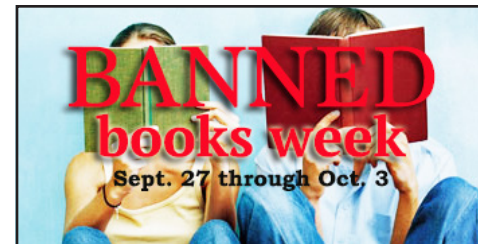


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**Electronic talk:** Architectural engineering major Tai Pham and pre-engineering major Frederick Kordsiemon sit outside the Math Lab on the second floor of the Science, Engineering, and Math Center on Sept. 9. "We're talking about the new Apple products that were announced today," Kordsiemon said. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

## Students get chance to meet with deans

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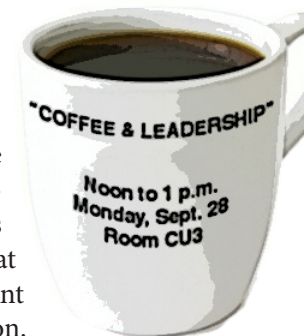
Students will have the chance to meet face-to-face with college leaders at noon Monday, Sept. 28, at "Coffee & Leadership," a student and academic dean discussion.

Student Life Coordinator Travis Ruddle said it's a chance for students to get to know the deans of nearly every division and to learn what they've accomplished.

"We're going to be able to talk about leadership ... get to know deans, their biographies, what they've had to accomplish to be where they're at in leadership," Ruddle said.

"It's a good sounding board for students to ask questions that they normally cannot ask, that they don't have the opportunity to (ask)."

Ruddle said nearly every OCCC dean will be present,



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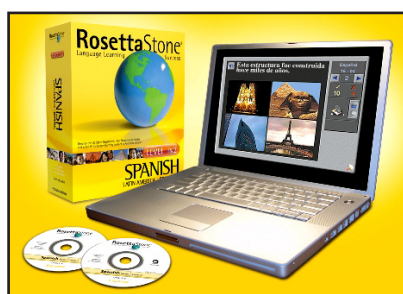
## Center will soon offer access to 50 languages

**World Languages and Cultures Center plans Rosetta Stone update by end of semester**

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OCCC students are able to learn international languages through Rosetta Stone, a free computer program available in the World Languages and Cultures Center, said Center Coordinator Chiaki Troutman.

Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish are among the languages offered through the interactive program.



Troutman said that will change soon when an update to a newer version is completed.

"The new version of Rosetta Stone will have all languages in the market, over 50 languages," she said. "Also, the sign-up process will become easier for students."

She said the update is long overdue.

"... Right now, we [have] only 11 languages, and many students

... ask about languages we do not currently have like Vietnamese, Korean or Latin," she said.

"The ... current version is getting old and needs to be updated ..."

Troutman said the number of students who visit the WLCC to use the Rosetta Stone program increases each semester. She said that also weighed into the decision.

"[Two weeks into the] fall semester, more than 30 students had already enrolled for Rosetta Stone," she said.

Troutman said she wanted to upgrade the program years ago but could not because of budget limitations.

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## Texas Tenors take stage Oct. 1

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When the Texas Tenors trio come to OCCC's Visual Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Oct. 1, students can get a free seat to the show at the VPAC Box Office.

Performing Arts Series Coordinator Linda Bosteels said all other patrons will pay regular ticket prices of \$36, \$45 and \$55.

The trio is famous across the U.S. for their appearance five years

ago on "America's Got Talent," where they placed fourth overall, Bosteels said.

"They all have different musical backgrounds," she said. "One does opera, another does country and another is pop."

Country singer JC Fischer formed the band with pop singer Marcus Collins and opera singer John Hagen, according to the group's official site thetexasenors.com.

Bosteels said the trio spends a lot of time

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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**SERIES REVIEW** | HBO series lives on at HBO NOW and Amazon Prime

## 'Six Feet Under' deathly amusing

A man drives a black car down a city street. A cigarette hangs from his lip. From the cell phone cradled to his ear, his wife's voice scolds him for smoking in the new car. The man promises he is quitting. As he throws the cigarette out the window, he hangs up. He takes a breath, smiles and reaches down to light another cigarette.

Distracted, he never sees the oncoming bus that ends his life. The car is a hearse.

You can never tell when death will catch up to someone. The characters at the heart of the award winning HBO series "Six Feet Under" know this better than most.

As proprietors of a funeral home, dealing with death is literally the family business. Yet, when patriarch and funeral home director Nathaniel Fisher is suddenly killed in the first episode, each member of the Fisher family struggles to cope with the loss just like anyone else.

The scenes in "Six Feet Under" are well shot, and the sunny California setting is an interesting contrast to the somber subject matter, but the strength of the show comes from good casting and good writing.



Michael C. Hall, who went on to star in another macabre TV drama "Dexter," stands out among an excellent cast in his role as David Fisher, the closeted gay younger son who feels duty bound to carry on the family business even as the need to repress a portion of his identity sometimes causes him to rebel and resent the people around him.

What hides under the facade people present to the world is a recurring theme reminiscent of another show, David Lynch's "Twin Peaks."

Whether it is Claire Fisher's experimentation with drugs, the affairs of mother, Ruth Fisher, or the potentially lethal medical condition older brother Nate Fisher keeps hidden, each character carries secrets.

The way the deceased appear and talk to living characters, not as supernatural entities but as a depiction of their internal monologues, adds to the feeling that what is buried is not always dead.

