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Finals concentration



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Nursing majors Sherry McHargue and Savannah Waters study in an area outside the biology lab May 2 for their upcoming finals. The second floor of the Main Building provides numerous desks where students can study.

Tuition increase possible for fall

Officials say students may pay 5 percent more

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A 5 percent increase in tuition could be possible for the fall 2014 semester because there is likely to be a decrease in state funding, according to a draft of OCCC's budget plan for FY 15.

Currently, students pay \$103 per credit hour, according to the OCCC website.

If the increase were to happen, that would go up to \$108.15 per credit hour, an increase of \$5.15

per three-credit-hour class.

OCCC officials will not know until late June if there will be a tuition increase, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

"The increases, if there are any, will go into effect for the fall semester ...," he said.

"I don't think it'll get higher than 5 percent this year, although it is difficult to predict exactly what the Legislature is going to do at this point."

Sechrist said OCCC officials are committed to keeping tuition low and will thoroughly examine every option.

The tuition increase was discussed along with the fiscal year 2015 budget at the April 21 Board of Regents Meeting.

Sechrist said the regents will continue to discuss the issue in their May and June meetings, as well.

"As was stated in the meet-

ing, any tuition increase is dependent on the final amount allocated to higher education by the Oklahoma Legislature and the governor," he said.

"If there is a cut to higher education or insufficient funds to cover our mandatory cost increases, then a modest tuition increase may be warranted."

Sechrist said the governor's

proposed cut in higher education funds would have other direct effects on OCCC.

He said the college's budget would suffer because the amount of funding the college receives from the state determines tuition, salary increases and other funding.

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Summer, intersession enrollment still open

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Students can earn quick credit in intersession and summer classes. Enrollment is already under way, said Associate

Registrar Jill Linblad.

Summer intersession begins May 19 and goes through May 30, she said.

Linblad said students can look at class offerings and enroll

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Human lives are more important than money

Writer gives kudos to Hobby Lobby

Standing up for what you believe in can often be a risky battle. Countless people will ridicule you, judge you and even tell you have no reason to have a belief that is different than theirs.



LAUREN DANIEL

Hobby Lobby has been scrutinized relentlessly by the government, media and average citizens alike for taking a stance against parts of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Hobby Lobby is a Christian, family-owned corporation, meaning chances are, their beliefs do not line up with the majority of the government or the majority of Americans

outside of the Bible belt.

Lucky for them, most of their 556 locations are located in the South, so they have a good number of supporters — like me.

The controversy surrounding Hobby Lobby started because Obamacare requires employers to provide insurance coverage for IUDs such as Mirena or morning after pills, such as “Plan B.” Employers also have to provide coverage for contraceptives such as condoms or birth control.

According to www.washingtonpost.com, the popular assumption that Hobby Lobby does not want to

offer any contraceptives is not true. Hobby Lobby is simply against morning after pills and IUDs, which are only two ways available to prevent a pregnancy.

The Green family founded Hobby Lobby with Christ-like principles. Their view on life — that it begins at the moment of fertilization — is the reason they are in disagreement with offering “emergency contraceptives.” Offering forms of contraceptives that would not support that view would be hypocritical of the company.

Hobby Lobby is facing paying government fines of up to \$1.3 million per day because of their refusal to comply with government regulations, according to CNN.

Founder and CEO of Hobby Lobby, David Green said, “By being required to make a choice between sacrificing our faith or paying millions of dollars in fines, we essentially must choose which poison pill to swallow. We simply cannot abandon our religious beliefs to comply with this mandate.”

In essence, Hobby Lobby should be able to exercise its religious freedom regardless of it being a corporation. Each company is founded with a set of principles and theirs is no different.

How can the government justify making a business comply with a law that does, in fact, hinder their religious freedom?

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was passed in 1933 and states, “Government shall not substan-



tially burden a person’s exercise of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability.”

Hobby Lobby should not be required to pay fines or offer medical insurance to cover things they don’t support.

Sure, this could be an inconvenience to women should Hobby Lobby prevail, but, even then, there are three easy solutions to the problem: don’t work for Hobby Lobby, use the types of contraceptives their insurance covers or simply refrain from having sex.

Whether you agree with Hobby Lobby about their stance on contraceptives, you have to give them some props for standing up for their views and being assertive. Obviously human lives are more important to a company than money, so why is Hobby Lobby’s morality the one being questioned?

—LAUREN DANIEL
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Writer says college must be out of touch with student demographics

Fallin wrong choice for OCCC commencement speaker

To the Editor:

This letter is in reference to the recently announced news that the speaker for this year’s graduation will be Gov. Mary Fallin. I am personally sickened and horrified by this decision.

In my opinion, there is no worse choice for this honor. Not only has she been declared by some as the worst governor in America; her policies and actions go against the OCCC code of values as published in the handbook.

Time after time governor Fallin has favored the rights of big business over the rights of Oklahomans.

She has denied our schools access to money to build storm shelters. She refused to expand Medicare programs for our state, thus denying free health insurance to thousands of Oklahomans. She has consistently turned her back on evidence that suggests fracking is dangerous to us and our environment by giving those companies responsible considerable tax breaks; and at the same time denying tax breaks for the struggling middle class.

She has signed bills limiting our rights to increase the minimum wage. She has consistently favored those policies that deny civil rights to homosexuals, women,

Hispanics, African Americans and immigrants.

One only needs to look at the demographics of our school to understand this conundrum.

We are an amalgam of the lower middle-class, minorities and immigrants.

Is our school administration so out of touch that they don’t realize who we are? Was this really the most appropriate choice to represent us?

We need a commencement speaker who can inspire passion in our graduates, not mar them in controversial junk politics.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | “The Grand Budapest Hotel” could have been better

Movie good, for Wes Anderson

Not being much of a Wes Anderson fan, I was not sure what to expect when I watched “The Grand Budapest Hotel.”

The only Anderson film I had seen before was the 1998 comedy “Rushmore,” which I didn’t really get. It was very quirky, but not funny.

