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REGENTS APPROVE 4% TUITION, FEE INCREASE

President Paul Sechrist says OCCC still has lowest rates around

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Although students can expect to see a 3 percent tuition and 1 percent fee increase in the fall, President Paul Sechrist said OCCC still has the lowest tuition around.

The cost of one credit hour for Oklahoma residents will be $103 in August, up from $99 per credit hour last fall.

The cost for non-residents students will be $263.03 in August, a $10.21 increase from last fall.

"Our 4 percent increase will actually be one of the lowest increases proposed by [higher education] institutions. The high may be around 8 percent," he said. "Average is [about 5 percent]."

"There are only a couple of institutions that are (proposing) less than we are," Sechrist said during a June 10 special joint meeting with the OCCC Regents and South Oklahoma City Area School District board of trustees.

OCCC Business and Finance Vice President John Boyd said the increase, voted on by the OCCC regents at a June 17 meeting, is necessary because although state revenue is up this year, it’s still down from historic levels.

Even with the increase, Boyd projects an overall decrease in the tuition-fee revenue source because enrollment is expected to drop this fall.

"[The increase] will help offset, but not completely eliminate, our decline in [revenue from] tuition and fees," Boyd said.

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EMPLOYEES TO GET MODEST PAY RAISE

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Big brother: get off my phone

The new cell phone security breach is what everyone seems to be talking about. If you are one of the few people who has not heard, the National Security Agency decided to collect people's phone records — Verizon's customers in particular — for reasons of national security, according to the man who leaked the documents that brought this to light.

The phone records do not include what was said nor do they include text message information. They do include what number you called, what time, and for how long.

The reasoning behind this is that the NSA believed they could catch more terrorists this way.

The problem is that it was everyone's phone records, not just a handful of people who were suspects.

To me, this is a step further toward the government having too much control. I just don't feel comfortable talking on the phone knowing that the government has me on a list somewhere if I accidentally dial the wrong number. Another part of it that is bothersome is the fact that they actually wanted to keep it a secret.

The man who leaked the information is not on good terms with the government at this time and you can imagine why.

Secrets don't make friends though, right? Why should anything I do with something I pay for be tampered with by the government? The answer is, because you agreed at birth or at the time you became an American Citizen to abide by the rules that are set in place for you by the nation — some that just happen to be made up as they go, it seems.

Most people don't look at their cell phone contract when they sign it while purchasing a new phone. This may change soon for many. I know I will be reading the fine print next time.

Not only does this make the government look worse than they did to many people in this day and age but it makes them seem like a bully to a lot of people. No one will feel comfortable talking on their cell phones if this continues in the direction that it is headed.

Social media sites are similar in this and really have no way of being private compared to cell phones that have at least some privacy. Almost everyone has a computer of some sort, and everybody can see what you post on your social media account — including people you don't know.

This privacy issue goes another way too. If you have the freedom to do what you please, why shouldn't the government have those same freedoms? And what if this really does help with the problem of terrorists?

It's down to a matter of what you feel comfortable with. If you don't feel comfortable having the government know who you call, and for how long, then I suggest you get rid of your phone. That is the only way you can completely evade the government looking into your phone records.

In my case, I think I will keep my phone. There will be a point though that I will say no more and get rid of it because there is a fine line between saving the nation from terrorists and being nosy. I personally don't need the government on my back about what I ate for breakfast this morning.

— Katie Horton
Staff Writer

Reduce mosquito habitat to avoid West Nile virus

To the editor:

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department is advising Oklahoma residents to take precautions against mosquito-borne illness by avoiding mosquito bites and reducing habitat where mosquitoes live and breed.

