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OCCC Golf Instructor Gary Martin helps Andrea, 11, with her putting skills June 26 at Earlywine Golf Club as part of Golf Camp week at OCCC. For more information about this and other Kid's Camps, call Community Education Coordinator Brennon Dresel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS EXPLAINED

Enroll now to beat the fall rush, adviser says

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Students planning to take fall classes should enroll now to avoid the rush said Admissions Adviser David Orsburn.

"If you wait 'til the last minute, when classes are about to start, you'll probably face lines," Orsburn said. "I would say as soon as enrollment opens, come on in and get it done to avoid lines."

Orsburn said the average time for on-campus new student enrollment is 10 to 30 minutes from the moment the student first sits down with an admissions adviser. Mailed applications take about a week, he said.

Orsburn said students wanting to enroll should bring a valid ID, and any transcripts, ACT test scores, degrees or diplomas they have.

"People come in here all the time and say, 'I wasn't sure if I needed to bring it, so I didn't.' Do just the opposite. If you don't know if we'll need it, bring it in," he said.

Orsburn said there are few instances that will prevent prospective students from enrolling.

Students who have been suspended at least twice from OCCC and international students whose visas don't allow for education will not be admitted, he said.

And, Orsburn said, age factors in at some point.

"Obviously, a 10-year-old can't walk in and get admitted," he said.

After admissions, a student's next port of call is

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PAULA GOWER LEAVES FOR A NEW POSITION AFTER ALMOST NINE YEARS

Marketing and Public Relations director resigns

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After close to nine years at OCCC, Paula Gower has resigned her position as OCCC Marketing and Public Relations director June 21 to take a new position

as Marketing and Communications vice president at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Cordell Jordan, Marketing and Public Relations coordinator, said he will remember Gower's nine years as a legacy.

"Marketing for OCCC has really progressed during the time before Paula was here and the way it is today, and a lot of it is due to her and the staff," Jordan said.

Gower is leaving her post just as her area is about to launch a new OCCC campaign changing the OCCC tagline from "In It For Me at OCCC" to "Now is Power," a phrase Jordan said is a call to action.

"It is a progression of the former tagline from the last six years, 'In it for me at OCCC.'"

"It's the same type of message to college

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Is the American Dream dead?

Education the basis of a better life

Upward social mobility has always been essential to the growth and survival of the United States, but as evidenced by ever-increasing income inequality, many individuals find it difficult to rise above the constraints of poverty. This begs the question, “What happened to the American Dream?”



CHRIS JAMES

First, what exactly is the American Dream? Is it living in a big house and driving an expensive car? Is it becoming a movie star and living in Hollywood? Is the American Dream to become incredibly wealthy or to simply provide a good life for your family?

James Truslow Adams, credited with coining the term in his 1931 work “The Epic of America,” wrote, “The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.

“It is not a dream of motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of a social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless

of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position.”

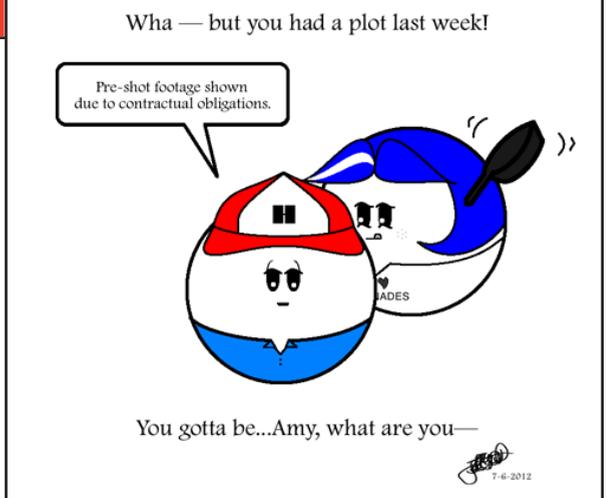
Adams describes the very essence of what made the U.S. into the thriving socio-economic powerhouse the world knows, loves and hates. It’s about social mobility rather than wealth itself; the poor and weak being able to pull themselves up by the bootstraps and make something of themselves through hard work and effort. This is the American Dream. Wealth and social status should follow as a result.

Sadly, this is becoming increasingly hard with massive unemployment and the rising cost of goods and services. Some corporations rake in record profits, while a record number of people fall below the poverty line.

It’s tragic for the majority of wealth to be concentrated in such a small percentage of the population, while people working full-time jobs can’t afford to pay bills or put food in the cabinets. Credit cards and payday loans are offered as easy solutions. These folks need a fair wage, in full recognition of the fact that products would not be produced were it not for able hands to produce them. Instead, they get massive debt they may never have the means to overcome.

Aside from seeking better wages and avoiding unnecessary debt, individuals have to take advantage of any education opportunities available if they ever expect to climb out of poverty. Education is the greatest tool for upward social mobility.

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JEREMY CLOUD

Statistically, college and trade school graduates will earn more in their lifetimes than non-grads, but once again, it isn’t just about money. An education exposes the mind to new concepts, ideas and ways of thinking. It builds character and self confidence, and promotes critical thinking. These can be valuable commodities in an ever-changing world.

It’s been more than a couple centuries and we are still struggling to accomplish the true American Dream, but income inequality is an elephant in the room that we can no longer afford to ignore. We all have to do our part, whether that means planning on college after high school, paying employees a wage they can actually live on or simply remembering that wealth shouldn’t give people an infinite advantage over everyone else.

—CHRIS JAMES
PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Students encouraged to enroll now and apply for college funding

Financial Aid packages still available to all students

To the Editor:

Now is the time for incoming freshman, new or returning students to enroll in classes at OCCC. Financial aid packages are still available, and the semester is set to begin Monday, Aug. 20.

- Live and in-person: It is important for new and returning students to apply and enroll in-person for best class and schedule availability.

