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Knowledge shopping: OCCC Bookstore employee Kevin Gay helps concurrent enrollee Grayson Maker find books and codes for his online classes. "I'm taking online Biology, online English Literature I and online Calculus I," Maker said. "I like online classes because they're easy." Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

Students should request faculty advisers early on

It's beneficial to speak with an adviser in your field of study, professor says

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Nursing major Wendy Ibanez was guessing her way through her college career, unaware of certain criteria she needed to meet in order to apply for the nursing program.

She said it was by mere chance that she found out help was available via academic advisers.

"I got lucky," Ibanez said. "I just talked to the right people in class and figured out that I needed to go talk to somebody else."

That somebody else was Health Professions Adviser Claire Echols, who, Ibanez said, was very knowledgeable.

"I didn't know there were people I could talk to (about my major)," Ibanez said. "That could

have saved me some time."

Freshman McKenzie Crim said her experience was just the opposite.

She had been told early on that she should visit an academic adviser.

Crim said her academic adviser was very helpful, even taking the time to help her select professors.

"He probably spent three hours helping me," she said.

"He was so patient. He went on ratemyprofessor.com and helped me look through every teacher. We picked the best teachers and I've done great."

News Writing Professor Sue Hinton said before enrolling for a second semester, students should visit with a faculty adviser.

"Students start, as you know, in general advising, and they're more likely to come to their major professors, unfortunately, in their sophomore year," she said.

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Police chief explains parking rules, fines

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With the beginning of every fall semester comes the busiest week of the school year — and that leads to many parking problems, said OCCC Police Chief James Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick said this large influx of students who typically try to park in two or three parking lots causes congestion and rule-breaking for the first few weeks of every semester.

Fitzpatrick said he doesn't expect many issues after students have a chance to get accustomed to the campus.

"It usually pans out in about a week," he said.

He said students will be expected to know and follow the parking rules from day one.

"The campus isn't going to go to tremendous extents to create ... parking just for a couple of days out of the year," he said.

Fitzpatrick said the most common violations of campus parking rules involve students parking where they should not.

"The most significant [violation] is parking in faculty spots," he said.

"The vast majority of students [who] wind up with tickets will pull into a faculty/staff spot, and that's a \$15 fine."

The other issue is when students create parking places., Fitzpatrick said.

"When it's not a designated spot, they just park — against curbs, on the grass, extending the parking lines out past where they're supposed to be," he said.

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OCCC can help with college major choice

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Though choosing a major can be difficult, OCCC provides many services to help students determine what would best fit, said Advising Director Tammy Madden.

"We use career exploration programs that actually do an assessment of their values, their interests and their skills," Madden said. "So you can have something concrete like that, paired with some self-reflection, with the computer programs for career exploration."

Madden said most career exploration programs use the Occupational Outlook Handbook, which contains many job descriptions. The handbook is comprised of national research on the interests, skills and values of people currently working in a broad range of fields.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION

EDITORIAL | The U.S. needs a tough, hardcore fighting force

Military leaders should stop babying troops

It has been said that America has the world's greatest fighting force. Our military is unmatched and undefeated.

But from what used to be rigorous training and an unrelenting push to be "army strong" or "the few, the proud" is slowly turning into just strong and the few who are proud.



KATIE AXTELL

The decline in those once boastful ooh-rahs and hooahs is not credited to the decreased deployments, but to the lowered expectations to comfort the overprotective mothers, and suit-and-ties without an understanding of the military.

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Kate Germano was the commanding officer of the female recruiting depot at Parris Island, South Carolina, until she was relieved of her duties on June 30.

According to a command investigation of her, she was found to be "hostile, unprofessional and abusive."

Excuse me, but I doubt there are moral and ethical terrorists, enemies and mercenaries to give our

soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors stress cards.

Our military did not grow to be elite by cutting back or singing lullabies in training.

Germano was tough and hardcore for a reason that is being lost amid the cries for mommies and daddies. It's so those under her command can be prepared for what they may face while enlisted.

Marine Corps Times said Parris Island officials confirmed the rifle qualifications from 2014 to 2015 increased from 79 percent to 91 percent for female recruits under Germano's command.

Well done, ma'am. Well done.

Leadership that strives to bring out the best and readily prepare others is what we need — not thumb-sucking individuals who barely get by.

As a Marine Corps veteran, I know firsthand what the training is like.

As a veteran, I can speak about how there is no need to lighten up or go easy during training.

Costsofwar.org shows more than 6,000 deaths of U.S. military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001 to 2014. I hope none of those deaths were due to poor training because of political agendas or the pity-me tears I've seen firsthand.

Those who sign on the dotted line to join the U.S.

military write a blank check for anything and everything, including their lives.

I've signed and, with the possibility of maxing out that check, I sure hoped I had the best training I could get.

This country may not be in any major wars nor are we shipping troops out on a rotating cycle by the thousands like we were not too long ago, but keeping up the training and preparedness keeps us from getting soft, lazy and forgetful.

These men and women are there to keep our freedom.

They are our sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, cousins, friends and family. I know I want them to have the best training and mentality for what may come their way.

Once they leave U.S. soil, there are no moms or sympathizers. There are no hand holders or stress breaks. On foreign soil, all they have are their buddies next to them and their training.

Don't try to stop them from getting the tough, hardcore and elite training to be prepared should they need it.

—KATIE AXTELL
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | LifeShare Transplant Donation Services works with several area agencies

Hundreds of Oklahomans awaiting organ, tissue donations

To the Editor:

LifeShare Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma recently recovered its 100th organ donor for 2015. Those 100 donors have saved 257 lives through donation. This is only the third time the organization has reached the 100 donor mark in its history.

LifeShare is the organ procurement organization in the state of Oklahoma responsible for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation.

This mark was previously reached in 2007 with 109 donors and in 2014, with 141 donors. Last year, LifeShare recovered its 100th donor on Sept. 29.

"This is by far the earliest we've ever recovered this number of donors," said Jeffrey Orłowski, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifeshare.

"As a result of the donors' and donor families' generosity, we are nine weeks ahead of last year's life-saving pace."

Year-to-date, LifeShare has now provided 292 organs for transplant, the third highest annual total in its history. In 2012, LifeShare provided 324 organs for transplant and in 2014, the organization provided 445 organs.

