OCCC bounces back from storm damage

Roof damage creates flooding throughout many areas on campus

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A tornado that moved through the south side of the Oklahoma City metro on Friday, May 31, left a path of damage across the city with OCCC being hard hit by the storm.

A notification sent out to students and faculty on June 2 informed them the campus would be closed until June 10 so the damage could be repaired.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan said flooding became a concern for much of the campus as heavy rainfall poured in through the damaged roof.

He spoke about the damage.

"The hardest hit areas are going to be in the Main Building, first and foremost," he said.

"The roof was torn over IT (Information Technology), the area on the second floor. "And then, below that, is Records and Student Services. "That’s the area where we had most of the water coming in through the ceiling and pooling down on the main level," Jordan said.

"The other area that was hardest hit was the Social Sciences hallway," he said. "They had groundwater flooding. That includes the Aquatic Center."

Groundwater flooding typically occurs in low-lying areas, according to http://water.usgs.gov. The Social Sciences hallway is one of a few low-lying areas in the college.

Jordan said several other areas in the school were damaged by the heavy rainfall and tornado though none as badly as the Main Building.

"… There were areas like the College Union (that were dam-

Contractors remove damaged pieces of OCCC’s roofing on June 1, the day after a tornado moved through the area. Several areas of the college incurred roof damage from high winds, and water damage from heavy rain and flash flooding. For more images, turn to pages 6 and 7.

Employee rides out storm in college office

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When a tornado headed toward the OCCC area the evening of Friday, May 31, the college opened its doors to a community in need of shelter. Megan Selby and Daulton Atterberry were among those who sought refuge in the college as the storm hit.

The two entered the college via the doors by Student Support Services around 7 p.m., Selby said in an email. She and Atterberry quickly took cover under a desk in the Advising area.

"We watched the wind, rain and debris pound the glass," Selby said.

The pair also made plans.

"[We were] trying to charge..."
Students: stay focused on goals

Now that college graduates are done with their education, they can finally sit back and relax — or can they? The American Psychological Association website says “... the unpredictable economy and the high rate of unemployment can put graduates at unease.”

The magical formula for the dream life is go to school, get a degree, find your career.

However, students are going deep into debt for degrees that may or may not get them into their chosen career field. There are countless uncertainties now that you are out in what is often referred to as the “real world.”

Also, some graduates may not know the first steps to take after graduating.

New responsibilities and other big changes can add a lot of stress. Some graduates may even become depressed and wonder if the hard work and time was worth it.

This is where you stop and take a deep breath. Don’t second think your dedication to a better future.

To keep these fears and stresses at bay, the American Psychological Association website lists five steps to help you face the challenges after graduation: Focus on the positive, stay connected, look for opportunities, take action and be resilient.

While it can be intimidating, remember you have gotten this far so don’t let fears limit where you go in your life.

Build yourself up with positive thoughts. You can admit your fears but don’t hold onto them.

Have a support system — whether friends or family — and make sure they are positive too. You don’t need a negative person influencing your thoughts.

Keep your eyes open for opportunities to expand yourself. Learn something new. You might surprise yourself with new pastimes you didn’t think you would enjoy.

Be active in looking for your dream job. A career will not fall into your lap just because you have a degree.

And most importantly, face adversity well. You will get the answer “no” often. Use that as an opportunity to grow and learn. Don’t let failures become the end of your journey; make them a new path toward your goal.

Let me share some advice my grandfather gave me as a child: “Don’t try to eat an elephant at once. You have to take one bite at a time.”

At the time I didn’t quite understand what he meant but now, that advice is invaluable to me. I always look at the big picture first and that can be very overwhelming at times. It is stressful because I often have no idea where to start.

My advice? Take baby steps. Don’t look so far forward that you can’t see the steps you need to take to get there. Make a list of small realistic and achievable goals to help you get to your big one.

Remember to enjoy your journey or your destination won’t be what you thought it would be. If you look back and have only bad memories, your goal will be bittersweet.

And now for the finale. It is okay to change your goals. We as people change and grow constantly. Maybe the goal you had when you graduated is not a good direction for where your life is now.