- Bring it all: Students should bring all transcripts with them to be admitted. While OCCC may not need all the educational records, bringing them can save time and speed the process.

- The earlier, the better: The earlier in the day students can arrive to get the enrollment process started, the better.

The shortest wait times are between 8 and 10 a.m. Also, students should arrive at least one hour before the campus closes to better ensure service.

“Although there may be a lot of summertime left, the fall college semester will be here soon. We’re planning ahead and encouraging our students to do the same,” said OCCC Recruitment and Admissions Director Jon Horinek.

“Financial aid packages are still available, and if

students enroll now, they can still get ‘top pick’ on several of their courses.”

OCCC offers well-situated class times and concurrent classes for high school juniors and seniors looking to obtain college credit prior to high school graduation.

OCCC is located at 7777 S May Ave. For more information about enrollment, admission to the college, or financial aid packages, please visit www.occ.edu, or call 405-682-OCCC.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

COMIC BOOK REVIEW | Superhero a hipster who feeds on the misery and sadness of others

‘Dial H’ a comic book with flair

Pelican Army and Captain Lachrymose are just a few of the new heroes dialed up in DC Comics’ new crazy monthly comic book series “Dial H” by writer China Mieville (author of the science fiction book “The City and the City”) and artist Mateus Santolouco.

The series stars an out-of-shape and jobless protagonist named Nelson who aimlessly drifts through life after being dumped by his girlfriend.

When Nelson witnesses his friend Darren suffer a savage beating at the hands of thugs, he accidentally dials HERO on a rotary phone booth while trying to call for help, instantly transforming him into a superhero for a limited amount of time.

While the set-up is clunky and forced — how do you accidentally dial HERO? — when Nelson transforms into Captain Lachrymose, a hipster superhero who feeds on the misery and sadness of others, the fun



really begins.

The artwork by Mateus Santolouco doesn't look rushed or phoned in. Santolouco's art veers between dark and sketchy to brimming with energy, depending on the panel.

Santolouco manages to capture Mieville's wonderfully insane ideas perfectly from the smog emitting Boy Chimney to the hi-tech, military look of the Iron Snail.

China Mieville makes “Dial H” stories a light, breezy read in spite of throwing lots of ideas at the reader.

“Dial H” has a sensibility like previous DC Comics sister imprint Vertigo, despite the conventional trappings of the superhero genre.

Those wanting something different from the comic book genre should give their local comic book retailer a call to see if any “Dial H” issues are available.

Rating: B+

—JOEY STIPEK

SPECIAL PROJECTS WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW | This is not your typical asteroid-is-about-to-destroy-Earth movie

‘Seeking a Friend’ offers a sincere story

“Seeking a Friend for the End of the World” is a funny heartwarming tale with an indie-movie feel in that it tells the story effortlessly and doesn't try too hard, with a sincere but dryer form of humor. A lot of movies seem to package up a resolution in a nice and neat package by the end of the film, but it was clear very early on this movie might not resolve that way.

“Seeking a Friend for the End of the World” stars Steve Carell and Keira Knightley. The basic plot revolves around Dodge (Carell) and the rest of the world learning of the coming apocalypse via an asteroid set to collide with Earth in three weeks. Upon hearing the news, Dodge's wife leaves him, thus setting him off to spend his final days alone.

I'm a big Carell fan and he definitely doesn't disappoint in this movie. Don't go expecting Michael Scott, his character in “The Office,” or Brick from “Anchorman.” Instead, expect a lovable, understandably sarcastic, downtrodden but hopeful character more like the one he played in “Crazy, Stupid, Love.”

Knightley enters into Dodge's life by half-accident as Penny, a 20-something recently-single wanderer.

Knightley's portrayal of a free spirit makes the pairing of the much older Dodge and Penny work, as odd as that sounds. Anytime you pair up a man and a woman in a movie there is almost always romantic tension. “Seeking a Friend” is no different and tension is the perfect word to describe it.

Carell nails his performance in this movie. I really

was engaged in how he portrayed Dodge's character as well as the storyline. I'm a sucker for hope but even more so hope that comes from hopelessness and Carell does that so subtly well.

At moments, the movie seems a little over the top with its end-of-the-world partying and in other ways it portrays society's behavior as the end nears. There are gaps and flaws in the story but if you don't get hung up on little things, you won't miss the point.

When the movie ended, I had been sniffing and wiping back a tear or two for about 10 minutes or so, but the people a few rows in front of me stood up and said, “What a terrible movie.”

So maybe this movie isn't for everyone. Maybe it is not the road trip buddy comedy you might want it to be but that doesn't mean it isn't introspective and thoughtful.

The movie climaxes hours before the asteroid is set to hit, with Dodge trying to find his old flame and Penny trying to find her way home. What happens is gripping and real.

All in all, the film moved me in a way many films attempt to, and did it in a way I wasn't expecting. Anytime you leave a theater and want to drive home with the radio off and reflect, you know there's something to it.

Rating: B+

—MITCHELL RICHARDS

SPORTS WRITER

Financial Aid FACT\$

Government bats 500 with aid regulations

Congress and the U.S. Department of Education threw students and Financial Aid Offices across the country several curve balls recently. These changes were put in place to strengthen the integrity of the Title IV programs and impacts current and prospective students for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Interest Rates: Interest rates on new Subsidized Direct Stafford Loans were scheduled to go from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent annually beginning July 1. However, Congress has delayed implementing the doubling of interest rates for one year. Interest rates on need-based Subsidized Direct Stafford Loans will remain at 3.4 percent. This is a hit with student borrowers.

Ability-to-Benefit: Ability-to-Benefit regulations state that new students who enroll and begin classes after July 1, 2012, must have a high school diploma, GED, or must have completed high school requirements through home schooling in order to qualify for Federal Student Financial Assistance. It has not been clear how students may be able to qualify for Federal Financial Aid if they had previously enrolled in college classes prior to July 1, 2012, took an ATB test, or when they may have been admitted and registered for classes.

