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Computer Science majors Mounika Nandigama, Kalyan Kandregula, Balu Vudugola and Sheethal Tesmara sit in the shade near the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. "It's hot outside, but it feels nice in the shade," Nandigama said. There are several outdoor areas on campus where students can meet to visit or study. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Capitol Hill Center to add bilingual class

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Martinez-Brooks**

A leader in adult education and job readiness, the Capitol Hill Center will soon be stepping up its game by offering credit courses to provide students with a Bilingual Banking Certificate, said Community Outreach and Education Director Jessica Martinez-Brooks.

The classes will be offered at the Capitol Hill Center when it opens, which is tentatively set for fall 2016.

The certificate track will include English Composition,

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## 2015 graduates will have higher loan debt

**Today's students, on average, leave college owing \$35,051 to the federal government**

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This year's bachelor's degree graduates will leave college with more student loan debt — an average of \$35,051 or \$2,000 more — than their counterparts in 2014, according to marketwatch.com.

What hasn't changed is the number of students going into debt, said Mark Kantrowitz of Edvisors.com, a website that provides information to parents and students about college costs and financial aid.

"The share of students graduating with debt remained roughly the same as last year at about 70 percent," he said.

Angela Leal, OCCC Finan-

cial Aid Compliance Assistant Director, said borrowing only the amount a student needs can help keep that debt down.

"One common misconception — especially with new students — is they think in order to take loans they have to take the full amount they were awarded," she said.

Leal said taking the entire amount that is offered leads to students having more debt than they planned on at graduation. Instead, she said, students should plan to borrow only what they need.

"If a student is awarded \$5,500, but... they realize with all their other aid, they only need \$2,000 of their loan, they can take just the \$2,000.

"If they realize later they need a little more, that money is still available to them and they can increase the amount they need."

Taking only the amount that is needed each year also can

keep students from reaching their loan limits, Leal said.

"Unfortunately we do see situations where students come in with a high loan debt and they've run out of Pell eligibility, and there's not aid available because they have hit their limit."

The type of loan a student takes also is important, Leal said. Those are subsidized or unsubsidized loans.

"The subsidized loans do not [accrue] interest while the student is in school," she said.

"The unsubsidized loans do collect interest while the

student is in school; however, the student is not required to repay those loans until they graduate or until they are no longer enrolled in more than six hours."

Leal said students who take

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## Interlibrary loan system available

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You've found the perfect article for your essay on the library's website but are unable to access the full text. What now?

Instead of searching for another article or changing the topic of your paper, try using the Interlibrary Loan system, said Reference Librarian Rachel Butler.

"... We can share [articles and books] we have and we can also borrow from other libraries," she said of the service.



Butler said many libraries use the system — in Oklahoma and other states as well.

She said the OCCC library even lends out and borrows things from libraries in other countries.

"[Interlibrary Loan] means that we can get almost anything that has been published for students if we don't have what they need here or online," she said.

Butler said the service is free for OCCC students and employees. They can use the system to borrow articles, books,

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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**PRODUCT REVIEW** | New Starbucks drink wins over skeptical customer

## Coffee and protein winning combo

Recently, I got a coupon for a free sample of a new canned drink from Starbucks, called Doubleshot, a protein coffee.

I am a huge fan of Starbucks because I love its delicious drinks. However, the name of this new coffee totally discouraged me.

The name makes me think of some sort of functional food that I would likely never eat.

I am very picky about what I eat and drink, and am used to considering foods and drink as being totally separate things. This drink's name made me feel like it would taste like a mix of coffee and food.

Because of that, I tossed the can in the fridge without a second thought.

A few days passed until one morning when I was out of milk for the cereal I usually eat for breakfast.

Then, I found that sample again. After a few minutes of hesitation, I decided to give it a try.

I was thinking that I would take just one sip and if it tasted awful, I'd throw it in the trash immediately.



Several sips later, I found I could not stop drinking it until the last drop was gone.

It tastes really delicious and tasty.

The flavor I tried is dark chocolate which is like a mix between light chocolate, syrup, and milk with a unique smell of protein that was more than bearable.

After that, I immediately looked for the flyer that had been attached to the sample and found out that Starbucks is running a contest with a \$500

gift card as the prize.

The contest centers on telling Starbucks your thoughts and feelings about the Doubleshot Protein coffee. All you have to do is to try the sample and then, go to [www.doubleshotsample.com](http://www.doubleshotsample.com) and write your review. Who knows? Maybe \$500 worth of this tasty beverage is in my future.

**Rating: A**

—HUNG TRAN  
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**MUSIC REVIEW** | 'Beauty Behind the Madness' is full of great production

## The Weeknd shakes up R&B world

When R&B singer The Weeknd first burst onto the scene in 2011 with the release of his acclaimed debut mixtape "House of Balloons," I never would have thought that his career would skyrocket to where it has today.

This was due to the lyrics and overall sound of his music remaining consistent: druggy, dark and extremely raunchy.