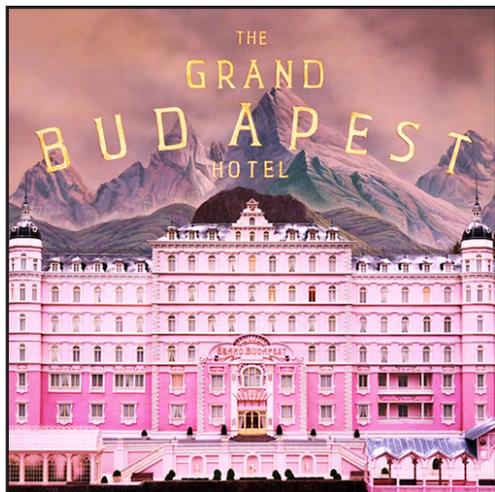
“Rushmore” was still fascinating to me. I didn’t get it, but I definitely wanted to.

Thusly, when “The Grand Budapest Hotel” came out, I was ready to give this odd-ball director another chance.

The movie opens with an old man addressing the camera, telling of a book he wrote titled, “The Grand Budapest Hotel.”

A flashback happens, taking the audience to a younger version of the author. The author meets Zero the old man who runs the Grand Budapest Hotel, who tells the author the story of how he came to own it.

The story begins with Zero as a teenage boy working in the hotel.



Zero himself was kind of a flat character, but to be fair, he was not even the main character. The star of the show was the character Gustave (played by Voldemort).

Gustave, the concierge of the hotel, takes Zero under his wing and shows him how to run a hotel. Gustave, unlike anyone in “Rushmore,” delivered consistent laughs with his deadpan silliness and his Woody Allen-esque obsessive compulsiveness.

Gustave was fun to watch and

fun to hear.

He stole the screen no matter whom he shared it with. His shenanigans could keep any audience’s attention.

This movie was not perfect and I don’t know exactly why. It was shot incredibly well and the story was interesting, but it just seemed too Andersony.

It was so packed full of quirks that it kept reminding me that I was watching a movie. There were too many shots of one person’s head in the middle of the frame.

The characters’ jerky movements and unnatural wooden speech sometimes seemed like Anderson would move on to a new shot after only one take.

It was still good. It just could have been better. I can’t believe I’m saying this, but Wes Anderson needs to take a lesson from Hollywood and be a little more conventional.

Rating: B

—JAKE McMAHON
VIDEOGRAPHER

GAME REVIEW | “Final Fantasy” creator teams up with Nobuo Uematsu

‘The Last Story’ great Wii RPG

While you might not find a technical masterpiece like the PS3’s “The Last of Us” on the Wii, you will find something equally great in art direction, audio, gameplay and storyline — “The Last Story.”

If you know the names Hironobu Sakaguchi and Nobuo Uematsu you know you’ll be in for a treat.

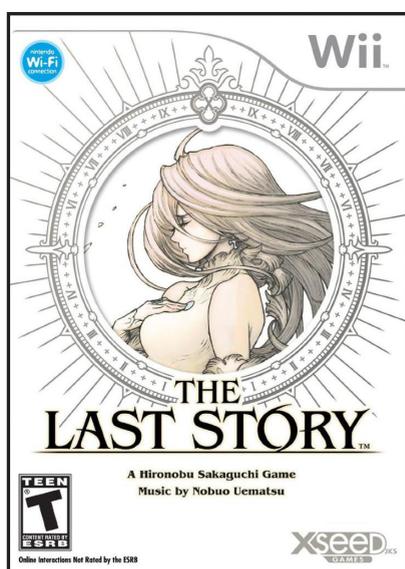
The former is the creator of one of the most well known role-playing games, “Final Fantasy,” and the latter is the composer.

You’ll play as Zael, who is in a band of mercenaries and dreams to become a knight.

Among your band of mercenaries are five other well-designed characters with their own fleshed-out stories.

Voice acting and character development is superb, so much that you’ll want to do all of the sidequests to find out more about your companions’ back stories.

In “The Last Story,” the lands are mysteriously decaying and it is only at the edge of the human



colonies, Lazulis Island, that the land is not dying.

This is where the majority of the story takes place.

The Gurak are this story’s antagonists and this plot is brought front and center as the humans have been warring with them for years.

More important plots are conspiring such as genocide, climate change, politics, betrayal and even a dilemma that feels straight out of “The Count of Monte Cristo.”

As you progress through the story, fighting off the Gurak and other enemies, you’ll find that this

is not just another action RPG.

Sakaguchi has blended wildly different elements such as real time strategy, stealth and cover based third person shooting that all compliment each other very well to bring a very unique experience.

As you unravel the mysteries of Lazulis Island and the Gurak, it’s hard not to be enthralled at how well-crafted the game’s world is.



Graduation beginning of better life

The end of the spring semester includes one of the most significant ceremonies we hold at OCCC — our annual graduation ceremony referred to as commencement.

It is called commencement to reinforce the notion that the completion of a degree is not the end, but the beginning of what is next in life.

What lies ahead for graduates is potentially life-changing.

On average, you will likely earn significantly more in wages and salaries than those who only have a high school diploma or less.

You are more likely to hold jobs that include healthcare and retirement benefits.

You are more likely to vote, volunteer and give back to your community.

You will be healthier and live longer.

In the end, earning a college degree is one of the most positive steps you can take to ensure that you and your family will have a better life.

If you are the first to earn a college degree in your family, this accomplishment may change the course for those in your family that follow you.

Eighty percent of children of college graduates will also go on to earn a college degree — more than double the rate for children of parents who did not go to college.

To the students who will graduate, I want you to know how much I admire and respect you.

I realize that for many students, the road to graduation has not been easy.

To those who returned to seek a college degree after having already raised a family, to those who overcame enormous financial pressures, to those who in your journey of life have already experienced hardships, to those who had to learn a new language, to those who have had your studies interrupted by war, and to those who were told that you weren’t college material—your accomplishment inspires me and gives me hope for the future of America.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2014!

—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

I can only hope that Sakaguchi has more stories to tell.

Rating: A

—JOHN HUYNH
PHOTOGRAPHER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

SERIES REVIEW | All but one season available on Netflix

Series funny look at experiences, memories

In the year 2030, Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor) decides to tell his son and daughter the story of how he met their mother.

