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Breakdancing workout

Student Evan Losanes demonstrates breakdancing in the OCCC gym. Losanes said he breakdances every day, sometimes alone, sometimes with a couple of friends, but always for fun.

Losanes said anyone is welcome to join his unofficial group.

"I really want people to join up with me," he said. "If someone is inexperienced, I'd be willing to teach them some basic moves."

Those wanting to join Losanes can show up at the gym between noon and 2 p.m. most weekdays, or contact him at 469-338-2248 or email evan.l.losanes@my.occc.edu.

According to www.fitnessblender.com breakdancing can require a great deal of strength and agility, as some of the moves require impressive poses holding one's own body weight. We estimate that break dancing burns 400 to 650 calories per hour.

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OCCC cuts back to make up lost revenue

President, VP bring regents current on OCCC's budget

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Filling a \$1 million hole in this year's budget has required the college to cut back its spending, according to a report given to the Board of Regents at its Jan. 27 meeting on campus.

"We have approximately \$1 million less in revenue but by the same token, we've spent approximately \$1.8 million less in

expenditures," said John Boyd, vice president for Business and Finance.

Boyd told regents a net margin of \$810,431 was achieved by spending only \$4,251,030 out of the \$5,061,461 in projected revenue from the auxiliary budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through Dec. 31.

The auxiliary budget includes revenue from student fees, the bookstore, and recreation and fitness.

Student fees are at 87 percent of the estimated revenue the college expected to receive when the budget was finalized last spring.

In addition to the auxiliary budget, the college has its Educational and General budget, where most of its money is deposited.

The four main sources of revenue at OCCC are funds from the state of Oklahoma,

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Four-day technology event to start Feb. 24

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Students who are interested in all things technical will have a chance to get up close and

personal with that passion for four days in February when the college hosts Convergence, said Technology Support Services Director Tim Whisenhunt.

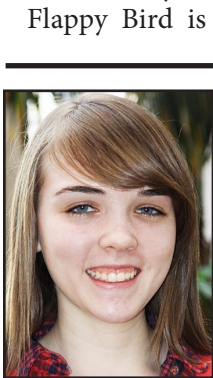
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OPINION

EDITORIAL | People spend too much time playing games and checking their email

Turn off your phone, start living life

It seems as though one thing has been prominent on my Twitter, Facebook and even Instagram feed lately. No, it's not any of the latest news. It's Flappy Bird.



LAUREN DANIEL

Flappy Bird is an iPhone and Android game where the user taps the screen to make a bird with tiny wings fly between tubes. Flappy Bird is being hyped right now, much like Candy Crush was about three months ago.

Sure, Candy Crush and Flappy Bird are fun but the hype surrounding these games highlight a big problem — Americans are addicted to their phones and it's apparent in every aspect of our lives.

We are constantly using social networks, playing games, texting and checking email. Without our phones, we wouldn't know what to do with ourselves.

I am just as guilty as the next person. I check my social networks more times than I can count every day. I'm always texting, snapchatting, taking a picture.

It's something that has become too natural and no one seems to recognize the effects that it is having on society.

Deep down, we all know that we could make it without our phones but none of us want to accept it. I will admit that mine is definitely my best friend and quite possibly my life.

At this point, you're probably thinking I have issues but I guarantee that you, my friend, are the exact same way.

According to Time's Mobility Poll conducted in 2013, 29 percent of people in the U.S. said their phone is the first and last thing they look at every day with 68 percent admitting their phones are next to their bed when they sleep.

The poll shows that 38 percent check their phone a few times a day.

Of those polled, 34 percent said they could only go a few hours without their phones and 84 percent said they couldn't go a single day without their phones.

Life doesn't stop just because we are engrossed in the latest game.

You can miss so many memories, experiences and moments by caring more about what is on your screen



than about what is right in front of you. Observe when you use your phone and what apps you use the most. Then, try setting aside time each day where your phone is turned off or is out of reach. Try to increase the amount of time you do this each day. Delete apps that seem to be taking up your valuable time or that you check more often than you should. Next time you are tempted to spend time on your phone, consider what you could spend time doing instead.

—LAUREN DANIEL
EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Tips given for those who may be contagious

American Red Cross recommends everyone get flu shot

To the Editor:

Flu season is here and more and more people across the country are getting sick. The American Red Cross urges people to get vaccinated now and offers tips everyone can follow to help prevent the spread of the flu.

The most important step someone can take is to get a flu vaccine. The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months of age and older. Other steps people can take to help prevent the spread of the flu virus:

- Stay home if sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away after use. If that's not possible, cough or sneeze into the elbow, not the hands. People with the flu

can spread it to others about six feet away through coughs and sneezes.

- Wash hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand-rub.

- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth. "If someone has the flu they should avoid contact with others as much as possible," said Regional Spokesperson Ken Garcia. "Everyone should also disinfect surfaces used commonly such as door knobs, switches, phones, computers and remote controls."

The common signs of influenza are high fever, severe body aches, headache, being extremely tired, sore throat, cough, runny or stuffy nose, and vomiting and/or diarrhea. If someone thinks they have the flu, their health-care provider should be consulted. Someone should seek medical care immediately if

- they develop any of the following symptoms:
- Fast breathing, trouble breathing or bluish skin color.
 - Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen (adults).
 - Confusion or sudden dizziness.
 - Not drinking enough fluids, not being able to eat, or severe or persistent vomiting.
 - Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough.
 - Children: not waking up, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held or not interacting. Fever with a rash. No tears when crying or significantly fewer wet diapers than normal.
- More information about influenza and how to help stop the spread of the flu virus is available on www.redcross.org.

