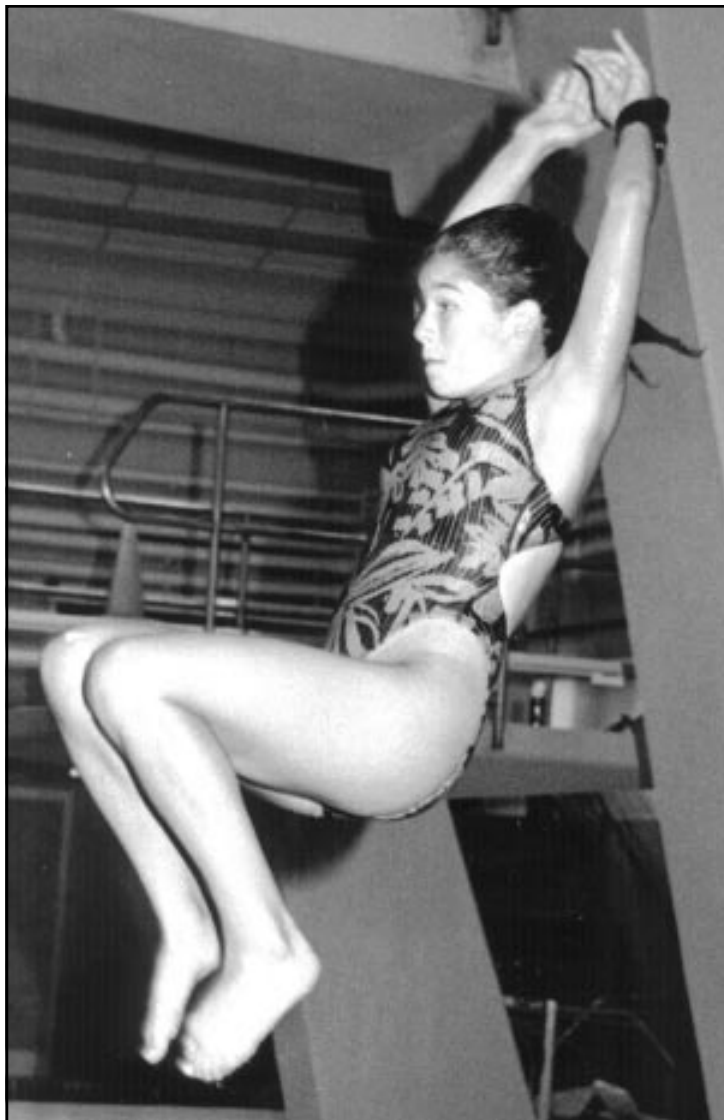


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What a dive! Left: Holly Hodges, 15, shows real grace and form during a dive into OKCCC's Olympic-size swimming pool. Right: Shelby Noonan, 13, in the midst of a dive. Both teens are members of the Oklahoma City dive team and have competed as far away as Washington and Wisconsin.

Off-campus companies perform multitude of services for OKCCC

By Robyn Lydick
Editor

Several services once performed by college employees are now done by companies contracted by the college.

Vending, cafeteria and catering services, custodial services, landscaping, and extended and special event security are all performed by outside companies.

Gary Lombard, vice president for business and finance, said the benefits of

outside contractors are the savings in administrative costs and the level of expertise in a company's field.

The savings, while not passed directly on to students in the form of lower fees, do allow the college to save money and use those savings for programs for students, Lombard said.

OKCCC security is supplemented by Wackenhut Corporation from midnight to 8 a.m. during the week and from midnight on Fridays to 8 a.m. on Mondays for the weekend.

Wackenhut also covers special events held on the campus such as Arts Festival Oklahoma or swim meets in the aquatics center.

Pure Services Inc. supplies custodial services to the college, such as cleaning floors, walls, ceilings and emptying the trash, said John Knight, director of the physical plant.

OKCCC does have three staff members to handle clean up during business

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Pay raises claim lion's share of budget increase

Regents approve \$26 million for FY 98-99

By Melissa Guice
Staff Writer

Of the \$1.7 million increase in next year's college budget, \$1.2 million was earmarked for pay increases according to the Educational and General Operating Budget approved by OKCCC regents June 15.

The budget for FY 98-99 totals just over \$26 million, showing a \$1.7 million increase over last fiscal year.

Wages and salaries make up the majority of the increases. Seventy-seven cents of every dollar in the college's general operating budget is spent on wages, salary and benefits.

