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OCCC FALLS SHORT ON REPORT CARD

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Students in the TRiO Upward Bound program were recognized for their achievements at an awards banquet July 6. For pictures and details, turn to page 7.

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Numbers game



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

International studies major Addye Long and business major Valerie Gulikers take measurements of the Main Building atrium for their physical science class. The students said they were instructed by their professor to calculate the total area of the atrium after taking the measurements.

CHANGES WILL BEGIN IN THE FALL

Nursing curriculum overhauled

SHELBY DUNHAM
News Writing Student

OCCC's nursing department is adopting a new curriculum that will begin this fall. It will have new statements of mission, philosophy, organizing framework, course and unit objectives as well as new course and program outcomes, said Deborah Myers, Nursing Program director.

The curriculum will have a greater emphasis on many fundamental aspects of nursing such as quality, patient care and safety.

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EARLY INDICATORS SHOW IMPROVED ECONOMY WILL EQUAL FEWER STUDENTS

Enrollment numbers expected to decrease

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While enrollment for the fall is predicted to be down slightly compared to previous years, those numbers are due to changing trends more than a sudden drop in enrollment said Planning and Research Executive Director Stu Harvey.

"For a variety of reasons, students will enroll either early or late," Harvey said. "For the past several years students were enrolling earlier and earlier. This year, they seem to be enrolling later.

"That makes the comparison with the prior year look like we're losing more students than we have. It's catching up ... after the Fourth of July is when a lot of people come in and sign up."

Harvey said his department also is seeing a trend toward fewer credit hours per student.

"That can indicate [that] students have jobs and are cutting back from full-time to part-time. So it's really too early to say what the numbers are going to be for fall enrollment at this time."

President Paul Sechrist said the strengthening economy is definitely a factor in enrollment numbers.

"When the economy weakens people are not working as much, as there are fewer opportunities for employment. So enrollment in colleges, especially community colleges, increases," Sechrist said.

Worries in recent years that student numbers would grow faster than OCCC's available capacity also have subsided somewhat, Sechrist said.

He said while the college is still watching that situation closely, the pressure has lessened for now.

Harvey said capacity is not just about the number of students the college is able to house but also making sure classes are available at the times students need them.

"There are certain times in the day when we don't have the classrooms we need," Harvey said. "But the real issue is availability of adjunct faculty to teach certain courses during the day.

"If you have adjunct faculty, they'll have another job either in the private sector or at another school," he said. "And they may

not be available during the times students want to take classes, with the peak period that students want to take classes being between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m."

Sechrist said, despite all that, he encourages prospective students to enroll.

"Most of the new jobs being created [require] education beyond high school," Sechrist said.

"In fact, the jobs that require associate of applied science degrees ... are growing at a faster rate than those that require a bachelor's."

Sechrist said one of the services he believes puts OCCC ahead of other colleges is the amount of free help offered to students.

"We have a huge number of labs and tutoring services," he said.

"Students who start out at OCCC and go on to other colleges come back and tell me, 'I never realized how much support there was.'

"You go to another college and services like our math lab or our comm lab are offered by grad students instead of dedicated tutors, and you have to pay them."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | U.S. Chamber of Commerce report shows Oklahoma's two-year colleges are lagging

OCCC needs to improve grades

A report was released this past June from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for a Competitive Workforce called "Leaders and Laggards: A State-by-State Report Card on Public Postsecondary Education." (<http://icw.uschamber.com/reportcard/#trans2>)



JOEY STIPEK

The report gives the nation's two- and four-year colleges letter grades in certain areas including efficiency and cost effectiveness, student access and success and, lastly, transparency and accountability.

Simply put, Oklahoma's two-year institutions simply aren't making the grade.

While Oklahoma's four-year institutions received a B in four categories, the state's 33 two-year institutions fared much worse, receiving a C for student access and success, D for efficiency and cost effectiveness, C for meeting labor and marketing demand and a D for transparency and accountability.

Of the states surrounding Oklahoma, only New

Mexico fared worse in every category.

In the June 20 edition of *The Oklahoman*, Andrew Kelly, a researcher for the U.S. Chamber report, said the study was based a review of states' higher education policies and on data analysis from the National Center for Education Statistics.

"As states struggle to fund higher education, it becomes more important for higher education systems and campuses to make the most of funds they're given," Kelly said.

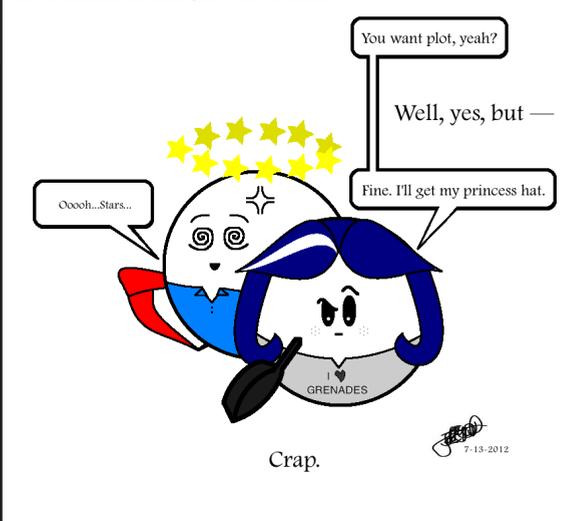
Oklahoma's two-year college leaders should look to see what the states' 12 four-year institutions are doing right, especially in the areas of efficiency and cost effectiveness, and transparency and accountability, and follow suit.

