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STUDENTS HAVE WAYS TO SAVE MONEY

Community Writer Darla Kilhoffer says there are a number of ways college students can cut back on expenses — and should. Read more inside.

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Reduxion Theatre Company presents Tennessee William's famed drama at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, in the VPAC Theater. Turn inside for details and additional times.

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Hollywood Director Francis Ford Coppola unveiled what he has been doing at OCCC for the past three weeks at a press conference on June 6. Coppola said he's making something different from the common canned entertainment that saturates the industry — what he calls "Distant Vision."

Hollywood legend brings vision to OCCC

With the help of students and staff, Francis Ford Coppola conducted the first-ever live cinema test on campus

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When a Hollywood legend wants to hide out and work on a secret project, where does he go? In this case, right in the heart of Oklahoma — more specifically, OCCC.

Director Francis Ford Coppola is no stranger to the state. He said he'd found Oklahoma and its people to be pleasant when he had been here decades ago to film "The Outsiders" and "Rumble Fish."

Coppola was on campus for three weeks in May and June, conducting what he called a "live cinema test" at

the Visual and Performing Arts Center's 6,000-square-foot film studio.

At a press conference at OCCC on Saturday, June 6, Coppola unveiled his plan to the public, saying he's making something different from the common canned-entertainment that currently saturates the industry. What he's making, he said, is not a taped stage production and it's not like live television. It's a combination of the two.

The working title of his project is "Distant Vision," he said.

Students and faculty from OCCC contributed to Coppola's longtime vision for producing the raw emotion and unpredictability of live stage performance in combination with the production value of cinema's technology.

He said the ability to work without pressure, media attention and the

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Sechrist looks back on his 10-year career

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OCCC President Paul Sechrist said he hopes the momentum the college and Oklahoma City have built as they've developed recently will lead to new, amazing things in the future. He will retire as OCCC's leader on July 1.

Sechrist said he's proud of his own accomplishments within the college but more proud of the students, faculty, the community, and the direction of the school itself. He said he credits the people around him for the success of the college.

Sechrist said his hope is that all of the great things that have taken place are just a beginning.

"I want to look back in 10 years and go, 'Wow. Look at that. They're doing things I didn't even think about,'" he said.

In spite of cuts to state appropriations, Sechrist said, OCCC and its students are

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Club planning monthly talks

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Starting this month the Agnostics, Atheists, and Freethinkers club will have a monthly Disbelief Discourse discussion hosted by the group Oklahoma Atheists.

Club Vice President Kayla Taylor said Dr. Chris Garneau from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma will be the guest speaker for this month's discourse on atheism internationally at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, in AH 1C3.

"Normally we start with a general discussion of personal beliefs on atheism, and then we discuss current events around the world

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | There are a number of ways to cut corners, save money

Students can cut spending

It's no secret that college is expensive, but many college students are overspending in ways they don't even realize. Spending a little money here and there is as easy as the click of a button or the swipe of a piece of plastic.

Most people pursue a degree so they can make more money, but they often develop poor financial habits



DARLA
KILHOFFER

while working on that degree. Students need to be aware of where their money is going so they can see potential ways to cut costs. Or, as Fox Business simply narrowed it down: "Realize you're not a Kardashian."

Dave Ramsey, author of Financial Peace University, reports that Americans spend an average of \$21 per week on coffee trips. You don't have to be a mathematician to see that making coffee at home can save

you about \$84 per month.

Then there's the big kahuna: entertainment. According to Study Breaks College Media, 66 percent of college students are spending \$1,200 or more on entertainment per year (\$100 per month) on restaurants, movie tickets, bars, marijuana and live music.

It doesn't sound like an absurd amount of money until additional expenses are added, such as groceries,

rent, utilities, textbooks, tuition and travel expenses. And still, people wonder where their check has gone by the end of the month.

Forbes.com lists 13 ways college students are wasting opportunities and money, one of those being not maximizing discount programs.

Many businesses offer student discounts when you bring a photo ID, such as movie theaters, amusement parks and even select technology companies like Apple and AT&T.

Since few people want to cut entertainment altogether, there are other ways to enjoy life on the cheap side. Catching a matinee showing of "Jurassic Park" will save a moviegoer up to \$5.

There are a variety of resources — from apps to printable worksheets — that can help students gain better control of their finances. Financial apps such as Mint and Left to Spend enable users to track and limit their spending.

By writing down every purchase made, consumers might be surprised to find they're spending an extra \$25 every week on small purchases they don't need.

Debt.org says developing a budget is easy — it's sticking with that budget that most people struggle with. A budget should be realistic but flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances.

Also, students can find many resources online and on campus to help them save some cash. Websites like scholarships.com and fastweb.com provide search



engines for financial aid.

Many scholarships require little time to apply. Every dollar counts! Remember, 100 percent of scholarships you don't apply for, you won't receive.

Forbes.com also says while buying textbooks are a necessity, the \$200 new price tag may not be. Don't wait until the last minute to buy those books. Shop around to find the best deal or rent a used copy. You also can use social media to get connected with students who are selling their used books.

College is expensive. Everyone gets that. But don't make it more expensive than it is. Now is the time to develop great financial habits and to use every resource available to you.

That way, when you start earning the big bucks, you'll know just how to spend — and save — that cash.

—DARLA KILHOFFER
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Oklahoma State Health Department says highest-risk months are July through October

Oklahomans should be West Nile virus aware

To the Editor:

The first cases of West Nile virus in Oklahoma have been confirmed in Okfuskee and McIntosh counties.