On average, faculty pay will increase by about 4 percent. Classified, or hourly, employee salaries average out to about a 3.8 percent increase while non-teaching professionals — which includes librarians, counselors and administrators — will receive a 3.6 percent raise, on average.

Individual salary increases are based on a performance rating system.

Depending on their rating, employees will receive raises for their performance.

For instance, an employee receiving a satisfactory rating will receive a 2 percent base pay increase. One with an excellent rating will receive a 3.5 percent increase while one with an exceptional rating will receive a 5 percent base pay increase. An individual

with an unsatisfactory rating would not receive a raise.

Adjunct pay will increase from \$450 to \$475 per credit hour. The pay is for a semester, so an adjunct earns about \$1425 for teaching an average three-credit-hour course.

Work study students' beginning pay rates will increase from \$5.25 to \$5.75. Students who have worked in the same position for one year or longer will earn \$6 an hour compared to the current \$5.50 an hour.

The budget shows a \$1.7 million increase over last fiscal year.

The area receiving the greatest increase is instruction, which contains the college's academic divisions of arts and humanities, science and math, business, nursing, information

technology, health, social sciences and human services. The area's budget will jump nearly \$1.3 million over last year's \$14,690,502 allocation, which includes the president's office.

Institutional support will be increased by \$207,684 over last fiscal year.

The physical plant, which handles maintenance, college vehicles, running the aquatics and wellness center as well as safety and security, will have an increase of about \$88,500.

Student services, such as admissions and records, operating the financial aid center, and services to students with disabilities, will be increased by about \$182,000.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Dinosaur doo, Dan Quayle: connections?

Scientists in Saskatchewan, Canada, have unearthed the largest specimen of paleontological poop yet.

The fossilized feces belonged to a tyrannosaurus rex originally, and now will be on display at Saskatchewan's royal museum. Curators of the museum are discussing taking the turd on tour.

Perhaps they should contact Spice Girls management for an itinerary. I hear they are down a member.

Crap on tour is not an original thought. Look at the obscene amounts of money performers can charge for a cookie-cutter show identical to the show played the night before.

No wonder motel rooms get messed up — the bands are bored out of their skulls.

Speaking of crap, why are disposable diapers being left in the OKCCC parking lots? What kind of people leave diapers anywhere? Poop should be private. What is wrong with good old cotton diapers anyway?

My theory is that diaper-droppers are secretly fans of tell-all television and want everyone to know about the crap in their lives. They have nothing titillating enough, so they show off their kids' crap anonymously.

No discussion of poop would be complete without a mention of the government.

I theorize that an organization so large and so divided cannot help but blunder from time to time.

On June 9, state and local officers raided Freak Street Hempware, a clothing company and tobacco accessory shop in Provincetown, Mass.

Pipes and other smoking accessories were seized, which is not surprising, but Provincetown police also took clothing displaying a picture of a hemp leaf either on the garment or on the tag, which is surprising.

Clothing made of hemp fiber but not displaying a hemp leaf design was left alone.

Translate this to a different product.

What if these had been shirts with graphic representations of automatic weapons? Is there any law that allows for the seizure of such material?

This is a First Amendment violation pure and simple. The sayings or graphics on a T-shirt are protected under free speech.

Might as well wrap that crap up in your copy of the Constitution and, ...well...smoke it.

This goes to show how much crap happens every day.

It also proves to me that Dan Quayle is not the most empty-headed person ever to be in government. Give the man spell-checkers and speech writers and he is presidential material comparatively. But let's remember the topic.

Maybe this has been so much mental diarrhea, but as the faithful columnist, my mission is to educate, entertain or irritate you.

I hope I have done my dooty.

—Robyn Lydick
Editor

Upward Bound students not always to blame

To the Editor:

Each time there is chaos in this building, Upward Bound students get the blame.

For example, a girl was eating M&Ms in the college bookstore. When she went to the counter she was only buying a candy bar. The woman assumed she stole some candy.

We learned the security officer watched her eat the candy the whole time.

protect the campus.

He can't do his job if he is too busy watching a girl

"Upward Bound students are not the only high school students on campus. We make mistakes but we are tired of being the first suspects when something goes wrong."

—Crystal Reed
Upward Bound Student

eat candy.

Secondly, some people reported that Upward Bound students were being

loud in the hallway. When the officer checked, it ended up being some adults coming out of a class who were being

"How do you get any work done if you are watching our every move?"