—AMERICAN RED CROSS

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Frat boy comedy and a touching romantic comedy make for bad combination

Reviewer walks out on Efron film

Almost every guy loves a raunchy frat boy comedy and almost every girl loves a touching romantic comedy. When these two genres combine into one film, one thing is guaranteed: Men and women will both hate it. Such was the case with “That Awkward Moment,” starring Zac Efron.

In the beginning of the movie, Jason (Efron) is getting a girl out of his house after she has slept over. However, since Zac Efron plays him, the audience is already aware that deep down, he just wants to love. And they're right.

The film's first several minutes contain Jason partying and womanizing in that adorable Efron way, only to shockingly fall in love with one of the women with whom he has had a casual encounter. At that point, the movie becomes a typical, flavorless romantic comedy punctuated every 10 minutes by a flat sex joke.

If I were to guess, I would say that “That Awkward Moment” was written as a full-on romantic comedy intended to pander to women but then a producer got ahold of the script and decided to throw in some naughty jokes to hopefully pander to men as well.



In spite of all of this, I think the main reason I disliked the movie was that my expectations were not met.

The trailer for “That Awkward Moment” made it look like Zac Efron was finally shedding his “good guy” appearance to do an actually funny movie.

If I had known what the movie would be when I took my girlfriend to see it, I may have stayed away and not left half-way through it. Yes, I did. I left during a movie showing for the first time in my life. In fact, my girlfriend led the way.

I suppose it's my own fault for seeing a movie released in January — the creative naptime of Hollywood.

I am not sure how it ended but I hope everyone died. If you want to see a wild, funny, “Hangover”-style romp, “That Awkward Moment” will disappoint you. If you've always wanted to see what “Sleepless in Seattle” would be like if Tom Hanks used the F-word, you are in for a fun night at the movies.

Rating: F

—JAKE MCMAHON
PHOTOGRAPHER

RESTAURANT REVIEW | You can't always judge an eatery by its cover

Diner has a great personality

Located in Oklahoma City's up-and-coming Plaza District at 1630 N Blackwelder is a unique restaurant called The Mule. It is unlike any restaurant I have ever been to — in a good way.

From the outside, The Mule looks like an

old apartment building or a run down bar. It looks pretty sketchy. The restaurant is very small and has a huge bar but only a few tables and booths available for families.

The first time I went, the wait was an hour on a Friday night for a party of four, so we left and came back the next day around 11 a.m. I am so glad we did.

The Mule only has appetizers, salads and sandwiches which seems disappointing at first, but I promise you will not feel that way after you try one of their delicious creations.

Their appetizer menu includes fried cheese curds, and their “Classic,” which includes grilled cheese and their homemade tomato soup.

Their sandwiches sound like flavor combinations that you would never put together, especially on a sandwich, but they end up tasting awesome.

The “Macaroni Pony” includes chipotle pulled



pork, mac and cheese and pickles on jalapeno cornbread.

The “Cortez” has braised short ribs, peperoncino, spicy aioli, grilled jalapeno and caramelized onions on jalapeno cornbread.

I got “Our Caprese,” which had sundried to-

matoes, pesto, basil pesto, fresh tomatoes, fontina, parmesan and rosemary balsamic. Being a fan of caprese salad, which is tomatoes with fresh cheese, I absolutely adored this sandwich.

I got beer battered french fries as my side. They weren't the best I've ever had but were still very tasty.

Their other sides include beer battered onion rings, a side salad, or soup.

Their prices are relatively reasonable with the most expensive sandwich being \$10. Each sandwich comes with fries or any of the other sides for a little bit extra.

I enjoyed the atmosphere, which was calm and relaxed, yet busy and full of life. I would recommend this restaurant to anyone wanting to visit a side of town I like to call “hipster heaven.”

Rating: B

—LAUREN DANIEL
EDITOR

YOU asked FOR IT

Q: Since students have to pay to print things on the first floor of the library, why do we have to print everything double-sided?

A: “You have the option to choose whether a paper will print double-sided in the print menu. Its default setting is to print double-sided so you have to correct it when you print.”

—RACHEL BUTLER
REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Q: Do you have to be a film student to use the Visual and Performing Arts Center's film studio?

A: “A student has to complete the Cinematography I class before being allowed to use the studio.”

—GRAY FREDERICKSON
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Q: Why doesn't OCCC have a conference basketball team?

A: “We're just not budgeted for [basketball or football] teams right now. Soccer or volleyball programs would be less expensive and more likely to grow.”

—ERIC WATSON
SPORTS AND RECREATION SPECIALIST

Q: What is the minimum GPA required to enter the nursing program?

A: “The minimum GPA is 2.5... . That's the minimum for all health professions programs on campus.”

—CLAIRE ECHOLS
HEALTH PROFESSIONS
ACADEMIC ADVISING COORDINATOR

Q: Are reservations needed to use the college pool?

A: “For specific events, yes. You need to contact Khari Huff, and she can check the availability, let you know what the central cost would be.”

—ROXY BUTLER
SPORTS AND RECREATION SPECIALIST

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT CAMPUS THAT YOU'D LIKE ANSWERED?