I urge flexibility. Don’t be the captain who goes down with the ship if you need to make changes.

For more information, or to read the full article, visit the American Psychological Association at www.apa.org/helpcenter/real-world.aspx.

— Buffie Richardson Brown
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Area resident thanks OCCC for May 31 accommodation

To the Editor:
I would love to thank occc for all the great things they did for us on May 31, 2013.

They were able to give us shelter from the tornadoes. They provided us with shelter, food, drinks and gave us protection.

My family and I feel very thankful for all the things this school did for us. Please share this message with everyone so they can see what kind of school this is and how thankful we are to the staff and the officers that made us feel safe.

Once again, thank you OCCC.

—Javier Palacios
Oklahoma City Resident

Owners may find missing pets at area animal shelters

To the Editor:
Pets missing after last month’s tornado are still being housed in temporary animal shelters. Owners may look for their pets at the following facilities:

•Cleveland County Fairgrounds
•615 East Robinson Street, Norman
•Animal Resource Center (ARC)

7941 S I-35 Service Road, OKC

Oklahoma City Animal Shelter
2811 SE 29th St., OKC

Bring proof of ownership such as veterinary records if available and/or photographs. The temporary shelters will be open through June 19. Also check at www.okclastpets.com or www.oda.state.ok.us/tornado-relief.

—American Humane Society
COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Latest movie in series much more dramatic than previous films

‘Star Trek’ too dark for summer

One of my favorite things about the spring and summer seasons are the movies that come out during this time of year. From May to August, we’re bombarded with big-budget summer blockbusters. Chief among them, recently, is “Star Trek Into Darkness,” the follow-up to the 2009 “Star Trek XI.”

Director J.J. Abrams has experienced great success with his reboot of the beloved 1960s television series, and for good reason: Abrams and his team of talented writers were able to bring the franchise back to life in a grandiose way that manages to be engaging and entertaining, but not completely over the top.

Indeed, I had high hopes for the May release of “Into Darkness.” I went to see the movie with my dad who has been an avid Trekkie since his childhood. We both had great expectations but sadly, after the movie was over, I found myself feeling more than a little bit disappointed.

There’s no denying that, timing in at more than two hours, “Into Darkness” is a decidedly long feature. I feel that’s the first mistake that was made. In more than a few parts, it drags and goes nowhere, leaving the viewer feeling exasperated. There haven’t been many movies where I’ve wondered, “when is this going to be over?” This is definitely one of those movies.

It didn’t help that there was more than one almost false ending, where it seemed the story was complete, only to drop off, then pick back up and build a new subplot for almost no reason. After the first two climactic battle scenes (of which there were at least three more), it got very, very tiring and very disinteresting.

While the inclusion of British actor Benedict Cumberbatch as one of the film’s main villains was certainly not terrible casting (he’s a great actor, and with a face like his, it seems he was born to play a villain) but I didn’t find him suitable for the role he was ultimately revealed to be playing.

“Into Darkness” wasn’t all doom and gloom. I found the supporting cast entirely pleasant and I almost wished the story had been more about them.

Simon Pegg gave the most hilarious and charming turn in the film as Scotty, the chief engineer on the Enterprise. Karl Urban and John Cho (chief medical officer Bones and helmsman Hikaru Sulu, respectively) also were extra enjoyable to watch.

“Into Darkness” is action-packed but perhaps far too much so, in the way of what was going on all the time. It seems like J.J. Abrams didn’t set out to make a movie that was as fun as its predecessor. “Into Darkness” is more sinister, less of a light summer romp and more of a serious dramatic film. I believe that’s where it falters.

Rating: C+

—Katie Thurman
Staff Writer

RESTAURANT REVIEW | While pricey, food is worth it

Fuzzy’s Taco Shop best-kept secret

Fuzzy’s Taco Shop in Bricktown opened about a year ago. Although it is in the heart of Bricktown, not many people know about it.

I was hesitant to go initially but once I did, I was hooked. It’s the best Mexican food you can get without being in a sit-down restaurant.

What I love about Fuzzy’s is they have a lot of grilled food — grilled shrimp in particular. They make the best grilled shrimp burritos I have had. When you order, they ask you what kind of beans and rice you would like. When you get your food, both are in the burrito.

