EDITORIAL
POSITIVE MALE ROLE MODELS NEEDED
Online Editor Siali Siaosi says more men need to learn to treat women better so fewer sexual assaults will happen. Read his thoughts inside.
OPINION, p. 2

NEWS
COLLEGE FOR KIDS STILL GOING STRONG
College for Kids classes continue through the first week of August. Turn inside to find out what participants are doing and how to get involved.
NEWS, p. 6 & 7

SPORTS
TRACK CLASS ADDED TO SPORTS CAMP
Children, ages 6 to 9, can enroll in a new Indoor Track and Field class as part of OCCC’s summer camp program. See more on page 8.
SPORTS, p. 8

COMMUNITY
TECHNOLOGY CLASS TEACHES USING ROBOT
Humanoid Robotics is one of several technical classes being offered at this summer’s Kids Camp. For more information, see inside.
COMMUNITY, p. 10

INSIDE
JULY 4, 2014 PIONEER.OCCC.EDU COVERING OCCC SINCE 1978

St udents have until July 11 to withdraw without a refund
LAUREN DANIEL
Senior Writer
seniorwriter@occc.edu

T he summer semester is almost halfway over. This means students who may be struggling need to decide if it may be best to drop a class.

OCCC Registrar Alan Stringfellow said students have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 11, to decide if they want to withdraw from any classes.
"They do not get a refund," he said.

Stringfellow said students who withdraw from a course will receive a W on their transcript instead of a grade. The W indicates the class was not completed.
"A W will show up on their transcript at the point in which grades are posted," he said. "Until then, an NR symbol is out there for grade not recorded."
The registration office will be open until 5 p.m. July 11. After that time, Stringfellow said, students will need to use MineOnline to withdraw. That option will be available until 11:59 p.m., he said.

Stringfellow said many factors go into making a decision about withdrawing from a course. Stringfellow said each situation is different for each student.
"... It really depends upon what's happening in the student's life," he said. "Are they working."
See DROP page 9

Interession classes can jumpstart degree
BRYCE MCELHANEY
Editor
editor@occc.edu

S tudents looking to get ahead on completing a degree can speed things along by taking intersession courses offered at the end of each semester. Intersession courses are two to three weeks in length and are held in January, May and August annually, according to the OCCC 2014 schedule.
See INTERSESSION page 9

Junior thespians

The first-, second- and third-grade musical theater class performs for a live audience June 27 in the Bruce Owen Theater. Jay Ferguson, fine arts chair at Heritage Hall High School and coordinator of the musical theater camps, said he works to make sure the kids have a rewarding time while spending their days at OCCC. “I want them to have fun, make friends and develop a love for the arts,” he said. For more information on upcoming theater camps, call 405-686-6222.

THE PIONEER
Health department says tick bite numbers increasing

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health reports that each year, Oklahoma ranks among those states with the highest number of cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever as well as other tickborne illnesses such as ehrlichiosis and tularemia. In 2014, 34 cases of tickborne diseases have been reported to the OSDH, with two individuals hospitalized.

The symptoms of a tickborne illness may include fever, chills, muscle aches, vomiting and fatigue. Other symptoms may include a skin rash or painful swelling of lymph nodes near the tick bite.

Most tickborne diseases can be treated successfully with early diagnosis and appropriate antibiotics, so it is important to seek medical attention if a fever and other signs of illness are noticed within 14 days of a tick bite or being in an area where ticks are lurking.

The OSDH advises persons who participate in hiking, camping, bicycle trail riding, yard work, gardening and other outdoor activities to follow the tips below.

- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on skin and clothing according to directions.
- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to see.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks to deprive ticks of attachment sites.
- Wear closed-toe shoes, not sandals.
- Hikers and bikers should stay in the center of trails to avoid grass and brush.
- Check for ticks at least once per day, particularly along waistbands, hairline and back of neck, in the armpits and groin area. Remove attached ticks as soon as possible using tweezers or fingers covered with a tissue.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on skin and clothing according to directions. (Insect repellent with permethrin should be used on clothing only and according to directions.)
- Check with your veterinarian about tick control for your pets. Dogs and cats can get tickborne illnesses too, and they are a traveling tick parade, bringing ticks into your home if not on a tick preventive regimen. For more information, visit http://ads.health.ok.gov and click on “Disease Information” then “Tickborne and Mosquitoborne Diseases.”