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Everything is awesome in the world of blockheads

Lego lovers of all ages will fall for movie

Emmet Brickowski is a Lego blockhead who is about to discover that being normal is not all that bad.

The main character of “The Lego Movie” lives a normal life working construction and following all the rules. As Brickowski learns from his favorite song, everything is awesome.

That is until Brickowski, voiced by Chris Pratt, stumbles across a pretty girl named Wyldstyle voiced by Elizabeth Banks while working on the construction site.

While chasing after Wyldstyle, Brickowski falls deep into the Earth and finds an object called the Piece of Resistance.

The person who discovers the location of the relic is prophesied to be “The Special,” the one who will save everyone from President Business (Will Ferrell) and his evil plan to glue the universe together with



the Kragle (Krazy Glue).

Brickowski — who has always followed the Lego directions — struggles with becoming a master builder to save the world with help from Wyldstyle, Batman (Will Arnett) and blind wizard Vitruvius (Morgan Freeman) as well as many others.

Lego fans will love this movie. Everything is created entirely from Lego pieces and figures including the water on the ocean.

All the different Lego playsets are represented too,

including Superman, Green Lantern, Lord of the Rings and more. Some of the best effects are when WyldStyle made a motorcycle out of Legos in order to escape from Bad Cop, voiced by Liam Neeson.

The Lego Movie is full of hilarious jokes, gags and more.

The movie is perfect for people of all ages and backgrounds. It will leave viewers hanging on the edge of their seats and singing the

theme music, “Everything is Awesome,” for days. “The Lego Movie” is rated PG and is suitable for children.

Rating: A-

—SHAWN STIWICKI
CONTRIBUTING REVIEWER

MOVIE REVIEW | The only good scenes in movie can be found in trailer

‘Ride Along’ not completely awful

When it comes to movies, there’s an all-too-familiar road most of us have traveled down before — the uninspiring, forgettable comedies that leave us with nothing but a hollow shrug of the shoulders at the end.

By the looks of it, “Ride Along,” starring Kevin Hart and Ice Cube, appears to be a light-hearted, laugh-your-butt-off kind of comedy.

A closer look on the big screen, however, proves nothing more than a lackluster excuse to put two big stars in a movie together.

The movie follows the story of Ben (Hart), a goofy high school security guard who, even though he has the best of intentions, just doesn’t sit right with his girlfriend’s overprotective brother, James (Cube), who views Ben as nothing more than an immature video game junkie.

When Ben shockingly fulfills his biggest goal of getting into the police academy, he builds up the confidence to ask James for his blessing to marry Angela (Tika Sumpter).

James, being a take-no-shit cop himself, feels Ben needs to pass a test in order to prove his worthiness — and that test would be a ride along.



Ben hops in James’s cop car and rides along with him on his missions for what would prove to be the most challenging, action-packed 24 hours of his life.

There’s no questioning that the selling point of the movie was Hart as the lead role.

Whether you love him or hate

him, he’s a character for sure.

But the movie relied entirely too much on Hart’s outrageous, blunt comedic style and in turn, this resulted in a poorly written, predictable script that offered very little excitement and no innovation.

The movie depicted a handful of fairly funny material, but nothing worthwhile or memorable.

While the movie isn’t bad, it’s definitely not good.

For a movie that I like to call “stupid comedy,” this film is a great fit for those who don’t mind mediocre writing or storyline.

But if you’re like me and appreciate a little more effort, save your money and watch the trailer — you’ll get the same amount of satisfaction.

Rating: C

—PARIS BURRIS
CONTRIBUTING REVIEWER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Feb. 7 through Feb. 9
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *The Lego Movie*
2. *The Monuments Men*
3. *Ride Along*
4. *Frozen*
5. *That Awkward Moment*
6. *Lone Survivor*
7. *Vampire Academy*
8. *The Nut Job*
9. *Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit*
10. *Labor Day*
11. *American Hustle*
12. *The Wolf of Wall Street*
13. *Gravity*
14. *August: Osage County*
15. *I, Frankenstein*
16. *Philomena*
17. *12 Years a Slave*
18. *Her*
19. *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*
20. *Nebraska*

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Students need to apply for scholarships by Feb. 28

MICAHLEAH BURGER
News Writing Student

Students have until Friday, Feb. 28, to apply for thousands of dollars in scholarships at OCCC.

Though the scholarships average \$500, they actually range from \$150 to \$1,000, said Jennifer Harrison, OCCC director of development.

Harrison suggests that students apply for every single scholarship they qualify for, because the money is there for them.

“Most of the scholarships want you to have six or 12 hours at OCCC,” Harrison said.

“They want to give the money to students who are committed to OCCC.”

She noted a scholarship called 11-10-2, established in honor of the EMTs and para-



medics who helped after the tornadoes in May of last year.

This scholarship is designated for Emergency Medical Science majors who are 25 and under, with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Another award she pointed out is the Engineers for Tomorrow Endowed Scholarship.

The requirements are that applicants are engineering, physics, math, or GIS majors, with 12 or more credit hours at OCCC, a 2.5 GPA or higher, with an intent to finish their preparatory classes at OCCC before transferring to a university.

GIS majors are also known as Geographic Information

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—DEBORAH MYERS
NURSING SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Systems majors. (Think Google Earth and the location chip on your phone.)