Orłowski attributes this milestone accomplishment to the focus and commitment from the entire LifeShare team including staff, leadership and volunteers, and the efforts of the Oklahoma medical com-

munity.

"We have also had incredible support and generosity from the citizens of Oklahoma. We encourage Oklahomans to continue registering to be organ, eye and tissue donors so we can continue to save lives."

Although hundreds of lives have been saved this year, there are still approximately 900 Oklahomans on the waiting list for a lifesaving transplant.

LifeShare is a non-profit, federally designated organ

procurement organization dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant purposes. We work closely with five transplant centers and 145 healthcare organizations in the state of Oklahoma to facilitate donation. Additionally, we strive to raise awareness for donation and transplantation through public education.

For more information, visit www.LifeShareOK.org.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

SERIES REVIEW | 'BoJack Horseman' takes place in an anthropomorphic world

Netflix original gets even better

Usually my television tastes gravitate toward two types of shows: hard-hitting dramas with a great, character-driven story, such as "Breaking Bad" and "Mad Men," and goofy sitcoms that tackle new wacky adventures each episode and work around a central theme, such as "Parks and Recreation" and "That '70s Show."

So what happens when you combine a good, somewhat dramatic story with timely laughs and wacky adventures? Well, that's when you happen upon "BoJack Horseman."

"BoJack Horseman" is a Netflix original show that is only available to watch on Netflix. After seeing a rash of great Netflix original shows get high praise across the board, like "House of Cards" and "Orange is the New Black," I thought this show had to be worth at least trying to watch.

The show follows many aspects in the life of BoJack Horseman, a former sitcom star in the 1990s, as he tries to regain stardom with the help of his friends.

The show takes place in an anthropomorphic world, where humans and animals live mostly in harmony. BoJack is a horse, and many other important char-



acters are animals, but some of BoJack's closest friends are human. Ultimately, the show is a comedy, but it also heavily follows the depressing parts of the characters' lives. Common themes brought up in the show include BoJack's terrible childhood, falling out with his best friend who created his show, his alcoholism, and his fall from stardom and becoming a laughingstock. And his friends aren't without their depressing life stories either.

In fact, many moments of the show's first two seasons are downright dark, as BoJack seeks acceptance and love, and goes to weird and disturbing lengths to find it.

The cast is filled with stars and recognizable voices, such as Will Arnett, Paul F. Tompkins, Alison Brie, Aaron Paul, and recurring or guest characters played by many famous actors and actresses.

Critics scorned the show, but its goofy adventures and meaningful story make it a big hit with audiences. And I agree with audiences. It's a must watch.

Rating: A+

—CLAYTON MITCHELL
PHOTOGRAPHER

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Cap'N'Crunch Cinnabon Delights will change your life

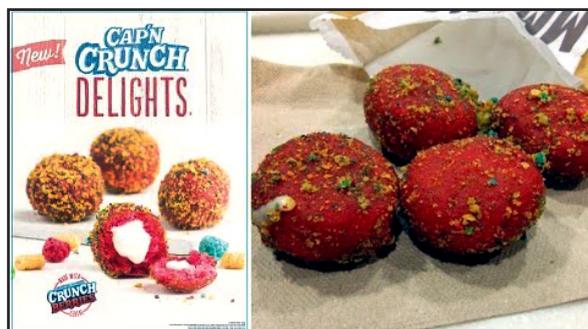
Taco Bell willing to think ahead

America has been associating itself with innovation for a fairly long time. This country has many great inventions — GPS, the Internet, the nuclear bomb.

Sadly, much of that culture of innovation has left this country and seemingly drifted west across the Pacific.

However, some innovators remain in America, even some large businesses think further ahead than the next fiscal year report.

The company I have taken the time to compliment this time is



surprising for most — Taco Bell.

They know their market, plain and simple.

Their changes are well measured, their new menu items daring, yet refined.

For instance, they recently released Cap'N'Crunch Cinnabon

Delights, a dessert that will change your life forever.

The true beauty of Taco Bell is its honesty. They aren't trying to be something they aren't.

They know we go to Taco Bell when it's late, the squad is sleepy and I want to get full off five dollahs.

Taco Bell is an honest business in a den of sadomasochist rat snakes.

I would recommend Taco Bell for snacks after the sun goes down.

Rating: A-

—GRANT SWALWELL
PODCASTER



'Worms' has invaded smartphones

"Angry Birds" has been a massive success since the moment it was first released for iPhone, and Android devices — so much so that it has kind of made it impossible for other games in its genre of turn-based artillery games to get any attention. This doesn't mean that there are not better games out there. "Worms 2" is one of those neglected games.

"Worms 2: Armageddon" is a great game.

As the name suggests, it is a sequel.

Team17, the small game studio that produced "Worms 2" released the first "Worms" in 1995. That is an eternity in the video game industry.

In 1995 the Internet was just becoming truly mainstream and smartphones didn't even exist.

Since then, Team17 has released a multitude of "Worms" games for different platforms, at least 20 titles at last count. This means they have had a ton of time to refine the genre.

"Worms" games are always fun to play.

The basic mechanics are like "Angry Birds" in that the game is 2D and you shoot something and try to hit something else, and there are cute characters involved.

"Worms 2" brings a lot more depth to the basic concept.

The worms in "Worms 2" have a multitude of weapons and powerups that make games like this fun.

The ability to create a team of worms and customize the gameplay sets the game apart.

Each player can customize the look and feel of a team of worms, and play single-player levels or play in multi-player networked games, or in hotseat mode with friends on a single phone or tablet.

This game is a great addition to a long series of solid games. The release of a "Worms" game on smartphones mean "Worms" is finally available on the platform that makes the most sense for a silly fast-paced game you can play with other people.

At \$1.99, this is affordable entertainment.

Rating: A+

—AMAR MOLINAS
WEBMASTER

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | Rolling Stones being introduced all over again to a new generation of listeners

Re-release of 'Sticky Fingers' a relevant idea

In 1971, the Rolling Stones released what was to be one of their greatest albums, "Sticky Fingers." Early editions of the LP even had a real functioning zipper, an idea rumored to be attributed to Andy Warhol himself, obvious sexual innuendo aside.

The album was released after the concert at Altamont, in which the Stones had tried to stage a free open-air concert intended to be a West Coast Woodstock, that took a turn for the worse when someone was killed while the Stones were playing, of all songs, "Sympathy for the Devil."