—Oklahoma State Health Department
If you are a big kid at heart or have children, “How To Train Your Dragon 2” will exceed all expectations.

I am a huge fan of the first film “How To Train Your Dragon,” which pulled at my heartstrings, making me laugh at all the right moments, so I was highly anticipating this sequel.

As to not look like a total kid trapped in a 21-year-old body, I brought along my three nieces and nephew when I saw the movie. I had my doubts — as with any sequel — that it wouldn’t quite live up to the first film. I was very wrong — and I was happy to be wrong.

The sequel begins with telling the backstory and reviewing what had happened in the first movie, as well as letting the audience know that five years had passed since the last film.

My first thought was how impressive the animation is. The producers brought the film to life with the subtle stubble on the chin of now 20-year-old Hiccup, to the slimy saliva of his pet dragon Toothless.

The viewers are shown the very tight connection between Hiccup and Toothless right off the bat with them exploring new places together, along with Hiccup learning how to fly on his own.

Viewers are then drawn through the plotline of the film with Hiccup learning of a new threat to the dragons, as well as meeting someone who was thought to be lost when Hiccup was just a baby.

Overall, the movie has an excellent storyline, coming to a climax with Hiccup losing someone important to him in the battle for the protection of the dragons and then, taking on a great responsibility that, at the beginning of the film, he was not yet ready to bear.

It will have the audience laughing at the playful attitudes of all the dragons, as well as holding back tears in the more difficult parts of the film — really giving the movie meaning.

This animated film will have the little ones laughing and the older viewers leaving with something to hold onto.

**Rating:** A+

— **MYCALYN BLOMSTROM**

**Online Writer**

---

**PRODUCT REVIEW | Going with a comparable non-name brand saves money**

Generic iPhone cases do the job

I love the iPhone 5s design. It's lightweight, simple and has a premium feel. That's why when I see iPhones adorned with heavy, bulky cases such as an Otterbox I'm astounded. At the same time, seeing so many iPhones without cases adorned with numerous dents and broken glass screens also baffles me.

A smartphone is an expensive investment. While most people don't require the excessive protection of an Otterbox, there are great looking, light cases that don't sacrifice protection.

One of the top features I was looking for in a case was a built-in screen protector (putting on screen protectors are a hassle, and can be expensive for higher quality glass ones), and an exposed home button so I could take advantage of the iPhone 5s fingerprint scanner. The problem was the top phone case manufacturers had designs that were bulky, ugly, and plain expensive. So, I turned to Amazon.

I typed “iPhone 5s case built-in screen protector” into Amazon's search box and immediately I was bombarded with surprisingly good-looking, generic, and affordable cases. These generic iPhone 5/5s cases came under many names such as Gearonic, Dream Wireless and Luxmo, and all look the same.

Once I received mine, I found the installation to be dead simple and one of my main worries — the hinge of the screen protector — was dispelled when I found out how large and flexible the hinge is. The case is sleek, has a comfortable grip and is made from a hard, yet flexible thermoplastic polyurethane material that will survive minor drops just fine.

However, as much as I praise this case, it wasn't perfect.

The screen protector protects well against scratches, but it may take a little getting used to, as you will have to push down on the screen with slightly more pressure. The beautiful sharpness and saturation of the screen also becomes slightly diminished with the screen protectorm although most won’t notice.

Another problem with the case is that it seems the screen protector often interferes with the proximity sensor on the phone, which detects when your phone is close to your ear.

The issues are a little annoying but not a deal breaker. And although they're not name brand, these cases can definitely hold their own.

**Rating:** B

— **JOHN HUYNH**

**Photographer**

---

**APPLICATION STATION**

**Pinterest a must-have DYI app**

Like do-it-yourself projects? Want photos of how to do those projects at your fingertips? The Pinterest app can make that possible.

When the app first became popular, I was bound and determined not to jump on the bandwagon. I lasted all of a few weeks before downloading the app.

Since then, I have found it useful for so many things. Users can find pictures of most everything — from wedding ideas to quotes, to fashion, and information about health and beauty.

You are able to upload pictures of items and ideas you want to share with other Pinterest users. You also are able to search pictures and save, or pin, them to your personal Pinterest board for viewing at a later date.

The great thing about this app is, it can be personalized to show only what each user wants to see. Users pick which boards to follow and those are the only pictures that show up on their specific timelines.