Clarification 6/28/12: Students who were enrolled and attended classes prior to July 1 or students who have registered for fall classes and are scheduled to begin classes in August are able to use options previously available for all students: to be tested for ATB, use previous test scores, or use six or more credit hours of college level coursework with a grade of C or higher to qualify for Federal Student Financial Aid — a hit with students and colleges who enroll students who may not have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Pell Grant: Pell Grant lifetime eligibility is limited to 12 full time equivalent semesters for all students with no grandfathering option.

Pell Lifetime Limits: This change is still in place and will have an impact on numerous students who have received Pell Grants at several colleges over the years and have not earned a degree or certificate. It also will impact many students who pursue a bachelor's degree. This is definitely a big strikeout with students and colleges.

Loan Grace Period: Between July 1, 2012, and July 1, 2014, all new Subsidized Direct Stafford Loans will no longer have the interest paid by the U.S. Government during the 6-month Grace Period after leaving college and prior to beginning repayment. Interest will accrue and be added to the total the student must repay.

Grace Period: No change has been made to this requirement. Another strikeout, especially with borrowers.

—HAROLD CASE

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

CELL PHONE REVIEW | ZTE Merit ranks high in customer satisfaction

Straight Talk now carries AT&T at half the price

The 3.5-inch touch screen, Android 2.3, full Internet and full GPS capabilities make Straight Talk's new Android smart phone, the ZTE Merit, powered with full support of the AT&T network, one of the best values for your buck.

Having had prepaid Straight Talk phone service for some time now, I have gone through several phones, mostly Samsung phones. Being caught in the Galaxy rage, I even purchased the lower end Precedent, and a mere six months later it died. As its replacement, I am happy I switched to the Merit.

Priced at \$129.88 through Walmart.com, I had to drive clear to Purcell to find it. But I could tell immediately it was worth the trip.

The whole box felt a bit heavier than the prior Galaxy phone, and to my surprise I found the casing of the phone itself to be exactly that—thicker and more durable with a padded coating similar to a semi-expensive case.

The screen is not much bigger than my Galaxy, which was only 3.2 inches, but seems more sensitive to touch than the Galaxy ever did. And I can tell a difference in letter sizing which is a plus for someone who needs lenses to see.

Upgrading from a 3.5-to-a 5-megapixel camera did not hurt the decision either. The increase in pixels means I can take better quality photographs with my phone.

Some people may wonder why I would want to downgrade from an 800 megahertz processor to a 600. Well, to increase my RAM from 384 megabytes to 512. Now, I am not constantly waiting on my phone to catch up with me because my phone memory is overloaded. And besides, I think the Galaxy's Android 2.2 system had some problems.

It seems there is yet another bonus to the decrease in processor size: an increase in battery time, which was exactly what I needed. I am constantly on the go, and it is hard to charge my phone twice a day as it is. So far the Merit has increased my battery time to one charge a day. And to top it all off, new features that I did not have on my Galaxy really amazed me. Features like simply laying the phone face down to stop it from ringing.

That means no more fumbling to find the correct button in my pocket.

Since the whole exchange was done through a Walmart service replacement plan, I unfortunately had to wait four days for the money to show up on my shopping card. But, there was enough money left over from the \$159 Galaxy I had previously purchased that I was able to buy yet another protection plan with only a few dollars in my pocket.

The switch of providers to AT&T from Sprint has also brought an increase



in data speeds. This was the selling point. I can now receive all the data, talk and text I want for only \$45 a month through Straight Talk, and pay no where near the \$80 or more AT&T charges their own customers for the same service.

I once switched from a cell phone company I had been with for 10 years that claimed to have the happiest customers in cellular. Armed with my ZTE Merit, it is apparent it is Straight Talk that now has one of the happiest customers in wireless.

Rating: A

—SHAWN STAWICKI
GUEST WRITER

FOOD REVIEW | Growing company got the recipe right

Sabra hummus has incredible flavor

Hummus is the new salsa.

Sabra, a growing company founded over 25 years ago, specializes in scrumptious dips and spreads such as hummus, babaganoush (eggplant), salsa, guacamole, Greek yogurts and other vegetarian sides and salads.

The company is known for its diverse collection of yummy main entree recipes, as well.

Inspired by seasonings from around the world, Sabra's items are authentic and made with the freshest of ingredients such as garlic and olive oil and additional spices.

With flavors like roasted red pepper, sun dried tomato, luscious lemon, tahini (a ground sesame seeds paste) and classic hummus, its mediterranean chickpea dip is commonly sold at plenty of local grocery stores such as Sam's Club, Walmart, some gas stations and even in a convenient single serve assemble at OCCC's cafe.

Despite being combined with pita bread, pretzels, chips and other edible utensils, the crowd pleasing dip tends to be on the healthier side of things. Most

“ I, personally, first tried Sabra's hummus recently, and my taste buds went wild.”

—NADIA ENCHASSI
STAFF WRITER

flavors are under 90 calories, making it an indulgence good for you, especially since they're gluten free and certified kosher.

Pricing is also pretty reasonable, often ranging around the \$5 mark.

I, personally, first tried Sabra's hummus recently, and my taste buds went wild. I've actually had it quite regularly ever since.

Honestly, it's practically homemade. Being originally half Arab, I very much approve.

For more delicious details, visit www.sabra.com.