Set in Manhattan from 2005 to 2013, Ted's story is about him, his close friends and the lessons learned as they become older adults.

Throughout the series, the obstacles Ted faces leads him closer to meeting his children's mother.

Ted's friends include long-time couple Marshall Eriksen (Jason Segel) and Lily Aldrin (Alyson Hannigan), playboy womanizer Barney Stinson (Neil Patrick Harris) and news anchor Robin Scherbatsky (Cobie Smulders).

Created by Craig Thomas and Carter Bays, HIMYM was inspired by the situations they both experienced with their friends while living in New York City.

Overall, HIMYM is one giant memory.

And in that memory are a group of friends telling stories to one another.

From Barney's exploding meatball sub to Marshall being mugged by a monkey, every story in this show is embellished to show how memories make the past seem more entertaining than what actually happened.

Other themes in HIMYM include the importance of patience, uncertainty of the future and the enduring bond of loyal friendships.

The ultimate HIMYM episode comes from season two, episode nine. "Slap Bet" sets the tone and humor for the entire series.

For anyone who has never seen HIMYM, "Slap Bet" is the perfect place to start.

While HIMYM is among the best television comedies of all time, many did not enjoy the finale.

Most viewers expected something predictable while the creators gave fans a genuine, honest ending.



An ending all fans will appreciate as they grow older and overcome tremendous grief.

Seasons one through eight are available on Netflix. This fall the final season will be available.

Rating: A+

—ETHAN COOPER
WEBMASTER

MOVIE REVIEW | Stone and Garfield bring chemistry to characters

Sequel gives moviegoers a thrill ride

The highly anticipated sequel to "The Amazing Spider-Man" hit theaters last weekend.

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2," featuring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone, did not disappoint.

Those who are die-hard fans of "The Amazing Spider-Man" comics will be more than pleased with this film.

Director Marc Webb has done an excellent job of sticking very closely to the original storyline of the comics.

This movie really starts to show Spider-Man's most important battle and that is within himself.

Garfield captures the struggle between the duties of the ordinary Peter Park and his huge responsibility of being Spider-Man.

Peter Parker continues to struggle with his relationship with Gwen Stacy and the promise that he made to her father in the first film: to keep Gwen out of his life as long as he was Spider-Man.

He learns that being Spider-Man comes at a price and he pays the ultimate price in this spectacular



sequel.

With the emergence of Electro, Peter must face an enemy greater, and far more powerful, than he has ever seen before.

With the return of his old friend Harry Osborn, Peter comes to realize that all of his enemies have one thing in common and that is OsCorp.

Garfield and Stone do their best

to give the film heart with the love connection between Peter and Gwen.

The real-life couple's chemistry bleeds through the screen, as what I believe becomes the driving force behind the movie.

The plot is packed full of action — Spider-Man swinging through the streets of New York will give any moviegoer a thrill ride.

The comedic, wise guy Spider-Man that any comic lover knows is captured beautifully by Garfield throughout the film.

The film as a whole captures what the important things in life consist of and the battle between being there for others or being there for those in one's personal life.

It is packed with love, loss, sacrifice and plenty of action.

This is a great installment.

The movie is guaranteed to leave the viewer wanting more as soon as it is over.

Rating: A+

—MYCALYN BLOMSTROM
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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of May 2 through May 4
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *The Amazing Spiderman 2*
2. *The Other Woman*
3. *Heaven is for Real*
4. *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*
5. *Rio 2*
6. *Brick Mansions*
7. *Divergent*
8. *The Quiet Ones*
9. *The Grand Budapest Hotel*
10. *God's Not Dead*
11. *Bears*
12. *Draft Day*
13. *Transcendence*
14. *A Haunted House 2*
15. *Noah*
16. *Oculus*
17. *The Railway Man*
18. *Fading Gigolo*
19. *Mr. Peabody & Sherman*
20. *The Lunchbox*

May ceremony gives students degrees, certificates

The following students have applied for May graduation. Diplomas will be granted after credentials are completed and degree requirements are met.

Skye Abbott, Megan Abellera, Ellah Abuta, Benny Achenkunju, Esther Ade-dayo, Bolaji Adegoke, Behnaz Adelifard, Kabita Adhikari, Lana Adkisson, Amanda Aguilar, Ayeh Aguilar, Jaquelin Aguirre, Mohammed Ajao Abdulazeez, Heather Albright, Taylor Aldridge, Ginger Alexander, Tariq Alfateel, Souleiman Al-Khouri, Larry Allen, Chad Allen, Kayla Allen, Kyle Allen, Larry Allen, Nicole Allison-Catalfu, Krysten Allred, Cheney Alvarado, Shelby Alvarez, Ashley Amareh, Gary Amen, Eva Anaya, Arielle Anderson.

Elizabeth Andrade, Kyle Andrews, Jayne Andrews, Jacqueline Angerbauer, Theresa Annang Adamah, Laura Apodaca, Callie Armstrong, Kerry Arneson, Lacey Ashby, Jensen Atkinson, Daulton Atterberry, Sheridan Augustine, Theresa Azlin, Brent Baird, Haleigh Baker, Rachel Baker, Vijayan Balaji, LaBaren Barakat, Ashley Barber, Cory Barnes, Jolene Barnett, Lydia Barnett, Megan Barnett.

Manuel Barrientos, Justin Barron, Alanna Barton, Tracy Bass, Spencer Beard, Raul Becerra, Courtney Beck, Shannon Beckman, Jessica Beheler, Melissa Bell, Beau Bellamy, Lori Benda, Betty Benge, Dianna Bennett, Branton Bentley, Roxanna Berry-Wilson, Aditya Bhagat, Dustin Bishop, Chase Blair, Greyson Blum, Michael Blunck, Kaila Boerner, Kathryn Bolin, Corinne Bollschweiler, Lauren Bolt.

Brandon Bolt, Monica Booker, Brittany Boone, Adrian Borchgrevink, Cody Bowline, Samantha Bowman, Lisa Boyd, Rachel Boyd, Lisa Boyd, Scotty Brasher, Corlissa Breaux, Haley Bremerman, Nikala Bremermer, Matthew Breske, Tanner Bridges, Jordan Briggs, Jared Bross, Redman Brown, Cade Brown, Samuel-Trey Brown, Daniel Brown, Karen Brown, Casey Brown, Kristopher Brown, Cade Brown, Tiffany Browning, Ryan Brumbaugh.