**Rating: A**

—AMAR MOLINAS  
WEBMASTER

**MOVIE REVIEW** | Based on a novel of the same name, film sure to win watchers, even with subtitles

## Swedish film follows man to 100

I'm a fan of foreign films. Once you realize that the realm of imaginative fiction in films extends far beyond the realm of Hollywood, many doors open up.

I recently discovered a film based off of a popular book, "The 100 Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared" by Swedish author Jonas Jonasson.

The main character Alan Karlsson, played by actor Robert Gustafsson, is a Swedish centenarian who has led an eventful life to say the least.

He lost his mother and father at an early age, and discovered the joys of blowing things up. His pastime led him on a spree of blowing up bridges in World War I and, eventually, colliding with Einstein's brother, famous physicist Robert Oppenheimer and more.

Karlsson just so happens to shape much of the history of the world in the past 100 years without ever really knowing it.

In present day, the film begins on his 100th birthday, as he is escaping out his window.

After missing a bus, he decides to take a train, and



accidentally ends up with a suitcase full of money from a failed drug deal, leaving an angry drug lord wondering who the hell got his money.

Karlsson meets a motley cast of characters as he heads nowhere in particular with his newfound wealth, and ends up teaching each of them a thing or two about what it means to be alive.

This guy is fiercely independent, despite his calm demeanor, and is able to, at will, wander into and out of any situation involving extremely wealthy and powerful people at will.

He also is kind. At one point, after Harry S. Truman gives him the vice presidential cigarette lighter, he hands it to a little kid in a bathroom who is throwing a fit about having to wait for his dad.

The one knock people have on this film is the fact it's in Swedish.

I have a one-word response to that, which is subtitles.

**Rating: A-**

—SPENCER GRANT  
SENIOR WRITER



## Firechat keeps citizens connected

Fascist governments have, in recent years, caught on to the power of social media when it comes to protests and civil insurrection.

So disabling Twitter, Facebook, or the entire Internet for the region in question is useful in cracking down on people expressing their so-called rights.

Firechat keeps the lines open.

Firechat is a messaging app using what's called wireless mesh networking — basically what it sounds like. The app uses the wifi and bluetooth transceivers in user smartphones to send messages rapidly and off the grid.

With enough people using it, Firechat could work everywhere, and as of Aug. 15, all messages are peer-to-peer encrypted, supposedly.

The last large Chinese protests were organized using Facebook but kept alive with Firechat, allowing demonstrators to react to riot police incursions before being shot, trampled, gassed, or disappearing altogether.

Interconnectedness is a buzzword topic.

In the globalized information economy, it is also quintessential, so disruption of the new social networks can have a more startling impact than most would anticipate.

Apps like Firechat and other opensource software popping up adds resistance to people's connectivity, good for everyone not in the autocracy.

However, the User Interface could use some fine tuning.

—GRANT SWALWELL  
PODCASTER/BLOGGER

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# COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**EVENT REVIEW** | Reviewer says despite having problems finding a seat and a few rude people, he enjoyed the experience

## First Sooner game mixed bag of emotions

As I may have mentioned a time or two in other reviews or blogs, I am a huge University of Oklahoma fan.

I plan to go there after I graduate from OCCC, and have supported their sports teams my entire life.

So when my girlfriend, an OU student, offered me her student ticket to the first home football game of the year because she is going out of town with family, I could not refuse.

Before going into the stadium to watch my beloved Sooners take on the Akron Zips, I met

with friends, and made sure to take a pit stop at the restroom.

By the time I got in line at the gate, it was about 25 minutes until game time. When I reached the gate, it was five minutes before kickoff.

I also learned the hard way that with a general admission student ticket you must show an OU student ID to get inside.

After a relatively quick and painless wait in line to pay an upgrade fee for my ticket, I found myself walking into the stadium to people fighting and

the opening kick-off just seconds away.

The game itself was terrible at first, but got better, and overall, was an enjoyable experience.

As a bonus, I got to watch my sister, — an all-state high-school cheerleader — on the field during halftime with the Pride of Oklahoma marching band.

But what really stuck with me about the game was the environment.

People went crazy and showed great support for their team. At the same time, they were terrible to

deal with.

Showing up a little late, there was nowhere for me to sit, and people were extremely rude about me having to stand.

A lady even threatened to make me pay for an empty seat she had when I simply asked to sit down during a timeout.

Despite that, I enjoyed myself.

I went home sweaty and satisfied with an OU victory.

**Rating: B+**

—CLAYTON MITCHELL  
PHOTOGRAPHER/  
VIDEOGRAPHER



**ARTIST REVIEW** | Darby Perrin recreates the life he knows in the Air Force

## Local artist's paintings extremely lifelike

After attending OCCC for three years I made my first appearance at Arts Festival Oklahoma over Labor Day weekend.

Two hours after arriving I was hot, sweaty, sticky and tired of the heat. The tops of my feet were sunburned and my hair was a frizzy mess.

But the experience was something I would probably burn my feet to see again.

Each tent had many booths with different art, including oil painting, wood carvings, jewelry and metal work.

One booth in particular grabbed my attention. It held an amazing display of hand-painted aviation art.

At first my husband and I were admiring the different portraits and thought they were photographs. Nope. The paintings by Darby Perrin were so lifelike I could picture the skydiver with a GoPro on his helmet flying alongside the aircraft taking pictures.

