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OCCC teams with the National Endowment for the Arts to promote reading. See what book was selected this year.

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# PIONEER

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## Enrollment numbers up big at OCCC

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The lagging economy and, more specifically, the tightening job market have contributed to an 18 percent increase in students from last fall, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

"The soft job market results in more people choosing to go to college," Sechrist said. "Not only recent high school graduates, but older adults as well."

He said the last spike in enrollment occurred in fall 2001 with a 17 percent credit hour increase and 14 percent head count increase.

Stu Harvey, Planning and Research director, said credit hours are up 20 percent — 130,000 credit hours compared to 109,800 credit hours in the fall 2008.

And, he said, there are more than 14,000 students in comparison to 12,550 students.

"This is new territory for the college," Harvey said. "This puts us on track to exceed 250,000 credit hours for the year, another record."

He said he also agrees the enrollment surge has to do with the sluggish employment rate.

"The record-breaking increases over last year are undoubtedly caused by the recession and large increases in unemployment in Oklahoma," Harvey said.

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### Help from the top



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

President Paul Sechrist shows Travis Harris, undecided major, where his classes are on the first day of the semester. Students can declare a major in the Academic and Advising office located on the first floor of the Main Building.

### BOTH CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC WILL BE FEATURED IN EIGHT CONCERTS

## Arts series brings music, culture to campus

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A series of eight concerts, ranging from classical to popular music, will be performed on campus throughout the school year, said Jorge Bardequez, Cultural Programs director.

Bardequez said the

concerts will begin in September.

The Cultural Arts Series offers once-a-month performances to students for \$65 for a season ticket or \$10 for individual shows, he said.

Bardequez said artists come from across the world to perform at the Bruce Owen Theater, located in the Arts and

Humanities Building.

Bardequez said the Cultural Arts Series was created to give students an opportunity to gain cultural experience by letting them hear and see different performances.

He said community development is a major part of today's growing society.

"A healthy commu-

nity has interaction with thriving arts," Bardequez said. "We really want to expose our students to the different cultures, entertainment wise."

This year's performances will include both American and international musicians, he said.

Bardequez said some of the artists include

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Massenkoff Russian Festival, Rave On! Buddy Holly Revue, and The Four Freshmen.

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra will perform Sept. 22, he said.

The performance will include silent films accompanied by a 12-piece

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# OPINION

EDITORIAL | Another semester begins

## First few weeks of college life full of madness that settles in time

It's that time of the year again.

The once-empty parking lot is now a concrete battlefield as cars circle like metal vultures, jockeying for that one elusive spot.

The hallways are an impenetrable sea of bustling bodies, scrambling and searching for the ever-vexing location of their classrooms.

Stampedes of students tromp down the staircases like a herd of thundering buffalo, frantically galloping toward their next destination.

Smiling faces abound with maps in hand, all too eager to help those who have lost their way.



**WHITNEY KNIGHT**

Shiny red balloons dot the campus in welcome, swaying peacefully with the gentle breeze of the air conditioner.

Intoxicating smells waft from the depths of the

student union, beckoning the hungry to come forth.

Even an elevator cracked under the pressure, leaving a group of students sighing and stranded in the Main Building after too many passengers brought it to an inglorious halt.

That's right: it's the beginning of another semester at OCCC.

And, just like streaks of sunlight on a stormy Oklahoma day, there is hope to be found among the madness.

The parking lot thins as the day wears on.

The hallways clear as students settle into their classrooms.

Tucked-away staircases provide shelter from the ravaging stampede.

And, to the relief of all, the elevator works again.

To all new students, a hearty welcome. To those of you returning, welcome back.

Here's looking forward to another great semester at OCCC.

YOUR VOICE | Don't get flustered

## Advice to succeed in your aspirations

To the editor:

This letter is written to all the students who have aspirations of being admitted to one of OCCC's nursing pathways. As the Learning Specialist, I usually work more with students to help them adjust to the program.

With the Nursing Program Director's blessing, I am offering some advice that might make that transition easier for you.

1. Embrace the challenge of tough classes, especially your science classes. You will need the knowledge and skills that these classes provide. Don't be satisfied just passing these classes.

2. Develop a love of reading and hone that skill. Expect over a thousand pages of material to get through each week. This reading load is in addition to the other demands of the program.

3. Make yourself as organized as possible. You must learn to be an independent learner because there is very little lecture in this program. You will receive guidelines and blueprints, but the learning is up to you.

4. View your general education courses as something to prepare you for the program, not just another hurdle to jump. This is where you can take risks and

learn to think critically. This type of thinking is another critical skill for the program. Learn to embrace the shades of gray in life because there is little that is black and white.

OCCC is a resource rich campus. Take advantage of that fact. Good luck in your academic pursuits.

— MARY TURNER  
LEARNING SUPPORT  
SPECIALIST

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MARK PARISI/OFFTHEMARK.COM

YOUR VOICE | Help available in library

## Library more than just books

To the editor:

The Keith Leftwich Memorial Library is one very important learning resource of the campus. Library hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students will find highly qualified librarians who can help them with their research.