However, Abel Tesfaye enters the release of his second studio album, "Beauty Behind The Madness," as a full-blown pop superstar.



From a huge sponsorship deal with Apple, to a fall tour where Tesfaye will play arenas all over North America, The Weeknd has cemented himself as the biggest face in R&B music today.

This begged the question though: where would Tesfaye take his sound now that his demographic is no longer just teenagers that spend half of their day on Tumblr? Can he balance pop appeal with his explicit nature?

He answered that question with two singles leading up to the album.

Both songs are undeniably great, with Tesfaye fine-tuning his old sound on "The Hills" and paying homage to Michael Jackson with an upbeat poppier sound on the #1 hit "Can't Feel My Face." The singles paint a great representation of the album itself.

"Beauty Behind The Madness" doesn't exactly break out of The Weeknd's druggy and moody comfort zone, and it isn't going to lead to a tour with him dancing around doing the moonwalk like "Can't Feel My Face" implied, but it will

most definitely be a chart topper.

The album is full of great production, with "Tell Your Friends," produced by Kanye West, being a standout.

Throughout, it sounds much more crisp and clean than The Weeknd's dismal debut "Kiss Land," and his lyrics also have improved by a good deal, but that isn't saying much.

His subject matter is the same as on most of his catalog, and his lyrics about drugs and girls come off as corny and contrived.

This is apparent on "Often" and "Earned It," both



## Free app generates 3D modeling

"123D Catch" is a free app by Autodesk that allows anyone with a smartphone to automatically make 3D models from photos.

The app uses the phone's compass/gyroscope to give users their orientation to whatever object they are trying to capture.

The user then circles the object, taking as many pictures from as many angles as possible—50 isn't unreasonable.

The app uploads the pictures and stitches them together, creating a detailed, accurate model that can be manipulated with other "123D" and Autodesk software.

Yes, you can take a model of something and 3D print it. You just need to learn the 3D design equivalent of changing document types from docx to pdf.

"123D Catch" has practical uses for people in fabrication, design, or hobbyists wanting to 3D print a flower or just make 3D art. Unless you have extensive drafting and Photoshop experience, you are not going to create a better model.

This app is as useful as you are creative and is a great example of the crazy things you can do with modern smartphones.

Ten years ago you would need an expensive computer and scanner setup to do what your phone can now do.

I assume that Autodesk handles most of the processing and storage pro bono, so, shout-out to them.

Sure, this app isn't most people's cup of tea, but I know there are enough nerds on campus that at least a few will go "no way!" and race to the app store.

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mediocre songs which were released ages ago, and had no place being on this project.

That's his schtick though, and going into this album I knew that.

Ultimately, no one is making music that sounds like The Weeknd's and it's a testament to him that he's gotten so popular by maintaining his sound.

**Rating: B**

—IAN MANERA  
SPORTS WRITER



# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**BOOK/PRODUCT REVIEW** | There could be some similarities to Haruki Murakami's memoir and Queso Cheese Ruffles

## Why review a book when you have chips?

This week I planned to write a review of Haruki Murakami's memoir "What I Talk About When I Talk About Running."

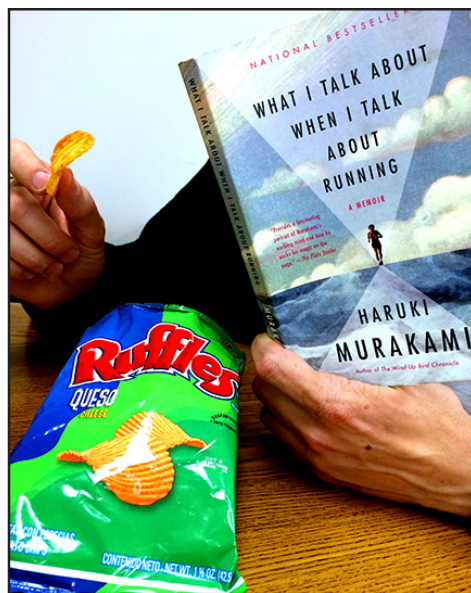
Then I opened this bag of chips, and thought to heck with it.

Nobody reads books anymore. People are probably more interested in these Queso Cheese Ruffles than a book about a writer testing his mental and physical limits.

Haruki Murakami might be the greatest living Japanese novelist, and possibly one of the best in the world, but I know readers would much rather learn about the delicious zing of these spicy chips.

Those familiar with his works may compare them to the claustrophobic fiction of Franz Kafka.

They may recognize his love of hardboiled crime fiction, but there is



nothing boiled about Queso Cheese Ruffles. They are deep fried.

His years working at a jazz club may

bring musical rhythms and colorful atmosphere to his writing, but these chips make a musical crunch in your mouth.

They also have a bright orange color that is probably not from actual cheese.

The stories in Murakami's memoir may teach lessons about handling the challenges of a long race or a writing career.

