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REAL LIFE BETTER THAN ONE ONLINE

Senior Staff Writer Clayton Mitchell says people should get out and mingle instead of seeking acceptance on social networking sites. Read his thoughts inside.

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VP, PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL LISTS RELEASED

OCCC recently released the fall and spring Vice President and President's honor roll lists. Turn inside to page 6 and 7 to see if your name is on either of those lists.

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NEW FITNESS CLASS BEING OFFERED

OCCC students and community members now have the opportunity to take part in a new Abs Training class. Turn inside for additional details.

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Student Life Director Erin Logan said students wanting to be a mentor in the Student2Student mentoring program need to complete certain requirements. Read more inside.

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Noontime break



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Nursing major Jessie Yepdjuo warms up in OCCC's courtyard May 24. "I'm on my lunch break," she said. "Listening to 'Turning Point.' It's preaching."

OCCC raising tuition to cover shortfall

Students can expect to see up to \$5 per-credit-hour increase for fall

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OCCC's new budget plan — designed to brace against dramatic cuts in state funding — include a tuition hike and changes in student fees.

Business and Finance Vice President John Boyd said the proposal is to increase the tuition by \$5 per credit hour, which is about 4.6 percent.

Boyd said the increase must be approved by the Board of Regents before it is enacted. The regents meet again Monday,

“In an open meeting ... we went through all the possible reductions, where we could improve if necessary. We'll have to do some of them, hopefully, not all of them.”

—PAUL SECHRIST
 OCCC PRESIDENT

June 8 and an overview presentation of the budget is again on the agenda.

"But that's what we're working with right now," he said.

In February it was announced that fees associated with some

OCCC programs also would increase.

Boyd said these fees are course specific, only applying to those in certain courses of study. And, for those who do see a fee increase, he said, most will only see fees increase by \$5 per class.

He said relatively few students will be affected by that change.

Money-saving measures also include reductions in the employee staffing plan.

"Nobody is losing their job," said Human Resources Vice President Angie Christopher.

Christopher said faculty positions that are vacant currently will be defunded.

At a May 18 Board of Regents meeting, college officials outlined a budget plan that

prepares OCCC for a "worst case scenario" of a possible total reduction of 6.3 percent in appropriations from the state, according to college President Paul Sechrist.

The approved state budget, marking the actual reduction in state appropriations at 3.5%, was signed by Governor Mary Fallin on Monday, June 1 and will go into effect July 1.

Sechrist said the current plan is a draft that is likely to change.

However, from the beginning of the legislative session, he said, it's been clear that budget cuts were coming. OCCC's administration has prepared while trying to maintain focus on the

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Half a billion people log onto social networking site daily

Log off of Facebook; go live life

A trend I have seen come to fruition recently that indirectly bugs me to no end is the online popularity of the 5k run. There is nothing wrong with the 5k run per se. Many are sponsored by charities, and the money and time donated goes toward those foundations.

However, it seems that many people who run in 5ks don't really care about the cause or, sometimes, even the exercise benefits.



CLAYTON MITCHELL

Those people seem only to participate because it gives them a chance to get attention online. However, one run I'm able to get behind is one that travels around the country — Color Me Rad.

During this run, colored gels and paints are constantly sprayed on the runners so, by the time they finish the run, they look like rainbows.

There's a great selfie opportunity, right? Many runners think so because every year when this 5k comes to town, I see pictures of people covered in colors all over my Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The captions typically give way to, "Look at me, I look like I did something interesting," as opposed to, "Hey look, I just ran this 5k where the money I paid to enter helps feed an impoverished child" — which

is what the group's charity partner, feedONE, does. And this doesn't just happen with 5ks.

On Mother's Day, I saw people post pictures of their mothers in the morning and three hours later, post about partying or being at the movies.

These people barely spent enough time with their mothers to take a selfie with them, but get comments such as, "Wow, your mom seems awesome. Glad you care about her so much." At Christmas, the same people talk about what they got as gifts and never about how great the family time is.

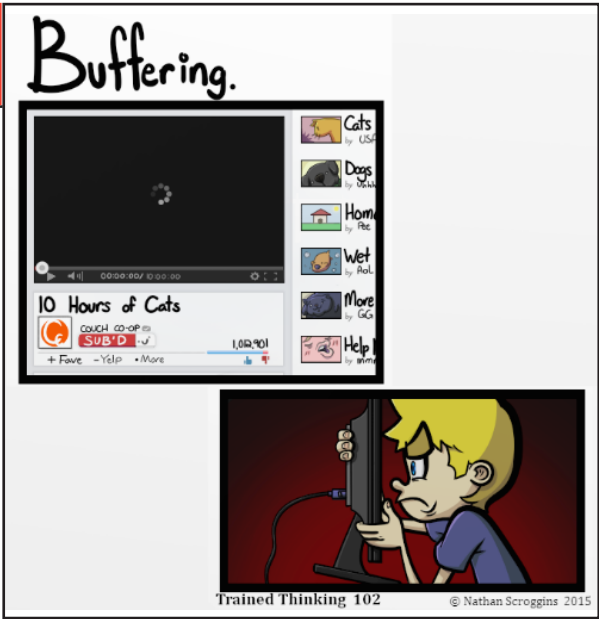
People seem to care less about the actual important substance of life, and more about how cool their lives make them look.

On the Internet, these people make their lives out to be perfect. Their lives may not actually be perfect, but social media gives them a chance to seem normal, thus giving a gateway to false happiness.

