Gone fishin’

Western Heights High School students Jonathan and Adam Thomas fish at the OCCC retention pond on campus June 2. Catch and release is the only method of authorized fishing in the pond, located on the northeast corner of campus.

College surplus often placed for auction

Thousands of items are listed on OCCC’s inventory. That includes desks, college vehicles, computers and much more — everything it takes to keep a college running. Steve Duncan, Material Control supervisor is responsible for keeping up with all of OCCC’s inventory as it arrives and as it is no longer needed.

Duncan said once that occurs, the item is removed from a department’s inventory, put into storage and placed on the college’s surplus list. Items on the list that aren’t able to be used elsewhere in the college may then be listed for sale on a government online auction site called Public Surplus and located at www.publicsurplus.com.

“Typically, [those] are items that have been identified as no longer having useful life at the college, yet may have some value outside of the college — like old computers,” Duncan said there is no real time frame for when items are placed on the surplus site.

“There’s not a busy time of the year versus a non-busy time of the year,” he said. “It’s just as people clean out or reorganize or get new materials in.”

Duncan said computer equipment is the most common surplus item. “All surplus computer equipment first goes to our [Information Technology] department and they have the power to determine what is no longer going to be needed in the college,” he said.

There is a fairly lengthy process involved in surplusing a computer, he said. “They trickle down computers. So, department A gets a new computer that may be two or three years old and it goes to tech support. Tech support

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Annual evacuation drill a success, official says

Planned evacuation drills that took place at all OCCC campuses the morning of Tuesday, June 10, were a success, said OCCC’s Police Chief James Fitzpatrick. Evacuation drills, as well as fire drills and shelter-in-place drills are conducted annually as a Department of Education requirement, he said.

“We do three primary drills that
Minimum wage increase needed

During my three years of college, there were only two semesters when I didn’t work more than one job — one of them being the first semester I started school. I currently work three jobs to make ends meet. I’ve argued angry hotel guests as a front desk clerk, edited endless essays as an English tutor, experienced more than one bad interview as a journalist and survived the mayhem of a Friday night waiting tables.

For most college students, working more than one part-time job is common.

And while some Oklahomans are privileged with favorable economic circumstances, a large population of Americans are working part-time jobs, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics on May 2 regarding the April 2014 employment situation.

“The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 7.5 million in April, and these individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time work,” according to the report.

The money I earned in 2013 puts me above the poverty line, as the poverty threshold for a single-person household is $11,760, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website found at http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm.

However, I can attribute a monthly rent payment, a Jeep Wrangler and various living expenses — not to mention the money I spend on school each semester — to an empty checking account each month, so it’s not like I saw that $18,000 all at once. And with the exception of a single student loan, I’ve not applied for any credit cards or charge accounts. In short, I’m still living paycheck to paycheck in the richest country in the Western hemisphere.

Could I manage my finances a little better and maybe save up a couple grand to cushion my bank account? Sure, but it would be more logical if I were paid more for how hard I work. A higher minimum wage would drastically improve the workforce.

“…Raising the minimum wage to $10.10 an hour would help more than 25 million workers and raise 5 to 6 million of them out of poverty,” according to the Huffington Post.

If more employers could give 100 percent at one job rather than 50 percent at two, an employer could expect optimal performance. I don’t think this is a matter of character — I think this is a matter of common sense. History has said it best: Incentive reaps reward.

—SIALI SIAOSI
Online Editor

Red Cross offers Advanced Child Care training course

To the Editor:

The American Red Cross is now offering Advanced Child Care Training, a course for people 16 years and older who are or plan to become nannies, sought-after babysitters or who are caring for kids for the first time in a residential setting.

Parents value a well-trained sitter, as more than 80 percent of parents say they would pay more for a sitter who is trained in CPR, first aid and child care skills, according to a 2012 Red Cross survey. The course also includes Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED training and certification.

Other features of the training include:

• 24/7 access to the self-paced, online training portion
• Hands-on skills training and assessment
• A resource center with downloadable skill sheets on child care subjects, lesson summaries, fact sheets, templates for résumés and business cards, administrative forms and age-appropriate activity ideas.

At first I was concerned that 7.5 million Americans were unable to find full-time work, but then it made more sense when I considered how little full-time jobs might be paying their employees.