Rating: A

—NADIA ENCHASSI
STAFF WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of June 29 through July 1
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1. *Ted*
2. *Magic Mike*
3. *Brave*
4. *Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection*
5. *Snow White and the Huntsman*
6. *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*
7. *Prometheus*
8. *Moonrise Kingdom*
9. *Snow White and the Huntsman*
10. *People Like Us*
11. *Marvel's The Avengers*
12. *Men in Black 3*
13. *Rock of Ages*
14. *That's My Boy*
15. *Seeking a Friend for the End of the World*
16. *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
17. *To Rome With Love*
18. *Battleship*
19. *The Hunger Games*
20. *To Rome With Love*

CURRENT AND FORMER STUDENTS TAKE THREE-OUT-OF-FIVE SPOTS

Gridiron Club awards students scholarships

PIONEER STAFF

The Oklahoma City Gridiron Club, which funds scholarships for deserving journalism students, has awarded three of its five scholarships in 2012 to OCCC students.

Joey Stipek, a current OCCC journalism student, was awarded \$600 a semester in financial aid for the Jack Dyer Memorial Scholarship.

"I learned about the Gridiron Club through Ronna [Austin] and my friend Chris Lusk, a previous recipient who went on to be the editor of the OU Daily," Stipek said.

Stipek is a staff writer for OCCC's Pioneer student newspaper and has been awarded other scholarships through the University of Oklahoma.

"I managed to pay for 40 percent of my school this year through scholarships because of the work I did for the Pioneer," Stipek said.

Stipek said he was grateful to the media and journalism faculty at OCCC, "and [to] my co-workers in the Pioneer for all of their help and support through the last two years."

One student said she was grateful for the scholarship she received.

"I didn't know exactly how I was going to cover everything, I've never been able to receive FAFSA," said Bonnie Campo, a graduate of OCCC's journalism broadcast program. I was looking for a way to cover the huge jump in tuition between OCCC and OU"

Campo said she heard about the Gridiron Foundation from fellow recipients Stipek and Lusk.

"The people at the Gridiron Foundation really wanted students who were going to stay in Oklahoma and make a difference in the media," Campo said.

Campo said she felt the scholarship would be a good fit for her because of the ties to local media she'd built through multiple internships. She said a few days after attending a Gridiron interview, she received a phone call.

"They told me, 'We'd love to give you \$3,000 for the Jim Lang Scholarship,'" she said.

"I started crying a little bit, because no one's ever come up to me and said, 'Hey, we wanna give you three grand.'"

Campo said the scholarship has alleviated the pressure of keeping up with multiple jobs on top of her academic schedule, and making tuition.

"I don't have to go to sleep at two in the morning after waiting tables in a bar, and then go to school at eight in the morning. I have another option, I can work maybe three days a week instead of five."

Campo said she is grateful to the OCCC journalism program, especially professors Sue Hinton and Gwin Faulconer-Lippert.

"I feel like because of OCCC, there are possibilities



Joey Stipek



Bonnie Campo

made available to me. And now people are awarding me money because of those possibilities.

"It's nice to feel like people are backing you up. It's almost like they're betting on you to succeed, and I'm not gonna let them down."

Former OCCC student Julie Bragg was also awarded financial aid through the Gridiron Club.

According to their website, the Gridiron Club has offered financial aid to journalism students in Oklahoma that are aiming to make an impact on Oklahoma journalism since 1928.

Applications are submitted by mail, and can be downloaded at okcgridiron.org/scholarships. Scholarship applications are accepted through March 15.

THE INCREASE IN FUNDS WILL ALLOW MORE STUDENTS TO ATTAIN HELP THAN IN PRIOR YEARS

TRiO's Upward Bound receives federal grants

KELLY STONE

News Writing Student

An OCCC program was awarded a grant that will fund its activities for the next five years.

OCCC's TRiO Upward Bound program will be awarded \$1.5 million over the next five years.

The program will receive the first increment in September and the funds are slated to last the program through August 2017.

TRiO programs are federal student programs designed to reach out and assist students.

There are seven main TRiO programs— two of which are available at OCCC— TRiO Upward Bound and TRiO Student Support Services. The TRiO Programs office offers services to OCCC students but many do not know these opportunities are available.

The TRiO Student Support Services program is for first-generation college students, low-income students and those who have a documented disability.

TRiO Upward Bound is another program offered to high school students, which supports students throughout high school and prepares them for college. Each school district is covered by different colleges, and OCCC covers the south Oklahoma City and Moore area schools.

Pat Stowe, Student Support Services director, said that TRiO Upward Bound is a federally funded program that strives to support college bound high school students.

Stowe said the program offers tutors, ACT preparation, group activities and

counseling and covers up to \$40 per week to needy students who participate in all required activities.

These services are paid for, and are in conjunction with, the summer school classes and trips that some students take at OCCC.

TRiO Student Support Services students will be attending the program's yearly retreat, set for Aug. 13 and 14.

TRiO Grant Programs director, Karolyn Chowning said the retreat is for all TRiO Student Support Services students, including students that are brand-new to the program.

Chowning said the organization's first-ever OCCC TRiO Student Support Services alumni dinner is set for Aug. 16 at a local restaurant near the college.

Some of the proceeds will benefit TRiO Student Support Services, she said.

"All friends of TRiO are welcome," Chowning said.

Blake Hamilton, a professor at OCCC who teaches poetry during the summer to TRiO Upward Bound students, said the program "gives (students) a jumpstart on being in college."

Enrollment in the program is currently limited to 60 students but, due to the allocated budget increase this September, TRiO-Upward Bound will be able to accommodate 75 students.

Chowning said that prospective students should apply before the end of July in order to attend the orientation retreat in August.

Those interested in either program are encouraged to stop by the TRiO Programs office located on the first floor of the Main Building of the college, next to the Bursar's Office in room 1T7, or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7620.

"We are a friendly place," Chowning said.

Students and staff honor fallen EMS professionals

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The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride served its purpose of remembering heroes of the past while providing new memories for the future.

To honor fallen EMS professionals, students and faculty from OCCC's EMS program participated in the nationwide three-day bike ride that spanned approximately 160 miles across the Colorado Rockies, June 20 through June 22.

