**Frustrated security chief resigns post**

*By John Easley*

*Staff Writer*

A plaque mounted on the wall recognizes employee excellence in the area of safety and security. It is dated 1995. Next to it hangs a paper with a circle in the middle with a well-worn center. Above, the sign reads “Bang Head Here.” Below reads “Stress Relief Kit.”

This is the office of Chester Fonner, chief of safety and security.

Citing frustration, caused by a lack of funding and work-related stress, Fonner has decided to put away the sign and call it quits.

Friday, Feb. 13, will be considered an unlucky day by many as the college’s first chief of security leaves his post.

Fonner, who has filled the chief’s job since it was created in 1990, has been employed by the college since 1979 when he graduated with a degree in corrections.

Fonner said he had extremely high expectations for his department when he took the job of chief of security. Over time, however, he has seen the college’s priorities change.

“Over the years we have made some really fantastic improvements, and we really have increased the level of security on the campus,” he said.

“As new priorities have come along, resources became more strained and we weren’t able to make as [many] improvements as we did initially, and that causes frustration.”

Fonner said the frustration sets in the most when a major theft has occurred on campus, such as the loss of an entire multimedia classroom’s computer equipment, valued at more than $8,000.

“I get this deep sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach over what could have we done to prevent this. It hits home at a very, very personal level. I take it as a personal defeat,” he said.

Fonner said certain purchases are needed. These include security cameras and emergency phones in the parking lots to help protect students from potential violent crimes as well as minor emergencies; security cameras in the major hallways on campus to help deter theft from classrooms, and two additional officers to help patrol the grounds.

Wanna see the scar? Professor Richard Rouillard as the mute King Sextamus shows Sarah Brown as Princess Winnifred a bite on the royal behind as a lady-in-waiting looks on. The trio are rehearsing for “Once Upon A Mattress.” (See related story on page 10.)

Fonner’s recommendations are supported by a 1993 study done by security specialists Wackenhut Inc. who provide weekend and overnight security for the college.

OKCCC did not request the study be done. Wackenhut performed the study independently as a service they provide for all of their clients.

In the report Wackenhut cites several problem areas.

The most important recommendation was that a closed-circuit television system be installed in the parking lots. The cameras, the report reads, should have pan and tilt capabilities and be monitored 24-hours per day.

For litigation purposes the report recommended that the cameras should record all activity and the tapes be saved for 12 months.

Fonner estimated the cost of the external cameras to be at least $50,000.

When it comes to the number of officers on duty at any one time, the report
Editorial
Shindig gives pause to think about clubs

What drives people to join clubs and professional organizations? Is it the social instinct? Or a selfish need to be recognized? Are we really lemmings dressed in natural fibers and bearing beepers?

I wondered about the impulse to join recently after a journalism awards ceremony.

I sat in the hallway-cum-banquet room of the Westin Hotel pretending to eat chunks of processed chicken roll pretending to be haute cuisine.

I had paid $30 for the privilege, $40 if you count yearly dues to the hosting organization.

I knew that a grand total of eight people out of the 144 or so who were also poking at the chicken roll. We were there to have our work acknowledged by our peers.

These were the big boys, the professionals. The Real World. Heady stuff for a school dropout who fears she will wake up and find college just a dream.

As award ceremonies go, this one was interminable. Not that I am against award ceremonies, but a legally enforceable time limit for witty remarks should be developed.

There I sat, applauding politely at appropriate moments and trying not to embarrass the college newspaper or its adviser unduly.

So, given the exhilarating atmosphere of club functions, why do people join clubs and professional organizations?

The knowledge that you are not the only idiot who chose this particular field of study is a big draw. Gaining employment in your chosen field is easier if you know someone in the business who will tell you of openings and perhaps speak well of you to a potential employer.

A friend who joined a human rights organization at his school claims he signed up to meet women. The student clubs which levy dues collect a pitiful. Not that I am against award ceremonies, but they are so caught up in being defensive that, like a poor archer, they keep missing the target.

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Because in doing so, a duck is no longer a duck.

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The truth is like a joke, some understand it, others do not. However, it exists for all to find.

—James Tate
OKCCC Student

Media bends rules to suit game

To the Editor:

When is a duck not a duck?

When it does not fit in with the media's liberal agenda.

Living in a complex world things are sometimes hard to change. An example of such is Wicca having ties to witchcraft. In today's media that is no problem.

We will re-define the definition as done in the Sept. 29 editorial by Robyn Lydick.