To reduce mosquito habitat, it's recommended you:

• Prevent items such as buckets, cans, pool covers, flowerpots, guttering and tires from holding standing water.
• Empty and refill birdbaths and your pet’s outdoor water bowl daily.
• Swimming pools and fishponds with circulating water generally are not a problem. As long as the water is moving, the larvae can’t grow.
• Drainage – Check regularly around your home for any water accumulation that could provide mosquito breeding grounds. For pools, hot tubs or water features, OCCHD recommends that residents "cover, drain or maintain” these water sources to eliminate mosquito habitat.
• For standing water sources that can’t be drained, OCCHD recommends microbial larvicides that kill mosquito larvae before they emerge as adults.
• Protect your home from invading mosquitos by keeping window and door screens in good repair.
• Always remember the four Ds:
  1. Dusk to dawn – Mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus are most active during these hours, so if you must go outside always take precautions.
  2. Dress – Wear long sleeves with cuffs and long pants wherever mosquitoes are likely to be biting. Tuck your pants into your socks.
  3. DEET – Use an insect repellent containing DEET on any exposed skin.
  4. Drainage – Check regularly around your home

— Oklahoma City-County Health Department

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| I’VE SEEN SOME FAIRY TALES IN MY TIME, BUT MAN... |

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Nails by Helen pampers well

Sometimes, it’s completely necessary for a girl to pamper herself. When I feel like spoiling myself, my go-to activity is to take a trip to the nail salon and get my nails done.

Nails By Helen is located on the north side of the metro, just across from Quail Springs Mall. I’ve been visiting the salon bi-weekly since February, and my trips have always left me feeling pampered, relaxed, and pretty.

The salon is modern and efficient, and clean and comfortable on each and every visit. Nails By Helen provides manicures, pedicures and a range of other services. They always offer patrons cold drinks and make sure their customers are 100 percent comfortable.

The staff in the salon is friendly. I like the entire staff so much that I never book an appointment with one specific person. Instead, I just show up and let the next available technician take care of my nails.

The salon offers a wide selection of traditional and gel nail polishes, the latter of which are the better choice for long wear. And although the price is a bit more for gel polish — a gel manicure will cost $25, while a traditional polish manicure costs a bit less — the colors are always vibrant.

Customers can get anything from a classic American or French manicure to a range of beautifully designed nail art.

I’ve never had a bad experience with anyone at the salon. I’ve always found the service to be satisfactory.

Cleanliness is extremely important in salons and I’ve been to more than a few that weren’t quite up to par with the level of their sanitation practices. However, Nails By Helen is completely clean and all of the equipment is well taken care of. I keep a careful eye on the technicians to make sure their hands are washed between pedicures and manicures. The tubs for pedicures are frequently disinfected.

Overall, Nails By Helen provides an experience that is comfortable, very fairly priced, and will leave you feeling refreshed and ready to face the world with a little more style and flair.

—KATIE THURMAN
Staff Writer

‘Elder Scrolls’ full of new action

Alright, “The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim” — an action role-playing open world video game — has been out since Nov 11, 2011. But after losing months of my life scouring the ancient home of the Nords, I decided to take a hiatus until all downloadable content had been released.

I started a new character and am now in the middle of my second excursion into Tamriel. I have to say the downloadable content or DLC — Dawnguard, Hearthfire and Dragonborn — are pretty awesome.

In Dawnguard, a powerful vampire lord is attempting to use the power of an Elder Scroll to blot out the sun.

This would allow vampires, under the cover of perpetual darkness, to run rampant across Tamriel.

The Dawnguard, aside from being the DLC’s namesake, is an order of vampire hunters that have begun recurring again.

Players have the choice of helping the Dawnguard stop the vampires from permanently getting rid of the sun or aiding the vampires and eventually becoming a vampire lord.

Dawnguard introduces new armor, locations, possible ability trees and weapons like the crossbow.

Hearthfire is a DLC where the Dragonborn is able to buy land and build a homestead.

It has three locations to purchase. Choose one, or buy and build on all three plots of land.

When building, you get to choose three different wing additions from choices like an alchemy or enchanting tower, a kitchen, a library or even an armory full of weapon racks and armor mannequins.

Then, you can hire a steward, a bard and a carriage driver for your home.

Hearthfire also allows players to adopt children.

—CHRIS JAMES
Editor
**COMMENTARY AND REVIEWS**

**FILM REVIEW | 'In Your Dreams' follows album of same name**

Stevie Nicks documentary shows real side

Stevie Nicks takes us on a magical tour of her mystical kingdom with "In Your Dreams," a documentary following the production of her latest album of the same title.