Then those school presidents should implement those policies and procedures at their own institutions.

After all, taxpayers have a right to know how their tax dollars are spent on schools in every area.

While it's unfair to blame OCCC for 32 other schools not being able to keep their ducks in a row, OCCC does deserve their share of the blame — especially on issues such as transparency and accountability.

BALLIARD BILL



JEREMY CLOUD

When OCCC is less than forthcoming over issues surrounding money missing from the Bursar's office or obtaining simple records over how much money is used on chlorine for the Aquatic Center, then you can see why the U.S Chamber of Commerce gave OCCC the grade it did.

Higher education in the state of Oklahoma generally deserves better marks than a D.

However, Oklahoma's two-year school presidents should be doing more to ensure the state's institutions are making the grade in all areas.

—JOEY STIPEK

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Life lessons found at OCCC

Writer says self respect the key to success in all areas

To the Editor:

In my time at OCCC, I have learned some fairly huge life lessons — things outside of the textbook but equally important to success.

One of those is how to treat myself, i.e. how to respect myself — my thoughts, feelings and goals — and as a result, be respected.

I'm referring to self-respect — that thing that makes you work hard even if no one else is; the thing that helps you understand that your character will grow by leaps and bounds when you turn your back on others' bad behavior, even when that behavior is directed toward you. It's the thing deep inside of you that no one but you can touch unless you allow it.

Self respect makes you want to do the right thing even when no one else is. It makes you want to be

nice to everyone because you realize, in the end, only you are responsible for your behaviors — both good and bad.

Having self respect helps you succeed in all areas of life — home, work, friends, academics.

While you may not be the best at something, self-respect makes you try your best and in the end, that is something to be proud of.

Self respect can't be taken away. You own it. You alone control it. It sets you apart from everyone else.

Self-respect is about self-worth. It's about how much you value yourself. In turn, that has a direct bearing on how much others value you.

It's never too late to discover that part of yourself.

It may be buried deep inside. It may have been locked away because of a bad event or several failures.

However, it's still there, just waiting to be revived.

Strive every day to challenge yourself, to live up to your expectations but to still be proud of yourself if you fall short. Find your self respect.

Once you do, it's very freeing.

No one can bring you down if you respect yourself. No one can abuse you, make you believe badly of yourself or ever make you feel like a failure if you have self respect.

And when you locate and start making good use of your self-respect capabilities, share the joy.

Take some time to help another person find that he or she also can stand tall and successfully face many adversities head on just by believing in and having self respect.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

BUSINESS REVIEW | Card store worker ruining businesses' awesome side

Kirby's World owner offensive

After hearing rave reviews about a little card store called Kirby's World, located at 5908 NW 38th Street in Warr Acres, I just couldn't help but check it out.

I gathered up my two best friends — fellow nerds, of course — and off we went on an adventure that promised laughs, fun times, and some shiny new trading cards for our respective collections.

Walking up to the door, my hopes were sky high. The glass windows advertised the cheapest prices on cards of every imaginable genre: baseball and football, card games like Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic, and even my longtime love, Pokémon.

If my hopes were sky high walking into the store, they were clear to the Milky Way when we actually made it inside. Boxes of common and uncommon cards were stacked to the ceiling, while rarer cards were kept behind glass displays and could be looked at with the help of a store employee.

Although the store's stock consisted mostly of single cards, there were plenty of other goodies, too: booster packs, premade decks, binders, card sleeves, and even some random goodies like pins and badges from the Pokémon League. I won't lie to you — I squealed.

It was everything a geek like me could ever dream of and more. It felt like Christmas — that is, until the store owner started talking.

Rather than ask how we were doing or if we needed any help, he instead decided to ask if we were Mormon. Apparently, for him, it was some sort of abnormality to see a man out with two women — such an abnormality that it must mean they're all involved in a polygamous relationship.

Seemingly unaware of how offended and annoyed we were by his perverted take on humor, he continued. He said if he had a wife, he would let her have "sleepovers" with as many girls as she wanted — then, he quipped, that must be why he's not married.

An appropriate way to talk to your customers?

Sadly, that wasn't even the pinnacle of his inap-

propriate behavior. In addition to hovering over us as we looked through cards, he went on to tell us that he was once a public school teacher before junior high girls started propositioning him for "things." It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize what he was implying.

Aside from his disgusting speech, his general knowledge of his store and its wares was inexcusable.

When my friend asked if they had a specific card, he shrugged and answered that he didn't know.

When I asked to look at a sheet of Pokémon cards kept underneath the glass counter, he kept his hand on it the entire time, like he was afraid I was going to grab it and run out the door. Then, he yanked it away from me without even asking if I was done — right before I was about to purchase a card out of it.

Feeling thoroughly fed up — not to mention creeped out — we quickly gathered the cards we wanted, paid, and left with no intentions of ever returning.

While the stock was impressive, nothing could make up for the owner's behavior. As for the cheap prices they advertised? For popular games like Magic: The Gathering, you can easily get cheaper by going to Game HQ at 1620 SW 89 Street.

Not only is the store bigger, but the employees there are incredibly professional and respectful. I've never once had a bad experience there, and I've been a regular for more than a decade now.

Unfortunately, for less popular cards like Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh!, nowhere in the state offers a comparable selection of singles.