Summertime typically marks the beginning of the WNV season in Oklahoma, with outdoor activities providing opportunities for encountering infected mosquitoes.

Although the severity of this year's WNV season cannot be predicted, it is important to know the highest risk months in Oklahoma for WNV exposure occur from July through October.

Symptoms of WNV include sudden onset of fever, headache, dizziness, and muscle weakness. Long-lasting complications can include difficulty

concentrating, migraine headaches, extreme muscle weakness and tremors, and paralysis of a limb. If one or more of these symptoms develop, especially after suffering mosquito bites within the previous two weeks, a health care provider should be contacted.

Persons over the age of 50 are at greatest risk of developing severe neurologic disease from WNV. Some of the neurological effects of WNV may be permanent.

Among the precautions to take against mosquito bites are the following:

- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin and clothing when you go outdoors, particularly if you are outside between dusk and dawn

when mosquitoes are more likely to bite. Insect repellent with permethrin should be used on clothing only.

- Repair or install window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- Prevent items such as buckets, cans, pool covers, flower pots, and tires from holding standing water so mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.
- Empty your pet's outdoor water bowl and refill daily.
- Clean leaves and debris from rain gutters regularly to ensure they are not clogged.

For more information, visit the OSDH home page at www.ok.gov/health.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

TV REVIEW | 'Game of Thrones' hits its stride in season 5 with army of undead

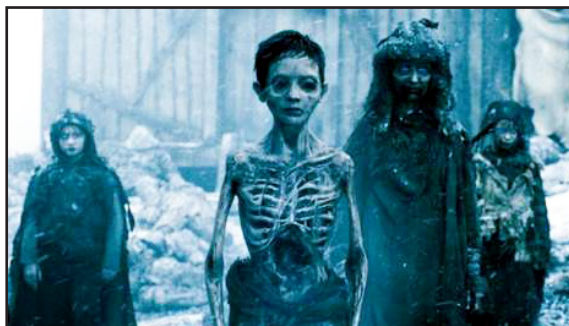
Zombies game changer for show

This week, episode 8 of season 5 of "Game of Thrones" aired. What made this most recent episode special (spoiler alert) was the fact that it's the first look viewers have received of the white walker's army of the undead. I was a bit confused with the setup, but there's something satisfying to the inner fantasy geek in me getting to watch a ferocious and unstoppable horde of zombies attack a town.

In previous episodes, everyone's favorite bastard Jon Snow is headed off to a wildling camp with his wildling friend Tormond Giantsbane in an attempt to convince the free folk to come through Castle Black's walls to escape the white walkers and help the night's watch fight them.

I can't exactly remember the events that took place in this episode ever taking place in the books, but it started to get exciting right around the time a mysterious fog started pouring off the sides of the mountains behind the camp. The walkers were coming.

Sure, some other things happened in this episode that were noteworthy, including the long awaited meetup of Tyrion Lannister and Daenerys Targaryen.



But zombies are more important.

I think this episode faithfully portrayed what it would really be like to suddenly find yourself under siege by corpses animated by some evil powers. The walkers looked relentless and moved very quickly, attacking literally anything that wasn't a walker.

In typical badass Jon Snow fashion, he fights a white walker and is about to die, only to discover that his sword, Longclaw, can block the blows from the walker he is fighting, and ultimately explode it into tiny glass pieces.

The episode ends with Jon and five others rowing away just in time on a boat, with an entire horde of undead eerily staring out at home from the docks of the wildling encampment, which was burning bright with fires at the beginning of the episode, but is now silent. I've been waiting for season 5 to deliver an epic, focus-shifting episode all season, and it finally delivered with episode 8.

Rating: A-

—SPENCER GRANT
ONLINE WRITER

REVIEW | A clean, well attended lavatory can make a world of difference, even in education

OCCC bathrooms are number one

Public bathrooms aren't something that bother me. If I have to go, I go.

I grew up in the mountains of Oregon and did the real type of camping with no amenities available. Parks, lakes, and random bathrooms just had cold, steel seats over a hole in the ground, and popping a squat behind a bush while out hiking was normal.

No second thought was given to how sanitary anything was as long as you made sure you kept a good distance away from the poison oak and thorn bushes.

There are individuals out there, though, like my mother, who refuse to use any public restroom unless it is an emergency. That woman will hold it until her eyes turn yellow before using a gas station or dirty fast food relief station.

The other day I brought her to OCCC to show her around before she registered for the school. I gave her the grand tour of the financial aid office, testing center, coffee shop, and the multiple labs that are available. And I saved the best for last.



I showed her the bathrooms.

From the smudge-free mirrors, clean counters, stocked toilet paper dispensers, and tidy floors, the cleanliness of the bathrooms here were enough to sway her into attending this school.

That may be a bit of an exaggeration, but it did help, seeing the amenities, as well as the school as a whole, clean and inviting.

The dust is always at a minimum, if at all noticeable. The floors are always kept clean of trash, and the bathroom toilet paper dispensers somehow magically seem to fill themselves.

So, to the OCCC custodians, thank you for all the hard work you put into keeping our school, and more specifically our restrooms, clean and inviting. Even though the ladies room is almost always 'closed for cleaning' when I really need to go, your work is very much appreciated.

Rating: A+

—KATIE AXTELL
ONLINE EDITOR



Feed hog, get money

There are some things a person just needs to survive: beef jerky, updates on the lives of the Kardashians, caffeine and burritos. I'm not sure if anything else falls into this category.

Unless you're Kanye, these things aren't just readily available to you. You have to go to some sort of store.

Sure, money's tight, but you can't just live off the land. I've found an app, however, that might help take the sting off the purchase price of your necessities.