The film begins with a brief video collage of fans saying why they love Stevie, followed by shots of the singer’s beautiful California mansion, in which the album was recorded.

We are next introduced to Dave Stewart, former member of the Eurythmics and "In Your Dreams" producer. From the beginning, Nicks makes it clear she didn’t want anyone but Stewart working on her album.

"I knew the next album I made, whether it be Fleetwood Mac or solo, I wanted him to work on it," Nicks said.

The documentary covers each song off of "In Your Dreams," and tells what went into the process of each.

Perhaps some of the most interesting songs off the album are "Soldier’s Angel," "Moonlight (A Vampire’s Dream)," and "Secret Love."

In "Soldiers Angel," Nicks talks about how the song started out as a poem passed out to wounded soldiers she visited in the hospital. It was not until four years after she tried to record it as a song for the first time that she finally came up with a chorus she liked and completed it.

"Moonlight (A Vampire’s Dream)" is special because it’s what inspired Nicks to record "In Your Dreams!" After her last album release in 2000, Nicks thought she was done as a solo artist. After seeing the movie "New Moon," Nicks was inspired by the story of Edward and Bella and decided it was time to record a new album.

"Secret Love," a song originally meant for Fleetwood Mac but never recorded, ended up on the album after a friend had found an old demo that had been leaked to YouTube. After that, Nicks decided maybe it was time the rest of the world heard the song too.

Nicks is hilarious throughout the film, showing a side of herself you wouldn’t expect to see, from bossing around Stewart to recounting her almost-successful attempt at stealing a song from Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

While the documentary focuses mainly on new material, it also manages to throw in a snippet of Nicks playing and singing along to a piano version of Fleetwood Mac song "Dreams."

"Dreams," Nicks said.

The cool thing about Stevie Nicks is she doesn’t change. While modern artists feel the need to keep up with whatever is "popular," Nicks has found the perfect formula of beauty, talent, and haunting lyrics. Watching "In Your Dreams" is truly like watching a mastermind at work. Nicks’ ability to create music that touches so many people is truly outstanding.

It also doesn’t hurt she has kept nearly the same band and back-up singers all these years as well as invites members of Fleetwood Mac to appear on her albums. This documentary proves Nicks is truly a genuine person who cares about what she does.

"I wish the album wasn’t done because it being done means all of us won’t be here having an amazing time," Nicks said. "I wish we could start again on another 14 songs."

If you weren’t in love with Stevie Nicks before this documentary, you will be after you watch it.

**RATING: A**

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Online Editor>

**MUSIC REVIEW | Fourteen albums in, metal band falls**

Megadeth on downward spiral

Megadeth’s 14th studio album, "Super Collider," released June 4, has gotten so much bad press I am finding it difficult to even approach this review with an open mind. It has been about two years since Megadeth released an album and their previous album also gave critics an easy target.

I want to say good things about this album, but my attempts are in vain. I’m just not impressed. Let this review be a warning to all die-hard fans who have high expectations for this album. If you’re expecting a “United Abominations” feel, you will be sorely disappointed.

This is Megadeth’s first album released on Dave Mustaine’s personal label, Tradecraft, and I can only hope it will be the last.

Now the title track "Super Collider" isn’t too terribly bad. It incorporates elements of throwback to the thrash metal feel. That alone got my hopes up for the rest of the album. That song, along with "Kingmaker," pitched a great introduction to a seemingly epic Megadeth album. If only the rest of the album stepped up to the plate for a home run instead of striking out.

I can honestly say I had to force myself to get all the way through it. It was almost unbearable.

The momentum that carried them through 13 albums is gone. With this album I feel they hit a brick wall.

The thing I find the most interesting and also most depressing is that the final track on this album is a cover and the best song on the entire album.

For those of you who might not have heard, Dave Mustaine has recently converted to Christianity and I feel like that shines through in his lyrics.

Each song had an almost after school special feel with an open mind. It has been about two years since Megadeth released an album. If you’re expecting a “United Abominations” feel, you will be sorely disappointed.