There are several \$1,000 stipends in the Engineers for Tomorrow Endowed Scholarship, so more than one person

can win it, Harrison said.

She also called attention to the Kenneth R. Nance Memorial Scholarship. Ten \$1,000 scholarships in this fund must be awarded this semester, she said. Applicants must have 12 or more credit hours at OCCC, a 2.5 GPA or higher, and be a science, technology, engineering, or math major.

To apply for any of the OCCC Foundation scholarships, go to <https://occc.academicworks.com>.

The names of the scholarships sometimes reveal their purpose, Harrison said.

“Memorial” means that friends, family, or coworkers have given money to the OCCC Foundation in memory

of someone who has died. “Endowed” means the funds have been invested so the scholarship sustains itself for years to come.

“It could also be defined as a scholarship that will live forever,” Harrison said.

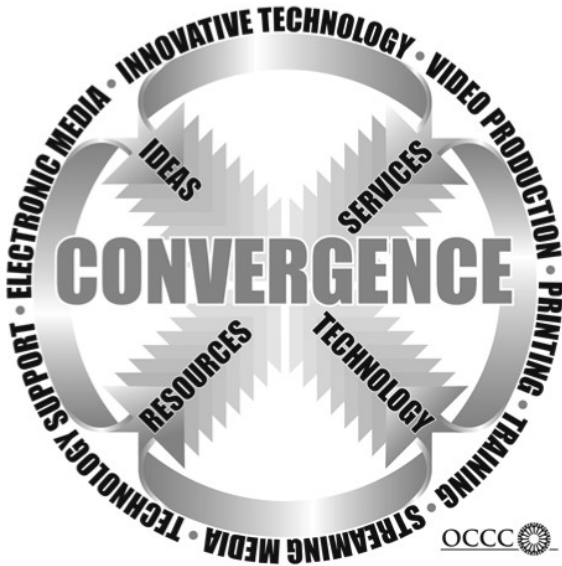
Harrison said she earned her bachelor’s degree in business, namely Organizational Leadership, and then her master’s in business administration.

She said her office is prepared to help students find the money they need for schooling.

She encourages all students to apply for the 32 OCCC Foundation scholarships through the simplified application process.

For more information, contact Harrison at jharrison@occc.edu or at the OCCC Foundation at 405-682-1611, ext. 7771.

EVERYONE WELCOME



CONVERGENCE Informational and Training Sessions

February 26
Noon to 4:00 PM

February 27
9:00 to 1:00 PM

CONVERGENCE 2014 College Union Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Experience resources and technology
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February 24

Noon to 4:00 PM

February 25

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Groups reaching out during suicide awareness week

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Suicide takes the lives of nearly 30,000 Americans every year.

Student Support Services is partnering with the Advocates of Peace Club in a campaign called “To Write Love on Her Arms” — a suicide prevention movement that began in 2006, said Student Support Services Counselor Jenna Howard.

Howard said the campaign will occur during Suicide Awareness and Prevention week from Tuesday, Feb. 18, through Thursday, Feb. 20. She said the week highlights the personal struggles everyone endures, and advocates communal support to prevent depression and suicide.

“As a community, we can support each other and encourage people that there is hope,” she said.

Howard said she hopes the planned activities will reach out to everyone.

The two groups will have an information booth set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in front of the Communications Lab on the first floor of the Main Building.

In addition, Howard said, Student Support Services is hosting a suicidal awareness workshop from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 20 in CU3.

“The workshop we’re hosting is called ‘Save a Life,’” she said.

“It teaches people how to recognize signs of depression or [signs] of someone who may be thinking about suicide.”

Howard said the workshop will teach students how to ask the right questions and how to refer suicidal individuals to counseling. She said the Save a Life workshop implements a process called “QPR.”

“[QPR] is a national program to teach people — just like CPR — how to ask the right questions, persuade the person to get help, and then refer them to get help,” she said.

Howard said taking care of your mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health can prevent depression which is often the cause of suicide.

She said getting enough sleep, regularly visiting the doctor, and connecting socially with people can all contribute to a healthy, happy lifestyle.

“If you’re concerned about it, [go] to counseling.”

Howard said Student Support Services provides free mental health counseling on campus. She said students can visit Student Support Services on the first floor of the Main Building to schedule an appointment. For more information, call 405-682-7520.

What is To Write Love on Her Arms?

“To Write Love on Her Arms is a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicide. TWLOHA exists to encourage, inform, inspire, and invest directly into treatment and recovery.

“To Write Love on Her Arms began in Orlando, FL in 2006 when our founder, Jamie Tworkowski, wrote a story about a friend who struggled with self-injury and addiction and the five days preceding her entry into treatment. The story, which was entitled ‘To Write Love on Her Arms,’ went viral, and T-shirts were initially printed and sold as a way to pay for that friend’s treatment. Since then, TWLOHA has become a non-profit which serves as a bridge to hope and help for people facing the same issues.”

— excerpt from <http://twloha.com>

Life Matters. YOU MATTER.

Save a life Workshop

February 20th, 12:30, College Union CU3



Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week

February 18–20, 2014

Information Table by the Communications Lab

“To Write Love on Her Arms”



If you are in a crisis and need help right away:

Call this toll-free number, available 24 hours a day, every day: 1-800-273-TALK (8255). You will reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a service available to anyone. You may call for yourself or for someone you care about. All calls are confidential.

it's a small world

Student finds Oklahoma much like home of Macedonia

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International student and nursing major Julijana Bozhinovska, a native of Macedonia, said she chose to study at OCCC because it reminds her of her family life at home in a landlocked European country north of Greece.

