College staff get salary increases averaging 2.9%

Wages, salaries and benefits total $20.4 million

By Melissa Guice
Editor

Salary increases will eat up more than half of the $722,581 increase in OKCCC’s budget for Fiscal Year 2000.

The 1999-2000 educational and general budget totals $26,835,683.

Wages, salaries and benefits take up 76 percent of the school’s budget — $20.4 million.

As for raises, on average, professor salaries will be increased 2.9 percent.

Classified, or hourly, employee raises also average out to 2.9 percent.

Non-teaching professionals, including librarians, counselors and administrators, will receive an average 2.8 percent increase.

Raises are based on an employee's annual performance evaluation, so individuals may receive more or less than the average. Performance ratings range from unsatisfactory to exceptional.

For instance, an employee with a satisfactory rating would receive a 2.3 percent increase. One with an excellent rating would receive the highest increase, at 3.3 percent.

Employees rated unsatisfactory will not receive a raise.

Jobs at OKCCC are arranged into categories with a minimum and maximum salary for each position. Those pay ranges were adjusted upward by 3 percent to keep up with the cost of living, said Ruth Boone, director of human resources.

For instance, the maximum pay for professors was $50,000 last year. This year, that amount is increased to $51,500, a 3 percent adjustment.

Pay range increases do not occur every year.

Adjunct professors will receive a raise also, from $475 to $485 per credit hour. The pay is for a semester, so a part-time professor will earn $1455 for teaching a three-credit-hour course.

Most work study pay rates will remain at $5.75 an hour.

Work study students who have worked in the same position for one year or more will earn $6 an hour.

The college’s budget is divided into various units, which carry out specific functions. The area receiving the greatest increase is instruction, which contains the college’s academic divisions. The instruction budget will total $16,621,668, an increase of $643,085 over last year.

Part of the increase will be used to hire two new full-time professors. New

OKCCC Regents approve college president pay raise

Bob Todd will receive $169,482 in FY 1999-2000

By Melissa Guice
Editor

The OKCCC Board of Regents has approved a raise for OKCCC President Bob Todd of about $4030 for the upcoming year.

Last year Todd made $165,450. This fiscal year his total compensation will be $169,482.

Todd’s pay is broken down into five categories.

First is a base salary of $113,530 for performing his duties as president.

Second is a housing allowance.

Because it is not uncommon for a college or university to provide on-campus housing and because OKCCC does not provide on-campus housing, Dr. Todd receives a housing allowance.

The housing account — $26,208 — is designated for Todd’s housing expense and maintenance costs.

Third, an office account of $13,312 is used to cover the cost for lunches and travel when the president hosts visitors.

Fourth is the capital campaign allowance which can go to pay for visitors and potential clients. That account is allotted $6,240.

Finally, a vehicle maintenance fund of $10,192 covers the upkeep on Todd’s car.

Because it is all considered part of his salary package, any money not fully used for its intended purpose still belongs to Todd.

For instance, if his vehicle only requires $6000 in maintenance during Fiscal Year 2000, Todd still keeps the remaining $4192.

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Commandments posted where?

Two weeks ago, the U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment to a bill that would allow the posting of the Ten Commandments on public property, particularly in schools. They rejected a proposal to extend the waiting period to buy a gun to three days.

How much sense does this make?
Congress is in search of a simple solution to a difficult problem.
For that matter, a simple solution that is unconstitutional.
I truly believe Congress is afraid to take on the National Rifle Association and their lobbying abilities.

The gun rights movement expended $8.2 million in lobbying costs last year. That’s more than 20 times the amount the gun control lobby spent.
So, instead of roaring at the NRA and its buying power by passing a bill requiring a three-day wait to purchase a handgun, Congress let out a faint whimper.

And, at that, a whimper that infringes on separation of church and state.

Makers of the amendment to the bill intended to send a reminder to potential gun buyers and particularly to children in schools. I believe the reminder has been received — we are slowly becoming a country that slaps the makers of the U.S. Constitution in their faces.

In 1802, President Jefferson wrote a letter to a group of Baptists in Danbury, Conn., in which he declared the purpose of the First Amendment (remember “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof…”). The purpose of the amendment was to build “a wall of separation between church and state.”

In Reynolds v. United States, Chief Justice Waite for the U.S. Supreme Court characterized the phrase as “almost an authoritative declaration of the scope and effect of the amendment.” In its first encounters with religion-based challenges to state programs, the Court looked to Jefferson’s metaphor for substantial guidance.

