Gearing up for summer school

FORENSICS MAJOR KAYLAN WEBB sits with her brother Sean Webb near the OCCC Coffee Shop as she enrolls for classes online. Students can enroll at the Registration office located on the first floor of the Main Building or online at www.mineonline.occc.edu. The deadline to enroll for summer has passed. Students can enroll for 16-week fall classes through Aug. 22.

Downtown college closing after 18 years

OFFICIALS SAY ONLINE PRESENCE HAS REDUCED NEED

MYCALYN BLOMSTROM

The Downtown College Consortium will close July 31, after serving students and businesses in downtown Oklahoma City for 18 years, said Steven Bloomberg, Vice President for Community Development.

The consortium was started in 1995 by OCCC, the University of Central Oklahoma, OSU-OKC, Rose State College and Redlands Community College, he said. Bloomberg said the original purpose of the consortium was to offer credit and non-credit college classes, as well as provide corporate training at the location in downtown Oklahoma City.

Classes were initially offered in the First National Center but moved to the Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library. Since the consortium started, Bloomberg said, the five colleges have seen their online course offerings grow.

Students can now enroll, be advised, purchase textbooks, take courses and receive degrees online. That has greatly reduced the need for a physical downtown location, he said. Another factor in the decision to close the consortium is the expansion of facilities in corporate buildings in the area.

Downtown Oklahoma City

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Sessions to focus on helpful student apps

LAUREN DANIEL

Most people have a number of apps they use each day to make their everyday lives easier.

Student Engagement and Technology Consultant Morgan Felty said he wants to introduce OCCC students to apps that will make college life better.

OCCC will host sessions to

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FATHER'S DAY RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Wondering how Father's Day came into being or what to get your dad this year? Turn inside to get the answers to those questions and more.

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Water Safety Instructor Emily Nelson said the Aquatic Center is available for any type of celebration. See details inside.

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SKIN CANCER A REAL RISK FOR SUNBATHERS

Senior Writer Lauren Daniel says bronzed skin is just not worth the possibility of developing melanoma. See her thoughts inside.

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EDITORIAL | Five or more sunburns in a lifetime doubles skin cancer chances

Bronze skin not worth risks

It's officially summer, which means a ton of outdoor activities. It also means it’s time to attempt to get a tan. I am pretty light-skinned and people do not hesitate to let me know this incredibly insulting fact that my mirror confirms every day. So, in the summer, I spend an endless amount of time laying out and trying to turn some color other than translucent. As you can probably guess, this normally does not end well.

The past two summers, I have gotten terribly sunburned — once on my stomach and another time, on my chest. I self-diagnosed them as second-degree burns and even had to get prescription medicine for one. They caused me an immense amount of pain that I would never wish on my worst enemy.

I’m sure you’re wondering why I’m so dumb and refused to put the proper SPF (Sun Protection Factor) sunscreen on or why I didn’t just give up and stay indoors. However, I’m sure many girls and even guys can relate to trying this hard to get a tan.

I haven’t gotten skin cancer yet but there’s a huge possibility I will someday because of my poor life choices. So, this summer, I have decided to take the proper precautions, and actually wear sunscreen and try to protect my skin.

One out of every five Americans will develop skin cancer at some point in their lifetime, making skin cancer the most common type of cancer, according to www.skincancer.org.

There are three different types of skin cancer: melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma. Melanoma is the deadliest and kills more than 8,700 Americans each year.

The Skin Cancer Foundation reports that a person who has had five or more sunburns doubles his or her risk of developing melanoma. Men may not think this applies to them but in the age group of 15 to 39, they are 55 percent more likely to die from melanoma than women.

I’ve lost count of how many sunburns I’ve had so I’m probably in trouble. Luckily for all of us, using sunscreen that is SPF 15 or higher on a daily basis reduces the risk for melanoma by 50 percent and the risk for squamous cell carcinoma by 40 percent.

Sunscreen helps prevent damaging ultraviolet (UV) rays from reaching the skin. Sunscreen with SPF as low as 15 provides 15 times longer protection from skin reddening. The Skin Cancer Foundation said that although no sunscreen can completely block out UV rays, the higher the SPF, the greater protection your skin will have. SPF 15 only protects against 93 percent of UV rays, while SPF 50 protects 98 percent.

Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours regardless of SPF. People also should consider using waterproof sunscreen if they will be sweating or getting wet.

The National Cancer Association recommends also wearing long sleeves, long pants, hats and sunglasses. Even if you want to be tan, it’s probably not worth it in the end.

I’m going to try to do a better job about taking care of my skin because I would like to live to see my grandchildren. Maybe you should too.

—LAUREN DANIEL
Senior Writer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Take necessary steps to prevent tick bites

Health Department confirms Heartland virus death

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has confirmed the state’s first case and death of Heartland virus. A Delaware County resident died recently from complications of the virus. The virus is found in the Lone Star tick (Amblyomma americanum) and is likely spread through tick bites.

Heartland virus was first identified in Missouri in 2009. The Oklahoma case is only the tenth person confirmed with the virus and the second person to die from it. Other cases have occurred in Missouri and Tennessee. All of the patients diagnosed with Heartland virus reported spending several hours per day in outside activities or occupations.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health recommends the following:

• Use insect repellents, following package instructions.
• Wear long sleeves and pants when outdoors so that ticks are easily seen and removed.
• Avoid bushy and wooded areas where ticks can be transferred onto you.
• Perform thorough tick checks soon and daily after spending time outdoors.
• For more information, visit www.ok.gov/health/Disease_Prevention_Preparedness/Acute_Disease_Service/Disease_Information/Tickborne_and_Mosquitoborne_Diseases.

—STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOD REVIEW | Suddenly Salad Ranch & Bacon flavoring ‘zesty and rancid’

Betty Crocker pasta a ‘mistake’

I was hungry and grocery shopping — something I wouldn’t recommend to people who enjoy making rational decisions.

As I hungrily shopped, I came upon a small green box of Betty Crocker’s Suddenly Pasta Salad. The boxes of pasta had a small variation of flavors: caesar, classic, and bacon & ranch.

For some reason, pasta salad sounded amazing and I grabbed the box. The bacon & ranch flavor was calling my name and I was feeling adventurous so I placed the box in my cart.

Cooking the pasta was as simple as boiling some water and pouring uncooked noodles in a pot. Everything was going great as I finished cooking the noodles, extracted the excess water and added in the final touch: the bacon & ranch powdered seasoning.

Spilling the powder over the cooked noodles would have been an eye opening experience if it was cooking the noodles, extracted the excess water and added in the final touch: the bacon & ranch powdered seasoning.

Spilling the powder over the cooked noodles would have been an eye opening experience if it was.

smell hadn’t been so zesty and rancid.

Against my better judgment, I continued stirring the noodles with the seasoning and eventually took my first bite. My mouth swelled with the extremely unwelcomed taste of bacon and ranch flavors.

Until this moment, I had never realized just how horrible those flavors in a small packet of artificial seasoning could be.

Every other bacon and ranch flavored food has never been this bad to me. Bacon and ranch are great on things like cheese fries, maybe chicken and even those T.G.I.F. potato chips but not this.

I took another bite, thinking maybe my taste buds were not properly adjusted to the extreme levels of fake bacon, only to find that my first conclusion was accurate.

This was a horrible idea and this horrible idea turned into a horrible meal.

Think of how many people are mistakenly grabbing the bacon & ranch flavor without knowing the consequences of pure disgust.

A complete mistake, not only on my part, but also Betty Crocker’s. You let me down, Betty.

Rating: F

—Bryce McElhaney

EDITOR

MOVIE REVIEW | 1992 computer-based film more believable than some later films

‘Sneakers’ stands test of time

In the upbeat surveillance thriller “Sneakers,” (1992) a group of security specialists are asked by the National Security Agency (NSA) to steal a code-breaking machine capable of hacking the encryption of nearly every computer system. Upon recovering the device, the security specialists discover the agents who hired them aren’t who they claim to be and intend to use the machine for their corrupt schemes.

Martin ‘Marty’ Bishop, played by Robert Redford, oversees the team which consists of Donald Crease (Sidney Poitier), Darren ‘Mother’ Roskow (Dan Aykroyd), Carl Arborgast (River Phoenix) and Irwin ‘Whistler’ Emery (David Strathairn).