The still active duty airman said he had personally painted each portrait along with the few leather jackets that had paintings on the backside.

The majority of art was of fighter jets and aircraft from the Air Force, but a fairly huge painting of a motorcycle also was available for spectators and fans to admire in pure amazement.



Instead of a GoPro strapped to a helmet falling from the sky, this hand-painted masterpiece seemed as though it was snapped in front of one of those snazzy bars where one would find the beard-growing, leather-wearing biker.

For anyone looking for something fun to do next Labor Day weekend, Arts Festival Oklahoma is a sure way to be amazed by amazing art in many different expressions both contemporary and eclectic.

**Rating: B**

—KATIE AXTELL  
EDITOR

### TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of Sept. 11  
through Sept. 13

[www.newyorktimes.com](http://www.newyorktimes.com)

1. The Perfect Guy
2. The Visit
3. War Room
4. A Walk in the Woods
5. Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation
6. Straight Outta Compton
7. No Escape
8. The Transporter Refueled
9. Minutes in Heaven
10. Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos
11. The Man From U.N.C.L.E.
12. Ant-Man
13. Minions
14. Inside Out
15. The Gift
16. Jurassic World
17. Trainwreck
18. Learning to Drive
19. Grandma
20. Hitman: Agent 47

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# Professional Development Institute plans open house

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In a world where technology is constantly changing and new types of jobs open up every day, it is important for the workforce to be trained and ready for the newest challenge.

OCCC's Professional Development Institute runs with exactly that purpose in mind, said PDI Director John Claybon.

To show off the facility, as well as what programs the PDI has to offer, an open house is planned for Sept. 24, he said.

"The main goal is establishing a one-stop training and development program facility, so that participants can come in, can get education assessment, they can complete their GED, they can obtain technical training, and then hopefully, that will lead to employment," he said.

"Having one location for participants who are looking to upgrade their skills or obtain new skills for viable employment is the goal."

Claybon said many of the PDI's programs will be highlighted at the open house, including popular programs such as the GED program, pharmacy technician, alternative fuels, Commercial Food Equipment Service

Technician, and the newest program, the Small Unmanned Aerial System Academy for drones.

The pharmacy technician program will be highlighted at the open house. Claybon said the class is popular and almost always fills before the deadline.

"Participants learn ... state regulations, insurance restrictions, all related to pharmacy operations," he said.

"They'll start working on nomenclature, they'll get an introduction to the basic IV admixtures, they'll start learning computerized pharmacy systems, and they'll be introduced to all the fundamental skills that are needed to work as pharmacy technicians at independent pharmacies, or hospitals, or even just retail stores."

Another popular program being highlighted at the open house is the alternative fuels programs, Claybon said.

He said the program offers opportunities to those wanting to work on compressed natural gas or liquified propane gas vehicles and dispensers.

"By state law, anyone who is providing work or maintenance on any of those vehicles has to be state licensed," he said. "We offer the certification training here at the college. We actually facilitate that program all over the state and out of state."

"It's pretty cool, and it's far reaching. So when you start talking about alternative fuels and clean energy, we're leading the way in terms of providing training and certification for that program."

Claybon said OCCC also offers the certification program for compressor and dispenser stations.

"You've got a lot of dispenser stations at Love's and OnCue that dispense the CNG. We actually have the certification training program for their maintenance operators."

Claybon said the PDI programs help produce important members of society.

"The goal is to provide workforce development and a majority of our programs are focused on just that — helping existing employees either increase their skill level or helping employees obtain new skills," he said.

"But the object is to provide them with training so they can go to work, they can provide for their families and move up the socioeconomic ladder, and be viable, productive citizens of Oklahoma."

The open house takes place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Professional Development Institute location at 7124 S I-35 Service Road, near Crossroads Mall. For more information, visit [www.occc.edu/PDI](http://www.occc.edu/PDI), or call 405-682-7562.



# Student reported as missing, electricity stolen

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A missing person and stolen electricity were among reports made to campus police in recent weeks.

A missing 17-year-old OCCC student prompted a call to the campus on Sept. 3.

A man whose name has been redacted from reports, called campus police and said his son did not come home the previous night.

He asked Officer Gordon Nelson if he would check to see if the student had attended a class the day he went missing.

Security footage revealed the man's son, whose name also was redacted, was not in class.

The man told police later in the day that he had received new information regarding his son and, at press time,

the young man had been located and the case closed.

A woman who lives near the FACE Center was cited for siphoning electricity from the center into her home, police reports show.

Security footage shows Ella Lane climbing over a fence behind the center and plugging into a receptacle at the side of the building located at 6500 S Land Ave.

Campus Police contacted Oklahoma City police, who issued the woman a citation for utility theft.

Student Johnathan Baez's car was vandalized and equipment he had on loan from the Film and Video Produc-

tion department stolen from inside the car. Baez borrowed the gear on Sept. 4, and reported on Sept. 7 that his back window had been smashed and the gear was missing.

A report was filed with the Norman police department.

Officers P.T. Solinski, Gordon Nelson and David Madden arrested campus visitor Dakota Rayce Gaines.

26, for public intoxication on Sept. 3.

The report shows that Solinski became suspicious of the man because he had "watery, bloodshot, droopy eyes and slurred speech."

Solinski said Gaines failed to pass a standard field sobriety test.

The officer offered to release Gaines if he had a ride. The man said he had been dropped off and wouldn't have an available ride for at least an hour and a half.

At that time he was arrested and transported to the Oklahoma County Jail.