But rather than give Kirby's World any more business, I suggest hitting up www.tcgplayer.com. The prices are cheap, and shipping stays fairly low if you can buy from the same seller.

Whatever you do, just don't go to Kirby's.

Rating: F

—WHITNEY KNIGHT
ONLINE EDITOR

MUSIC REVIEW | Maroon 5 shows tender, more poppish side on new album

'Overexposed' will need radio help

After the moderate success of their last album "Hands All Over," Maroon 5 is back with their fourth studio album, "Overexposed." The album, released June 26, features hit single "Payphone" featuring Wiz Khalifa, and "One More Night."

Many critics have had mixed feelings about the album. While the album stays true to M5's pop roots, many feel it does not reflect the true personality of the band. Lead singer Adam Levine said in a recent interview the album is their "poppiest" and most diverse album they have recorded, but said the band enjoyed recording it and hope fans will enjoy it as well.

The album starts off with the previously mentioned upbeat singles and later segues into a mix of dance party songs such as "Lucky Strike" and "Tickets" followed by a vast amount of slow songs such as "Daylight" and "Beautiful Goodbye."

Similar to previous M5 albums, "Overexposed" is no different in its theme of heartbreak in love. This is apparent in songs such as "Lady Killer" and "Sad"

which reflect both heartache and anger.

While some critics may say the band is childish in this theme, Levine claims it is part of who the band is and what contributed to their success. "Heartbreak makes great songs," Levine said at a recent performance on the "Today Show."

While the album may not be a complete hit on the charts and is unlikely to bring in many new fans, those who have followed Maroon 5 since their first album "Songs About Jane" will not be disappointed.

And, while it may be difficult for the band to top last summer's hit "Moves Like Jagger," constant replay of singles from "Overexposed" will be enough to keep the band's reputation afloat for now.

As long as Maroon 5 members continue being rejected by women and suffering relationship woes, they will have many more albums left to come.

Rating: B

—ERIN PEDEN
STAFF WRITER

ADVISER'S 411

Students: get ready for fall semester now

June and July have been busy months in the Office of Academic Advising.

Summer classes are quickly coming to an end, and for those who have not yet enrolled for the fall semester, it is important to get enrolled as soon as possible.

Classes are filling up, and optimal times and days for those on a restricted schedule will become difficult to find.

Students who wait until the last minute to enroll may find that class availability at times that are convenient with their work and personal schedules are not available.

Also, for students planning to attend in the fall, this is a great time to meet with one of the faculty advisers working in our office for the summer semester.

Faculty advisers can help you in the selection of your faculty-approved electives, career exploration and a variety of other needs particular to your major.

For international students who will be traveling within the U.S. and abroad this summer, it is important to come in and meet with an academic adviser to set up your fall courses.

By doing so, international students ensure their enrollment and degree/course planning is done and they can spend the rest of their summer worry free about finding the appropriate courses at the right times for their schedules.

Enrolling early also allows you to ask important questions and get informed responses.

Students often want to know: What classes do I have left to take? Can I take an intersession course? What is online coursework like, and is there online help if I have trouble? Can I enroll online? Do I need to test for course placement? When do I apply for graduation?

These are all questions the Office of Academic Advising can help you get answers to.

Therefore, planning ahead and meeting with an academic adviser now may ensure optimal course placement and course availability.

To set up an appointment for summer to meet with an academic adviser or a faculty adviser call 405-682-7535.

The Office of Academic Advising is located on the first floor of the main building.

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ADVISING COORDINATOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

BUSINESS REVIEW | Facility is perfect for people of all ages

Trampoline park gives patrons more elevation

I recently made the drive out to Edmond to visit Elevation Trampoline Park, which is an indoor trampoline facility.

When you first walk into Elevation, you are greeted by a grid of 48 trampolines lined up next to each other with protective mats being the only separation between each trampoline.

Twenty-eight trampolines make up the “floor” with the other 20 forming a wall with a slight slant, allowing the jumper to bounce off the walls.

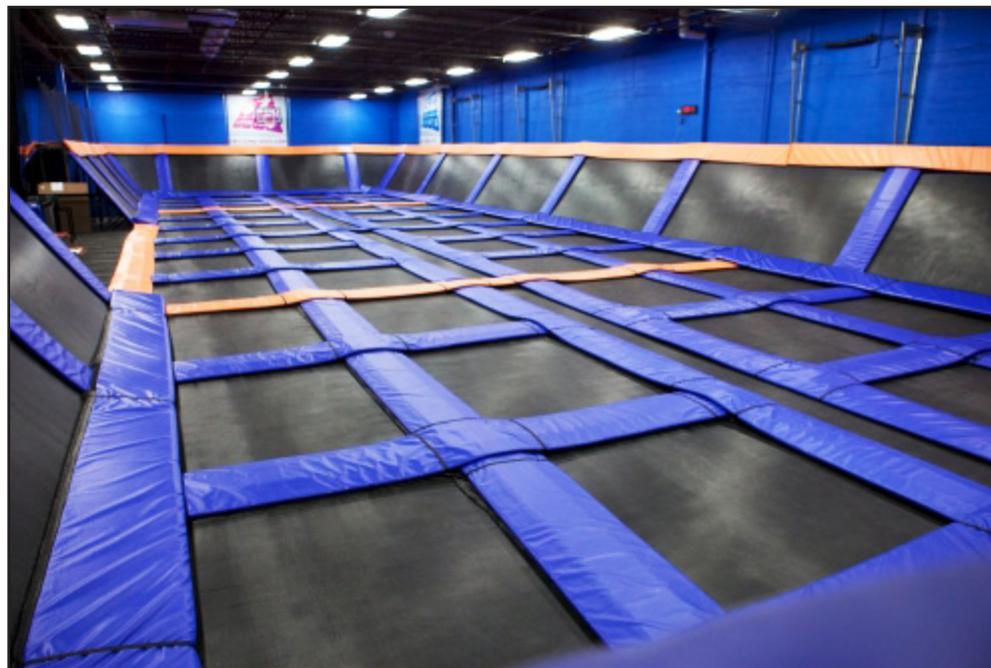
Other than the main jump area, there are two basketball and dodgeball areas, allowing jumpers to channel their inner Russell Westbrook and dunk on regulation basketball goals with the aid of the trampolines.