Bozhinovska said she has been in the U.S. for three years.

"I was [in Oklahoma] my senior year of high school as an exchange student," she said. "... The agency I was with gave me a [choice] between Oklahoma and California."

Rather than studying on the sunny West Coast, Bozhinovska said, she chose Oklahoma because the family she'd live with here was a full house with four children.

"I grew up with kids," Bozhinovska said.

"I have a sibling and little cousins and everything so I like kids."

"I picked Oklahoma because of the family."

Bozhinovska said she's lived with the same American family in Mustang for as long as she's been in the country.

She said while in the U.S., she's visited Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New York and Ohio — but Oklahoma is her favorite. She said the American lifestyle is entirely different from her home overseas.

"We don't really have the big highways, big streets, huge malls — we recently started building malls [in Macedonia]," she said.

Bozhinovska said Macedonia functions under a similar multi-party government system like the U.S.

She said the country's native language is Macedonian, a language similar to Bulgarian and Serbian.

“I think that’s what makes me like Oklahoma the most — the people here. And my family [here] is pretty awesome.”

—JULIJANA BOZHINOVSKA
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Bozhinovska said she is from Prilep, the fourth-largest city in Macedonia which has a population of 66,246.

However, she said Prilep dwarfed in comparison to many American cities such as Oklahoma City.

Bozhinovska said the education system in Macedonia is similar to the U.S. in many ways but differs in one.

After Macedonian students attend junior high, they can choose to attend high schools that are specific to their career interest, such as medical or police work.

Bozhinovska said she has visited Macedonia once since moving to America and hopes to go back again this summer.

"It gets hard — like, I get homesick and I miss my family and friends, but I've made my own little life here [in Oklahoma]."



JAKE MCMAHON/PIONEER

Julijana Bozhinovska

"I think that's what makes me like Oklahoma the most — the people here," Bozhinovska said. "And my family [here] is pretty awesome."



Macedonia

Capital: Skopje

Population: 2.106 million (2012)

GDP: 141.7 billion USD (2012)

Size: 9,928 sq. miles (25,713 km²)

Official Language: Macedonian

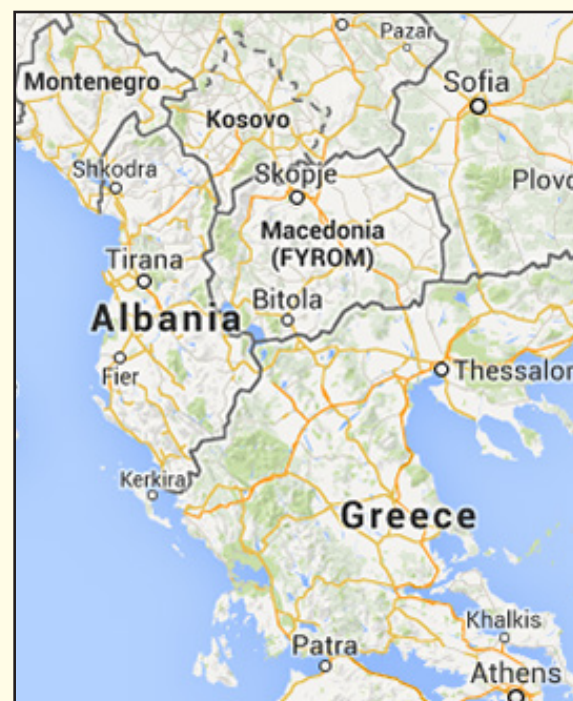
Currency: Macedonian denar

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Religion: Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Catholic Christianity

Festivals: www.iexplore.com/travel-guides/europe/macedonia/festivals-and-events

Details: It is one of the successor states of the former Yugoslavia from which it declared independence in 1991



SPORTS

Mascot buddy



JAKE McMAHON/PIONEER

The OKC Thunder's mascot Rumble the Bison stopped by OCCC's 5th annual Health Fair to sign autographs, dance and fire up OCCC for basketball season. The Health Fair filled the College Union Feb. 5 with vendors and tables to promote a healthy lifestyle.

SPORTS | OCCC students can use time for community service requirements

NAIA swim meet needs volunteers

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Campus Recreation needs volunteers for the upcoming National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Swimming and Diving National Championships March 5 through 8, said Recreation and Fitness Director Roxy Butler.

Butler said the meet needs volunteers for hospitality, timing events and to take tickets at the door.

"We need [volunteers] in the morning and the evening," she said. "Anyone can volunteer."

Butler said the volunteers will work in shifts and that students at OCCC can document the NAIA swim meet to contribute to community service hours. She said each shift requires 30 to 50 volunteers.

Butler said those interested in volunteering for the NAIA swim meet

can visit www.occc.edu/naia/volunteer to sign up.

She said at the site, volunteers can select what time they'd like to volunteer as well as the kind of work they'd prefer to help with.

"As far as volunteers ... We need about 18 timers," Butler said.

Butler said most volunteers are nervous about operating stopwatches, but said there is no reason to be.

She said having extra timers at a swim meet this size is important to verify stopwatch times with the electronic timers.

"We also need runners — people to take the results back and forth to the announcer or post the results on the wall," Butler said.