They might provide insight to help cope with the ups and downs of life, but Ruffles have ridges that go up and down, and up and down.

Murakami's sometimes reflective tone may evoke feelings of melancholy and nostalgia, but the smell of these chips makes me nostalgic

for the time I ate some movie theater nachos with gooey nacho cheese sauce.

This book about Murakami's life as a runner may contain many clever and insightful metaphors for his writing process.

They might help you become a better writer, but these chips contain so much salt, and monosodium glutamate that consuming them could cause you to black out and forget what you just read.

Finishing Mr. Murakami's book may inspire you to become a runner, a writer or both. But, just finish a bag of Queso Cheese Ruffles, and you will want to sit back down on the couch and open another bag.

**Rating:** A+

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**FOOD REVIEW** | Reviewer prefers 'Greek chickpea goodness' over Ranch dressing

## Sabra hummus great for dipping anything

I've never really been a fan of ranch dressing (am I even American?). However, I do like vegetables and something to dip them in.

Recently I saw hummus at the grocery store and remembered my affection for it. Carrots, bell peppers, popcorn, Fritos, pita chips — it all tastes delicious covered in Greek chickpea goodness.

I've made my own hummus several times, but I just can't beat the flavor of Sabra's varieties.

Walmart sells containers of them for around \$3 but I'm a hummus addict and have to get mine in bulk at Sam's. Still, a tub of it only lasts me a few weeks.

Most recently I ate the Roasted Garlic flavor and was not disappointed.

It's incredibly smooth and has a hefty spread of minced garlic on top, which is meant to be stirred into the dip before devouring. I currently have a container of it in the fridge at work.

The Roasted Red Pepper is my least favorite. It's creamy but its flavor pales in comparison to the other options Sabra has. It just tastes like mush. Last time I bought it, I had to season it up myself.

My favorite is the Tuscan Garden hummus. I don't know how many different herbs they put in that stuff but it's perfectly salted with a fresh Italian taste. It is richer than any of the other Sabra flavors. I could eat a whole cup of it in one sitting.

The Supremely Spicy version also is tasty. It has a nice kick to it without being too spicy for this wimp.

Hummus is a decently healthy snack and can be made



healthier by whatever you dip in it. It's pretty portable, too.

You can pack a container with an ice pack for a fast snack. Heaven forbid you eat it straight out of the bowl with a spoon.

Hummus can go on eggs, toast, celery, tomatoes or breadsticks — the list goes on. At this point I'm just looking for a reason to eat hummus.

Perhaps it should be sold in to-go tubes.

**Rating:** A+

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### TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Sept. 4  
through Sept. 6  
[www.newyorktimes.com](http://www.newyorktimes.com)

1. Straight Outta Compton
2. War Room
3. Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation
4. No Escape
5. Sinister 2
6. The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
7. Hitman: Agent 47
8. Ant-Man
9. Jurassic World
10. The Gift
11. Minions
12. American Ultra
13. Fantastic Four
14. We Are Your Friends
15. Ricki and the Flash
16. Trainwreck
17. Vacation
18. Pixels
19. Inside Out
20. Shaun the Sheep Movie

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# Students first to graduate from service tech class

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Five students just started a new chapter in their careers after graduating from the Commercial Food Equipment Service Technician program offered by OCCC through the Professional Development Institute, said CFEST Program Director Lorri Romero.

CFEST is a new program OCCC offers to unemployed students, she said.

On Aug. 21, Jim Hensley, Dennis Baker, Treleshia Prince, Nate Highberger and Jose Bocanegra-Yanez became the first students to graduate from the program. All received certificates, Romero said.

She said all of the graduates should now be able to find work in the restaurant industry.

Romero said that work would focus on the “hot side” of food service — basics in electric, gas, steam and hydraulics and pneumatics — as well as repairing commercial kitchen equipment for restaurants, schools, cafeterias and prisons — “any place that has commercial kitchen equipment that serves food to the masses.”

Romero said the five graduates spent the four- to six-week condensed course working through separate weekly modules, where students learn everything from safety, to hydraulics pneumatics.

Deployment and Education Coach Regina Clear said graduates learned how to be successful in finding a job.

“They learned job readiness skills related to getting on the job and staying on the job,” she said. “They learned interview techniques and they came up with a professional résumé.”

Graduate Jim Hensley said he took the course as a refresher and to get the necessary paperwork to get back into the field.

“It was like exercising a muscle,” he said.

“It helped me rebuild some skills I had but if you don’t use it, you lose it. It’s been very beneficial to me.”

Romero said the program is funded through a \$2.4 million Trade Act Assistance and Community College Career Training Grant.

“It combines funding from the Department of Labor and the Department of Education to develop training opportunities leading to certifications or degrees in a condensed format in a shorter period of time to get people back into the workforce,” she said.

“It’s money set aside from the Department of Labor for people who are left unemployed because of a business that picks up and moves out of the United States or moves to another country.”