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

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





# From extreme poverty to OCCC president

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**T**he pristine cleanliness of the OCCC president's office looks like a janitor's dream of no dust bunnies and cobweb-free corners.

For one former janitor, that office also represents an opportunity to help make others' dreams become a reality — much as his has.

OCCC President Jerry Steward said he met and conquered the hurdles of poverty to become who he is today.

"I was born to and raised in brutal poverty," he said. "My dad was a really low-paid, blue collar worker [with] eight children in the family. We were very poor. We struggled just to survive."

Steward said it was because of those struggles that he was motivated to earn an undergraduate degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and eventually, a law degree from the University of Oklahoma.

He said what he persevered through not only helped shape who he is, but also it gave him the motivation to help other students.

"Most of our students here were not born wealthy," he said. "Some were, but not most. They weren't born with a silver spoon in their mouths. They're not trust-fund babies.

"They're people who are working and they're single parents, and they have jobs and families and responsibilities just like I did."

Steward said he can identify with students in ways that others who have not lived through hard times cannot.

"I know how it feels to come to school hungry because I did," he said. "I know how it feels to work all night on a job and come to class the next morning with no sleep because I did that.

"I know how it feels to go to class and, unlike a lot of other students, you can't sit around and have a cup of coffee in the union . . . You have to go to work.

"I know how that feels because that's what I did. I know how it feels to leave class and go home and have the responsibilities of having a small baby because I did that."

Steward said OCCC's students are his top priority.

"I have to deal with budgets, personnel, construction, politics, parking lots, library acquisitions and public relations issues — and all those things are important, but understanding our students is more important," he said. "Understanding how our students think and what they need is more important."

On his way up the ladder, Steward served the state of Oklahoma as a politician from 1976 to 1980. He said his time in the House of Representatives and Oklahoma Legislature helped prepare him for the role of college president.

"Knowing the people, knowing the procedures, knowing the processes, knowing how to approach political issues is very, very important — particularly in today's world where there is shrinking public support of higher education," he said. "I think it's a critically important skill for a college president to have, whether it's me or anybody else.

"We have to do everything we can to provide the funding that's necessary for students to go to school. We also have to provide funding for the buildings, grounds, professors, books and other things that make a college a college. An increasing part of a president's role is raising money."

Steward said he is actively working to raise private money and procure federal grants due to the dwindling funds from the state legislature over the years.

"Some people might not see the connection between that and student success, but we must have the money to keep our labs open and to keep professors in the classroom and to provide the classrooms for students to succeed," he said.

Steward said the road to success can be achieved through hard work, perseverance, keeping your eye on the prize, and not letting anything get in the way.

"I believe that a large measure of my success is because I have always believed I will outwork everybody around me," he said. "And that's not a quick, easy, simple road to success and that's not what you hear when you go to the seminars about

**“ I was born into and raised in brutal poverty. We were very poor. We struggled just to survive.”**

—JERRY STEWARD  
OCCC PRESIDENT



File Photo/Pioneer

OCCC President Jerry Steward

success, but that's what I believe. That's what I've done.

He offered some advice to students.

"Don't ever quit. Don't ever take the easy path," he said. "Maybe you have an easy job today that seems OK, but it's just not really what you want to do. Follow your dream and do what you want to do, and understand that your current circumstances are temporary."

Steward said although he had never actually considered being OCCC president, the positions he's held at his private law practice, in the legislature, teaching and in academic roles have prepared him. He said he will use the opportunity for good.

"Now I have a much greater opportunity to impact what we do and how we do it for students," he said. "I'm thankful every day that I have that opportunity. If I am able to impact just one student, it gives me a satisfaction that nothing else really does."

Steward said he won't stop at helping students get a certificate or degree. He said he also plans to help them succeed in life beyond college.

"The best thing I can do to help our students is do everything I can so that they don't just enroll, but help them graduate and more than that," he said. "The certificate or degree either transfers them to a four-year institution with success there or sends them out to the work force with a good paying job and good benefits. That's what transforms them. We need to remove every obstacle we can for that student's success."

Steward said he hopes all students find their inner drive to succeed, no matter what obstacles may be placed in their way.

"Understand the trials and difficulties you have now are temporary, but your education is permanent and nobody can take it from you. I would encourage [students] to focus on the temporary nature of the sacrifice, the permanent nature of reward.

"When I was a janitor there was not one day of it I liked, but I understood even at that young age that it was just temporary," he said. "It was just for a few years, but when I get my degree I'm not going to [do that] anymore."



# What did Harry Potter do that was so wrong?

Find out the reasons behind book bans and challenges at a display in the OCCC Library starting Sept. 27

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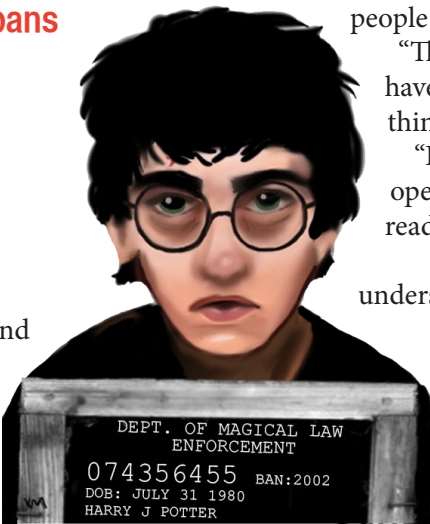
What do Harry Potter, Romeo and Juliet and Huckleberry Finn have in common? They are all characters in books that have either been banned or challenged in Oklahoma.