I have found lots of DIY ideas people have come up with and are sharing that are brilliant and actually have saved me a good amount of money.

Without this app I would not have thought to do these things on my own.

This app also offers a great way to pass time for anyone who has some free time and is interested in looking at all types of pictures.

Pinterest is a great app for all ages and people with different types of interests. It is free to download and can be used for helpful subjects, as well as a fun pasttime.

Oh, and if you are looking for a way to take great pictures to upload to Pinterest, think about using two other free apps — Instagram and Vine.

— **MYCALYN BLOMSTROM**

**Online Writer**

---

**MOVIE REVIEW | The main character Hiccup no longer a kid in movie sequel**

‘Dragon 2’ appeals to all ages

—Mycalyn Blomstrom

**Online Writer**

---
A bag of chips better than McAlister’s pricey menu

Hunger and sex are mankind’s greatest motivators. When I say mankind, I am not trying to be politically incorrect. I mean that the rule only applies to men. Women are motivated by sympathy, love and owning more shoes than any other female in the clan.

Returning to hunger, I was hungry on Saturday. I was hungry enough to gamble on a restaurant I’d never been to — McAlister’s Deli.

It was not a deli. It was a restaurant that served sandwiches. Where I come from, a deli is a retail store where a chubby, rosy-cheeked man sells you sandwich-building materials. I instantly removed points for dishonesty when I saw the sign.

To imagine what McAlister’s is like, one would have to imagine Panera Bread — and that’s it.

McAlister’s is the same thing as Panera Bread. It’s the same bizarre hybrid between a fast food restaurant and an order-at-the-table-with-waiters joint. A customer orders and pays at the front. The customer sits at a table, a server brings food, the server keeps coming back and asking if everything is okay. The server picks up the plates and the server gets no tip. At least I assume there was no tip.

Aside from the confusion with the tippage, I enjoyed my experience. The place was very clean, though almost all of the booth seats were torn and/or stained.

The ultimate factor in my ruling was, naturally, the food. I had a delightfully moist and greasy sandwich. The name escapes me, but it was turkey, cheese and some kind of sweet mustard on hot ciabatta. The cheese was stretchy, just how I like it.

My girlfriend got a salad with strawberries and it was huge. I do not eat vegetables, but she told me that it was very tasty. I remarked on the meal’s quality, and then she showed me the receipt to remind me what I paid.

It was $22 for a little hot sandwich and a big salad with a little scoop of mashed potatoes, a pickle spear, two iced teas, and two cookies. Sure, the meal was good, but so is a bag of Doritos. I could have just had that instead and that fact still haunts me.

McAlister’s charges the prices of an Applebee’s or a Chili’s with the atmosphere of a Starbucks. It was not terrible, but I don’t care if I never eat there again.

Between McAlister’s and McDonald’s, I am starting to lose pride in my Irish roots.

Rating: C

—JAKE McMAHON Videographer

Comments and Reviews

Restaurant Review | Deli charges Chili’s prices with Starbucks atmosphere

A bag of chips better than McAlister’s pricey menu

Movie Review | Greta Gerwig brings film to life

‘Frances Ha’ an undetected gem

Twenty-something-year-olds struggling with income and aspiring to become professional artists will appreciate the comedy “Frances Ha” — unless they’re not into black-and-white movies.

Frances Halladay (Greta Gerwig) is surrounded by people her age who have their lives figured out. Her friends are financially well off, live in luxurious apartments and either have, or soon will settle into, their careers.

Frances, on the other hand, has difficulty affording rent, and doubts her talent and career path.

Compared to her colleagues, Frances is stuck. Everyone she knows is ahead of her, living somewhat successful lives.

When Frances’ relationship with her best friend Sophie (Mickey Sumner) ends, she panics. Fearful of advancing forward, Frances progresses backwards. The unfamiliar terrain the future suggests frightens Frances.

To defeat these fears, she must avoid returning to the past and embrace the forthcoming events of the future.

A funny thing about this movie is, it’s a romance. Frances loses the girl, Sophie, and spends the rest of the movie trying to win her back.

Directed by Noah Baumbach (“Greenberg”), the movie creates a New York City environment resem-
Student jailed after leaving her toddler in parked car

BYRCE MCELHANEY
Editor
MYCALYN BLOMSTROM
Online Writer
JAKE MCMAHON
Videographer

As of press time, OCCC student Elliott Shane Bryant, 21, was being held in Oklahoma County Jail on a $10,000 bond after leaving her daughter, 2, alone in her car while at the college. Bryant is charged with child neglect.