Receipt Hog is a free app that rewards shoppers for purchases made wherever groceries are available. This includes gas stations, drugstores, convenience stores, and all of the shady bodegas one might find in the metro area.

You give the hog a bunch of your personal information when you register so he can study your habits and conduct his market research.

You feed it pictures of your receipts from anywhere that sells groceries, even if you didn't purchase any groceries there. Sometimes I just buy magazines and engine coolant. And in exchange, you can earn Amazon giftcards and digital cash via PayPal.

It's tricky remembering to save your receipts but, once you get in that habit, you will be glad to have gained a better understanding of where all your money is going.

Each receipt you snap with your phone earns coins in the app. The coins are to be hoarded until they can be cashed in.

Certain milestones, like 10 receipts in a week, earn spins on the "Hog Slots" virtual slot machine, giving you the chance to earn more coins. Referring a friend to the hog earns a whole bunch of spins.

Occasionally, the hog asks for more market research, allowing you to earn even more coins in exchange for surveys and product questionnaires.

One thousand coins is worth \$5. It takes diligent receipt checking and friend-referring to get to this point, but if you can hold off on cashing in, the rewards come quicker. 1,800 coins earns \$10, 3,200 earns \$20, and 4,500 coins earns users \$30.

Then, you start using the hog in tandem with other shopping rewards apps like Shopmium or Checkout 51 and finally you can start getting paid for all that spending you do.

—JORGE KRZYZANIAK
EDITOR

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

MOVIE REVIEW | Low-budget film successfully blends sci-fi, fantasy, horror and house-art

‘Under the Skin’ achieves more with less

Dark, mysterious, surreal. All of these words apply to “Under the Skin,” a 2013 film by Jonathan Glazier.

A motorcyclist emerges from the woods carrying the body of a woman and places it into the back of a van. In a white room, somehow too large and formless to be the van, a woman strips the body of its clothes and puts them on. She emerges from the back of the van and begins to drive.

The woman, played by Scarlett Johansson, drives around downtown Glasgow picking up lone men and taking them back to her apartment where she seduces them into following her until they are dragged into a formless void, never to return.

With minimal dialogue and carefully employed special effects, the film works on a number of levels.

As the woman’s victims sink into the inky blackness at her feet, the audience is left unsure if this is literal, or a metaphor about the dynamics of seduction and power.

Is this woman a haunting ghost, an avenging angel, supernatural, or something even more terrifying and alien?

Johansson’s performance is flawless as the woman with the dyed black hair, her face an impassive mask, eyes reptilian and predatory. Who is she, and what is she thinking? The only answers are those inferred from the action on screen.

Many scenes were shot using hidden cameras while Johansson drove around talking to strangers unaware at the time that they were being filmed.

This gives events a verisimilitude that heightens the sense of horror as the

ordinary and the surreal merge seamlessly.

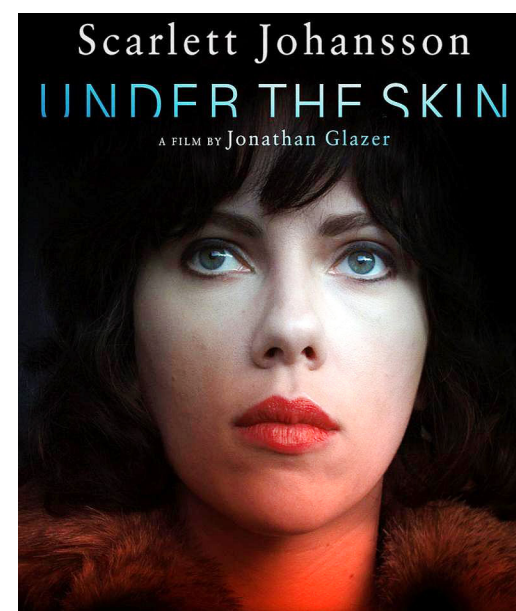
The movie is loosely adapted from the critically acclaimed book by Michael Faber.

This review deliberately avoids comparison to the novel so the viewer can judge the film on its own merits, but those mystified by what they have seen may find some answers in its pages.

Overall, the movie blends sci-fi/fantasy/horror and art-house film in a way that achieves more with the relatively small \$13.3-million budget than most comparable big budget flicks could ever hope to.

Rating: A+

—AMAR MOLINAS
WEBMASTER



GOVERNMENT REVIEW | Reviewer asks: Will Freedom Act do what the Patriot Act failed to do?

Transparency may have arrived

USA Freedom Act

The USA Freedom Act, aka “Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ending Eavesdropping, Dragnet-collection and Online Monitoring Act,” is surely not just a simple reincarnation of the freshly expired Patriot Act.

The Freedom Act will probably save America from the gestapo, aka the following acronyms: FBI/CIA/NSA/DHS/BATFE/DEA.

Apparently, the bulk phone data collection that occurred under the Patriot Act — enacted during George W. Bush’s term — will now simply be done by the phone companies instead of the government and supposedly, the NSA will need a warrant to access anything — and we know they would never break their secret rules, too important for us to know about in detail.

President Barack Obama seems very passionate

about the Freedom Act — how would we all not be as passionate? After all, it is an act for freedom!

Surely the government won’t continue to do the exact same things it has been doing.

Surely enough people in government are familiar with the Fourth Amendment to make sure everything is legal.

It may have taken almost eight years, but the transparency Obama promised us before his hair went salt and pepper seems to be right around the corner.

With the implementation of the Freedom Act, the massive bureaucracy of the federal government is sure to change course.