As a server for a local restaurant, I make $2.13 an hour without tips. The need for multiple part-time occupations might not be necessary if the federal minimum wage was raised.

When I filed my taxes this year, I found I had made around $18,000 in 2013 working multiple, part-time jobs. While $18,000 sounds ideal to a 21-year-old, had I not worked multiple, part-time jobs and kept only one full-time job earning minimum wage, my earnings in 2013 could have fallen below the poverty threshold, thus placing me at a financial disadvantage.

People who would like to sign up for the program should visit redcross.org/childcare for more information. The course is eight and a half hours and costs $129. It combines two hours of self-paced online learning and six and a half hours of in-person training and skills testing. Upon completion, course takers will receive a two-year certification in both Advanced Child Care Training and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. Advanced Child Care Training is not a licensing program and does not meet all state requirements for child care centers or day care providers.

The Red Cross also offers babysitting classes through traditional classroom and online classes.

—American Red Cross
VIDEO GAME REVIEW | Reviewer says it's best to hold out for the ‘inevitable Steam sale’

‘Nidhogg’ hard to recommend

“Nidhogg,” a hit indie PC video game available on Steam — and coming this summer to PlayStation 4.

The game combines a mixture of football and fencing where, at the end zone, players are eaten by the mythological Norse dragon ‘Níðhöggr.’

“Nidhogg” is a 2D side scrolling game comprised of four stages with a single player, multiplayer (local and online) and a tournament mode. The single player is just against computers and really the star of the show is the local multiplayer mode.

The controls and graphics are deceptively simple, consisting of the directional pad for control, and one button to jump and another to attack. Two players can share a keyboard or you can use gamepads. The graphics resembles an Atari game and whether you like it or not, there is a charm and humor to the game’s art style and animations.

There may only be two buttons, but encounters tend to be very methodical as you can adjust the height of your sword and even disarm your opponent. Swords can be stolen or thrown if your opponent tries to make a run for it. “Nidhogg” truly is a fun game to watch, so gather some friends. This game is a bit hard to explain, but I’ll try to paint a picture of how a typical game works. Once you watch five minutes of a game it will click for you.

At the beginning of a match, you and your opponent start at opposite ends of a symmetrical stage. Whoever strikes the other with their sword gets to advance to the opponent’s end zone.

The person who gets defeated in a sword duel re-spawns, which gives you multiple chances to defeat your opponent and gain some distance to your opponent’s end zone.

It’s a joy to watch these back-and-forth exchanges. The longer the game goes on, the more the floor gets splattered with your character’s colorful pixels.

At $15 with only four stages, a handful of modes, and no one online to play with, it’s hard to recommend “Nidhogg,” unless you have some friends to play with. My suggestion is to wait for an inevitable Steam sale.

Rating: B-

—John Huynh

Pioneer Photographer

(Have a favorite app you’d like to share? Email editor@occc.edu.)
COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

CONCERT REVIEW | After months of build up, concert goer expected much more

Queens of the Stone Age fail to impress at live show

When I met my girlfriend, we had little in common, so she threw everything she loved at me to see what would stick.

She made me watch anime, use the Internet and, like all girlfriends do, she made me listen to her music.

Fortunately for me, my girlfriend has a very “me” taste in music. Pop music is forbidden in her house. She loves Arctic Monkeys, Jack White and a band I didn’t know about called Queens of the Stone Age.

OK, I sort of knew about them. For several years, I had heard one of their hits on the radio called “No One Knows,” though I’m pretty sure no one knows who plays that song.

I liked “No One Knows,” so when my girlfriend recently asked me to drive her to Tulsa to see Queens of the Stone Age in concert, I gave her the sacred Jake Shrug of Acquiescence.

As the months leading to the concert led on, I realized that Queens of the Stone Age were a huge cult band. Seriously, there is almost a cult based around the band's lead singer/songwriter Josh Homme.

Between going to the concert and seeing the concert, my girlfriend flooded my ears with Homme’s music. I adored it — particularly the songs “Smooth Sailing” and “Little Sister.”

Since almost every musician I know worships this Josh Homme guy, I was expecting a lot when the concert date finally rolled around.

The concert itself was one of the best I’ve ever been to.