During Banned Book week — Sept. 27 through Oct. 3 —and beyond, the OCCC Library will provide students an opportunity to see and read many of the books that have been challenged or, in some cases, banned at certain libraries, said Reference Librarian Rachel Butler.

“We have [the event] because we believe it is important for people to have their own ideas, read whatever they want to help them get ideas and be able to think what they want to think,” Butler said.

She said a table of challenged and banned books will be set up during the week. Attached to each book will be an explanation of why people wanted to get them removed from a library, or why those books were officially banned.

“Students are extremely interested in knowing why other



people want to ban [the books],” Butler said. “There are many books that students like but might have not read in school themselves. Students start thinking, ‘What is wrong with this book?’

“It really gets people thinking about ideas and openness. We should all have opportunities to read what we want and have our own ideas.”

Nursing student Linda Ortega said she can’t understand why “Harry Potter” would be under fire.

“I think [people who want to ban books] are selfish,” she said. “Harry Potter” books are about friendship, family, facing your fear and bravery . . . People can learn a lot from Harry Potter.”

Butler said the OCCC event will last at least two weeks because of its past popularity.

All books on the display are available for check out, she said.

Miranda Lopresti, diverse studies major, said she is excited about the event. She said it’s a good idea to look at books that have been banned and to know the reasons behind that.

“I cannot see anything wrong with having an event which pretty much just encourages you to see different point of views,” Lopresti said.

For information about Banned Book week, contact Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7643, or at rbutler@occc.edu.

Check out OCCC library’s Facebook link to see the 2014 Banned Book display at [www.facebook.com/occclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/occclibrary). Look in the photos section.

## THE SHORT LIST OF STATE BANS AND CHALLENGES

“Of Mice and Men” sexual overtones, language, racial slurs.

“Romeo and Juliet” sex.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” sexual overtones, language, racial slurs.

“Twilight” racy, occultic.

“Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl” sexual material, homosexual themes.

“Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” Talking animals.

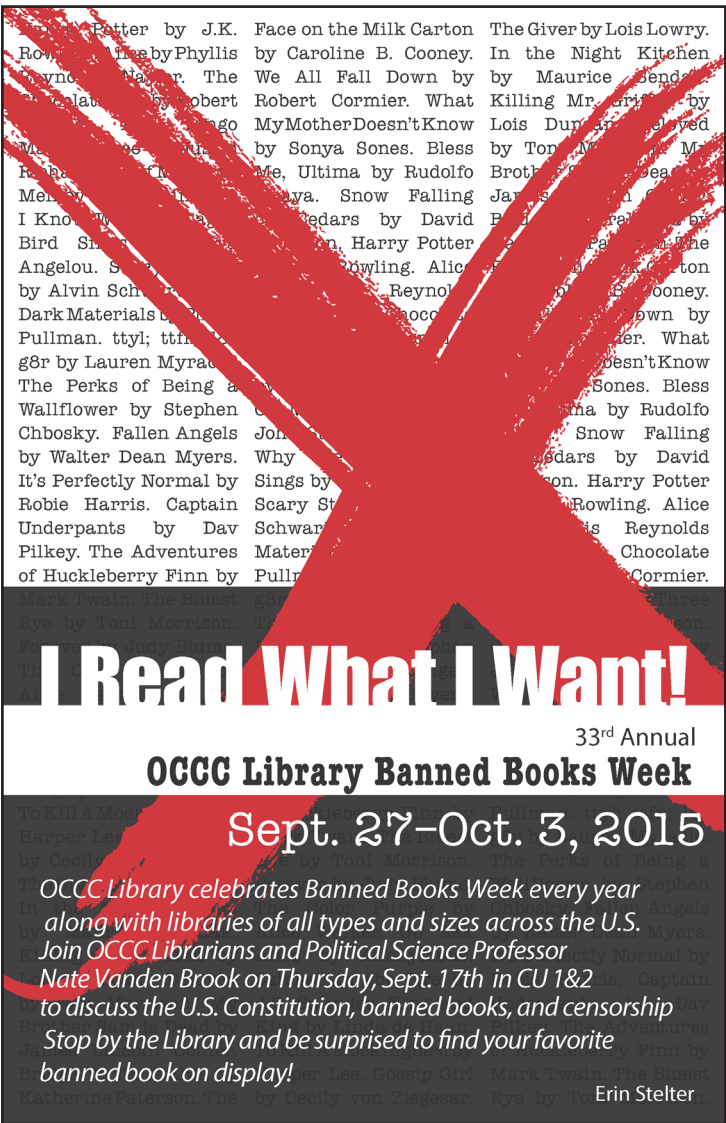
“Autobiography of Malcolm X” racist view, advocates anti-white racism and violence.

“Animal Farm” objectional political theories.

“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” espouses a poor philosophy of life.

“Fault in Our Stars” crude language, sexual references, inappropriate for age group.

For a complete list of banned or challenged books available in the OCCC Library, visit [pioneer.occc.edu](http://pioneer.occc.edu)



OCCC Graphic Design students created posters for Banned Books Week in Graphic Communications Professor Randy Anderson’s class. Library personnel chose posters made by Nick Ramos and Erin Stelter to represent the event.