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(Editor's note: If you believe your name should be on the list but isn't, call 405-682-7512.)

Gov. Mary Fallin to speak at OCCC ceremony

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Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin will deliver the keynote address at the 2014 OCCC Commencement Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. May 16, in the Cox Business Services Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

President Paul Sechrist said Fallin was invited to speak at OCCC's commencement ceremonies last fall. He said OCCC has a long history of inviting state governors to give the keynote address.

"Governor Fallin is the fifth governor to address OCCC's graduating class," Sechrist said.

Since OCCC has been part of the state system of higher education, Sechrist said, the state's chief executive officer — the governor — is always on the short list of those considered to address graduates.



Gov. Mary Fallin

"It's always an honor to have the governor attend and speak to our graduates," he said.

"Our graduates will have the opportunity to receive words of congratulations and best wishes from the governor ... the top-elected official in the state."

Students are mixed about having Fallin as the keynote speaker.

Pre-pharmacy graduate Amr Elghondakly said he is unsure why Fallin was asked to speak.

"I think it's interesting that she has been asked to speak at an educational facility for people graduating when she's been cutting budgets ... and not supporting

education," Elghondakly said.

"I think that it might be one of her ways of gaining popularity or asking for votes. I don't think she actually cares about education or students in general."

Political science graduate Michael Blunck said while Fallin's presence might be controversial, it shouldn't be taken too seriously.

"At the end of the day, it's a three-minute speech,"

Blunck said. "It doesn't matter whether she cut education ... If people really care about it, they can just un-elect her in two years."

"As far as I'm concerned ... I just want to have my moment," he said. "I want my classmates to have their moment. I think it does us a disservice to over-politicize [Fallin's speech]. It takes away from the sheer fact that we're graduating — it takes away that achievement."

Sechrist said, regardless of personal feelings, he hopes OCCC students will remain respectful.

"All governors of states are elected with a political party affiliation," he said. "Therefore, it's a given that some students and guests will agree and some will disagree with the political position of [Gov. Fallin]."

An interview request from the Pioneer was turned down by Fallin.

For more information about the 2014 OCCC Commencement, visit www.occc.edu/records/Commencement2014.

Students who want to tweet the Pioneer about their graduation experience can use #OCCCgrad and #OCCCPioneer or post to the Pioneer Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OCCCPioneer.

Graduates need to plan for commencement

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As OCCC graduates plan for the upcoming commencement, there are a few things they need to know, said Barbara Gowdy, graduation services director.

The ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Cox Business Services Convention Center, located at the intersection of Reno and Robinson in downtown Oklahoma City.

Gowdy said graduates need to check-in between 6 and 6:30 p.m. in Exhibit Room E, located in the west hallway of the Cox Convention Center.

There, graduates will receive a name card they will need to keep with them throughout the ceremony, she said. All graduates will need to fill out the back of the card before the ceremony begins.

"... That's what they pass to the reader [to] read their name as they walk across stage."

After the ceremony, Gowdy said, the name cards will then be given to the photographer who will contact the students later with their picture proofs.

Gowdy said graduates will line up in two lines after checking in, which will be around 7:15 p.m. They will then be led into the arena to their seats.

She said there is no particular order so students can line up in any order.

"They can line up with friends or whatever..."

Wearing a cap and gown is an absolute requirement for walking in the ceremony, she said.

Students will not be able to participate if they are not wearing their cap and gown.

"Some people wear it, some people just bring it with them and put it on when they get there," she said.

Caps and gowns are available in the OCCC Bookstore for \$35 through May 16.

Parking will be available in various spots around Bricktown. The cost to park underneath the Cox Convention Center is \$8.

"It's Bricktown (so) there's parking all around," Gowdy said. "There's parking hopefully under the Cox Convention Center. They're on their own as far as parking goes."

Gowdy said the ceremony will last around two hours to two and a half hours, depending on the speakers and how many students show up.

"We usually have them out of there by 9:30 p.m. or 10 p.m."

Seating for parents, friends, family and children will open at 6:30 p.m. Gowdy said graduates are encouraged to invite their loved ones to join in on the momentous occasion.

"Just come celebrate," she said.

A live video feed also will be offered on OCCC's website so friends and family who are unable to attend can still be a part of the graduation ceremony.

The video feed will be available at www.occc.edu/ivd/commencement.

For more information, call 405-682-7528, or email bgowdy@occc.edu.

Posthumous degree awarded to PTA student

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Matthew Hamilton had a smile that could light up a room, said Physical Therapy Program Director Jennifer Ball. Hamilton, who died Dec. 16 in an automobile accident, is being awarded an associate degree in physical therapy assistance posthumously at OCCC's Commencement May 16.

"He has met all of the requirements to receive his posthumous degree," Ball said.

"He had completed all of the academic portions of his degree and all he had left were his [clinical] internships."

A memorial scholarship in Hamilton's name also was recently created at OCCC.

Ball said the Matthew David Hamilton Scholarship is meant to alleviate the financial burdens for students in the physical therapy program.



Matthew Hamilton

Ball said Hamilton was always a joy to be around.

"He cared a lot for people, he cared a lot for his patients ... [He] was able to motivate them and encourage them," she said. "A special hug from Matt would really make you just feel warm inside — he was just so genuinely caring."

Ball said Hamilton's family has been invited to accept his degree at the graduation ceremony.

"From my understanding ... sometimes a family member will walk across the stage and receive the degree," Ball said.

Ball said this is the first time the PTA department has awarded a student a posthumous degree.

"He's a great guy and deserves all of the recognition," Ball said.

For more information about the Matthew David Hamilton Memorial Scholarship, visit www.occc.edu/pta. To contact Ball, call 405-682-7826.

Grads asked: What are your plans after graduation?