The sound was quite similar to the studio versions of all the Queens’ songs.

At this moment, I’d like all indie-rock-dudes to brace themselves. The concert could have been better. Josh Homme didn’t seem like he really wanted to be there. He interacted with the audience with all the charisma of a nightshift IHOP waitress.

Shinedown, a band that is not nearly as good as Queens of the Stone Age, put on the best concert I had ever seen. They had fun on stage which made me have fun watching it.

This is just me, though. Some people just go to a concert for the music. I listen to music for music. I go to a concert for a show.

Rating: B+

—Jake McMahon
Videographer

FOOD REVIEW | After a shaky start, Smucker’s Natural Creamy gets a B rating

All-natural peanut butter ‘glorious’

Peanut butter is always on my grocery list. I’ve always been a Peter Pan peanut butter kind of guy, but I decided to change it up recently.

I decided to buy Smucker’s Natural Creamy peanut butter, found in a 16-oz. glass jar on a shelf among many other plastic jars of peanut butter. I have to admit, the glass jar caught my attention. Nothing speaks “quality” to me quite like a glass jar of natural peanut butter, which costs just over $3 at your local Walmart.

The ingredients are simple: 99 percent peanuts and about 1 percent salt. When they say natural, they mean natural.

I bought some bread and jelly, and called it a sandwich.

Once I opened the jar, I noticed an excessive amount of oil sitting on top of the peanut butter. It’s not something I’m used to seeing when opening artificial peanut butter, so I stirred thoroughly and expected awesome results.

The results were not awesome — the peanut butter was ridiculously goopy. This made me question if I really ever enjoy peanut butter. If you have ever put peanut butter in a microwave, you might understand the level of goop this peanut butter was.

I tasted the peanut butter and it was completely different from any other peanut butter I’ve tasted.

The taste was more — well, natural — and the texture was very strange. Almost gritty, yet gooey and creamy.

What was I to expect buying natural peanut butter?

I tasted it again with the same off-putting results. I then began removing some of the excess oil to make it less gross.

I thought this would be the end to my experience with natural peanut butter, until I discovered a breakfast miracle. I put the peanut butter on wheat toast, along with slices of bananas with small hints of syrup to compliment the varied flavors.

The results this time were phenomenal. I finally understood how to enjoy Smucker’s Natural Creamy peanut butter and it was glorious.

Pomp and Circumstance played in my head as I took the first bite which was the only bite taken, because I literally stuffed the rest of the sandwich into my mouth.

Overall, I recommend Smucker’s Natural Creamy peanut butter. Just remove the excess oil and stir thoroughly, and don’t be afraid to get creative when making a sandwich.

Rating: B

—Bryce McElhaney
Editor

TOP 20 MOVIES
Weekend of June 6 through June 8
www.newyorktimes.com

1. The Fault In Our Stars
2. Maleficent
3. Edge of Tomorrow
4. X-Men: Days of Future Past
5. A Million Ways to Die in the West
6. Godzilla
7. Neighbors
8. Blended
9. Chef
10. Million Dollar Arm
11. The Amazing Spider-Man
12. Belle
13. Rio 2
14. The Other Woman
15. Captain America: The Winter Soldier
16. Heaven is for Real
17. Holiday
18. Words and Pictures
19. The Lego Movie
20. The Grande Seduction
Long-time professor named Teacher of the Year

Anita Williams was recently named OCCC 2013-14 Teacher of the Year. She was given The President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at the college’s May commencement.

Williams said winning the award was unexpected.
“I felt great,” she said. “I was surprised and very honored.”

“[It’s] a great honor just to be nominated because we have so many fantastic faculty and staff that work here.”

Williams said she has been a part of the college in one way or another for many years.
“I was a graduate from OCCC, so my contact with [the college] began in probably about 1978,” she said.

Williams said she didn’t always teach.
“I’ve been teaching for 22 years,” she said. “I’ve been here at the college for 32.
“About the first 10 years I was a full-time coordinator of the banking and finance program and then I moved into a teaching position after that and I’ve been teaching ever since.”

Williams said teaching has been the most rewarding job she’s had.
“I hear from my former students a lot. It’s really satisfying for me to hear from students and that’s been really great about getting this award — because it’s brought my name forward again and so some of my former students have contacted me.”