I give the Freedom Act one and a half thumbs up.

Rating: B+

—GRANT SWALWELL
ONLINE WRITER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of June 5 through June 7
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *Spy*
2. *San Andreas*
3. *Insidious: Chapter 3*
4. *Entourage*
5. *Mad Max: Fury Road*
6. *Pitch Perfect 2*
7. *Tomorrowland*
8. *Avengers: Age of Ultron*
9. *Aloha*
10. *Poltergeist*
11. *Love & Mercy*
12. *Dil Dhadakne Do*
13. *Home*
14. *Far From the Madding Crowd*
15. *I’ll See You In My Dreams*
16. *Hot Pursuit*
17. *Furious 7*
18. *Ex Machina*
19. *Tanu Weds Manu Returns*
20. *Cinderella*

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Cars stolen from OCCC lots within same week

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Two stolen cars and a possible stalking was reported to campus police in the past few weeks.

Reports from Oklahoma City Police show two vehicles were stolen from OCCC parking lots in the first week of June.

A campus-wide email notification was sent out on June 4 from OCCC's Public Relations about the thefts. Although descriptions of the suspects differ in each report, it's believed the thefts are related.

"Video surveillance captured the thefts of the vehicles and indication is the same suspect is related to both incidents."

A 1988 Toyota truck, belonging to OCCC's Community Outreach Coordinator Paul Burkhardt, was stolen around 10:40 a.m. Monday, June 1, from the Family and Community Education Center, located just south of the Main Campus.

Burkhardt told police he noticed his vehicle missing at 6:45 p.m. and went to campus police.

Security footage revealed an Hispanic man, 5 feet 10-inches tall and roughly 200 pounds, taking the truck, according to the report made by Oklahoma City Police Officer Mark Mueggenborg. The suspect was wearing jeans and a black shirt at the time.

Burkhardt's 1988 Toyota pickup is sky blue with a camper shell. Part of the front

bumper is missing from the truck.

On Thursday, June 4, a student's Honda CRV was taken from Parking Lot A by a white male about 6 feet tall and 260 pounds, at about 9 a.m. At the time, the suspect was wearing a black shirt, camo shorts and black shoes with red soles.

In the report, the victim said she was unsure if she had left her car unlocked. Footage showed the suspect opening the car door, entering, and driving away a few minutes later.

A picture of the suspect at the FACE Center on June 1 is viewable on the Oklahoma City Police Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/okcpd/photos>.

OCCC police reports were requested but have not yet been released.

OCCC's Public Relations office urges everyone on campus to remain watchful.

"Students and employees are asked to note any suspicious activity in the parking areas of OCCC campus locations. Contact the Campus Police (405-682-7872) immediately if you have any suspicions of inappropriate behavior on campus."

In a report taken May 12 and received by the Pioneer on June 4 after an open records request was made, campus police investigated reports of stalking and possible sexual battery.

However, the Oklahoma



County District Attorney's office declined to file charges for lack of "prosecutorial merit."

Police documents show a female college worker whose name was redacted from the report, went to campus police Tuesday, May 12, regarding a "casual friendship" with a male student that had escalated into a possible stalking.

"The relationship occurred during and after working hours but was limited to exchanging text messages and talking on campus," according to the report from OCCC Officer Bruce Funderburk.

After the woman received a Snapchat photo the first week of May of what appeared to be her street and neighborhood, she said, she became uncomfortable with the relationship.

The Snapchat note from the student warned of flooding in the woman's area. The woman said she had never told the student where she lived.

Police were told the student had gone to the woman's office sometime in early May and

given her a hug — physical contact "that was not encouraged or welcomed."

Days later, the woman reportedly found flowers on her porch. She didn't know who had left the flowers but was concerned they may have been left by the student.

The student was interviewed by police and OCCC's Title IX Coordinator. He said the photo in question was not of the woman's street.

He told interviewers he did not know where the woman lived and said he'd never sent anything to her residence.

The student said he did hug the woman but told police he was unaware he had made her

uncomfortable.

Additional information is available in a supplemental report that was requested but not provided.

Some information was redacted from the reports under the direction of Marketing and Public Relations Director Cordell Jordan who said names are redacted "according to OCCCPD Standard Operating Procedures involving information released and information withheld."

To obtain a copy of the procedure, email cjordan@occc.edu.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747.

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

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USING THE PROPER SPF CAN HELP PREVENT CANCER, WRINKLES

Protect yourself against harmful sun rays

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You might want to think twice before stepping into that tanning bed or going to the pool without packing a bottle of sunscreen. Every hour spent outside is exposure to some level of radiation.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, there are two types of Ultraviolet rays: A and B.

UVA rays penetrate the skin more deeply than UVB rays, aging the skin by damaging skin cells.

UVB rays are primarily responsible for sunburns. Both types of rays suppress the immune system and cause eye damage.

When skin comes into contact with UVA rays, the skin's DNA darkens in an attempt to protect from further damage. These mutations can lead to skin cancer.

"About 86 percent of melanomas and 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays," said Perry Robins, MD and president of The Skin Cancer Foundation, in an April press release.

"That's why embracing proper sun protection is critical year-round. You'll reduce your skin cancer risk and help prevent wrinkles, leathery skin and brown spots."

The SCF suggests several ways to decrease skin damage this summer. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

Avoid exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m, when UV rays are the most intense.



Also, the foundation recommends applying about two tablespoons of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before stepping outside, and reapplying sunscreen every two hours.

The use of tanning beds also is discouraged. According to SkinCancer.org, people who use tanning beds before age 35 increase their risk for melanoma of the skin by 75 percent.