“I’ll be going to the University of Oklahoma for civil engineering.”
—**REX McLAUHLIN**
PRE-ENGINEERING MAJOR



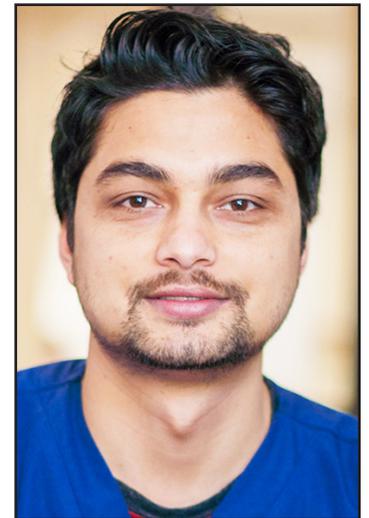
“[I’m going] on for my bachelor’s and master’s at the University of Central Oklahoma.”
—**CHERI TAYLOR**
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR



“I’ll be going to OU and I’ll be getting my biochemistry degree.”
—**MICHAEL ALKHOURI**
DIVERSIFIED STUDIES MAJOR



“Continue working full time at a local surgery center, ... continuing my education and applying for nursing.”
—**JENIFER FULTON**
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR



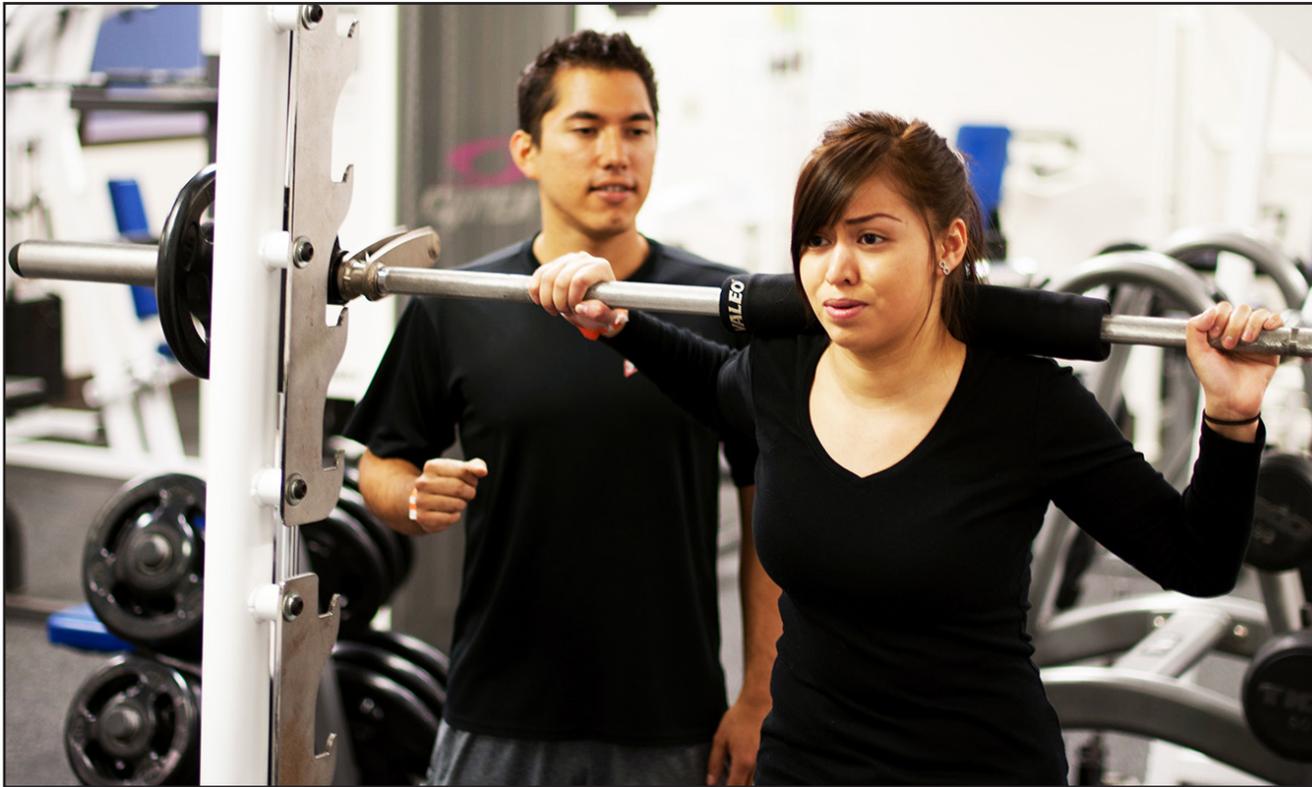
“I’m going to take the [state boards nursing] test. My first choice would be to work at Integris hospital.”
—**GYANENDRA UPADHYAYA**
NURSING MAJOR

DOWNTOWN PARKING (highlighted in yellow)

OCCC
Commencement
7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16

SPORTS

Heavy lifting



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

Chemistry major Amy Dominguez works out May 2 in the OCCC Wellness Center with guidance from exercise science major Michael Grubbs. The center provides weights and cardio equipment free to students with an ID.

SPORTS | Safety precautions couldn't be met due to road construction

June 9 SuperSprint Triathlon canceled

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OCCC Campus Recreation has canceled its annual SuperSprint Triathlon after event officials decided necessary safety precautions couldn't be met, said Marketing and Public Relations Assistant Director Deirdre Steiner.

Steiner said over the years, funding the SuperSprint Triathlon to ensure the safety of its participants has drastically increased.

She said the event was canceled due to road construction in the surrounding areas.

"The area where the cycling part of the event occurs — Portland (Avenue) — is under a lot of construction right now," Steiner said.

"The [SuperSprint] staff just felt like it wasn't a good place for cyclists to try and travel.

"Even driving over it — it's really bumpy and really torn up."

The SuperSprint Triathlon also requires event security, Steiner said — another costly expense contributing to

“It has really come down to it being too costly to hire the proper personnel to make the event safe.”

—ROXY BUTLER
RECREATION AND FITNESS
DIRECTOR

the event's cancellation.

"Of course you have to have police security present for the event," she said.

"Over the years, it's just been more and more expensive to hire them to actually be at the event.

"It's starting to get to the point where it's just cost prohibitive."

