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Pizza time

Addison, 6, enjoys a slice of pizza at the 35th annual of Arts Festival Oklahoma. Thousands attended the three-day event held during Labor Day weekend on OCCC grounds.

A variety of art, music, and food highlighted the event.

For more AFO information and photos, turn inside to pages 6 and 7.

KATIE THURMAN/
PIONEER

Summer College for Kids hits capacity

OCCC's popular youth program has no room for future expansion

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OCCC's Community Outreach and Education youth program, College for Kids, reached maximum enrollment capacity this summer, said Community Development Vice President Steven Bloomberg.

Bloomberg said the program reached a total headcount enrollment of 488 for the summer 2013 semester.

"Like college students, they go through and actually pick a schedule."

He said most of those students enrolled full-time and each one took an average of eight classes

bringing the total enrolled to 4,157.

"In 2010, we had about 1,800 duplicative enrollments," Bloomberg said. "We have more than doubled that amount of enrollment in a four-year span."

Bloomberg said the program offers 100 to 200 class sections.

"We operate just like the college does," Bloomberg said. "Once a class is full, it's full, so we don't over enroll."

"Sometimes we may go to a waiting list so if there is a cancellation, somebody else can take that spot," he said.

"Once we hit that maximum capacity, that section closes, then we go onto the next one. That closes, and once we're through the number of sections offered then we're essentially closed and we're at full occupancy."

Bloomberg said although the demand is there, there are no resources — such as available classrooms — to expand.

"At this juncture, without additional resources, it would be difficult for us to continue to see

the kind of growth that we have seen," he said.

Bloomberg said the program has introduced various new classes.

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Student Employment area wants to find a job for you

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Student Employment and Career Services is known for helping students find jobs on and off campus. What some students may not realize is the office provides much more.

Each semester, SECS presents a series of workshops designed to

help students in a wide variety of areas.

Writing résumés and cover letters, choosing a college major, applying for student jobs and finding internships are just a few areas that will be covered at the workshops this semester, said Director Debra Vaughn.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Writer says current situation similar to 2003 when U.S. went to war with Iraq

UN should handle Syria issue

America is in a bind of conflict right now; to be or not to be involved in Syria?

In a joint news conference in Stockholm, President Barack Obama asserted his authority to mobilize a limited military strike on Syria without congressional approval but said he is seeking congressional backing because he feels that it will have a better response.



**PARIS
BURRIS**

This would be in response to alleged chemical weapon use by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad against Syrian civilians.

Americans everywhere are divided on this issue.

While it is known that chemical weapons were undoubtedly used against civilians, the culprit behind the attack has not been proven.

The senseless death of innocent civilians is obviously heinous and violates long-standing norms.

The natural response is that we want to do something about this atrocity.

However, this might not be the best course of action on America's part, particularly when looking back at 2003 when the U.S. went to war with Iraq.

The U.S. went to war with Iraq on the basis that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction in their possession.

Two years later, the U.S. government declared that no weapons of mass destruction were found.

According to an article from the New York Daily News, the war left 4,500 U.S. troops dead, 32,000 wounded, and over 120,000 Iraqis killed.

It was all for nothing.

According to an NBC News article, a resolution authorized by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee "forbids Obama from using ground troops in Syria and allows the military response to last no longer than three months."

While the Obama administration claims that their intention is to avoid a long-term battle in Syria, the truth is, the possible outcome of a military strike in Syria is unpredictable.

How do we know what will happen upon carrying out this attack in Syria?

The answer is simple: nobody can know.

Former CIA National Intelligence Officer Paul Pillar said on the Diane Rehm show that he thinks the Obama administration has left many wondering, "Why does America want to get involved?"

It is not America's responsibility to fight another country's battles.

This is the United Nations' responsibility.



Former CIA station chief in Pakistan and former director of CIA's Counter Terrorism Center Robert Grenier said on the show that the Obama administration has been clear in their intentions — to negotiate a solution and not cause a complete collapse of the Assad regime.

Basically, the military strike is an attempt to punish Assad's use of chemical weapons.

But without unequivocal evidence, America may be inserting itself into a war that it cannot escape.

Thus, the U.S. would be repeating virtually the same mistake that was made in 2003 in Iraq.

The U.S. does not need to jump the gun — America can afford to wait, or let the UN handle the situation.

—**PARIS BURRIS**
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Whether smart or dumb, your devices can be configured to help

Set up your phone to work for you at convergence event

To the editor:

Thanks to my children, I have an iPhone — not the latest version that my 13-year-old grandson has, but a fine smart phone nonetheless. Shortly after receiving this device, I began to see I wasn't getting the full benefit.

At the conclusion of many college meetings, my colleagues would pull out their phones when we were choosing the next meeting date. The phone told them when they were free and when they had other commitments. I had to go back to my desk to look at my Outlook calendar on my desktop computer.

So I asked one of the techno whizzes how to get

my calendar on my phone — which he did in about two minutes, right then and there. That's not the last time I've sought help so I could do more with my electronic devices.