This is the first CFEST graduation



Jim Hensley, left, and Jose Bocanegra-Yanez, far right, with PDI Director John Claybon after their graduation from the Commercial Food Equipment Service Technician program. Hensley, Bocanegra-Yanez, Dennis Baker, Treleshia Prince and Nate Highberger are the first graduates of the program. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

ceremony, Romero said.

She said with more students joining the program, there will be many other people just like Hensley getting their careers right back on track.

“Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, the CFEST Program was developed in cooperation with the Commercial Food Equipment Service Association to prepare students with the technical skills necessary to gain employment in the commercial food

equipment repair industry. As indicated by industry employers, the demand for skilled repair technicians is ever increasing,” according to OCCC’s website.

Hensley said he has already started lining up his career plans.

“I plan on interviewing with some prospective employers and I hope to be working in a week or two.”

For more information about the program, visit [www.occc.edu/pdi/cfest.html](http://www.occc.edu/pdi/cfest.html).

## Man injured at arts festival site after pole falls

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Police responded to several calls recently including a head injury at the Arts Festival Oklahoma site.

At around 4 p.m. Aug. 29, worker Miguel Rivera was helping erect tents at the Arts Festival area on the northwest corner of campus when a tent pole fell, hitting his head.

When Officer P.T. Solinski arrived, a shirt was being used to apply pressure to Rivera’s head, according to the report, and blood was dripping down the man’s face.

Rivera was taken to Integris Southwest by EMSA for further treatment. The hospital

declined to provide any further information.

On Aug. 27 two engineering students had a dispute that ended in one student pretending to spill coffee on the other who, he said, had made disparaging remarks to him.

Officer Zachary Andrews said the man claimed that he and others were being belittled during class, so he made the motion of spilling his coffee on the man but said the lid was on.

Andrews said no harm came to either student, but said he filed a Student Conduct Code violation to the office of Student Life for both students.

On Sept. 1, police were called to investigate a disturbance in the Testing Center at 4:35 p.m. after one student confronted

another, alleging that man had skipped out on a lunch receipt at an area restaurant.

When police arrived, the student who had created the disturbance became upset after being detained by Andrews and Officer Jeremy Bohannon, according to the report.

He asked officers if he was under arrest or if he was free to leave. When he wasn’t allowed to leave, he asked students in the area to film the officers.

The officers told the man they needed to know what had happened to cause him to confront the other student.

He then told them he was concerned he would get in trouble since he had been with the man who didn’t pay his bill.

A student misconduct form

was filed for one of the students but the name was redacted from the report. After it was decided that neither man had any outstanding criminal charges, they were both released.

On Aug. 29, Officer Patrick Martino noticed a man in a moving car arguing with a woman on foot in parking lot A. Martino was flagged down by Taylyn Walker who asked the officer for assistance.

The woman said she and the man had been visiting a friend who lives near the OCCC campus. She said the argument started when she left the house against the man’s wishes.

The man, Brayn Anderson, followed her. During a check by Martino, it was discovered Anderson had an outstanding

warrant in Oklahoma for a violation of suspended sentence.

He was arrested and was taken to the Oklahoma County Detention Center.

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](mailto: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.



# Arts Festival Oklahoma attended by 16,000

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**A**rts Festival Oklahoma 2015 saw an estimated 16,000 attendees, said Cultural Programs Events Coordinator Chuck Riley.

Although the number is down from last year's of 17,825, Riley said, he believes each and every one who attended this year's festival had fun — especially the children.

He said the Children's Creative Center was well received and the button maker table was definitely a hit.

"They made buttons that they could pin to (their clothes)," Riley said.

"So we're going to make that a staple and get our own button maker for next year."

Collin Rosebrook's Paseo Pottery booth and the Gourmet Food Court that offered a wide variety of foods also made fair goers happy, Riley said.

Riley said he believes Sunday was the busiest day for AFO because every parking lot was full. This was likely, he said, because of visitors who came to hear the Philharmonic Orchestra.

"It was neat to see all the parking lots full and all the people coming out to hear the Philharmonic and watch the fireworks and eat turkey legs," he said.

Riley said once they get everything taken down and tally all the figures, they will start preparing for next year.

From lining up possible entertainers to speaking to sponsors, Riley said, he knows AFO planning for 2016 will start immediately.

"Between Kevin Brandon in Facilities, who is like my counterpart for the facilities portion of it, and me, we're putting together a playbook," Riley said. "We need to start building next year right now."

"There is stuff that has to go to the print shop and I want to get that stuff there early — months in advance."

For more information about Arts Festival Oklahoma, visit [www.occc.edu/afo](http://www.occc.edu/afo). For more pictures from the event, visit the Pioneer Online at [pioneer.occc.edu](http://pioneer.occc.edu).