OCCC SEMSA President and paramedic student Jimmy Pearson said it was a ride to remember.

"This was the most amazing and unselfish thing I have ever done in my life," Pearson said.

"The event was the most rewarding in every aspect imaginable. We laughed, suffered and then cried our eyes out—together as one, one team, with one purpose."

EMS Student Kel Lowe said the goal of honoring former EMS professionals was no easy task.

"The ride was brutal," she said. Yet aside from the physical tolls the ride

took on her, Lowe accepted the costs of the memorial.

"It reminded us of the pain and suffering that those who have come before us have endured," she said.

"The ride was rewarding, which reminded us of how dedicated those we rode for were to the field of EMS.

"The ride was encouraging, which allowed us to push ourselves to be our best and give our all, again like those before us."

Through hot temperatures and high winds, OCCC paramedic student Stephanie Sides said all riders helped each other along the 160-mile marathon.

"A local medic stayed with me and encouraged me—and when I was struggling a fellow bike rider literally pushed me up the hill so I could make it," Sides said.

"It meant a lot to always have someone there."

Upon completion of the bike ride, formal memorial services were conducted to further honor the deceased, ill, and injured EMS professionals.

"The services afterward and seeing the families made it worth it," Sides said.

Among them, Pearson said riders delivered dog tags of the fallen to their families.

"We told them the story of what we endured to deliver the dog tags and listened to their story of what they had endured losing their loved ones."

In addition to celebrating the lives and sacrifices of former EMS professionals, current employees and students united together through the memorial service.

"The bonds that were developed over that week will last a lifetime," Pearson said.

"We learned about our profession, a little about each other, and a lot about ourselves as we rode those 160 miles."

Lowe also said the memorial ride is something that will stick with her for the rest of her life.

"This ride really put things into perspective. Those in EMS have their lives on the line every day, yet they press on day after day answering the call for



Stacy Wily, Crystal Young and Skye Mellow, members of support and gear, were a crucial part of survival, Student Jimmy Pearson said. They provided water, nutrition, supplies, a ride when necessary and they transported luggage.

help," Lowe said. "It was a very moving and meaningful experience that I am so thankful I got to be a part of."

For Sides, the memorial further affirmed her career choice within EMS.

"Our journey proves that we are a tight-knit group who would do anything to help or save another and honor those who were able to give back," Sides said.

"Being part of the memorial service solidifies my place in EMS. There is nothing else I would rather be doing."



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Kel Lowe, Stephanie Sides, Megan Phifer, Patrick Hyatt, Leaugeay Barnes, D.J. Michael, Jim Pearson and Ashot Boymushakyan participated in the nationwide three-day bike ride that spanned approximately 160 miles across the Colorado Rockies June 20 through June 22. The event was to honor fallen EMS professionals.

Children in kids summer theater camp act out

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College students aren't the only ones learning theater arts and performing in OCCC's Bruce Owen Theater. Over the summer, OCCC hosts Kid's Theater Camp for local children.

Director Jay Ferguson said the program is divided by age group into three different camps that have roughly 30 kids each.

Kids of all interest levels attend.

Some have natural talent and are used to a stage setting, while, for others this is the first time.

Ferguson said that the first camp, for children in first through third grades, worked on a musical about bugs called "Squirm."

"Squirm" was performed June 22 in the Bruce Owen Theater to a packed auditorium. The production was entertaining, but was kept simple for the young children performing.

The second camp was for kids in fourth and fifth grades, and they worked on the production, "Pirates!"

"Pirates!" had scene changes and other more complicated theater elements than "Squirm." "Pirates!" was performed June 29 in the Bruce Owen Theater.

Both shows were open and free to the public.

Camp number three is two weeks long, rather than one, and will be for middle school kids, Ferguson said.

The camp runs July 16 through July 27. The third group will perform "Seusical."

"This is a natural extension of what we do," Director Cristi Miller said. "We want them to appreciate music theater and love doing it."

Aside from theater activities, Ferguson said they work in regular camp activities like playing in the gym, music games and related activities, swimming and watching movies themed with the production that particular camp is working on.

Ferguson said the cost of the Kids Theater Camp is very affordable.

The summer Fitness and Enrichment catalog lists "Pirates!" and "Squirm" as only \$125 per week and "Seusical" is \$225 for two weeks.

Ferguson said that is cheaper than day care, and programs like it elsewhere can cost twice as much.

Miller said that its great for OCCC to provide this service for the community. For more information, contact Coordinator of Community Outreach and Education Brannon Dressel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.



King of the High C's, Jordan Ashley, sings with her choir of pirates in the OCCC College for Kids production, "Pirates!" June 29 in the Bruce Owen Theater. These fourth and fifth graders worked all week long to perform in front of a live audience. The final theater camp will run July 16 through July 27.



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Fourth and fifth graders in the OCCC College for Kids program perform the opening song for "Pirates!" June 29 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The song "Pirates All Are We," told of the various things pirates encounter.



Black Widow Mackenzie Cooper, performs "A Spider Song" in the OCCC College for Kids production, "Squirm" on June 22 in the Bruce Owen Theater. The play was about creepy creatures like snakes, spiders and worms.

SPORTS

Making a splash



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Swimmers ages 6 to 19, begin a 50-meter timed final in the Summer Splash Swim meet, June 26, in the OCCC Aquatic Center. The meet drew a total of 20 teams from the Oklahoma and Texas area and was sponsored by Chesapeake Swim Club, who won the overall team competition with a total of 3,118.5 points in the competition. Swim Tulsa came in second with 1,065 points.

SPORTS | UEFA Euro Soccer Tournament offers entertainment to many Americans

Soccer shootout draws new fans

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After Spain won the UEFA Euro Soccer Tournament July 1 with a 4-0 win over Italy sports fans have their eyes on soccer.