—Crystal Reed
Upward Bound Student

The student had purchased the M&Ms from a vending machine.

I thought the security officer was supposed to pro-

loud.

Not to be mean, but how do you get any work done if you are watching our every move?

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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Independent 'Hav Plenty' a unique movie

Shoestring-budget film shines at Sundance festival

Independent films are known for their characters, uniqueness and flair while shaping the movie with depth, personality and flavor.

In Christopher Scott Cherot's movie "Hav Plenty" he writes, directs, edits and stars in an incredible love story that is worthy of independent filming.

Production on the film was completed in weeks on a shoestring budget and the film was very popular at the 1998 Park City, Utah Sundance Film Festival.

"Hav Plenty" is a love story written in a unique and fresh way that swings the momentum and strength between the two leading characters, allowing each one to show emotion and richness in acting and personality.

The two lead characters are also surrounded with outstanding support roles from Hill Harper and Tammi Katherine Jones, which structures the movie into magnificence.

Cherot, this being his first acting job ever, plays Lee Plenty, an out-of-work



homeless writer who comfortably fits in his role that is not typical of the leading man.

His lead is not of the fashioned, masculine strength that seems to be recycled in many of Hollywood's characters. His lead role is a dreamer, a slacker and an all-around

best friend to the people he encounters while defying expectations.

On the opposite is his friend Havilland Savage played by Chenoa Maxwell. Hav Savage is everything Lee Plenty despises. She is mesmerized by fame, success and social positioning and does not allow herself to fall in love with Lee Plenty.

The two venture through the movie experiencing situations that are common between best friends who, inside their own hearts, know that they have feelings for one another but cannot seem to express them.

The movie was spectacular in filming and editing with perfect positioning of the music and sound effects that embellished every

emotion. There are many flashbacks and unusual cutaways that describe the actors' dialog and leave the viewer intrigued and entertained.

The movie also shows its independence beacon by displaying two different endings.

Cherot shows his original end, then flashes his

credits on the screen before continuing the movie with the other ending that had obvious input from the financial experts. The idea worked unbelievably well and helped showcase the originality Cherot obviously possesses.

Christopher Scott Cherot is definitely a professional filmmaker who is an inspiration to all screenwriters wishing to create art outside of Hollywood's stranglehold.

Do not let the movie leave the theaters without seeing it. You will not regret your adventure.

You can learn more about the movie and download clips from the movie at the Sundance Film Festival's web site:

[www.filmscouts.com/festivals/sundance98/_Go to: Films in Competition and click.](http://www.filmscouts.com/festivals/sundance98/_Go_to:Films_in_Competition_and_click)

—Trent Dugas
Staff Writer



Robinne Lee, Christopher Cherot, Chenoa Maxwell and Tammi Katherine Jones from Cherot's "Hav Plenty."

Tornado precautions outlined

By Trent Dugas
Staff Writer

In the wake of the recent tornadoes that recently swept through Oklahoma City, many questions arose regarding OKCCC's tornado precaution procedures.

OKCCC Chief of Staff and General Council Jerry Steward said the school is not certified as a storm shelter.

According to College Procedure 3048, the OKCCC Board of Regents does not recommend the college as a shelter against tornadoes or high winds.

However, for those already in the buildings during threatening weather, there are safety precautions that can be taken.

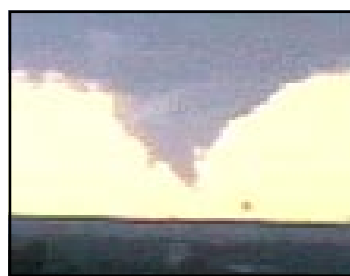
The Office of Campus Safety and Security will monitor all weather conditions for the immediate area of the college. The Administrator of Extended Services will monitor during evenings and weekends.

The president of the college, or the person acting on the president's behalf, will be notified if the college

area is under a tornado alert.

If a severe threat to the building is imminent the president will advise campus safety and security to move occupants of the college to appropriate areas of safety.

Security officers will use a portable bull horn for the



A tornado hovers near the city of El Reno on June 13.

announcement.

All students, faculty, staff and visitors will be instructed to go to the following areas:

From the main building, go to the first floor and stairwell.

From the underground building, go to the southwest wall in the underground building.

In the gymnasium, go to the south wall.

From the College Union, Wellness Center and Aquatic Center, go to the

College Union logo wall.