Around 5:37 p.m. on Monday, June 30, OCCC police received a call after another student noticed the young girl alone inside Bryant’s gray 1995 Chevy Camaro in Parking Lot A, said Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan. Surveillance video footage of the area shows Bryant leaving the car in the parking lot about an hour before.

Oklahoma City Police Sgt. Gary Knight said Oklahoma City police were contacted by OCCC about the incident about 6 p.m. June 30. Knight said officers on the scene said the child appeared to be fine.

“[The] color of the vehicle makes a difference, whether it has tinted windows, whether it was parked in the sun or in the shade, and how hydrated the child was at the time,” she said. “Most definitely, one hour in that kind of heat is enough to cause serious, serious damage or even death.”

The increase in temperature happens quickly, Rollins said — usually in the first 10 minutes. An infinite number of things can go wrong when leaving a child in a car, she said.

“... Parents want to believe it's OK just for a minute, [but] it's really not.”

The Kids and Cars website shows that this year in the U.S., 23 children have died from heatstroke after being left or trapped in vehicles. It lists heatstroke as the leading cause of non-crash vehicle fatalities for children 14 and younger.

Rollins said children should never be left alone in a car under any circumstances — “not even for five minutes.”

“The children may have very serious injuries, maybe even die,” Rollins said.

As of press time, OCCC student Elliott Shane Bryant, 21, was being held in Oklahoma County Jail on a $10,000 bond after leaving her daughter, 2, alone in her car while at the college. Bryant is charged with child neglect.

Records indicate Bryant is not currently enrolled in summer classes but has enrolled for the fall semester.

Bryant told officers on the scene that she had contacted the child’s father and made arrangements for him to pick up the child. The father told police Bryant had not contacted him. A check of Bryant’s phone by Oklahoma City police confirmed that.

An online search showed the temperature at the time the child was in the car was 94 degrees, which can be dangerous or even deadly for a young child, said Amber Rollins, director of KidsAndCars.org.

Rollins said the outcome could have been very different.

“It can get very hot, very quickly [for] a child as young as 2 years old,” she said.

“Their body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult’s.”

—AMBER ROLLINS
KidsAndCars.org DIRECTOR

Children knock cars into gear all the time, or jump out and they’re run over. Children are abducted — very rarely, but it happens. Cars are stolen with children inside of them all of the time. A child can get out of a vehicle in a parking lot and then they face a whole new set of dangers.

Rollins said those things are usually not on a person’s mind when a child is left in a car unattended.

“It’s not necessarily that people who intentionally or knowingly leave their children [are] bad parents, but maybe they just truly didn’t understand the extreme risks involved with leaving their child [in the car],” she said.

The increase in temperature happens quickly, Rollins said — usually in the first 10 minutes. An infinite number of things can go wrong when leaving a child in a car, she said.

“... Parents want to believe it's OK just for a minute, [but] it's really not.”

The Kids and Cars website shows that this year in the U.S., 23 children have died from heatstroke after being left or trapped in vehicles. It lists heatstroke as the leading cause of non-crash vehicle fatalities for children 14 and younger.

Rollins said children should never be left alone in a car under any circumstances — “not even for five minutes.”

“For any time these types of incidents are reported, [they’re] seen as freak accidents, so people think that they don’t happen very often, but they do,” Rollins said.

“We collect data on this stuff and it’s just not a risk that you want to take with your child.”

For more information about the organization, visit KidsAndCars.org.

The Pioneer will update this story online at http://pioneer.occc.edu as more information becomes available.

