State regents allot OKCCC $17 million

By Melissa Guice
Editor

State appropriations will provide OKCCC with $17,123,820 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

The money, allocated by the State Regents for Higher Education, makes up 60 percent of the school’s budget.

That is included within the school’s education and general operating budget which totals $26,835,683 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

The money is a 1.4 percent increase over last year’s allocations.

Even with the increase, the school’s funds still aren’t what the OKCCC administration expected.

“While the state appropriations were not as much as last two years, the college will continue meeting the needs of students with available resources,” said OKCCC President Bob Todd.

The funds aren’t quite what the State Regents expected either.

“It appeared that funding was tight this year,” said Chancellor Hans Brisch. “While we are disappointed that higher education will not be able to address all of its most pressing priorities, we will work hard to ensure that every penny we did receive is used in the most efficient and effective manner.”

Overall, the State Regents asked for $865 million for Oklahoma higher education. They got $771 million.

The total is a $13.2 million increase from last year.

The money includes $23.5 million from a rainy day bill recently signed by Gov. Keating.

The $771 million does not, however, include the money generated from the recent tuition hike that will increase credit hour costs by 7 percent.

The tuition and fees for next fall are expected to generate an extra $14.6 million statewide for higher education. OKCCC expects to realize $403,830 from the tuition and fees hike.

The money allocated to each school through the $771 million in state appropriations is to be budgeted by the individual school.

For example, the college’s budget, presented by OKCCC Business and Finance Vice-president Gary Lombard, is divided into two separate areas: an education and general operating budget, and an auxiliary enterprises and student facilities budget.

The education and general budget pays for instruction, student services, academic support, institutional support, physical plant and data processing.

In turn, those areas financially support other parts of the college.

Instruction pays for faculty salaries and benefits among other expenses.

Student services covers admissions and records and enrollment costs among other items.

Instructional and academic support covers the library and media services.

Physical plant covers the campus maintenance, and data processing pays for the information technology services.

The auxiliary enterprises and student facilities budget goes to finance the student store, student activities and programs. The auxiliary enterprises also generate revenue.

Also included in the auxiliary enterprises are college union maintenance, cafeteria and catering, the Arts Festival, recreation and community services, special events, and an auxiliary contingency, which is essentially the college’s rainy day fund.

After a budget is approved by OKCCC’s Board of Regents, it must be submitted to the State Regents for final approval.

OKCCC’s budget has already been sent to the State Regents for final approval but is pending approval by the OKCCC regents June 21.

This is only a test: OKCCC student Melanie Holcombe concentrates on preparing for a test. Holcombe, a visual arts major, plans to graduate at the end of this summer.

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—Hans Brisch
State Chancellor for Higher Education

Polish high school makes room for prof

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

OKCCC professor of mathematics Mike Turegun will soon be traveling to Poland.

He has been chosen to participate in the Fulbright Exchange Program and is one of approximately 2,000 American educators to be granted a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Turegun will soon be traveling to Poland.

This experience will allow him to learn even more about our increasingly global society and bring that knowledge back to share with his students and fellow educators,” Todd said.
Gateway theory goes up in smoke

To the Editor:

In response to the editorial “NRA not OK,” I’d like to say that Ms. Guice is dead wrong.

The editor suggested that the gun lobby is responsible for the lives that were lost in the Columbine tragedy.

That cannot be further from the truth, most especially in this case.

It has been proven that there was a long and disturbing history of peculiarities with both of the murderers who bullied through the Colorado high school.

It would also be inaccurate to say that the National Rifle Association defends pipe bombs and similar explosives that were also used in the horrible plot.

If you want to be pro-gun control, that is one thing but the argument here is completely separate from the case made by the editor.

You can pile the largest stack of guns (of any kind) in one place and then jump around them like a bunch of crazed outlaws and not a one of them would ever fire on its own. Not one! It wasn’t the guns or the bullets that killed the students. It was the cold-blooded murderers.

The editor is right when she suggests that there is a reason for this madness but it is not in the gun lobby.

A big reason we need gun rights is to protect us from the irresponsible society. The same society that tolerated and allowed Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold to act as they did.

If not only the parents of the student asshains, but also any one of their teachers, school officials or community leaders had pressed the issue until the matter was resolved it is safe to assume that the whole tragedy could have possibly been prevented.

All I am saying is that the editor should be more careful in her bold political statements before issuing them so matter-of-factly.

Don’t say that NRA promotes bombs and explosives, when they actually defend and support our Second Amendment rights (the right to bear arms).