Mary McDonnell plays Redford’s former girlfriend Liz who reluctantly agrees to help his team acquire the device. Ben Kingsley plays Cosmo, Redford’s former friend and the villain of the movie.

A positive aspect of this film is its humor. The jokes aren’t outdated or too juvenile for adults to enjoy. The playful mood and moments of sudden tension generate incredible excitement.

In one scene, Redford is enjoying a game of Scrabble; the next, he witnesses a murder.

“Sneakers” seamlessly switches back and forth from thriller to comedy but, unlike “Die Hard” or “Pulp Fiction,” “Sneakers” has scenes entirely dedicated to comedy, and scenes wholly devoted to thriller and suspense.

While “Sneakers” was released almost 20 years ago, it doesn’t come off as far fetched or irrelevant by today’s standards.

A tiny device used to hack into any computer to cause massive disasters or manipulate bank accounts sounds more believable today than when this film was first released.

Also, the filmmakers didn’t over dramatize what the hackers are doing. They just type and read program codes. That’s it. No three-dimensional diagrams or ridiculous computer animation is used to make computer hacking seem like some sort of out-of-this-world science fiction fantasy.

“Sneakers” is now available on Netflix. Anyone who enjoys rare ensembles, espionage, hot suspense and simple comedies will enjoy this informal light-hearted thriller.

Rating: A

—Ethan Cooper

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Free iBooks app saves users money

Most students spend excessive amounts of cash when purchasing school books. But there’s an easy alternative to saving some trees while also saving some money — the Apple application, iBooks.

The free iBooks store is a virtual library with a number of book titles ranging from literary classics to college textbooks. According to www.apple.com/ibooks, iBooks features “over 2 million books and counting.”

While iBooks is only compatible with an iPhone or an iPad, it’s come in quite handy while keeping my bank account from going negative.

Users can browse several book categories, including education, arts and entertainment, biographies and memoirs, business and personal finance as well as professional and technical books plus categories such as comics and graphic novels, and books written in Spanish.

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iBooks also includes features for note-taking. Users can highlight text with the touch of a finger, underline important quotations for future reference and create bookmarks. The app also remembers what page the user last accessed and always reopens on the same page.

Rather than excavating local bookstores for a title that might not be anywhere nearby, more students should consider using iBooks to accommodate their textbook needs.

While not every title is free, it’s still more convenient to make a one-time purchase and have instant access to a title using iBooks than paying shipping and handling charges from an online website and waiting a week for a book that you needed on the first day of class.

Overall, iBooks is useful, economical and easy to access — warranting an A+ in my book.

To find iBooks, access the iTunes App Store on your iPhone and download the free app today.

—Siali Siaosi

ONLINE EDITOR
**LENS REVIEW** | With many manual features, AF-S Nikkor 50mm 1:1.4G makes users work for close-ups

Nikon lens simple; great for starting photographers

Many people go out and buy a DSLR (digital single lens reflex) or, one of those big, fancy cameras, expecting to produce professional results when, in reality, it is practice and skill that trumps your choice of hardware.

However, this piece of glass has tons of manual features that make it perfect for users to learn at their own pace.

The Nikon AF-S Nikkor 50mm 1:1.4G lens is a prime lens, meaning you cannot zoom in or out — you’ll have to use your feet to shoot up close.

This may seem inconvenient but this is perfect for beginner photographers as this will cause you to think and line up your shot first.

As the famous war photographer Robert Capa once said, “If your photographs aren’t good enough, you’re not close enough.”

This lens also features a very convenient Manual/Auto focusing system. The M/A feature allows you to use the auto focus and then fine tune it by manual focusing. This is perfect for those still learning how to use manual focus, as most other beginner lenses lock out manual focusing entirely if using the auto-focus.

The main attraction of this camera is the fantastic f/1.4 aperture. This means the camera’s aperture (the “eye” of the camera) can open up extremely wide to allow more light in. This means low-light photos (with no flash) look fantastic and you also can get those brilliant, blurry backgrounds that one sees in so many professional photographs. This lens will have absolutely no problem outside whether it is bright or dusky.

Absent from this lens is a VR (vibration reduction) feature though that’s not a big deal at all.

If you’re shooting with any kind of light source (sun, indoors with lights, etc.) this lens will not fail you. In fact, it can shoot as fast as 1/4000th of a second and at an aperture of f/1.4, I’ve had to crank it up there many times for outdoor shots. This lens practically sucks up light.