CNN.com posted a 2012 report conducted at Utah Valley University showing that more frequent Facebook users were perceived as having better lives by other users.

The article then gave a testimonial from a woman who said she had deleted her Facebook because she found herself acting in a way she didn't like, and caring too much about what people thought of her status updates.

A 2013 study, conducted by the University of Michi-



gan, found the following: "Over a billion people belong to Facebook, and over half of them log in every day."

University of Michigan social psychologist Ethan Kross said, "On the surface, Facebook provides an invaluable resource for fulfilling the basic human need for social connection. But rather than enhancing well-being, our findings demonstrate that interacting with Facebook may have the opposite result for young adults."

Appreciation of your actual life will make it much more enjoyable in the long term as opposed to spending countless hours posting about yourself online in an effort to have people believe you are cool.

Now, go on. There must be a good cause such as a charitable 5k waiting for you somewhere.

—CLAYTON MITCHELL
SENIOR WRITER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Oklahoma among states with high incidences of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and tularemia

State health department encourages tick awareness

To the Editor:

Oklahoma ranks among those states with the highest incidence of other tick-borne diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and tularemia.

Symptoms of these more common tick borne illnesses may include fever, chills, headache, vomiting, rash or painful swelling of lymph nodes near the tick bite.

Most tick borne diseases can be treated successfully with early diagnosis and appropriate antibiotics, so it is important to seek medical attention if a fever and other signs of illness are noticed within 14 days of a

tick bite or being in an area where ticks are lurking.

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

- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to see and remove before attachment.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks to deprive ticks of attachment sites.
- Wear closed-toe shoes, not sandals.
- Hikers and cyclists should stay in the center of trails to avoid grass and brush.
- Check for ticks at least once per day, particularly

along waistbands, hairline and back of neck, in the armpits and groin area. Remove attached ticks as soon as possible using tweezers or fingers covered with a tissue.

- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on skin and clothing according to directions. (Insect repellents with permethrin should be used on clothing only and according to directions.)
- Check with a veterinarian about tick control for pets. Dogs and cats can get tick borne illnesses too, and they are a traveling tick parade, bringing ticks into a home if not on a tick preventive regimen.

—OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

REVIEW | System designed to be one-stop shop for students and employees offers endless despair

Too many cookies spoils website

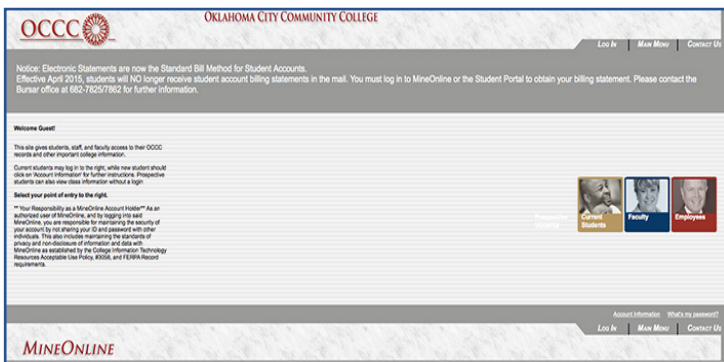
MineOnline is a cancerous growth draining the life force out of every client user like a ravenous vampire unleashed upon the maternity ward of a hospital after being fed one rat a month in a dungeon for 10,000 years.

Why is there a maximum value for cookies?

Scientists are hard at work, trying to answer that, comparing data collected from the Earth's core by Richard Branson to Elon Musk's experiments after defeating the invading alien mothership as depicted in the documentary "Independence Day."

Currently, physicists are running tests in the OCCC Aquatic Center similar to the work being done at CERN in Switzerland in an attempt to measure the levels of tachyons, particles that may move through time non linearly, to see if that might explain why we use a web interface from before the discovery of electricity by James Cameron.

OCCC is in fact a hotspot for cutting edge research in many fields.



Linguists and computer scientists have been attempting to decipher the error messages from simple things like checking class schedules or grades — even logging in. They believe when they're finally done, the data will serve as a window into MineOnline's functionality and evolution.

Currently the daily sacrifices of a virgin lamb by the sys admin to the server room is a major cost for the campus, at a few hundred dollars

a day. With the state budget calamity looming over the next few years, every bit of savings will count — some animal rights groups also find the activity questionable.

So MineOnline is highly, highly questionable. My therapist hears all about it. She considers it the primary cause of my depression and anxiety disorder, but as a civil servant, I carry on.

Rating: D

—GRANT SWALWELL
ONLINE WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW | Newcomer to 'Mad Max' film franchise finds himself impressed with new movie

'Fury Road' makes film buff happy

This past memorial day weekend, I participated in the age-old activity of going to the movies with my family. We chose a particularly family-friendly film, "Mad Max: Fury Road." This is read tongue-in-cheek of course, as the movie

involves a bloodthirsty chase across a vast desert expanse, filled with British accents and explosions.

The title character, Max, is a drifter with a typically mysterious backstory (I haven't seen the previous "Mad Max" films) who is captured by an outlaw group to have his blood drained and put into future fighters. Without giving too much away, Max ends up getting involved with a runaway from the outlaws, and fighting for his life on the fury road.

The movie supposedly takes place in post-apocalyptic, or "post-water" Australia. Water is a huge commodity, and the outlaws rule over the common people from atop several large buttes.

This movie goes over the top on many levels: at one point there is a man chained to the top of a moving vehicle playing metal guitar in front of a giant speaker stack, giving chase to Max and his friends.



The over-the-top aesthetic is what really makes this movie worth a look; however, I never tired of the near constant action and explosions taking place.