Williams currently teaches Business Communications and Success in College in Life classes.
Kristi Fields, Business Division secretary, said Williams is deserving of the award.
“She is honestly one of the best professors at this school,” Fields said.
Williams said she is honored to have been nominated.
“I thank whoever nominated me,” she said.

“I thank my colleagues because they’re just great to work with and they make me better, as well.
“I just try to do the best that I can. I really love teaching. I have a passion for it.
“Just appreciate anyone who takes recognition in the work that I do. I love to teach and I love OCCC.”

According to the OCCC Communicator, “The President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented each spring to a full-time OCCC faculty member who exemplifies teaching excellence. The office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs administers the process of receiving nominees and developing recommendations to the President of the college.

“To be considered for this award a faculty member may be nominated by a fellow faculty member, a current or former student, or by a staff member. Nominees will be asked to complete a reference sheet supplying personal and professional information.

“After a review of all nominations, a selection committee appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs will recommend three candidates. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will then forward the recommended candidates to the President of the college who will make the final selection.

“Criteria for selection include:
a) a high degree of professional competence exhibited by knowledge and expertise that is extensive and current;
b) effective teaching methods that demonstrate quality, creativity, and resourcefulness, as well as clear, accurate and effective communication;
c) enthusiasm and a strong commitment to teaching in general and a genuine concern, commitment, and fairness to students; and

d) contribution to the teaching profession at the institutional, state, or national level.

“The recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching will be announced during commencement exercises.

“At that time, the recipient will be presented a plaque and cash award of $1,000 to commemorate the honor.

Nomination forms can be printed by going to www.occc.edu/academicaffairs/index.html and clicking on President’s Award for Excellence.

Stolen cell phone, false fire alarms reported

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A stolen OCCC cell phone and four false alarms were reported the week of May 30 through June 2.

Officer Gordon Nelson said on May 29, an OCCC employee reported a college-issued Verizon MiFi460L Jetpack 8857 cell phone was removed from his vehicle parked at his residence, according a filed report.

The OCCC employee was advised to file a report with the Oklahoma City Police Department. Gordon said the phone’s estimated value is $100.

On May 30, four false alarms were reported across campus.

The first alarm sounded in the Main Building around 5:54 a.m., according to a report filed by Officer Tim Harris.

Harris said he inspected the alarm panel and conducted a search of the Main Building to ensure all personnel had evacuated. He also checked to make sure the fire doors were activated.

Along with Officer Jimmie Watts and a Facilities Management employee, Harris said, he conducted an inspection and found no further indications of fire. The alarm was silenced and reset, and employees were allowed back into the building.

Later that same day, at 7:30 a.m., a second false fire alarm activated in the Health Professions Building, according to a filed report.

Harris and Watts responded to the alarm, inspected the riser pressure and ensured the safety of the surrounding area. The alarm was reset and the building occupants were allowed to reenter the building.

At 10:45 a.m., Officer David Madden was dispatched to the Visual Performing Arts Center due to an alarm activation, according to a filed report.

After conducting a walkthrough of the building, Madden said, he determined the alarm was possibly caused by a person steamng clothing in a dressing room.

At 7 p.m., a fourth fire alarm sounded in the Science, Engineering and Math Center, according to a filed report.

Officer Zachary Andrews said he, along with Officer Jeremy Bohannon and Sgt. Kevin Hammond, inspected the SEM Center and determined no fire was present. Students and staff were then allowed back into the building.

Andrews said the alarm was activated by dust caused from a carpet crew sanding the floor prior to laying down new carpet.

He said the system was put in test mode until midnight, May 31, so the carpet crew would no longer activate the alarm. Andrews said there were periodical visual checks of the Main Campus during that time.

Any names not listed here were redacted on the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted “according to OCCC-OC Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld.”

To obtain a copy of the procedure, email jordan@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.
**Vice President’s honor roll recipients named**

Students are eligible to be on the Vice President’s Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 3.5 while carrying at least 12 hours. Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 3.5 GPA for two consecutive semesters.