Don’t be so quick to point the finger at one political action group when, actually in truth, there are clearly several people who could be held responsible so long as we are in the business of pointing and passing the buck.

Don’t blame the guns, blame the shooters.

—Brian Maughan
OKCC Student

Editorial
Comments and Reviews

Me Tarzan, me star in miserable movie

Monosyllabic speech, men living with gorillas and bad Phil Collins music playing in the background can only mean one thing.

No, it’s not another “Planet of the Apes,” installment or the end of the world, though you’d wish it were.

It’s “Tarzan.”

It’s not even the great version with the loin cloth occasionally blowing in the wind possibly exposing a side of Tarzan few get to see.

It’s all clean, all good. It’s the Disney virgin, uh, version.

Nevertheless, the animated feature is certain to please the young guns. My four-year-old brat, uh, brother loved it.

The scenes are pretty much action-packed though the story line leaves something to be desired. Hello? It’s a Disney flick. Story lines don’t even have to exist.

But the voices help.

Tony Goldwyn is the voice behind Tarzan. He’s not the body, though. Remember the movie “Ghost”? He was Carl, the mean guy who killed Patrick Swayze.

Kala is Tarzan’s caring, loving monkey mother. OK, now this is a mistake — Glenn Close is the voice. Hey, she boiled a bunny in “Fatal Attraction.” She really seems like the great and wonderful mothering type.

Rosie O’Donnell takes the voice of Tarzan’s closest ape-buddy Terk. Cute, very cute.

And, Wayne Knight, Seinfeld’s Newman, was, fittingly enough, Tantor the elephant.

Minnie Driver is the voice of Jane. Tarzan’s love interest.

Here’s the shortened version of the movie: Tarzan’s folks die when he’s a baby. Kala hears his cries and takes him in. Tarzan spends all of his time trying to win the affections of his gorilla daddy, Jane and her father, a primate researcher, come to the island in search of gorillas, find Tarzan and adapt him to human life. Tarzan basically abandons the gorilla group and spends the rest of his time trying to win the affections of Jane. One of Jane’s guides wants to hunt the gorillas and a fight with Tarzan ensues. Ha ha, guess who wins? Who always wins in Disney movies? The end.

Save six bucks. Rent “The Lion King.” At least it’s got animals living with their own. Something is very disturbing about a man who sleeps in trees with 20 gorillas.

Skip the “Tarzan” soundtrack, too. There’s something disturbing about Collins — a man who writes songs about men who sleep in trees with 20 gorillas. Again, go for “The Lion King.”

At least it’s got Elton John and he’s got electric boots and a mohair suit and something about a circle of life.

— Melissa Guice
Editor

The B-I-B-L-E: Yes, that’s the book for me

The first time I opened this book I knew it would be my preferred reading for the rest of my life.

The Bible is the only book I know of that holds the answers to all life’s mysteries and all life’s problems.

It is the inspired word of God written so that man can learn of the expectations God has for all of mankind. A thirsty soul can find the water of life within its pages.

The Book begins with creation and carries us through the reignings of many kings and the exodus of the Jews from captivity.

We read of the great prophets who told of the coming Messiah.

Love radiates from the pages as we study the life of Jesus and the miracles he performed throughout his ministry.

Tears are shed as we read of his death on the cross, but joy comes in the morning when he arises from the dead. No other book has led people to their knees as this book has.

Lives can be forever changed when this book is read in earnest and with expectation. No other book has witnessed the test of time like the Bible has.

It is not only a bookshelf book, it is also a bedside book and a coffee-table book.

Of the many available versions, I have found the Old King James version to be the most accurate and enjoyable.

I recommend this book to everyone, especially those who are searching for God but never quite finding him.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Health department offers free immunizations to children

To the Editor:

Because parents and children will want to avoid the back-to-school immunization rush, the City-County Health Department will give free immunizations during the summer.

The vaccinations are given daily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Wednesdays, when the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The vaccinations are given at the immunization clinic located at 901 N.E. 23rd in Oklahoma City.

All students are required to show proof of having received or in the process of receiving the following immunizations for most Oklahoma County public school enrollment:

Five doses are required of DTap/DTP. It is the vaccine to prevent diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

Two doses are required for MMR. Measles, mumps and rubella are serious diseases that are spread when an infected person’s germs are passed to the nose or throat of others.

Four doses of the polio vaccine are required. Polio can cause paralysis of the arms and legs and death.