They also have dinner meals, where you can get enchiladas and the like with beans and rice on the side. Their chips that come with the queso are also very good although I would not suggest their queso if you are on a tight budget. There is not a whole lot of queso but it is worth trying if you are willing to spend the money. Their chips are covered in a sort of spice that makes them so much better than plain corn tortilla chips.

Lastly, I have to rave about their tea. They have a mango type of tea that I positively love. In addition to the tea, there is souvenir cup when you get a drink. There also are souvenir shirts you can buy with many different sayings on them to support the restaurant.

The only issue I have is their pricing, and really, I cannot complain about that. Their prices are around $10 a person. As long as the food is good and I can get really full, I don’t mind paying the price.

Fuzzy’s Taco Shop is a place where you can get your food, eat and get out without much of a problem. During Thunder games, the line can get pretty long, but it is usually worth the wait. Fuzzy’s Taco Shop is one of my favorite places to eat and I will gladly drive to Bricktown to get it.

Rating: A-

—Katie Horton
Community Writer

Financial Aid Facts

Storms could change aid status

Financial Aid Office operations were minimally impacted by the May 20 tornado. Since the college opened on May 22, all application processing and general correspondence for summer and fall was able to continue.

Initial processing of summer books and supplies charges began on schedule and the first summer student loan disbursement also was on schedule. There was a delay in evaluating Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) but that process is complete and email notifications have been sent informing students of their status and eligibility for financial assistance. Check your college email right away.

Financial aid students may have been adversely impacted from the tornado and should contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any concerns. On a case-by-case basis and with appropriate documentation, the Financial Aid Office may be able to review your financial aid application and make adjustments that will change the amount of funding available to you.

Examples of special circumstances that may warrant adjustments by the Financial Aid office include a change in your costs of attendance or the loss of a job, because your place of employment is closed indefinitely. If you have relocated as a result of the loss of a home or apartment and are commuting from outside the metro, or if your cost for housing has increased because you have moved, these costs may have exceeded the average amounts used by the Financial Aid office in establishing cost-of-attendance. You may wish to visit the Financial Aid office to see if you should complete a request for Special Consideration.

If you are a student loan borrower and your continued attendance is interrupted as a result of the May 20 tornado, contact the agency servicing your loan. You may be able to retain your in-school status until the college reports you have withdrawn. Borrowers in repayment may be able to obtain forbearance which will allow you to postpone or reduce your monthly loan principle payments for a limited time. Interest accrues during forbearance and will be added to the principle at the end of the forbearance period. To determine the agency servicing your student loans, go to www.nslds.ed.gov You will need to use your FAFSA PIN to access your loan information.

Students, especially borrowers, should keep in mind there may be options for you concerning financial aid eligibility and your student loans. The Financial Aid Office may be able to help.

Visit our office if you have questions.

—Harold Case
Student Financial Support Services Dean
Neon Trees entertain a forest of happy fans

Neon Trees took a break from touring with Maroon 5 long enough to stop in Oklahoma on Saturday, June 1. The concert, held at Frontier City, was free with park admission.

The show started promptly at 8 p.m., just as the sun began to set. Lead singer Tyler Glenn got the audience excited with his electric energy and stage presence as the band opened with songs "Moving in the Dark" and "1983."

A few more songs in, Glenn spoke to the audience and said "up here we have the VIP folks," (acknowledging the people toward the front of the stage), "and back here we have… we’ll just call you the working class," (acknowledging everyone else.)

"We’re going to have a contest to see who can make the most noise."

After taking turns to see which group could sing the chorus of hit song "Animal" loudest, Glenn made his way into an audience of screaming people. A group of people lifted Glenn up on their shoulders as he sang the opening lines of "Animal." Glenn then proceeded back to the stage to finish the song.

In between songs, a girl threw money and a note on stage. Glenn picked up both and remarked: "We don’t want your money. I’ll keep the love note though … even though that’s so 90s of you."

The band kept the momentum going with a couple of songs from their latest album "Picture Show."

Glenn kept things interesting by continuously jumping up on stage equipment as he sang and at one point, swinging the microphone cable so it wrapped around his neck.