- Caressa Choat, Melanie Christian, Jieun Chu, Candy Cifuentes, Candace Clay, Virginia Clemens, Toner Cliff, Jessica Codlédeter, Brandi Clongion, Amanda Clutter, Brandon Cobb, Justin Cochrane, Madison Cole, Isha Colbert, Morgan Coleman, Brittany Combo, Keaska Compton, Caitlin Connell, Jason Conner, Hunter Conover, Candy Corbin, Santos Corona Archangel, Alexandria Counts, Brittany Craig, Santana Craig, Melissa Crain, Brittany Cranston, Bailey Crawford, Shelby Cream, Kaley Crosley, Cody Crowe, Nicole Cunningham, Eddie Cuttig, Anh Dang, Xuan Phi Dang.

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Students make President’s Honor Roll

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


Desmond Awungayi, Muhammad Azam, Mel Akunne, Taylor Aldridge, Kandee Alexander, Muriel Garcia, Miguel Garcia Aguero, Jessica Gard, Jenifer Gaskinske, Jenifer Lesiter.


Laura Ketchum, Mohammad Kouhy, Jonge Kim, Gwvangmin Kim, Allira Kinney, Austin Kimball, John Kinsler, Bong Kyun Kim, Ladjad Koutocek, Yunwei Kuo, Josephine Kyle, Stephen Lambet, Evan Lambert, Tairah Lambpare, Sarah Landon, Travis Langley, Colby Le, Jennifer Le, Phuong Le, Hang Le, Thao Le, Justin Le, Tania Leboon, Raegan Ledgerwood, Jessie Lee, Joshua Lee, Ethan Lee, Hannah Leggett, Crystal Lepuncheske, Jenifer Lester.


Micha Mezehny, Catherine Miller, Monica Miller, Tyler Miner, Geral Mitchell, Laurie Moglia Lahood, Joshua Moll, Patrick Money, Maria Montelongo, Fred Moon, Tanya Moore, Shane Moore, Nicholas Moore, Julie Moranz, Benzar Moravejina, Andrea Moreen, Aubrey Morgan, Kristie Morris, Colin Morris, Lori Morrison, Britney Morrey, Michelle Morre Benjamin Morbway, Megan Mowbray, Jessica Mull, Mathew Mullins.


Deborah Pittman, Michelle Pleitez, Alex Pollock, Jonathan Pope, Mariah Porch, Amanda Prince, Adam Price, Ryan Putnam, Queen Ramsey, Ryan Raderberg, Justin Radford, Nadia Rana, Indra Rachoudhury, Nicholas Ramos, Colton Ramsey, Emerson Ramey-Miller, Brandon Randall, Dustin Rappy, Christopher Ray, Emily Redman, Victoria Reed, Lori Reed, Anthony Reid, Emily Reindolin, Stephanie Renaud, Renk Renczewicz, Marissa Resendiz.


Jose Sagredo, Paulina Saldana, Marcos Saldana Rojo, Christopher Salzwedel, Kris Schinske.

Cherie Schubach, Jonell Schultz, Aubrey Schultz, Jonathan Schumm, Rachel Schutte, Guadalupe Scruggs, Nathan Scruggs, Heather Seabold, Rachel Seaman, Katie Seams, Aman Seif, Dara Seifred, Christopher Self, Jason Sell, Shane Sellers, Naome Shae, Boram Shin, Kia Shorter, Jak Shuler, Tara Siebert, Christopher Simmons, Chad Simmons, Dragan Sindjic, Virginia Singleton, Haley Sirmons, Joshua Sisson, Karli Smith, Beverly Smith.

Griffin Smith, Hunter Smith, Makenna Smith, Jordan Smith, Jana Smith, Timothy Smith, Clarissa Smith, Jessica Smith, Steven Snyder, Anna Soha, Stacia Sorrels, Chelsea Spear, Jenna Spengos, Jamie Stacey, Amanda Standef, Marisnah Starnes, Shannan Steadman, Remington Steele, Chad Stephenson, Lauren Stephenson, Amanda Stevens, Brett Stevenson Michael Stewart, Haly Stewart, Cassandra Stillwell, Terry Stover, Christian Swartz, Lea Sweat, Tashriqah Tahlis, Casey Tate, Cody Tate, Jessica Taylor, David Taylor, Karyn Taylor, Barbara Tech-Buckner, Edward Tellstone, Daniel Terracina, Audra Terrazas, Kushal Thapa, Daniel Thomas, Olivia Thomas, Bria Thompson, Cody Thornton, Isabella Thornton, Lisa Tippett, Amber Tobin, Ryan Tofoli, Preston Tollers, Kaitlyn Toney, Robin Tosomey, Nicole Torres, Suzana Torres, Marisol Torres, Caitlyn Tower, Vien Tran, Dalin Tran.