Hepatitis A requires two doses for kindergartners, first-, seventh-, and eighth-graders. Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease spread by close contact with or by eating or drinking after a person with the virus.

Hepatitis B requires three doses for kindergartners, first-, second-, seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders. Hepatitis B can cause both short-term and long-term illness. Short-term illness includes a loss of appetite, tiredness, pain in muscles, joints, and stomach, diarrhea vomiting and jaundice. It can also cause long-term illness that leads to liver damage, liver cancer and eventually death.

One dose or a parent’s statement of a history of the disease is required of Varicella, or chicken pox. It is a common childhood disease that causes a rash, itching, tiredness and fever. It can also lead to pneumonia, brain damage or death.

For more information, please call the immunization clinic at 425-4346.

—City-County Health Department

Are we missing something here?

Want to tell us about it? Call Mel at: 682-1611, ext. 7675.
Since OKCCC opened its doors Sept. 1, 1972, Dennis Anderson has been on hand to teach some of the college’s most challenging courses — zoology, genetics, physiology and anatomy.

“I enjoy taking something very complicated and breaking it down into something students can understand,” the biology professor said.

“When someone builds a house they have a sense of accomplishment. I have the same sense of accomplishment when students complete my class.”

Anderson’s love of teaching has manifested itself in many ways, one being the awards he has received.

During May graduation ceremonies, Anderson found out he was the latest recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Anderson said he had many nominations for the honor under his belt but never a win.

So, he said, he had doubts that he would win the prestigious award this year. He even told his family not to attend the ceremony.

“My daughter was the only one in my family that even showed up,” Anderson said. “I had originally told everyone to stay home because I didn’t think I would win.”

But Anderson did win. The President’s Award for Excellence is the highest honor an instructor can receive at the college. Teachers are nominated by peers and students and, afterwards, hand-picked by the college president.

Anderson has also been the recipient of the NISOD award which honors excellence in teaching at community colleges.

“I learned more in his class than any other.”

Anderson’s wife Darlene is also proud of her husband’s teaching skills.

“I brag on him all the time,” she said.

“He teaches on whatever level students need and does so with ease and kindness.”

Anderson is modest when confronted with such praise.

“I’ve had many students go on to be doctors or earn other professional degrees and come back to tell me what I taught them has really helped them,” he said. “I enjoy seeing the light bulb turn on in students’ heads when they understand what I teach.”

Anderson graduated from Brigham Young University in Michigan with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in zoology.

“I originally wanted to do research but I found teaching to be more rewarding,” he said.

Anderson said he plans to teach for many years.

“I want to be the last of the original OKCCC faculty to retire.”

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“It pays to know these people

Can you identify these faces? If you can, you may win a groovy prize.

Contest Rules:

Fill out the entry form completely and drop it off at the Pioneer offices in 2m6 of the main bldg. or mail it: Pioneer 7777 S. May Ave. okc. ok. 73169

One winner will be randomly chosen from among the correct entries and notified by phone. This week’s prize is a fabulous OKCCC bookmark.

(For additional contest dates and information about the grand prize drawing, stop by the Pioneer office or call 682-1611, ext. 7307.)

This week’s entries must be received by noon Thursday, June 24.
Pulitzer Prize winner begins anew at OKCCC

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

His photograph of Oklahoma City firefighter Chris Fields carrying the lifeless body of one-year-old bombing victim Baylee Almon became the symbol of one of the most tragic events in United States history.

It ran on the front page of newspapers worldwide. It was picked up by Time magazine. It brought forth many tears and extreme emotion.

It horrified, it appalled, it enraged.

It, along with a picture taken just prior of a rescue worker handing Almon to Fields, also won OKCCC student Charles H. Porter IV a Pulitzer Prize, the most prestigious award in American journalism.

“I believe that there was a reason that I was chosen to take this picture,” Porter said.

Porter was working as an assistant to a loan officer at Liberty Bank in downtown Oklahoma City when he heard the explosion at 9:02 a.m. on April 19, 1995. Porter got his camera out of his car and went to see what was going on.

“I turned the corner there by the Methodist church and I just started taking pictures,” he said. “I didn’t know what I was taking pictures of or what the subject matter was. I was just taking pictures.”

—Charles H. Porter IV
OKCCC Student and Pulitzer Prize Winner

“It was God, plain and simple.”

“There was no framing involved, no focusing involved, there was no zooming involved.

“As soon as I took the picture it was his.”