If you really think about it, the movie is one long action sequence.

Charlize Theron steals the show from Max though, with her character Imperator Furiosa, a runaway from the outlaw faction trying to rescue her friends to a better life.

Though there is some tension between Max (played by Tom Hardy) and Furiosa, the two quickly become a deadly duo, stopping at nothing to survive.

The number of side characters with their own unique little storylines makes this movie highly rewatchable, in my opinion.

I'll definitely be going to see it again at some point in the near future. I can only imagine how fun it would be to experience this movie in 3D. "Mad Max" definitely delivers in a gloriously gory way.

Rating: A

—SPENCER GRANT
STAFF WRITER



From couch to finish line

Once I'd become a semi-responsible adult, I let the grind overwhelm me. I allowed myself to become shamefully sedentary. The hue and basic structure of my body had become like raw pizza dough.

I certainly tried to change and I have a thousand excuses for why these attempts were fruitless. I knew change wouldn't come on its own. I'd become difficult to motivate. I knew I had to force this change.

So, I paid some exorbitant amount of money to register for a 5K (3.1 mile) race.

I knew this was the only way. If I pay a lot for something, I force myself to get my money's worth. Historically, I've strictly applied this strategy to buffets. But it was time to use this character flaw more wisely.

Then I paid \$1.99 for the Couch to 5K app.

It's an app to help you incrementally improve your running endurance. It uses interval training, coaching you to run for a period and then walk and then run again, until you've been moving for roughly 30 minutes.

In the very beginning, you're only running for a minute and a half before getting a three-minute walking break. With each workout, the runs get longer and the breaks get shorter until finally you're just running.

I didn't link the app to my Facebook. I don't need validation. Couch to 5K offers that option though and I could see how it might keep one accountable. It will post updates on your behalf so your friends can motivate you in the comments or sit in quiet judgment of your slow progress.

This training intensifies only slightly with each workout as you log in three times each week.

As I've neared the date of my 5K, I've increased to five workouts a week and I've been lifting weights.

Eight weeks ago, I didn't have the energy to lift my own bum from my easy chair.

The app's encouraging little voice has coached me along over 50 miles. It took me more than nine weeks but that's on me and the program itself seems to have held up. I'm satisfied with the results.

In my first weeks, two-minute runs made me want to die. I run more than three miles every night now and I'm set to take part in my first real race this weekend.

—JORGE KRZYZANIAK
EDITOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MUSIC REVIEW | Built to Spill still thriving in tough rock 'n' roll business

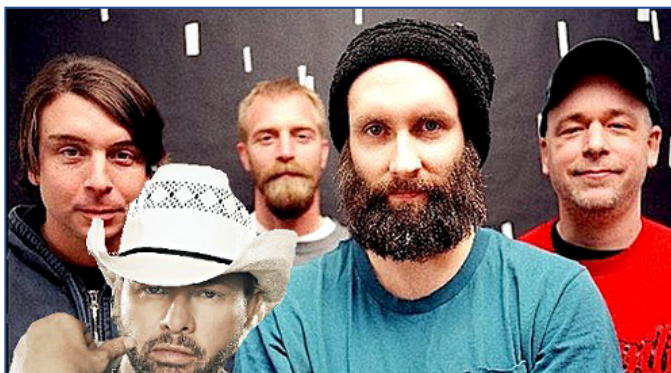
Built to Spill maintains fresh, magical sound

Rock 'n' roll is a tough business. The pressures on artists are many. The need to constantly tour far from home, the temptations of drinking and drugs, and the need to produce commercially viable songs when record sales have been slumping for years can crush a band physically and sap the creative spirit.

Creating one good album in this environment is an accomplishment. Producing great music album after album, year after year, like the band Built to Spill does, is a test of endurance few bands can pass. Since the early '90s, the band has kept up a fairly steady schedule of touring, while consistently releasing a new album or EP every couple of years.

This reviewer has seen Built to Spill live twice. Both times they were amazing.

The band looks pretty plain — a handful of guys in T-shirts and jeans — with no frills or special effects. It is an act from the school of indie rock that says music is what matters, not its packaging. The set up is simple — some guitars, bass and drums — but the



result is always amazing.

The band lineup has changed over the years. Members come and go, and some come back.

The one constant is the singer and primary songwriter, Doug Martsch.

At first, Martsch looks like another aging rocker with hair getting thinner and beard ever more gray, but watch him perform and you realize that he isn't so much playing and singing as committing an act

of sorcery.

The rituals of music are gradually transforming him from an ordinary young man into some sort of wizard, a musical Gandalf or Dumbledore, wise and melancholy, and ferocious, with the power to move an audience.

Maybe the most impressive about Built to Spill is its stylistic continuity. Other musicians who have been around as long have completely changed their sound. Think Radiohead's early rock versus its later electronic sound, or Nine Inch Nails versus Trent Reznor's soundtrack work.

In contrast, Built to Spill has maintained a consistent, but still fresh, sound that can only be described as magic.

Rating: A+

—AMAR MOLINAS
WEBMASTER

FOOD REVIEW | This vegetable is easy, non-messy and healthy snack

Cucumber great for what ails you

I ate a cucumber today. It was crunchy and satisfying. Part of the crunch was due to the peel being left on.

Before I continue, let me just say that I am not a huge health nut, but incorporating healthy foods into a daily diet is important. Cucumbers just so happen to be one of the yummy sort of health foods.