This year, the Stones decided to re-release the album on vinyl, CD and digital formats, and I was lucky enough not only to see them in concert playing all these songs, but also to have a friend send me the vinyl for my birthday.

On my particular stereo setup, the sound was a bit subdued and soft for some songs, but overall, was a spotless reproduction/remaster.

Everything is clear and the weight of the vinyl ensures there's no skipping.

As someone who knows the hits like "Brown Sugar"

and "Wild Horses," it was fun to explore some of the songs on this album that I hadn't heard before.

"Can't You Hear Me Knocking" is one of my new favorites, more for the first half than the Latin-themed second half though.

"Midnight Mile" is my far-and-away favorite from the album. The orchestral arrangement is something I haven't heard in many other Stones songs and is really kind of beautiful at the end.

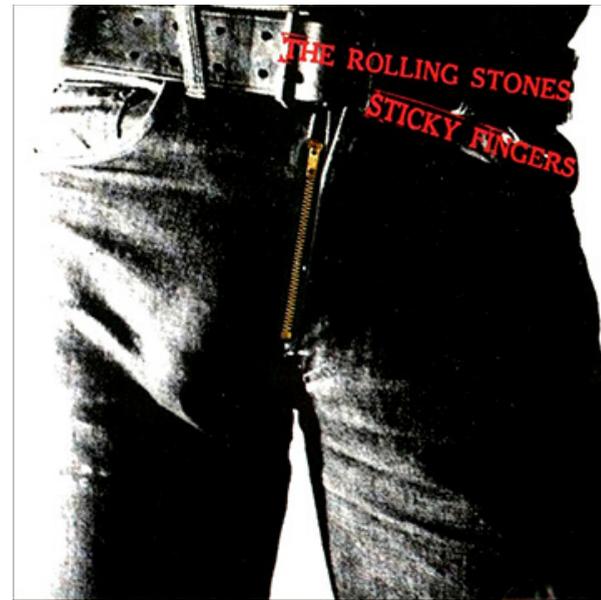
The real reason most fans will buy this album on digital format are the bonus tracks.

Not only is there a version of "Brown Sugar" with Eric Clapton accompanying, but also two excellent concert recordings from The Roundhouse in London, and one at Leeds University, the second of which has a great "Midnight Rambler."

Overall, it's a great album, a great sounding record with the right rig, and sometimes, it's not a bad thing to dig up the past and try to make it relevant again.

Rating: B

—SPENCER GRANT
SENIOR WRITER



MUSIC REVIEW | The Notionaries 'Brave with Wires' EP showcases their raw talent

Locally-based band has a feel-good vibe

Recently I went to a Sub-seven concert that featured opening bands Good Culture and the Notionaries. I had heard the bands play previously, but this concert took the cake.

I couldn't stop dancing to the raw talent that was coming through the speakers (though my sister begged me to stop).

The Notionaries' EP "Brave with Wires," was released in May and it didn't take long for me to hale "Excited Eyes" as my song for the summer.

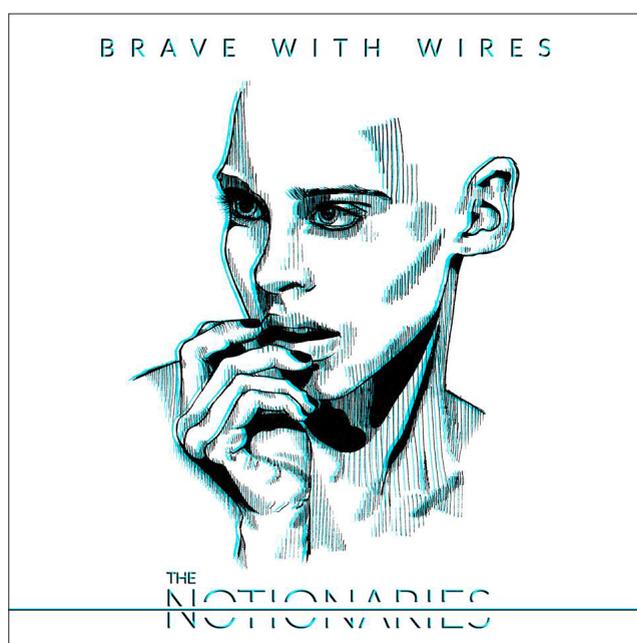
It begs the listener to live loud, to chase dreams and pursue adventure.

The EP sends a positive message about the excitement and uncertainty of living life freely.

The alternative rock band has a fresh, summery feel to it but is still heavily driven by Andrew Hise's energetic drum beats.

Logan Rine's electric guitar creates a breezy base to the songs and Lamar Fite's vocals lend a mellow balance to the electronic effects.

Loaded with funky melodies and catchy lyrics, it's an easygoing yet adventurous album. I love rolling down my car windows and jamming out to this CD.



The thunderous drumming on "Royal Ways" reminds me of the surfer scene (minus the sharks).

"Bandit" sets clever lyrics to the background of that '80s pop sound. It has a surreal, airy feel to it that I love. And I never tire of the bass-driven melody of "I'll Wait."

Every single track on "Live with Wires" begs to be blared out of yacht speakers in the middle of the ocean (or Oklahoma lake, I suppose). If only I had a yacht. The lyrics and musical vibes create peaceful yet energetic tones. It's feel-good music at its finest.

Fite also has released the song "Another Year" with his wife Ashley, creating a soft folk sound. Their voices blend beautifully together and when I listen to this song, I keep it on repeat.

The Notionaries are based out of Oklahoma City, so I hope to see more concerts soon.

Their melodies and vocals are a unique, winning sound. Snag their EP on iTunes or Amazon, or listen first on good ol' YouTube. You won't be disappointed!

Rating: A+

—DARLA KILHOFFER
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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Aug. 7
through Aug. 9

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1. Mission Impossible — Rogue Nation
2. Fantastic Four
3. The Gift
4. Vacation
5. Ant-Man
6. Minions
7. Ricki and the Flash
8. Trainwreck
9. Pixels
10. Southpaw
11. Shaun the Sheep
12. Inside Out
13. Jurassic World
14. (no listing)
15. Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F'
16. Paper Towns
17. Mr. Holmes
18. Irrational Man
19. Le Mirage
20. Spy

Students can access free help, services via labs

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OCCC has more than 10 labs and centers located around campus where students can study and improve their skills.

