’t do worksheets and we don’t sit them in front of TVs. We build our curriculum around a project approach,” she said.

Examples of this approach most recently included a discovery of bugs.

Toddlers in the spring semester housed caterpillars in classrooms, watching them develop. When the caterpillars turned into butterflies, the children released them on the playground.

The Child Development Center and Lab School is the only one of its kind in the state. It is three-star certified

and nationally accredited with a specific student schedule child-care program center in the state of Oklahoma.

Teachers who work at the center must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, child development, or a related field.

Teacher and Lab Assistant Lisa Jones said the best part about working at the child center is watching the kids learn and interact with each other.

“I love seeing the light bulb go off in their heads when they finally understand something and make that connection,” Jones said.

“[Children from the] different classrooms play together on the playground and interact when we do projects so all the children know each other.

“It’s a lot of fun.”

Carter said the program also has

“I love seeing the light bulb go off in their heads when they finally understand something and make that connection.”

—LISA JONES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND LAB SCHOOL TEACHER AND LAB ASSISTANT

been significant for student retention at OCCC.

“Usually families who enroll for one semester usually come back for a second,” she said.

“Many parents have commented they could not go to school had it not been for this program. It’s a great program. If I had children this age, I would want them at this school. They wouldn’t be anywhere else.”

For more information on the center or how to enroll, call 405-682-7561 or visit www.occc.edu/childdev.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Welcome Center employee Dayshawn Burns tells BSA members Chanel Long and Marqueon Tramble which flavor snow cone she wants on June 4, at the first annual Black Student Association popcorn and snow cone fundraiser. The fundraiser was set up outside the Communications Lab and was accepting donations for their tasty treats, to be used towards attending the 2013 Big XII Conference for Black Student Government

COMMUNITY | Students plan to attend 36th Annual Big XII Leadership Conference

BSA to host car wash fundraisers

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OCCC's Black Student Association is hosting a series of car washes and other fundraisers this summer.

The first of the four car washes will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at AutoZone at S.W. 29th and May.

The second car wash is scheduled from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at AutoZone at 5733 S. Western.

The third car wash will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 20, at AutoZone at N.E. 23rd and MLK.

And, the last car wash is to take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at AutoZone at N.E. 23rd and MLK.

Christabel Aryeequaye, BSA public relations officer, said BSA officers will both wash and dry vehicle exteriors.

"We are also going to be selling \$1 snacks, like soda, candy, chips and water," she said.

"King-sized items will be \$2."

Aryeequaye said the car washes are efforts to raise funds for BSA officers to attend the Big XII Student Leadership Conference that will be held in Kansas

“We would appreciate people coming to support us and to generously donate.”

—CHRISTABEL ARYEEQUAYE
BSA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

this spring.

"It's pretty costly, so we decided to start fundraising early," she said.

"That way every officer will have the opportunity to go and to grow."

Aryeequaye said it costs around \$300 per person to attend the conference.

"Coming out of pocket, as a college student, that's very difficult," she said.

"A lot of people have had to miss out on the opportunity, because they just don't have it."

Aryeequaye said although it wasn't ideal that only some the BSA officers were able to attend last year, it was still quite exciting.

"We got to do a lot of networking and got in contact with people who gave us some useful information and advice," she said.

"And, we took a lot from all of the different workshops.

"Almost, everything from A to Z."

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Loan Disbursement

Loan Disbursement dates for the summer semester include June 15, June 20 and June 22. For further information, contact the Financial Aid office at 405-682-7525.

Christians On Campus

Christians On Campus is hosting a bible study session from noon until 12:45 p.m., June 18, in room 1C3. Everyone is invited to come. For more information, text or call James Kennedy at 405-314-7739.

New Student Orientation

Student Life will host a New Student Orientation session for the summer semester from 9:30 a.m to noon, June 19, in CU3. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet fellow students, take a campus tour, become familiar with available resources and services and more. For further information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Choosing a College Major

Student Employment and Career Services will be hosting a 30-minute Choosing a College Major / Degree presentation at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in 1G7. Attendees will learn about college majors and degrees, potential careers, job salaries and forecasts, and how the DISCOVER software system can help make important decisions. For further information, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519.

OTA Application Deadline

The Occupational Therapist Assistant application deadline for fall 2012 is noon Friday, June 22, in Recruitment and Admissions. For further information, contact the Division of Health Professions at 405-682-7507.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue.

Email your event to communitywriter@occc.edu or drop by the Pioneer office located at AH Entry 2 in room 1F2.

"Then, we used what we learned and presented it to others at OCCC," Aryeequaye said.

"We had a good time. It's was a great experience," she said.

"I really enjoyed it, and I hope for all of us to be able to go this time."

Aryeequaye said all the car washes are by donation only and are open to the general public.

"We would appreciate people coming to support us and to generously donate," she said.

"But, really, anything helps."

According to www.k-state.edu, Kansas State University will be hosting the 36th annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government in 2013.

The 35th annual conference was hosted by the University of Oklahoma in February 2012.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Will learn for food



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Left to right: OCCC Students Levi Shultz, Caleb Shultz, Jennifer Crawford, Azulena Esparza, Byron Paniagua, Stephanie Nicholas, Bobby Williams, Brittney Linster, Taylor Posey, Emily Musick and Jonshi Trejo attended a Greater Grads luncheon Tuesday, June 12. At the luncheon, students were taught proper dining etiquette and given conversation tips for talking with executives by Student Employment and Career Services Director Debra Vaughn. For more on employment opportunities and tips, visit www.occc.edu/es.



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