Again in 1980, the Supreme Court ruled the posting of religious texts in public schools was unconstitutional.
After all this, surely Congress must understand if the bill were ever to become law, it would be challenged in court immediately.

This is ridiculous and sad. Our representatives are trying to appease the voting population and the NRA all at the same time.
The bill under consideration follows U.S. Senate passage of a similar bill last month. If the House passes similar Senate legislation, a compromised combined version would still need to be worked out with the Senate.

This is legislation our country does not need.

—Melissa Guice
Editor
I have been promising my 10-year-old grand-daughter Tricia we would spend a special day together before she has to return home to Springfield, Mo. The perfect time arrived on a rainy Monday afternoon.

After eating an overfilling lunch at Furr’s Cafeteria, we proceeded to the movie theater.

Looking over several selections, we decided to see “Baby Geniuses” starring Peter MacNicol and Kathleen Turner with the Fitzgerald triplets. It proved to be quite an adventure for me, as movie theaters have changed considerably since I had last been in one. Tricia guided me to the correct room as we settled in with a box of sour, lip-puckering candies we purchased on our way in.

I enjoyed the baby expressions and gestures but found myself nodding off to sleep.

I wasn’t sure if it was my age or the movie which prompted this reaction.

The villain, Dr. Elena Kinder, played by Kathleen Turner is conducting secret studies on orphaned genius babies.

The good guys — Dr. Kinder’s niece Robin played by Kim Cattrall, and her husband Dan played by Peter MacNicol adopt a baby boy.

They are totally unaware that their baby has a twin in Dr. Kinder’s studies. They discover babies have a language all their own and can communicate with each other.

While in this state of baby talk they hold all the secrets of the universe.

Once a child crosses over into the speaking world and can no longer speak baby talk, he forgets the mysteries of the universe so the couple decides it is very important they decipher the baby language.

I felt the movie was choppy and it was hard to follow any particular story line.

The babies were actually smarter than the writers, producers and directors who put the movie together. It could have been so much better if there was just more meat to the subject.

Upon leaving the movie I asked Tricia what she thought of it from a child’s viewpoint.

“Well, it just didn’t have any point to it but thanks for spending time with me today, Grandma.”

From even a bad movie, some good can come.

The movie is rated PG.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

‘The RZA Hits’ waste of money for hardcore Wu-Tang fans

“The RZA Hits,” the latest release from Wu-Tang Clan’s enigmatic RZA, has both good and bad qualities.

First off, if you are a fan of RZA’s dynamic rapping skills then don’t buy this album.

“The RZA Hits” should have been re-named RZA’s Favorite Wu-Tang Clan songs because that’s pretty much what it features.

The album is basically a collection of some of the Wu-Tang Clan’s most popular releases.

From Method Man’s “Bring The Pain,” to Wu-Tang Clan’s “Protect Your Neck,” to Reakwon’s “Incarcerated Scar Faces,” the album is packed with songs that defined the Wu-Tang Clan’s gritty sound.

The “RZA Hits” also features a unique addition.

The RZA actually gives a brief commentary about some of the songs. He explains what inspired the Wu-Tang Clan to make them and gives a little history about some of the songs.

The album also features a bonus track by RZA Method Man, and Cappadonna, called “Wu Wear The Garment Renais-
sance,” which is pretty much a 3-minute and 53-second advertisement for the Wu-Tang Clan’s clothing line, Wu-Wear.

If you are already a hardcore Wu-Tang Clan fan, this CD will make you feel a little nostalgic but chances are you already have every song on “The RZA Hits” album in your own CD collection.

If you are not a Wu-Tang Clan fan at all you should skip this CD.

However, if you haven’t heard any of the Wu-Tang Clan’s earlier music, and you want to see what all of the hype is about, then this 18-song compilation on the Sony label is for you.

—Courtney Owens
Writer

Have something to tell us?
Call Mel @ 682-1611, ext. 7675

Give gift of life, give blood

To the Editor:

The gifts blood donors give touch so many lives, often in ways you never hear about. Although I have never received a transfusion, your gift of blood was very much a gift to me. The patient who received your gift was a "medical failure." He was a young man with cancer. Despite the best medical care, he lost his battle after his diagnosis and died. He was my son, Ben.

Cancer patients cannot hope to survive their chemotherapy treatments without the support of packed cells, platelets and other blood products. Ben used more than I possibly could hope to count. Without treatment, there is no hope for cure, no hope for survival. Without treatment, Ben’s illness would have proven terminal within three months.