Child safety advocates give life-saving tips

- The number of child heat stroke deaths in vehicles continues to average approximately 37 per year; or about one every 10 days. Since KidsandCars.org began tracking data, at least 670 children have died in these preventable tragedies.
- A parked car can reach 125 degrees in minutes, even when the windows are partially open. Children are especially vulnerable to heat stroke, as their body temperatures rise three to five times faster than an adult’s.
- All parents need to carefully follow the guidelines for placing car seats in the back seat — the safest place for children to ride. Additionally, babies should ride rear-facing in their car seats till age 2, according to the guidelines prescribed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- At the same time, parents must understand that while requiring children to ride in the back seat has saved many lives, it also requires drivers to take extra precautions to avoid children from being unknowingly left alone in a vehicle. KidsAndCars.org’s Look Before You Lock safety education tips include:
  - Get in the habit of always opening the back door of your vehicle every time you reach your destination to check to make sure no child — or pet — has been left behind.
  - Keep a large stuffed animal in the child’s car seat. Right before the child is placed in the seat, move the stuffed animal to the front passenger seat as a visual reminder that your child is in the back seat.
  - Make arrangements with your daycare provider or babysitter to call you within 10 minutes if your child does not arrive as expected.
  - Put something you’ll need on the floorboard in the back seat in front of your child’s car seat (cell phone, handbag, employee ID, briefcase, etc.).
  - This ensures you open the back door of your vehicle to retrieve your belongings.
  - Never leave children alone in or around cars, not even for a minute. Instead, use drive-thru services when available.
  - Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway and keep car keys and remote openers out of reach of children.
  - When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks immediately.

“A change in routine, fatigue, distraction, anxiety — each can lead to a tragic momentary memory lapse. It can happen to anybody, even the most loving and attentive parents. It has happened to teachers, a pediatrician, dentist, postal clerk, social worker, police officer, nurse, clergyman, electrician, accountant, soldier, assistant principal and even a rocket scientist.”

—JANETTE FENNELL, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF KIDSANDCARS.ORG
Children benefit from summer program

LAUREN DANIEL
Senior Writer
seniorwriter@occc.edu

College for Kids kicked off the first week of June with some of the programs continuing through the first week in August.

The program allows children entering first through eighth grade to take educational classes during the summer, said Brannon Dresel, Community Education coordinator. With around 400 students enrolled, Dresel said, they are on par with the enrollment last summer.

“We’ve almost exceeded last year and we’ve still got four weeks to go,” he said.

More than 220 classes are offered, ranging from science and cooking to music. Dresel said classes involving technology and computers have been the most popular this summer.

“The Cyber Camp that we run at the main campus is popular,” he said. “It always gets full. That’s actually a special one, because it’s run by the college professors.”

Another popular program, Dresel said, is College Prep.

During the class, he said, seventh and eighth graders are brought to the main campus, given a tour, listen to guest speakers and learn what it’s like to be an OCCC student.

Giving Back also is a popular class, open to all age groups, Dresel said. In the class, children sell lemonade at a public stand set up on campus. The proceeds go toward childhood cancer awareness via a charity called called Alex’s Lemonade Stand.

“It’s an opportunity for the kids to learn what it takes to run a special event,” he said.

Those who are more technology minded can take classes through TechjoyNT and Bricks4kids. Dresel said both companies offer classes to help students learn more about robotics, programming, character design and more.

Dresel said the majority of College for Kids classes are taught by Moore or Oklahoma City public school teachers.

“Basically, public school teachers teach about 90 percent of our content,” he said.

OCCC offers College for Kids each summer. Dresel said individual classes are $39 per class for one week. Enrollment in all-day multiple classes costs $99 and includes lunch.

Dresel said OCCC also offers before care from 7 to 9 a.m. for $10 per week and aftercare from 4 to 5:30 p.m., also for $10 each week the child is enrolled.

“So if a parent wanted their child to be here all day, all week, and have free lunch, and have before care and aftercare, it would be $119,” he said. “We always start our open enrollment the last week in April and if they enroll that week, they get 10 percent off of everything,” he said.

Dresel said financial aid is available.

He said the classes provide a great way for kids to learn, meet new people and get out of their comfort zones.

“It exposes them to other cultures and exposes them to other students.”

For more information about College for Kids, visit www.occc.edu/coe/index.html or call 405-682-7859.

Sports Camps and Fit Kids Camps also are offered as part of OCCC’s summer camps, said Matthew Wright, intramural sports assistant. He said there are 16 different sport camps — two per week — throughout the summer. Sport camps run from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. Wright said enrollment usually peaks during the weeks basketball or soccer is offered.

“The most popular sports camp is most definitely basketball,” he said. “… And then also the soccer fundamentals is usually really popular.”

Wright said the kids enjoy the competition. He said it adds excitement to the day.

“In the morning you’re learning the fundamentals …,” he said. “Then when everybody splits up into teams and actually play games with the fundamentals they’ve learned, that’s usually the favorite part for the kids.”

