Mobile training lab provides on-site training to companies

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Through use of its mobile lab, the OKCCC Training Center continues to unite education and industry by providing skills vital to production operations.

The Mobile Lab is more of a concept than an actual classroom on wheels. The operation consists of 14 laptop computers that can be transported where needed to provide on-site training to businesses that don’t own the needed equipment.

Currently, the Training Center is busy fulfilling contracts held with Integris Health Care and Marathon Oil, and the mobile lab is taking center stage.

“The Mobile Lab puts the Training Center on wheels,” Training Consultant Janell Lodge said.

“It allows us to get closer to the customer.”

The contract with Integris Health Care Center is currently in its final stages, with only scheduling remaining.

However, training has already begun, said Director of the Training Center, Billi Kaye Meecham.

Lodge said, because of the mobile lab’s mobility, training began even before Integris finished construction.

See “Training,” page 8

College to get $1.3 million state funding increase

By Michaela Marx
Editor

OKCCC regents will have an extra $1.3 million in state funding to spend when they meet June 5 to review a draft budget for fiscal year 2001 which begins July 1. This additional money will bring the college’s portion of taxpayer dollars to $17.7 million, an increase of 7.9 percent over FY 2000.

Before adjourning in May, the state Legislature allocated an increase of $40 million for higher education. The Legislature assigns the money to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which then distributes the funds to specific colleges and universities.

State Regents met May 26 to allocate funding to institutions of higher education. In total, higher education received $812 million, an increase of 5.2 percent over last year.

State funds assigned to OKCCC will make up about 60 percent of the total college budget, said Gary Lombard, vice-president of business and finance. Other revenues come from tuition, fees and local property taxes.

OKCCC Board of Regents will decide how to spend the total college funds.

The largest portion of the budget will go to salary and benefit costs, which consumed 76 percent of the FY 2000 budget.

OKCCC officials will present a draft of the budget to the board on June 5 at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

OKCCC’s institutional budget must be submitted to the State Regents for approval on June 30.

OKCCC officials are pleased with the 7.9 percent increase from last year, said Lombard. However, the amount is not enough to accomplish all goals and institutional priorities.

Higher Education Chancellor Hans Brisch made pay raises the centerpiece of his request for funding from the state legislature.

Salary increases for faculty and staff are also a priority in OKCCC’s budget draft, said Lombard.

In previous board meetings regents discussed possible pay raises of approximately 3 percent. However, Lombard said, the final decision about whether OKCCC’s budget will allow pay raises is up to the Board of Regents.

OKCCC has fared well in state funds, compared to other state colleges. Its counterpart Rose State College was given about $750,000, a 4 percent increase. Tulsa Community College received about $1.5 million, which is a 5.1 percent increase.

The Oklahoma State Regents stated that the funding increase will allow colleges and universities to fund salary increases and rising mandatory costs.

See “Money,” page 8

Walking for life: Pictured is part of the OKCCC team that took part in the American Heart Association walk at the end of April. Front row, left to right: Staci McPhearson, Mike Jones, Melanie Hamilton and her dog Bailey. Back row, left to right: Marion Paden, Charlotte Mulvihill, Billy Baker, Phyllis Baker, survivor Dennis Anderson, Tom Kraft, Darlene Anderson and Annmarie Shirazi. Team walkers not pictured are survivor Jim Ellis, Craig Robinson and Kara Tomlinson.

Photo courtesy of the OKCCC AHA walking team
It’s not her dress, it’s his behavior

With temperatures close to one hundred degrees outside, clothes shrink to barely there.

Some believe fewer clothes are the best way to avoid melting in the sun, while others would call lots of skin provocative.

According to Randy Thornhill and Craig T. Palmer, both professors at well-known American universities and authors of “A Natural History of Rape,” a woman may jeopardize her safety wearing revealing clothes. Men may interpret it as a sexual invitation.

The professors’ research led them to believe that rape may be in men’s nature, originating from the drive to reproduce. The writers don’t say there is a rape gene.

However, Thornhill and Palmer argue that rape is a complex sexual behavior with strong roots in human evolution. Criminal, yes, unnatural, no!