Do not think your gift of blood prolonged the pain and suffering of a “lost cause,” or that your gift was wasted on someone who “died anyway.” Your blood and his medical treatment gave Ben at least one extra year with us.

That extra year was the most difficult year that I have lived through, but it was also the most enriching. How precious was that time!

We fit a lifetime of living into that year. Not the kind of lifetime you usually think about — of jobs and church, special events and all of life’s flavorful garnishes. It was a year stripped of all but what was most important — each other. It was a year of laughter, tears and warm embraces, of hopes and comforted disappointments and trusted confidences as we invested of ourselves in each other. Into that short year we fit a lifetime of loving and learned how to say “goodbye.”

This was the gift you gave to me. You are responsible for giving me the most precious and profound gift of all, the “Pearl of Great Price” — my son.

—Roseann Carbo
Baltimore, Md.
Swim officials say Aquatic center needs facelift

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

When OKCCC's Aquatic Center was built in 1989, it was considered to be a "state of the art" facility.

Constructed mainly for use during the 1989 U. S. Olympic Festival, the Aquatic Center has hosted many other swimming and diving championships including the U. S. Master's Swimming Zone meet, the Kerr McGee Elite Pro-Am, and the Western Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

According to Bret Wood, coordinator of aquatics and sports at OKCCC, the WAC will not be returning.

In a letter to Wood, WAC officials cited several problems with OKCCC's facility including inadequate lighting, bad sound and poor air quality.

Wood said these concerns are legitimate.

"We need a huge facelift," Wood said. "When this place was built as an outdoor facility, it was second to none."

Another problem, Sullens said, is sound quality. The structure was built without any acoustical baffles.

He said, for the Kerr McGee Elite Pro-Am, certain measures are taken to ensure even substandard sound quality.

"We rent a sound system at a cost of over $2,000 per year just to get something acceptable."

"Then the sound just bounces around the building," Sullens said.

Another problem, according to Chris Moler, OKCCC's director of recreation and community services, is that when the diving well was built, it was built only 22 yards wide, rather than 25 yards wide. Consequently, OKCCC's aquatic center does not have a 25-yard warm-up pool when the pool is set up for 50-meter long competitions.

"When these national championships look at doing that event, they want a 25-yard warm-up pool in addition to the 50-meter competition pool," he said.

Even with the problems, OKCCC's Aquatic Center continues to host several aquatic events, including the Kerr McGee Pro-Am.

"In general, OKCCC is a very good facility with ample parking, plenty of seating, good lines of sight and one of the top 10 pools in the country," Sullens said.

The staff are great to work with and they do everything within their power to make every competition a success.

"However, there's just so much they can do when there are air and sound quality problems over which they have no control and for which they don't have the funding to correct."

Moler said there is one major consideration in his opinion.

"Do we want to invest the money to improve the facility to maintain our competitive status?"

"Our goal is to renovate the aquatic facility to be more broad-based," he said.

"We want to be able to rectify a lot of the problems...so that it will meet not only the competitive needs, but also the public needs and the student needs."

Janice Phillips — Executive Administrative Assistant to the President — knows...

“IT PAYS TO KNOW THESE PEOPLE”

Congratulations Janice! Readers, be sure to pick up next week’s PIONEER for round three of “It Pays to Know These People.”
Give me liberty, give me a fireworks display!

Happy 4th of July

Plans are being made in Oklahoma City and surrounding communities so citizens can celebrate a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July.

♦ Downtown Now Fourth of July Garden Party will be held at the Myriad Botanical Gardens, in downtown Oklahoma City, Sunday July 4, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. water stage entertainment will be provided. Young and old alike can take part in different activities. They will have “Garden Games,” “Arts Integration,” “Living History, with Union and Confederate Civil War Re-enactors,” and a special visit from Uncle Sam. At 9:45 p.m. the fireworks begin, set against the downtown skyline with patriotic music played in the background.

♦ Bricktown July 4th celebration will be held in Bricktown with an old-time festival featuring a parade on at 10 a.m. Saturday July 3. Call 236-8666 for more information.

♦ A family fun festival will be held in Bethany sponsored by Tommy Hilfiger, on July 3. The fun begins with a parade downtown Bethany at 10 a.m. followed by a carnival, plus arts and crafts. Country performers Joe Diffie and Tammy Lee will be in concert. Activities are free. Fireworks will top off the evening of fun. For more information, call 789-1962.