The third floor of the library houses the Division of Information Technology, and the Student Computer Center. The SCC is open longer than any lab or learning center on campus with hours of Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Students can print up to 25 sheets per day. The SCC offers tutoring for Computer Science and Computer Aided Technology classes.

The Keith Leftwich Memorial Library of OCCC houses a wealth of information, computers, and knowledgeable staff to help you be successful.

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## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

## COUNSELOR'S Corner

FILM REVIEW | Anime' movie contains worldly themes

### 'Ponyo' a light-on-the-heart film

Welcome to a world where anything is possible.

"Ponyo" an endearing and stunning fairytale about an adorable little goldfish girl of the same name, splashed its way into theaters Aug. 14.

The film is the latest gem in a long line of masterpieces directed by Japanese animation deity Hayao Miyazaki.

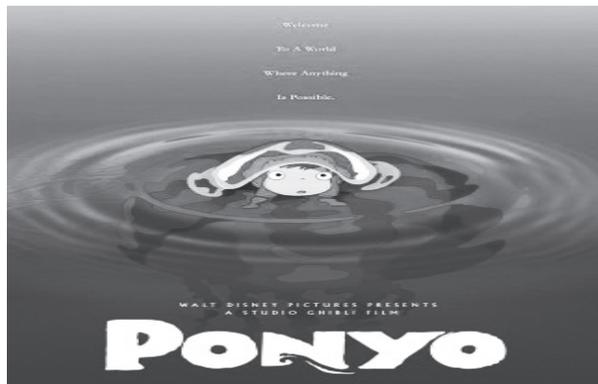
Miyazaki gained worldwide acclaim with his 2002 blockbuster "Spirited Away."

This enjoyable flick centers on Ponyo, the magical daughter of a human-hating sorcerer and a beautiful sea goddess, who longs to escape the confines of her father's underwater castle.

When robust little Ponyo finds herself stranded on the shoreline, she is rescued by — and falls in love with — the kindhearted Sosuke, a five year-old boy who vows to protect the goldfish forever.

But, as Sosuke quickly learns, Ponyo is no ordinary goldfish.

And "Ponyo" is no ordinary movie.



It is a beautiful and truly heartwarming story that lightly touches upon many important themes, the environment and feminism are among the movie's most prominent while sustaining the whimsical, lighthearted atmosphere of a perfect children's film.

Ponyo is a delightful, loveable, and downright refreshing flick in a world where truly family-friendly movies are hard, if not nearly impossible, to come by.

If you are looking for a more serious tale, you might want to look into some of Miyazaki's previous works.

But if you want a sweet, uplifting film that moviegoers of all ages can enjoy, look no further than "Ponyo".

You won't be disappointed.

**Rating: A**

—WHITNEY KNIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

As you're feeling your way around this new world you've encountered, you may find yourself feeling a wide range of emotions, from fear and timidity to exhilaration and even anger.

Although the predominant American culture doesn't hold emotion in the same esteem as our other core components, biology and intellect, we have to remember that our feelings simply are what they are and should be treated with respect.

However, it's important to remember that how we act on those feelings says much about who we are as individuals.

One of the most helpful things you can learn to do is to ask questions. Too often, people become emotional over an event and react rather than stop to think about what is generating the emotion.

It will be helpful for you to take a moment to identify how you're feeling and why you are feeling that way. Once you do that, you can better decide what, if anything, you want to do. Handling your emotions in this way is a sign of high emotional maturity or EQ.

Much of the time, our EQ says more about us than does our IQ. You might be very intelligent, but if you don't handle your emotions well, people might not notice how smart you are. In fact, the doors of opportunity might close before you ever get a chance to show what you are capable of.

Being emotionally mature doesn't mean you let the world walk on you. It also doesn't mean that you don't feel as deeply as anyone else.

Being emotionally mature means that you find the courage to address your feelings appropriately. This might mean that you recognize that the essay you wrote at 3 a.m. really didn't merit a good grade. Instead of being angry with the professor for calling this to your attention, you resolve to manage your time better so that you can put your best work forward. Instead of storming out of class hurt or angry and then saying mean things about the professor, you might find the courage to schedule an appointment with him/her to find out what you did well and what you could do better.

You can't get knocked off your horse if you never climb into the saddle, but learning sometimes requires the courage to ask how you can be better.

We in Student Support Services are here to help you find your courage and to learn how to say what you need to say.

—MARY TURNER  
LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

FILM REVIEW | Woodstock movie not about the music

### New Woodstock movie gives you glimpse of how it was put together

While the first man was walking on the moon, plans were being made for another memorable event in history, the Woodstock concert.

Director Ang Lee "Brokeback Mountain" was a child in Taiwan when Woodstock was happening in 1969.

That fact did not prevent him from capturing the mood of the historical event in his latest film "Taking Woodstock."

If you go to this film expecting a documentary about the music, you will be disappointed.

But if you go to get an education of what the hippie movement was all about, you will be pleased.