There are areas where jumpers can fly through the air, off of the trampoline and into a foam pit. There is also a children’s trampoline area for younger jumpers.

To be transparent, I was in competitive power tumbling and trampoline as a youngster and basically grew up jumping on trampolines and doing flips, so Elevation was a dream come true for me.

The cost to jump is \$11 for the first hour and \$6 for each additional hour.

The price includes every activity in the building. An hour doesn’t sound like much, but jumping on



trampolines for 5 minutes left me out of breath, so a full hour is just about the perfect amount of time to do everything and feel satisfied.

Playing in the basketball and dodgeball area was probably my personal favorite.

“The facility is top notch, clean and friendly.”

—MITCHELL RICHARDS
STAFF WRITER

Rating: A

I got involved in a heated game of dodgeball towards the end of my hour, which allowed me to slow down and catch my breath.

The impromptu game was started by some teenagers, but included adults and the pre-teens as well.

The friendly patrons, who invited me to play dodgeball, threw high fives when our team got someone out, in this case a really high five. It alone was worth the price of admission.

Cons: You can hurt yourself pretty bad if you fall and break something.

Pros: Come on, it’s a room... made of trampolines.

All in all, I had a great time.

The facility is top notch, clean and friendly.

Elevation offers free lockers to put your shoes and things in too.

Elevation is located at 14402 N. Lincoln Blvd in Edmond.

For more information, including open jump times, visit ElevationTP.com or [@ElevationTP](https://twitter.com/ElevationTP) on Twitter.

—MITCHELL RICHARDS
STAFF WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW | “Family Guy” creators first feature film is a hit

Talking teddy bear creates laughs

We all know teddy bears are cute on their own, but what happens when you personify one as a vulgar 20-something-year-old pothead who just wants to party? Throw Mark Wahlberg in the mix with Seth McFarlane’s writing and you get “Ted” – both an entertaining and hilarious movie.

From the get-go, the movie’s entire premise seems like a “can’t-miss” – it’s a talking teddy bear. A sometimes crude, always inappropriate, talking teddy bear. What’s not to like? The answer: not much.

As expected, the movie begins with a little glimpse into the childhood of John Bennett (Wahlberg) and how his soon-to-be best friend came about.

Unoriginally enough, the kid version of John simply wished for his teddy bear to be able to talk to him one night, but how else did you expect it to happen? After freaking out John’s parents that next morning, you fast forward about 27 years and the meat of the movie begins.

Over the course of the movie, the interactions between John and Ted are like that of actual best

friends. The witty discourse laden with derogatory insults between the two remind you of any group of 20- to 30-year-old guys just hanging out as normal, and as a result, the funniest moments are heard here. What did come as a surprise was the angle of maturity, growing-up, and even a little bit of a love story.

Mila Kunis plays the role of Lori, John’s girlfriend of four years, who battles Ted for the attention of John. While unexpected, Lori’s involvement allows the movie to have an actual storyline and accompanies the two stars pretty well, adding her own humor to the fray.

All in all, Ted is what you’d expect. A talking teddy bear that gets himself and his best friend in to some peculiar situations – with amusing results.

For Seth McFarlane’s film debut, “Ted” is no let down. Especially for “Family Guy” fanatics, as “Ted” is about as close as you can get without it being fully animated.

RATING: A

—MORGAN BEARD
STAFF WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of July 6 through July 8
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1. *The Amazing Spider-Man*
2. *Ted*
3. *Brave*
4. *Savages*
5. *Magic Mike*
6. *Tyler Perry’s Madea’s Witness Protection*
7. *Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted*
8. *Katy Perry: Part of Me*
9. *Moonrise Kingdom*
10. *To Rome With Love*
11. *People Like Us*
12. *Marvel’s The Avengers*
13. *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*
14. *Prometheus*
15. *Snow White and the Huntsman*
16. *Men in Black 3*
17. *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
18. *Rock of Ages*
19. *That’s My Boy*
20. *Bol Bachchan*

MONEY REINVESTED INTO COLLEGE PAYS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Bookstore revenue funds campus community

ROBERT GALBRAITH
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The OCCC bookstore is one of the few bookstores in the state of Oklahoma owned by the college rather than a third party.

Therefore, 100 percent of the OCCC bookstore's revenue is reinvested in the college, said Bookstore Director Breanda Reinke.

Revenue raised by the bookstore goes into the college's general fund where it is combined with all state, private and other funding, she said.

Once all the money is accumulated it is distributed among various college projects on campus, benefiting

current and future students, Reinke said.

Reinke gave examples of where students' money spent at the bookstore is used.