The Communication Lab is one. Located just outside of the General Dining Area, the lab's goal is to help OCCC students improve their literacy skills with the help of student workers in the lab, said Lab Supervisor Nicholas Webb.

Webb said it's important that students realize the lab is a tutoring service, not a proofreading service, meaning employees will go over a paper with a student but won't allow papers to be dropped off and picked up later.

He said students are often so discouraged about a class paper that is due that they consider dropping the class. "We're here to prevent that."

The lab also offers a Skype tutoring service, Echo 2.0. Webb said students can fill out a form at www.occc.edu/commlab/echo.html to access that service.

Webb said the lab provided services to 4,000 students last semester.

He said students can apply to be a tutor at the lab. Requirements are that the student made at least a B or above in English Comp classes and must also have good communication skills.

The Communications Lab hours for the fall semester are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Another helpful lab on campus is the Math Lab. Located on the second floor of the Science, Engineering and Math Center, the lab is free and serves as a supplement to math classes.

Christine Peck, Math Lab supervisor, said the lab is there to serve the students and is open 72 hours a week.

The lab provides calculator rentals to students, textbooks for every class in the lab, tutoring, and email and phone correspondence, Peck said.

"Tutoring someone with math is different than other subjects, so we also provide workshops to help with things like using graphing calculators," she said.

Students who would like to work in the lab need to have made a B or better in any math class offered from OCCC and also have good people skills, Peck said.

Math Lab hours for the fall semester are from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Also located in the SEM Center on the second floor, is the Biology Science Center.

Virginia Hovda, Biology Lab supervisor, said the lab provides models and supplemental lab activities for all science classes offered at OCCC with additional help provided by lab assistants. She said there are usually anywhere from 15 to 20 assistants employed in the lab.

The lab functions as an important place of study for students at the college, but also for online students who may have to participate in a supplemental lab there, Hovda said.

She said students are expected to know the rules of the lab prior to entering and are expected to be

timely with any appointments they make.

The Biology Science Center hours for the fall semester are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

OCCC students who need to use a computer or tablet to do homework or research can visit the Student Computer Center located on the third floor of the library.

Gary Dominguez, Student Computer Center Supervisor, said the main clientele are Information Technology majors, but said the area is open to all students with a valid OCCC student ID.

Dominguez said the lab is extremely accessible, staying open until 10:45 p.m. most nights.

He said the lab tries to keep up-to-date with industry standard computers. He said it houses a few special machines for graphics design students, including tablets with pens.

The lab has several printers, including color printers, which are exclusive to several courses because of the price required to replace a single cartridge.

There are few rules for the lab. No children, and no food or drink are two of the main ones, Dominguez said.

Student Computer Center hours for the fall semester are 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday.

The college also houses labs that are specific to certain majors.

For more information and a full listing of OCCC's labs and centers, visit www.occc.edu/academics/labs-and-centers.html.

Car fire, dog left in hot vehicle reported to campus cops

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Campus police responded to a number of reports recently including a vehicle fire and a dog left in a hot car.

A report of a car fire brought OCCC Officer Ronald Ventresca to Parking Lot A where he found an Oldsmobile with smoke coming out from under the hood the morning of July 14.

When Ventresca arrived, he said he noticed the vehicle smoking heavily. He approached student Justin Cheek, the person who had made the call to campus police. Cheek told Ventresca he noticed the smoke coming out of the vehicle after he had pulled into a nearby parking spot. Cheek also called the Oklahoma City Fire Department.

The report shows that firefighters were able to extinguish the fire. During that time, the owner of the car, student Adam Bilby, arrived at the scene. Bilby said the vehicle would be removed from the parking lot as soon as arrangements could be made with a salvage yard.

On July 15, at approximately 3:07 p.m., OCCC Officer Gordon Nelson was dispatched to parking lot A in response to a call of a dog left in a car.

Upon arriving at the scene, Nelson reported he found the vehicle, a red Chevrolet Tahoe, parked in the first handicapped spot with its windows rolled down two inches. Inside the vehicle was what appeared to be a small terrier. Nelson reported the temperature outside at the time was more than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Nelson told police dispatch to attempt to locate the owner of the vehicle. At approximately 3:21 p.m., a man approached Nelson and asked him what was wrong.

Nelson told the man that he was going to issue the man a citation for leaving his dog in the hot car and he would need his driver's license.

"So what? The windows are cracked," the man replied, according to the police report. When Nelson repeated his instructions, the man complied and said, "It's only a dog, man."

The man was identified by his State

driver's license as Mario Olguin. He was issued a citation for animal cruelty. Olguin signed the citation, received a copy and was released from the scene.

On July 16, at approximately 1:03 p.m., OCCC Officers Daniel Piazza and Gordon Nelson were dispatched to the Pioneer office in response to a call of trespassing.

They made contact with Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Austin, who told them a former student had entered the lab without permission and was using a student computer. Austin said the man had been told in the past he was not able to use the lab which can only be accessed by current OCCC students.

Piazza and Nelson informed the man he could only use the public computers in the library and Welcome Center. He was told if he was found in an OCCC lab again without permission, he would be removed from campus. The man then left the campus.

OCCC Officer Zachary Andrews responded to a call from the Visual and Performing Arts Center concerning the theft of school property at around 1:50

p.m. July 16.