Plus, with the hot summer days coming upon us, cucumbers are a great source to stay hydrated as it's 95 percent water. (Although with the recent floodings in Oklahoma I would say that most of us have had all the water we can take.)

Cucumbers also have too many antioxidants for me to even begin to list, let alone spell or pronounce.

And, they're portable. There are no requirements for special slicing and dicing of cucumbers. Just wash off the protective wax and you're set.

Here's another fun fact: they help get rid of bad breath.

All you have to do is place one on the roof of your mouth and the awesome powers that cucumbers hold can help rid the icky bacteria of bad breath. How

many foods do you know can do that?

For my ladies out there, cucumbers also help reduce the risk of breast cancer. It's always nice to have some extra natural help in the cancer-free fight.

A small part of my health nut is coming out to say how cucumbers can even assist in weight loss and digestion.

Easy digestion is definitely a way to set you up for some smooth sailing.

Cucumbers, especially the peel, are a great source of fiber to help with digestive flow.

Cucumbers are packed with an amazing amount of vitamins, antioxidants and other nutritional medical stuff that I don't really know about, but webmd.com and all other health websites and magazines rave about the health benefits of the magical cucumber.

They are easy, non-messy and a great way to have a delicious snack that also is healthy. Cucumbers, you are amazing.

Rating: A+

—KATIE AXTELL
ONLINE EDITOR



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TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of May 29 through May 31
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *San Andreas*
2. *Pitch Perfect 2*
3. *Tomorrowland*
4. *Mad Max: Fury Road*
5. *Avengers: Age of Ultron*
6. *Aloha*
7. *Poltergeist*
8. *Far From the Madding Crowd*
9. *Hot Pursuit*
10. *Home*
11. *Furious 7*
12. *Ex Machina*
13. *Tanu Weds Manu*
14. *The Age of Adaline*
15. *I'll See You In My Dreams*
16. *Woman in Gold*
17. *Cinderella*
18. *Masss*
19. *The Longest Ride*
20. *The Divergent Series: Insurgent*

May 26 bomb threat prompts evacuation

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A bomb threat prompted OCCC police to evacuate the main campus on May 26.

Campus police dispatch received the threat by phone around 5:10 p.m. from an unidentified caller.

Reports said the caller used a digital voice and said a bomb had been placed in the library by his friends and the device would detonate at any time.

The threat continued with the caller telling the dispatcher that four of his friends with semi-automatic weapons were setting up in the library.

The call ended at about 5:20 p.m. and dispatch notified Oklahoma City police of the threat. At 5:33 p.m., the library was evacuated.

Main campus evacuation began at 6:13 p.m. after police barricaded Faculty Circle and Regents Boulevard., cleared Parking Lot B and blocked incoming traffic to campus.

Along with Oklahoma City police, campus police searched the Main Building but found nothing. At 7 p.m. the library was searched with the same result. At 7:42 p.m., it was announced the situation was clear.

In an incident on the evening of May 8, Campus Police Officer Patrick Martino reportedly came across two people in a vehicle in Parking Lot E “engaged in sexual intercourse”

while he was on patrol.

The names of both individuals were redacted in the report.

Both are students at East Central University in Ada.

They were issued a Notice to Leave OCCC and no further incident with the individuals was reported. The original police report shows supplemental photos that were requested but not provided.

Campus police reported flooding and damage to the college after severe weather moved through the evening of May 23.

At the time, the campus was closed except for a special event in the VPAC, according to the report from Officer Jeremy Bohannon.

At about 5:45 p.m., police informed those in the VPAC of the approaching storm and instructed those wanting to remain on campus to stay within the safer area.

“Approximately 10 persons remained behind until the tornado warning expired,” the report stated.

Afterwards, flooding was found to have occurred in the Bursar’s office hallway, the Main Building Atrium, the Aquatic Center, Library and the Social Sciences Center.

A ceiling tile in the library “ruptured and pieces fell on the floor” near the main circulation desk. The retention pond also was reported to have flooded onto surrounding sidewalks up to Regents Boulevard.

Facilities Management removed standing water from flooded areas.

Some information was redacted from the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director

Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted “according to OCCC PD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld.”

To obtain a copy of the proce-

dures, 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.

Blood donors save many lives

GUSTAVO ADOGLIO
BENRADT
News Writing Student



The Oklahoma Blood Institute will be back at OCCC on June 17 to collect more donations, said Terri Townsend, Oklahoma Blood Institute coordinator.

OCCC’s last blood drive fell short of its goal, she said.

Townsend said they had hoped to collect at least 70 donations during the two days the donation center was on campus, April 14 and 15.

However, only 53 blood donors responded to the call. The first day, 29 blood donations were made and 24 the second day.

“We were expecting at least 70,” she said.

Townsend said blood donations save millions of lives across the U.S.

“Donations are of extreme importance,” she said. “People should donate blood because their blood can save somebody’s life.”

OCCC Police Officer Tim Harris said he participated in the drive.

“I donate blood regularly because I think it’s the right thing to do for people who need it,” he said.

“Everybody should donate because we never know when there will be a shortage of blood.”

Townsend said almost everyone can donate. All blood types are important, but the ones that are hardest to find are O negative and A negative.

O negative blood is especially desirable because that blood can be given to anyone regardless of their blood type, Townsend said.

OCCC Pioneer News Writing Instructional Assistant Ronna Austin is an O negative blood donor.

She said she donates blood every time she is eligible. People should not be afraid because it’s a virtually painless experience, she said.

“It’s nothing to be scared of. Some people are afraid of needles, but it’s not painful at all.