A little more than halfway through the concert, Glenn slowed things down with a piano version of "Your Surrender" which he dedicated to Oklahoma.

"We flew in yesterday when all the storms were hitting. We were scared because we are from Utah. As we were sitting downstairs, we decided if a tornado hit us, then it was just our time to go," Glenn said jokingly.

"But seriously, a lot of people were touched across the country and so were we. We’re glad we could be here tonight."

As the band exited the stage a few songs later, the crowd began chanting "Neon Trees," and soon, the band returned for a two-song encore.

First was a cover of Human League’s "Don’t You Want Me" which automatically turned the concert into a dance party. Glenn’s along with drummer Elaine Bradley’s vocals sounded just as good, if not better than the original song's duet. The crowd automatically sang along with the recognizable chorus "don’t you want me, baby.”

Glenn’s words before the last song were that of inspiration. "Don't ever let anyone stop you from doing what you want. It's only clothes and hair dye," Glenn said. "And if they try to bring you down, just tell them, ‘everybody talks!’"

The band then ended by playing "Everybody Talks," their current single, which also had the crowd dancing and singing along.

After seeing the band twice before as an opening act, it was cool to finally get to see them as a headliner. Glenn’s energy and crazy antics kept things fresh and fun throughout the show. Overall, it was a perfect night of live entertainment, food, drinks, and riding roller coasters.

Rating: A+
—Erin Peden
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BOOK REVIEW | ‘Guns, Germs, and Steel’ offers perspective into history

Pulitzer Prize-winning "Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies," by Jared Diamond, takes a very scientific approach to the study of human history as it offers an explanation of how civilizations, separated geographically, evolved to be so drastically different from one another.

Diamond, also author of “The Third Chimpanzee,” attempts to answer a very simple question posed to him on the beaches of New Guinea in 1972.

In the book, Diamond said a local politician named Yali asked, "Why is it that you white people developed so much cargo and brought it to New Guinea, but we black people had so little cargo of our own?"

From Yali’s question, the first chapter jumps back in time about to briefly trace human history from its beginning about seven million years ago up to about 11,000 B.C. and their migration paths out of Africa.

Diamond goes through the human ancestors — Australopithecus, Homo habilis and Homo erectus — to arrive at the development of Homo sapien.

From there, "Guns, Germs, and Steel" begins unveiling one of the most compelling theories on what enabled Europeans to develop new technologies and amass naval fleets to explore, exploit, and subdue whole continents like Africa and South America rather than the other way around.

For centuries, people have tried explaining the rise of certain civilizations over others as simply being a matter of ability, natural selection, or purely geographical influences, but Diamond shatters those theories by offering a much simpler explanation.

I won’t spoil it by giving away where Diamond said civilization differences all began, but I will say it’s ridiculous how simple his theory actually is and how much sense it makes.

The book itself is written in a clear easy-to-understand way that engages anyone with an interest in anthropology, or the study of humankind in all times and places. The book even has maps, photos, charts and diagrams showing things like migration paths, Egyptian hieroglyphs and people from various lines of ethnic descent.

Overall, "Guns, Germs, and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies" is a book that provides a good look at why history unfolded the way it did. With the perspective gained from this book, it’s hard to remain ethnocentric and continue believing any culture is superior to any other. The differences may be much smaller than they seem.

Rating: A+
—Chris James
Editor

TOP 20 MOVIES
Weekend of May 31 through June 2
www.newyorktimes.com

1. Fast & Furious
2. Now You See Me
3. After Earth
4. Star Trek Into Darkness
5. Epic
6. The Hangover Part III
7. Iron Man 3
8. The Great Gatsby
9. Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani
10. Mud
11. The Croods
12. Frances Ha
13. 42
14. Oz the Great and Powerful
15. Before Midnight
16. Oblivion
17. G.I. Joe: Retaliation
18. Escape From Planet Earth
19. What Maisie Knew
20. Love Is All You Need
Arts and Humanities splits into two separate divisions

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With a tight economy, OCCC officials looked for an affordable way to create two much-needed full-time faculty positions — one in math and one in English.