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**Allen best behind camera**

**Supporting cast carries latest Woody Allen film**

Woody Allen is like licorice—you love him or you hate him. Lukewarm does not exist.

Even in the swinging '70s, a film needed more than eight lines of dialogue before an act of oral sex. Allen has yet to discover this.

“Deconstructing Harry” is the well-told tale of Harry Block, a successful writer who cannibalizes his every relationship for material, at the loss of the relationships themselves. Women, sister, son, all are mere material for Harry’s great work of art.

Harry, played by Allen, is a self-centered, pill-popping, sex-obsessed slimy genius. Harry is constantly in therapy, living the created life of the tortured artist.

In the industry, this is called typecasting.

“Deconstructing Harry” is absorbing, with believable story lines through most of the film.

Allen as the writer-director falls into “all-the-world-revolves-around-white-New Yorkers” with alarming regularity. His characterizations of women are two-dimensional cutouts used to decorate his stage.

Despite the holes, this story of a writer’s self-created melodramatic life is saved by the supporting cast. This is a Woody Allen movie; it is entirely supporting cast.

The cast reads like a who’s who in Hollywood: Kirstie Alley, Bob Balaban, Richard Benjamin, Billy Crystal, Amy Irving, Demi Moore, Hazelle Goodman, and Robin Williams lend their considerable talents and experience to the project.

The cinematography is choppy. The opening credits are played over a tape loop of a woman exiting a taxi. The effect is somewhat like seasickness and somewhat reminiscent of disco balls; however, the film’s erratic splicing seems to fit the spastic self-indulgence of the main character.


— Robyn Lydick
Student Editor

**Dean Koontz thriller delivers non-stop chills**

Dean Koontz’s latest thriller “Phantoms” is an action-packed thrust from the word go. The first chill began to slither up my spine no more than five minutes into the picture and goosebumps stayed with me until the credits rolled.

Rose McGowan, and the blonde-haired bimbo from “Scream,” Joanna Going, star as two sisters who stumble upon a quiet town — a very quiet town. As a matter of fact the whole town is dead, with the exception of three deputies from the police department.

The team of five is joined by a reporter from a supermarket tabloid, played by Peter O’Toole.

The six become four while searching for answers and find more than they could ever imagine.

“Phantoms” serves up non-stop, breath-taking surprises, and is a must for thrill-seekers.

“Phantoms” is rated R for language and gore. And by the way, if you go see “Phantoms,” take at least one other person with you so you won’t be the only one screaming.

—Aaron Munch
Contributing Writer

Ben Affleck, Rose McGowan, Peter O’Toole and Joanna Going star in Joe Chappelle’s “Phantoms.”
Certified Physical Therapist Assistants make a good living, a survey of area hospitals indicates. Average salaries range from $22,000 to $27,000, contrary to a report in the Jan. 26 Pioneer.

The error occurred because the reporter misunderstood a source’s comments.

Roger Reynolds, spokesman for Integris Baptist Medical Center, told the Pioneer in January that beginning salaries for COTAs was $12.48 (per hour). The reporter misinterpreted the comment to mean $12,048 per year. A COTA’s annual starting salary at Baptist is $25,958.

Chery Holloway, Norman Regional Hospital, said COTAs start there at $26,520.

Brenda Rogers, of Park View Hospital in El Reno, said COTAs begin at $24,960 annually. COTA’s at Deaconess Hospital start at $22,880, said Lanelle Drumeller.

The Pioneer regrets the mistake.

In September, 19 OKCCC students took the certification exam and became COTAs. The next exam is slated for March.

COTAs work with patients who have physical or mental impairments to live as independently as possible.

Eureka! Darrel Pearman, physical plant worker, makes needed repairs to the motor and timer in the water fountain located outside of counseling and assessment.

Several other fountains, located in the area of the student union, are also currently being updated.
On the road to a radio career, finance director found a detour

By Theresa M. Pitts
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Tate’s professional experience includes 10 years in the auditing and finance field.

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Other than that, Tate said he has to work on his patience. He is anxiously awaiting the upcoming reporting system, BUZZEO, which is under development for the college.

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Valentine’s Day right around the corner

Why is Valentine’s Day celebrated?

The 14th of February was set apart as the special day to remember Saint Valentine. This was one day before the Roman feast of Lupercalia, a pagan love festival. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia from the 15th to the 14th to try and stop the pagan celebration. The church realized that there was nothing wrong with celebrating love, only the pagan elements insulted God. Lupercalia was done away with, but it had left its mark on Saint Valentine’s Day.