Steiner said in the past, the SuperSprint Triathlon began on OCCC's campus and participants traveled to other parts of the surrounding area — which requires more event security.

"There's all the considerations ... to make sure that as people leave our campus, they're safe to run or to cycle," Steiner said.

"It's just kind of [been the result of]

safety plus the cost of safety."

According to a press release issued on www.occc.edu/supersprint, Recreation and Fitness Director Roxy Butler agreed that the cost of keeping the triathletes safe was the main contributor to its cancellation.

"It has really come down to it being too costly to hire the proper personnel to make the event safe," said Butler.

"OCCC has hosted the SuperSprint Triathlon for nearly 20 years and we hope to be able to host it again in the future.

"Right now we have to do what's best for those participating and their safety is our top priority."

For more information, contact Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

For more information, contact Steiner at 405-682-1611, ext. 7248.

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UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **May 26:**

The OCCC Aquatic Center will close for Memorial Day and will reopen the following Tuesday. For more information, call 405-682-7860.

- **June 2:**

Scuba practice beginning from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Aquatic Center. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 405-682-1611 ext. 7310 in advance as special swim events might be taking place.

- **June 21**

The OCCC Aquatic Center will close for the EAT Extreme 5 Swim Meet. For more information, call 405-682-1611 ext. 7481.

- **June 28:**

Row-Triple-C, OCCC's Dragon Boat Team, will compete at the Stars and Stripes River Festival Saturday, June 28. For more information, call 405-682-7552.

- **Spring semester:**

Visit www.occc.edu/rf/swimming-diving to enroll in a number of events held in the college's Aquatic Center.



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.

Budget: OCCC officials awaiting news on state budget

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About half of OCCC's \$50 million education and operating budget comes from the Legislature.

Business and Finance Vice President John Boyd said OCCC stands to lose \$1,347,026 if the cut is approved by state legislators.

"Worst case scenario ... is Gov. Fallin's 5.3 percent budget cut, which has a devastating impact on the college," he said.

By increasing tuition, OCCC officials hope to offset some of the money lost through state funding.

"... An increase in tuition of roughly about 5 percent ... would yield us another approximately \$600,000 in tuition and fee revenue that would help offset some of these other reductions ...," Boyd said.

Enrollment also has been decreasing for the past three years, which poses another threat to the college's budget.

OCCC's top three revenue items in the budget are state appropriations, tuition, and fees, and the reimbursement from the tech district. The only area that is staying consistent is the reimbursement from the tech district, Boyd said.

"Our state appropriations are at risk and you know our enrollment has gone down over the past three years, so as we look at our FY15 budget, at this moment in time, we are hoping for the best," he said.

Boyd said the college will make sure students still get a quality education.

"We're going to make whatever adjustments we have to make to serve the students that we have ...," he said.

“Granted, no one wants to pay more money but if that's what it's going to take to keep the doors open, that's what it's going to take.”

—JAMES WORDEN
CHEMISTRY MAJOR

"We have to make and we always have made the sacrifice that we need to make to make sure that those students get the service that they need."

Students had mixed feelings about the possible increase.

Political Science major Michael Blunck said he isn't concerned.

"I think students of OCCC should understand that the president and cabinet of the school have gone to extreme

lengths to make sure that they have cut every other corner before touching anything involving students," Blunck said.

"I would be more concerned but the leadership is in place. As a student here, I am not concerned about [this] having any real impact on the cost of my education," Blunck said.

Chemistry major James Worden agreed.

"No one likes paying more money, but in the end, it's going to be a necessity. There are factors that have led to this," Worden said.

"Granted, no one wants to pay more money but if that's what it's going to take to keep the doors open, that's what it's going to take."

Other students weren't so certain.

Shelby Webb, diversified studies major, said she won't be happy with an increase.

"This is a community college where it's supposed to be cheaper ...," Webb said.

"It's supposed to be easier for those [who] don't have as much resources to be able to pay for school.

"If you increase the amount ... [especially] with the way the economy is, it's going to be harder to get scholarships or grants."

Sam Pender, film major, said he doesn't think the state should be cutting the funding for higher education.

"I would rather there not be a 5 percent increase. At least it's not incredibly large, but I would still prefer to keep things the way they are," Pender said.

"I think [higher education] should be one of the things that gets the most funding."

For more information, contact Boyd at 405-682-7501 or by email at jboyd@occc.edu.

Enroll: Intersession, summer class enrollment under way

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via the MineOnline portal at mineonline.occc.edu.

The courses are listed along with the times the classes meet, Linblad said, and are identified by an "I" in the section number.

Linblad said intersession classes are the same price as a typical three-hour class.

She said the classes meet every weekday for about four hours a day and cover subjects that aren't overly difficult or involved.

"They're usually general education classes," Linblad said.

"... English composition is an example of a class that would be offered in an intersession."

Linblad said Intro to Computers also is an example of an intersession class that might be offered.

More involved classes would not be on the course list, she

said, because additional time is needed for those classes.

For instance, Linblad said, a math or lab science class would not be offered.

"... There's just no way you could get all the information you need ..."

Linblad said she wouldn't recommend taking more than one intersession class at a time.

"Your life would be crazy if you did more ... [because] basically, we're crunching 16 weeks of information into two weeks," she said.

The last day to register for an intersession course is May 19, and the last day to withdraw with a full refund is prior to the third class on May 21.

"As long as it's before the third class, you can withdraw and still receive a refund," Linblad said.

She said the latest students can withdraw from an interses-

sion course without a refund is May 28.

Linblad said OCCC's summer classes are eight weeks long and run from June 2 through July 25.

"For summer, the last day to register is June 3," she said.

Linblad said students can enroll for summer courses by visiting the Academic Advising office or by accessing the Mine Online portal on the OCCC homepage.

Because there are eight weeks in the summer session courses, Linblad said, there's more variety to choose from.

She said the courses provided in the summer consist of anything from physical science to preparatory math courses. The full list of summer session classes being offered can also be found in the Summer/Fall 2014 class schedule.

Linblad said students who

enroll in summer classes have a short window in which to change their minds.

"For the first week, you can withdraw and receive a refund."