However, if being behind the scenes is more your style, Butler said, the NAIA meet also needs volunteers to help with the athletes, coaches and guests.

"We need people to take tickets ...

"They sit at the door and make sure that everyone who comes in has the appropriate credentials."

She said volunteers who work the door also will ensure that bystanders and athletes remain in the areas specified for them, as well as help people find their seats.

"We need people to work in hospitality. We serve all the coaches and volunteers. We have a breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"We also provide some hospitality for the athletes — fruits and bagels and things like that."

"There's usually over 250 athletes and coaches," Butler said.

"And then we usually have 400 to 500 spectators in the stands each day."

For more information about volunteering for the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championships, contact Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425, or visit www.occc.edu/naia/volunteer to register.

UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• Feb. 27

Men's Spring Open Basketball League pre-season open run for registered teams at 7 p.m. in the OCCC gym. Teams will be assigned to their divisions according to their performance. Open Divisions: A and B. League Fee: \$275 per team. League dates are March 6 through May 1. Game days are Thursdays at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. End of season tournament is May 8 and May 15 (single elimination). For more information, call 405-682-7861 or visit www.occc.edu/rf/adultsports.

• March 1

Final day for Spring Coed Volleyball registration with payment. League starts March 10 and runs through April 21. Games are at 6:30 p.m. each Monday. Each team will play 12 games plus tournament using USVBA rules with some modifications. League fees: \$230 per team. Roster limit is 12. For more information, call 405-682-7861 or visit www.occc.edu/rf/adultsports.

• Spring semester:

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



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

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

Couple caught viewing porn in OCCC library

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Reports of pornography and harassment were made to campus police recently.

At approximately 2:52 p.m. on Feb. 1, a 33-year-old male and 36-year-old female were caught watching pornographic material on a laptop in the OCCC library. The suspects left campus after they were issued trespass notices by Campus Police Officer Tim Harris.

An OCCC student reported that she was being stalked by an acquaintance at approximately 10:45 a.m. Feb. 4. The woman reported the incident to

Campus Police, where all of her information and the suspect's information was obtained. She was given the option of a police escort off campus.

At 10 a.m. Feb. 5, Student Jing Long called campus police to report that her ex-husband of one year had been harassing her and threatening her. Long said none of the events had taken place on OCCC property.

She said she contacted campus police with the intention of getting a report so she could file for a Victim Protective Order with the Oklahoma County District Court. Officer Tim Harris told Long she could not file a police incident report about the actual incidents because none of them had occurred on campus.

However, Harris did complete an information-only report showing that Long had reported the problem to OCCC Police.

Most names were redacted on 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.

Budget: President says college will ask for more money

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student tuition and fees, auxiliary enterprises, and the South Oklahoma City School District, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist in an interview after the meeting.

He said when student enrollment goes down, as it has this fiscal year, it affects the college's bank account.

"... The decline in student tuition and fees is a little more than anticipated, resulting in having less funding from this one source than we planned for the year," Sechrist said.

Boyd said student fees and

tuition are directly connected to enrollment.

"The major contributor, if you will, to the decline in our revenue is the continuing trend in downward enrollment numbers," Boyd said.

Although OCCC does not plan to eliminate any classes or student services, Sechrist said, some savings have come from staff vacancies.

"Some departments are being asked to slow the filling of positions as they become open due to retirement or resignations," he said.

Boyd said some areas, such as student activities, the student

store, professional development, student projects and student programs used less of the budget than planned, while others brought in more money than projected.

Recreation and Fitness is at 170 percent of expected revenue and Cafeteria/Catering and Vending is at 136 percent of the projected level.

Prior year student fees, which is collected from students who had not paid from previous years, are at 125 percent, according to the report.

Public Service income is 137 percent, and other income is at 164 percent of projections.

"OCCC has sufficient funds that we have saved from previous years to cover the shortfall for this year," Sechrist said.

Sechrist said the short-term reason OCCC is not meeting its anticipated revenue is because of the decline in enrollment, but in the long term, it is a matter of state funding.

"Longer term, the impact of reduced funding from the state has also had an impact," Sechrist said.

He said OCCC is making an effort to increase state revenue by requesting an increase in funding from the Legislature and governor through

the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education, which is the state-funded system of higher education. The college also will strive to recruit new students and keep current students, Sechrist said.

"We believe that higher education is the key to helping an individual, so we make every effort to spread the word about the value of going to OCCC and ... in continuing and finishing a degree or certificate."

The college's E&G budget was projected to be \$56,125,683 for FY13-'14 through December 31, 2013. Another \$10,454,046 is in the auxiliary budget.

Convergence: Students, staff invited to technology event

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OCCC Informational and Instructional Technology Services (IITS) department is hosting the free event in the College Union from Feb. 24 through Feb. 27.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend Whisenhunt said.

"Convergence is an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to learn about various resources here on campus, mostly resources that are technology related," he said.

"What we will attempt to do over the four days that we host the event is to allow our college community to participate in sessions where they could learn about specific pieces of

software, specific systems that we use on campus, and then be able to talk to the people that support those systems or software so that they can gain more knowledge, ask questions, collaborate about ways that they could utilize those resources."

Informational booths will be set up from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Informational and training sessions will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27.

During the first two days of the event, Whisenhunt said, there will be informational booths set up that students can

visit to find out more about different technological services.