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Diana Wells, Jamie West, Sarah West, Joshua West, Carlee Wheeler, Britney Wheeler, Natalie Wheatherly, Lucas Whitney, Jeffery Whittfittng, Shannon Williams, Karen Williams, Deanna Williams, Deborah Williams, Francis Williams, Olivia Williams, Makayla Williams, Ashley Williams, Kymay Williams, Victoria Williamson, Kristi Winters, Zachary Wise, Michelle Witt, Travis Wog, Jessica Wolf, Kalli Wolf, Meagan Wolfe, Madison Woodcock, April Wright, Wayne Wright, Mingda Yan, Tatsum Yocum, Hyunjeong Yoon, Courtney Young, Isaac Young, Paul Zapletal, Ginger Zemp, Chelsey Zerby.

I understand each student who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement by being named to the President’s Honor Roll.

—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

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Aquatic fun

Girls basketball camp to teach basics

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Girls, ages 10 to 12, who want to learn the basics of basketball now have their own camp — Basketball Fundamentals, said Sport and Recreation Specialist Eric Watson.

Watson said the camp focuses mostly on dribbling, passing, stances, and even some offensive and defensive strategies.

“We usually set small goals for them to achieve by the end of the week,” Watson said.

“On average, it's about 14 to 17 girls (to a camp),” Watson said. “They get about two hours and 45 minutes of actual instruction (in one day).”

Camp Coach Jerrame Dockery explained the fundamentals of basketball.

“It's having proper footwork, knowing your pivot foot, knowing how to dribble the ball with your head up, seeing the entire floor, learning how to defend properly, learning how to be a team player, passing the ball, and learning all the nuances of being an overall basketball player.

“And that's what this camp, I hope, can provide.”

This is Dockery's first year coaching a College for Kids camp. He also coaches basketball at Highland East Junior High in Moore.

“I love coaching basketball. I love giving back to the community.” — JERRAME DICKERY COLLEGE FOR KIDS BASKETBALL COACH

D taught me how to do certain things.”

Dockery said he believes in the power of practicing the basics.

“I think a lot of times people overlook the importance of fundamentals,” he said.

“And I hope [the campers] just enjoy it — especially those who have never played.

“Hopefully, they leave with a better understanding of how to play basketball ... and understanding that it takes fundamentals to be successful, just as well as talent.

“A sport can teach you everything about life,” Watson said, at the end of the camp, participants are rewarded with certificates.

Basketball Fundamentals camp runs from Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27.

For more information about this or any other College for Kids class, visit occc.edu/coe/college4kids.html.
Surplus: OCCC and other state agencies use auction site

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identifies somebody that may have a 4-year-old computer. They would then switch out the 4-year-old computer with the 3-year-old computer and then the 4-year-old [computer] would then go into surplus.

"There's never going to be a computer going into surplus that is a newer make or model than what somebody may be utilizing within the college."

Duncan said entire computer systems are not typically listed on the surplus.

"One thing [about] the computers is that we don't sell them as systems," he said. "We usually sell them in bulk. We'll sell 10 processors because we look at individual components, not a [whole] computer system."

"If you're looking to buy a computer system, we're not selling just one. We're going to sell a pallet containing 25 to 30 processors and 25 to 30 monitors. We're just basically going for a mass distribution and trying to recoup some cost back into the college."

Duncan said computer hard drives are always removed before being sent to surplus.

"For the computers that do come down, the hard drives are always removed for security reasons. We'll never sell a computer that contains a hard drive."

In addition to the computer equipment, Duncan said, there also are many desks and chairs to be found on the surplus site.

He said items generally start at a $1 bid, with the exceptions being something of high value such as used vehicles.

To take part in the college auction, create an account on www.publicsurplus.com. The account creation is completed within three steps, which asks for personal information such as email, a street address, name and phone number.