**RATING: D**

—LORI VALENTINE
Staff Writer

**TOP 20 MOVIES**

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1. Man of Steel
2. This is the End
3. Now You See Me
4. Fast & Furious
5. The Purge
6. The Internship
7. Epic
8. Star Trek Into Darkness
9. After Earth
10. Iron Man 3
11. The Hangover Part III
12. The Great Gatsby
13. Before Midnight
14. 42
15. The Croods
16. Mud
17. Frances Ha
18. Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani
19. The East
20. The Bling Ring
Transfer students need to get ducks in a row

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Many students who attend OCCC are looking to transfer after a certain point in their college career said Transfer and Academic Advising Coordinator Linda Little.

Little said the process of transferring to a four-year university is fairly easy.

"[Transferring] is not nearly as complicated as students tend to think it is," she said. "Students must be admitted into the school they chose to go to and meet that school's requirements.

Little said students must provide an official transcript to their college of choice.

Most importantly, said, she said, students should apply early. Little said students should start the transfer process at least six months before they plan to transfer.

"The biggest mistake … students make is (they) don't apply early enough," she said. "At OCCC, you can enroll until after classes begin. "Students don't realize that at most four-year universities you have to start that process much earlier," Little said.

Students also may not realize that deadlines for applications and scholarships are a lot earlier than at OCCC, she said.

"If you don't apply by [the deadline], you won't even be considered." Little said requirements for transfer students vary from school to school. So does the GPA.

"You have to have 24 or more credit hours in order for them to not go back to wanting high school ACTS and high school transcripts," she said.

"If [students] know that they're going to transfer, and they know where they're going to transfer, they need to come in and work with one of the advisers at OCCC," she said.

This is to be sure the student is on track and be sure that the classes they're taking do transfer to the school of their choice, she said.

Little also suggests students visit with an adviser at the school of their choice prior to being admitted if possible.

"You definitely need to go visit the schools [you want to attend]," she said. "I think it's great to go visit two or three schools, explore your options."

Shelby Wallis recently transferred to The University of Central Oklahoma to pursue a license as a funeral director. UCO is the only school in the metro area that offers the program she was interested in.

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- LINDA LITTLE
TRANSFER AND ACADEMIC ADVISING COORDINATOR

The staff [at UCO] was so helpful in my transfer process and guided me in the right direction," she said. "I met with an academic adviser at UCO who walked me through the steps and made my transfer from OCCC to UCO as smooth as possible.

"The most confusing part about my transfer was seeing which credits would transfer and which ones wouldn't."

Wallis said the benefits of transferring were new faces, a bigger campus and a larger variety of classes to choose from.

"I feel like I made the right decision by transferring to UCO," Wallis said.

"I am on the path to a better me," Little said students can contact her office in Academic Advising, located on the first floor of the Main Building, for more information or call 405-682-7535.

Single moms learn through Career Transitions

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The Career Transitions Program has helped many single moms get back on their feet in its 17 years at OCCC.

The program is designed to help students learn the skills needed to find gainful employment, said Career Transitions Program Director Nora Pugh-Seemster.

It serves 100 students who meet federal poverty level and are seeking credentials, certificates, degrees and employment, she said.

Pugh-Seemster said the department works with community organizations, businesses, college personnel, and staff to help OCCC students obtain skills, credentials, and internships to assist them in seeking and obtaining future employment.

"The program helps students get a foot in the door for potential employment," Pugh-Seemster said.

"It also helps them utilize academic skills learned in the classroom and provides personal enrichment."

Retention Coach Lisa Brown said the focus is always on success.

"When the students come in as first-time college students we try to make sure they know all about the resources that OCCC provides and remain in the background to support them so they can stay focused on their education," Brown said.

Kelly Williams is a student currently in the program.

"This program has assisted me by being a positive advocate in my corner helping me follow my educational goals," Student Erika Alvarado agrees.

"I've been here about a year now and this program has motivated and pushed me to keep going and not give up," Pugh-Seemster said in order to be eligible for the program, students must:

• Meet the income eligibility requirement.
• Be determined eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
• Be referred to OCCC's Career Transitions Program by the Department of Human Services.

Career Transition students must meet these requirements along with the same enrollment and admissions requirements as any other student enrolled at OCCC, Pugh-Seemster said.