Valentine had become known as the patron of lovers.

Famous Couples...

Va Va Voom... Who doesn’t remember these famous couples?
Throughout their courtship, marriage, divorce and, ultimately, tragedy, Prince Charles and Princess Di were watched constantly and talked about by the entire world. Other couples include (clockwise) Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis, the couple who steamed up the big screen in the movie “Top Gun,” John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John whose young love took its ups and downs but definitely ended on an up note in the movie version of the Broadway musical “Grease,” and John Lennon with his wife Yoko Ono. Lennon’s life was cut tragically short when he was gunned down in 1980 by a maniacal fan.

He said...

By Hillary Mueller
Newswriting I Student

Ah, the beautiful holiday of St. Valentine is drawing near. Love, sweet love, is in the thoughts and hearts of men and women everywhere. This has many ladies wondering — What am I going to get the man in my life?

A few OKCCC students may have some suggestions.

Shon Sanders said cologne and boxers are both good choices.

Tyler Grieser said that is a tough question for guys but he simplified it.

“Guys get their wives material things and the wives give them something in return,” he said.

Two students are looking for love.

Jeteral Mitchell wants a girlfriend for Valentine’s Day.

Student Eddie Latham wants hockey tickets.

Last, but not least, there are the truly romantic types.

“Wil Grant said he desires romance and passion, but student Brian Maughan said, ‘I’d be content with a Valentine.’

Jeremy Driggers, a local radio personality and public relations student said he follows a tradition.

“Normally I take my girlfriend out, get her flowers and never get anything in return,” he said.

“All I want is some love and affection. Will someone please give me some love and affection?”

There you have it ladies. These are the gifts guys want, according to guys, but if none of the ideas mentioned fit your current loved one, then ASK him what he wants! Don’t be shy.

She said...

By Nick Spross
Staff Writer

As Valentine’s Day approaches, fellas are looking for that perfect gift for their significant other or a gift for someone they would like to be their significant other. Look no further.

Some girls would like the simple gift and some want that extraordinary gift.

Some OKCCC female students offered insight recently to what a guy might shop for this Feb. 14.

Brandi Johnson said a basic gift would satisfy her.

“I am a sucker for roses — long stemmed,” Johnson said.

“I really like it when they are sent to my work.”

Sara Williams said she would really like that one thing that many women who are in love want.

“I would really like an engagement ring,” Williams said. “That is what I really want.”

There are several women who really don’t want too much in the ways of gifts.

Tammy Clark said she doesn’t really care about gifts.

“She said...

“Valentine’s Day is just another day to me,” Cassell said.

“I don’t see what’s so fun about going out to eat and having to wait for two hours to eat.”

Well guys, I hope this helped you out on what to get the lady in your life. I know it helped me.
Romance, common sense, order of day  

encouraged on National Condom Day

“Love Me Safely” is the theme of National Condom Day on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14. According to the American Social Health Association, Valentine’s Day is the perfect day to emphasize that loving someone means protecting the sexual health of both partners.

“Because sexually transmitted diseases are so often symptomless, sex partners must talk to one another about any risk for STDs, even if neither person has symptoms,” said Linda Alexander, ASHA president.

“We know it’s a sensitive subject, but this is the only way to make sure that you both stay healthy.”

If either partner has had unprotected sex at any time, ASHA recommends that both be tested for STDs in a physician’s office or clinic.

The partners should also use condoms correctly every time they have sex to help protect against transmitting an infection.

Alexander emphasized that abstaining from sex is the only completely safe choice.

“For those who are having sex, unless both partners are 100 percent certain that they are free of infection, condoms are essential,” she said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, five of the 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the United States — chlamydia, gonorrhea, AIDS, syphilis and hepatitis — are STDs.

It is estimated that there are 12 million new STD cases in the United States annually, with two-thirds occurring in people under 25 and one-fourth in teenagers.

The CDC recommends condom use for STD protection based on studies conducted among couples in which one partner was infected with HIV/AIDS. By using latex condoms consistently and correctly, 98 to 100 percent of the couples avoided transmitting HIV to the uninfected partner.

Condoms are also considered to be highly effective in preventing a number of STDs.

Natural membrane condoms are not recommended for STD prevention.

Latex condoms should be used with a water-based lubricant, since oil-based lubricants weaken the condom. Plastic condoms can be used with either kind of lubricant.

Free, confidential information about STDs and condom use is available through hotlines operated by ASHA: the CDC National AIDS Hotline, 800/342-2437, Spanish service, 800/344-7432; TTY for the Deaf service, 800/243-7889; the CDC National STD Hotline, 800/227-8922; and the National Herpes Hotline, 919/361-8488.