"Bookstore revenue has funded several improvements on campus including the coffee shop, parking lot expansions, resurfacing and new equipment in the weight room," Reinke said.

Reinke said that much of the revenue is distributed to other areas of the college as needed.

Students seemed pleased when they learned where their money was going.

"With books being so costly to myself and possibly other students, it actually pleases me to know my money is being spent to improve this campus for

current and future students at the college," Student Sean Stapleton said.

The bookstore is located on campus in the lobby of the Main Building, across from the coffee shop.

The bookstore is open Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The bookstore is closed weekends.

The bookstore offers many students supplies and merchandise for classes including books, paper, snacks, scantrons and OCCC apparel.

For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7510, or visit the bookstore online at bookstore.occc.edu/home.aspx.

VOLUNTEERS ENJOY YEAR-ROUND BENEFITS

Oklahoma State Fair reaches out to college students

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News Writing Student

The Oklahoma State Fair is reaching out to college students in the Oklahoma City metro wanting to make a difference.

Jill Sodowsky, a special program intern at the Oklahoma State Fair, said she thinks volunteering at the state fair is a great opportunity for college students.

"The Oklahoma State Fair is registered with the residential program board, which keeps track of volunteer hours," Sodowsky said.

Sodowsky said that it gives volunteers recognition for what they've done. She said there are three different shifts during the 11-day fair, which enables students to work at different times throughout the day, allowing them to work around their schedules.

"After four shifts, volunteers are given free admission and a parking pass for the remainder of the fair," she said.

While working at the fair, volunteers are given incentives including free T-shirts, special parking privileges and free gate admission before or after their shifts, according to the Oklahoma State Fair website.

In addition, volunteers who work at least four shifts are eligible to attend an annual awards banquet.

According to the website, volunteer positions include gate greeters, building hosts, vendor hospitality, guest services, Creation Station helpers, Disney on Ice attendants and assistants for the State Fair horse shows.

Orientation for volunteer training is Sept. 6 and 8, and all volunteers must attend in order to receive incentives, Sodowsky said.

The website says, although the fair takes place for only 11 days, volunteers enjoy year-round benefits from volunteering at the fair. Such benefits include social dinners, developmental opportunities, and an appreciation banquet in November. Early Bird registration for volunteers is the first Thursday in May, but volunteers can sign up anytime through Sept. 1.

According to a statement on the website, "Volunteer members are critical to the success of Oklahoma's State Fair each year, and their help is much needed and appreciated; Their faithful service is the backbone of the fair and, without them, it would not be possible to provide the level of hospitality, educational programs and children's services to our guests, that Oklahoma State Fair is known for."

Students can get involved by registering online at the State Fair's website, www.okstatefair.com.

SUCCESSFUL JOB SEARCHING TIPS

Career Services provides opportunities for student jobs

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The OCCC Career Services department offers many resources to help students land jobs on and off campus, even after graduation. The Student Employment and Career Services Guide is one of the many resources OCCC has to offer. This guide offers information on various topics from how to write a cover letter to lunch and dinner etiquette, and more.

Debra Vaughn, director of Student Employment Services, said she has worked in the Career Services department for six years.

"We want this to be a great resource for students," Vaughn said.

Vaughn mentioned five tips students should consider when entering the corporate world.

Tip #1: Filling out a job application: On page 1 of the guide is a list of job application tips. This page includes what is recommended and what to avoid in the "reasons for leaving a job" section on a job application and other tips such as checking spelling and grammar.

"The way you fill out an application matters," Vaughn said. "The interview has started with the application."

Tip #2: The strength of your resume: Pages 2 through 5 offer resume advice, explaining the differences between the three types of resumes: Chronological, Functional and Combination. Examples of resumes are provided.

Tip #3: Professional business etiquette: Page 10 offers 20 social and etiquette skills to follow when entering the corporate world.

Tip #4: Proper dress when interviewing for a job: The proper way to dress during an interview for both men and women can be found on pages 13 through 17. The guide describes acceptable clothing and accessories and what to avoid, as well as a pictorial demonstration on how to tie a neck tie.

Tip #5: Social Networking: Websites such as Facebook and Twitter are among many ways an employer can look up possible candidates for a job.

"Employers will look you up," Vaughn said.

Student Brandy Anderson also agrees.

"Many companies will utilize social networking to gain a better understanding of the lifestyle on potential candidates," Anderson said.

Page 26 of the guide, informs students about the positive and negative aspects of social networking sites. Examples can be found on what is considered acceptable.

Copies of the Student Employment and Career Services Guide can be found on campus in the Main Building in the Career Services department.



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Police Chief Fitzpatrick takes a moment to talk with Police Officer Nelson and Security Officer Evans on July 6 in the OCCC parking lot. The campus police offices are located on the first floor of the Main Building near Facilities Management and is home the the campus lost and found.

Campus police provide safe environment for students

JOHN GRAMLICH
News Writing Student

Summer is in full swing and as students take a break from school, one campus organization stays on the job full time, devoted and alert.

The OCCC campus police department is a key component to the college itself.

“The purpose of the campus police department is for the safety and security of all employees and patrons of the college,” said James Fitzpatrick, OCCC Police Chief.

Fitzpatrick discussed the different seasons of the year and how they correlate with campus police work.

He said the fall semester is easily the most trying semester, while both spring and summer are a little more relaxed.

In the fall, Fitzpatrick explained, there are more new students who don’t understand campus poli-

cies completely, and the number of visitors is also at its highest.