Porter said he has received a lot of publicity as a result of his award-winning photograph. On some mornings, he said, he would have as many as 30 or 40 voice messages by 9 a.m.

“ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, you name it — they called.”

Porter admits there were also some ill feelings about the photograph.

Some newspapers chose not to run the photo or decided to run it in black and white because the color image was “too shocking,” he said.

Aren Almon, Baylee’s mother, said the picture is a constant reminder that she will never hold her daughter again.

According to Vin Alabiso, vice president for the Associated Press and executive photo editor, Porter’s photo “forced a world to reflect on the devastating toll exacted by an act of terrorism.”

Time magazine and the AP nominated Porter’s photographs for the 1996 Pulitzer Prize in spot news photography. Porter had been told that he was a shoo-in for the award.

When Porter registered at the awards ceremony he was given a “paperweight” in a blue box which read Tiffany & Company on the outside.

After some time, Porter said, he began to get anxious.

“When is this all going to take place?” he said he questioned, “When am I going to get to see it?”

He was then informed that he was holding the Pulitzer Prize.

The solid crystal pentagon now sits discreetly in his home.

“If you didn’t know it was there, you wouldn’t even notice it,” Porter said.

Last year Porter, who already had a degree in finance and accounting, decided he needed a change.

In June of 1998, as a result of corporate downsizing, Porter was terminated from his job. It was one week before the enrollment deadline for OKCCC’s summer courses.

Porter’s sister, a student at OKCCC, thought he had a special talent for physical therapy and encouraged him to go back to school.

“I took general zoology and it was very easy. I breezed right through it,” he said.

“I thought, well, there might be something to this.”

Porter now works part-time as a therapy technician at Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Center and attends OKCCC. He said he plans to apply to the University of Oklahoma in December to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Porter said his career change may be as a result of the bombing.

“That could be part of the reason why God chose me to take the picture,” he said.

Porter believes he has a natural aptitude in his new field.

“It’s a gift, just like photography.”
Highlights

Summer Blood Drive scheduled for June 30
A summer blood drive will be held on Wednesday, June 30, in CU3. In an effort to streamline donations, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 22, a sign-up table will be located on the first floor of the main building, across from the book store. There will be a sign-up sheet to reserve a time to donate blood June 30. Besides providing a valuable service to the community, blood donors receive many other benefits. Each donor will get a free mini-physical, cookies, pop or juice and a T-shirt. Donors will also receive a written report through the mail showing their cholesterol level within two weeks of their donation. For more information or to volunteer to help with the blood drive contact Mike Jones, Coordinator of Student Activities, at 682-1611 ext. 7318.

Training center offers insurance education
Insurance industry professionals may now gain more continuing education credit through seminars offered during lunch or weekend hours. The Training Center at OKCCC, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Insurance Department and area insurance professionals, offers up to 18 hours of continuing education coursework for life and health insurance licensees. Insurance seminars are presented one weekend each month or in two-hour courses presented during an extended lunch period. In addition to convenient scheduling, upcoming options include the two credit-hour class, “Professional Ethics,” to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 25 at the college. The other course, “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Update June 4, 1998,” will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26. The seminar is approved for six hours of continuing education credit. For four hours of continuing education credit, “Trusts Used in Estate Planning,” will be presented from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27. Jack Werner, a 20-year veteran of the insurance industry, will lead the classes. Werner is a former salesman, manager and trainer for John Hancock Insurance and is currently self-employed, specializing in retirement planning and investment strategy. For more information about similar courses, scheduling, cost or enrollment, call The Training Center at 682-7562.

Kick the habit class offers hope for smokers
The Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC is helping people turn over a new leaf this month with a course, “Stop Smoking – For Life!” Those serious about kicking the habit are encouraged to join this six-week class that meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays beginning June 21. Taught by an advanced respiratory care practitioner, this tobacco intervention program includes on-site clinical testing with an educational course format. An ongoing relapse prevention program follows, providing therapy and telephone follow-up for a year. The ongoing relapse prevention program includes on-site clinical testing with an educational course format. An ongoing relapse prevention program follows, providing therapy and telephone follow-up for up to a year. Cost is $60. To enroll in this course or to receive a listing of all summer offerings, call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

Fall tuition fee waiver applications available
Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the student financial aid center located on the first floor of the main building. The deadline to submit applications to the student financial aid center is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Fall tuition fee waiver awards will be posted in the student financial aid center on Friday, Aug. 20. For more information, call 682-1611 ext. 7524.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute is looking for a few brave donors

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Blood Institute is once again looking for community-centered individuals who are willing to lay down their arms to help others.