The film is based on the book written by Elliot Tiber of how he (renamed Elliot Teichberg in the movie) became instrumental in providing a place for this concert of a lifetime.

Elliot, portrayed by Demetri Martin, is working in his parents' run-down motel in the Catskills. When he hears about the problems organizers are having obtaining a permit for a concert.

As head of the town council, he issues a permit, and history is made.

Elliot also introduces the promoters to Max Yasgar, who allows his farm to be used for the

event.

The movie is less about the music and more about the people and the times that created it.

The film's focus is on the life of a young man (Teichberg) who feels out of place and is trying to find where he fits in the world.

When the "hippies" arrive from all over the country, it makes a positive impact on Elliot, his parents, and the entire community they live in.

Not only do these young people bring money to the town, they bring a new attitude about life and love.

Leiv Schreiber is a fantastic example of the

sexual revolution of the '60s.

As the cross-dressing bodyguard Vilma, his portrayal of the tough male, dressing as a female, exhibits his self-acceptance to the world in general, and to Elliot in particular.

The film is rated R because there is nudity, sexual content, the F bomb, and drug references.

It was the '60s after all.

Unlike the concert, the movie "Taking Woodstock" is 110 minutes of enjoyment, but with only a trace of music.

**Rating: B+**

—CYNTHIA PRAEFKE  
STAFF WRITER

## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

LIVE MUSIC REVIEW | Local band entertains with 30 years of music

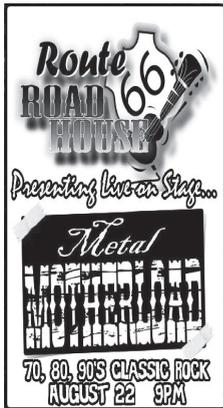
# Jump on stage with the head-banging, guitar ripping band known as Metal Motherload

As clientele for the Route 66 Roadhouse filed in Saturday night on N.W. 39th Street, the Metal Motherload band was congregated at a long wooden table greeting patrons and discussing the night ahead.

As the band hit the stage at 9:30 p.m. every person in the Roadhouse was quickly taken back to the '80s with the head-banging anthem "Metal Health" by Quiet Riot.

Before the intro for the song was through, everyone knew that on stage was not an amateur band but seasoned professional musicians.

The band's finger-tapping solos, thunderous bass



runs, precision drumming, and astonishing vocals made an outstanding impression on all in attendance.

The chemistry and stage presence of Metal Motherload could be felt in the parking lot.

Patrons were dancing and playing air guitar with pool cues, throwing the metal sign up with their hands, and hollering for more after each song.

The band made a long-lasting impression on those who were fortunate to see them.

With a set list that spans 30 years of great rock music, peppered with fresh original material written by the band, the customers of the Roadhouse truly got their money's worth.

Metal Motherload is comprised of Tracy Hucks, bass; Scott Morton, lead guitar; Jerry Griffin, drums; Ray Brant, vocals and rhythm guitar.

The band also is known by the name Ear Candy.

Ear Candy is now working on 10 years and still going strong.

With Ear Candy primarily targeting a younger crowd, the guys started Metal Motherload to target an older crowd, playing music that inspired themselves to be musicians. Bryant said the musicians hope to fuse together the sounds of both bands to create something unique.

If you are a rock lover, spending a night with Metal Motherload is defiantly a must.

To listen to Metal Motherload, also known as Ear Candy, visit them online at [www.myspace.com/thebandearcandy](http://www.myspace.com/thebandearcandy).

They also have live streaming music and shows at [secondlife.com](http://secondlife.com).

**Rating: A**

—ANTHONY RHODES  
STAFF WRITER

RESTAURANT REVIEW | Café serves patrons with a heap of hospitality

# Dip into 'The Grateful Bean Cafe' for one tasty meal; it will keep you coming back for more

Regular restaurant patrons have come to the conclusion that hospitality is a deceased idea.

That is the furthest thing from the truth.

The Grateful Bean Café, located on the corner of N.W. 10th Street and Walker Avenue in Oklahoma City, is a one-of-a-kind experience that will leave you begging for more.

In a world full of rushed waitstaff and bussers, a person can find eager servers and well-mannered help at the Grateful Bean.

With homemade ice cream and other delectable treats on teh menu, this old-fashioned-soda-fountain-turned-restaurant is a dining experience not to be missed.

While waiting for

a handmade rootbeer float, or a hot fudge sundae, patrons can take in the historic atmosphere of the nearly one-hundred-year-old restaurant.

"These photos are recreations of the originals taken at the former Kaiser's Ice Cream Parlor," said Ola Hall, senior soda fountaineer, as she pointed to the images on the upper part of the wall.

The restaurant, which is also on the National Register of Historic Places, was originally Kaiser's Old-fashioned Ice Cream Parlor.

The Bean still honors the Kaiser tradition by making homemade ice cream and handmade soda fountain concoctions.

However, the food is

still one of the best aspects of the restaurant.

With selections as diverse as the staff that works there, a patron will find dishes such as an Indian Taco and Super Nachos.