The tournament takes place every four years in the odd years in between the World Cup and features 16 nations from Europe in a nearly month-long tournament.

Many of the games were shown during the day on ESPN and broadcast online, making the games accessible to an American audience.

With the Oklahoma City Thunder making a deep run into the NBA Finals and overtaking the state with Thundermania, many Oklahomans are just now catching on to Euro 2012, with the finals that took place July 1.

Michael Doutey, an aspiring sports journalist, said he found himself watching many of the games.

Doutey said before the tournament started he wasn't a big fan of soccer, but fell in love with the intensity of the "world's game".

"Shootouts are one of my favorite parts of sports," Doutey said of the England versus Italy match on June 24.

Italy won the shootout 4-2 in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

Days later, on June 27, another shootout took place between Portugal and Spain in the semifinals, with Spain winning 4-2.

Doutey said he used to think soccer was boring and that maybe he would watch a little during the World Cup, another tournament that takes place every four years, but never got too excited about it.

“

I'm usually pretty familiar with teams who are pretty good, like Italy, Germany and Spain, but I don't pick a favorite team or anything.”

—PAUL LLOYD
OCCC STUDENT

"I'm really enjoying these games though," Doutey said.

The tournament was hosted by both the Ukraine and Poland.

Student Paul Lloyd said he watched Euro 2012, but is looking forward to watching the United States women play in the Olympics this summer.

"I love Alex Morgan," Lloyd said, speaking of the United States' striker.

Lloyd plays on two indoor soccer teams in his free time and tries to keep up with professional and international soccer as best he can.

"I'm usually pretty familiar with teams who are pretty good, like Italy, Germany and Spain, but I don't pick a favorite team or anything," Lloyd said.

Olympic soccer begins July 25. One game to be held in high anticipation will be the womens United States verses France game, as it is the first game of the Olympics in which the Americans will be playing.

The United States men failed to qualify for the 2012 Olympics.

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

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Domestic dispute, attempted car theft reported

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A domestic dispute and attempted theft of a motor vehicle top this week's crime report.

According to a incident report filed June 18, OCCC Police Officer Gordon Nelson responded to a domestic dispute at 1:25 p.m. in parking lot H involving student Laquitta Stevenson and a man whose name was redacted by OCCC officials in the report but has been identified as William Ray Mitchell.

A supplemental report about the incident was requested by the Pioneer but the Open Records request was denied by Marketing and Public Relations Public

Relations Coordinator Cordell Jordan.

A search at www.oscn.net shows Stevenson was granted an emergency protective order against a William Ray Mitchell June 14 — four days prior to the incident.

Stevenson was scheduled to appear in court on July 2 on the matter but court records show she failed to appear, so the VPO was denied.

Stevenson declined to comment on the incident. Attempts to reach Mitchell were unsuccessful.

On June 14, a student found someone had broken into her car while she was in class, according to a criminal report filed with campus police.

OCCC Campus Police Officer Gordon Nelson responded to a call at 1:44 p.m. from student Samuel

Chinchilla in parking lot E.

"I was in class and when I came back the window was broken," Chinchilla said. He said this is the third time someone has attempted to break into his vehicle, but the first time it has happened at OCCC.

Nelson observed a green 1994 Honda Civic with the driver side window broken out and broken glass on the ground around the vehicle.

Upon closer inspection, Nelson said he observed significant damage inside the vehicle — including a broken steering column and a significant amount of broken glass inside the vehicle. Nelson also found a Phillips head screwdriver and a pair of glasses in the front passenger seat.

Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7691, with information.

Enrolling: Steps to enrolling easy for those who prepare

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Student Financial Aid Services, said Harold Case, the department's dean.

"The first thing we're going to do is send them over to one of our computers to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid]," Case said.

He said students should bring their most current tax filing information.

Once the application is submitted, the college receives information on students who have been awarded, and on students who are selected for verification, Case said.

"In the case of a student who's been selected for verification, we ask them to come in and clarify certain points," he said.

For dependent students, he said that usually involves a worksheet that clarifies the number of dependents in a household, as well as IRS tax transcripts for all tax information submitted.

"It used to be that the form we needed was the 1040 but the regulations changed and we can't accept those anymore," he said.

The transcript is a document that has to be requested from the IRS. Case said there are efforts under way to streamline the procedure.

"One of the ways you can avoid having to bring in that transcript is to use the tax data retrieval function when filling out your FAFSA," he said.

For those who are eligible to

use it, Case said, the function appears as an option during the tax information portion of the application. It collects an applicant's tax data directly from the IRS and inputs it into the proper fields, he said.

While the option can be bypassed, Case said it's also available to students who are selected for verification.

"So if you want, you can go back into the FAFSA after being selected for verification, and if one of the things we need is the tax transcript, you can use the data retrieval if you haven't used it the first time.

"Then the data is straight from the IRS and it clears that part of the verification process."

Once financial aid is taken care of, students should make

a trip to Academic Advising, said Jill Lindblad, Academic Advising assistant director.

"We offer a variety of services to students," Lindblad said.

Those services include helping students choose classes for a degree program, choosing general education classes for students who need to make up deficiencies, helping students who are unsure of what classes to take, and helping students select a doable schedule.

Students need to bring a college ID, any transcripts they might have, placement test scores or ACT scores, Lindblad said.

"Basically, we need to know that they're a student here and have them in our system in order to help them," she said.

Lindblad said her department also offers a video tutorial that covers college terminology, various types of degrees, and class availability. She said advising also can help students learn to use MineOnline to find and register for classes so they can still register on time if they are unable to visit campus.

The advising department also offers assistance with transferring to other universities and coursework planning.

"We look at transfer credits, and how they compare to the credits here, and give you an idea of what that means," she said.

For more information about enrollment, go to www.occc.edu/admissions, or call 405-682-7595.