And this week those same skilled technicians are at your command, whether you are faculty or student.

Go to the Convergence Event on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 10 through 12, in the College Union and ask for help.

They want to help you with your phone, tablet or laptop, so you can use them to complete your course work with maximum efficiency.

They can help you set up your calendar, access your

college email, or go to your online class in Moodle — all on your smart phone. They can even tell you how to look for a job on campus or in the community by looking up the jobs website on your phone.

They also will point you to helpful apps that are good for students.

And even dumb phones can do some things — such as receive campus alerts in the event of an emergency.

The Convergence Event is on campus and free. Don't pass up this chance to get answers to your technology questions. You'll be glad you went.

—**SUE HINTON**

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

CONCERT REVIEW | Opening band energized crowd at area concert

Circa Survive owned Kattfest

Alice in Chains, Jane's Addiction, Coheed and Cambria, and Circa Survive rocked the main stage at this year's Kattfest, putting on one of the best shows I've seen.

Progressive rock band Circa Survive was the first band on the main stage. They were the main reason I was willing to splurge on a VIP ticket and they did not disappoint.

While they weren't the main attraction for the majority of Kattfest goers, their performance made the whole concert for me.

The band's music is diverse and definitely showed in this incredibly dynamic performance.

They started the show off right with their upbeat oldie-but-goodie "Oh, Hello" from their debut album, "Juturna."

Green pumped up the crowd with this fast-paced song and got to show off his ability to go from screaming to high notes like it's nothing.

The band kept up the pace going straight to "Sharp Practice" off of their newest self-released album, "Violent Waves" and then to another "Juturna" oldie, "Holding Someone's Hair Back" where Green's soul-splitting lyrics pierced the crowd in the best way.

The band kept up the energy by throwing it back to their older album, "On Letting Go" with "In the Morning and Amazing." The fast tempo and transitions provided the best sound to rock out to.

The band threw a curveball with their next song,



"The Lottery," which heightened Green's vocal abilities and stimulated the audience's every sense with its perfect mixture of dark, passionate and vibrant sound.

The band chilled things out a bit with "Brother Song," which focuses on intimate lyrics and spacey guitar riffs.

The band left the crowd pumped by finishing their set

with the appropriate both lyrically and rhythmically — in-your-face song "Get Out" from their third album "Blue Sky Noise."

The band's short, seven-song set left me wanting more yet very satisfied with the performance they put on.

Lead man Anthony Green gives his all when he is on stage. His high energy and free movement paired with his electrifying tenor voice is enough to make my heart skip a beat.

Bassist Nick Beard, guitarists Colin Francicetto and Brendan Ekstrom, and drummer Steve Clifford work together in such a way that their music just thunders off of the stage.

Circa Survive is a highly underrated band. Anyone who hasn't seen at least one show is missing out. I'm looking forward to my next opportunity to see Circa Survive live and highly anticipate their next album.

Rating: A+

—PARIS BURRIS
EDITOR

MUSIC REVIEW | NIN's 'Hesitation Marks' exceeds all expectations

Reznor nails ever evolving sound

Nine Inch Nails released their breathtaking eighth studio album "Hesitation Marks" Sept. 3 which was a relief to many fans due to the more than five-year wait. I myself wasn't worried because I know you can't rush the genius that is Trent Reznor.

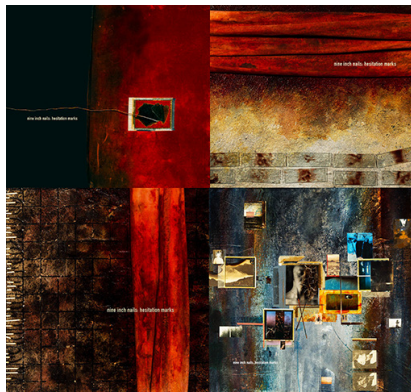
I indulged myself with the album set on repeat and became consumed by the music almost instantaneously. It is comforting to know that Reznor still pushes the musical envelope, and isn't afraid to cross the line and overstep compositional boundaries.

Reznor continues to challenge himself, yet retains his distinct style.

NIN is an ever-evolving organism. If fans want to keep up with the evolution of the band they need to adapt and overcome to appreciate them effectively.

I have heard mixed reviews about the album which came as no surprise.

Original NIN fans miss the more controversial and opinionated side of the band with their past songs like "Head Like a Hole" while new fans like the change



of pace after Reznor released the album "With Teeth" — an album influenced by his struggle with, and recovery from, alcoholism and substance abuse.

Since then, the NIN sound has teetered on the edge of mainstream. This album definitely seems like a return to form. I feel privileged to hear another one from NIN. I think it's tragic that fans can't see this album as a progression of the band and stop

constantly comparing it to earlier releases.

This album is well written and composed. It incorporates the perfect blend of new directions and old directions, sounds amazingly different yet extraordinarily familiar. It's evident that the band is different, yes, but still NIN.