“Maybe people would be more willing to donate if they would see blood donation as an opportunity to save a life rather than being stuck with a needle.”

Each donation can save three lives, Austin said.

“The Blood Institute also calls and tells me how my blood was used which is a great feeling.”

Austin said donating blood also can be made into a game.

“My friends and I usually compete on who donates more blood and who can fill the bag the quickest,” she said.

“A friend of mine is a seven-gallon blood donor.

“My goal is to pass that by becoming an eight-gallon blood donor.”

Austin said she is about to receive her four-gallon pin.

Townsend said the blood donations assist more than 163 medical institutions in Oklahoma and in the U.S.

Those who donated blood were given an Oklahoma Blood Institute T-Shirt and a mini health-check that included the donor’s pulse, temperature, cholesterol level and blood pressure.

For more information about donating blood, visit OBI’s website at obi.org.

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Students make Vice President's honor roll

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SPORTS

Eyes on the ball

OCCC students shoot baskets in the college gym.

Left to right: Engineering major Richard Perry, engineering major Kevin Jones, and engineering major Eivy Arroyo Diaz.

Summer hours are 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Monday through Friday; 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; closed from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekly for summer camps.

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Take Ab Express to core strength, fitness

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OCCC students and community members looking for a quick and exciting fitness class may enjoy the Abs Express class.

The class, which meets from 5:05 to 5:25 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, is a quick way for participants to work out their abdominal muscles and backs muscles, said class Instructor Elizabeth Hobi.

Hobi, who teaches an array of fitness classes at OCCC, said the class uses Pilates and back exercises to strengthen the abs and core of the body. Planking, crunches and calisthenics, among other similar exercises, are important to this intense, but quick, class, she said.

Recently graduated computer science major David Schrock said he has taken many classes with Hobi and learned about the class from her. Schrock said the workout has been the most beneficial part.

"My abs are pretty hard now, plus I have better posture and less back pain," he said.

Liberal studies major Sarah Landon said she found out

about the class in a similar way to Schrock.

"I was actually taking a different class that Liz teaches, and she likes to talk about the other classes that she teaches," she said. "I decided that with my work schedules, I could squeeze in 20 minutes of abs."

Participants don't need to come into the class already fit, Landon said. She said while new students may find a learning curve, it is not difficult to get into the workout.

"I hadn't done any working out as far as core exercises before coming to this class," Landon said. "That makes it harder in the beginning, but it gets easy surprisingly quick."

"And it's only a 20-minute class, so it's over before you realize it, even if you're not in good shape. It's difficult, but it's a really manageable length of time."

Group Fitness classes are free for all students, but Hobi said students must register for the classes to give the Recreation and Fitness department accurate numbers of class attendees.

For more information, contact Hobi at elizabeth.hobi@gmail.com, Health and Fitness Specialist Carole Valentine at carole.m.valentine@occc.edu, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7662, or the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-7860.



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SUMMER 2015:

- Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the Aquatic Center free of charge. The Aquatic Center features two pools, and an 18½-ft. deep diving well with 1- and 3-meter spring boards and 5-, 7- and 10-meter platforms. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF.

- OCCC Group Fitness classes are offered at a variety of fitness levels and are spaced conveniently throughout the afternoon and late evening hours. Classes are free to OCCC students with a valid ID. See more at www.occc.edu/rf/cr-group-fitness.

- The Recreation & Fitness Center is open to students, faculty, staff and community members. The center features a 15,000-square-foot gym with two basketball courts and one recreational volleyball court, a cardio room with three treadmills, two cross trainers and two recumbent bikes as well as a weight room featuring a complete circuit of Cybex equipment and free weights. Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the facilities free of charge. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF or call 405-682-7860.



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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State budget cycle determines college funding

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Ever wonder what happens prior to tuition and fees increasing or when employees are told there won't be raises — again?

The state fiscal year begins each July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year.

The following is a breakdown of the budget cycle throughout that year according to the Senate's FY15 Appropriations Report.

July through October:

Agencies formulate their budget work program.

Budget limits may be set by the Legislature in the preceding legislative session.

Agencies begin formulating

the budget request they will present for the next legislative session.

This is a good time for advocacy groups to begin talking with state agencies about funding issues.

Oct. 1:

Agencies submit their budget request to the governor and Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year.

November:

Appropriation subcommittees begin analysis of agency program performance measures and begin filing related reports.

No appropriations can be made to an agency until these reports have been filed.

December:

The Oklahoma Board of Equalization meets for initial

certification of revenues. This is the revenue estimate used for the governor's budget.

This is the best time for advocacy groups to contact the governor about program budgets.

February:

The governor submits budget recommendations to the Legislature on the first day of session.

The Board of Equalization meets for certification of revenues.

This is the revenue estimate the Legislature is bound by constitutionally unless it passes a bill to increase or decrease revenue and that bill is signed by the governor.

February through April:

Supplemental appropriations are considered for the

current fiscal year.

Subcommittees hold budget hearings for the upcoming fiscal year and move substantive bills with fiscal impacts through the process.

This is the best time to talk to the Legislature about budget issues.

Late April to May:

The subcommittees get their budget allocation and convene the General Conference Committee on Appropriations (GCCA).

By this time, the Senate and House Appropriation Subcommittees have decided most of what they want to fund, and it is time to work out their differences in conference.

May:

The Legislature begins filing appropriation bills.

During session, the governor has five days to sign or veto a bill or it becomes law without their signature.

If the bill is passed during the last week of session, the governor has 15 days to sign it or it becomes a pocket veto.