"The Buffalo Burger is one of the most requested items on the menu," said Hall who has worked with the Grateful Bean for nine years

As a non-profit restaurant, the Grateful Bean is involved with several humanitarian efforts such as Adopt-a-City-Street program and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Peter K. Schaffer, family law attorney, founded the Grateful Bean in 1993 as a way to help people with drug and alcohol addictions, past

felony convictions, and minor mental illnesses find substantial employment.

When searching for a

restaurant that has good food and a hospitable staff and that gives back to the community and environment, search no

further than the Grateful Bean Café.

**Rating: A**

—MARK SMITH  
STAFF WRITER



MARK SMITH/PIONEER

Grateful Bean Café employees put the finishing touches on a sundae. The café is a one-of-a-kind experience with world-class hospitality.

# OCCC joins nationwide Big Read program

**The goal is to get hundreds reading and discussing the same book**

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Hundreds of OCCC students are expected to join their counterparts around the country to read Dashiell Hammett's novel "The Maltese Falcon" as part of The Big Read program, said Barbara King, Library Services director.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture, King said. "Maltese Falcon" — the book chosen for the Big Read — is a 1930 detective novel by Dashiell Hammett, originally serialized in the magazine "Black Mask," she said.

The main character, Sam Spade, appears only in this novel and in three lesser-known short stories, yet is widely cited as the crystallizing figure in the development of the hard-boiled private detective genre.

"The historical context of the novel is the roaring '20s,"

King said.

That time period adds another topic for study besides the literary aspects of character development, point of view, parable within the story, themes, symbolism, and other qualities of a great novel, she said.

King said activities centered around the book are scheduled for the month of October.

This is the second year OCCC has partnered with Rose State College to offer this program, said Rachel Butler, reference librarian.

She said the idea of this program is to get everyone reading the same book.

After reading the book, participants discuss the issues and themes and how they relate to today's world, Butler said.

Even though the program is open to the public, Butler said, the audience is mostly OCCC students.

"Many professors offer extra credit to students for participating," Butler said.

Rose State applied for the grant to fund the project and OCCC has partnered with them, she said.

"The grant includes books and information that professors use."

The author, Hammett, was

caught up in the McCarthyism Era.

McCarthyism is the politically-motivated practice of making accusations of disloyalty, subversion, or treason without proper regard for

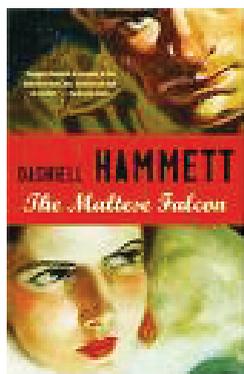
evidence.

"The novel has some interesting parallels with the world today," Butler said.

"It is a really good book." The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the

Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with the Arts of the Midwest, Butler said.

For more information, contact King at 405-682-7564 or e-mail [bking@occc.edu](mailto:bking@occc.edu).



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## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS HIRED THIS FALL

# OCCC adds experience, talent on campus with seven new professors

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Traci Boren has joined the OCCC faculty to teach in the University of Oklahoma's Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, which is housed in the OCCC school of nursing.



**Traci Boren**

Boren has been an operating room nurse for over 11 years. She said she decided to apply for her first teaching position at OCCC because she believes that community colleges are a big stepping-stone for students.

Boren has had various opportunities in the nursing field, she said.

The experience that stands out the most in her mind is her medical mission work in Honduras and Costa Rica, she said.

"These were humanitarian missions that I participated in during my time in the Oklahoma National Guard," Boren said.

She said she received her master's degree in nursing education and bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Oklahoma.

## Charles Myrick

Mississippi native Charles Myrick joined the full-time faculty this fall as a business and economics professor.



**Charles Myrick**

Myrick said he acquired a master's degree from Mississippi State University.

"I came from Dyersburg State College in Mississippi where I spent five years teaching," he said.

Myrick said he relocated to Oklahoma to be closer to relatives and further his education.

"I really like it here at OCCC," he said. "It's very relaxed and everyone's very professional."

## Mathew Price

Business and Economics professor Mathew Price said he spent six years as an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma, where he also attained his bachelor's degree in business and his master's in economics. Price joined the full-time faculty at OCCC this fall.



**Mathew Price**

Last year, he said he was an adjunct professor at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"I've taught just about everything from soccer and tennis to boxing," Price said. "Everybody has those little odd jobs, but teaching is something I've always come back to."

Price said he plans to go back to school to pursue a doctorate in Business Management and Finance.

## Julie Rice-Rollins

Newly hired geography professor Julie Rice-Rollins is a South Dakota girl who obtained her master's degree in geography from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, where she also spent some time teaching as well.



**Julie Rice-Rollins**

"Before I started my master's I spent some time teaching at Chadron State University in the panhandle of Nebraska where I received my undergraduate degree," Rice-Rollins said.

She said she has been an adjunct

professor at OCCC for five years while pursuing her doctorate in geography at the University of Oklahoma.