Fitzpatrick said the majority of the issues handled throughout the year are traffic and parking violations, due to students and visitors who are unaware of where parking is permitted.

In the spring and summer, he said, there are fewer new students, much less activity and the students already know where to go for classes and on campus activities.

Fitzpatrick said the relationship between the campus police department and the Oklahoma City Police Department is a good one.

He confirmed the campus police department is a separate department but that there is a dependency on the Oklahoma City police to handle the more severe and significant events on campus.

The relationship between the two departments is separate but co-dependent, he said.

“The purpose of the campus police department is for the safety and security of all employees and patrons of the college.”

—JAMES FITZPATRICK
OCCC POLICE CHIEF

Fitzpatrick said campus remains safe and secure because of the campus police department.

The officers and leaders are dedicated, and devote their time and efforts to maintaining the overall well being of the campus while keeping both faculty and students safe year round, he said.

For more information on the campus police or to contact them for assistance, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7691, or stop by the office located in the Main Building by the coffee shop.

Program ceremony recognizes improvements

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TRiO Upward Bound, now in its 20th year at OCCC, held an annual summer award ceremony on Friday, July 6, in the College Union.

The Upward Bound program recruits high school students from the southwest Oklahoma City and Moore areas.

The ceremony is centered on getting students interested in and prepared for college, said TRiO Grant Programs Director Karolyn Chowning.

“We want to ignite a spark for learning that will last a lifetime,” she said.

Students in the program read poetry, performed music and showed presentations displaying lessons learned over the summer to parents and instructors during an Italian dinner.

Program instructors presented

awards for academic achievement and improvement.

The Upward Bound teaching staff is comprised of OCCC professors and adjunct faculty, high school teachers and people with specific expertise in a field of study like entrepreneurship.

This event was the recognition of a summer dedicated to hard work and learning, rather than just having fun like many kids do over the summer.

That’s not to say they don’t have fun in the program, Chowning said.

The ceremony concluded with an announcement of students eligible for a reward trip to the University of Central Arkansas, University of Tennessee and the Smoky Mountains.

To find out more about the opportunities offered by Upward Bound, contact Assistant Director Carmela Mendoza at 405-682-1611, ext. 7373, or drop by the TRiO office, located down the hall from the Bursars office on the first floor of the Main Building.



Samuel Hwang, accompanied by guitarists Dalinh Tran and Hhuong Nguyen, demonstrate their musical abilities at the TRiO Upward Bound awards ceremony held in the College Union.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

English Professor Mark Zindelo recognizes academic achievement in his introduction to journalism course on July 6 at the TRiO Upward Bound awards ceremony. Zindelo said that many of the high school students picked up, over the course of the summer, what can take many college students two or more semesters to learn.



Parents and guests of Upward Bound students look over copies of the Upward Bound Times at the Upward Bound awards ceremony. The publication is a newsletter put together by students in the program’s introduction to journalism course offered over the summer.

SPORTS

Row your boat



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Chris Luu, energy management major, makes use of rowing machine, July 5, in the OCCC Wellness Center weight room. Anyone with a current OCCC student ID can receive free access to the weight room during normal operating hours.

SPORTS | Competition to be held at OCCC Aquatic Center

Local lifeguards to compete

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The second annual OCCC Junior Lifeguard Games are being held at 7:15 a.m., July 13, at the OCCC Aquatic Center.

Junior lifeguard teams are competing in five rounds of events to claim the top overall prize.

Roxanna Butler, Recreation and Fitness director, organized the event and expects eight to 12 teams this year.

Last year was the first year of the event and seven teams participated.

Butler said the teams come from area pools that have a Junior Lifeguard program. Programs from Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation, Mustang, Yukon, Rose State College, YMCA and El Reno are expected to participate.

A group from Rose State College won the event last year.

Events cover the gamut of lifeguard skills and duties, including events showcasing swimming speed and the ability to perform rescue and care for a victim, Butler said.

“They will compete in deep water tug of war to show their strength, pickup sticks to show scanning and reaction ability and the ‘Last Guard Standing’ to evaluate their knowledge,” Butler said.

Butler said the age range of Junior Lifeguards is between 11 and 15 and participants cannot be certified as lifeguards. There must be at least one participant of each gender com-

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—ROXANNA BUTLER
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND FITNESS

peting at all times, and participants must be available to act as victims when needed.

According to the Junior Lifeguard Games registration packet, other competitions include an Iron Guard sportsmanship award and a team T-shirt contest. The Iron Guard award recognizes guards for their professionalism and leadership skills as a lifeguard.

The team T-shirt contest has a “Friday the 13th” theme and winners will be voted on. Each event requires four participants, but teams can have up to six members and a coach.

Some of the details of the events will be kept secret until the start of the competition, but the competitors were given a list of practice skills to prepare them for what they might face.

Some practice skills listed are retrieving a 10-pound brick and being able to tread water with it, basic first aid skills, and victim retrieval and assisting skills.

Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each event and trophies to the top three teams overall.

For more information, call Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-1611, ext 7860.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

July 13: Junior Lifeguard Games. 7:15 a.m. at the OCCC Aquatic Center. 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.

July 21 - 22: Oklahoma Swimming Division II Meet at the OCCC Aquatic Center. For more information, visit www.oks.org.

July 23 - 27: Youth Cheer and Dance Camp. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 405-682-7860.