Session ends on the last Friday in May.

June:

The Board of Equalization meets to certify any changes to certification as a result of legislation that was signed into law and to certify that the Legislature did not exceed its appropriation authority.

June 30:

The current fiscal year ends. Agencies submit Budget Work Programs to the Office of State Finance and the process starts over.

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overall mission of the college, Sechrist said.

"In an open meeting ... we went through all the possible reductions, where we could improve if necessary," he said.

"We'll have to do some of them, hopefully, not all of them."

A proposed tuition increase will remain on the table even if appropriations are not so dramatically cut, Sechrist said, raising resident tuition from \$82.55 per credit hour to \$87.55 and non-resident tuition from \$167.80 to \$172.80.

Students enrolling in the fall 2015 semester can expect to see a modest increase, he said.

Sechrist said employee wages and vacant positions will be looked at closely.

"The staffing plan is the lion's share of our budget," he said.

Christopher said each department on campus analyzed staff positions that are currently vacant in the staffing plan.

"I do appreciate everyone who took a strong look at their particular department and what positions that were cur-

rently vacant that could remain vacant," Christopher said.

Eight full-time faculty positions were found that are vacant now and could remain vacant, she said.

To offset the loss of eight full-time positions, Christopher said, more adjunct professors would be contracted.

"There will be no loss of services then," she said. "That will result in a \$508,000 cost reduction."

The upcoming closure of the Aquatic Center, and the elimination of a vacant exempt, or professional, employee position in Information Technology Services and another in Planning and Research also will reduce positions in the staffing plan, Christopher said.

She said 10 non-exempt, or hourly, employee positions will be eliminated for a reduction of \$411,459.

"The total cost reduction of this plan as a result of the staffing plan not funding some of these positions is about \$940,535."

Christopher said if cuts from the Legislature are lower than anticipated, some of the posi-

tions may be added back at a later date.

At the board meeting, Boyd presented what he referred to as the colleges "budget needs" for the upcoming fiscal year. He said, in exercising good stewardship, OCCC's outlook is positive against threats of low funding from the state.

He said in planning for a 6.3 percent reduction in appropriations, the college will need about \$1.6 million to replace funds that otherwise would come from the state.

The costs of operating the college are always rising as well, Boyd said, putting additional strain on the upcoming budget.

"We've taken a real hard look at our mandatory costs," he said.

"We literally have to increase operating budgets for our operating costs."

Boyd said among the largest mandatory costs to OCCC are custodial services, waste management, groundskeeping, and property casualty insurance, all of which are rising.

The increase in tuition and the new academic service fees would provide an estimated

additional \$1.4 million in the coming year, he said.

After receiving word that a tentative budget agreement had been reached in the Legislature, calling for a 3.5 percent reduction in the allocation of funds to higher education, rather than the expected 6.3 percent cut, Sechrist sent an email to OCCC employees on May 19.

"With the large (state) budget deficit of \$611 million, this 3.5% cut is better than expected, but still a significant cut.

"Pending Board of Regents approval, OCCC plans to manage this reduction and address the mandatory cost increases by modestly raising tuition (4.6 percent), leaving open a number of faculty and staff

positions, closing the Aquatic Center, and holding steady on salary and wages.

"With these adjustments, it is the intention to maintain our focus on teaching and learning, and continue to provide a high quality learning experience for our college and non-credit students."

Sechrist said he regrets that OCCC's current budget doesn't leave room for faculty to receive raises, though he feels raises are deserved.

He said alternatives in the long term will have to be explored to compensate school employees for their "dedicated work."

For an in-depth look at changing fees, visit <http://pioneer.occc.edu>.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Wistfully waiting



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General Studies Major Jackie Elliott waits in line at student advising on the first floor of the Main Building. She said her wait had been short. "I'm just registering for summer classes," she said. "I've only been waiting about 10 minutes."

COMMUNITY | Student2Student helps both mentors and mentees

Mentoring program benefits all involved

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Student 2 Student
Peer Mentoring Program
Oklahoma City Community College

Students who volunteer in the Student2Student mentoring program are currently training to be mentors in a four-week course that qualifies as a one-hour humanities credit.

After completing a minimum of 50 hours of mentoring, students can earn a certification that is internationally recognized, said Student Life Director Erin Logan.

"It's been a great tool for them to be better students as well as helping somebody else be a better student," Logan said.

The program launched in August 2014 and OCCC currently has 14 trained mentors and 32 mentees.

Kylee Lewis, psychology major and trained mentor, said she got involved in the program because she has a passion for helping people.

"I've always wanted to go into some sort of counseling, so this is a good sort of first step to transition into that mindset," Lewis said. "It's not the same. It's not counseling. That's been clarified. But it's a good first step for me to start making connections and helping people out."

"It's been personally gratifying. I only had one mentee this semester but it was really gratifying to be able to see her do well and to actually notice that I helped her."

me a lot in my personal life and it helped me with my study skills," she said. "I've never been very good with study skills so that was actually very helpful for me to learn certain things that I can do to help myself be better in classes."

Diversified Studies major and trained mentor Derek Scarsella said the program is a great resource that students should take advantage of.

"I think that for somebody new coming in, or somebody who is struggling, it provides a network; it provides a support system," Scarsella said.

"A mentor is somebody you can go to who can help you navigate the system a little bit — anything from setting up your classes and enrollment, to learning how to talk to your professor, or learning how to get around the school a bit more easily."

To request a mentor or to submit a mentor application, visit <http://www.occc.edu/studentlife/student-2-student.html>.