AFO Volunteer Gabi Burk, left, played the part of Seemore Art on Saturday, Sept. 5. Her friend Amanda Gomez took a moment to pose with her. *Hung Tran/Pioneer*



James, 6, and his sister Alexis, 17, make clay art at the children's tent at Arts Festival Oklahoma on Sept. 6. "We're making an elephant!" James said. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*



**RIGHT:** Laura Culberson looks at decorated bottles at one of the booths at Arts Festival Oklahoma. Culberson said she lives nearby. "I have been coming to this festival for years," she said. *Hung Tran/Pioneer*



# Fun, art, music keep fair goers entertained



**ABOVE:** Paul Hopman from Tucson, Arizona, shows off his scratchboarding skills with a demonstration at his booth at Arts Festival Oklahoma. Hopman's book, "The 1st Book of Scratchboarding" is available on his website at [www.paulhopman.com](http://www.paulhopman.com). *Hung Tran/Pioneer*

**LEFT:** Emerson Brazier gets her face painted at the arts festival. She visited the event with her mother and her grandparents. *Hung Tran/Pioneer*



Weston Repola, a glass-making artist, creates a piece of colorful art during Arts Festival Oklahoma, held over Labor Day weekend on the OCCC campus.. Repola said he could create any shape of art using only glass and fire. *Hung Tran/Pioneer*



## SPORTS



**In the air:** Theater arts major Ronnell Jeffers takes a jump shot while playing basketball with business major Osvaldo Gomez and respiratory therapy major Harold Bufford. Students with a valid OCCC ID can use the gym for free as well as check out basketballs. For more information about the OCCC Wellness Center, visit [www.occc.edu/RF](http://www.occc.edu/RF) or call 405-682-7860. Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

## GETTING TO KNOW:

**TALITAH  
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**Q: What is your job description?**

**A:** "I'm a Wellness Attendant in the Recreation and Fitness Department."

**Q: What do you like most about working at OCCC?**

**A:** "I've only worked here for a short period of time but I've really enjoyed meeting all the new people that I've worked with."

**Q: What are some of your hobbies?**

**A:** "I work here and major in Criminology so I don't have much time to do anything. I like to run."

**Q: What are your favorite teams?**

**A:** "I really like watching baseball. I also like to watch soccer because I'm Brazilian so I like watching the national team play."

**Q: What is your favorite thing about sports/fitness?**

**A:** "I really enjoy being able to watch people work out. I like watching people putting effort into pushing their bodies to the limit..."

**Is there a campus sports figure or employee you would like to know more about? Email Sports Writer Ian Manera at [sportswriter@occc.edu](mailto:sportswriter@occc.edu) or drop by the Pioneer office located in the Arts and Humanities Area in room 1F2.**

## MINDBODY app helps with workouts

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New workout equipment in the Recreation & Fitness department at OCCC has garnered a lot of interest throughout the college, said Recreation and Fitness Director Michael Shugart.

Shugart said, he wants to make sure students feel comfortable using the new machines even if they have limited experience. He said each piece of equipment is connected to the MIND-BODY app.

"All students have to do is have a smart phone ...," he said. "You scan the QR code (on the machine) and it plays a video of how to use the machine."

He said students can get a free workout that rivals any gym around.

"If a person would come in and use every piece of equipment that has a QR code on it, they would get a full body workout doing that."

Electrical engineering major Eivy Arroyo said he's been working out at OCCC for about a year. He said it's great



to have the new equipment.

"I use it more frequently," he said. "I hated it before. It was really cramped."

Arroyo said although he noticed the QR code on the new equipment, he hasn't used them because he already knows how to use the machines.

Chemical engineering major Jordan Shoop said he has been working out at the college for one year.

"I started coming in here to kill time in between classes," he said.

He said he also hasn't used the QR codes. "Don't have any need for them. Weight is weight."

Shugart said students also can ask the Wellness Center attendants for

additional help if needed.

Wellness Attendant James Gibson said while the attendants aren't personal trainers, fitness novices are in good hands if they have questions.

"We are [there to help students]," he said. "We aren't certified trainers or anything but we know how to use the equipment."

Shugart said those who do want the help of a personal trainer can set up an appointment through Wellness Center Manager Brooke Dresel.

"Brooke Dresel is qualified to be a personal trainer," he said. "If anyone is interested in setting up a one-on-one personal trainer [appointment], they can contact her ..."

Shugart said Dresel plans to eventually hire additional trainers as well.

He said students also are encouraged to try out the free fitness classes — some of which use the new workout equipment.

For more information on the fitness classes or personal trainers, visit [www.occc.edu/rf](http://www.occc.edu/rf). Dresel can be reached at [bdresel@occc.edu](mailto:bdresel@occc.edu) or at 405-682-7860.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events at [www.inleagues.com](http://www.inleagues.com), complete with the most current updates. (Free QR code reader apps can be found online or in app stores on smart phones. Follow the directions.)



# Money: There are several options when taking student loans

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loans could actually start repaying the loans while still in school with no penalty. She suggests paying back the unsubsidized loan first since it starts collecting interest while you are still in college.