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Medical issue, theft reported to campus police

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A student having a seizure in the library and a theft in the Wellness Center top this week's crime report.

According to a medical report filed June 26 by OCCC Campus Police Sgt. Kevin Tipton, around noon campus police responded to a call of a student having a seizure in the library.

Tipton said he found a white female on the floor. He reported the student appeared to be sleeping and she was making a snoring sound. The woman's name was redacted as per OCCC's policy on incident reports

involving first responder calls.

EMSA and the Oklahoma City Fire Department arrived after being called by campus police. Tipton reported the student regained consciousness before the arrival of EMSA but appeared confused and disoriented. EMSA took her to St. Anthony Hospital. No updates were available at press time.

According to a criminal report filed on June 27 by OCCC Campus Police Officer Jimmie Watts, Franklin Troung reported his iPhone had been stolen.

Troung said he arrived at the gym to play basketball at 6:20 p.m. and laid his 3GS 16-gigabyte black Apple iPhone down on a bench next to his shoes while he played basketball.

When Troung left the gym around 8:25 p.m., he said he realized his phone was missing.

After Watts took Troung's information, Watts went back to the Campus Police office and reviewed camera footage. The camera data was inconclusive to make a determination of any suspects.

In a phone interview, Troung said he is a regular at OCCC's gym, playing basketball there three times a week and has never encountered any problems before the theft.

"I would warn other students to put a lock on your locker or just to leave your belongings in your vehicle," he said.

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

Enrollment: OCCC a leader in the state for education

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Sechrist said the variety of labs is also unusual for a community college.

"We have a dedicated engineering lab, a dedicated

physical sciences lab. We have a cadaver lab, which is almost unheard of at a community college."

But, Sechrist said, students who do choose to enroll should be prepared for the commit-

ment.

"College is not easy. "It takes dedication and a lot of time outside of class. A student might have to go to take their tests in the Testing Center instead of in class.

"A student might be coming from high school and think they can get most of the material they need in the classroom and not need to study on their own time," he said.

He said while the support

the college offers is free, "students have to make the time and effort."

"Learning is fun, but the fun of learning requires a student to make the commitment to do the work that makes it fun."

Nurses: OCCC nursing department makes some changes

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Some of the main changes to take place are making the nutrition course BIO 1023 a pre-requisite, the realignment of other pre- and co-requisite classes, and revamping the sequence of classes, Myers said.

However, she said, the actual courses will not change.

The current, suggested degree plan is no longer a suggestion, Myers said. It is now the required path.

These changes will mostly affect incoming students, she said, as current students in the program will be grandfathered into the old curriculum, unless they fail a course, in which case they will be expected to follow the new curriculum.

A recent health care study revealed the need for radical changes in the way nurses are educated nationally, which prompted the push for changes at OCCC, Myers said.

To receive a nursing degree at OCCC, it traditionally takes four semesters with 74 or 75 hours (depending on which chemistry course is taken).

However, she said, it can take longer depending on the individual student and his or her accomplishments.

Myers said OCCC offers three pathways for nursing.

The traditional pathway admits 72 students in both the fall and spring semesters. The career pathway admits 72 students only in the fall semester and a LPN or Oklahoma Paramedic license is required. The Accelerated program called BADNAP requires a bachelor's degree

in a non-nursing major and admits up to 72 students each June.

On completion of these degree programs, the student will receive a Registered Nurse degree.

From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, there were 575 applicants. Of those, 291 were admitted into the three programs, Myers said.

She said to become a licensed nurse, one must pass the NCLEX-RN standardized exam. This test is the same for all nursing students throughout the nation.

The pass rate for OCCC nursing students is very high and well above state and national passing rates. In 2011, OCCC's pass rate was 94.97 percent, Myers said.

When asked if students with an RN degree should continue schooling to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing, Myers said all nurses should strive for a BSN degree because it is difficult to move up to higher positions such as a head nurse or nursing director without one.

She said the only exception would be in rural areas where there are not as many available nurses.

For more information, email Myers at dmyersa@occc.edu.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Helping hand



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Senior Communications Lab Assistant Brandon Isaak helps Vu Nguyen, electrical engineering major, with his writing July 5 in the Communications Lab. The Comm Lab is a place dedicated to helping students with their writing skills and assignments.

COMMUNITY | Broadcasting scholar wins OETA award

Student wins scholarship

MATT PRUEITT
News Writing Student

The Dr. Edwin E. Vineyard Broadcasting Scholarship from the OETA was awarded this year for the first time to a student completing their sophomore year at a regionally accredited Oklahoma institution of higher education.

The scholarship was judged based on each student's academic records, personal characteristics, career history and subjective opinion.

Justin Voda, a broadcasting major at OCCC, won the ten thousand dollar scholarship with the help of professors and advisors from OCCC and an internship at a local radio station, Voda said.

Voda said he grew up in Los Angeles, where his love for broadcasting blossomed from his frequent exposure to the entertainment and news industry.

Voda said after high school he began working as an extra on television and film shoots, but after realizing that acting wouldn't pay the bills, he switched his career path to the mortgage industry.

Voda worked as a loan officer and processor until 2008, when he said the financial crisis left hundreds

of his co-workers out of a job.

Unable to find work in the mortgage industry, Voda waited tables for extra cash before getting married in 2009.

Voda said the newlywed couple moved back to his wife's home town of Norman, Okla. It was then Voda began to reshape his future.