"Our students are like any other at the college with the additional challenge of being a sole supporter of a minor child." Williams said the program is family friendly.

"This program will help you get to your goals without having to give up time with your children," Williams said.

Alvarado said the program has allowed her to lead by example.

"I wanted to go back to school to get a better job for my kids," she said. "This also sets an example for my children to continue on the right track and stay in school."

Pugh-Seemster said educational goals are set for each student with the training staff through an individualized education and employment plan.

"Students reconnect with college after a long absence or, in most cases, they are a first-generation college student who does not have any family member who has attended college."

The required classes will vary depending on individual academic and career pathways, Pugh-Seemster said.

"We have an advisement coach, an employment coach and a retention coach to assist our students in navigating the academic and business world, and to address issues that arise on their path to completion," she said.

"They have to do more than traditional college students to stay in compliance with federal regulations, but they have support to help them persist."

She said some of the students are seeking careers as nurses, paramedics, pharmacy technicians, computer technicians, graphic designers, as well as a variety of certifications obtained through training areas at OCCC such as automotive technicians with Compressed Natural Gas.

Career Transitions students enroll in classes that are considered a work activity, Pugh-Seemster said.

She said participating in an employment program is like having a job.

Students even go through job readiness training where they are required to wear a business professional wardrobe, she said.

"Students involved in the program also are required to work during times when most classes are out," Pugh-Seemster said.

"They are in classes throughout fall and spring breaks although they do receive all federal holidays like most jobs."

"Many students come to us with many challenges that keep them from maximizing support services provided," she said.

"Others just need a second chance."

"Our goal is to eradicate poverty through programs like ours. Poverty affects everyone."

"Education is the great equalizer."
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Students make President’s Honor roll

Students are eligible to be on the President’s Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 4.0 while carrying at least 12 hours. Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.


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Aaryn Dalton, Lahcen Darouich, Janice Darrow, Jesse Davenport, Ryan Davis, Stephen Dawson, Whitney DeAngelis, Kristy DeConn, Megan Dean, Jesse Dean, Juan Delgado, Amanda Dely, Vincenzo Demarinis, Ricky Dennis, Rita Derikis, Rocklyn Dezelle, Matthew Diaz, Phoong Dinh, Maria Do, Kayla Dennis, Rita Derikis, Rocklyn Dezelle, Mat Dely, Vincenzo Demarinis, Ricky Dennis, Rocklyn Dezelle.


Niza Knopp, Olivia Kraft, April, Kuhlman, Cherri Lambert, Taia Lambphere, Sarah Landon, Matthew Lane, Kenneth Lannier, Camron Larson, Jason Lauderdale, Jennifer Le, Donna Leachman, Olivia Leachman, Richard Leckie, Joseph Lee, Jessie Lee, Cynhia Leonardi, Randy Luber, Linda Luehrs, Lindsay L windshield, Michael Little, Courtney Lockwood, Adam Lofland, Sarah Long.


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SPORTS

Water fun

Swimming instructor Aaron Smelser teaches 10-year-old Eric Lewis how to float on June 19 in the OCCC Aquatic Center. All of the swim class instructors are certified by the American Red Cross, according to Recreation and Fitness’ summer 2013 catalog.

Swim lessons offered for all ages

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OCCC’s Olympic-sized swimming and diving complex will host swim lessons for various age groups throughout the summer, according to the Recreation and Fitness’s summer 2013 catalog.

There are eight class levels for individual age groups — Parent/Tot, Preschool, School Age Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Adult lessons.

Parent/Tot classes are intended to teach parents how to help children, age 18 months to 3 years, become more comfortable in water. The lessons cover support techniques, proper submersion, how to determine readiness in a child, and basic water safety.

The Preschool class is intended to teach children age 3 to 5 basic techniques such as water adjustment, breath control, floating, and front and back crawling.

Ages 6 to 13 are able to participate in the School Age Beginners class. This class builds on the techniques also taught at the preschool level but incorporates water orientation into the mix. It’s intended to help young swimmers transition into solo swimming.