From the Career Learning Center and Math Center, go to the southwest wall in the underground building.

From Arts and Humanities and the theater to Arts and Humanities, go to the first floor stairwell and theater corridor.

From the administrative connector, go to the human resources fire stairwell.

From the Nursing Center, go to the south wall in the College Union.

From the Health Technologies Center, go to the College Union logo wall and cafeteria.

The Child Development Center will resort to an approved plan that is posted in the center.

In case of an emergency, college security and the switchboard operator will notify the Child Development Center and the children and staff will move to the designated areas of bathrooms, closets and pantries.

The Office of Campus Safety and Security will monitor and have responsibility for crowd control during the threat and give the clear signal when the danger is over.



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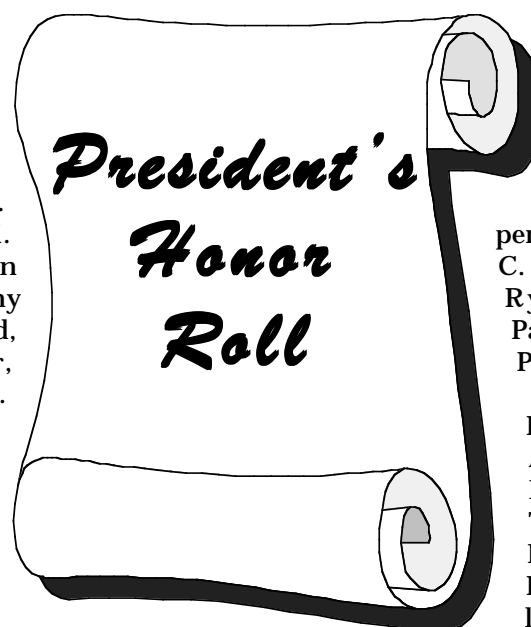
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Highlights

OKCCC to host OBI June blood drive

The Oklahoma Blood Institute encourages OKCCC students, staff and faculty to help make the summer brighter for Oklahoma patients. The OBI will be collecting blood donations on campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 30 in the college union. Donors will receive free health assessments and an OBI T-shirt.

Banned movie "Tin Drum" topic of meeting

A general meeting concerning the controversial film "Tin Drum" will be held at 7 p.m. June 29 in the Community Room at OETA, 7403 N. Kelley Ave. Michael Salem, attorney for plaintiff Michael Camfield, will attend. The Oklahoma County District Attorney's office and Oklahomans for Children and Families have also been invited. "Tin Drum" was pulled from OKCCC's library video shelves when the controversy began 14 months ago. The meeting is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Scholarship applications available, deadline near

Applications for the William P. Willis scholarship are available in the office of Prospective Student Services. Requirements include: students must be a resident of Oklahoma, enrolled full-time, plan to be enrolled full-time for fall and spring semesters and have an income less than \$20,000 per year. Deadline is July 1.

College to sponsor cheer camp

OKCCC is sponsoring a cheer camp featuring the Putnam City West varsity cheerleaders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 6 through 9 at Western Oaks Middle School in Bethany. The cost is \$55. The camp will cover cheers for beginners and advanced cheerleaders. Tips on try-out preparation will also be included. For more information or to enroll call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

Cafeteria introduces new prices, pastry chef

The OKCCC food service staff has recently grown to include its very own pastry chef, who will be baking all desserts fresh daily. In addition, let it be known that the cafeteria has lowered the prices on the 20-ounce soft drinks to 69 cents. Juice is now 92 cents.

Math tutoring sessions now being formed

Fifth and sixth graders can take advantage of math classes this summer at the college. The class sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30. The fee is \$10 per session. Classes will cover multiplication, division, fractions and decimals. Classes will be limited to five students per session. For more information, enrollment and class times, contact the Office of Educational Support Services at 682-7547.

Teenline needs volunteers, training session slated

Teenline, a statewide telephone helpline for young people, has scheduled volunteer training July 11 through 12 in Oklahoma City. The helpline is operated by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The helpline is active from noon to midnight daily. Each volunteer is asked to work at least three four-hour shifts on the line per month for one year. To learn more about Teenline volunteer training, call Byrne at 522-3835.



Just like the NBA: 11-year-old Khiem Le practices his jump shot in the college gymnasium.