Rice-Rollins said she grew up on a reservation in South Dakota and specializes in Native American geography. She came to Oklahoma to further her degree in Native American studies.

"When I came to Oklahoma, OU was the only school where you could get a doctorates in geography and have a Native American studies program for your cognate field as well," she said.

Rice-Rollins said she considers everyone to be a geographer in one way, shape or form.

"I enjoy when students have the light bulb go off," she said. "I hope that students will learn something about other places and find something to apply to themselves, to their lives and degrees, to pique their interest."

## Jorge Lopez-Romero

The Modern Languages Department has a new Spanish instructor this semester.



**Jorge Lopez-Romero**

Jorge Lopez-Romero, modern languages professor, said he holds a double-major bachelor's degree in Spanish and psychology from Brooklyn College in New York and a master's degree in Spanish from Michigan State University.

He said he is originally from Argentina. He has experience teaching Spanish and literature at Idaho State University and Oregon's Lewis and Clark University, Lopez-Romero said.

"Students would benefit from taking a foreign language course at OCCC," he said.

"Students will learn valuable information about different cultures that can help them further their careers."

## James Bothwell



**James Bothwell**

James Bothwell, computer science professor, is a new addition to the full-time faculty in the Division of Information Technology.

Bothwell said he received his bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Georgia, and his master's degree in computer science from National Technology Institute in Fort Collins, Colo.

Additionally, he said he is in the process of defending his doctoral dissertation on Geography Information Services, which covers using computers as mapping tools, at the University of Oklahoma.

Bothwell said he chose to teach at OCCC because he enjoys teaching more than he does writing and defending dissertations.

## Haining Chen

The Computer Science Division has added Haining Chen as a faculty member this semester.

Chen will be teaching computer-programming languages, he said.

He received both his doctorate in computer engineering and his master's degree in computer science at the University of Louisiana.

Chen said he has various experiences in teaching. This includes teaching computer science at the University of Louisiana and at Bethel College in Indiana, he said.

In addition to teaching, he said he has worked as a project manager for telecom companies.

"I am so excited to be given the opportunity to teach here at OCCC," Chen said.



**Haining Chen**

# Arts Festival Oklahoma on campus Sept. 5 - 7

**Attendees can partake in everything from art and food to entertainment and crafts**

## Saturday, Sept. 5

Daytime performances are between the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check at [www.occc.edu/afo](http://www.occc.edu/afo) for updates of exact times.

- 10:30 - 11 a.m.: Red Hat Ladies of OKRHS
- 11 a.m. - noon: Simoleons
- Noon - 1 p.m.: Los Ninos de España y Mexico (Spanish Dancers)
- 1 - 2 p.m.: David Castro Band
- 2 - 3 p.m.: Oklahoma City Traditional Music Group
- 3 - 4 p.m.: Alter Ego (Band)
- 4 - 5 p.m.: Full Circle (Band)
- 5 - 6 p.m.: Burn Ban (Band)
- 6 - 7 p.m.: Mezclave
- 7:30 - 9 p.m.: Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey

## Sunday, Sept. 6

Daytime performances are between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check at [www.occc.edu/afo](http://www.occc.edu/afo) for updates of exact times.

- 10 - 11 a.m.: Stone Cypher Irish Dancers
- 11 a.m. to noon: Irish Dancers
- Noon - 1 p.m.: Yumare (Mexican Dancers)
- 1 - 2 p.m.: Sleepless Continuum (Band)
- 2 - 3 p.m.: Pamela Rise Group
- 3 - 4 p.m.: Rosh Pinah (Jewish Dances)
- 4 - 5 p.m.: John Taylor Trio
- 5 - 6 p.m.: Stephanie Jackson
- 6 - 7 p.m.: Horseshoe Road
- 8 - 9:15: OKC Philharmonic (followed by fireworks)

## Monday, Sept. 7

Daytime performances are are between the hours of 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Check at [www.occc.edu/afo](http://www.occc.edu/afo) for updates of exact times.

- 10:30 - 11 p.m.: TBD (as of press time)
- 11 a.m. - noon: Blue Chair Band
- Noon - 1 p.m.: Michael Boyle Jazz Group
- 1 - 2 p.m.: Edgar Cruz
- 2 - 3:30 p.m.: Low Maintenance Band
- 3:30 - 5: Mike Black & the Stingrays (Featuring Classic Rock Band and a visit from Elvis)

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Arts Festival Oklahoma site is located on the OCCC campus. For more information, call 405-682-161, ext. 7295.

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## SPORTS



## Getting fit

Dana Phelps, special education early elementary major, works out in the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center offers several new classes, including Zumba. For more information or to join a class, contact the Recreation and Fitness office at 405-682-7860.

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FITNESS PROGRAMS | Recreation and Fitness office unveils new programs

## New fitness classes available this fall

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Students can dance their way to physical fitness in an exercise class called Zumba, which is being offered on campus for the first time this semester, said Kristen Hoaglin, Recreation and Community Service secretary.

"Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance that has different beats than Salsa dancing," Hoaglin said.