They back up their thesis with results of animal experiments with such “closely” human related insects as scorpion flies. Scorpion fly males rape a female if it fails to attract her through alternative reproduction strategies. The flies even have a rape organ that pins the females down.

Thornhill and Palmer provide the reader with prevention tips. In order to “restrain his sexual behavior” every man should get training. It would give male slaves-of-nature a driver’s license to safely cruise through life without wreaking on female temptation.

Women, who according to the authors may send inviting vibes, can avoid becoming a victim by not wearing “provocative clothing” and avoiding dangerous testosterone and alcohol ruled situations like fraternity parties and bars.

If this sounds rather disturbing to you, you are not alone. The common understanding about rape is that rape is an aggressive, cruel crime against another human being usually performed by an individual with a sick, twisted mind.

However, rapist defenders in court have used the excuse that a woman invites a rapist by wearing sexy clothes, blaming the victim and not the perpetrator.

If ridiculous opinions such as the Thornhill-Palmer thesis merge into mainstream, justice will regress back to the stone age, when human behavior was a lot closer to the scorpion fly’s or to the post-Freudian era when rapists weren’t considered criminals but compulsive, mentally ill people. Then, women were told that the perpetrator was ill, and because there wasn’t a cure, they should just “lay back and enjoy.”

Humanity has evolved. That is why we like to call ourselves civilized. A short dress may leave a man’s mind wandering, but men are not rapists until they attack a woman against her will, just like the primitive scorpion fly does. It’s a choice not a drive.

—Michaela Marx
Editor

To the Editor:

Native American behavioral health issues will be spotlighted at the first “Native Pathways to Wellness” national conference, to be held June 6 through 8 at the Myriad Convention Center downtown.

It will be sponsored by the Oklahoma Native American Behavioral Health Circle, in conjunction with Indian Health Services, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Justice Programs, SAMHSA, and the Tribes of Oklahoma.

The conference is expected to draw hundreds of behavioral health, education, law enforcement and corrections professionals.

The event will feature a variety of workshops and entertainment.

Conference highlights include a session on “hilarious therapy” presented by John Irvin at the June 6 luncheon; a presentation June 7 from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m., on “Minority Issues in Recovery and Relapse Prevention” by Terence Gorski; on June 7, banquet entertainment by Chief Jim Billie and the Florida Seminole Indians, featured at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival; and Dr. Stanton E. Samenow, whose work focuses on evaluation and treatment of juvenile and adult offenders, child custody cases, and court matters.

Pre-registration on-site is from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, with the opening session beginning at 9 a.m. Workshops that day will concern psychotherapy, forensic medicine, domestic violence and substance abuse, grief and denial, vocational rehabilitation, recovery and relapse prevention, child welfare, traditional medicine and Western psychology, college life, addiction-free pain management and gerontology.

Chief Billie of the Florida Seminole Indians will perform music from their CD, Alligator Tails, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

On June 8, workshops will include information on criminal behavior, HIV/AIDS, play therapy, family dynamics, cultural programs, stress, tribal towns and other topics.

Storytelling and crafts sessions will be available for youth ages 8 to 18 and youth can view the movie ‘Smoke Signals’ on June 8 if they wish.

Call 1-877-OKNABHC (1-877-656-2242) for information or visit their website at www.oknabh.com.

—Lesa B. Byford
Deputy Director ONABHC

‘Native Pathways to Wellness’ conference

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AND PROUD, BUT WEASELS
NEVER GET SUCKED INTO
JET ENGINES...

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

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Deputy Director ONABHC
Comments and Reviews