The sport camps only go through the last week of July, but Fit Kids Camp will be offered through the first week in August, Wright said.

He said there are a number of ways for parents to enroll their kids.

“They can go online and enroll, they can call up to the office… they can also come up here in person and enroll,” he said.

Children have the option of concurrently enrolling in both the Sport Camps and College for Kids, Dressel said.

“They can do Sports and Rec in the morning and do College for Kids in the afternoon or vice versa.”

For more information about Sport Camps or Fit Kids Camp visit www.occc.edu/rt/sport-camp-schedule.html or call 405-682-7860.
Theater, sports, more on class rosters

Above: Sequoia, 13, colors sheets June 26 in Anatomy class. The class learned about different human body systems while listening to a presentation.

Right: Raef, 9, runs to second base on the last day of Intro to T-Ball Fundamentals camp June 27.

Skys, 10, gets her makeup done for Music Theatre Camp June 20 outside the Bruce Owen Theater.

Madeline, 8, serves a badminton inside the Wellness Center June 27 for Youth Camp Recreation.
SPORTS

Getting fit

Student Nguyen Nguyen exercises with 25-pound weights in the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center provides many different types of fitness equipment and areas that are free to students with a valid OCCC ID. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/rf/wellness.html.

JERREME DOCKERY
Assistant Track Coach
-modal-year

Campers will learn track basics in camp

JAKE MCMAHON
Videographer
pioneervideo@occc.edu

Jerrame Dockery, Moore High School track coach, will coach OCCC’s first Indoor Track and Field camp this summer for ages 6 to 9.

Dockery said the class will be a little different than what he teaches his high school students.

“I’m just going to have them basically get in shape and understand what track means,” he said.

Obviously there’s no place to really have a track meet inside, but my plan is to show them what a track meet would be like — teach them how to do relay races and things of that nature.”

The only comparison between the Indoor Track and Field camp and high school track, he said, is the running, conditioning and training components.

Dockery described what is involved in high school track.

“Basically we work on agility, obviously running, conditioning, getting in shape. But it’s more than just running.

“There are relay teams [and] we work on hand-offs with the baton, we work on getting the proper steps … , to know when to take off, when to receive the baton. So it’s a lot more technical than people think.”

Dockery said those not involved in running sports may be surprised at how technical a relay race can be.

He said a runner can be disqualified for something as subtle as taking the baton improperly.

Running offers numerous health benefits, Dockery said.

“Your legs get stronger.

“Your legs are the biggest muscles you have, so that gets worked. Your heart, one of your stronger muscles as well, gets worked. Running in general just works everything”.

Dockery said the Indoor Track and Field camp also will prepare participants for the type of things they would likely learn in the upper grades.

“This (gym) could simulate a track just because of its length and the way that it is.”

He said, as part of the class, he will time the children to allow them to see how fast they are.

Indoor Track and Field takes place from Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18.

To enroll, visit the FACE Center at 6500 S Land, or call 405-686-6222.

SPORTS | Sports

• 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 3 p.m. the Friday prior to the start date of camp. The Sport Camp Fee is $65 per week

  For more information, visit www.occc.edu/rf/sport-camp-schedule.html#sthash.GCkc7E-BQ.dpuf.

• Fall 2014:
  OCCC Group Fitness classes are offered at a variety of fitness levels and are spaced conveniently throughout the afternoon and late evening hours. See more at www.occc.edu/rf/cr-group-fitness.
Drop: July 11 is the last day to drop a class with no grade

Continued from page 1

are they not? Are they a full-
time student, are they not? How will [the professor] work with them?

"In the event that [students] have outstanding course work, some [professors] may allow them to turn it in late, some of them may not, which would obviously impact their grade.

Stringfellow said students receiving financial aid should be aware of what will happen to them should they drop, but also said students should not put themselves in a compromising position.

"I cannot think of a situation where a grade of F would be better than a W," he said.

"Even if you look at it from a financial aid perspective, they're both going to negatively impact... so I wouldn't want a student to put themselves in a position where they are placed on probation or suspension.

"Go ahead and withdraw from the class.

Stringfellow said students in that position should meet with a financial aid adviser.

He said students with questions and concerns also can meet with an academic adviser, but are not required to do so to withdraw from a class.