Biology major Jenna McGrath said she wears sunscreen on her face every day and avoids tanning beds.

"They're so bad for you," she said. "It would be so much better if people would just accept that they're pale or go ahead and get a spray tan."

When stocking up on sun protection, consumers don't need to worry about buying 1,000 SPF sunscreen.

The American Melanoma Foundation reports that SPF 2 blocks 50 percent of ultraviolet radiation; SPF 15 blocks 93 percent and SPF 34 blocks 97 percent radiation.

Dr. Stephen Wang of SCF said individuals applying high-SPF sunscreens may not burn (UVB is the chief cause of sunburn), but without UVA-screening ingredients a person can still receive large amounts of skin-damaging radiation.

He said to look for sunscreens labeled "broad spectrum" to protect against both UVB and UVA rays.

Sunscreen addicts also don't need to shell out the big bucks for designer sunscreen.

Consumer Reports' 2015 Best Picks selected these best buys: No-Ad Sport 50 SPF, Equate Sport Continuous Spray SPF 30 and Equate Ultra Protection Lotion SPF 50. All of those run under \$10 a bottle.

Summer vacations can be affordable, nearby

Summer weather is fast approaching, but the season doesn't always mean beaches and vacations for everyone.

Oklahoma has many options for mini-vacations close to home.

• Clear Bay Recreational Area Trail System
travelok.com/listings/view/profile/id.18230
35 miles southeast of Oklahoma City
1201 Clear Bay Ave.
Norman, OK 73026
405-360-3572

A part of Lake Thunderbird State Park, the Clear Bay Rec trails offer a variety of hiking and biking trails of all lengths for all different skill levels.

• Flat Tide
flat-tide.com
3901 E Overholser Dr.
Bethany, OK 73008
Phone: 405-496-5703
Flat Tide offers 100 rental

stand-up paddleboards either by the hour or day in different Oklahoma City locations. They also offer different classes on the paddleboards from work-out courses to yoga.

• Lake McMurtry
lakemcmurtry.com
61 miles north of Oklahoma City
30285 Bronco Curve
Stillwater, OK 74075
405-747-8085
405-533-1831

At Lake McMurtry, you can camp, fish, boat, swim, hike, trail run, kayak, and many other outdoor related relaxing activities.

• Lake Stanley Draper
travelok.com/listings/view/profile/id.4376
8301 SE 104th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405-799-0870

Offers a large variety of outdoor activities such as camping, boating, fishing,

ATV trails, horseback riding, and more.

• Redbud Ridge Winery
redbudridgewinery.com
32 miles south of Oklahoma City
7301 E Hwy. 9
Norman, OK 73026
405-321-9463

Redbud Ridge makes wine from their Oklahoma grown grapes and offers wine tasting.

• Bell Cow Lake
chandlerok.com/recreation/lakes
49 miles northeast of Oklahoma City
Hwy 18 (Lake Rd. W)
Chandler, OK 74834
405-258-1460

Bell Cow Lake offers the opportunity to boat, camp, fish, bow and duck hunt, picnic, horseback riding, and more.

• Woodland Park Vineyards
woodlandparkvineyards.com
69 miles north of

Oklahoma City
3023 N Jardot
Stillwater, OK 74075
405-743-2442

Woodland Park is a place to relax with wine, nature, food and antique shopping. The family oriented farm and vineyard gives a feel of a close-to-home getaway.

• Route 66 Boathouse
riversportokc.org/p/route-66-boathouse
3115 E Overholser Dr
Oklahoma City, OK 73127
405-552-4040

The Boathouse on Lake Overholser has trails along the lake for walks, runs, or biking. Kayaking and paddle boards also are available for on-water activities.

• Orr Family Farm
orrfamilyfarm.com
14200 S Western Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73170
405-799-3276
The Orr Family Farm is a

great getaway for those with children. Activities include fishing, pedal cars, giant jumping pillows, pony rides, animal barn, zip line, and many more.

• Turner Falls Park
turnerfallspark.com
81 miles south of Oklahoma City
Highway 77 S
Davis, Oklahoma
580-369-2988

Turner Falls has a 77-foot-tall water fall and boasts some of the oldest mountains on Earth. Visitors can camp, picnic, hike, or swim in natural waters.

• Boomer Lake
Washington St. & Lakeview Rd.
Stillwater, OK 74074
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The award-winning recreational park offers family friendly activities and sports. From tennis courts, Frisbee golf, boat and dock fishing, picnic areas, and more.,

SUMMER OUTDOOR FUN INCLUDES STAYING SAFE

Public urged to take mosquito precautions

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Already this year in Oklahoma, several cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed. The Oklahoma State Department of Health said WNV is “a mosquito-borne illness, spread through the bite of the Culex mosquito, which feeds on infected birds, and transmits the virus when biting humans, horses, and some other mammals.

“This type of mosquito increases in numbers during mid to late summer when the temperatures climb and the weather pattern is drier.

“Symptoms of WNV include sudden onset of fever, headache, dizziness, and muscle weakness. Long-lasting complications can include difficulty concentrating, migraine headaches, extreme muscle weakness and tremors, and paralysis of a limb.

“If one or more of these symptoms develop, especially after suffering mosquito bites within the previous two weeks, a health care provider should be contacted.

“Persons over the age of 50 are at greatest risk of developing severe neurologic disease from WNV. Some of the neurological effects of WNV may be permanent.”

WebMD.com offers the following statistics:

“The odds of getting the most severe forms of West Nile disease are about one in 150. The overall death rate in severe disease is about 10 percent. That makes the overall odds of dying from a West Nile infection about one in 1,500.