The Advanced Beginner class has no age restrictions but participants must be able to swim five yards on their front and back. The class teaches front crawl with rhythmic breathing, back crawl, elementary backstroke and treading water.

Participants must be able to swim 15 yards on their front and back to get into the Intermediate class. According to the catalog, the class is intended to help increase strength and endurance while improving technique and teaching sidestroke, back crawl, breaststroke and butterfly.

The Advanced class requires successful completion of the Intermediate skills test, according to the catalog. It focuses on coordinating and refining stroke mechanics and increases distance.

According to the catalog, adult lessons also are offered on an individual basis regardless of skill level. Those focus on the basics of bobbing, front and back floats, glides, rhythmic breathing, front and backstroke and breaststroke.

All OCCC swim class instructors are certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness Director Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.
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OCCC has an estimated total annual education budget of $56,235,846. Of that, $25,316,891 comes from state funds, $22,253,000 comes from tuition and fees, and the remainder comes from other sources.

In April, the (student) Leadership Council had endorsed up to a 5 percent increase in tuition and fees, Boyd said.

"Oklahoma City Community College received an increase in state appropriation of approximately $665,000, but with the reduction that we received in our allocated share for concurrent enrollment, the net increase was about $555,000."

Boyd said OCCC’s primary sources of revenue are state allocations, tuition, money received from South Oklahoma City School District for technical education reimbursement and other miscellaneous income.

In addition to a reduction in revenue from tuition and fees, Boyd said, OCCC also must deal with always-increasing fixed costs like utilities and cleaning services.

"We've got almost a million square feet, " Boyd said. "An increase of 10 cents per square foot — not a whole lot of money."

"... We're getting (this service) for under $1 a square foot. That's not that bad." Boyd said OCCC's energy consumption has actually decreased since last year, but with the rising cost of energy, OCCC can still expect to pay more.

"We've been required to cover all of our fixed cost increases in our current budgets."

"I mean, we're not getting any additional money, " Boyd said.

"We're having to try to move money around and figure out where we're going to cover these costs," Boyd said.

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As the student backed away, the man drove away in his car. She then reported the incident to the OCCC Police. The student said she did not know the suspect.

The Clery Timely Notification email, sent by Public Relations read, "This morning at approximately 9:04 a.m., a man in newer blue/silver mid-size sedan, described as a Toyota, followed a female student on campus and made inappropriate comments to her from his vehicle as she was walking to the library across parking lot B. He exited campus from the S.W. 74th exit."

"The man was described as a white male, with a heavy build between 40-60 years old, with graying hair, eyeglasses and clean shaven."

"At the time, he was wearing a white, billed cap, a white polo shirt, khaki shorts and white tennis shoes."

"No criminal act occurred, but his behavior was concerning."

"No individual has been identified and the campus police were unable to obtain a license plate number. Report any similar experiences to campus police at 682-7872."

Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said there was no video surveillance footage available of the incident.

He said if anyone at the college is approached by someone he or she doesn’t know, don’t get close to the vehicle for any reason regardless of how safe the person looks. Instead, he said, stand at a distance.

The Pioneer will update this story as more information becomes available.

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.

Budget: Funding goes down while tuition, fees rise

President Sechrist to get a raise

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The OCCC Board of Regents approved a 1.6 percent raise for President Paul Sechrist on June 17 when the board met to finalize the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The regents went into executive session to discuss the raise. Sechrist said that is a common occurrence.

"Each year, the Board of Regents conducts a review of the terms of the employment of the President," he said in an email. "This raise was discussed at both the May 20 and June 10 meetings of the Board."

In FY 2011-2012 Sechrist made $227,429. In the 2013-2014 budget, Sechrist's salary will be $232,888. Sechrist said he asked that he not be given special consideration.

"In a verbal conversation with Board Chair, Regent Devery Youngblood, I have asked that if the Board chooses to consider a raise for the president that the raise be no more than the average raise given to all other employees," Sechrist said.

"However, the Board of Regents has the full authority to decide the president's terms of employment including salary," he said.

When the board met June 17, they unananimously voted to approve Sechrist’s raise.

Other state two-year college presidents make comparable salaries.