♦ At Reeves Park, 2501 Jenkins Ave. in Norman, folks will find an array of activities and fun for all ages. Volleyball begins at 9 a.m. Arts and Crafts booths will open at 11 a.m. Senior Citizen Activities will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Allison’s Fun Company will open at 3 p.m., offering a variety of bounce toys such as a Moon Bounce, as will the Thunder Valley Drag Car Exhibit. Other activities will include Nickel Find, Pony Rides, Arm Wrestling, Water Tug-of-War, Free Watermelon, and a Baby Crawl and Tot Trot. Entertainment is on the North Stage from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On the main stage, celebrants will find the Ozark Mountain Daredevils from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The fireworks are set to begin at 9:45 p.m. Call the Norman Parks and Recreation Department at 366-5472 for additional information.

♦ Edmond is another community planning a full day of fun. An Independence Day Parade begins in downtown Edmond at 10 a.m. July 3. From noon to 7 p.m. Hafer Park will be buzzing with activity including free dog obedience and tricks classes. At 8 p.m. enjoy Shakespeare in the Park, “Romeo & Juliet,” July 4. Entertainment at UCO’s Warnant Stadium will begin with entertainment at 7 p.m. and a 10 p.m. fireworks display. Call 341-4344 for more information.

♦ The Mustang Fire Department is holding its annual bean supper with fireworks to begin at dark. Call 376-2758 for more information.

♦ 12th Street Park in Moore will be the site of a fireworks display at 10 p.m. July 4.

♦ Midwest City is planning its annual Star-Spangled Salute at Tinker Air Force Base. Call 739-1293 for more information.

—Information compiled by Becky Gerred

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there.

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Leave fireworks fun to the experts

By Becky Gerred

Staff Writer

Calhoun said no fireworks, not even sparklers, are legal in Oklahoma city limits.

Calhoun said the Oklahoma City fire department will monitor sales at outlying stands to be sure none are brought back into the city limits.

Violators will be subject to having fireworks confiscated. Also, violators can receive a $200 fine and be arrested.

“Of course it is not our desire to arrest a little five-year-old boy playing with fireworks but the parents could be held responsible,” he said.

“It is our recommendation that people go to the planned fireworks displays around the city and just watch,” he said.

Forms have been sent out to all the hospitals in order to track any injuries sustained by fireworks.

Shelli Stephen Stidham is the director of the injury control division at the State Health Department. She said the division monitors injuries caused by fireworks which require hospitalization.

“Burns are usually the main injuries from fireworks which we see,” she said.

“Even simple sparklers, which are a mainstay of celebrations, are dangerous.”

Calhoun recommends that those who hear fireworks in any Oklahoma City neighborhood call a non-emergency number for the fire department or police.

Calhoun said, for those who do go outside the city limits and find a legal place to set off fireworks, extreme caution is advised.

He offers the following safety tips:

Never set fireworks off around wooden-shingled (shake) roofs.
Keep lots of water handy.
Having a readily-available water hose is a good idea.
Be sure children do not use fireworks without adult supervision.
Read warning labels carefully before using any fireworks and heed them.
Summer Blood Drive scheduled for June 30
A summer blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, in CU3. 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.

Concurrent enrollment meeting planned
Students, parents, high school counselors and anyone else interested in learning more about OKCCC’s concurrent enrollment program can get all the facts at 7 p.m. July 8 in CU3. Students who plan to concurrently enroll in high school and college for the fall semester should make plans to attend the meeting also. Staff from OKCCC’s offices of Admissions and Records, and Student Development will be there to discuss requirements, procedures and support that is available for concurrently enrolled students. For more information, call 682-7580.

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.

Bookstore to close for inventory
The bookstore will be closed for inventory June 28-30. During this time no sales transactions of any kind can be made. One cash register will be open to take tuition and to cash employee checks. The bookstore will reopen at 8 a.m. on July 1.

Bookstore offers discounted park tickets
The bookstore is selling Frontier City and White Water Bay one-day tickets at a discount throughout the summer. The Frontier City tickets go for $15 each while the White Water Bay tickets are $13 apiece. The bookstore is also selling season passes for both parks for $59.60 tax included. The tickets are available to anyone in the community and can be purchased from any cashier during regular bookstore hours.

Regents name 1999-2000 officers
The OKCCC Board of Regents named its new officers at the regular meeting Monday, June 21. The officers include: Chairman Dan Hardage, Vice-Chair Lea Anderson, Secretary Darrell McAllister and Assistant Secretary Janice Phillips.