“These odds aren’t the same for everyone. People



over age 50, especially those who are elderly, are more likely to suffer severe consequences from West Nile infection.

“West Nile virus causes severe disease when it crosses the blood/brain barrier and infects the brain and spinal cord. The virus disturbs normal brain function -- including disruption of the nerve impulses needed for breathing -- which can be fatal.”

Oklahoma City County Health Department Administrator Over Consumer Protection Troy Skow said people are encouraged to follow the four Ds:

- Drain standing water on your property. Skow said being aware of any standing water on your property is crucial if you cannot drain it. Use larvicide or mosquito dunks to suffocate mosquito larvae and prevent them from multiplying.

- Use DEET repellent. This form of diethyltoluamide is highly recommended and is generally considered the most effective type of repellent. However, using DEET concentrations of more than 30 percent could be potentially dangerous to children, according to

The American Academy of Pediatrics.

- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are more likely to be active.

- Dress in long sleeves. Skow said dressing in long sleeves is a precaution that is often overlooked because of the warm temperatures of the summer months.

In addition, the OSDH recommends the following:

- Repair or install window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

- Prevent items such as buckets, cans, pool covers, flower pots, and tires from holding standing water so mosquitoes don’t have a place to breed.

- Empty your pet’s outdoor water bowl and refill daily.

- Clean leaves and debris from rain gutters regularly to ensure they are not clogged.

Skow said the health department is using mosquito traps to try and track potential incidences of West Nile virus.

“We have about 12 out there right now,” he said. “The traps are simply baited, and provide samples that are frozen and examined for potential signs of any disease.”

He said the health department has just started testing new samples for the summer this past week.

For more information on how to protect yourself from and eliminate mosquitos, visit the Oklahoma City County Health Department website at <https://www.occhd.org>, or calling at 405-427-8651.

Information also can be found at the Oklahoma State Department of Health home page at www.ok.gov/health.

Swim safety tops checklist

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Warmer months mean many people will be around bodies of water.

Patricia Ross, head lifeguard at OCCC’s Aquatic Center, said there are many things people can do to stay safe this summer.

Using a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard instead of floaties is one, Ross said.

She said life jackets keep your head out of the water at an appropriate angle, and don’t slide off like arm floaties can.

Ross also urges added caution when swimming at lakes and rivers — areas where you can’t see the bottom.

She said some lakes that are fed from a river may have an undertow, so those who aren’t strong swimmers may run into trouble.

There’s also the age-old warning of not diving into a foreign body of water where you cannot see the bottom, Ross said.

She said one never knows when there might be



rocks just below the surface that could bring harm to a diver.

Ross also advises staying as calm as possible should an incident occur. She said that can be

the difference between life and death.

She said if you spot someone who is having trouble keeping afloat, while it’s easy to imagine yourself diving in and rescuing them yourself, that would be the wrong step to take.

Instead, she said, throw something to that person that will help him or her stay afloat.

Ross said as long as you have somewhere to stand, stretching out a towel or throwing the person a rope is a good idea.

“A tree limb, a towel, or anything that floats is ideal to use,” she said.

“You want to brace yourself, because if they can’t stand, then they might pull you in with them.”

Ross said remembering these swimming rules may help save a life some day.

For more information, contact the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

Q: WHY DO MOSQUITO BITES ITCH?

A: Only the female mosquito feeds on blood. Though we commonly call them mosquito bites, she’s not really biting you at all.

The mosquito pierces the upper layer of your skin with her proboscis, a straw-like mouthpart that allows her to drink fluids. Once the proboscis breaks through the epidermis, the mosquito uses it to search for a blood vessel in the dermal layer underneath.

When she locates a vessel, the mosquito releases some of her saliva into the wound. Mosquito saliva contains an anti-coagulant that keeps your blood flowing until she is finished with her meal.

Now your immune system realizes something is going on, and histamine is produced to combat the foreign substance. The histamine reaches the area under attack, causing blood vessels there to swell. It’s the action of the histamine that causes the red bump, called a wheal.

But what about the itching? When the blood vessels expand, nerves in the area become irritated by the swelling. You feel this irritation as an itchy sensation.

—<http://insects.about.com>

SPORTS

Getting a summer body



JAKE McMAHON/PIONEER

Undecided major Maria Montelongo works out in OCCC's gym on June 3. "I'm trying to get a summer body," she said. 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.

SPORTS | Swim lessons and a trip to the zoo are some of the opportunities provided

Kids able to be active at recreation camps

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Last week, OCCC's summer recreation camps kicked off. From the start of June until Aug. 6, children have a place to stay during their break.

In the summer, the Recreation and Fitness department hosts weekly all-day and half-day camps for children ages 6-12. These camps are designed for children who enjoy being active and engaging in indoor and outdoor group activities. Those attending a half-day session either go in the morning from 8 a.m. to noon, or in the afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

Children also can attend either all-day sessions.

The Recreation and Fitness department's main goal for these camps is to provide recreation opportunities for kids.

"Instead of . . . sitting at home all



day playing video games, watching TV, they get to come out to the camps, run around, have fun all day, meet new kids, a lot of them make friends," said Intramural Sports Assistant Matthew Wright.

"You know, it's just something to occupy their summer . . . get them more active and you know, just having fun meeting people."

Certified P.E. instructors were hired to teach the camps. There is one instructor in the morning and one instructor in the afternoon. "The same instructors are used for the entire summer," said Wright.

The department also offers all-day camps during the holiday weeks of the summer that include activities ranging from swimming to field trips.