To apply to be a mentor, a student must be enrolled in 15 credit hours or more at OCCC, must maintain a 3.5 GPA and must provide two letters of recommendation.

For more information, call the Student Life office at 405-682-7523.

Lewis said the program also builds life skills in mentors.

"The communication skills have helped

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Campus blood donors get two free Zoo passes

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will give each blood donor two free Oklahoma City Zoo admission tickets and a T-shirt during a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, in the College Union. For more information, call 877-340-8777, or visit obi.org.

Students can get fit for free all summer

Group fitness classes will continue during the summer and are free to all OCCC students with a valid OCCC ID. The Wellness Center summer hours are effective May 29 through Aug. 21. The weight and cardio rooms are open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday. The gym is open 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Monday through Friday; 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; closed from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekly for summer camps. For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center office at 405-682-7860.

'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' coming to OCCC

Reduxion Theatre Company presents Tennessee William's famed drama, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, in the VPAC Theater. This controversial and heated play explores many taboos of mid-century America. Tickets are available at the OCCC Box Office, by calling 405-682-7579 or at occc.edu/pas/tickets.

College for Kids offering variety of classes

OCCC's Community Outreach and Education program offers a variety of weekly children's camps and classes throughout the summer. The College for Kids program includes classes such as math and information tech, humanities, science and musical theater camps. Classes are held in weekly periods from June 1 through July 29. For more information, contact Community Outreach and Education at 405-686-6222 or visit occc.edu/summercamp.

Christians on Campus to meet each Monday

Christians on Campus host Bible studies at noon on Mondays in room AH1C5. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Christians on Campus at christiansoncampus@my.occc.edu or club president Kaie Huizar at kaie.huizar@gmail.com.

New Student Orientation sessions continue

OCCC will hold many free New Student Orientation sessions from June through August. The upcoming session is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, in CU2 and CU3. To register for an orientation session, e-mail the Student Life office at studentlife@occc.edu or call the office at 405-682-7523.

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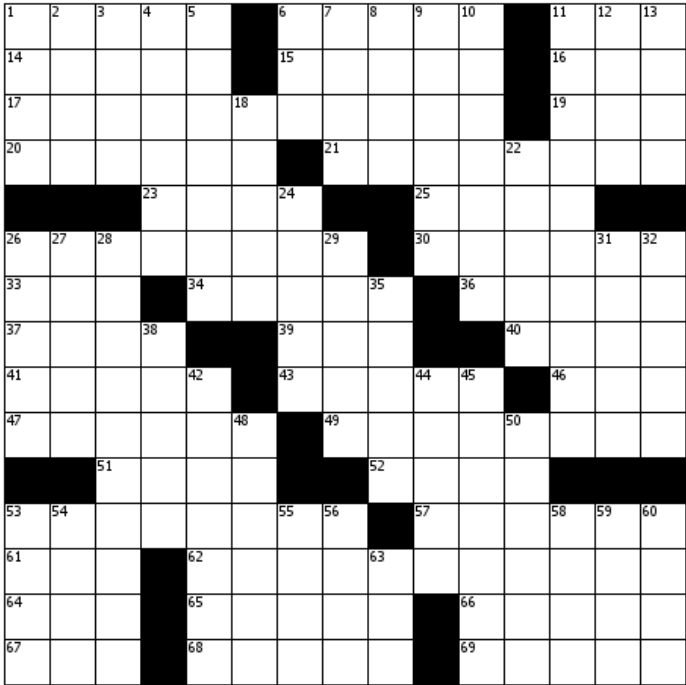
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- 6. Noah's ark measurement
- 11. Prefix with logical
- 14. Ms. Doone
- 15. Investigation
- 16. Like Methuselah
- 17. George Burns was her straight man
- 19. Law prof.'s degree
- 20. Historical records
- 21. Coastal areas
- 23. Word for the calorie-conscious
- 25. Skimpy skirt
- 26. Spanish merchant ships of old
- 30. "As you wish"
- 33. Actor Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
- 34. Command to Rover
- 36. India's first prime minister
- 37. First name in jazz
- 39. 6 on the dial
- 40. Euphemistic expletive
- 41. Authority
- 43. ____ Buena Island in San Francisco Bay
- 46. Tiny
- 47. Whole
- 49. Palmists' fortes
- 51. One-eyed Norse god
- 52. Current letters
- 53. Contest that may give the local team an edge
- 57. Ultimatum's end
- 61. What the winner takes
- 62. Sid Caesar's partner
- 64. Kauai keepsake
- 65. Neighbor of Tibet
- 66. Epic tales
- 67. This weight may be long or short
- 68. Toboggans
- 69. Kind of coat



Down

- 1. Gymnast Korbut
- 2. Trumpet or cornet
- 3. The "G" in GTO
- 4. Like some beeper carriers
- 5. Major newspapers
- 6. Number-crunching pro
- 7. Browser bookmarks
- 8. Tree trunk
- 9. Construction girders
- 10. Latent hostility
- 11. "Laugh-In" alum
- 12. Vogue competitor
- 13. Bookmaker's numbers
- 18. Bar legally
- 22. Not out of the sack yet
- 24. Arch rival
- 26. They fly in skeins
- 27. Poe's middle name
- 28. Another "Laugh-In" alum
- 29. Not so nutty
- 31. Like some vbs.
- 32. Top 40 items
- 35. "M*A*S*H" locale
- 38. Comment to the audience
- 42. Beginnings
- 44. What some dads bring home
- 45. Talk to a crowd
- 48. Crown material
- 50. Polar covering
- 53. Sentry's cry
- 54. Substitute spread
- 55. Put on a long face
- 56. Quaint oath
- 58. Corporate symbol
- 59. Al Capone feature
- 60. South's right-hand man
- 63. Trains in the Loop



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Whether you plan to work part-time while taking that microbiology course this summer or plan to work full-time through August, there are lots of job options both on and off campus.