Summer bookstore hours
Mondays:
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays:
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays:
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Classifieds

Pioneer Classified Advertising is free to all currently enrolled OKCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611 ext. 7674 for more information.

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 89 Honda Accord LXi, automatic, 4 dr., am-fm stereo, A/C. Reliable. Good deal. $4300. Call David or Woody at 525-8359.


FOR SALE: 95 Isuzu Rodeo- 6 cyl, 56K miles, all power, tilt, cruise, alarm, tint, super nice. $11,200 OBO. Call 682-9190.

FOR SALE: Exc. deal on 83 Volvo Turbo wagon. Contact LeeAnn at 943-8049 or 682-7561.


FOR SALE: Notebook, one year old, Pentium Processor w/MMX, Intel inside, high speed CD rom, MS Office 97, Chinese software, $1000. Call Ellen at 686-1542.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Looking for Asian female roommate NW or near OKCCC. Call Sania 974-7003.

FOR SALE: HP 5040 Pavillion, 1.2 mgh, 40 mg ram, Windows 98, fax-modern, speakers, and monitor, $350. Also, 85 Sony Trinitron 19" color TV, $125. Call 682-1407.

FOR SALE: Truck box. Heavy plastic "Work Box," black, locks, 5 ft. across. $25, call 672-6328.

FOR SALE: King size waterbed; 4-months old with waveless mattress and Blue Magic heater. Etched mirrored glass and glass doors. 6 drawer pedestal. Asking $250. Call 579-7669.

FOR SALE: Glass top dinette, 1267 or pager 961-4384.


FOR SALE: Glass top dinette, $150. King sz. box springs, $50. Beautiful porcelain unicorns with sterling silver on hooves, 12" tall, $50 each. Call 681-2792.


FOR SALE: Queen size bed with mattress and frame, $150. 9X12 Emerald Green Chinese Rug, $125. 10 drawer dresser with mirror, $50. Call Vickie at 691-2732.

FOR SALE: Notebook, one year old, Pentium Processor w/MMX, Intel inside, high speed CD rom, MS Office 97, Chinese softeware, $1000. Call Ellen at 686-1542.

BABYSITTER NEEDED: At my home, S.W. 74th and May. 2 children, ages 3 and 7, 6 nights per week, 15 hours per week. Hourly rate $9.00, some weekends required. Call 947-4478.

ATTENTION BUSINESS PEOPLE! EVERYDAY SPECIAL 10% discount on 4 or more consecutive ad runs in the Pioneer. Prepaid semester ads receive a 20% discount. CALL BECKY 682-1611, EXT. 7674

DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS: 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the following issue.

“Is your OKCCC student classified ad current?”

Circle your student name: 

If interested, we would like to invite you to come to our facility every Monday at 2:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. or call us at 948-2405
It’s a Grand Old Flag:

Old Glory sits atop an underground storm shelter in the Moore neighborhood of Regency Park. The area was hit by the May 3 tornado that moved through parts of central Oklahoma, causing widespread destruction, as well as numerous deaths and injuries.

Clean-up crews have been busy for the past month clearing away the rubble left behind in the Moore area when many homes were destroyed by the F5 tornado. This cellar and the concrete foundation are the only things that remain on this property near Santa Fe Avenue.

Taxpayers, students help with college budget

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positions will be added, one in history and one in math. That will bring the total to 113.

Institutional support will be increased by about $13,000.

The physical plant, which covers maintenance, college vehicles, running the aquatics and wellness center as well as safety and security, will receive an increase of nearly $41,000.

Student services, including admissions and records, operating the financial aid center and services to students with disabilities, will be increased by $57,553.

Academic support — including the library, media services and instructional technology and computer support — will receive an increase of about $26,000.

Data processing will decrease by about $58,000.

The decrease, said Gary Lombard, vice-president for business and finance, is because of a one-time software purchase in last year’s budget.

“Last year, we set aside $100,000 for some one-time equipment purchases. This year we just don’t need to buy any more.”

Several sources fund the OKCCC budget, the primary one being state appropriations, or tax dollars. This makes up 60 percent of the funds. Student fees make up about 24 percent. About $1.9 million, or 6.7 percent, of the money comes from payments made to the college by the South Oklahoma City Technical District for use of the college facilities. The technical district gets its funds from property tax paid by residents of south Oklahoma City.

The rest of the funds come from money carried over from last year’s budget, swimming pool and weight room fees and miscellaneous income.