The first holiday camp will be during the week of July 4, and the field trip will be to the Oklahoma City Zoo.

The second summer holiday camp will take place during the final week of the summer camps. This camp isn't really a holiday, but it is treated as such since it's the last week, according to Wright.

The price of both holiday week camps is \$130 per week instead of the normal \$110 per week. This price jump is necessary in order to cover the cost of the field trips.

The number of all-day campers is capped at 40 per week, while the number of half-day campers is limited to 10 per week, per session.

The cost is \$110 per week for all-day campers, and \$65 per week for half-day campers.

For an extra \$25 a week, all-day and afternoon participants can opt-in for swim lessons. These lessons are limited to 18 participants per week.

To learn more information or contact Wright, visit the Recreation and Fitness office on the first floor of the Main Building or call 405-682-7860.

EVENT NEWS

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 OCCCID can use the facilities free of charge. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/RF or call 405-682-7860.



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Retire: President Paul Sechrist recalls memorable moments

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poised for success.

"I'd very much love to have more money than I know what to do with but I always say a financial crisis is a terrible thing to waste," he said.

He said when times get tough, the people of Oklahoma City become only more innovative, more determined and more focused.

"It's not easy working through a financial crisis but don't waste an opportunity to be better."

Having lived in Oklahoma City since 1972, Sechrist said, the city has never been better than it is now but it took vision. OCCC has such vision, he said.

Sechrist said he hopes he and others who have succeeded on campus and in the community continue investing in, and inspiring, the people of Oklahoma City.

He said OCCC has been fortunate to have an active alumni association and a community of individuals often willing to give their time.

For the incoming students he will not get to meet, Sechrist has a message.

"I think students need to know they've chosen to attend one of the finest community colleges in the nation," he said.

The focus on helping students succeed, and the support and resources students are offered, reaches far beyond that of other institutions, Sechrist said.

"They're attending a school that cares about their future."

Wherever students may go later, Sechrist said, he wants them to know OCCC is dedicated to making them ready.

Sechrist said faculty and students have inspired him greatly. This impact he's felt, he said, is what he considers his real legacy with OCCC.

"The faculty and staff here have accomplished so much in the time that I've been president," he said. "It's just great to be a part of those accomplishments in the last decade. I think the faculty and staff here are simply the best."

Sechrist said the outlook for students entering OCCC is so much more promising now than it was 10 years ago. He said it's because of achievements that have been made by a school that functions as an optimistic community.

He points not only to new facilities like the VPAC theater, film production studios, the FACE building, Capitol Hill Center and the Professional Development Institute, but also to labs and improved collaborative spaces, "and even the trees" to mark OCCC's progress during his tenure.

There are many achievements he's proud of but, he said, they are not his alone.

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—PAUL SECHRIST
OCCC PRESIDENT

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Sechrist said, during his first commencement speech during his first year with OCCC in 2006, he proudly announced more than 1,000 graduates. At his last commencement speech in May 2015, he said more than 2,000 students received a degree.

"Accomplishing a degree is better than winning the lottery," he said. "Money can go away but the education you receive with a degree will never be taken from you and will continue to open doors for you for the rest of your life."

Sechrist said he expects the number of graduates to continue rising and for OCCC to continue toward even more success.

"The current board and incoming president Jerry Steward are great," he said. "The senior leadership here — the directors, the deans — they're knowledgeable. They're skilled



FILE PHOTO/PIONEER

President Paul Sechrist is retiring July 1 after serving as OCCC's leader for the past 10 years.

and experienced, and the faculty are the best. So I think the college is in good hands and it's well positioned for the future.

"Maybe I haven't said it enough to them but I deeply appreciate their dedication to the college and to our students."

Sechrist said he's often been told by OCCC faculty they love the school and the work they do.

The students tell him they love the faculty and they see the dedication of those who work on campus.

"I want the faculty to know that during my 10 years as president, they have inspired me," he said. "They have energized me. They have challenged me to keep up with their good work."

Sechrist said in his retirement he intends to stay nearby.

He intends to keep Oklahoma City as his home and to continue doing some work. He said he may teach a class and do consulting work with colleges who hope to match OCCC's achievements.

"I want to be a part of the future of this great city, this good community and this amazing college."

Sechrist said he has already bought his tickets to the OCCC Performing Arts Series on campus and is looking forward to what the school has in store after he's retired.

He said he may work with OCCC in the future but not right away.

Sechrist said he intends to be absent at least a while and to give the new president every opportunity to lead in his own way.

Club: Meetings open to every faith

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and our personal opinions."

Taylor said since there are fewer people on campus during the summer, the discourse discussions will be the only events the AAF club will promote.

"Disbelief Discourse is usually handled by the Oklahoma Atheist," she said. "We just provide the space for them, but we want to encourage others to

come to the discussion."

Taylor said she's hoping the club can bring the whole community together.

"While our club is titled Agnostics, Atheists, and Free-

thinkers, we kind of want people of every religion to come and debate, and see other people's perspectives."

For more information, email aaf@my.occc.edu.

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CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Participating partners



JAKE McMAHON/PIONEER

Environmental majors Kellen King and Rachel Croft look over notes on the second floor of the Main Building. “We’re studying,” King said. “Getting ready to take trig.”

COMMUNITY | ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’ showing in VPAC Theater

American classic play coming to OCCC

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“Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” is an American classic, but deserves to be seen in the way it was meant to be portrayed, said Reduxion Theatre Company’s Managing Director Erin Woods.