The AF-S Nikkor 50mm 1:1.4G lens is a great Nikon lens. Whatever brand you use, having a low aperture prime lens is something to consider adding to your arsenal, especially if you’re just starting out in photography.

**Rating:** A

—John Huynh
Photographer

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**GAME REVIEW** | Reviewer finds primitive 8-bit world entertaining, challenging

Go back in time with ‘Legend’

When I call myself a Zelda Fan, I use the term very loosely. Out of the roughly 20 “Legend of Zelda” games in the series, I have beaten one of them.

That game was 1998’s “Ocarina of Time” on Nintendo 64. That game was absolutely beautiful.

After laying the smack-down on Ganondorf at the end, I was thirsty for more dungeon mazes and monsters to cut apart.

Unfortunately, Nintendo is horribly stingy with its products. If all you have is a PlayStation 2, the closest thing you’ll get to playing “Zelda” is “Soul Calibur 2,” a fighting game where Zelda’s main character Link is one of the guest fighters.

The point is, there was no way I was going to see the exciting new adventures of Link and Princess Zelda. So I did the next best thing and looked back to the beginning.

“The Legend of Zelda” began on the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1986. I fortunately just happened to own a copy of that first game. It is a golden cartridge about the size of a CD case.

After playing the game for about five minutes, I realized a fundamental truth about early “Zelda” games that nobody seems to mention: “The Legend of Zelda” is really, really hard to play. I barely got anywhere.

Imagine a world where you are constantly running, surrounded by monsters in every direction and your only defense is to stab forward with your sword. The monsters, by the way, normally take multiple stabs before they die.

Having said that, exploring the primitive 8-bit world is hugely entertaining. Listening to the epic “Zelda” theme in little robotic tones made me nostalgic for a time I never lived in.

For the few hours I played, I felt like listening to Wham and cutting the front of my hair short.

Run, run, run. Chop, chop, Die.

Run, run, run. Find a key. Die.


Finding this game made a fun weekend but it is literally a big step back from “Ocarina of Time.”

**Rating:** B

—Jake McMahon
Videographer

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**TOP 20 MOVIES**

Weekend of May 30 through June 1

www.newyorktimes.com

1. Maleficent
2. X-Men: Days of Future Past
3. A Million Ways to Die in the West
4. Godzilla
5. Blended
6. Neighbors
7. The Amazing Spider-Man 2
8. Million Dollar Arm
9. Chef
10. The Other Woman
11. Belle
12. Rio 2
13. Heaven is for Real
14. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
15. The Grand Budapest Hotel
16. The Immigrant
17. Mom's Night Out
18. The Railway Man
19. Mr. Peabody & Sherman
20. Fed Up
**Film institute offers crash course in production**

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It’s not too late to enroll in the final four classes of a five-week crash course in film production hosted by Oklahoma Film Institute, said Gray Frederickson, artist in residence and OCCC studio coordinator.

Frederickson said the course is divided into five clinics, each focusing on a different area of film production. The cost for each clinic is $300, he said. Production class is already in session.

The remaining classes are: Script Writing, June 12 through 14; Directing, June 19 through 21; Cinematography, June 26 through 28; and Editing, June 10 through 12.

Each three-day clinic will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Frederickson said students can take one clinic or more.

The Oscar-winning producer of the “Godfather” trilogy said participants are able to work on actual projects during the clinics.

For example, he said, production students are preparing a film schedule. In Cinematography, they will be given experience with cameras.

Frederickson said the clinics do not count toward college credit. Instead, he said, they help students find out what their interests are.

“[The clinics are] a sort of trial,” he said. “A whole semester is part of your life, whereas you can come in for three days and say, ‘Well, yeah. This is for me. I think I’ll take the [full] semester (class).”

Although geared toward beginners in film, Frederickson said, even full-time OCCC film students have returned for the summer to take the clinics.

He said while other film institutes focus more on film history and film theory, many of them fail to teach students the technical aspects of film.

Frederickson quoted former OCCC President Bob Todd, saying, “We teach people hands-on things. Vocational teaching.”

Students can register for the clinics online.

“Go online and pay with a credit card,” Frederickson said. “That’s the best way to do it . . . .