"If you do make payments early, be sure [to] specify it's for your unsubsidized loan so you're paying down the loans that are collecting interest."

"[Students are] not required to start paying the loans back (before graduation), so the money they pay now is just going to reduce the amount of loan in the future," she said.

"Then, when they are required to make payments, those payments will be lower. They don't have to make the full loan payment, but they can pay the interest that's incurred."

Leal said she strongly recommends those who have taken student loans to watch the amount being borrowed on the NSLDS website at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov).

"Sometimes it can be a shock when students graduate and they didn't realize their loan debt is as high as it is, and they

don't know there are resources and website that can track that," she said. "They can come into our office and we can check for them. But just monitor the loan debt."

The NSLDS website also allows students to log in and see who their lender is, the total amount owed, and ask the lender about repayment options, Leal said.

"The NSLDS also has repayment calculators that will show them, based on their loan debt right now, what their estimated payment would be."

Leal said another resource available is an organization put together by Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education called Oklahoma Money Matters at [www.oklahomamoney-matters.org](http://www.oklahomamoney-matters.org).

The site offers tips on managing funds and repayment information, she said.

"There's information for students. There's information for parents. There's information for administrators at the college level. There's information for educators K-12," she said.

"There's all kinds of information there and we do recommend that website to people."

Another reason students should borrow only what they will be able to easily pay back later, is it lowers the chances a student will default on the loan later.

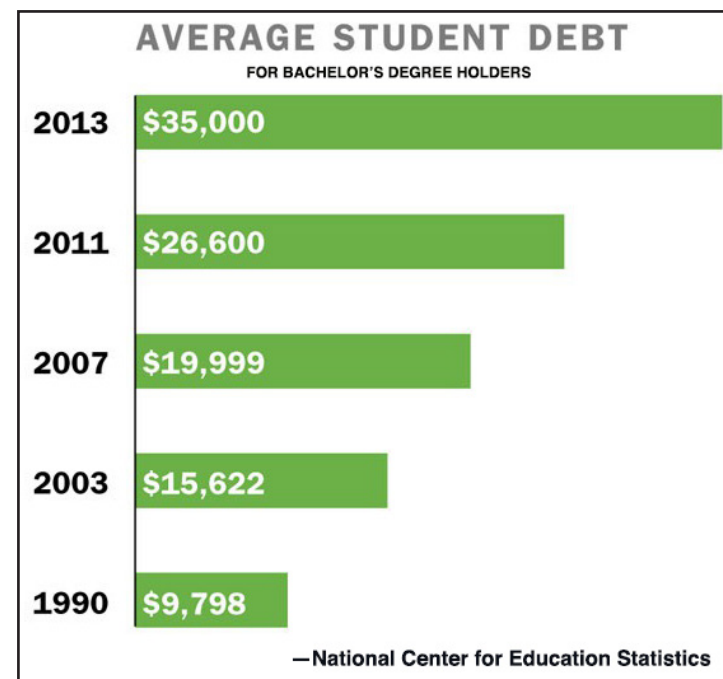
"The [loans] are reported to credit bureaus and ... later on, if they have defaulted loans it can prevent them from buying a house or car because it hurts their credit. It is very important to pay those loans."

Leal said there are a number of options for repaying student loans, but the standard is usually a 10-year plan based on the loan amount with a minimum payment of \$50 a month.

"There are other repayment options," she said. "Many of them are based on income where they are required to send financial information to the lender and they will work to find a payment."

"They periodically check the student's income ... so that when the student is able to make more payments then the payments will increase. But that allows the students to stay in repayment and not go in default."

The length of time it takes to pay off the loan debt depends



on the amount of the loan Leal said. She said one way for students to avoid accruing too much student loan debt is through scholarships and tuition fee waivers.

"Always search out scholarship opportunities," she said. "The (OCCC) admissions office has some scholarship information students can apply for."

"We do have departmental tuition waivers that students can apply for every semester."

All of the different departments have tuition waivers.

"Any time [students] can get free money, that's better because it lowers the amount they may have to take later in the future with student loans."

Leal said it's all about being a responsible adult.

"Just basically be aware of your loan debt and if you don't need it, don't borrow it."

For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 405-682-7525.

# Books: OCCC offers interlibrary loans across U.S., world

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CDs and DVDs — everything but textbooks, she said.

"But we always have textbooks copies (on reserve) at the front desk."

For books, CDs and DVDs, the average wait time for all shipments is usually less than a week, Butler said.

To borrow a full-text article, Butler said, there is typically a link under the article that doesn't contain the full text that reads: "Request this via Interlibrary Loan."

Students then click on the link to fill out a short online form, then submit that, she said.

Typically, Butler said, the article is emailed to the student

that day or the next.

There are three ways to borrow books through Interlibrary Loan, she said.