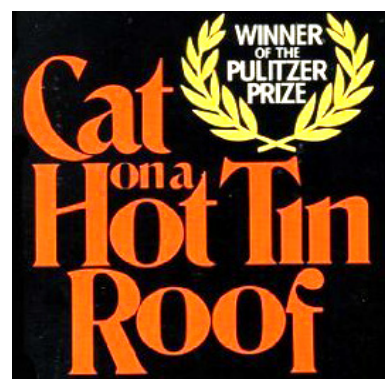
Woods said it’s a controversial play that centers around a wealthy Mississippi cotton tycoon and his family.

When Big Daddy Pollitt’s family gathers to celebrate his birthday and good health, the evening’s topics get more intimate than most typical party conversations.

The play also portrays the relationship between an alcoholic husband, Brick, and his wife, Margaret (Maggie the Cat), as it touches on the themes of greed, sexuality, death, repression and desire.

Woods said seeing this title in a theatrical setting is an incredible experience because a live stage setting is how it was originally intended to be portrayed.

“When we do art, a lot of times



we find ourselves doing adaptation which means we’re taking it from a book or we’re taking a song, and we’re making it into a stage play ourselves,” she said. “Well, this ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’ was written for the stage.”

Woods said RTC is a different theater experience altogether. With a total of 10 actors, including two child actors, the cast is quite small. She said RTC’s goal is to bring the audience into the world of the actors.

“The great thing about the way we do theater is that we do it in a very intimate style, meaning we want the audience and the actors very close,” she said.

“By being so intimate with all the

actors, you are one of the family in the bedroom, a fly on the wall, if you will.”

For Woods, presenting one of Tennessee Williams’ most popular works is a dream come true because, she said, he was a legend — a very strong voice in 20th century theater.

“The realism that he writes became vital to the American theater and the American stage,” she said. “He’s not the first person to write this way, but he’s the most dynamic person to write this way.”

Oklahoma City’s Reduxion Theatre Company presents Tennessee Williams’ famed drama, “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, in the VPAC Theater.

Students, faculty, and staff can pick up \$10 discount tickets at the Box Office with a valid OCCC ID.

To purchase additional tickets, visit reduxiontheatre.com or call 405-682-7579. Additional performances will be Thursday through Saturday, June 25, 26, and 27, and a matinee show will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Campus blood donors get two free Zoo passes

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

Students can get fit for free all summer

Group fitness classes will continue 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.

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Disbelief Discourse hosting Dr. Chris Garneau

The Agnostic, Atheist and Freethinkers club is holding a Disbelief Discourse the third Tuesday of each month through August. Dr. Chris Garneau, professor of Sociology at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, is the guest speaker for this month’s discourse on atheism internationally at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23 in room 1C3. For more information, contact AAF at aaf@my.occc.edu.

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.

New Student Orientation sessions continue

OCCC will hold many free New Student Orientation sessions from June through August. The upcoming session is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, in rooms CU2 and CU3 in the College Union. 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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- 21. Brief sleep
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- 36. Table parts
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Vision: Coppola credits students for their help on special project

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scrutiny of Hollywood was an important factor in choosing to conduct his experiment at OCCC. And, working with students, he said, was his favorite part.

"I love the students here," Coppola said, "They are the most wonderful kids. They're all my kids. There wasn't one of them who wasn't bright, kind, eager to help."

OCCC's artist in residence Gray Frederickson — himself a legend in Hollywood — said the experiment was a success.

"We pulled it off," he said. "We did the first-ever live cinema test."

Frederickson called it "Coppola's brilliant brainchild."

Working off a screenplay he had written, Coppola said, the experiment focused on a single scene.

"I knew it had to be all original writing," he said, "And deep down in my heart, I'd always wanted to be a writer."

The scene was shot live yet used lighting techniques, camera work, montage storytelling and other aspects of slickly produced feature films, Coppola said. He said he employed some of the techniques and technologies used in shooting live sporting events.

Coppola said the scene that was shot at OCCC with a crew of students and student actors was broadcast live to several small screening locations across the nation for a limited viewing.

Students who participated in the project received college credit for their work as they would from a film production class, he said.

Coppola said he became interested in working with students in order to get away from the "industrial process" that filmmaking generally is.

"I wanted it to have that unique sensibility."

His screenplay, based on his own family and their experiences in the film industry, is a story of three generations within the context of television's development through the ages.

"None of it happened, but all of it is true," Coppola said.

He said knowing he'd never make another film as successful as "The Godfather" liberated him to experiment with filmmaking, and especially the "Distant Vision" experiment.

"I just kept doing what I did on 'Apocalypse Now' going, 'What the hell. If I fail, who cares? I'm in it to learn and everyone with me is in it to learn."

"You have to murder yourself as an artist and start out as a student again," Coppola said. "I realized I'd never be able to make the movies like I'd made in my 20s."

Part of the experiment, he said, is being able to work with small budgets and less equipment, something Coppola said he's concentrated on in filming his last few projects.

"I don't have any restrictions," he said.

Now, Coppola said, he will finish the screenplay, making adjustments for what he's learned during this experiment.

President Paul Sechrist said he was proud OCCC was able to be a part of Coppola's vision.

"Today is a big day for the world," Sechrist said.

"New, exciting, revolutionary."

Above: Hollywood Director Francis Ford Coppola speaks at a press conference on May 6. Coppola told those in attendance he's been at OCCC the past three weeks testing a future live cinema project called "Distant Vision."

Coppola had a number of OCCC students and staff working with him.

Right: Members of the press listen to Hollywood Director Francis Ford Coppola talk about the test project he has been working on at OCCC this summer semester.

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