The result was to eliminate two existing director positions and move those employees up the chain of command, to dean positions, said Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino. That would open up funding for the two faculty positions.

“We were searching for a dean of Arts and Humanities and a director of the mathematics department,” Aquino said. “And we thought this is a time ... to think about these positions.

“By not filling these positions, we could eliminate two positions without having a negative impact on anybody.

“It was a way that we could eliminate two administrative positions and with the savings, create two new full-time faculty positions.”

As a result, the Arts and Humanities division will split into two divisions as of July 1 with Communications and Arts Director Ruth Charnay being named dean of one division and Language Arts Director Kim Jameson being named dean of the other.

Charnay said the change will make things more equitable across divisions.

“It will ensure professors are able to get everything they need,” she said. “It just made more sense as a workflow to split things up.”

Aquino says the impact of this re-grouping with be “minimal” for teaching faculty.

“The reporting structure is going to remain the same,” he said. “The faculty who reported to directors will be reporting to deans.”

Aquino said deans do have different functions than directors.

“Deans sit at the Dean’s council,” he said. “A dean position, in addition to having operational responsibilities to make sure the division functions, has policy-making function.”

Charnay said the current programs in the Communication and Arts department will still be available. She said the only difference is there will be two divisions instead of departments.

“I will still work with the same faculty and adjuncts in the area,” Charnay said. “If the students have a complaint, instead of coming to the department director, they will come to the dean,” she said. “It's really just a matter of making lines clearer.”

The split will mean changes for the students as well.

“It will mean we've added two new full-time faculty. Our adjuncts do a marvelous job, we have a fine adjunct faculty, but adjunct faculty are not involved with program review and curriculum development,” Aquino said.

“Full-time faculty are very much involved in the governance of the college. They sit on numerous committees.” Eventually, he said, the division split will lead to new office locations for the newly formed divisions.

“At present there will be no change to what is now the Arts & Humanities [office],” Aquino said. “The plan right now — and plans are always subject to change — is that once the theater is completed, within it there's going to be a much larger art gallery.

“So the space in the existing art gallery can be subdivided between those two divisions,” Aquino said.

Aquino said there are benefits to the split and even more benefits to adding new faculty positions.

“We’re always short of full-time faculty and having more full-time faculty is always a good thing.”

Charnay said the split will create one less layer of administration.

“If a student needs a question answered, a complaint filed or grade appeal, etc., there will be one less person to get through in that process,” she said.

Aquino said the search for the new faculty members is under way and that he anticipates having those spots filled by the time the fall semester begins.

Jameson wasn’t available for comment by press time.

Chinese class offered on OCCC’s fall schedule

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The Chinese word for “hello” is “ni hao.” That information might come in handy if you ever visit the world’s most populous country, said Ginnett Rollins, French and Spanish professor at OCCC.

The simple word is one of many you will learn in OCCC’s Introduction to Chinese, a 3-credit-hour class offered at the campus this fall.

“The class will teach students about basic vocabulary and Chinese culture,” Rollins said.

Although she is fluent in English, Spanish and French, Rollins said, she is always ready to accept a challenge to learn more because new cultures, languages and experiences excite her.

And that is just what this class offers, Rollins said. She said she has taken Introduction to Chinese, and speaks enthusiastically about her experience.

“I enjoyed learning about the Chinese culture.”

She told about the time Professor Ashlie Wilhelm took the entire class to Grand House Chinese restaurant to teach them how to pour tea.

“We really focused on the culture, the customs,” Rollins said.

She explained how in China, the ceremony of visiting China. And so I did.”

Rollins said the class helped prepare her for the trip to China.

“It prepared me for their culture … and prevented me from embarrassing myself or offending someone,” she said.

She said she knew enough vocabulary to introduce herself and make simple conversation, so when she became ill on a plane ride, Rollins was able to communicate with her nurse.

“When the nurse looked at me and said ‘Hé, I knew that meant ‘drink,’’” Rollins said.

She pointed out that the class, which will transfer as an elective, helps students better understand Chinese society, and the differences between Chinese and American cultures.

“It will really help students appreciate the living conditions here in America,” Rollins said.