"The first two days ... we will have tables and booths and the different departments represented where people can come through and they can see and talk, ask questions, be able to speak directly to the support providers," he said.

In previous years, Whisenhunt said, the Communications Lab has demonstrated some of their resources such as Skype tutoring.

The Math Lab, Student Support Services, and even the Campus Police also have had booths where they assist students in learning more about technology within their departments, he said.

"... IITS [has] booths set up

that talk about how to use the college phones, the resources that are available with that as a communication device. We have the help desk set up where we talk about how we support faculty and staff."

Whisenhunt said the second two days of the event will feature sessions where providers will inform, give further training and demonstrate how to use resources.

This year, the IITS department will talk about how they are transitioning the help desk ticketing system so that it will be more user friendly, he said.

"... [Students] can talk to the people who are going to be there representing those departments and gain a deeper understanding of how those

departments function and what's available for our students, faculty, and staff from each of those departments," Whisenhunt said.

"As with anything else, the more you know, the better off you are.

"... It's just a way for people to put names and faces together, and find out who's responsible for what, and you kind of have that personal connection..."

"I just want to encourage people to attend. I think it's a worthwhile and beneficial thing for people to participate in."

For more information about Convergence, contact Whisenhunt at 405-682-1611, ext. 7349, or email him at twhisenhunt@occc.edu.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Study break



JAKE McMAHON/PIONEER

Nursing major Andreea Mirza, and psychology majors Amy Truong and Alma Romero work together on psychology homework at the cafe area of the coffee shop, located on the first floor of the Main Building. OCCC boasts a number of study areas for students.

COMMUNITY | Organization is in the process of planning a trip

International club connects students

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The International Student Association is dedicated to ensuring international students at OCCC make long-lasting social connections here in the U.S., said Sierra Viagas, club president.

"We pretty much intermingle,"

Viagas said. "A lot of international students come [to OCCC]

and it's hard for them to make friends outside of their culture — they're normally pretty shy."

Viagas said ISA is comprised of both American and international students. She said the ISA finds ways to enable international students to interact with other students at OCCC, such as planning field trips or other social functions.

"We find a way to help people get to know people not just at [OCCC], but within the community."

Viagas said one thing the ISA did last year was expose its international members to the Oklahoma State Fair.

"It was the first time that the people from ISA had ever been to the State Fair," Viagas said. "It was a new experience for them. It was a lot of fun."

Viagas said this semester, the ISA is planning to take a trip somewhere like Dallas or Branson, Mo.

She said ISA meetings generally consist of discussing what sights the international students are inter-

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—HAIFENG JI
ISA SPONSOR

ested in seeing during their time here, such as musicals, plays or museums.

Faculty Sponsor and Computer Science Professor Haifeng Ji said the ISA helps international students to gain more friends so they can make connections with people from their home country or sustain friendships with American students.

"[The ISA] helps the cultural exchange between international students and domestic students ... so they can learn about [each others' culture]," Ji

said.

Ji said the ISA was established at OCCC 20 years ago. He has been the faculty sponsor for 12 years.

"In the past, the ISA has taken trips to San Antonio, Denver and Lincoln, Neb.," he said.

He said the ISA is still deciding where to take their trip this semester, but he's sure wherever it is, it will be a lot of fun. He said the ISA plans to host a bake sale to fund the trip.

For information about the ISA and future meeting dates, contact Ji at 405-682-1611, ext. 7381.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Interview Workshop Feb. 20

You only have one chance to make a first impression. OCCC's Student Employment & Career Services is here to help you polish your interviewing skills from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the Student Employment & Career Services office located in Room 1G7 on the first floor of the Main Building. For more information, contact Employment and Career Services at 405-682-7519 or send an email to employmentservices@occc.edu.

"MLA Style: A Royal Pain" Feb 24

Explore common difficulties with MLA documentation, style and formatting with presenter Nick Webb, from 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 24 in CU1 in the Student Union. This workshop covers research paper formatting, works cited pages, and in-text citations. This is a perfect opportunity for first-year freshman or non-traditional students to brush up on their MLA skills in order to use them for future writing assignments at OCCC and elsewhere. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Critical Thinking Writing Workshop March 3

Join presenter Josh Shultz from 11 a.m. to noon on March 3 in CU1 in the General Dining Area as he explores the essence of critical thinking. Attendees will apply critical thinking to their own and others' ideas in order to become better critical thinkers and writers. For more information, contact the Communications Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7379.

Rogierian traits to be taught at April 1 workshop

"Learning to Compromise the Rogierian Way" will be offered from 11 a.m. until noon Monday, March 31 in CU1 and from 6 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, in the VPAC building, room 146. In this workshop, Leidner said, students will be taught Rogierian traits, how to approach Rogierian assignments and tone. Rogierian arguments are built around the strategy of acknowledging and respecting different viewpoints. For more information, contact the Communications Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7379.

Writing workshop offered April 14

"Writing Basics" engages students in hands-on activities that will help improve their essay writing. The workshop will be offered from 11 p.m. until noon on Monday, April 14, in CU1 and again the next day from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, in the VPAC building, room 146. For more information, contact the Communications Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7379.

Cyber Crime Investigation Presentation March 11

Preston Ackerman will present "An Overview of FBI Cyber Crime Investigations" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on March 11 in CU1 in the General Dining Area. Ackerman is currently assigned to the FBI's Oklahoma City Division Cyber Squad where he is the program coordinator for computer intrusion matters. For more information, contact the Student Life office at 405-682-7519.