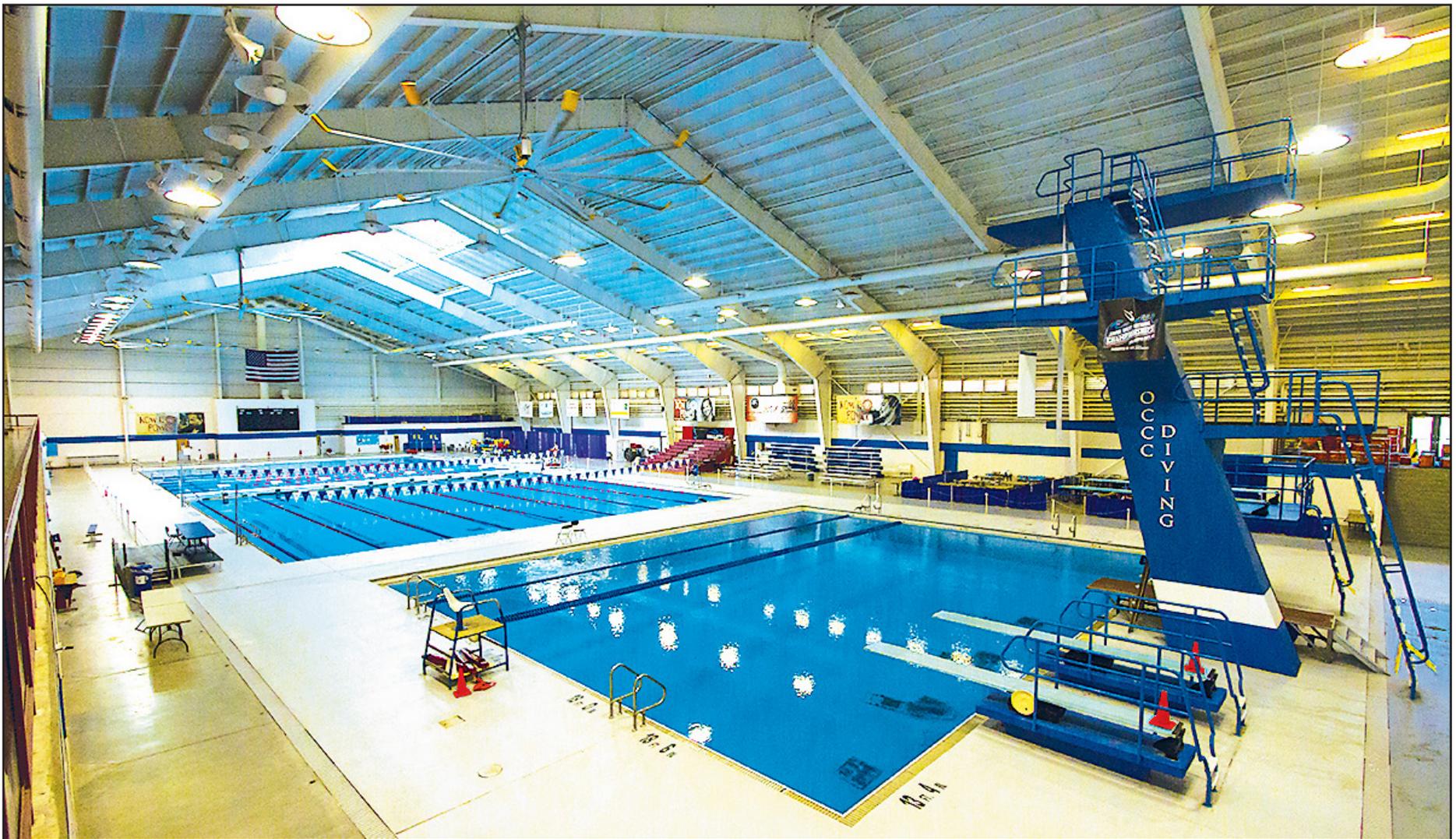
Cultural Programs Assistant Director Richard Charnay told Andrews a radio and its charging station had been stolen from his office. Charnay said he last saw the radio and charging station when he left for vacation on June 26.

The radio's distributor Bolay Mobilcom was provided with the model and serial numbers. The company said if the radio is ever serviced or turned in, OCCC would be notified. The value of the items are approximately \$218.

Some information was redacted from the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "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.



After 25 years of hosting swim meets, swimming classes and providing students with a place to get in a few laps, the Aquatic Center will close forever after Labor Day. *File Photo/Pioneer*

Aquatic Center closing for good after Labor Day

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After 25 years of hosting swim meets, swimming classes and providing students with a place to get in a few laps, the Aquatic Center will close its doors after Labor Day.

Lemuel Bardeguéz, Community Development Vice President, said although it was a difficult decision to make, he believes closing the Aquatic Center is a wise decision.

“To continue to keep it open would put such a burden on OCCC that it’s just not money well spent,” he said.

“First and foremost, we have to be good fiscal agents on the funding that we get.”

Last spring, the Pioneer reported that OCCC spends \$280,000 a year to maintain the center and it currently needs \$6 million in repairs.

Executive Vice President Steven Bloomberg said the Aquatic Center was built as the host site for the U.S. Olympic Swimming Festival.

“[It was] built in 1988. It was enclosed in 1989,” he said.

OCCC alone has been responsible for its upkeep since that time, Bloomberg said.

In an email sent out last spring, former OCCC President Paul Sechrist announced the closure. He said the decision was difficult based partly on the positive impact the Aquatic Center has brought to the community.

Bloomberg agrees. He said numerous community programs have taken place at the pool.

“... Our dive well — which is 18 1/2 feet deep at its deepest point — has been used to train divers for police departments, divers for military installations,” he said. “So it’s done a great service to the community

through those vehicles.”

Nursing major Naomi Jones said she liked swimming in the Aquatic Center pool.

“I enjoyed it,” she said. “I wasn’t able to go down there that much but it was nice. There was hardly anybody ever down there so I understand why they would close it.

“I was kind of sad when I got the email [regarding its closure] ...”

Michael Shugart, Recreation and Fitness Director, said he used to train for triathlons at the Aquatic Center.

He said when the Aquatic Center was first built it was “the only game in town.”

“We were the only place for people in Oklahoma to house their swim meets,” he said.

“When the news broke of them building this new swimming pool in Edmond — Mitch Park YMCA — a lot of our business left.”

Shugart said he is confident

that Edmond’s Mitch Park YMCA will be able to handle the business OCCC used to get.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan said a number of collegiate records were set in the Aquatic Center pool.

“I really enjoyed when we hosted the Mountain West swimming and diving,” he said.

“To see that caliber of swimmer here is something else.”

Bloomberg said, although many disagree with the closing, OCCC’s priority is its students.

“It was a very difficult decision but I will say this: the decision was made in the best interest of the students at Oklahoma City Community College ...,” he said.

He said the money saved from not having to pay for upkeep will be used to better serve students elsewhere.

Bloomberg said, as of now, it’s unknown how the space will be used.

For more information about the history of the Aquatic Center, visit the Pioneer Online at <http://pioneer.occc.edu> and use the search button at the top right.

AQUATIC CENTER TIMELINE:

Oct. 17, 1986: Oklahoma City is designated as the official site for the 1989 Olympic Festival.

Feb. 25, 1987: State Regents approve of changes to “OKCCC Master Plan” to include pool.

Feb. 1, 1988: Proposed start date for construction.

August 1988: Construction begins.