For more information about currently listed items, visit the OCCC college surplus at www.publicsurplus.com and, under the heading "Auction Areas," choose Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College.

The site cautions bidders to "thoroughly read all of the terms of the bid, such as payment methods, shipping, and item description. Some agencies have their own Terms and Conditions. Please make sure you read those."

Drill: Annual drills are required by Education Department

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we consider our three potential threats," Fitzpatrick said. "One is for having to get out of the building in a hurry, an evacuation."

The other two, he said, are severe weather drills where everyone is moved to safer areas within the college, and a shelter-in-place drill that takes into consideration any immediate threats to those on campus such as a shooter.

Fitzpatrick said he is satisfied with the response from the student body and faculty during the evacuation.

"Everyone responded very well to this drill," he said. "We don't have any complaints with anybody."

"The student body was excellent and the cooperation was outstanding."

Students and faculty were directed out of the buildings by Emergency Response Team members to the safer areas outside of the building to the Faculty Circle. That team is made up of faculty and staff who are trained to help out with the drills and also, in the event of a real emergency.

Emergency Planning and Risk Management director Marlene Shugart also was pleased with the drill.

"I think it went extremely well," Shugart said. "Our main objective was to have a safe evacuation drill. I think we achieved the safety of the drill."

Shugart said an evacuation drill is not quite the same as a fire drill.

"If we have an evacuation notice go out, that students and faculty are to evacuate the campus, it will not be for a fire," she said. "It will be from a gas leak or a chemical spill or anything of that sort that requires an evacuation of the building."

Overall, students and faculty felt the evacuation drill was a success.

"[It was] good," said Chris Ferrara, electrical engineer major. "I got to miss class and I feel like it was very well organized."

Biology Lab Supervisor Virginia Hovda said everything occurred on time, as outlined in an email sent out last week, and everyone cooperated.

"We had good radio communication where it was necessary, and all the students, faculty and staff were excellent in their cooperation," Hovda said.

For more information on upcoming drills and risk management, contact Shugart at 405-682-1611, ext 7148, or email at marlene.l.shugart@occc.edu.

Students signed up for OCCC's campus alert notification system would have received a text like this when the evacuation began. To sign up, visit www.occc.edu/can/
**Kids College adds World Music camp**

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OCCC’s Summer Enrichment Programs or, College for Kids, is adding a new music class to its line-up this summer, said music teacher Deborah Goodhead.

World Music camp, a class in which children can sample a variety of exotic instruments, is being offered for the first time this summer, said Goodhead.

Goodhead said World Music Camp is different from any music camp she has taught with in the past. The camp is designed for children entering fourth through fifth grade, Goodhead said.

Goodhead recalled a conversation she had with a choir teacher when she was a student at OCCC. "She asked, 'Why do you want to be a music teacher?' You can't make any money at it,'" Goodhead said.

"It was made for a music classroom, (but) when it originally came out they didn't know it," Goodhead said.

The camp concludes with children playing drums and xylophones and drum students joining in a concert following a short dress rehearsal that morning, Goodhead said.

The first session of World Music Camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, for students entering first through third grade.

The second camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18, for children entering fourth through fifth grade, Goodhead said.

Looking into Goodhead’s classroom, one sees tables covered in dozens of exotic-looking instruments with a Nintendo Wii in the corner.

Goodhead, who teaches five other College for Kids music classes in addition to this one, said her camps sometimes incorporate a game called Wii Music, which simulates playing a variety of musical instruments.

"They're games that help you hear minor and major and all sorts of things," she said.

Goodhead said her students will "travel around the world" through a Nintendo Wii game. "It simulates playing a variety of musical instruments," Goodhead said.

She said participants will learn to play drums and xylophones to stories and folk songs.

The camp concludes with the xylophone and drum students joining in a concert following a short dress rehearsal that morning, Goodhead said.

"The program just keeps growing," she said. "The kids keep coming back."

World Music Camp is made up of two classes — one with xylophones taught by Instructor Sarah Mellon, and the other with drums taught by Goodhead.

"We're creating songs and musical experiences using Tubanos and some other smaller instruments," Goodhead said.

Students interested in finding employment opportunities at OCCC should visit www.occcjobs.com.