The use of the gym is free to students, faculty and staff. The gym is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Non-students, non-faculty and non-staff are charged \$1.75 for individuals 14 years and younger, \$2.50 for 15 years and older and \$2 for persons 60 years and older. Payment includes an all-day pass, which, in addition to the use of the gym, is good for the weight room and swimming pool as well.

Open swimming hours are from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings. Weight rooms are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information on the many activities and programs available call OKCCC's office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

Photo by Trent Dugas

Free enterprise hits OKCCC

By Rica Mitchusson
Staff Writer

V.J. Ramachandran, OKCCC professor of business, has been granted a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year.

The fellowship means that OKCCC students who join Students in Free Enterprise have the opportunity to participate in organizational projects and SIFE competitions, Ramachandran said.

SIFE is an international organization created by Sam M. Walton, founder of Wal-Mart.

Walton intended SIFE to be an educational outlet wherein students throughout the country have the opportunity to learn the importance of the free enterprise system via learning, teaching and practicing the system.

SIFE was first introduced on the OKCCC campus during the Spring Organizations Fair.

Ramachandran said the fellowship will benefit SIFE

members in a number of ways.

Once a SIFE student has served 50 hours on a project they become a SIFE Certified Scholar.

The student's résumé is then included on SIFE's Resumix system, which

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matches résumés with job openings.

According to SIFE's information pamphlet, several companies who actively recruit from the SIFE Resumix include Wal-Mart, RadioShack, Hallmark, Rubbermaid, Sherwin Williams, General Mills, Black & Decker, AT&T and Kraft, to name a few.

"About 95 percent of SIFE Certified Scholars who take projects to international competitions receive job offers," Ram-

achandran said.

SIFE supporter companies acknowledge students who have participated in SIFE activities as individuals who have gained practical knowledge, experience and exposure not provided by any other college activity, states the pamphlet.

Ron Summers, professor of accounting, and Jay Ramanjulu, coordinator of public services for the college library, join Ramachandran as co-sponsors for the OKCCC SIFE program.

"Having a SIFE program means great things are possible for our students," Ramachandran said.

SIFE is not a club or association, it is an extended learning tool.

No fees or dues are required of students or the college.

Currently, more than 30,000 college and university students are associated with SIFE activities, according to their pamphlet.

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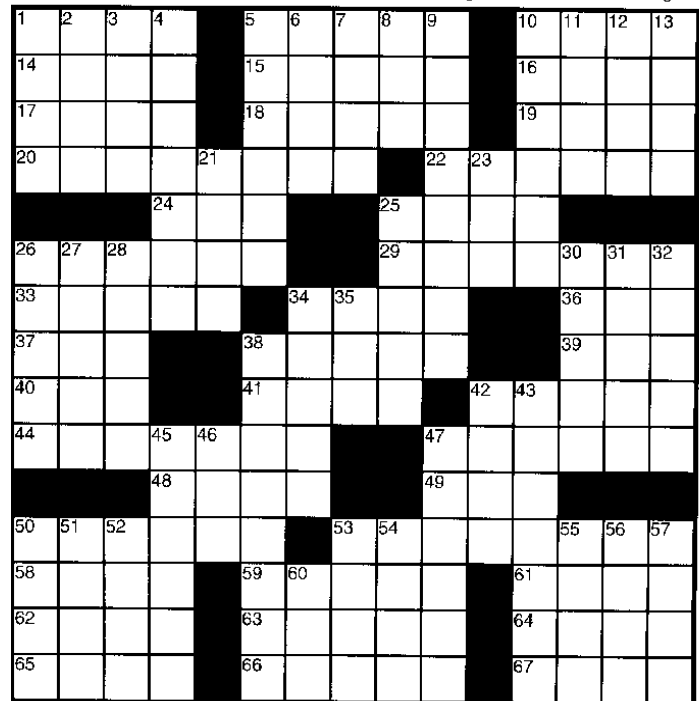
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College, automotive students benefit from partnership

By Melissa Guice
Staff Writer

OKCCC automotive students will have about \$100,000 worth of donated equipment to work with starting in the fall.

Hunter Engineering Company, a computerized wheel alignment supply company, will provide the equipment as a result of a newly-established partnership with OKCCC.

The agreement between OKCCC and Hunter also establishes a new Hunter Training Center at the school.

For one week a month, the center will be open exclusively to local Hunter-contracted trainees.

Roger Matthews, Hunter Engineering Co. spokesman, said training centers, such as OKCCC's new one, are used mainly by automotive businesses that need to train employees.