I can't stress how important it is to listen to this album from start to finish to really appreciate its genius. It exceeds all expectations.

Rating: A+

—LORI VALENTINE
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JOB & CAREER POWER

Job-seeking help available to all students

Welcome to the fall 2013 semester. The office of Student Employment & Career Services is ready to help you decide on your college major and career field of entry, plus assist you with the job search process. I invite you to visit our website at www.occc.edu/es to view the multiple services we provide. Those are:

Kuder Journey for college students and adults: Kuder Journey provides a one-of-a-kind solution to help you plan for the right career. Based on your specific needs, this online program provides reliable tools to assess your interests, suggest education and career options, prepare you for the job search and connect you to today's jobs.

Student and Employer Job Board: This site offers an average of 250 jobs daily for your consideration. More than 3,800 OCCC students are currently using this program. To see the part-time, full-time and internship listings, register at www.collegecentral.com/occc. Students register with their 7-digit student ID number and alumni enter AL + the last 5 digits of their Social Security number. You may also upload your résumé to the job board for employer review.

Optimal Résumé: More than 9,000 students currently use this online program that helps write a professional job search résumé. Register at: <https://occc.optimalresume.com>. Students' access ID is your OCCC email address.

OCCC Job Fair & Health Job Fair: Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the College Union. Traditionally, between 3,500 to 4,000 job-seekers attend this event that is open to the public. More than 100 employers will participate with 70 from general employment groups and 30 from health-related institutions. No pre-registration is required for jobs-seekers. We recommend you dress professionally and bring extra copies of your résumé.

SE&CS is located in the Main Building on the first floor in room 1G7, next to Student Life.

Our office hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 405-682-7519 or email employmentservices@occc.edu

Have a great semester!

—DEBRA VAUGHN
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT & CAREER
SERVICES DIRECTOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | Zola Jesus remixes 10-song album into a masterpiece

‘Versions’ remaster brings all-new sound

Lovers of experimental indie-electronica be advised: if you’re not listening to Zola Jesus’ new album “Versions,” you’re missing out on something experimental and beautiful.

Zola Jesus is the stage name of Nika Roza Danilova. Despite the mysterious exoticism of her name, Danilova hails from Phoenix.

Her music, however, reflects every bit as much mystique and enchantment as such a name would lead you to believe.

I was thrilled when I found out Danilova would be releasing a new album.

Her last release, 2011’s “Conatus,” was beautiful and continued to mark the forward progression of her development as an artist.

Imagine my slight disappointment when I found out “Versions” wasn’t going to be an album full of new material.

Instead, the 10-song LP is a collection of remasterings of works from Danilova’s previous albums. All were reworked by Danilova herself and recorded with the New York-based Mivos Quartet.

Whatever gloominess I had felt when I found out the album was basically a glorified remix compilation dissipated as soon as I actually sat down to listen to the tracks.

Somehow Danilova found a way to make songs that

sounded great the first time around in their original form sound a million times better when re-recorded with a different range of instruments.

The string quartet, present on all 10 tracks of the album, adds a new dimension to Danilova’s already deeply emotional tracks.

“Versions” is somehow more emotional, more intimate than anything Danilova had released to this point.

The heightened instrumentation — while far less industrial and electronic than Danilova’s usual fare — provides a richness and tone that is ambient, haunting and beautiful.

While “Versions” doesn’t sound like Danilova’s previous work, the stripped-down approach provides an experience like no other.

Songs that were, in their original forms, powerhouses of synth and drum machines, sound like somber waltzes in their new form on “Versions.”

“Versions” is solemn and poignant and frankly, I think it’s the kind of music that Danilova should be making more of.

“Versions” is available on iTunes and in music stores near you.

Rating: A+

—KATIE THURMAN
SENIOR WRITER



TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Aug. 31 through Sept. 1
www.newyorktimes.com

BUSINESS REVIEW | Reviewer says shop gives you what you pay for — a good experience

23rd Street Body Piercing clean, pricey

This summer I made the decision to get my nose pierced. I had thought about getting it done for a couple of years but it was something I just never committed to.

While eating dinner with a friend one Friday night, I looked out the window and saw 23rd Street Body Piercing just across the road. I couldn’t resist any longer. We made our way across the street to get my spontaneous piercing.

I told the man at the desk what I wanted done, filled out the paperwork and picked out my jewelry. Within five minutes I was taken back into the room.

Everything was very sanitary. My piercer took time to show me where exactly it was going to go, how the procedure worked and let my friend give input as well.

Having had nearly a dozen ear piercings, I wasn’t nervous. But it was still nice that my piercer made small talk with me while he got things ready and made sure I was comfortable at all times.

The whole procedure took less than 10 minutes. Before I left, my piercer gave me instructions on how to keep my piercing clean and took time to ask if I had any questions. I was then sent off to admire my look.

23rd Street Body Piercing

Overall, my piercing experience from 23rd Street Body Piercing was great. I had received one other piercing from them before and my experience was just as good that time as it was now.