Susanna Ericson, fitness instructor, said she is excited to see how enrollment for the classes turns out.

Zumba is one of the many fitness classes the Recreation and Fitness Center offers to students and employees, as well as the community, Ericson said.

She said a modified version geared toward the elderly, called Zumba Gold, also is offered.

Fitness classes are open for enrollment, but do not start until September. Enrollment must be submitted the Thursday before the class begins. The classes last between 45 minutes to an hour.

Hoaglin said fees for the classes range from \$20 to \$40. OCCC stu-

dents pay \$20.

Eric Watson, Recreation and Fitness coordinator, said classes typically have a minimum of seven people.

"But, a class will never get canceled," Watson said. "The class will stay open until its end date.

Lockers are available for the participants to rent, he said.

Watson said participants can use the dressing rooms in the main locker room as well.

Another new class offered is Active Adult Strength Training, he said.

Watson said it involves improving one's daily functions, such as walking briskly, along with exercises that focus on flexibility and range of motion.

"We are always trying to incorporate different components into the fitness programs," he said.

"The Walk Fit Club is for active adults and employees," Hoaglin said.

She said club members will walk both indoors and outdoors.

"The indoor walking will be on the walking path," Hoaglin said.

The Spinning class is being offered at 6 a.m. so more people can become involved, she said.

Hoaglin said while there are only six stationary riding bikes available per class, there are five other spin-

ning classes available at different time slots.

Participants in the Total Body Workout class will do exercises such as steps, pushups, weights and more, she said.

Other classes being offered are Body Sculpting, Combo Aerobics, Hatha Yoga, Holiday Boot Camp, Pilates, and Deep and Shallow Water Exercises.

Body Sculpting focuses on three areas of getting into shape: aerobic activity, weights and toning. Combo Aerobics is a combination of Land and Step Aerobics and Interval Training. Hatha Yoga teaches participants to gain flexibility and confidence along with relaxation.

Holiday Boot Camp is a workout designed to increase muscle while using equipment such as the stability ball, hand weights and body bars.

Pilates is an exercise program that mainly involves exercises done on a mat with emphasis on body alignment.

Shallow Water exercises include walking and jogging in the water. Deep Water exercises use jogger belts and hand-held water buoys.

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

## UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **Active:** Open enrollment for fitness classes.

- **Aug. 31:** Coed flag football players meet in the Recreation and Fitness gym at 12:30 p.m.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Body sculpting class from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Pilates class from noon to 12:55 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Hatha yoga class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Zumba class from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Spinning class from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 1-29:** Deep Water Exercise class from 4:30 to 5:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Aquatic Center.

- **Sept. 2-30:** Cardio Boot Camp class from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 2-30:** Combo Aerobics class from noon to 12:55 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 2-30:** Zumba class from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Wellness Center.

- **Sept. 2-30:** Spinning class from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Wellness Center.

For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness specialist, Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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G.I. BILL EXPLAINED BY EXPERT

# Help available for veterans with PTSD

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Educators at OCCC can play a critical role in helping military veterans when they re-enter society through the doorway of higher education, said Rob Braese, a clinical psychologist.

Braese said he works at the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Hospital at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and one of his specialties is treating veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"You have a unique role and opportunity to help veterans re-tool their lives," Braese

said to the OCCC staff. "One of the more significant difficulties is readjustment.

"You do not just go into battle. A soldier has to be trained."

Too often the flip side of the coin is ignored.

"A soldier has to be trained to return home as well," he said.

Many of the skills that help a soldier survive combat can create problems in a peacetime society.

"Soldiers are often happy to be home but may view themselves and the world differently," Braese said.

He showed a film to illustrate driving practices in war zone cities.

In the war zone, a person

has to keep moving, even if it means driving on the wrong side of the road, he said, while in civilian life, a person has to wait at stop lights and deal with traffic congestion by slowing to a crawl.

Some returning soldiers find themselves fixated on memories of the war zone that make it difficult for them to function in daily life.

"Combat has always been stressful," Braese said. He said it wasn't until the 1980s that it got the name post traumatic stress disorder.

PTSD has always existed, but just recently studied, Braese said.

"Combat stress is a very new field, but a very old practice," Braese said.

“Soldiers are often happy to be home but may view themselves and the world differently.”

—ROB BRAESE  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

With extended lengths of deployment, and unclear enemy lines, PTSD cases are on the rise with soldiers returning home, he said.

Even though 73 percent of veterans use their GI Bill benefits, only 3 percent exhaust their benefits.

Working with veterans with PTSD can be difficult, Braese said, but the key is balance.

Braese encouraged faculty to challenge veteran students while recognizing their unique situations.

Although dealing with PTSD can be difficult, 57 percent of veterans show improvement with counseling, he said.

A workshop for students interested in learning more about this topic will be offered on from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Sept. 25 in room 407 of the Library.

This session will be open to faculty, staff and students who want to attend.

For more information, contact Braese at 405-456-3295.