## SPORTS



**Straight up:** Health management major Kevin Ton and community member Nghia Bui lift weights in the OCCC Wellness Center. For more information about the area, contact Recreation and Fitness at 405-682-7860, or visit [www.occc.edu/RF](http://www.occc.edu/RF).

## GETTING TO KNOW:

**SIERRA  
BAILEY**  
WELLNESS  
CENTER  
ATTENDANT



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

A: "I'm a wellness attendant. We have to work the front desk and clean up the equipment after people use it."

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

A: "I like working at the gym because it inspires me to work out. It's convenient to work here because it's close to all my classes."

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

A: "I play basketball and watch Netflix. That's pretty much it."

**Q: Are you currently involved in any sports or have you ever been?**

A: "I played basketball throughout high school and I'm joining the intramural basketball here, as well as the volleyball."

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

A: "The Oklahoma City Thunder, University of Oklahoma (teams) and the Texas Rangers."

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

A: "I like the feeling of being sore. I know that's weird but I like the feeling."

**Q: Do you believe that people should keep up a healthy lifestyle?**

A: "Yes, so they can live longer and look better. I personally like to look good."

## Zumba class a party, not a workout

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OCCC students who are looking to get a workout and have a great time doing it might want to join one of the free Zumba classes on campus, said Zumba Instructor Laura Horn.

Zumba, one of the most popular ways to exercise in the world, is a workout that is centered on dancing and genuinely just having a great time, Horn said.

"Our motto is, 'It's not a workout. It's a party,' she said. "You just dance. And, people start moving in ways that they aren't used to moving, so they don't realize that they're using their core when they're shaking their behinds," she said.

"They giggle and they laugh and they don't realize until they get done, like, 'Hey, I just worked out!' Some people say it's like a dance club."

Horn said Zumba is perfect for students or faculty who regularly attend her classes, because it provides a getaway, as well as a gateway to exercise.

"Once you see a little change in your body, in your core, it just snowballs," she said. "Or, [it can be used] just to keep your mind off of some terrible thing you're going through.

For an hour, you can just forget about that and concentrate on moves."

In the four years that Horn has taught Zumba classes at OCCC, she said, she has always tried to maintain one goal, regardless of the class size.

"I've had from 10 to 15 in a class to just one or two, but what makes it interesting and regardless of how many people are in there, I always think 'if I can do something good for one person in this class, it doesn't matter,' she said.

She said Zumba is an easy class for students to pick up, simply because of its nature.

"It can be for beginners or for people that have been doing it [for a while.] The intensity is up to the students," she said.

"I'm just here to provide the Latin music and the smile, and a little bit of instruction. If they want to go crazy, that's perfect."

Students interested in taking Zumba or any of the other free fitness classes offered at OCCC can look at the fitness class schedule posted at [www.occc.edu/rf/wellness-classes.html](http://www.occc.edu/rf/wellness-classes.html) to find a class that works best for their schedule. All classes are free.

For more information about any fitness classes at OCCC, contact the Recreation & Fitness Department at 405-682-7860, or visit [www.occc.edu/rf](http://www.occc.edu/rf).



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# Language: Rosetta Stone about to be upgraded, improved

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Even after the upgrade, students will still be required to be in the WLCC to use Rosetta Stone program. Troutman said that is because the college has an on-site license

She said the new version of Rosetta Stone program will be available by the end of this semester.

Evelin Lorenzana, education major, said Rosetta Stone could help people have more opportunities in life.

"... When you know more than one language, you can have better job and interaction

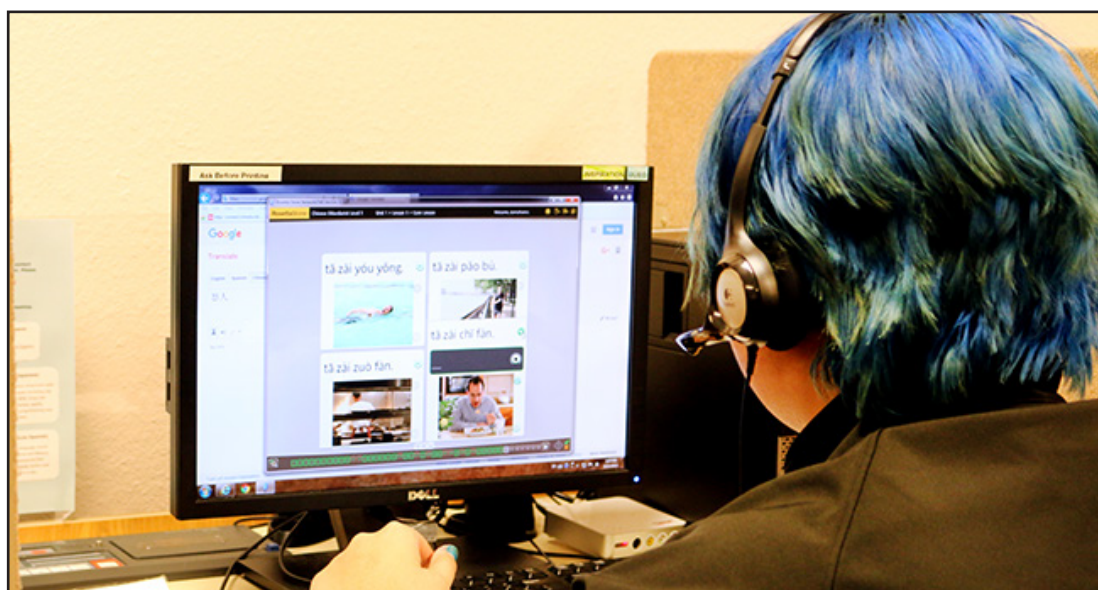
with people," Lorenzana said. "... And more money too."