The only drawback is it can get pricey very quickly.

Although the cost of piercing my nose was \$25, I had to pay for the jewelry as well. I got the second smallest stud for sale and after leaving a tip for my piercer, I got out of there spending \$60 total.

There are cheaper places out there but in my experience, you get what you pay for.

The place was clean, friendly, and you get a private room as opposed to getting pierced out in public like some places do. Overall, the whole night was quick and painless.

I would definitely recommend 23rd Street Body Piercing for anyone who wants a quality piercing.

And, if piercings aren’t your thing, you could always go next door to their sister shop Atomic Lotus and get a tattoo.

Rating: B+

—ERIN PEDEN
ONLINE EDITOR

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2. *One Direction: This is Us*
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4. *Disney’s Planes*
5. *Hombre de Piedra*
6. *Elysium*
7. *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*
8. *The World’s End*
9. *Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*
10. *Getaway*
11. *Blue Jasmine*
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13. *Despicable Me 2*
14. *2 Guns*
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20. *Monsters University*

Energy experts bringing exhibit to OCCC Sept. 12

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OneOK and Oklahoma Natural Gas will present their “Powered By ONE” Mobile Unit to OCCC from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 in parking lot G. OCCC’s Engineering Club and auto tech program will sponsor the event.

The exhibit is a “53-foot, expandable trailer that travels the state sharing information about ONEOK, how it operates, its commitment to environment, safety, health, and other industry-related facts,” According to www.oneok.com.

Its features include “interactive displays and games designed to educate visitors about the benefits of natural gas and natural gas liquids.”

Alumni Relations and Community Development Coordinator Randy Cassimus said company representatives will be on hand to give tours and information on careers in the energy industry.

“They are going to have [speakers] from the company give a presentation to the Engineering Club to talk about the industry, employment, and other related topics,” Cassimus said.

Speakers will include Facilities and Fleet Management Director Steve Wood and Community Relations Representative Lynda Mobley.

Engineering club President Matthew Butzer said

having a guest speaker is a great way for engineering students to get a better grasp of their field.

“Every time we can have someone that has survived being an engineering major come and talk to the group we’re excited,” Butzer said.

“It’s a good chance for our students to hear advice on how they succeeded and what our students can do to succeed as well.

“Additionally, a lot of engineering students don’t have an accurate grasp on what their major will lead them into, and hearing from practicing engineers can help give them a better idea.”

Cassimus said this will be the first time OneOK has visited OCCC.

“What we’re trying to do is get ONG and OneOK to have more of a presence here on campus — to ... meet our students and to understand our engineering program or the auto tech program,” he said.

“Our idea is to get them on campus and get them face-to-face with our students.”

OneOK Executive Director Terri Pirtle said she hopes the event will help educate and answer questions students may have about the industry.

“We want to educate students about what we do in the energy industry and share with them our values, ethics, background, and the kind of people we are,” Pirtle said.

“We want to educate students about what we do in the energy industry.”
—TERRI PIRTLE
ONEOK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“We have a long-standing relationship with OCCC and we are always looking for recruitment and educational opportunities.”

For more information on the event, contact Cassimus at 405-682-1611, ext. 7478, or john.r.cassimus@occc.edu. You can also visit www.oneok.com.



Student Employment & Career Services 

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Tuesday, September 10


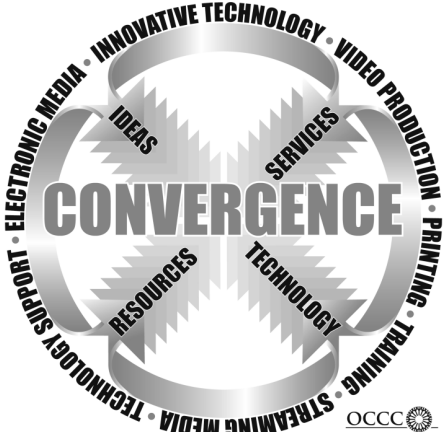
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11 a.m. How Student Employment & Career Services can help you!	11:30 a.m. SharePoint - working with team sites
Noon The wonder of webmail	
1 p.m. Apps for students	1:30 p.m. Bring Your Own Device/iPads - faculty
2 p.m. Securing your computer	2:30 p.m. Colleague UI tips
3 p.m. Read & Write Gold and Smartpens	

CONVERGENCE 2013 College Union Rooms 1, 2, & 3

**Explore, learn, collaborate
& receive assistance during
the Resource Fair**

Wednesday, Sept. 11 Noon — 4 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 12 9 a.m.— 1 p.m.
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College Union Rooms 1, 2, & 3



Arts Festival Oklahoma draws 18,000

Approximately 18,000 people attended the 35th annual Arts Festival Oklahoma held on the OCCC campus over Labor Day weekend, said Cultural Programs Director Lemuel Bardeguez.

Bardeguez said this year's festival has been one of the most successful.