"If they have questions on how this might impact them in terms of successfully graduating, how is this going to put their graduation off, will this negatively affect them in terms of transferring to another institution — if those type of questions arise as a result of withdrawing... they may want to speak with an adviser prior to that.

Stringfellow said the time for students to act is now.

He said any delay in withdrawing from a class could result in damaging a student's academic success.

"If they know for a fact that they are not going to be able to complete the class, I would go ahead and take care of it now. Do it as soon as possible.

"There's no need to wait until [July 11] if you know you're going to withdraw or not get the grade that you want."

For more information about withdrawing from a course, contact the office of Records and Graduation Services at 405-682-7860.

Students also can contact Stringfellow at astringfellow@occc.edu, or login to MineOnceline at https://datatemwa.occc.edu/WebAdvisor.

Intersession: Fast-paced classes require real commitment

Continued from page 1

Intro to Public Speaking

Professor Katherine Eaves said intersession courses are usually a little more fun, because the students are usually more laid back.

Eaves said she also tends to have fewer students drop intersession courses.

"They go at a lot faster pace, so I tend to have students that are more on the ball with things because they have to be in order to be successful," she said.

Eaves said she would recommend intersession courses only to students who “can dedicate the time and resources necessary. Otherwise they’re setting themselves up for failure.”

Eaves said intersession courses have the same amount of work as a regular semester but with less time to do that work.

"Don't do it if you think it's going to be easy, because it's not going to be easier than a regular semester course," she said.

Sanmi Adeleye said he took an intersession history course. He said he would recommend it to anyone who is ready to do the work.

"It was four hours every day, so it was intense," he said. "We definitely did not cover everything, but we got most of it."

Adeleye said it was nice to complete a class so quickly.

"It was pretty hard getting through it, but being out in two weeks was pretty sweet," he said.

English Professor Jon Inglett teaches film studies during May intersession.

He said intersession courses fill fairly quickly, usually with around 30 students in a class.

Inglett agrees that students need to be prepared to cover a lot of material in a short amount of time.

"It is fast paced," he said. "It’s the same amount of material that an 8-week or a 16-week course is. It’s close to four hours a day for two weeks straight."

Inglett said intersession classes are held Mondays through Fridays, usually from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

He said the course load and difficulty varies depending on the class.

"I cannot think of a situation where a grade of F would be better than a W."

—ALAN STRINGFELLOW

OCCC REGISTRAR

He said students with questions and concerns also can meet with an academic adviser, but are not required to do so to withdraw from a class.

"If they have questions on how this might impact them in terms of successfully graduating, how is this going to put their graduation off, will this negatively affect them in terms of transferring to another institution — if those type of questions arise as a result of withdrawing… they may want to speak with an adviser prior to that.

Stringfellow said the time for students to act is now.

He said any delay in withdrawing from a class could result in damaging a student’s academic success.

"If they know for a fact that they are not going to be able to complete the class, I would go ahead and take care of it now. Do it as soon as possible.

"There's no need to wait until [July 11] if you know you're going to withdraw or not get the grade that you want."

For more information about withdrawing from a course, contact the office of Records and Graduation Services at 405-682-7860.

Students also can contact Stringfellow at astringfellow@occc.edu, or login to MineOn-line at https://datatemwa.occc.edu/WebAdvisor.

LET'S GET ICE CREAM AFTER YOU PARALYZE US.

IF YOUR FRIENDS DRIVE RECKLESSLY, SAY SOMETHING.

SpeakUpOrElse.com

PIONEER | PIONEER.OCCC.EDU

JULY 4, 2014 • 9
Robots long camp offered at kids college

JAKE MCMAHON
Videographer
pioneervideo@occc.edu

College for Kids camps offer classes using computers, assorted musical instruments — and robots that sing and dance.

Humanoid Robotics is a class offered in cooperation with Techjoynt, a company based on educating children on technology, said Instructor Sean Anderson.

A white robot called NAO, complete with two arms, two legs, a head, knees, elbows, ankles and movable fingers is used to teach the summer class.

Anderson said NAO cost $8,000 — at a sizeable discount.

When activated by a computer, NAO’s eyes glow and he comes to life, standing upright much like a real person would, using his hands to push himself up.

He even dances. During a recent visit to the class, when Anderson played the song “Gangnam Style,” NAO’s hands took the horse riding position and he did the famously goofy dance without missing a beat.