Students on campus can fill out the form at the library assistance desk. Or, go to OCCC library's webpage at [www.occc.edu/library/](http://www.occc.edu/library/), choose "service for students." Then fill out the online form and follow the instructions.

The lending libraries decide how long the books can be kept, she said. That information is sent via email to OCCC

librarians.

"Most often it is a month, maybe six weeks."

She said if that isn't enough time for a student, most of the time, the lending libraries will renew the due date.

"Students don't need to provide the location of the things they want to borrow," Butler said. "Library staff will take care of that."

A third way is to get an Interlibrary Loan card from the library called OK Share, she said. That card allows OCCC

students to borrow books at libraries across the state by presenting that card along with a valid OCCC ID.

Megan Rodriguez, sociology major, said she didn't know about the program.

"I will use it in the future." Yasmine Rivery, dentistry major, agrees that it is great.

"I think it is the opportunity for students to have more resources for their writing,"

Rivery said.

For more information about the Interlibrary Loan system, <http://libguides.occc.edu/about/interlibraryloan>.

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# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



**Festival's little helpers:** Students sign up to volunteer for Arts Festival Oklahoma held on campus over Labor Day weekend Sept. 4 through 7. To see more about AFO, visit [www.occc.edu/afo](http://www.occc.edu/afo). Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer

## Club looks at religious thinking

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The Club and Organizations Fair was a success, drawing more than 450 students to club tables to sign up, said Student Life Coordinator Kendra Fringer.

The fair, which took place on Aug. 25 and 26, featured 15 different clubs for students to explore, Fringer said.

One of those clubs just formed in the spring — the Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers club.

Trey Gourley, English education major and AAF president, said his club received more signups than they initially expected.

"The club had about 23 people sign up, which was more than we expected," he said. "I thought there would be about 10, tops."

He said most people who approached the AAF table were friendly and inquisitive.

"Some people still wanted to quasi-debate with us," Gourley said. "They were cordial, at least."

He said, mainly, the club focuses on holding seminars for atheist discussion, but also is trying something new this semester called "inter-faith discussions."

"We call it Socrates Cafe," he said.

"We pick a thought experiment from [the book] 'The Pig That Wants to be Eaten' and just discuss it."

Gourley said the goal of the interfaith discussions



is not just healthy debate and critical thinking, but also to maybe take religious argument out of context.

"The discussions aren't specifically involving any one religion," he said.

"The book ... presents 100 scenarios for the reader to consider and answer."

The interfaith discussions are very philosophical, and kind of pick up the slack from the recently dissolved philosophy club, Gourley said.

He said the club, in its second semester of existence, is looking to build upon a successful first semester.

Fringer said for those who missed the fair this time around or didn't find what they were looking for, there will be another one during the spring semester.

"The purpose of the fair is to expose students to all the different groups here at the college and hopefully, help them find one that fits them," she said.

For more information about campus clubs, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

For more information about AAF, visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/aafatoccc/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/aafatoccc/).

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Campus Impact hosts voter registration Sept. 16

Students can register to vote at a Campus Impact registration booth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15 and Wednesday, Sept. 16, in the College Union. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or at [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu).

### TLC Constitution meeting to focus on clubs

Clubs and organizations can attend the workshop for an opportunity to rewrite their group's constitution. Clubs also can learn how to successfully hold meetings. The TLC meeting will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in rooms CU1 and CU2. All students are welcome to attend.

### AAF club to meet for discussion Sept. 18

The Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers club will host a Disbelief Discourse at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, in room 2N7 of the Main Building. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, email [aaf@my.occc.edu](mailto:aaf@my.occc.edu) or [kgrayson@occc.edu](mailto:kgrayson@occc.edu).

### PDI hosts open house event Sept. 24

The Professional Development Center offers a variety of non-credit courses to provide students with specialized certificates and job readiness, including Alternative Fuels, Pharmacy Technician, Forklift Training and other options. Those who are interested in seeing firsthand what the Professional Development Institute has to offer can visit an open house event from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. The PDI is located at 7124 S. I-35 Service Road. For more information, contact Francine Gissy at 405-682-7856.

### Christians on Campus to host Bible study

Christians on Campus will meet for the Solid Ground series from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays in room 3T0 in the Main Building. The study will focus on the Gospel of John. For more information, call or text club sponsor James Kennedy at 405-314-7739.

### RN 2 BSN Fair for nursing students

Students interested in a career in nursing can attend this fair to get more information about becoming a Registered Nurse. Representatives from University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Northeastern State University, and Bacone College will be present to answer students' questions about transferring to their universities to get a bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 16 and 17, in the College Union.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to [editor@occc.edu](mailto:editor@occc.edu) or drop by the Pioneer office located in AH 1F2.