Fine dining in OKC affordable for all budgets

By Rica Mitchusson
Staff Writer

In the event dinner plans play a role in your Valentine agenda, and it is strongly suggested that it does, recommendations and a price list may tempt your palette even more.

Oklahoma City metro eateries boast a diverse menu. An excellent dinner for two may be enjoyed at any of the following restaurants.

- For elegance and ambience try upscale American cuisine at: The Haunted House, $60, The Metro, $70, Twelve Oaks, $60, or for German, The Keller in the Kastle at $55.

- Too steep?
  *Papa’s Lil Italy, $45, Jamil’s Steakhouse, $35, or Sleepy Hollow, $30, offer full menus and a comfortable atmosphere.

- Variety and quality fill the plate but won’t empty the wallet at Windy City for pasta and pizza, $20, Dot Wo for Chinese $20, or Chelino’s for Mexican, $18.

Prices listed generally include salad, entrée, one or two side dishes, bread and tea or coffee. If lobster is on the menu, it will be at “daily price.” Appetizers, dessert and cocktails or wine are not included.

Most restaurants offer daily specials which are usually the tried-and-true favorites and are worth serious consideration.

Reservations may be necessary, especially during this loveliest of all love days. Check the metro phone book for location and reservation information.

Somewhere there is a table with your name on it. Feed your love this Valentine’s Day. Bon Appetit!
License plates reveal owner’s personality

By Michelle Duff
Newswriting I Student

Personalized license plates on cars — what do they mean and why do their owners chose them?

In one evening 29 personalized license plates, sometimes referred to as vanity plates, were spotted on the OKCCC campus. Some were fairly easy to figure out, but others were not what they seemed to be.

Ann Lewis, student and owner of the license plate PL 4EVR, told a sad story with her choice of letters and numbers.

"PL was my husband’s initials," she said. "He’s deceased and I will always love him forever and he will always be in my heart."

Another plate was a complete mystery. It read CCCCYA. It turned out the letters reveal an insight to owner Allen King’s driving habits.

"See ya — because I drive fast," King explained.

XRAYVSN seemed an odd but meaningless collection of letters. However, Jeff Jaco had a logical answer as to why he chose his plate.

"My major is in radiology," he said.

Booner Longman explained the circumstances behind his plate.

"On vacation with a friend, to go skiing, we got bored and came up with 2SPORTY. We thought it was cool."

Jeffrey Green searched the past for his interesting plate CHIMERA.

He said it was a monster from Greek mythology — a lion with a goat’s head and serpent’s tail. It also refers to fantasy or a foolish idea.

Green said he enjoys fantasy novels, magic and Greek myths, so it seemed like a good concept.

The east lot sported a car with a North Carolina plate reading QUETIP and another from California which read 2RTR240.

The locals in the east lot also showcased their street smarts with messages such as XCITABL, OUG PHIB, VANYA, RUTALL2, and SO CUTE.

A couple of cars near the daycare center showed signs of playfulness. A Virginia plate read WD WABIT, while an Oklahoma plate read MY HUEY.

The south lot contained a LZRDGRL, H W D, MR PETE, SENOR, 1LITTLE1, and a DOTYDOG complete with a Dalmatian-type spotted tag holder. The nearby dirt lot was reserved for DOLLADY.

Lot E had DEESMAX, CINDY N, BLMSTRM, and MS DANA.

The only personalized plate in lot D was an oldie, but a goodie — 66STANG — on, you guessed it, a 1966 Mustang.

With nothing personal in lot C, there was time for a little light reading at the library with PLAY2WN and ADEPT.

Deadlines set for graduation candidates

By Tyler Swank
Newswriting I Student

1998 commencement is set to take place May 18 at the Civic Center Music Hall.

Summer and fall ‘97 graduates, along with spring ‘98 candidates who will be completing degree requirements by May 18, are eligible to participate — if they apply soon.

Feb. 6 was the actual application deadline for spring ‘98 graduation candidates to apply. However, those wishing to take part in commencement may still submit applications for special consideration until April 1.

Barbara Cornelison in the admissions and records office explained the importance of meeting the April 1 deadline.

"Names of any applicants received after the deadline will not be received in time to be included in the commencement program," she said.

Summer ‘98 graduates may be allowed to participate, but special permission must also be granted. These graduates should turn their applications by April 1 as well.