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

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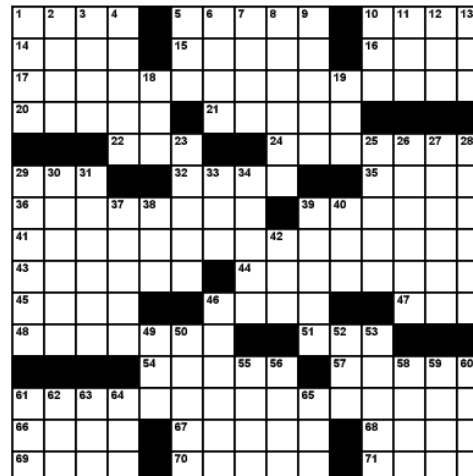
'Repeat After Me...' Crossword by Dave Fisher

Across

1. Daniel's instrument
5. Biology 101 specimen
10. Or ___!
14. New York canal
15. Upscale shop
16. Dodge model
17. Elvis has...
20. Godfather's group
21. Holy in Hidalgo
22. Muscle spasm
24. A person used as a dupe
29. Tenth month of the Hindu calendar
32. Bohemian
35. Hibernia
36. Feelers
39. Actress de Rossi
41. We circus people have one law:...
43. Fling
44. Make-believe
45. Cookie
46. Japan's indigenous people
47. Lay lawns
48. Makeshift
51. Morning moisture
54. Concern for environmentalists
57. Characteristic
61. It ain't over till...
66. Sported
67. Slur
68. Greek colonnade
69. Matured
70. Drinks
71. Region, abbr.

Down

1. Place for a control freak
2. Field
3. Musical phrase
4. Little in Lausanne
5. Residue
6. West and Whitman
7. Famous island near Tuscany
8. Elastic
9. Controversial Bryant
10. Goal
11. Honolulu neckwear
12. Julian to John, e.g.
13. Part of U.K.
18. ___ Chi
19. His wife looked back
23. Voyageur's vessel
25. Twilled fabric
26. Scaler's spikes
27. A style used in opera
28. Freed of dependence on something
29. Feeling of sympathy
30. Safe and sound
31. Item in a den, maybe
33. Crude
34. Paces
37. To impede or prohibit in law
38. Org. for Orr
39. Faker
40. Hall-of-Famer Mel
42. Large vase
46. Venerable Harlem theater
49. It gained Indian statehood in 1987
50. Empire overthrown by Cortes in 1519
52. Aliens, abbr.
53. Joint
55. Attach
56. Taro root
58. Stake
59. Stravinsky
60. Nicholas was the last
61. Co. acquired by American Airlines in 2001
62. Monopolize
63. Before
64. Gave
65. "Roundabout" band



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WORKSHOPS, ESL GROUPS AND MORE OFFERED

Comm Lab ready to help with writing tasks

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The Communications Lab will offer four writing workshops as well as four ESL conversation group meetings through April — all free to students, said Lynette Leidner, Communications Lab supervisor.

Leidner said the next workshop available is called “MLA Style: A Royal Pain.”

It will be from 11 a.m. until noon on Monday, Feb. 24, in CU1. The workshop will focus on helping students with in-text citations, research paper formatting, and works cited pages, she said.

The workshop also will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, room number 146.

“Critical Thinking” will be offered to help students become better critical thinkers and writers from 11 a.m. until noon Monday, March 3, in CU1 and again from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, in the VPAC building, room 146.

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Leidner said the Communications Lab also offers ESL conversations groups, which aim to help students who may not be as familiar with English become more comfortable speaking the language.

“... It helps these students become more comfortable speaking English, whereas, in a classroom setting, they may be somewhat intimidated, or have a little more difficulty just being able to have conversations,” she said.

The ESL conversation groups will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, in CU2, and from

12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, in CU3.

The groups also will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, in CU3 and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, in CU3.

“... It's kind of to help [students] build confidence and put them at ease, and to familiarize them with the language,” Leidner said.

The groups also help students get to know some other people on campus and give them a feeling of belonging, she said.

Leidner said students who are first-language English speakers also are invited to attend the ESL group sessions.

Leidner said she hopes students will visit the Communications Lab to use the free services they offer.

“We're known as the writing center but that's not all that we do,” she said. “We do offer study skills programs...”

Studies have shown that students who get assistance from Communications labs often have a higher GPA and higher rate of success, Leidner said. They also tend to continue their education.

“We would just love to see students coming to the Comm lab.

“... I think there are still a lot of



students out there who don't really know who we are or what we do,” she said. “Students are more than welcome to come and use the computers to do their homework or print their papers, that type of thing.”

The Communications Lab is open from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday and from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

“We're also here to help [students] with wherever they're at, with whatever they're doing in their classes ...

“They don't need an appointment to come and see us.”

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/comlab/workshops or call the Communications Lab at 405-682-1611, ext. 7379.

OCCC Indoor Walking Trail

OCCC boasts an indoor walking trail that takes users on a circuited lap that is a little more than one mile in distance.

Many students and OCCC employees use the trail daily.

To use the trail, follow the Walking Trail signs posted around the hallways.

To find the map online, visit www.occc.edu/rf/pdf/walking-trail.pdf.