Nursing student Kalkedan Araso said she plans to use Rosetta Stone to learn at least the basic of her favorite languages, Spanish and Italian.

"The good thing about [Rosetta Stone] is it's free and brings students many advantages," she said.

"For example, if you join the military, they will pay you ... extra [money monthly] for other languages you know."

For more information about Rosetta Stone, email Troutman at [ctroutman@occc.edu](mailto:ctroutman@occc.edu) or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7104.



A student takes advantage of the free Rosetta Stone on a World Languages and Cultures Center computer on the second floor of the Main Building. *Clayton Mitchell/Pioneer*

# Meeting: Students invited to rub elbows with OCCC deans

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providing an array of academic backgrounds.

Those attending are:

- Arts Dean Ruth Charnay.
- Business Interim Dean Greg Gardner.
- Chemistry and Biological Sciences Dean Sonya Williams.
- English and Humanities Dean Kim Jameson.
- Health Professions Dean Thomas Kraft.
- Information Technologies

Tom Ashby.

• Mathematics, Engineering and Physical Science Dean Max Simmons.

Simmons said in his position, leadership means something unique.

"Leadership means making people aware of what's going on, in my case," he said.

"Faculty, students — I'm kind of an information conduit from higher administration to the faculty and back from faculty to higher admin."

Simmons said a skill he has learned in his position is to listen carefully and to get all sides of a story.

"You learn to listen to all sides of interpersonal dispute before you make any decisions at all," he said.

"The first person to get to you often has a really great story and you'll want to charge out there and solve their particular issue for them," Simmons said.

"But after a while you learn that you need to get more facts

before you start doing that."

Ruddle said all students are welcome to attend the discussion and ask questions.

"Don't feel intimidated by it, by any means," he said.

"This is an opportunity for [students] to show the deans how not only can they be proud of their students, but also for them to really ask questions and find out some really amazing stories perhaps."

"Coffee & Leadership" will be from noon to 1 p.m., Monday,

Sept. 28, in room CU3.

For more information, email Student Life at [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu) or call them at 405-682-7523.

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# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



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## Student Life opens clubhouse

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Senior Writer

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Student clubs looking for a place to host an official meeting now have access to a room in the Student Life office area that has been dubbed the clubhouse, said Student Life Assistant Director Kendra Fringer.

Formerly the Student Life director's office, the room has a conference table and chairs, a computer, sheet paper and more, Fringer said.

"It's another opportunity for us to provide students and student leaders on campus with resources and materials they need," she said.

"We lovingly refer to it as the clubhouse, but it's really more of a student conference room."

Fringer said the space was created over the summer so campus clubs and organizations would have a more user friendly and space friendly area in which to meet and make plans.

Aside from having a convenient location to meet, students are able to potentially save on some production expenses thanks to amenities provided by student life.

"There's big sheet paper in the room if students wanted to use that to make banners," said Fringer.

She said the room has table space, computer space, and bins for each organization to keep their things in, said Fringer when showcasing the room.

For the Christians on Campus, the clubhouse provides an intriguing alternative to their regular meeting places.

"We're meeting two times a week...so it would be interesting to look into," said club sponsor James Kennedy.

The main determining factor for whether the club will use the space is if it would be able to hold all of their members, said student member Aletheia Kennedy.

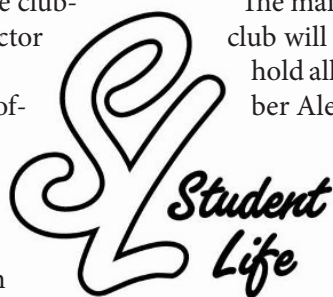
The room also is used for Student Life conferences, Fringer said, so clubs would need to check the availability.

Student leaders are encouraged to use it for meeting space, executive or member training, or any other function,

she said.

Fringer said those who are looking for a respectable, professional setting to host an organization meeting, should keep the clubhouse in mind as a good option.

For more information about Student Life and the clubhouse, call Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523, or email [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu).



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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### International Student Association to meet

International students are invited to attend the International Students Association meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. The meeting is in the VPAC, Room 120. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

### Get help at Fall Transfer Fair Sept. 23

Students who are interested in transferring to a university can get information at the Fall Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23. More than 30 universities will be in attendance. For more information, contact the Graduation, Employment and Transfer services at 405-682-7521.

### Deans to participate in 'Coffee & Leadership'

OCCC's academic deans will speak at "Coffee & Leadership," a discussion designed for students who would like to learn more about the deans and what steps they took to get to their place in leadership. At this two-way conversation event, students are encouraged to bring any questions they have about leadership or the college divisions. "Coffee & Leadership" will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in room CU3. For more information, email Student Life at [studentlife@occc.edu](mailto:studentlife@occc.edu) or call 405-682-7523.

### Club to host "Socrates Cafe"

Agnostics, Atheists and Freethinkers will present "Socrates Cafe" at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 in room 2N7. The inter-faith discussions will present scenarios from the book "The Pig That Wants to be Eaten" to consider and debate. For more information, email [aaf@my.occc.edu](mailto:aaf@my.occc.edu) or [kgrayson@occc.edu](mailto:kgrayson@occc.edu).

### Professional Development open house 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 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.