**False fire alarms, car accidents reported**

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OCCC police responded to a number of false alarms and non-injury vehicle accidents May 12 through 27.

Officer Daniel Piazza was dispatched to the Health Professions Building after a fire alarm sounded on Monday, May 12, according to a filed police report.

After checking the area and fire risers, Piazza said, the system was reset and the all clear was given to students, visitors and staff.

On Thursday, May 15, Officer Tim Harris responded to Faculty Circle at the entrance of Parking Lot C in reference to a vehicle accident, according to the filed report.

Upon arrival, Harris said he met with the drivers and determined there were no injuries among the parties involved.

Officer Nelson Gordon, along with other members of the OCCCPD, responded to a fire alarm on Wednesday, May 21, in Room 1P1-B of the Main Building, according to a filed report.

Upon arriving, Gordon said he checked the door to see if it was hot and opened it when he found it was cool to the touch. He said the room was partially filled with smoke and he smelled an odor resembling burned food.

Gordon said he observed a microwave at one end of the room which contained a melted container with some burned food in it.

He said he radioed the other units and gave the all clear upon finding the source of the fire alarm.

On Wednesday, May 27, Harris was dispatched to assist the Oklahoma City Police Department responding to a non-injury vehicle accident involving an OCCC vehicle, according to a report filed.

When he arrived, Harris identified the driver of the OCCC vehicle as Garrett Romines and the passenger as Lauryn Romines.

Garrett Romines said he was sitting at the light on S May Avenue to turn onto SW 74th Street when he felt an impact to the vehicle from the rear.

The driver of the other vehicle was identified as Marsha Burton, but Harris said the woman initially gave a false name and incorrect birthdate.

She also did not have a state driver’s license to provide, according to the filed report.

When Harris could not locate her credentials within the information system, Harris said, he asked Burton to verify her name and date of birth.

He said she then gave her real name and her real date of birth, which Harris said he confirmed by locating her State Driver’s License in the information system.

According to the report filed by Harris, both passengers said they were fine and had no injuries.

Names redacted on the reports was done according to OCCCPD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld.” To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

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

Gray Frederickson

Those interested in the clinics can go to the college’s website at www.occc.edu, choose Community Programs and Events, then choose Oklahoma Film Institute and follow the online registration link on that page, he said.

Frederickson said spaces are still available. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, visit occc.edu/ofi.

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Fathers everywhere celebrated June 15

What are your Father’s Day plans?

“I’ll be taking my dad out to eat.”
—Christopher Turner
Fitness training major

“I might take [my daughter] out to a movie.”
—Christopher Hillian
Pre-medicine major and daughter McKenzie

“Probably take my dad out to eat and give him a present.”
—Shima Desai
Budget/Finance Analyst

“Hang out with my father and two boys.”
—Shannon Moss
Biology Lab assistant, Pre-Engineering major

Day of honor less than 100 years old

Fathers all across the nation will be celebrated on June 15, a day that has been nationally celebrated for less than 100 years —Father’s Day.

Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, organized the first Father’s Day celebration on June 19, her own father’s birthday. The mayor of Spokane and the governor of Washington state officially supported the event. Dodd’s father, a farmer and Civil War veteran, had been a single father to six young children after the death of his wife.

Dodd believed men should have a holiday equivalent to Mother’s Day. After spreading her ideas in the community in 1910, Washington state’s governor proclaimed an official Father’s Day.

Many men put up a fight against the day, at first, claiming the sentimental holiday, filled with flowers and gifts, would destroy their manliness.

• In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge attempted to get state governments to honor Father’s Day to no avail.
• In 1956, the observance of Father’s Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress.
• In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the third Sunday in June would be Father’s Day.
• Finally, Father’s Day became official in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed a law that it would be observed on the third Sunday of June each year.

With more than 70 million fathers in the U.S., the day has become a great commercialized holiday, much like Mother’s Day.

History.com’s website shows that Americans spend more than $1 billion on Father’s Day gifts each year.

If you still haven’t bought your father something, don’t worry — you still have time to buy him a tie.