Gower: Co-workers say they will miss department head

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students as before: This is doable, but you've got to do it now," he said.

Jordan said he and the marketing staff will continue Gower's work on the project.

"I worked alongside of her every step of this branding campaign. We are now seeing the end result.

"We are continuing the kind of legacy that she has had for us with various commercials and advertisements as well as the OCCC website.

"We will continue to tweak and make changes to the new website which was

something she was very, very passionate about," Jordan said.

April Jackson, Publications Coordinator and Graphics Project manager, said Gower was a mentor to all in the office.

"You know you have found the best mentor when you feel inspired, truly engaged, willing to work great lengths to follow such an amazing leader — never taking full credit for accomplishments, but sharing her success with others," Jackson said.

In addition to her hard work, co-workers said Gower also was a friend to all who worked with her.

Online Marketing Coordinator John Richardson said working with Gower was truly a pleasure.

"Paula exhibited traits that define a great manager," Richardson said.

"Her ability to articulate a vision for our department, empower employees to do their jobs to the best of their ability, to be an advocate for those employees, and to recognize the accomplishments of her staff rather than take credit herself," he said.

Jordan said he credits Gower with having a big influence on the PR and Marketing staff.

"I'm always impressed with the staff in

the work that we do and the professionalism of our publications," Jordan said.

"We're responsible for all the publications for the college, advertisements, the website and the social media."

After working with Gower for many years, Jordan said she will be fondly remembered.

"We miss her and wish her well in her endeavors. It was certainly the right move for her."

Gower could not be reached for comment by press time.

Jordan will fill in as acting Marketing and Public Relations director until a replacement is hired.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Put some heart into it

EMS student Kel Lowe dissects a sheep's heart June 13, in OCCC Biology Lab. Test subjects for dissection are available in the lab for student use. Students can also find assistance from tutors or receive answers to any questions they might have. The Biological Sciences Lab, located on the second floor of the Main Building in Area 2C2/2D2, is accessible using Entry 24 from parking lot A.

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COMMUNITY | Fall speech-language program classes offered online

SLPA program launches class

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The fairly new, two-year Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or SLPA program being offered completely online is about to launch its second class this fall.

Beginning Aug. 20, the set-scheduled program is primarily designed for working adults. Requirements include completing 42 hours of speech-language coursework, including six hours of clinical experiences that are conducted over two separate semesters, and 19 hours of general college education courses.

Blending on-site clinical experience with predominantly online coursework, students work under the supervision and direction of SLPs, providing services to schools in healthcare settings.

Upon completion of an Associates in Applied Science, students will graduate ready to apply for a li-

cense from the Oklahoma Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, as well as for a teacher certification from the Oklahoma State Department of Education as an SLPA.

The program seeks 25 to 30 new candidates every year, and only about 15 have currently applied. This is the reason the application deadline was extended a month longer.

The application, available online at www.occc.edu/admissions/health.html and at Recruitment and Admissions, is now due by noon July 13, at Recruitment and Admissions. Basic application requirements include a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a recent minimum score of 77 on the ACCUPLACER reading placement test.

SLPA student Mary Jones said the program really requires committed self-starters. Jones said she personally chose it because the field isn't saturated yet, so their demand as well as their pay is quite high.

"I can finish this degree in only two years and immediately go into the field with a beginning salary at or above a bachelor's degree beginning salary," she said.

Admissions Advisor David Orsburn said, right now, there are serious shortages of speech patholo-

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Loan disbursement

Loan disbursement dates for the summer semester include July 6, 11 and 13. For further information, contact the Financial Aid office at 405-682-7525.

New student orientation

Student Life will be hosting a New Student Orientation session from 9:30 a.m. to noon on July 11, and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on July 12, 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.

Job board registration presentation

Student Employment and Career Services will be hosting a 30-minute Job Board Registration presentation at 12:30 p.m., July 12, in 1G7. Attendees will receive help registering on the Job Board and searching for jobs posted to OCCC, the national job board and the Intern Central national internship board. For more information, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519.

Oil and gas safety

Enroll now for SafeLand USA awareness classes held throughout the summer to provide oil and gas industry professionals with specific safety awareness. Classes are scheduled for July 11 and 25. For more information, call 405-682-7855.

Last day to withdraw from eight-week summer classes (no refund)

The last day to withdraw from eight-week summer classes without a refund is July 13.

Tuition fee waiver

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for the Fall 2012 semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Applications must be submitted before 5 p.m., July 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525.

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

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gist assistants in the state of Oklahoma as well as around the nation.

"So, they created this new program and way for people to get licensed," Orsburn said. "Obviously, there are over 500 school districts here, and we want this to be available to everyone," he said. "By making it online, we're making it accessible to those random schools in further and smaller towns."

For more information about the application, contact Orsburn at 405-682-7538, or email dorsburn@occc.edu.

For more information about the program, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7395, or email kathy.j.wheat@occc.edu.

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CAMPUS CHASE ENDS WITH ROBERT JENNER, 24, BEING ARRESTED

Man with active warrants found in OCCC drainage ditch

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A man with active warrants from Washita County was taken into custody Tuesday, July 3, after hiding in a drainage ditch near campus.

Robert Jenner, 24, was taken into custody by Oklahoma City Police around 10 a.m., said Marketing and Public Relations Relations Coordinator Cordell Jordan.

Jenner was wanted on a felony warrant in Washita County for possession of a controlled substance, according to a spokesman with the U.S. Marshals Oklahoma City Metro Fugitive Squad.

He confirmed the incident began when marshals attempted to arrest Jenner about 9:30 a.m. during a traffic stop near SW 74 and South May Ave. Jenner fled on foot and entered a drainage ditch near the east side of

campus, he said.