‘Gladiator’: grand fantasy or lame games

Gladiator wins the crowd praise

He said:
This summer, I have had the privilege to see quite a few movies in my free time, but none of them have compared to the greatness of Dreamwork’s “Gladiator.” This movie is one of the greatest movies of my time.
The movie stars Russell Crowe, Oliver Reed, and Joaquin Phoenix, who I believe are some of the greater actors of their time.
Maximus (Crowe) is a Roman general who falls from the grace of the new emperor Commodus (Phoenix). He must then run for his life.
I won’t ruin the entire movie, but Maximus comes to be a gladiator for Proximo (Reed) through some precarious events. His life has come to have no meaning until he finds that he will have the chance to confront Commodus in Rome.
The story takes us to the Coliseum of Rome, where Maximus and his gladiator companions must fight for their lives and free Rome from the tyrannical rule of Commodus, and restore power to the senate.
The movie keeps you on the edge of your seat, and even succeeds in drama as well as action. By the end of the movie, the story has become so involved that it is able to jerk a tear from your eye.
Now let me tell you about the great effects and cinematography that this movie possesses.
The first thing is the computer graphics. Not until after the movie did I find out that the entire coliseum was computer generated, even down to the people in the crowds. It was so lifelike that during the movie I found out that the entire coliseum was computer generated, even down to the people in the crowds. It was so lifelike that during the movie I

Animals not the only thing hurt

She said:
The title “Gladiator” suggests lots of blood and guts, especially because the story takes place in ancient Rome, when killing each other in an arena was considered amusing.
Without question the movie offers countless fighting scenes. Romans slaughter barbaric Germans and Gladiators battle in the arena. Adding to the bloodbath is all the animal cruelty. Not even innocent tigers and horses stand a chance.
Director Ridley Scott rebuilds the ancient city of Rome with the help of computer generation more beautiful and impressive than the original probably was and the heroes of the story are played by beauts like Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix.
Sounds like a bloody good adventure to you? It did to me, until the writers poisoned the script.
All the good fighting is watered down with strangely interwoven, whiny dialogues surrounding personal problems.
To add depth to the film, the characters have all kinds of psychological problems only years of intensive therapy could help.
The result: A crybaby heir to the Roman throne, whose life defining problem is that his heroic daddy thinks he is a loser. The elder emperor would rather see the brave and charismatic warrior Maximus in his place.
The jealous heir kills the emperor and orders the execution of Maximus. Maximus escapes, but before he reaches home, Roman soldiers kill his family. Maximus, who dreamed of retiring, now has to soldier on, first as slave then as gladiator.
However, due to his traumatic experiences, the warrior who once slaughtered uncivilized barbarians and other opposing forces in the name of Rome, develops a disgust for killing. So now the gladiator does not really feel like killing all the time, except if it is to get back on his archenemy.
Another example of this film’s psycho drama quality is the love triangle. The new Caesar has the hots for his own sister. She, of course, likes the manly warrior better, who still loves his dead wife.
Also the princess’ agenda is “power to the people,” a standpoint her brother strongly opposes. So she plans a conspiracy against her brother.
When going to the theater to see gladiator blood, I don’t want to hear dialogues surrounding personal problems.

Summer fun cut short to enlighten evil-doers

My summer vacation only lasted two weeks.
My fun in the sun was spent working part-time in a non-ventilated bait house in the boonies of Edmond, bagging minnows and checking the welfare of earthworms and night crawlers.
Sure I had all the eggrolls, the apple juice and all the fried meat-on-a-stick I could eat, but watching people use goldfish as bait hampered my unhampered appetite.
Every now and then, an attractive UCO student would walk in, and I’d get a chance to exercise the summer edition of my groove.
Me: Did it hurt?
UCO chick: What?
Me: When you fell out of heaven.
UCO chick: Whatever.
Me: I’m a college journalist. Hey, why are leaving?
I am entertaining the folks who give me money to do this. Yes, I do get paid to do this.
I also get paid to be the student watchdog, righting wrongs, fighting doers of evil and evil doers.
I get paid to write about government injustices.
I get paid to offer my voice, my opinions and my viewpoints on life.
I get paid to enlighten people.

My viewpoints on life.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

The nebulous world of Dr. Vu

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer
**Free scholarship money can be found on Internet**

By Erin Case
Newswriting I Student

Internet scholarship searches can provide an updated, thorough approach to finding money for school. “It’s the best resource,” said Sally Edwards, director of Student Services.

Once students arrive at one of the scholarship sites, a search is conducted for students, usually after they create a profile about themselves. Questions for the profile often include ethnicity, religion, college major, extracurricular activities, parental military involvement, and membership in various organizations.