"I've been doing this arts festival for five years and of all the years that I have been directing it, I felt this year was the one that ran the smoothest," he said. "It was really great. It was executed very well by all of the volunteers and all the committee chairs. I felt that the patrons, artists, vendors, and performing artists all [were] very pleased with the experience."

Institutional Advancement Executive Director Lealon Taylor said everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

"People were excited about the arts festival," he said. "Being in its 35th year, we had large crowds, certainly on Sunday and Monday. It looked to me that people were buying art and enjoying some good food."

The festival featured nearly 25 musical acts including the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and nearly 15 food vendors with a variety of food including Indian tacos, cheesecake on a stick and other festival favorites.

More than 100 chosen artists displayed art including swatch paintings, photography, blown glass and more.

—PARIS BURRIS
EDITOR



PARIS BURRIS/PIONEER

An Arts Festival Oklahoma guest checks out Rebecca Mannschreck's art display.



KATIE THURMAN/PIONEER

Kendal, left, and Anna, right, pose for caricature artist Robert Lange at Arts Festival Oklahoma, held over the Labor Day weekend. Lange was one of more than 100 artists from around the country who had a booth at the event.

Three days of art, food, music, fun



KATIE THURMAN//PIONEER

John Taylor and The Rooftop Dogs, play for the Arts Festival Oklahoma crowd. Members of the band are: from left, John Taylor, Mandy Brixey, Wayne Duncan, Brent Saulsbury and Matt Cottrell.



KATIE THURMAN//PIONEER

Drew, 6, chows down on a footlong corndog from Circle J Concessions, one of the many food vendors at the 35th anniversary of Arts Festival Oklahoma.



KATIE THURMAN//PIONEER

Above: Glass ornaments adorn a tent at Arts Festival Oklahoma. The artist Connie Christopher is from Guthrie.



Left: Artist Dennis Thompson displays his work at AFO.

Thompson, owner of Snobhog Studio in Branson, said he has been making art for more than 40 years.

"I've always had a thing for paleontology and every culture shows ancient dragons."

GRANT VANWINKLE//PIONEER

SPORTS

Intramural sign-ups



GRANT VANWINKLE/PIONEER

Intramural Sports Assistant Matthew Wright staffs a table at sign-up day for intramural flag football and club football. Students interested in joining either team or a variety of other Intramural sports should visit www.imleague.com/OCCC. Participation is free for league play but club play costs \$25.

SPORTS | Players will travel to Fayetteville in October for a tournament

Football Club needs players

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Students interested in playing in a flag football tournament in Arkansas at the end of the season and also participate in intramural football on campus should sign up for the football club, said Matthew Wright, intramural sports assistant. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 25.

"We are looking for 10 or 11 students ...," he said.

Wright said the flag football club is for students only who are enrolled in six or more credit hours. The club fee is \$25 and covers tournament costs. Students can register at www.imleague.com/OCCC.

"The club will play in a tournament in the end of October and the league NIRSA (National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association) has a rule that only students are allowed to play."

Wright said the students in the football club also will play with the intramural flag football league on campus.

"I want them to play with the intramural league so they can get used to each other and play like an actual team, so when we get to the tournament they can play their best."

The league will play by NIRSA rules, he said. Games will be played on Wednesdays starting at 4 p.m. and ending by

7 p.m.

Wright said the tournament is held each year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He said this year's tournament will be held from Friday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Oct. 27.

"Transportation will be provided to and from Arkansas," Wright said.

"We will be taking a school van to the university."

However, he said, lodging costs are up to the individual. Wright said the team will be staying in a hotel somewhere near the university.

"Last year four of the guys split a room which cost around \$60 for the three days they were there," he said.

He said students also would need to pay for their own food.

Political Science major Krewn Garrett said he started playing last year.

"I joined because I wanted to keep my skills up and when I transfer, I want to walk on ... to the University of Central Oklahoma or Northeastern State University," Garrett said.

Garrett said he played wide receiver last year. He said his favorite part of the season was going up to Arkansas to play in the tournament.

For more information, visit the Recreation and Fitness office located on the first floor of the Main Building or contact Wright at 405-682-7860.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **OCCC's club soccer** is forming now for team play which will take place over the next three months. Students interested in playing need to be enrolled at OCCC. Students interested in playing for the OCCC soccer should contact Coach K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

- **Through Sept. 25:**

Sign up for intramural flag football at www.imleague.com/OCCC.

- **Sept. 20: Coed Volleyball:**

Registration due with payment for fall coed volleyball recreational league for men and women 18 and up. League play begins Sept. 23. Games are at 6:30 p.m. each Monday. Each team will play 12 games plus tournament. League fees are \$230 per team with a roster limit of 12. Payment can be made in the Recreation and Fitness office on the first floor of the Main Building or by calling 405-682-7860. Cash, check, credit or debit cards accepted.

- **Fall semester:**

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



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Kids: College for Kids introduction to higher education

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"We offered film and video production, we offered a cyber camp that dealt with cyber security, Lego robotics, weather camp and wildlife adventure," he said.