May 19, 1989: Filled with 664,000 gallons of water.

July 5, 1989: Aquatic Center complete.

July 14, 1989: OCCC President Kenneth Walker officially dedicates Aquatic Center.

July 18, 1989: Aquatic Center hosts U.S. Olympic Festival.

August 1989: Aquatic Center receives award during U.S. Olympic Festival.

1991: Aquatic Center enclosed.

Community benefited from Olympic-size pool



ABOVE: An area kayaking company uses OCCC's pool for practice and instruction. *File Photo/Pioneer*



ABOVE: The Olympic-size pool also boasted a diving well used in swim and dive competitions such as the NAIA meet. *File Photo/Pioneer*

BELOW LEFT: The Aquatic Center has hosted numerous meets over the years. *File Photo/Pioneer*



LEFT: Scuba diving instructors used the pool to train area police departments and military personnel. *File Photo/Pioneer*

BELOW: Special Olympics teams took advantage of having an Olympic-size pool in the community to use for swim competitions. *File Photo/Pioneer*



LEFT: A number of children learned to swim in OCCC's pool. *File Photo/Pioneer*

SPORTS



New digs: Aquatic Center employee Enrique Benitez does pullups in the newly expanded Wellness Center. “Since they’ve expanded, it will be like an actual gym,” he said. For more information about the area, contact Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-7860, or visit www.occc.edu/RF. Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

Intramural sports line-up set

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The beginning of the fall semester marks the beginning of a busy few months for OCCC intramural sports, said Sports and Recreation Specialist Matthew Wright.

This semester will include some repeat sports such as basketball and flag football, Wright said, but also will include indoor soccer — a change from outdoor soccer which has been played in the past — and pickleball.

Wright said students can take part in the following:

Flag Football: Flag football will be the first sport of the semester, starting at the beginning of September. It will be played Wednesday nights and Friday afternoons in the field behind the Aquatic Center.

Open Run Basketball: Open run basketball is a form of basketball tournament, which, Wright said, gives students opportunities to play on different teams each week if they want. Players don’t have to commit to one team for a season if they would miss some days.

5-v-5 Basketball Tournament: Wright said the basketball tournament will happen in December. Teams must register and compete in a bracket over a two-day span. The winning

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—MATTHEW WRIGHT
SPORTS AND RECREATION
SPECIALIST

team will receive IM Leagues T-shirts.

Volleyball: Volleyball will take place Monday and Tuesday nights, lasting through all of November, Wright said. With the expansion of the weight room onto the volleyball court, the volleyball court will be moved onto one of the basketball courts.

Ultimate Frisbee: Wright said he hopes to have ultimate Frisbee start just after the end of flag football. It will be on Monday nights on the flag football field.

Dodgeball: A dodgeball tournament will occur over a two-day span in the Wellness Center Gym, Wright said. The format will be similar to the basketball tournament.

Pickleball: Wright said pickleball also will be played in tournament format. It is a more casual and less labor intensive form of tennis, he said.

Indoor soccer: Indoor soccer will take place in the Wellness Center Gym, on the basketball court. Wright said he is waiting to confirm the dates until he has the appropriate goals to play indoors.

Wright said dodgeball and pickleball also do not have official start dates yet. All sports and times can be found on www.imleagues.com/occc.

“Sign-ups for all the intramurals will start on Monday, Aug. 17, when school starts up,” Wright said.

For more information, contact Wright at matthew.j.wright@occc.edu, or by calling the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-7860.

GETTING TO KNOW:

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Q: What is your job description?

A: “Running the Intramural program, overseeing all the youth leagues, any kind of ... events we have going on in the gym.”

Q: Have you held other sports jobs?

A: “I did an internship with the Tulsa Oilers hockey team. I also did an internship at the Virginia Beach Field House in Virginia Beach, Virginia.”

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: “Playing sports [and] watching sports. I have season tickets for [University of Oklahoma] football [and] basketball, Energy soccer, the Thunder. I go to a lot of sporting events and, of course, I watch a lot on TV.”

Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?

A: “Interacting with the students and the youth leagues. I enjoy being able to organize all of that, especially the youth leagues. Watching the kids progress as the season goes along [is] always amazing to me.”

Q: Are you currently involved in any sports teams or have you been in the past?

A: “I played soccer growing up [and] basketball growing up. I played high school baseball and I [currently] play indoor soccer on a rec league. I’ve been doing that for the last three years.”

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: For watching, [it] would definitely be football. But, I’ve been really enjoying playing soccer lately. While I was growing up, basketball was my favorite sport.

Q: Favorite sports teams?

A: “For football, college would obviously be OU. NFL would be Green Bay. For soccer, I like the U.S. national team. I always watch those games and then I’ll watch Chelsea in the premier league. Basketball would be the Thunder and baseball would be the Yankees.”

Parking: Arrive early, park in less-used lots to reduce stress

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Fitzpatrick said students who block traffic or other areas by parking in no-parking zones may risk being towed if they can't be located to move the vehicle.

"Every one of the parking places on campus has a lined spot, and there shouldn't be any conflict in their mind as to whether or not they're parking in a legitimate parking place."

Fitzpatrick said students also need to be aware of traffic laws such as one-way lanes.

"... People will be driving up and they'll see a spot open up, and they'll go the wrong way on a one-way," he said.

"They'll backtrack, they'll do something foolish to get that spot. Then, they wind up with a ticket and a moving violation."

Of the parking violations, Fitzpatrick said, parking in a handicapped spot is one of the least common he sees — likely because of its hefty fine.

"[The fine] can range anywhere from \$250 to \$500, depending on whether you get a city citation or a county citation," he said.

"If you get a campus ticket, it's \$100. It varies, dependent on who catches you. But if you're in the spot, and you don't have a tag like you're supposed to, you're going to get a ticket."

The cost of fines for all parking lot violations can be found on the OCCC Police Department's Traffic Parking brochure, available in the Police Station on the first floor of the Main Building or online at www.occc.edu/police/pdf/TrafficParkingBrochure.pdf.

To help ease parking confusion, Fitzpatrick said, students can follow @OCCCParking on Twitter. He said it is a valuable resource more students should take advantage of.

"We keep them up-to-date when the lots are full, so on their way here they can get an idea of what kind of luck they're going to have," he said.

"Compared to the number of students we have, there's not nearly that many people following the Twitter account."