## Expert says Gen NeXt live much of life online

Professors need to meet students halfway regarding technology

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Today's college students have lived their entire lives in the cyber world, forcing professors to try to keep up, said Mark Taylor in his lecture "Generation NeXt: Understanding Today's College Students."

OCCC professors and other staff members packed the college union Aug. 20 for a seminar created to help them understand, teach, and serve today's generation of college student.

Gen NeXt is defined as those born between 1982 and 1994.

During the two-and-a-half hour presentation, Taylor, a self-described baby boomer, exhorted professors on the



Mark Taylor

importance of meeting students halfway when it comes to technology.

"They are living their lives online," Taylor said. "If you don't meet them with technology, you are going to be seen as obsolete and irrelevant."

"And they may be right.

"They are not going to see you as a credible source."

Because they come from a technology-rich, consumer-driven environment, Taylor

said, they are much different from any previous generation of college students.

"They have wired their brains in ways I cannot identify," Taylor said, grinning, as his audience laughed and nodded knowingly.

"If they could apply [their technological knowledge] to academics, they would rule the world."

Al Heitkamper, computer science professor, said he found the seminar to be very informative.

"I do plan on implementing some of [Taylor's] ideas in my cyber forensics class," he said.

While Heitkamper said he isn't sure how his students — most of whom are outside of the Gen NeXt age group — will take to it, he is optimistic.

"It just makes sense for us to embrace technology," he said.

For more information, visit Taylor's website at [www.taylorprograms.com](http://www.taylorprograms.com).

## ART: Concerts scheduled

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orchestra. They will perform sounds of musical theater, silent movies, and vintage dance.

Bardequez said Massenkoff Russian Festival will perform Oct. 27. Massenkoff's show will feature Russian songs, dances, and music.

Rave On! Buddy Holly Revue is scheduled for Nov. 10, he said.

Rave On! is a tribute concert to Buddy Holly — an American rock'n'roll singer and songwriter during the 1950s.

Holly was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

The Four Freshmen will perform Dec. 1, Bardequez said.

The performance will feature harmonies and their own accompaniment.

The Four Freshmen first emerged onto the music scene in the 1950s. Some of their hits include "It's a Blue World," "Mood Indigo," "Day By Day," and "Graduation Day."

All the concerts will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Bardequez said.

To purchase tickets or for a complete schedule of performances, artists, prices and any additional information, go online to [www.occc.edu/cas](http://www.occc.edu/cas), the Cultural Arts Series brochure, or call the Cultural Arts Series department at 405-682-7579.

The ticket office is located in the Main Building, room 1G1A.

The Cultural Arts Series office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

General admission tickets for non students cost \$22.

For seniors (55 and older), faculty, staff or Alumni Association members, tickets are \$17.

Children 17-years-old or younger can purchase tickets for \$10.

General admission season tickets can be purchased for \$95.

Senior, faculty, staff or Alumni Association member, season tickets are \$85, and \$50 for children.

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

## Helping hand



JENNIFER PEARSALL/PIONEER

Valerie McCartney, nursing professor, helps Aurora Huerta, early childhood major, find her classes on a map at Opening Day. Opening Day is held the Saturday afternoon before every semester to help new students familiarize themselves with the campus.

STUDENT LIFE | Finding their way

## Student Clubs, Organizations Fair scheduled on campus Sept. 2, 3

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Students will be given a chance to meet others who share their same interests when campus clubs recruit new members Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 3.

Student Life will hold its annual Clubs Organizations Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the general dining area of the College Union, said Karlen Grayson, Student Clubs and Organizations assistant.

With the college showing enrollment increases this year, organizers are expecting a large turnout, Grayson said.

The event involves all the clubs and organiza-

tions on campus. Clubs range from the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education to the Millitary Student Association.

There also will be academic clubs like the Psychology and Sociology Club and social awareness clubs like the Advocates of Peace.

The fair gives students a chance to meet members of various clubs and get to know what the club represent.

Joining a club can be very beneficial to first-time college students and returning students, Grayson said.

"Students tend to mature faster when they are involved in student organizations," she said.

Grayson said students'

social skills are more developed if they join a club compared to those students who are not involved.

She said being in a club can help students gain a goal-oriented view of their future.

Club membership also can help with networking skills, she said.

Students are encouraged to join a club that promotes what they might be interested in.

Grayson said signing up for a club is easy.

Students can access a list of all clubs on the OCCC home page — [www.occc.edu](http://www.occc.edu) — by clicking on the Student Life link in the department sub menu.

There, students can see all the clubs, their

mission statements, club goals, and officers. Students can even join a club online.

"After you sign up for a club it may take up to two days to get validated," Grayson said.

To be validated, students must have an OCCC e-mail account.

When students are validated they are then sent a password so they can sign in to the club's website and navigate through it.

Grayson said she expects some clubs to have laptops with them at the fair to make signing up that much easier.

"This fair is just a good way to recruit and show awareness about the student clubs and organizations."

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Club to offer free lunch

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will offer free lunches to all students, faculty and staff this semester. Meetings will be held on Mondays at noon in the Bruce Owen Theater, and Thursdays at 12:20 p.m. in room 3NO of the Main Building. For more information, contact Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583 or e-mail Chris Verschage at [cverschage@occc.edu](mailto:cverschage@occc.edu).