Thirty-two students in grades six through eight enrolled in the Musical Theater Academy, Bloomberg said. Another 29 students in grades one through three, and 15 in grades four through five enrolled in musical theater camps.

The Recreation and Fitness side of the youth programs decreased slightly from last year, he said.

"In 2012, we had 2,235 enrollments and in summer 2013, after cancellations, we had 2,231," he said.

"Our Recreation Youth Program has more room to go because obviously we have our fields outside and we have the gymnasium.

"The biggest issue for us was cancellations due to the storm which was about 266 cancellations from the May 31 storm. So we still have some capacity in Recreation and Fitness."

Bloomberg said the Recreation and Fitness youth program differentiates from College for Kids.

"We have football, soccer, cheerleading, swimming, so it's a very active-oriented programming," he said. "We get students out and about, increasing their activity level. That's really of the goal of Recreation and Fitness — sort of the healthy lifestyle concept."

Bloomberg said he predicts the youth programs

will have a similar turnout next year.

"I would say that we will be, at a very minimum, at the same level that we are now," he said.

And, for the first time, he said, feedback was introduced.

"This is the first time we've introduce a qualitative measure to get feedback from parents, guardians, grandparents, whomever it may be," Bloomberg said. "It's always important to get that feedback."

"A little over 88 percent of those surveyed indicated that they would recommend College for Kids to a relative or friend. So those are the things that we obviously want to see."

Bloomberg said 80 percent of responses rated classroom quality as good or excellent, 85.5 percent rated facilities as good or excellent, and 83.5 percent rated overall program as good or excellent.

The programs are a great source of revenue to the college, Bloomberg said.

The program brought in a significantly higher net revenue than last year, he said.

"After all expenditures were paid, the net revenue was \$18,660."

Bloomberg said everyone benefits from College for Kids.

"Both of these programs are really important to us as an institution because they're really intended to expose youth at an early age to Oklahoma City Community College — sort of college awareness.

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—STEVE BLOOMBERG

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT

"Our hope is, the sooner and the younger we expose them to this, the more comfortable they are with the concept that, 'I can go to college.'"

Bloomberg said most of the programs are offered in the summer.

"We do offer some programming throughout the year for youth but the majority — 90 plus percent — takes place in the summertime," Bloomberg said.

"Every summer we offer different programming, different times, we introduce new subjects," he said. "Every term that we offer these programs, they would need to re-enroll just like a college student would."

Bloomberg said enrollment for next year will open prior to summer.

"We typically get our schedule out by late April, so we start enrolling by early May."

For more information, call Bloomberg at 405-682-7814.

SECS: Workshops, job searches open to all students

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Vaughn said students can expect individual interaction when they attend a workshop.

"These workshops are a little different from other workshops which are normally a speaker and a presentation to a group of people," she said.

"Here, when they come in, they will work with someone one-on-one on that topic."

Vaughn said the workshops are held at 12:30 p.m. on various Thursdays throughout the semester; however, students are welcome to drop in for help at any time.

"We don't want students to worry about the time frame," she said. "If they need to come in a little bit early or a little later, that's fine," she said. "This is just to let people know this topic is available here in this office."

Vaughn said the workshops are open to current students as well as alumni.

One of the most attended workshops is "Writing Résumés and Cover Letters," she said.

Business major Roman Alcantara said he attended the workshop as a requirement for his Success in College and Life class.

"I went to a workshop for my SCL class but I ended up going back and using the Student Employment and Career Services again for my résumé after the class was over," he said.

Vaughn said students can print up to 10 résumés a day, 20 a week, or 30 a month on professional

résumé paper.

Another workshop offered is the Job Board Registration. Vaughn said students who attend this workshop will find out how to register and begin searching through current available job listings. She said more than 2,000 employers are registered through the site and nearly 300 jobs are currently listed.

"I think it's a compliment to our OCCC population that employers want to interview them and consider them as candidates for their jobs," Vaughn said.

"If a student wants help applying for a job, we will do that as well."

Vaughn said the series of SECS workshops change depending on the semester but she wants students to know they are always open to suggestions for new workshops.

"We always listen to the students when they say 'I wish I knew more about that' and we use that feedback to help us in future planning," she said. "We want to listen to the students and give them information they need."

Child development major Kasey Aufiero said she was not aware of the services SECS offers but is interested in checking them out.

"I think I would really like to attend a workshop in the future because I feel like those are all subjects I could benefit from learning more about," Aufiero said.

Vaughn said students can drop by with their questions.

"Anything job or career related, we want students

to come to us," she said.

"We have lots of answers and if there's ever something we need to find more about, we want to be advocates for the students so they know they're not doing this alone."

"We think these workshops make students more knowledgeable, they grow professionally and by doing those things, they become stronger candidates for the workforce," she said.

"We hope we're part of the journey of success for them."

For more information on SECS workshops, visit www.occc.edu/es/ or go by the office located on the first floor in the Main Building next to Student Life.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Saving lives

Undecided major Kathryn Morman donates blood at the Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive Sept. 4 in the College Union. For information on where to give blood and who is eligible, visit www.obl.com.