For more information about

enrollment, visit www.occc.edu or contact the Academic Advising office at 405-682-7535.

To contact Linblad, call 405-682-7589.



Hundreds of children have been injured or have died because of dangerous power windows in vehicles. The average power window has the power to cut a cucumber or a carrot or a grapefruit in two. And, today, too many cars on the road have "rocker" or "toggle" switches that are too easy to push and windows that do not automatically reverse when encountering resistance. A child in a car, with their head out of the window, a knee inadvertently pushing the switch, is a disaster in the making.

The message to parents is clear: Never, ever leave a child alone in a car. Not for one minute. The message to auto manufacturers is also clear: Every single car should have the safer switches that must be pulled up to raise the car window. And, just as garage doors, every car should come with "auto-reverse" mechanisms on all power windows. Power windows have the power to kill.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Taking a stroll



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

Former OCCC student Eric Wood walks around campus May 2 with his son while waiting for his wife to take a test. Wood attended OCCC to receive certification in information technology. OCCC's tobacco-free campus has many sidewalks and an alleé available for the public as well as students.

COMMUNITY | Matthew David Hamilton died in a car accident last year

Scholarship honors deceased student

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The students of the physical therapist assistant program have established a memorial scholarship in honor of Matthew David Hamilton, who died Dec. 16 in an automobile accident.

Hamilton was a second year PTA student of OCCC.

"He already had finished all of his academic courses and just needed to do his internships," Physical Therapy Professor Jennifer Ball said.

Hamilton was only eight credit hours away from meeting the requirements for the PTA degree.

To help raise money for the scholarship, PTA students ran in the OKC Memorial Marathon. They made T-shirts for the run that people could buy for \$30.

"All money from the shirts went straight to the scholarship fund. The students' goal was to sell 60 shirts and they sold 116," Ball said. They raised \$1,770 for the scholarship.

The PTA students have raised more money by getting direct donations to the fund.

"The scholarship will provide financial help to a Physical Therapist Assistant student while he or she is going through the PTA program," Ball said.

The physical therapist assistant program is a two-year program offered to students coming out of high school or going back to college.

Physical therapist assistants work with patients who have some type of physical disability. They perform different exercises with the patients to better their mobility.

A physical therapist assistant would help someone who injured a leg after a car crash to walk again or learn to use crutches.

"You have to be passionate about it to stay with it," PTA student Britany Cramton said.

Ball said it's a good field for those who love it.

"I think it's a very rewarding career," Ball said. "Helping people is always rewarding."

"There are no prerequisites required besides Anatomy and Physiology I," Ball said. "This class can be taken the summer before the student starts the PTA program."

"There are six PTA programs in Oklahoma and we are the only one that offers predominantly night classes," Ball said. "We are also the only program in the state that offers the cadaver anatomy class."

Students that attend the cadaver anatomy class examine three dissected human bodies, she said.

This is the first year that PTA students have been allowed to take their licensure tests while they were still in school.

"We had two students take the licensure exam before they graduated from the PTA program and they both passed," Ball said.

"We have a 100 percent pass rate for the licensure exam and a 100 percent rate in career placement," Ball said. The program accepts about 20 students each year.

To donate to the scholarship, visit www.occc.edu/foundation/donation-form.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate pinning ceremony set for May 12

The graduating class of 2014 will be recognized for their success in a graduate pinning ceremony at 4 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Visual Performing Arts Center Theater. Graduates are allowed to bring one guest to accompany them to the ceremony. There will be a reception following the ceremony. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or email SLStaffDL@occc.edu.

Open dance audition class May 14

Theater majors and other interested adult and teen dancers are invited to an open dance class where company members and apprentices will be recruited at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, in the OCCC Dance and Aerobics room 1C4 in the Main Building. Participants should arrive at 6:45 p.m. to fill out registration forms and have close-fitting attire. For more information, contact Fitness Instructor Elizabeth Hobi at elizabeth.hobi@gmail.com.

Natural gas certification classes May 15 and 16

The Professional Development Institute will offer the Oklahoma State Liquefied Petroleum Gas Certification course from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16. The course is a blended course taught online, in-class with hands-on applications in safety, fuel characteristics, system description and operation, fuel line inspection, system diagnosis, system inspection and regulations. Technicians who successfully complete the class will be eligible to take the Oklahoma State LPG Certification exam. Seating is limited. For more information or to register, contact John Claybon 405-682-7855.

Oil and gas safety awareness class May 16

Classes will be offered to provide oil and gas industry professionals with specific safety awareness on Friday, May 16. The program will provide professionals working in the oil and gas industry an orientation about the safety hazards associated with the industry. Topics covered include Incident Reporting, Material Handling, Hazard Communications and Accident Prevention. The program is certified by SafeLand USA and the Energy Training Council of Oklahoma. OCCC is an authorized ETC member. OCCC will offer the classes in English and Spanish. Cost to attend is \$150.00. For more information, or to enroll, contact John Claybon at 405-682-7855.

Oklahoma Film Institute summer cinema clinics

The OCCC Oklahoma Film Institute will present Summer cinema clinics from Thursday, June 5, through Saturday, July 12. The series of five, three-day clinics will be held in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Individual sessions will involve production, script writing, directing, cinematography and editing. Tuition for each clinic session is \$300. Space is limited. For more information or to enroll, call 405-682-7847.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to editor@occc.edu.