### Emergency drills planed for Sept. 1

OCCC will hold two emergency drills Sept. 1, on campus. The morning drill will start at 9:10 a.m. and end at 9:20 a.m. The evening drill will start at 7:50 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. The drill will be activated by the IP phone system.

### Pharmacy tech classes offered

Pharmacy technician classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 1 through Oct. 22, in room 3P1. Prerequisites for taking the class are a high school diploma or GED, and basic math skills. The class will cost \$325. For more information, call Corporate Learning at 405-682-7562.

### Alternative fuel technician class

OCCC will hold an Oklahoma State Certified Alternative Fuel Class Sept. 7 through 10. With more companies going to a cleaner way to run their vehicles, a demand for technicians is increasing. For more information, call 405-682-7580.

### Having trouble with research citing?

The Communications Lab will hold a workshop on MLA style at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in room CU2. For more information, call Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant, at 405-682-1611 ext., 7678.

### What websites are credible?

The Communications Lab will host a workshop to help students determine what websites are credible with a Power Point presentation and activities. The workshop will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in room CU2. For more information, contact Nick Webb, Communications Lab assistant, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678.

### Nurses sponsor run

The nursing faculty and Nursing Students Association will sponsor a 5-kilometer race and a 1-mile fun run Saturday, Oct. 3. The event's proceeds will go to help fund nursing scholarships at OCCC. For more information, contact Debbie Myers, assistant program director, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7138.

**All Highlights are due Tuesday by noon for inclusion in the next issue.**

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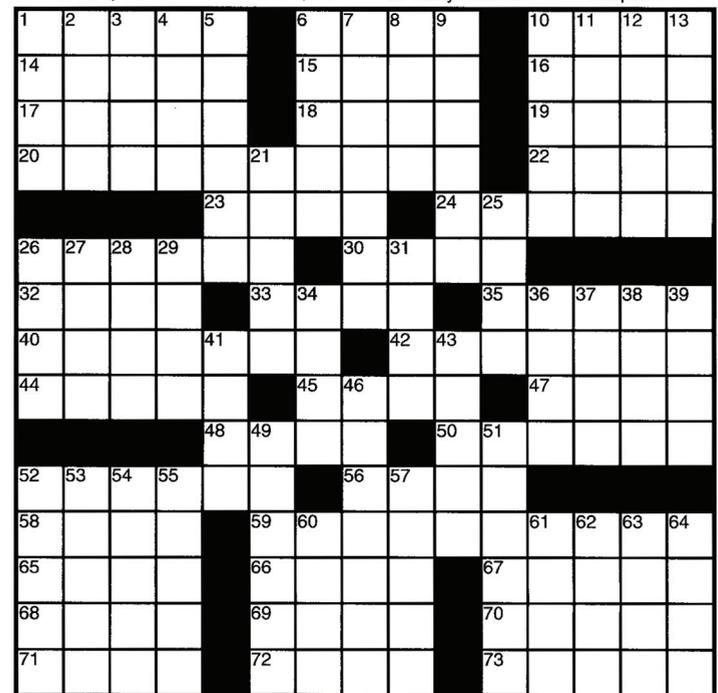
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## ENROLLMENT: Increase attributed to economy

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said.

Journalism and Broadcasting major Jennifer Bradshaw said she came to college to sharpen up her job skills.

"I need more training," Bradshaw said. "The job market is just horrible right now,"

Sechrist said OCCC has become a destination of choice for college students.

Freshman courses have had the largest increase, said Harvey.

"Courses such as English Composition, College Algebra, American Government, History and Introduction to Psychology," said Harvey.

Even students with a bachelor's degree are enrolling for more education, Sechrist said.

"They are taking some of our professional technical programs," he said.

"We're an affordable college and have a reputation for high quality programs," Sechrist said. "The college offers a number of job specific programs."

Sechrist cited the variety of job programs like the nursing program, occupational therapy, physical therapy, graphics communications, automotive technology, biotechnology, and the film and video production program.

"A student can receive a certificate or a license in these

two-year programs and be able to go out to the work force with job skills," Sechrist said.

The affordability and excellent learning environment enticed Accounting Major Candace Banks to come to OCCC.

"The knowledgeable people in the labs help out a lot," Banks said.

To match the increase in students, the faculty has been asked to pick up a few more classes.

Although many new adjunct professors were hired, only a few full-time positions were added, Sechrist said.

"We have added a few full-time positions and would like to add more," he said. "We handled the increase of students by asking full time faculty to teach another class or two," Sechrist said.

Also class sizes have grown, but only where it wouldn't affect the instruction.

"Some class sizes have increased," said Sechrist.

"But only where they were really pinched and it made sense that they could do it without compromising instructional excellence in the classroom."

Approximately 140 sections and 20 additional adjunct professors were added over the summer for the anticipated inflation of fall enrollment, Sechrist said.

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