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COMMUNITY | OCCC counselor hopes to reach out to those in need

Events to cover suicide awareness

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By the time you finish reading this page, someone in the U.S. will likely have committed suicide.

An average of one person dies by suicide every 16.2 minutes, according to www.save.org.

And, suicide is the third leading cause of death among college students.

Student Support Services Counselor Jenna Howard said she hopes to bring more awareness to the subject during Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week. Events are being held on campus Sept. 10 and 11, she said.

"With increased awareness of the issues that can lead to suicide, we as a campus can support each other, and connect friends and family who need help in hopes to prevent suicide," Howard said.

"The belief is that when people are educated about suicide and how to help others, we will save lives."

Howard said a table with information on mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and other conditions will be set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days near the Communication Lab on the first floor of the Main Building.

"On Tuesday, Sept. 10, we will have a 'Save a Life' brown bag (luncheon) to teach people how to recognize signs of depression and other conditions that can lead to suicide."

Howard said it's important for those at the college level to recognize the signs of suicidal thoughts in order to know when to reach out for help.

She said the Oklahoma State Board of Regents received a grant to train mental health counselors on every campus in Oklahoma to teach QPR — Question, Persuade, and Refer — or Save a Life.

"It was started by a student who had a heart to reach out to his fellow classmates to save lives," she said.

"If we learn how to help, we may be able to help save a life."

"Every person is extremely valuable."

Howard said the event is held twice a year. She said past events have been a success.

Howard said she hopes to build a community safety net, where people can learn how to recognize when a friend, classmate or family member is in a suicidal crisis, reach out to them and connect them to help.

"We have had students come to the counseling office after learning about these issues to get help for themselves or others," she said.

"My hope is to provide more support to help people here on campus know that we care about them."

For more information, contact Howard at 405-682-1611, ext. 7621, or call Student Support Services at 405-682-7520.

If you or anyone you know needs help now, call the Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255 or visit the Student Support Services office located in 1F8 on the first floor of the Main Building.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

International Student Association meets Sept. 12

Join the International Student Association for lunch at their first club meeting of the semester from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center in room 122.

OCCC to offer pharmacy tech class

Pharmacy Technician I: Basic Prescriptions & Dispensing courses will be offered Sept. 16 through Nov. 13 on campus. Cost for the course is \$480, which includes 36 hours of instruction and two textbooks approved by the American Pharmacists Association. For more information or enrollment, contact the OCCC Professional Development Institute at 405-682-7856 or visit occc.edu/pdi/pharmacy.

Invitation extended for coffee and a film on Sept. 17

Students can participate in a special screening and Q&A session over the documentary "333: Peace through Dialogue and Lessons from Timbuktu" from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, in CU3 with Producer Michael D. Covitt. "333" explores the University of Timbuktu and the various aspects of a nation's historic success in conflict resolution. For more information, call Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Fundamentals of project management offered

The Professional Development Institute at OCCC will present "Fundamentals of Project Management," from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in the John Massey Center room JMC131. The program will focus on three key areas of project management: knowledge, skills and abilities. Participants also will learn how to define project and project management, how to analyze and prioritize phases of a project and how to implement, control and deliver a project within scope and budget. Cost for the program is \$95 and seating is limited. To register, or for more information, please contact Francine Gissy at fgissy@occc.edu, or at 405-682-7856.

Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road, Sept. 24

The first show of OCCC's Cultural Arts Series season is at 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 24, in the Bruce Owen Theater. With an eclectic musical style ranging from blues to bluegrass, gypsy jazz to western swing, country, rock and gospel, Horseshoe Road blends them into an earthy genre of music they call Heartland Acoustic. Tickets are \$10 to \$20. To purchase tickets, visit www.occc.edu/tickets or call 405-682-7579.

College gives fall loan disbursement dates

Fall loan disbursements are: Friday, Sept. 6; Wednesday, Sept. 11; Friday, Sept. 13; Wednesday, Sept. 18; Friday, Sept. 20, and Wednesday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 405-682-7525.

Take a walk with Phi Theta Kappa

PTK members invite students to meet for a walk at noon every Thursday in the main lobby near Admissions on the first floor of the Main Building.

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR SALE: Women's professional dresses and suits. Sizes 18W, 20W, and 22W. \$10 per item or two for \$15. Text 405-245-7319 for pics or more info.