With a little research, you might be able to find a job that fits your schedule so you can stash some cash this summer.

One option is a job at the college. OCCC hires students in their prospective field each semester through the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP).

MaKenna Smith, Special Education major, said she has enjoyed working as an OCCC Technology Services Support Assistant for the past year and a half.

"They really work with your schoolwork and your load, to make sure you're not overwhelmed," she said. "I've learned a lot about this campus also."

Tim Whisenhunt, Technology Support Services director, said student workers are critical to OCCC's success.

"In the last couple of years we started [using] student workers to fill in the gaps, if you will, to allow us to extend our reach in being able to provide more and better support to the college community," he said.

"Aside from just being able to allow us to extend our reach across campus to provide more and better support to everybody, the biggest thing that I think the institution benefits from is allowing our students who are a part of what we do, become more invested in how the institution functions."

Rachael Colbart, Diversified Studies major, works in the Communications Lab and praises the advantages of working at OCCC.

"It directly benefits your own study and personal growth as well as giving you the opportunity to make money working on campus," she said.

"We're able to live a one-check life, really, because we're working here and studying here, and while we're working here, we're networking."

Annette Waters, also a Diversified Studies major working at the Communications Lab, likes the welcoming environment at OCCC.

"The support you get from the people in charge and from your peers that you're able to work around ... is amazing."

To get started looking for a campus job, visit www.occc.edu. At the bottom of the page, select "Employment at OCCC."

Once there, students can search a database of available jobs and fill out a job application.

Some local small businesses also offer summer employment and schedule flexibility as well.

Nusing major Emily Keith has worked at Little King Pizza as well as another local company while attending OCCC. She said she enjoys the nature of small businesses.

"It's nice because it's not a chain," she said. "You have one person above you — your boss. It's very down-to-earth and not stressful."

"[My boss] was very flexible. She was willing to work with my schedule."

Keith said there also may be downsides to working for a small business.

"Be careful if you're the only employee because sometimes they may put a lot on you and then it's not doable."

Some adventurous summer job options include working as a camp counselor or at an amusement park.

OCCC and YMCA, among other employers, hire camp counselors to teach workshops, lead games and other activities, and keep the children safe while on camp grounds.

For those who want to work on their tan in the Oklahoma



heat, Frontier City and White Water Bay are still hiring staff to run the attractions or work in food service and retail according to their websites.

Perks to these jobs may include discounts or even free tickets.

Many employers simply need someone to man the front desk and provide great customer service.

The YMCA, hotels and gyms are great places that require front desk attendees.

The perk to this job is that you may be able to do some homework or study in your downtime, which is great for those taking a class or two during the summer.

With many restaurants located near OCCC, those with good people skills may be able to find a job near the school to work after class.

One such company is Starbucks, which has a location close to OCCC, just off the Interstate-240 Service Road near Pennsylvania Ave.

Courtney, a Starbucks shift manager who asked that her last name not be included, said, as a student, Starbucks was very flexible with her schedule.

She said, at her store, around one-third of the employees are students.

TheSimpleDollar.com lists top-paying jobs for college students, which include working as a barista, fitness trainer, camp counselor, administrative assistant and nanny.

Lots of families rely on a nanny to care for their children during the summer and many parents are willing to pay more for a college-age sitter.

ThoughtCatalog.com says if you generally like kids, baby-

sitting is the best job to get in your 20s — for many reasons. Most sitters are paid with cash, the hours are flexible, and the kids might take a nap which can help you squeeze in some extra studying.

Babysittersnow.com recommends networking on your own by using social media such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Alternatively, those wanting to work in child care can register on Care.com or Sittercity.com, and be put in contact with parents seeking a sitter.

Another job option for stu-

dents is self-employment opportunities, says lifehack.org, because the hours are flexible while allowing the worker to sharpen their skills.

That includes teaching guitar lessons and mowing lawns are ways you can be your own boss while earning some cash.

Campus bulletin boards also are a place to advertise, as many students already take advantage of the space to place classifieds. For more about OCCC jobs, visit www.occc-jobs.com. To search a variety of jobs, visit www.summerjobs.com or Google "summer jobs."

Job searching tips

Most students want and need a summer job as a way to finance their education. But finding a job isn't as easy as just wanting one. Here are some suggestions of places to start:

- **Contact past employers:** Assuming the student has been a good worker in the past, it makes sense to get in touch with those who know this. Even if the job held prior isn't available, some employers will find a position for the right worker.

- **Check college job boards:** A part-time job at school has some great advantages for students and there may be summer positions available.

- **Create a job:** I've known several students who have run lucrative summer lawn care businesses. I've known others who have organized informal summer camps for kids. An enterprising student may have better results creating a job than finding one and the experience can be valuable as well.

- **Use family and friends:** Working for a relative or family friend may not be your ideal summer job. If you're struggling to find a job, however, those connections can be a fairly secure option in case something else doesn't come along.

- **Combine multiple positions:** If you can't find that one full-time position, try taking more than one part-time job to meet your financial needs. This is especially helpful if your employer ends up needing you for fewer hours than you expected.

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