"If a tire store or a garage

hires someone who needs additional training, they will call Hunter and we will put that employee in our most appropriate training center," Matthews said.

Before the partnership, Oklahoma trainees were sent to Texas or Missouri for training.

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But now, with a training center in Oklahoma City, statewide automotive businesses that depend on Hunter for training will save time and money because their employees won't be so far away for so long, Matthews said.

In exchange for the establishment of the center, OKCCC students will have use of the donated equipment. Hunter will also replace the machinery every three to four months and

train OKCCC faculty to use the updated equipment.

"It's just one of those meant-to-be things," said Larry Grummer, OKCCC automotive coordinator. "We needed to update our facility. When it's done this way, it saves taxpayers money."

The equipment donated to OKCCC includes a brake lathe, a machine that smooths the surface of brake drums and disks, two tire changers, a wheel balancer and wheel alignment equipment, Matthews said.

"Everything we've put in is our latest and greatest," he said.

Grummer said the Hunter agreement has encouraged him to seek similar deals with other private companies.

He is currently negotiating an agreement with Snap-On Tools Corporation that may provide the school with automotive diagnostic equipment valued between \$60,000 and \$100,000.



Photo by Trent Dugas

Do you copy? The finance department draws a crowd around its new copier as Xerox employee Mary Fran-Neff explains some of the features of the Xerox Document Center 230DC. The lease of the digital copier runs \$499.02 per month and is paid from the budget of the Vice President of Business and Finance Gary Lombard. Brandi Richardson, administrative assistant to Lombard, said, "The copier is a better machine with a better quality picture and is more efficient [than the former copier]."

Outsourcing good for college

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hours, restocking and cleaning the restrooms and special cleaning such as cleaning the air vents, Knight said.

Landscapes, Etc. planted the shrubbery and flowers around the college. They also maintain the landscaping and lawns.

Sellers Catering, owned and operated by Jim Sellers of Seller's Crab and Steak House, provides the college with cafeteria and catering services.

Joel Kinnamon, professor of management, said there are often benefits to using outside private contractors instead of college employees.

Kinnamon said outsourcing often helps to maintain quality, service and a competitive price.

"An institution looks closely to see if they are accountable for tax dollars and student fees."

"Often times it will benefit an institution to outsource services," he said.

"However it depends on what the institutional goals are."

OKCCC regents finalize budget

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Academic support — including the library, media services, and instructional technology and computer support — will receive an approximate increase of \$4,400.

Among the sources contributing to the budget is state appropriations, or tax

dollars, making up 62.7 percent of the funds. Student fees make up about 24 percent.

The rest of the money will come from surplus funds from the current year and payments made to the college by the South Oklahoma City Technical District for the use of facilities. Also included are funds from swimming pool and weight room fees and miscellaneous income.

Vo-tech agreement valuable for OKCCC students

Andrew Bruxvort didn't need a college degree. The skills he'd earned as a high school student at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech had already led to a good job with the Oklahoma State Office of Personnel Management.

But, as time went on, Bruxvort got that empty feeling that comes with having left something unfinished.

"I wanted to finish the associate degree for myself," Bruxvort said. He is one of 25 students whose graduation from OKCCC in May was spurred by a cooperative agreement between the college and Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech. "I had the credits to apply toward a degree and hated to waste the chance."

Since the college formed the first cooperative agreement in Oklahoma between

an institution of higher education and a vocational-technical school in 1988, the practice has become commonplace among other state colleges and vo-techs. Currently, there are more than 250 such agreements in existence.

OKCCC currently has seven cooperative agreements with Metro Tech, nine with Moore-Norman Technology Center and 10 with Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech.

The agreements combine access to state-of-the-art vo-tech equipment and college faculty, said Carolyn Goad, OKCCC director of cooperative technical education. "Students see it as the best of both worlds," she said.

A recently-enacted provision that applies to the cooperative agreements allows students to apply vo-

tech credit they've earned toward an associate degree.

Kay Martin, superintendent of Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech, said cooperative agreements have been hugely beneficial to her school during the past 10 years.

"The college is one of our strongest partners," Martin said. "We're proud to brag about it."

In addition to saving taxpayer money by reducing technology duplication, cooperative agreements open educational possibilities for vo-tech students, said OKCCC Regent John Michael Williams.

"The concept of joining resources makes a lot of sense," he said.

"Students are more informed of their education options."

Bruxvort, who currently