Jordan said the U.S. Marshals were later joined by OCPD officers, the Oklahoma City Fire Department, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and OCCC police officers to remove Jenner from

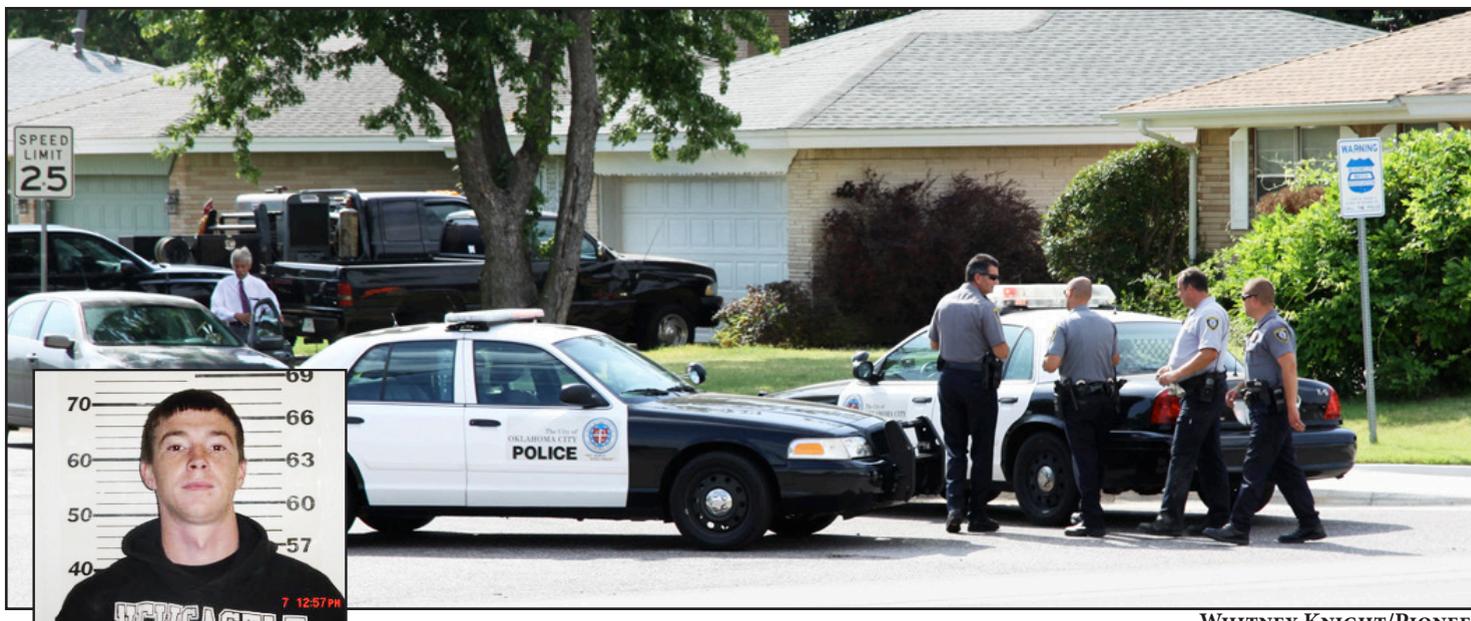
the ditch. After about 30 minutes, Jordan said, Jenner was “willingly pulled” from the ditch after OCPD’s street department removed the drainage grate and pulled him out.

“It appeared to me that he went in

there and got stuck,” Jordan said.

OCCC police officers cleared the scene at 10:12 a.m. No classes or other college activities were interrupted.

Updates will be posted at www.occc.edu/pioneer as they become available.



WHITNEY KNIGHT/PIONEER

Oklahoma City police, along with the Oklahoma City Fire Department, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the U.S. Marshal’s Office and OCCC’s police department, search for Robert Jenner, (inset). Officials said the search for Jenner, 24, began sometime after 9 a.m. and ended about an hour later when Jenner was found hiding in a college drainage ditch.

LOCAL MECHANIC SAID VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CAN ELIMINATE COSTLY REPAIRS

Rides need extra care during hot summer months

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As the Oklahoma summer kicks into full gear and temperatures break into the triple digits, there are a few things to know to keep your car running and maintained for the summer.

Mechanic Sam Wilkerson said the summer months can do lasting damage to cars if they aren’t properly taken care of. He said there are a few simple steps to preventing damage.

- Check your tires and their air pressure. As the temperatures rise, so does the pressure of the air in your tires. Wilkerson said investing in a tire gauge and regularly checking the pressure will help prevent blowouts and flats.

He also stressed checking the spare tire as well and making sure you have proper equipment if you

have a blowout.

“Check the wear on the tread of your tires too,” Wilkerson said. “If you put a penny in your tire’s tread and the tread is higher than from the edge to the top of (Abraham) Lincoln’s head it should be good. If it is on his face, your tire is too worn.”

- Checking your car’s oil regularly is another easy measure one can take to prevent engine failure. Running your car with low or no oil can seize an engine and could destroy the engine.

- Recharging your car’s air conditioner is a simple process that can help you keep cool during rides. Walmart sells refrigerant recharge

kits for around \$20, and the process takes about 10 minutes to do yourself. Wilkerson said small things like checking fluids, air filters and windshield wiper blades also helps. Dust and cotton clogs up air filters, and wiper blades crack in the heat and

might not be effective during summer rains.

- Cleaning your car out regularly helps, too, he said. “Getting the junk out of the trunk will help improve gas mileage a little. A clean car is a happy car.”

A more detailed checklist for summer car care is offered at NPR’s Car Talk website, featuring tips from hosts Tom and Ray Magliozzi, also known as Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers.

The guide is 14 pages long and includes a checklist to take to your mechanic as well as a list of things car owners can check themselves. The guide is available online at CarTalk.com, search “Summer Driving Tips” in the search bar. The guide also is available in a printable PDF download.