Applications may be picked up in the Office of Admissions on the first floor of the main building.

Need help or an escort to your car? Call campus security at ext.7691
Mini-hospital opens students’ eyes

By Michelle Duff
Newswriting | Student

There is a well-hidden area located behind the doors of the nursing center. It is called the mini-hospital.

Anita Jones, head of OKCCC’s nursing program, said the hospital offers a realistic environment for learning. Since 1991, it has provided nursing students with simulated medical settings.

By practicing in a realistic setting, she said, students are better prepared for the transition from the classroom to a clinical environment.

The facility is much larger than it initially appears to be. There are 13 rooms and a dual nursing station, which is set up in the center of the other rooms.

Jones said her dream is to have video cameras in the training rooms so that students can review tapes to see how they are doing.

“Self evaluation is one of the best means of learning,” she said.

Students practice pediatric care in the pediatric room. It is equipped with an incubator, crib, bathing area, bassinet, scales, examination table, and four infant mannequins.

The former critical care area has been converted to a universal precautions room. Here students will learn procedures regarding the handling of patients with such infectious diseases as AIDS once the room is completely developed.

A computer lab, with seven computers, is available for computer assisted instruction and testing. These computers, as well as the two in the nursing station, are also linked to the Internet.

The computers are equipped with TABS, a random testing program.

In the future, tests will originate from the instructor, go to the student, and the student’s answers will print out at the instructor’s printer.

There is a supply room containing supplies and equipment for demonstrations and individual practice.

The laundry room houses a washing machine, dryer and linen storage area to add to the reality of a hospital environment.

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A computer lab, with seven computers, is available for computer assisted instruction and testing. These computers, as well as the two in the nursing station, are also linked to the Internet.

The computers are equipped with TABS, a random testing program.

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Two new scholarships up for grabs  
The High School and Community Relations department announce the American Business Woman’s Scholarship, for both women and men, deadline March 16, and the Women of the South Scholarship, for women only, deadline March 6. Applications may be obtained in the Office of High School and Community Relations.

Congressman Istook needs interns  
Openings for two unpaid internships are available with Congressman Ernest Istook’s office. Interns will work a flexible 10 to 12 hour week. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life.

Native American Cultural Awareness Organization  
NACAO will elect officers and discuss the agenda for the semester at their “Welcome Back” meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 11 in 2N5.

Science club to visit KWTV 9  
The science club will take a field trip to KWTV 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 27. Club members and others interested in a tour of channel 9’s meteorology department, a visit with Gary England and watching the news broadcast are asked to sign up in Brenda Breeding’s office, 1C5. Transportation is provided.

Win a romantic dinner for two from FTO/SOE  
OKCCC Future Teachers’ Organization and Student Oklahoma Education Association are offering a chance to win a romantic dinner for two and tickets to the OKCCC theater department’s production of “Once Upon a Mattress.” Tickets may be purchased for $1 Feb. 11, 12 and 13 at the FTO/SOE table set up in the main building foyer. The winning ticket will be drawn at noon Feb. 13. The $1 ticket donation will be added to the FTO/SOE scholarship fund.

Science club to visit the Myriad Botanical Gardens  
The science club will take a field trip to the Myriad Botanical Gardens from 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 13. Students need to meet at 1C5 prior to 12:15 p.m. Cost is $3 for students with ID and $4 for those without. Transportation will be provided. Those interested need to sign up at the science club bulletin board.

State Capitol photos of class field trip available  
Students who went to the State Capitol last semester with Mrs. Buchanan’s American federal government class may pick up their photos in the Health, Social Science and Human Services office.

Collegiate Secretaries International offer sweet sale  
CSI, Psi Beta and the Psychology club suggest shopping for your Valentine at their “Sweetheart Sale.” CSI, Psi Beta and the Psychology club suggest shopping for your Valentine at their “Sweetheart Sale.”

Engineering club announces first meeting  
Now would be a great time to join the engineering club. The first meeting is slated for 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 11 in 1A6.

Mattress stunning departure for OKCCC theater department

By Amy Lawrence  
To celebrate the silver anniversary of OKCCC, the theater department, with a little help from its friends, will present “Once Upon a Mattress” at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 through 14 in the College Theater.

Faculty and students will come together to relive this tantalizing retelling of the Princess and the Pea. This is the story of a prince trying to find his true love, and dealing with his smothering mother, who finds no one acceptable.

To top off the anniversary, director Patrick Daughtery has matched a diverse cast to the level of excitement in the air.