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**WEEKLY CROSSWORD**

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- 6. Borders
- 10. Price markers
- 14. Fine fabric
- 15. Rocker \_\_\_\_ Clapton
- 16. Milky gem
- 17. Sworn statements
- 18. Hawaiian export
- 20. Yew or willow
- 21. Gambling hall
- 22. Baby's seat
- 23. Moe and Curly's pal
- 25. Writer \_\_\_\_ Hemingway
- 27. Nova \_\_\_\_
- 29. Italian staple
- 31. Brief sleep
- 32. Growl
- 34. Civic group (abbr.)
- 38. Operated
- 40. Deport
- 42. Hurt
- 43. Fundamental
- 45. Faithful
- 47. Support
- 48. Wrangler
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- 52. Of the mail
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- 56. Pierre's buddy
- 57. Sailor
- 60. Williams and Kennedy
- 63. Custodian
- 65. "Ave \_\_\_\_"
- 66. Now and \_\_\_\_
- 67. River sediment
- 68. List entries
- 69. Caroled
- 70. Abolishes
- 71. Lymph \_\_\_\_

**Down**

- 1. Spot of ink
- 2. Teller of falsehoods
- 3. Gazelles
- 4. Microwave again
- 5. Printers' measures
- 6. Settle a debt
- 7. Purple flower
- 8. Short skirt
- 9. Play parts
- 10. Blouse
- 11. Orchard fruit
- 12. Parties
- 13. Nodded off
- 19. Heart artery
- 21. Long-legged bird
- 24. Oil-drilling equipment
- 26. Space agency (abbr.)
- 27. Deliberate slight
- 28. Spanish house
- 29. Preceding
- 30. Associate
- 33. Car part
- 35. Dispersed
- 36. Akron's state
- 37. Hand over
- 39. Soil
- 41. Consumed
- 44. \_\_\_\_ Guard
- 46. Cup edge
- 49. Make glad
- 51. Couch \_\_\_\_
- 52. Treaties
- 53. Nebraska metropolis
- 54. Warning signal
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- 59. Merge
- 61. Roosevelt coin
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- 64. Liverpool's country (abbr.)
- 65. Hr. part

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When OCCC's Capitol Hill Center opens in fall of 2016, it will offer a Bilingual Banking Certificate, said Community Outreach and Education Director Jessica Martinez-Brooks. Martinez-Brooks said the credit courses also will create a pipeline for moving people with low literacy skills into becoming better prepared for the workforce. She said the hope is that students, upon completion of the certificate, will then move to OCCC's main campus to continue earning credits toward an associate degree. *Photo courtesy of OCCC*

## Capitol Hill: Center to offer OCCC's first bilingual course

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Introduction to Computers and Applications, Business Communication and other classes, but its key component is the eight hours of Spanish language requirement, she said.

Martinez-Brooks said the certificate program was created largely because of a workforce demand for bilingual workers. She said employers are seeking bilingual employees for customer-service, front-desk positions.

"It's everything from teachers to bankers," she said.

"There's just a huge need for people who speak Spanish and English, so we're trying to develop programming down there that is specific for that population."

The Capitol Hill district boasts several local businesses and restaurants with a distinctive Hispanic flair, according to [www.okc.gov](http://www.okc.gov).

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"This is a baby step, if you will, into higher educa-

tion," Martinez-Brooks said. "We can also help their parents as well. We help their parents with English as a Second Language classes, so we're educating two generations at one time."

Martinez-Brooks said the free ESL classes help the parents feel more comfortable about their child investing a large amount of time in the higher education system.

Nursing major Andrea Montero said she believes the Bilingual Banking certificate would be beneficial even for those studying a different major.

"It would be good for your résumé or if you're working in banking," she said.

Business Accounting major Brian Monevilay agrees. Monevilay speaks English, some Spanish and Lao, which, he said, is similar to Thai.

"If there's someone that comes in who doesn't speak English at all, basically you can just help them because you know that language," he said. "It crosses the language barrier and makes it easier for them. You're actually getting business from someone that ... you wouldn't get business from if you didn't know how to speak that language."

Academic Affairs Vice President Anne DeClouette said the intention is for students to get internship credit as they work at a bank and attend the Bilingual Banking Certificate classes.

While OCCC has not gotten commitments from banks yet, DeClouette said, there is definitely interest in the program and preparations are being made to make that happen.

"The school and local bankers work together to identify candidates that the bank would hire with the condition that they get an education from OCCC," she said.

DeClouette said when developing certificates, OCCC asks potential employers if they will hire someone with the certificate over someone who does not have a certificate.

They also will ask if the employer would pay a premium for certificate holder.

DeClouette said the certificate is modeled after a very successful program currently being used at Miami Dade College in Florida.

The certificate is based on an OCCC banking and finance certificate that had low enrollment, and has now been revised into a Bilingual Banking and Finance certificate. It has already been approved and OCCC already offers the classes needed, so students can begin taking classes to apply towards the certificate, DeClouette said.

For more information about certificates OCCC offers, contact Academic Affairs at 405-682-7546 or visit [www.okcc.edu/certificates/index.html](http://www.okcc.edu/certificates/index.html).