“I would recommend the class to students who are looking to learn more about foreign culture,” Rollins said.

“It was a fun class. I took it twice.”

Intro to Chinese, taught by Professor Ashlie Wilhelm, will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Thursday this fall.

The class will help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Chinese while providing a deeper understanding of the language and culture.
A tornado that swept through the metro area Friday, May 31, left OCCC with fallen trees, toppled light poles, broken call boxes, flooded classrooms and roof damage. Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan said, financially, OCCC officials don’t yet know the full extent of damage, but said the college has insurance that will cover the cost of repairs.

“We’re working with the insurance company to assess the damage,” he said.

Jordan said money for the $800,000 insurance deductible will likely come from OCCC’s contingency funds — money set aside for unexpected costs.

From there, Jordan said, it will be a matter of working with the insurance company to figure out the repair and replacement costs.

Check the Pioneer Online at www.occc.edu/pioneer for updates.

Above: Contractors work to remove damaged pieces of OCCC’s roofing on Saturday, June 1. A damaged portion of OCCC’s Main Building roof is visible behind the workers. The National Weather Service confirmed an EF1 tornado moved through the area.

Right: Trees to the east of the Keith Lefwich Memorial Library were brought down by high winds caused when a tornado moved through the area Friday, May 31. Many trees around campus were impacted by the severe weather.
Officials work to repair OCCC campus

Above: Broken trees in the OCCC courtyard. Numerous areas of the college sustained damage when an EF1 tornado moved through the area May 31.

Left: Water pooled in an area between the Main Building and the Arts and Humanities area.

Above: Missing tiles in the area between the Main Building and the Arts and Humanities area show the extent of roof damage that led to water leaking into several areas of the college May 31.

Above and below: Generators blow air through the Main Building to dry the areas damaged by the May 31 storm.

Above: Equipment is brought in to dry out the Bursar’s Office, one of many areas damaged by a storm that moved through May 31.

Photos by Ronna Austin/OCCC
Some of OCCC’s camps and classes for kids have been moved or canceled due to the impact of the recent storms said Lemuel Bardeguez, Cultural Programs Director.

“Some of the hallways around the Recreation and Fitness Center have water damage,” Bardeguez said.

A few of the classrooms surrounding the Recreation and Wellness Center also were affected, he said.

Bardeguez said sports, recreation and Fit Kid camps have been moved to the FACE Center at 6500 S Land Ave., north of the main campus.

College for Kids will continue to be held in the FACE Center as scheduled.

Aquatic Center classes have been canceled until further notice. The pool overflowed due to the damage and rainfall. “The pool overflowed from water coming in underneath,” Bardeguez said.

He said the pool may be open next week but said it has to be cleaned first. Bardeguez said dirt washed into the pool along with the flood water. Canceled classes may possibly be made up via class credit or rescheduling the events, he said.

“[OCCC] is going to try to accommodate for the classes that were canceled.”

For more information on the camps and classes, call Community Outreach and Education at 405-686-6222. For information regarding pool activities, call the Wellness Center at 405-682-7860.

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events, complete with the most current updates.

(Free QR code reader apps can be found online or in app stores on smart phones. Follow the directions for the app you download.)

All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.
Stolen cell phone, fender bender reported

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A stolen cell phone and fender bender were reported to campus police in the second and third week of May.

At 3:58 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Officer Jimmie Watts responded to a reported cell phone theft in the mens locker room. Upon arriving Watts was met by lifeguard Michael Bumbaugh, the stolen cell phone's owner.

Bumbaugh said he put his phone in a locker and when he returned, the lock was broken off and his phone missing. Bumbaugh said the phone is a black Samsung Galaxy S with no case.

He said the screensaver is a picture of him on a bicycle. Watts said no suspects were identified while reviewing camera footage.

Around 11:28 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, while on another call, Officers David Madden and Gordon Nelson were waved down by someone wanting to report an accident.

A report said Ericka Choate was attempting to back her purple Hyundai out of a parking space when she struck a black Nissan driven by Nestor Pinilla Celis. Celis was traveling eastbound in lot A when his vehicle was struck on the driver door.