He said he hopes resources such as the OCCC Parking Twitter account can remind students that OCCC has significant amounts of parking which goes unused.

"It seems that no matter how much [we] try to stress to [students] that there's ample parking in D lot, E lot, F lot, they still just drive around A, and C and B lot looking for parking places, when they could go around there, park and walk in," he said.

Fitzpatrick said it's much easier to find parking at the back of the college, near the VPAC Theater, "especially later in the morning and in the afternoon ..."

He said there are a number of places students can go to find more information about OCCC's parking places and procedures.

"You can go to the (college) webpage and pull up the campus map that tells you where the parking lots are," he said.

"In the Student Handbook, it discusses student parking and violations, and the processes if you want to contest a citation."

For more information, contact the OCCC Campus Police Department at 405-682-7872, visit www.occc.edu/police, or visit the office located on the first floor of the Main Building.

PARKING FINES

- Failure to stop at a stop sign: \$25
 - Going the wrong way on a one-way street: \$25
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- Call 7691 on any college phone or visit the police department in area 1L8 of the Main Building for:
- Assistance in unlocking a car.
 - Assistance in starting a car with a low battery.
 - Escorting individuals to or from the parking lots when requested.
 - Assist with or help find assistance for motorists having car trouble.

Advising: Conferring with a faculty adviser early on is best

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Hinton said that while both general advisers and students have a tendency to want to get basic courses out of the way, enrolling in major courses during freshman year gives students the chance to discover if their major is a good fit.

Ibanez said general advising should refer students to faculty advisers early on — especially

students who have questions about their degree fields.

Advising Director Tammy Madden agrees that would be preferable but said, early in the semester, advisers are swamped with just trying to get students enrolled.

"September and February are really the times we can sit down with [students] and do the career exploration and that discussion," she said.

"September's theme would be career exploration. The August theme is enrollment."

Hinton said many students would benefit from getting an academic adviser right away.

She said students who take their first major course during their freshman year increase their chances of advancing in that field early in their career.

There are many performance and intern opportunities that

require students to have basic skills first or, prerequisites, Hinton said.

"As you know, we hire our newspaper staff from our News Writing class.

"So if you're taking your News Writing class — which is a major requirement for journalism students — as a sophomore, then you don't have much time (left) to work at the student newspaper."

Ibanez said she wishes she had been told about faculty advisers earlier. She said general advisers should refer students who have questions about their degree fields or want additional guidance, to faculty advisers.

Madden said she hopes, in the near future, students will automatically be assigned a faculty adviser.

For more information about advising, call 405-682-7535.

Major: Advisers help students choose the best career paths

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The handbook allows students to compare their own similarities with workers in prospective job areas, Madden said. Advisers then connect that with possible major options.

Though OCCC may not have the degree plan a student may be looking for, Madden said, diversified studies degrees

can be designed to smoothly transition into a university's program. She gave an example.

"We don't offer anything outright that moves into the four-year meteorology program," Madden said.

"However, we do have a diversified studies degree. We have a template.

"We know what classes the meteorology program wants students to have in their first

two years."

Madden said students can obtain a school code from the advising office and visit www.oneonline.org on their own for career exploration, or they can visit a trained adviser who will help with the career assessment.

Madden said each major has a curriculum that is laid out, but the big question is how it will fit into each student's

individual life.

"Really, we just look at what would be the best strategy for you," she said.

For more information about career paths and degree options, call Academic Advising at 405-682-7535.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Finding the way: Tour guide Derek Scarsella leads a tour of students around campus on Aug. 5 as part of New Student Orientation. New Student Orientation is hosted by Student Life. The last New Student Orientation for fall is Aug. 15 during OCCC's Opening Day. For more information, call 405-682-7523 or visit www.occc.edu/StudentLife. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

Students wanted for play auditions

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Calling all actors!
The Oklahoma City Repertory Theatre (CityRep) will hold auditions for the productions “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” and “Avenue Q” in the Visual

and Performing Arts Theater on Aug. 22 and 23, said CityRep Business Manager Jon Haque.

Haque said “A Funny Thing” is being co-produced by City Rep and OCCC. Auditions will be held from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and from 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

He said through “great luck and knowing the right people,” they have signed Robert Picardo to play the lead in “A Funny Thing.”

While he has also been on Broadway, Picardo is most well-known for his role as Dr. Zimmerman in “Star Trek: Voyager,” Haque said. He said it’s a great opportunity to act alongside Picardo.

“He’s somebody that has the professional credit and the professional chops that we’re kind of really jazzed about,” Haque said.

According to www.cityrep.com, “A Funny Thing” portrays the slave Pseudolus as he helps his master, Hero, win the affections of Lady Philia in exchange

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—JON HAQUE
CITY REP BUSINESS MANAGER

for his freedom.
“A Funny Thing” will take place in the VPAC Theater with performances at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 through 22.

“Avenue Q” is on the other end of the spectrum, Haque said.

The musical uses puppets as it tells the tale of young college graduate Princeton, who moves to New York City and meets an array of characters while living in a shabby apartment, he said.

“To those people who are not in the musical theater realm, ‘Avenue Q’ was on Broadway and basically, it is the very adult version of ‘Sesame Street,’” he said.

“It’s crazy because the puppet, you know, is lifeless, but all of a sudden it has characteristics that are hilarious at that particular moment.

“Students, young performers, anybody who ever had the gumption to go and follow their dreams and stick it out — that’s what this show is about.”

“Avenue Q” will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 through Feb. 21, in the Freede Little Theatre located in the Civic Center Music Hall in downtown Oklahoma City.

Those auditioning must prepare 32 bars of an up-tempo song and have a ballad prepared. Auditions are by appointment only and can be made by calling OKC Repertory Theatre Artistic Associate Michael Jones at 405-410-8035. For more information, visit www.cityrep.com

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Student Life to host resource fair

Student Life will host a resource fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, and Tuesday, Aug. 18, in the General Dining Area lobby. This come-and-go fair will include booths from on-campus resources that students may find helpful, such as the Bursar’s office, Financial Aid and the Communications Lab. For more information, e-mail the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or call 405-682-7523.

Christmas Connection seeks volunteers

Christmas Connection is actively seeking students to volunteer during their August and September School Uniform Shopping Days. Christmas Connection serves local, low-income families by providing an environment in which they can shop for basic necessities, household items and clothing. Volunteers will help organize clothing, coordinate client clipboards and prepare receipts. To register for a 2- or 3-hour shift, contact Donna Robison at drobison@christmasconnection.org or call 405-634-2006, ext. 102.