—Lauren Daniel
Senior Writer

Shop online for dad

• www.gifts.com/fathers-day-gifts
• www.personalizationmall.com
• www.askmen.com/entertainment/mrtech_100/144_tech_gadgets
• www.gayot.com/holiday/gifts/top10_fathers_day_gifts
• www.cosmopolitan.com/advice/gift-ideas/cool-fathers-day-gifts#slide-1
• www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/fathers-day-gift-ideas-10000001737948
• http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/gadgets/other-gadgets/fantasy-fathers-day
Summer fashion seen across OCCC campus

Summer 2014 is here and with it, all the new summer trends. This year, according to multiple online fashion sites, '70s-style clothes are making a huge comeback. Women everywhere are sporting crop tops, long maxi skirts and high-waisted short shorts. And when it comes to any dress, mini, maxi and mid-length are all a go.

Dresses with cutouts in various places with mesh and lace are hot off the runway.

Black is the new black once again this season, with little black dresses being worn for any and all occasions. Combinations of floral and all types of funky patterns are being mixed and matched with no limit as to what is acceptable. Colorful shorts and pants also are in this season, along with lots of animal prints to add a kick to any outfit.

This summer, women also are showing some skin with matching sets of short shorts and crop tops being popular.

When it comes to beauty products and hairstyles, ladies this season are opting for shorter hairstyles and choosing to wear bright red lipstick.

As for shoes, almost anything goes. Strappy pumps are being seen in all colors with beige being a very popular choice, while gladiator sandals are being worn with anything.

Low- and high-top Converse sneakers in all variety of colors are a big hit this summer season as well, becoming the new Ugg boots popular in summers past.

Popular accessories that are practically a must with all outfits this season are hats, aviator sunglasses and big statement necklaces that add a glamorous look to any outfit.

Gold is the new silver when it comes to jewelry, from bracelets and watches, to earrings.

For the gentlemen, the grungy look is out and the sophisticated look is in. Men are wearing button-down shirts, with nice jeans or khaki pants. Chuck Taylors and Vans are the hot choice of shoes this summer for men.

And, of course, one item sure to be seen on both Oklahoma men and women this summer season is an orange and blue Thunder T-shirt in honor of Oklahoma's NBA team.

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**Upcoming Intramural Events**

- **Through Aug. 1:** A variety of Summer Sport Camps will be held for girls and boys ages 6 to 12.
  - Campers enrolled in morning and afternoon camps will have a supervised lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Campers may bring their own lunch or purchase a lunch ticket from the cafeteria for $5.25/day.
  - Before Care is offered for parents to allow early drop-offs prior to the 7:45 a.m. camp drop-off time for $10 per week. Campers must be registered for Before Care services on the Friday prior to the Monday start date of camp.
  - Sport camp and Before Care registration and payment must be made by 5 p.m. the Friday prior to the start date of camp. For more information, visit [www.occc.edu/rf/sport-camp-schedule.html](http://www.occc.edu/rf/sport-camp-schedule.html)

- **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.

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

(All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.)

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**Sports**

**Aquatic Center available for pool parties**

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If a person has a few dozen friends looking to escape Oklahoma’s summer heat, OCCC’s Aquatic Center can be rented for pool parties.

“We have everything from soccer parties to graduation parties to little kids’ birthday parties,” said Water Safety Instructor Emily Nelson.

Part of the pool or all of it can be rented, she said.

According to the Recreation and Fitness website [www.occc.edu/rf/parties](http://www.occc.edu/rf/parties), the price is $85 for up to 15 guests and $115 for 16 to 30 guests.

“Price varies with how much of the pool you want (and) how many people you have coming …,” she said.

Nelson said large parties are no problem.

“This pool is equipped to accommodate hundreds of people.”

And, she said, safety is always a priority with the shallowest area of the pool being four feet deep.

“We have at least one lifeguard on duty,” she said.

“If there’s a lot of little kids, we’ll have [a second] guard closer to the kids.”

—EMILY NELSON

Water Safety Instructor

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**Running in place**

Accounting major Chau Le takes advantage of the Wellness Center May 30. Treadmills and other workout equipment at the center can be used by students free of charge with a valid OCCC ID.

The Aquatic Center pool and gym also are free for OCCC student use.

For more information, visit [www.occc.edu/rf/wellness](http://www.occc.edu/rf/wellness).
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has made some dramatic changes in the last 18 years, Bloomberg said.