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**Oklahoma Film Institute summer cinema clinics**

The OCCC Oklahoma Film Institute will present Summer cinema clinics 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 session is $300. Space is limited. For more information or to enroll, call Studio Coordinator Gray Frederickson 405-682-7847.

**Rec and Fit camps offered for ages 6 to 18**

The month of June is packed with basketball, soccer, karate and T-ball, while July is set aside for volleyball, multi-sports, competitive swimming, indoor track and field, flag football, intro to dance techniques, and intro to cheer and dance. See more about Rec and Fit Camps at www.occc.edu/news/2014/summercamps14.html#sthash.KMuuVqxC.dpuf.

**Counselors in Training**

Teens, ages 13 through 17, can volunteer to work during summer sports camps at OCCC. Counselors in Training is a new program for teens to volunteer while earning community service hours. Each student must attend mandatory trainings that cover topics including character development, leadership skills, team building, supervision of children and basic first aid. After successfully completing training, students will be scheduled to volunteer in one of four summer camp programs. All enrollment for sports camps and College for Kids classes is due by 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Monday start date of that class. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/news/2014/summercamps14.html#sthash.VqxC.dpuf.

**Row Triple-C Race**

OCCC’s own rowboat team will compete at the 2014 SandRidge Energy Stars and Stripes River Festival. The festival is free and will be held at Oklahoma City Boathouse District on Saturday, June 28. All students are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit http://boathousedistrict.org/festivals-races/stars-stripes-river-festival/. To see photos of Row Triple-C, visit http://imgur.com/a/J5S5E#. For more information about Row Triple-C, visit www.occc.edu/dragon or contact Web Development and Social Media Supervisor John Richardson at 405-682-7552.

**Coffee Shop, OCCC Cafe summer hours set**

The summer hours of the OCCC Cafe and Coffee Shop are: from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday; closed weekends. OCCC Cafe hours are: from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday; Closed weekends. For more information, call 405-682-1611.

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International flags represent 50 countries

When students are many miles away, it is nice to have something that reminds them of home.

For the 257 international students on campus, the flags that hang in the clear story of the Main Building serve that purpose.

Usually, they hang in the space above the coffee shop, opposite the space that holds the U.S. and Oklahoma flags. Fifty different countries are represented by the flags, each one symbolizing one or more full-time students from that country at OCCC, said Erin Logan, Student Life Director. “We have more than 60 countries represented on our campus, so we look at the majority. We rotate out every year the ones that only have one student, so it should be at least one of their years on campus their flag is up.”

Logan said the “wall of flags” project was started about 10 years ago by Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services Marion Paden.

“Dr. Paden really wanted to help find a way to recognize the courageous acts of our international students and give them something to remind them of home,” Logan said.

With the help of other staff members at OCCC, Logan said, they were able to make the wall of flags a reality.

Ajit Khan, an international student and advertising major, said he was pleased to see his country’s flag on display.

“At first I thought I might not find the flag of Bangladesh among all these big countries, but I was wrong.”

—AJIT KHAN
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

According to statistics provided by David Orsburn, International Admissions coordinator.

The largest number of international students comes from China, with a total of 35, he said.

Other countries with several students are: Vietnam, 29; Saudi Arabia, 27; Nepal, 24; South Korea, 22; Cameroon, 13; Kenya, 12; Gabon, 9; India, 8; Nigeria, 8; Canada, 5; Ghana, 4; Pakistan, 4; Taiwan, 4; Colombia, 3; Indonesia, 3; Mexico, 3; and Morocco, 3.

Another 28 countries are represented for one or two students at OCCC.

Typically observers can see the flags hanging year round. Logan said the only times they are taken down are for painting, repairing damages, and for the spring commencement ceremony.

“It takes about a month to prepare them for commencement,” Logan said. “We have to change out the poles completely and make sure that they’re all hung properly.”

Logan said the flags were used in last month’s commencement and are expected to be hanging back in the Main Building by Aug. 1.

“We needed to replace several poles that were pretty worn,” she said. “We have them ordered, so once they come in, we will put up the new display.”

To learn more about OCCC’s international students, consider joining the International Student Association. Learn more about the club by going to the office of Student Life or by email at ISA@my.occc.edu.