"Having never completed a college degree had left a tremendous void in my life," Voda said.

After finishing his sophomore year at OCCC, Voda accepted an internship at 107.7 KRXX for the summer, where he assists the promotions department, travels with DJ's to broadcast at grocery stores and car dealerships, and records voice commercials on demand.

Being an intern helped Voda win the scholarship because it gave him valuable experience and proved to the scholarship committee that he was dedicated to a future in broadcasting, he said.

Voda said he plans to attend the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma in the fall.

After college, Voda said he wished to pursue a television career as an investigative journalist.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Loan disbursement

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

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.

New student orientation

Student Life will be hosting a New Student Orientation session from 6 to 8:30 p.m., July 16, and from 2:30 to 5 p.m., July 17, 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.

Applying for campus jobs presentation

Student Employment and Career Services will be hosting a 30-minute presentation at 12:30 p.m., July 19, in 1G7. Students looking for on-campus jobs, or receiving Federal Work Study money and wanting to find applicable jobs will work with staff to apply for positions. For further information, contact Student Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519.

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.

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 25. For more information, call 405-682-7855.

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

Through all the struggles and hardships of Voda's life, Voda still holds his dreams in the highest regard.

"It is important to understand that while our country is going through the greatest economic disaster since the Great Depression, the American dream still exists," Voda said.

Voda said he is expecting his first child, a son that he hopes to provide a better life for through a career in broadcastings.

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LINDA BOATRIGHT KNOWN FOR HER DEDICATION AND FRIENDLY PERSONALITY

Librarian retires from OCCC after 10 years

JENNIFER SELLERS
News Writing Student

OCCC lost a valued and well-liked staff member this summer when Librarian Linda Boatright retired after 10 years at the college, said Reference Librarian Rachel Butler.

Butler said Boatright was known throughout OCCC for her dedication to students and her friendly personality.

Boatright offered orientation classes to new students who are unfamiliar with the library, Butler said. She also was a member of the Faculty Association scholarship committee, and was very active in outreach efforts and fundraising events.

Librarian Amanda Lemon said Boatright was great to work with.

"Linda has a way of getting the community motivated to get involved and donate. She really has a magnetic personality," Lemon said.

Lemon said OCCC's yearly garage sale was started by Boatright and will continue after her retirement.

Butler said each fall, staff members donate items to be sold and all proceeds from the event go toward student scholarships.

In addition to raising money for scholarships, students also relied on Boatright for her assistance with library matters and schoolwork.

"Mrs. Boatright [was] never too busy to help me find what I need in the library," said OCCC student Megan Richardson.

"She always [had] the biggest smile on. You [could] tell she

really [loved] her job."

Boatright said she feels very lucky to have hard-working students who are eager to learn.

She said it was hard to make the decision to leave.

"The best part about being at OCCC [was] interacting with the amazing students ... They [were] an inspiration to me.

Before coming to OCCC, Boatright said, she taught music in Purcell Public Schools.

She is currently a member of two choirs and performs in the annual Murder Mystery show at The Sooner Theatre in Norman.

She said she enjoys playing the piano and hopes to have more time to focus on her love of music after retiring.

Boatright said she plans to travel to Alaska, Ireland and Turkey. Her last day was July 5.



CHRIS JAMES/PIONEER

Librarian Linda Boatright retired July 5 after 10 years at OCCC. Co-workers described her as dedicated and friendly.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION, CIVIC HONORS TWO PROGRAMS STUDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN

Student Life gearing up for start of fall semester

AMY BAKER
News Writing Student

This summer the Student Life staff continues to get students prepared for the upcoming semester by offering services like the New Student Orientation program and the Civic Honors program, said Student Life Assistant Director Amy Reynolds.

"During the summer, New Student Orientation is one of our biggest programs," Reynolds said. "We also are going to have a volunteer program in July that connects students with service agencies in the OKC metro area."

Two-hour sessions are offered once a week during June, twice a week during July and three times a week leading up to the first day of class in August.

New Student Orientation offers a campus tour, presentations from Financial Aid, the Bursar's Office and student leaders, icebreaker games, free food and prizes, Reynolds said.

This program acts as a resource fair that gives students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with campus and introduces them to the tools needed to excel at OCCC, she said.

"We actually think that by introducing students to the campus they can

be more successful in the classroom."

The orientation also gives students a chance to discover organizations that appeal to them, Reynolds said. It brings students closer together by allowing participants to build relationships with other individuals.

Student Life Coordinator Brittany Carradine said the program also helps students form a sense of belonging.

"New Student Orientation helps students begin to see we are all in this together, we start together, and we are going to finish together," Carradine said.

In addition, she said, Student Life also keeps students engaged through the Civic Honors program. Carradine said students seeking campus involvement should participate in both of these activities.

"I would definitely start at NSO but right after I would have a student come sign up for our Civic Honors program," she said.

The Civic Honors program is a self-directed leadership and service program. The program includes personal vision development, résumé

assistance and leadership exploration.

OCCC partners with more than 100 different agencies to give students a plethora of choices for community service, Carradine said.

After completing 50 hours of service the participant is eligible to receive the Civic Honors award, she said. The Civic Honors program provides participants the opportunity to stand out while giving back to their community, Reynolds said.

"It benefits you as individual but also, when you put civic engagement on your

résumé, it shows future employers that you care about others and know how to work well with others. It gives you really great life experience."

To receive more information about either program, contact the Student Life Office at 405-682-7523.

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