There are now a number of universities in the Boathouse District, such as UCO’s Academy of Contemporary Music that include classrooms, training rooms and auditoriums that can be used for educational purposes.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist and current chair of the executive committee overseeing the consortium, said although OCCC will no longer have a downtown presence, there are plenty of reasons to explore what the area has to offer.

“While the consortium may be coming to a close, the educational opportunities in the downtown area are greater than ever and are expected to expand,” he said.

“We want those individuals and companies that have previously used the consortium to know that all of the metro colleges and universities are still very committed to providing to the community.

“Closing the Downtown College Consortium is the natural evolution in how we serve our community.”

After July 31, businesses and individuals who are interested in scheduling training or enrolling in courses in the downtown area can contact Bloomberg at 405-682-7814.

Apps: June 12 session to highlight helpful phone apps

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show students helpful apps from 11 a.m. until noon and again from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, in CU1.

Felty said the Apps for College Students sessions will feature demonstrations centered around showing students apps that can make their college journey easier.

“These are powerful little tools we carry around in our pockets,” he said. “If used wisely, they can really provide a benefit.”

He said he has found apps that can help students study, find extra material, take notes, and help their schedule.

“… I demonstrate how to use different apps to students so I have an Apple TV that I use to show my iPad on the screen … ,” Felty said.

While the sessions are not hands on, Felty assures students they will benefit from the sessions and can even participate in the presentation.

“… Lots of students do actually download these apps while I’m presenting, and check them out too and ask questions,” he said.

A few apps Felty will highlight during the Apps for College Students are Dropbox, CloudOn and MyHomework.

He said all of these apps are essential to helping students be successful.

“Dropbox is one. It’s not very exciting but it’s almost necessary for a mobile device … .” Felty said.

Another one is CloudOn, which lets you create Microsoft Office files, so you can create word documents and open them as well on your device,” Felty said.

“MyHomework is another one, which lets you build a calendar of when your homework is due and mark it off as you do it.

“It’s pretty neat, pretty helpful,” Felty said he has used and researched all of the apps to ensure they are worthy of students’ downloads. He said he also has gotten feedback from other students to know what works for those in a college setting.

The sessions are mainly for iPhone and Android users, because the apps are focused on iOS devices, but Felty said a few may be available for Windows phones and other platforms.

Felty encourages all students to attend and learn more about their phones.

Students who have app ideas or suggestions that would be helpful to other students also should attend the sessions, he said.

“If there are apps they’re using that they are finding helpful in their classes … let me know, because I’m not aware of everything either, so that feedback is really helpful as well.”

For more information, contact Felty at 405-682-1611, ext. 7744, or by email at mfelty@occc.edu.
Parents looking for something fun and educational to get their children involved in this summer should consider OCCC’s College for Kids program, said Community Education Coordinator Brannon Dresel.

The summer childhood enrichment program offers a variety of classes, Dresel said.

“What we try to do is try to kind of build the program similar to a college ... for children entering first through eighth grade.

“... We have classes that are in the creative arts, we have classes in math and information technology,” he said. “We have classes in science, classes in humanities, social sciences.

“We break down all of our classes into those different headers.”

Dresel said several creative arts classes are offered.

“We’ve got drama programs, we’ve got piano, guitar, a lot of painting, dancing, all kinds of (creative arts) programs ... .

Dresel said the program runs for seven weeks — all four weeks of June and the last three weeks of July.

The first week has already started. Enrollment is still open for the weeks of June 9, June 16, June 23, July 7, July 14 and July 21.

Dresel said most of the classes are held away from the main campus.

“The individual College for Kids classes are all held in the Family and Community Education Center, which is one mile north of the main campus (at 6500 S Land),” Dresel said.

“... The exception is Musical Theater and Cyber Camp (which are held on the main campus).

Dresel said one to four classes can be taken each session.

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“A discount applies for those who enroll in multiple classes, Dresel said.

“If you take an individual class, that’s $39 if you’re there all week for that class ... .

“If you pick a class from each of our time slots, then you’re considered an all-day student[and get] a price break.

“It’s $99 if you’re here all day, all week.

“To enroll, Dresel said, call 405-686-6222 and pay with any major credit card or visit the FACE Center to pay with cash, check or a major credit card.