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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- 5. Decrease
- 10. Pear type
- 14. Tortoise's opponent
- 15. Zodiac sign
- 16. October birthstone
- 17. Face shape
- 18. Ancient Peruvians
- 19. Depend
- 20. Narrate
- 22. Spoke
- 24. Kidnapper's request
- 27. Remove
- 28. Recommend
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- 33. Flat
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- 35. Spanish title
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- 43. Decree
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- 46. Cozy retreats
- 48. Mails
- 49. Informal speech
- 53. Shoelace hole
- 55. Boring
- 57. Beginning
- 61. Shakespeare's river
- 62. The Devil
- 65. Staff member
- 66. Richard \_\_\_\_ of "Pretty Woman"
- 67. Overact
- 68. Horse's gait
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- 70. Underground drain
- 71. Building extensions

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- 1. Norse god
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- 6. Storage box
- 7. CBS rival
- 8. Serious injury
- 9. Toward the sunrise
- 10. Termite, e.g.
- 11. "Phantom of the \_\_\_\_"
- 12. Shoppers' delights
- 13. "Bonnie and \_\_\_\_"
- 21. Paving material
- 23. Principle
- 25. Reach across
- 26. Aged
- 28. Casino city
- 29. Always
- 30. "Family \_\_\_\_"
- 32. Contradictive contraction
- 34. Pine \_\_\_\_
- 36. Bargain
- 37. Metallic rocks
- 38. Landlord's income
- 39. Summer coolers
- 41. Beatle beatkeeper
- 42. Lighten
- 44. Pig's home
- 47. Flavorful seed
- 48. Miles \_\_\_\_ hour
- 49. Fawn's fathers
- 50. Embankment
- 51. Idolize
- 52. Dressed to the \_\_\_\_
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- 56. Employs
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# Hispanic Heritage month celebrated

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Celebrating different cultural backgrounds is a common occurrence in the U.S. because of its diverse population.

Hispanic Heritage month is one such celebration as a rapidly growing portion of the population — 17.1 percent in 2013 according to the U.S. Census Bureau — comes from a Spanish-speaking background.

Hispanic Heritage month started as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, becoming a 30-day celebration in 1988, according to [hispanicheritage-month.gov](http://hispanicheritage-month.gov).

The month-long celebration begins on Sept. 15 each year — the anniversary of the independence of many Latin American countries including

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—TRAVIS RUDDLE  
STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR

Costa Rica and Guatemala — and runs through Oct. 15.

OCCC will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month as they have done in the past, said Student Life Coordinator Travis Ruddle.

Hispanics make up 15 percent of the college’s student population, according to recently-released enrollment numbers.

Ruddle said the school will show a PowerPoint presentation on campus televisions throughout the month, with information about Hispanic



Heritage Month.

Boasting a 17.2 percent Hispanic population, Oklahoma City also has numerous events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month.

This includes “Fiesta de las Americas,” a festival taking place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, in the historic Capitol Hill business district on SW 25th Street between S Western and S Shields, according to <http://historiccaphill.com>.

“This year we will be kicking off our festival with our first annual Fiestas Family Fun Run/Walk, then continuing the celebration with our colorful Parade of the Americas, followed by food, games, music

and entertainment for the whole family,” the site reads.

Paul Burkhardt, Community Outreach Coordinator and Hispanic Organization to Promote Education faculty adviser, said he is involved with setting up the Fiestas Family Fun Run/Walk. He said HOPE members also will be volunteering at the event.

Ruddle said another event taking place that is not during the month itself but is still of importance is the Annual Latino Film Festival.

“It is Nov. 14 at 4 p.m., and this is a part of a PBS series called ‘Latino Americans,’” he said. “It’s actually a progressive set of videos in different places, and one of those parts is here,

at the Capitol Hill Center. It’s called ‘Episode Four: The New Latino.’”

Ruddle said he thinks it is important to celebrate diversity, especially at OCCC.

“We have such a diverse group of students, which we’re proud to have,” he said.

“It’s essential that we meet everybody and find out about each other, each diverse culture that we have, and give the opportunities even for people in that culture to see films, to see specific things about themselves to make them feel good and feel accomplished about what they’ve got, but also to educate others of those cultures.”

Ruddle said it is especially important that Hispanic heritage is celebrated at OCCC, because of its location in Oklahoma City.

“Especially in this region around OCCC, it’s very much Hispanic,” he said.

“Being so close to that community, it’s very important that we attach ourselves to the community and not direct ourselves elsewhere.

“We’ve got to understand those around us.”

For more information about OCCC’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, contact Ruddle at [travis.b.ruddle@my.occc.edu](mailto:travis.b.ruddle@my.occc.edu), or at 405-682-7683.

For a list of events around the U.S., visit [www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov](http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov).

## Music: Texas Tenors set to perform Oct. 1

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performing in Branson, Missouri, and has won Critics Choice awards for best show in 2012 and 2013. The group is originally from Texas, she said.

The trio solidified its spot among popular acts with a Billboard top 10 album “You Should Dream” in 2013 and currently has a special airing on PBS.

The performance is the first of the semester for the Performing Arts Series, Bosteels

said. She said it’s one of the best lineups OCCC has ever had.

“There’s really something for everyone this semester,” she said.

“They’re all slightly different. A lot of students are looking forward to Kid Koala.”

For more information about ticket prices, call the Theater Box Office at 405-682-7579 or visit [tickets.occc.edu/vpac](http://tickets.occc.edu/vpac).

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