“Most people see a robot and they’re like, ‘Oh, it just works,’” Anderson said. “Well, how do you get the logic behind making something work?”

Jean Paul Tugirimana, Educational Technology manager at Techjoynt, is the other instructor of the class.

“They use software called Choreograph,” Tugirimana said, “which is a software specifically used to program the robot.”

“It’s an easy-to-use software since it is a visually based software where they use boxes to program the robot.”

Tugirimana explained the teaching process.

“We have two ways that we help students learn how to program,” he said.

“First, we have them learn individually. Depending on the interests of the kid, they can go further. So we give them individual projects.

“But we also like to teach them to work in teams. So we have three to four teams, and each team has three to four members, and they work in teams.

“They come up with an idea for what they want the robot to do. What exactly can NAO do? Tugirimana said that is completely up to the students.

“We want them to be creative and imagine more things they can do, and go further as programmers.

“When they leave this class, they know the basics of programming. They know how to think like a programmer.”

Anderson said Humanoid Robotics camp will be held one last time this summer the week of Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18.

To enroll, go by the FACE Center located about one mile north of teh main campus at 6500 S Land Ave. or call 405-686-6222.

For more information about Techjoynt, visit techjoynt.com.

Richmond Collins, business major, uses the Comm Lab to research how to start an independent Oklahoma business newspaper that focuses on the African-American community. For more information about OCCC’s Communications Labs, visit www.occc.edu/comlab.
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.


APARTMENT SALE: Mathis Brothers king-sized comforter set; dark brown toddler sleigh bed; bathroom decor. Many other items are being offered as well. Call 405-922-0022 for prices and pictures.

FOR SALE: Dark brown sofa and love seat sofa recliner. Both microfiber. Call 405-922-0022 for prices and pictures.

FOR SALE: 40” CRT television in excellent condition. The big screen makes it great for a gaming TV in the kids’ room or for the games in the man cave. $30. Text 405-818-0083 for more information.


FOR SALE: New size 26 jeans — never been worn. Brands include Vans, Levi’s and Zumiez. $10 per pair. Retail for $40 each. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE for ONLY $32 a week!
—get your advertisement message to 5,000 prospective customers with a business-card size ad—
Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7307, or e-mail: adman@occc.edu

http://pioneer.occc.edu
Two arrested in separate traffic incidents

SIALI SIAOSI
Online Editor
onlineeditor@occc.edu

A woman driving with multiple arrest warrants and driving with a suspended license, and a man driving under intoxication led to several arrests during the two-week period June 21 through June 30.

Veronica Rivera was arrested around 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, after Officer Nelson Gordon pulled her over in Parking Lot A and found she was driving with a suspended license and had four warrants out for her arrest, according to a report filed.

Gordon said he initially pulled Rivera over for driving the wrong direction on J. Lee Keels Boulevard before turning back into Parking Lot A.

Rivera was arrested and transported to the Oklahoma County Detention Center, Gordon said.

Her vehicle and inventoried and towed off campus.

Eric Dumas was arrested for an aggravated DUI around 2:30 a.m. on Monday, June 30, according to a report filed by Officer Zachary Andrews.

Dumas was pulled over after driving the wrong direction on Regents Boulevard, Andrews said. Officer Jeffrey McIntire assisted in the traffic stop, according to the report.

Upon speaking with Dumas, Andrews said, the officers saw he had bloodshot eyes and smelled alcohol on his breath.

Dumas said he was looking for his brother who worked for the campus radio station, Andrews said, and he thought he was at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Upon asking Dumas if he’d had anything to drink, Andrews said, he replied, “Five or six.”

The officers asked Dumas to step out of the vehicle, frisked him for weapons and began performing sobriety tests, according to the report.

During the One Leg Stand test, Andrews said, Dumas was unable to maintain his balance and it took him 40 seconds to count to 30 — after skipping numbers 13, 19, 22 and 23.

Andrews said he transported Dumas to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to perform a blood-alcohol test.

After performing two breath tests on him at OUHSC, Andrews said, Dumas’ blood-alcohol content was 0.16.

In Oklahoma, 0.05 percent BAC is grounds for impairment, according to www.dmv.org.

After seizing Dumas’ driver’s license, Andrews said, the man was transported to the Oklahoma County Jail and was issued a citation for aggravated DUI and driving the wrong direction on a one-way street.

To contact campus police, call 682-1611, ext. 7747.

For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-7872.