And, although the blood drive isn’t being held until June 30, potential donors are being asked to dedicate themselves ahead of time.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, a sign-up table will be in place on the first floor of the main building, across from the book store. A sign-up sheet will be available there to reserve a time to donate blood June 30.

Coordinator of Student Activities Mike Jones said OKCCC students have generously taking an active part in campus blood drives since April of 1979.

“The participation has grown every year,” he said. OKCCC hosts five drives a year — one in the spring, two in the fall and two in the spring.

Summer usually is the lowest turn out due to decreased enrollment,” Jones said.

“And summer is the time we need blood the most, due to accidents being higher in the summertime.”

OBI Blood Program Consultant Denise Durnbaugh said there are many benefits for donors.

“We test for hepatitis, HIV and liver enzyme problems that can detect cancer and some other disorders,” Durnbaugh said.

Durnbaugh said many college students wishing to donate express concerns about piercing and tattoos.

“They must wait 12 months after these procedures in case they have contracted hepatitis through the process,” she said.

The OBI said they will make an exception for persons who received piercings at 23rd Street Body Piercing in Oklahoma City or at Things Medieval in Norman.

“We know that those particular facilities meet our sterilization requirements,” said Eden Manning, manager of mobile recruitment for OBI.

Manning said that if someone has recently been pierced, they can contact OBI to find out if they are eligible to give blood.

For more information, call 297-5641.


WANTED: Tutor to teach guitar to a beginner. Call Valorie at 319-1690.

FOR SALE: Glass top dinette, $150. King sz. boxsprings, $50. Beautiful porcelain unicorns with sterling silver on hooves, 12-inches tall, $50 each. Call 681-2296.

FOR SALE: Wedding items never used. White wedding dress, size 8/10; long sleeve, V-neckline, full train, V-waistline $600 OBO. Two slips, size 8/10, $40 OBO. Veil-comb, shoulder length, beaded with roses $90 OBO. Cake topper, heart shaped, cherub angels $50 OBO. Three bridesmaid dresses, long chiffon bow, maroon $65 OBO. White shoes, size 10, sq heel, $35 OBO. All items from David’s Bridal. Contact Jill at 691-0613, leave message.

FOR SALE: Cute and adorable black German Shepherd puppies, need new homes. Only 7 weeks old. $50 each. Call David or Woody after 5 p.m. at (405) 525-8359.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

I don't do weekends.

Because working part-time at UPS...I don't have to. They have five-day schedules that leave your weekends free. That is plenty of time to study or go out with friends. And I make plenty too...almost $10,000 a year working about 4 hours a day. UPS students value time as much as money. So if you don't do weekends, do contact UPS.
By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

On Sunday, June 27, many people will be wearing red ribbons in observance of the Fifth Annual National HIV Testing Day.

Anyone who wonders if they might be infected with HIV is encouraged to be tested, especially those in high risk groups and their sexual partners.

“Anyone who has ever shared needles or had unprotected sex with a partner whose HIV status is unknown should consider being tested for HIV,” said Bill Pierson, chief of the HIV/STD Service for the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

“Getting tested for HIV is a critical step in a person’s decision to take control and responsibility for their own health.”

HIV is a viral infection caused by the human immunodeficiency virus that gradually destroys the immune system.

Acute HIV infection can, but does not always, progress to symptomatic HIV infection and advanced HIV diseases or AIDS.

Nationally, an estimated one of every 300 Americans is infected with HIV.

Abstinence is the safest and only guaranteed way to stop the spread of HIV.

However, there are safer sex behaviors which can decrease the potential for transmitting or acquiring sexually transmitted diseases.

A monogamous sexual relationship with an individual known to be free of any STD is the most commonly accepted preventative measure.

Before having sex, each potential sexual partner should be screened for the presence of STD’s especially HIV and hepatitis B.

The use of condoms markedly decreases the likelihood of contracting a STD, but condoms must be used properly.

Local county health departments and many community based organizations are committed to providing free or low-cost, confidential HIV testing.

For more information or to find a test site in your area, call the Oklahoma HIV/AIDS Hotline at 1-800-535-AIDS. The National AIDS Information Line at 1-800-342-AIDS or the National Native American AIDS Hotline at 1-800-283-AIDS.

“We support this national campaign and encourage the public to wear a red ribbon on June 27 in observance of HIV/AIDS prevention and education efforts,” Pierson said.