The drivers had already exchanged driver's license and insurance information when Madden and Nelson arrived. Both vehicles were operable and able to be driven from the scene.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-7872. For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747.

Tornado: Professionals brought in after storm damage

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aged),” he said. “The roof over the President’s office area (was damaged) — not his office specifically — and spotty leaks here and there.

“In the SEM center there was a pretty significant leak,” Jordan said. “There was also a window blown out in the John Massey Center and a window blown out in ‘Transportation Technology.’

OCCC officials are taking steps to ensure the damage is being fixed, he said.

“TRC is the recovery company that is working on remediating the building. They have generator blowers outside … to blow air in, to dry things out.”

TRC Disaster Solution is an Oklahoma-based company. Their website describes the company as “a full-service restoration company ready at a moment’s notice to provide a wide range of disaster solutions with specialized protocols to meet specific requirements resulting from Fire, Water, Tornado, Hurricane or other disaster.”

According to warning.wmo.gov, a weather monitoring website, more than eight inches of rain has fallen in Oklahoma City over the past seven days.

Shelter: OCCC opens its doors as tornado draws near

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phones and iPads [so] in case the ceiling caved in on top of us, people would know where to find us,” Selby said.

“As we heard more people entering the building saying ‘where’s the safe place?’ or ‘where is the basement?’ we decided to go with the rest of the people.”

She said campus police directed them to a room near the Testing Center that was already full of people, one of whom was not doing well.

“As the security guard told us to go in the room, she was moving people forward, and we saw one man sweating and feeling claustrophobic. He had to get out.”

Selby said she felt she couldn’t stay in that area because it felt like “cattle being herded into small rooms,” so she and At- terberry decided to return to the Advising area.

“We ran back to advising,” she said. “[That] being where I worked, I knew how to get in the break room.

“As we got in there, we turned the iPad to News 9. Watching the live view, we knew exactly what was going on.”

Thinking the college might be hit, Selby said she decided to cover her bases.

“I posted a message on Face- book to let friends and family know where we were,” she said.

“ … Another 30 minutes went by, and we kept hearing loud bangs and water flowing,” Selby said. “We could not tell where it was coming from. We thought it was the fountain by the ceiling caved in on top of us. 

“Fear soon turned to hunger. “We began to get hungry and heard the police bring others snacks,” Selby said. “We scavenged the break room and found string cheese in our refrigerator.”

As the storm subsided, Selby said she heard campus police along the hall, telling everyone there was extreme damage and they would have to be escorted out of the college within the next half hour.

“We didn’t want to wait,” she said. “It was time to go. We saw people in the hall and blended ourselves back in with the crowd.

“We broke away toward the main entrance and snapped a few pictures of the roof tiles caving in and water flowing down making a huge flood in Registration and Records,” Selby said. “We then dashed toward the front door, and realized it was dangerously windy and still pouring rain.

“Selby said a campus police officer said if they left then, it would be at their own risk. “The ceilings were already coming down so we decided to make a run for it. We only could go out the main entrance because they said all the others were blocked off due to the debris.

“We ran outside and Daulton asked a cop for a ride [but he] denied us,” she said.

Selby said the two then ran toward their parked car but couldn’t get through because the area had flooded.

“The current was too strong so we ran all the way back to the building saying we were done,” Selby said. “We saw pictures of the roof tiles in the middle of SW 89th street.

“Jordan said. “We had several people in the community that came to campus to take shelter from the storm and we could not turn them away, “Jordan said.

“Everybody needs to have a plan for severe weather. For some, that plan included coming to OCCC.

“You feel cold, but you feel safe knowing you’re safe. “We do request that folks in the community have alternative plans in the event that the campus is closed during severe weather.”

Those who do shelter in public buildings do so at their own risk.

In May 2012, Gov. Mary Fallin signed House Bill 2419, which protects homeowners and businesses from liability while offering shelter during a storm. Fallin said no one should worry about opening their home or business to someone seeking shelter during severe storms.

Rep. Eric Proctor (D-OK 77th District) said he drafted the bill after someone in his district sought shelter at a mobile home park’s office during a storm, but was turned away because of liability concerns.