Enrollment must be completed by the Thursday preceding the Monday on which the class starts.

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/coe/college-kids. For a schedule of classes, visit www.occc.edu/coe/pdf/schedule.
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**THIS WEEK’S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT:** Male, 22, 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.white36@occc.edu.

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**Across**

1. Alums to be
2. Virgil Earp’s brother
3. Strip for breakfast
4. “” in Black”
5. Bad-ward-looking
6. Take for one’s own
7. Communication from a lost soul, Part 1
8. Take in with relish
9. “Father Knows Best” actress Donahue
10. Barely got (with “out”)
11. Weekend TV staple
12. Relaxing ally in Nicaragua
13. Mock
14. Garfield’s human
15. Yearning
16. Drunkard
17. Sigma follower
18. Caress
19. Part 2 of the communication
20. Debate position
21. Chatter
22. Angle attachment
23. Need a sick day
24. It might be placed in Nevada
25. Baltimore or New Orleans, e.g.
26. Strait of Dover port
27. On behalf of
28. Ancient Greek colonnade
29. Sure winner
30. Gown fabric
31. End of the communication
32. African chieftain (Var.)
33. Creepy
34. Ullapool
35. Arabia
36. Editorial view
37. Tally
38. Things that go together
39. The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Clue)
40. R&B singer Braxton
41. Largest monkey
42. Decorate
43. Pigeon sound
44. Have a world of fun
45. State of the Union
46. Rival of the Browns
47. Easily broken
48. Tool with coarse teeth
49. Fundraiser for a pol
50. Language spoken by some in India
51. Arizona’s Mexican neighbor
52. Ontario-Quebec border river
53. Stirred up
54. Bloke
55. Quiz word
56. One supporter
57. Lofty poems
58. Editor’s override
59. Had been
60. Marcus Welby’s org.
61. Money of Rumania
62. Writer Analis

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Drunk Driving

Buzzed driving is drunk driving.

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Mechanical engineering majors Mousa Luiu and Yaser Alnakhli walk to the parking lot together after getting paperwork done on campus. For more information about engineering programs at OCCC visit www.occc.edu/engr.

Row Triple-C, OCCC’s first-ever dragon boat team, is slated to compete at the 2014 SandRidge Energy Stars and Stripes River Festival in the Oklahoma City Boathouse District on Saturday, June 28.

A dragon boat is a canoe with a dragon head and tail containing 10 rowers paddling to the beat of one drummer.

Web Development and Social Media Supervisor and Row-Triple-C coach John Richardson said the team has worked hard this semester and are excited to compete.

“It’s been going great,” Richardson said. “We’ve been practicing every Monday evening.”

“Some of the evenings, the weather has been less than ideal but everybody’s had a great attitude about it and I think we’re getting better every practice that we have.”

“We certainly hope that we’re going to be competitive when the Regatta comes on June 28. We’ll try to make everybody at OCCC proud.”

Richardson said the dragon boat team consists of OCCC staff, students and faculty members. A full team roster, along with team updates and information, can be found at www.occc.edu/dragon.

“It’s about evenly split between students and staff,” Richardson said.

“… And that’s been a really good thing — we’ve gotten to interact with each other … I’ve gotten to chat with students that I don’t normally get to talk to during my regular work …. ”

Richardson said while there are 15 team members, only 11 can compete during a race.

“My understanding is that every team is guaranteed at least two races,” he said. “We have the maximum number of people on the team, which is 15.”

“ … Unfortunately, at the Regatta, we can only put 11 of them in the boat — that’s the rule.”

Richardson said there are 18 dragon boats competing at the festival and the eight teams with the best times will compete in the finals.

“That’s what we’re shooting for — we would love to make the finals,” he said.

Richardson said Row Triple-C’s team colors are neon yellow and red — and the rowers look forward to sporting them at the festival.

“[The uniform] is going to have the dragon boat team logo on the chest and [an OCCC] logo on the left sleeve … I think they’re going to be really cool,” he said.

Richardson said the SandRidge Energy Stars and Stripes River Festival on June 28 is a free event. For more information, visit http://boathousedistrict.org/festivals-races/stars-stripes-river-festival/.

For more information about Row Triple-C, visit www.occc.edu/dragon. To contact Richardson, call 405-682-7552.