CLASSIFIEDS

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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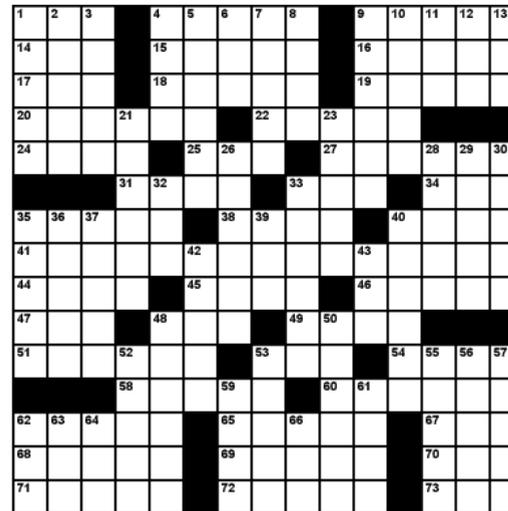
MISCELLANEOUS

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT: Male, 23, full-time student looking to rent a room close to campus for no more than \$250-\$300 a month from May 17 to the end of the fall semester. Email john.white336@occc.edu.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Hmm... Crossword Puzzle

- Across**
1. Hmm... a film studio
 4. Slate-colored bird
 9. Western brewer
 14. He beat Joe and lost to Leon
 15. Cookwear?
 16. Gumbo ingredients
 17. It's not for nay-sayers
 18. Whooping, for instance
 19. Great
 20. Capital of Mali
 22. Be busy as a beaver?
 24. Moslem leader
 25. __, amas, amat
 27. Hmm... a rapper
 31. Rowboat
 33. Samovar
 34. Outer prefix
 35. Corroded
 38. Resonated
 40. Hews
 41. Em, not 'M'
 44. Bird lover's offering
 45. Flightless South American bird
 46. Indistinct
 47. __ Wan (Star Wars sage)
 48. Call for help
 49. Where the stitches are
 51. Hmm... a candy
 53. Make do
 54. Chances
 58. Give way
 60. Worship
 62. A chaperone, probably
 65. Inspect, in a way
 67. Neither partner
 68. Fergie, really
 69. More slippery
 70. Debtor's letters
 71. Like a lobster
 72. Plow inventor
 73. Hmm... a business model
- Down**
1. Noncommittal response



2. Make like a star
3. East coast city
4. Trunk item
5. Disturbance
6. Armed grp.?
7. Yuppie abode, perhaps
8. Draftable
9. It has rows
10. Giraffe's relative
11. Former Boston Bruin, Bobby
12. Speakeasy tune, possibly
13. Comp. pt.
21. Intense
23. Come together
26. Aromatic resins (fit for a king?)
28. Link
29. Put out
30. Saunter
32. North of NY
33. Be a spoil sport at a costume party
35. __ Downs (Derby location)
36. Part of the Dutch West Indies
37. Associate
39. Manipulate
40. Sci-fi writer, Isaac
42. Jagged
43. Koop's grp.
48. Where to find a forge
50. Stranger
52. Originally Zimmerman
53. Draw out
55. Ubiquitous fabric
56. The very young or very old may do this
57. Plasma
59. Like a cornerstone
61. French 101 verb
62. Biblical transport
63. Skip stones over water
64. Flimflam psychic, Geller
66. Pass on

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Professor says there is never a dull moment with job

BRIANNA HOGAN
News Writing Student

Fonda Scott is now a full-time professor in the occupational therapist assistant program at OCCC, as well as the academic fieldwork coordinator.

Up until this semester, Scott was an adjunct professor, she said, working in the program where she received her first level of training.

"You have to believe in what you do to be successful," Scott said. "Occupational therapy is a true calling."

Occupational therapists help clients master everyday tasks, she said.

Examples include teaching people with mental or physical disabilities how to perform tasks such as brushing their hair or getting dressed.

The OTA program is offered at OCCC as a two-year program that does not require any prerequisites. The general education classes are taken within two years while students are taking OTA classes, Scott said.

Occupational therapist assistants work under the direction of occupational therapists.

They may help people who have been paralyzed by a stroke how to cook with one hand or work with children who have social deficiencies, like autism, how to interact with others.

Scott lives in Lexington with her husband, Jeff, and two sons, Ethan and Joshua.

Besides her teaching at OCCC, Scott also does power mobility assessments. Scott said she works alongside an assistive technology practitioner to make sure wheelchair seats

fit the clients.

These assessments are necessary so people can function normally within their home using a wheelchair, she said.

Scott has been designing wheelchairs for people with disabilities for about 10 years. Scott said she does this job on the side to keep up her occupational therapy skills.

Scott graduated with her associate degree from the OTA program at OCCC in May 1995. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in December 2007 from the University of Oklahoma.

"I really do love my job," Scott said. "It's not just something I do, it's who I am."

Scott teaches several classes within the OTA program.

"I have never once been bored with my job," she said.

Being the fieldwork coordinator, Scott is in charge of setting up the fieldwork for all of the OTA students.

In level one fieldwork, the students go to places like hospitals, outpatient centers, and pediatric centers to observe a fieldwork educator.

"They get to see the whole realm of occupational therapy," Scott said.

Level two students go to the same type of places, but get to be hands-on.

They get to experience what they would be doing as an occupational therapist assistant. The students are supervised by a fieldwork educator.

Level two students go to a place more specific to their interests instead of every realm of occupational therapy. If a student wants to work with



Fonda Scott

children, they will go to a pediatrics center.

Scott said she is happy to work full-time at OCCC doing what she loves.

"In occupational therapy you really get to know one another," Scott said.

Drug arrest, accusation of warrant among police reports

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A worker's pockets containing heroin, a syringe, an aluminum can with burn marks, Adderall and Allegra led to his arrest May 4 on campus.

The man, identified as 26-year-old contracted worker Andrew Cowns, was confronted by Police Officer David Madden when he responded to a welfare check in a men's bathroom in the VPAC, according to a police report.

Cowns appeared to be nervous, stumbling as he walked and slurring his speech. Madden asked the man if he was OK and he replied he was "fine" and just needed to get back to work.

Cowns began digging in his pockets and after asking Cowns to remove his hands from his pockets and he failing to do so, Madden escorted him out of the bathroom.

Madden asked Cowns what was in his pockets, in which he only replied "Why?"

Madden then conducted a pat search where he placed him in handcuffs and removed the contents from his pockets.

The suspect was brought to the campus police office where

he was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cowns was then transported and booked into Oklahoma County Jail.

An OCCC student was suspected to have a felony warrant when Police Officer Tim Harris

ran her name and date of birth after responding to a call for a car unlock in parking lot C May 1, according to a police report.

The student's fingerprints were inserted in the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

The student was found not to be the same individual with her name and date of birth wanted

for a felony warrant.

Her picture was taken for future reference and no further action was taken.

The student's name was redacted on reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "according to OCCCPD Standard Operating

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