Not only are students involved, but also the faculty and students from Northwest Classen High School. Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Arts and Humanities, shares with composition and literature Professor Richard Rouillard the role of King Sextimus.

To create Queen Aggravain, Dr. Jean Lombardo and Dianne Broyles have teamed up to perform on alternating nights.

Arts and Humanities director Teresa Hawkes choreographed the show.

Sarah Brown, who plays Princess Winnifred, is an interpreter for the hearing impaired at the college. Her signing skills are used in the performance.

The character of Winnifred is mute in the original play. OKCCC’s Winnifred will communicate in American Sign Language. A reader will supply a voice for the sign lan-

THEATER

Sing it, sister...  
Dianne Broyles, as Queen Aggravain, with Amy Ackerman, as the Sorceress, dreams up a test for the fair Princess Winnifred in a recent OKCCC theater rehearsal.

The women are performing in “Once Upon a Mattress” which opens Feb. 11 and runs through Valentine’s Day.

The play will feature several staff and faculty members.
Study indicates campus security understaffed

“Fonner,”
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states that “coverage is not adequate for the size and complexity of the campus.” The report recommended the college employ three armed officers per shift. This would not include the chief of security. Currently the college has two armed officers on duty plus the chief.

The report also found that the lighting of the exterior did not provide adequate protection for students, visitors and faculty. It recommended that the lights in the parking areas and entrances be strengthened to eliminate shadowed areas.

Since 1993 the college has added more parking and a library. Fonner said that he has requested funding for the improvements every year since 1992 through the critical activities budget.

Any time a department wants additional funding for projects it must make a recommendation through critical activities. A committee made up of college administrators then decides which projects get the funding.

Fonner said that every year since the Wackenhut report came out, his department has been denied the funding to make the improvements.

Vice President for Business and Technology Services Gary Lombard said the college has made significant improvements in the college’s safety and security department.

Lombard said the college has gone from a totally contract-provided security department to a fully-staffed, full-time presence during operating hours.

He added that one of the priorities of the college is to provide for expanded electronic surveillance systems using technology to extend the college’s security presence.

Funding money for these improvements, Lombard added, has been the problem.

Fonner estimated emergency telephones in the parking lots could run another $30,000. A shortage of money, Lombard said, is the reason for the delay in installing cameras, not a lack of desire on the part of the administration.

With projects such as the repair of the underground building, the remodeling of second floor office space in the main building and demand for increased technology in the classroom, money is tight.

“There are a lot of initiatives that the college is undertaking, both from a capital standpoint as well as an operational standpoint. We’re trying to look at the whole picture when we make decisions that deal with institutional priorities,” Lombard said.

Dr. Robert Todd, president of OKCCC, said that safety and security of the students and faculty is a top priority of the college. Todd, who was vice president for instruction when the safety study was done, said he was unaware of the Wackenhut recommendations.

The study, done during the presidency of Dr. Bob Gaines, was initially sent to Dr. Gary Rankin, vice president for external educational programs. Rankin was then the vice president in charge of the safety and security department. Fonner was quick to point out that the department has made many improvements.

The addition of an artificial external defibrillator allows the department to provide better emergency medical help.

Lombard added the college has gone to a computerized lighting system which controls the exterior lights. This frees up time for officers who had been spending as much as an hour a day flipping off breaker switches.

Students and faculty across campus have expressed their desire to see stepped-up security.

Dana Glencross, professor of political science, said “I think we have lost a good resource in Chester Fonner. I concur that with the rate of theft at the college that more resources need to be devoted to security.”

Jay Ramanjulu, coordinator of public services, said, “I am surprised that we haven’t had more theft. We should have more security and protection for students, faculty and the building,” he said. “Security cameras should be used. Cameras make sense.”

Mathematics professor Jay Malmstrom, himself a recent victim of crime on campus when more than $2,000 of personal computer equipment was stolen from his office, said he understands the problems security has patrolling the entire campus.

 “[Fonner] doesn’t have enough officers to do it,” he said. “Someone needs to rethink how security is being done.”

Jackie Hodges, a 28-year-old student from Bethany, said she would feel safer with security cameras and emergency phones in the parking lot. “You never know what kind of wacked-out weirdos are hiding out there. The phones would give me someplace closer to run for help.”

Fonner, has served under five different college presidents at OKCCC. He said he will miss the college and still plans to come visit when he gets the chance.

He said he plans to stay in the security business and is currently pursuing opportunities at Will Rogers World Airport.

Lombard said the search for a replacement for Fonner is just beginning and he doesn’t know when the position might be filled.