A Rose State College official reported its president, Terry Britton, made approximately $213,000 in FY 2012-13 year.
College offers ways to find employment

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OCCC lists more than 250 job opportunities that are all gathered in one database for current students and alumni, said Employment Services Clerk Caleb Shultz.

“We have over 3,000 students and roughly 2,500 employers on [the job boards],” he said.

Shultz said the department uses a program called College Central. There are no fees or monthly costs for employers on [the job boards],” he said.

“We actually run a promotion where we give [students] a free portfolio if they sign up to our job board to encourage them to sign up.”

Student résumés also are uploaded to College Central, he said.

“After we upload [a student’s] résumé, [they can] search for job opportunities … It lets the employer know that they are interested.”

He said once students click on a certain job post, students can sometimes submit a resume to the post.

At that point, he said, students can narrow their search for jobs and find those more centralized for their interests.

There are other resources students can use to find jobs as well, Shultz said.

The office has a handout that lists job search websites such as Monster.com and other job search engines that can be used in conjunction with College Central to find jobs.

“The more resources they have, the better,” said Shultz.

Students can contact the Student Employment and Career Services about job boards and upcoming job fairs at 405-682-7519 or visit the office located on the first floor of the Main Building or visit the website at www.occc.edu/es.

To use College Central, students must first register. Afterwards, Shultz said, they can just log in on the website and, from there, search for jobs.

Students are encouraged to use the job boards as a way of finding jobs and careers.

“Once … there, they can look through all the jobs. We post the jobs directly from this office,” Shultz said.

Shultz said the department uses a program called College Central. There are no fees or monthly costs to use the job boards.

“[Job boards] is completely free for students and alumni,” he said. “We [post] on-campus jobs, off-campus jobs, unpaid internships, paid internships, full time, part time, work study — a little bit of everything.”

Job posts are constantly updated and the length of time jobs are posted varies from job to job, Shultz said.

To find the College Central link, go to the college’s website at www.occc.edu, then select the Student Employment and Career Services page under the Student Services tab. The link to College Central is listed on the page.

Study faces

Nursing major Bailee Baker and chemical engineering major Tim Ta take time to study on June 18 in the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. The library, as well as the rest of campus, has areas with tables and chairs spread around for students to study or do homework.
Pioneer classified advertising is free to all enrolled OCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ad applications must be submitted with IDs supplied by 5 p.m. Fridays prior to the next publication date. For more information, call the Ad Manager at 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or e-mail adman@occc.edu.

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The OCCC Aquatic Center pool is clean and ready for swimmers after severe weather and flooding shut down the Recreation and Fitness Department May 31. Aquatic Maintenance Operator Michael Shugart said flood water did not actually make it into the pool thanks to the deck’s degree of incline.

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The OCCC Aquatic Center pool is below ground level which caused flooding resulting from the May 31 storm to overflow the pool.

Aquatic Maintenance Operator Mike Shugart said the pool has measures in place to deal with flooding.

“We have groundwater pumps that were supposed to pump the (excess) water out of here,” he said.

However, said Aquatic Maintenance Mechanic Mike Barber, the storms knocked out power to OCCC and the pumps.

The result was, the pool flooded, he said.

Both aquatic maintenance workers said watermarks showed how high the flood waters rose inside and outside of the pool area. Shugart said he and Barber quickly went to work to get the pool back in operation.

“[Barber] is more in charge of the chemicals and making sure PH and chlorine levels are right,” Shugart said. “He did that aspect of it.

“And I am more in charge of the swim meets and all the technical stuff, maintenance of the pool deck itself, the diving boards, and backboards.”

Barber said the work went smoothly.

“It probably took a couple of hours to drain. As far as chemicals — when I got out here, they were actually fine,” Barber said.

With no lasting damage, Shugart said, getting the pool in working order meant mostly cleaning.

Shugart said he had his workers on 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. shifts for almost one week after the storm to clean dirt and debris from the pool deck.

Although already scheduled classes such as swim lessons went on as planned, the pool is closed until July 1 for all other activities.

For more information on the Aquatic Center, call 405-682-7860.

Aquatic Center rebounds back from storm