Theater auditions being held Aug. 24 and 25

OCCC’s theater department is holding auditions for the production of “Aunt Dan and Lemon,” a novel by Wallace Shawn. Auditions are at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Bruce Owen Theater. “Aunt Dan and Lemon” takes us into the world of a young recluse named Lemon (alias Leonora) who spends her nights reading chronicles of Nazi atrocities. Lemon tells the audience about the overwhelming influence in her life of her parents’ friend Aunt Dan, an eccentric, passionate professor whose stories and seductive opinions enthrall Lemon from the time she is a young girl. No previous acting experience is necessary. The play will be performed on Oct. 1, 2 and 3. For more information, call Theater Professor Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246.

Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers to meet

The Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers club will host a Disbelief Discourse at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, in room 1C5 of the Main Building. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, email aaf@my.occc.edu or kgrayson@occc.edu.

Students can get fit for free during fall semester

Group Fitness Classes will continue during the fall and are free to all OCCC students with a valid OCCC ID. The Wellness Center fall hours are effective through Dec. 12. The weight and cardio rooms, and gym are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and closed on Sunday. For more information about any of these areas, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center office at 405-682-7860.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to editor@occc.edu or drop by the Pioneer office located in AH 1F2.

CLASSIFIEDS

Pioneer classified advertising is free to all enrolled OCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ad applications must be submitted with IDs supplied by 5 p.m. Fridays prior to the next publication date. For more information, call the Ad Manager at 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or e-mail adman@occc.edu.

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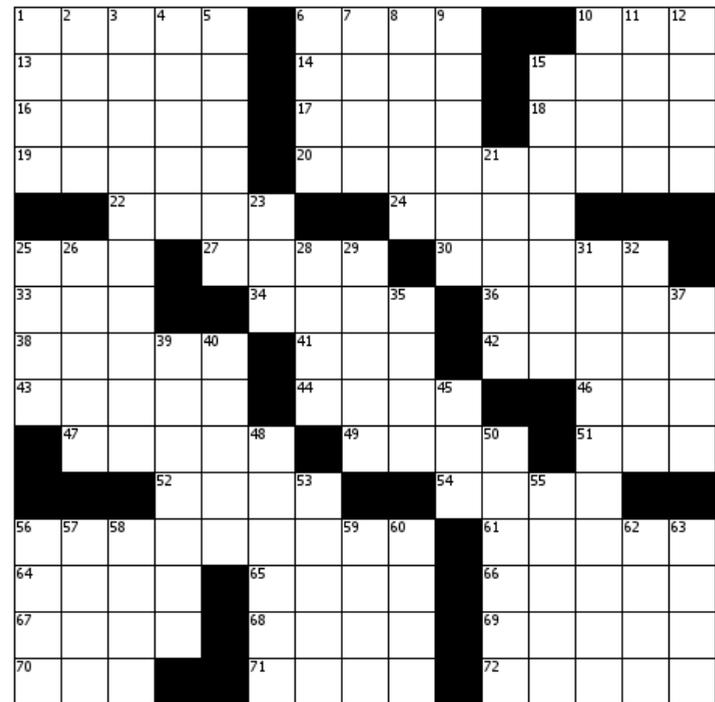
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47. Marsh bird
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54. Nevada city
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Pioneer Online undergoes major redesign

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Packed with streamlined panels that promote videos, podcasts and the latest campus news, the Pioneer's new website went live Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Pioneer Webmaster Amar Molinas and former Assistant Lab Director Ted Satterfield started working on the website redesign in April.

Satterfield said he and Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Austin felt the former site was outdated. Among other things, it wasn't mobile-friendly and listening to podcasts could be difficult, depending on the Internet browser used, he said.

"We couldn't embed YouTube videos without going through a ridiculous process."

Satterfield said the biggest decision he and Austin made was to move from the content-management system Joomla to Wordpress.

He said he had used Wordpress in the past and found it to be more user-friendly as well as a format where more images could be used.

"I think it's important to have multimedia," Satterfield said. "I think that's what readers and viewers expect now — not just text."

"They want photos and videos, infographics — things like that. I think it's important to have a variety of media."

Molinas, a computer science major, joined the team when it came time to actually start building

the new site.

He said when he and Satterfield began actual development of the new site, they were faced with the daunting task of transferring more than 4,000 stories from the old site to the new one — a task that Molinas said was huge both technically and logistically.

Satterfield agreed.

"We wanted everything that was on the Joomla site to be on the Wordpress site," he said. "Doing that migration was probably the biggest hurdle we had."

Despite that, Molinas said, he was happy to make the move. He said posting material on the old site was a messy process and certain features didn't always function correctly.

"Google Analytics didn't work so we couldn't get the best information about who was actually visiting the site."

Satterfield said although readers now have access to more, the display is not as cluttered.

"We have things set up according to category in a visually appealing way so that people can find things they are looking for," he said. "We have a lot more sections than we did before."

And, Molinas said, after a lot of tweaking, the new design also is mobile-friendly, as planned.

"The whole way that websites are designed now — like in the last five years — it's really gone from websites being designed for desktop PCs or maybe laptops, to websites being designed primarily for your phone," he said. "This design is much better — it's able to handle that."

Monica Gordon, political science major, said she had visited the former Pioneer website and felt it looked like a typical newspaper website.

"The [print newspaper] had better art — better pictures — so that's the one I went with more often," she said.

Satterfield said although the site is up, there will likely be bugs to fix as the semester progresses.

"When we finally went live, [Amar] pulled it up on his phone and the banner was messed up," Satterfield said.

"It's kind of funny because you look at it on the screen and it looks like it's adapting nicely but then it was messed up on the phone."

Molinas said, when developing software, it looks the same across most devices. But when it comes to websites, it's a different story.

"Because you're using different web browsers to look at pages, you never know for sure that you've got everybody seeing exactly what you're seeing, no matter how hard you work," he said. "That's a major engineering hurdle for websites."

Satterfield and Molinas have pulled up the new website on various browsers and devices, such as the iPhone, iMac, laptop and Android tablet.

"Now it's made for adapting to every device," Satterfield said. "I think the tablet view actually looks the best in my opinion."

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