If you have a story to share about the storm or took shelter at OCCC, contact the Pioneer.
College library offers more than books

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Most students get an orientation to the library through their general education classes. But some students who come to OCCC for a single class may not know what the library has to offer or how to check out books.

The library offers many different services to students and the community, said Ann Raia, Circulation Librarian.

Aside from checking out books, students can watch films, use computers and use Course Reserves.

"Course Reserves is a service where OCCC purchases select textbooks — not all of the textbooks but mostly for your general education classes — and own them here in the library," said Raia.

The books can be checked out for two hours blocks.

Computers also are available.

"As students, all you have to do is sit down at a computer; any computer that is available, use your Moodle log on, and you can use it right away," Raia said.

She said those who don't attend OCCC can use computers by showing state or federal ID.

Books are located on the second floor of the library. The quiet zone where students can study in silence or use group study rooms.

The library also has films that students can watch. The films cannot be checked out but can be viewed on any computer in the library. Raia said more than 1,000 titles are available. There also are movies online for students to watch.

Raia said students have access to an OKShare Card as well.

"OKShare is an agreement between all the different colleges and universities in the state that allow students from all those different colleges and universities to borrow materials from those libraries at those locations."

The card is free to students and can be acquired at the circulation desk in the library. The books must be returned to the original library it was taken from.

The library also offers ways for students to access articles online. These can be accessed through the library website, Raia said.

The biggest database is through EBSCOHost where students can access articles from all over the world. There are additional database and research sites that are more centralized on certain subjects, Raia said.

"Instead of having a print card now, when you come into the library every semester, you have $10 credited to your Moodle account," Sweany said.

Printing is still 10 cents per page, and students must have an account to use the new print service.

For more information, call 405-682-7564 or visit www.occc.edu/library.
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Father's Day mirrored after popular Mother's Day

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On June 16, families around the United States will celebrate Father's Day.

According to www.history.com, the inspiration for Father's Day was born out of the successful origins of Mother's Day.

Mother's Day became officially recognized as a commercial holiday in 1914, when then-President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution that recognized the second Sunday in May as a holiday to honor mothers across the nation.

The campaign to celebrate Father's Day, according to the website, was not met with as much support as the holiday for moms.

The earliest documented Father's Day event was hosted at a West Virginia church in 1908. History.com said the event was a Sunday Sermon in memory of 362 men who had died while working in a coal mine the previous year.

"The next year, a Spokane, Wash., woman named Sonora Smart Dodd — one of six children raised by a widower — tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents.

She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910," according to History.com. Thereafter, the holiday slowly spread.

By 1924, President Calvin Coolidge was urging all of the state governments to observe Father's Day.

Men, however, generally continued largely to abhor the idea of such a holiday, according to History.com.

"As one historian writes, they scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, movements arose that urged people to scrap both Mother's Day and Father's Day in favor of a more neutral Parent's Day.

That idea didn't quite catch on; however, and as the years went by, the idea that Father's Day could play an important role became popular once again.

As World War II began, History.com notes that many people supported the idea of Father's Day being used to honor American troops and support the war effort.

"By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution."

Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation that made Father's Day a national holiday at last and it's been quite the success.

According to History.com, "today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than $1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts."

Father's Day gift shopping made easy

GIFTS.COM: Choose from featured items or use pull-down menus to select just the right gift at the right price at Gifts.com: www.gifts.com/fathers-day/top-picks.


BARNES & NOBLE: If books are your dad's cup of tea, shop online for his favorite titles at Barnes & Noble.com: www.barnesandnoble.com/u/fathers-day-gifts-books-for-dad.

The art of tying a NECKTIE

Allow the wide end of the tie to drop roughly 12 inches lower than the narrow end. Cross the wide end over the narrow end.

Carry the wide end through the "V" between the collar and tie; gently pull forward and down.

Carry the wide end around and behind the narrow end and pass it through the "V" from in front.

Carry the wide end across the front from left to right; this creates a loop.

Pull the wide end of the tie through the "V."

Now, slip the wide end through the loop that you created.

Hold the narrow end with one hand; using your other hand, hold the wide end of the tie near the knot and push up while pulling down on the narrow end.