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FOR SALE: Little Tykes playhouse, \$100; Little Tykes wagon \$30; Little Tykes pool with water fountain, \$60; Little Tykes picnic table, \$30. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

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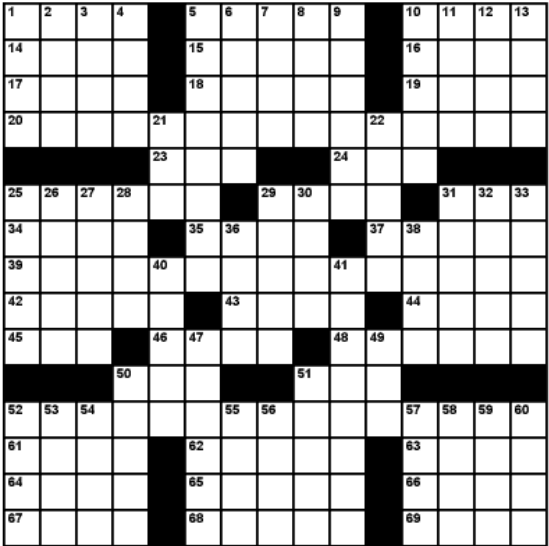
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THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

'Sin City' Crossword by Dave Fisher

- Across**
1. Dick's dog
5. Delineate
10. Store
14. VIP transport
15. Large bird
16. Unconscious state
17. ___ time (never)
18. Thomas Stearns ___
19. Candid
20. Hawaiian abduction
23. Global sports org.
24. Anger
25. Mend
29. Head light
31. Container
34. Organic compound
35. Nice summer month
37. Callow
39. Alabama homicide
42. Rendezvous
43. Daniel's music maker
44. Spock's distinguishing features
45. Drench
46. Sorrels
48. Reproductive cell
50. Mayo to mayo
51. Slip
52. Indian seizure
61. Eager
62. Cherished
63. Olfactory sensation
64. Where the farmer is
65. Flat out
66. Sister and wife of Zeus
67. Put in a stake
68. Lets
69. Shish kebab option

- Down**
1. Chopped cabbage
2. Gyro
3. Present opener
4. Claimed
5. Islamic bible
6. Keepsake
7. Dry
8. Rocky was one
9. Require
10. Hunter's aid
11. Native of Arizona
12. Sign
13. Twinge
21. Davis Love letters
22. Tine
25. Musical notations
26. Chilly time in Chihuahua
27. Coral, e.g.
28. Handout
29. Polynesian rain dances
30. Rose oil
31. Curriculum ___




32. Head off
33. Laconic
36. Author Davidson ("The Best Of Enemies")
38. Attention getter
40. Expiate
41. Programmer's offerings
47. Arrest
49. Part of a circle
50. Confuse
51. Throw out
52. Nothing in Navarone
53. Tied
54. Sag
55. Bob
56. Famous dog watcher Pavlov
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Different generations recall Sept. 11



"I was at work and we had a television in the office. All of a sudden it came over on the television that the airplanes had gone into the buildings. About 10 minutes later my son called and said that he was fixing to go down to enlist and asked how I'd feel about it. I told him 'it's not my decision, it's your decision, but before you do it you're going to have to really, really think hard about it to see if this is what you want because it'll probably change your life.'"

— Elaine Tharp
Pre-law major, 65

"I was about 7. I remember my mom checked me out of school and it was kind of like mass chaos. I remember seeing stuff on television but I never really understood exactly what had happened or anything until later. I remember seeing a lot of people upset. It's one of those things that you always remember and think about."

— Kasilyn Price
Nursing major, 19



"I remember I was at work when I found out about the attack. I was still in the Air Force when I saw the planes hitting the towers on television. I saw the first one and thought it was possibly an accident. When I saw the second one, I thought that there was no way it could be an accident. Shortly after that, our commander took us aside and let us know what was going on. I just remember having a feeling of disbelief."

— Michael Ritchey
Computer Science major, 46



Commercial airplanes crash into the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001, killing 2,606 people. Another 371 people died in related incidents at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and at a remote site in Shankville, Penn. The day's events have been labeled terrorists attacks.

Photos by Paris Burris and Katie Thurman

Events, charities, websites help healing process

This year marks the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy. A number of events and charities are in place that allow individuals to get involved in commemoration, volunteer work and donations related to the event.

OKC 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

At 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 343 firefighters will climb 110 floors at 120 N Robinson in downtown Oklahoma City to honor the FDNY 343 (New York City firefighters) and to commit to the promise of "Never Forget." All proceeds will benefit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and FDNY. Registration for firefighters is \$25. To donate, register or volunteer, visit www.okcstairclimb.com.

Tuesday's Children

Tuesday's Children serves those directly impacted by the events of Sept. 11 — children, families, 9/11 responders — through life-changing programs and services. They link families who have had similar experiences for "a profound and positive impact on their collective healing." To get involved, visit www.tuesdayschildren.org.

911day.org

Visit www.911day.org to pledge to do good deeds on Sept. 11 and beyond. The site provides a search feature that allows visitors to look up volunteer opportunities in their area.

Fealgood Foundation

The primary mission of the FealGood Foundation is to assist First Responders or any individual who may have been injured, physically or mentally, as a direct result of their rescue, recovery and clean up efforts at the World Trade Center site following the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy. To get involved, visit www.fealgoodfoundation.com.

Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warriors is a nationwide organization that provides assistance to thousands of returning injured soldiers and their families through direct programs and services that meet their needs. To get involved, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.