She said Student Services often puts scholarship notices in the highlights section of the Pioneer and, very often, no one applies for them. Student Services has made its mission to try to increase awareness for students regarding possible opportunities.

“Internet searches are time consuming but students should play it like a game,” Edwards said. They are also good sources of information for parents looking for ways to fund their child’s education she said.

The secret is to start searching one year in advance. Instead of playing computer games, she said, take 10 minutes to search for a scholarship.

Some sites to search:
- Fastweb Search at: www.fastweb.com
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- Minority Applicants at: www.fie.com/molis/scholar.htm
- College is Possible at: www.collegeispossible.org
- Scholarship Links at: http://enr.ucdavis.edu
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- CollegeNET at: www.collegenet.com/mach25
- Financial Aid at: www.fnaid.com

Gaining exposure for their work is every writer’s dream. For OKCCC student Cathy Hume, that dream is finally coming true.

Hume, an English education major, submitted an essay to The Salt Fork Review at the prompting of Professor Clay Randolph. Her piece was chosen and will be published in the next edition of the Review.

The Salt Fork Review is a literary collection published by Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

“I am an older student,” Hume said. “To get this published later in life is very exciting.”

A student in Randolph’s Creative Writing class, “Out of the Nest and Into the Frying Pan,” was Hume’s first essay in the class.

“Cathy is a very good writer,” Randolph said. “She knew what a good story was.”

This piece will be the first published work of Hume’s, but hopefully, according to her, not the last.

“Someday I would love to publish a book of short stories.”

Hume’s goals include transferring to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and becoming a high school English teacher.

“I love high school kids,” she said.

Hume also has the honor of being an upcoming editor of the Absolute, a literary publication put out by OKCCC. Her responsibilities will entail reading submitted poems and essays, and choosing which ones will be published.

**Student’s creative writing published in literary collection**

By Amy Perkins
Newswriting I Student

**Occupational therapy students help with camp**

By Jeremy L. Kling
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC occupational assistant therapy students sponsored a three-day camp for the developmentally and physically challenged May 17 through 19 at Stroud Lake.

Activities consisted of making tie-dyed shirts, fishing, cookouts, teepee and ceramic making, and a ’60s dance.

“They are learning in class.”

For OKCCC student Paige Cory said.

The camp was held for members of the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled, which has 25 to 30 members.

OTA student Gina Harris said the students really enjoyed the experience.

“This was a great experience for us to interact with the physically and developmentally disabled,” Harris said.

Tom Kraft, professor of occupational therapy, said the program allows the students to put into practice what
Grads look forward to the future

Above: Gov. Frank Keating imparted words of advice to graduates May 12 at the Myriad. Keating told the grads that he supports furthering the education of American minds. “In the 21st century, it will be essential for people to receive the highest education possible,” he said before the ceremony.

Left: OKCCC President Bob Todd and Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating are flanked by OKCCC Regents (l-r) Darrel J. Lanier, Helen L. Camey, Darrel L. McAllister, Dan W. Hardage, John Michael Williams and Lea E. Anderson.

Professor honored at OKCCC commencement

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Masil Masilamani, OKCCC engineering professor and recipient of three masters degrees in engineering and education, has a heart for teaching, his students say.

“I want to teach students as much as I can,” Masilamani said. Because of that heart, Masilamani added another accomplishment to his repertoire, next to the buildings, churches and bridges he helped construct as an engineer before he began teaching.

Masilamani received the President’s Award of Excellence in Teaching May 12 at the Myriad during commencement.

The award is the highest honor a faculty member can receive. Masilamani was nominated by two of his students.

He said he is close to his students.

“We’re like a family because I’m the only engineering professor at the college,” Masilamani said.

Since Masilamani’s first year of teaching in 1984, engineering enrollment has quadrupled at OKCCC.

“We have the best program in the state,” Masilamani said.

Masilamani stresses that his students always strive to do their best when working.

He has instilled that value in them for a reason he said.

“If you work hard for four years, you’ll be happy for 40 years.”

Masil Masilamani

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OKCCC Public Relations
Highlights

Fall Tuition Fee Waivers
Aug. 4 will be the last day to submit tuition fee waivers for the fall semester to the office of Financial Aid. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. The names of those receiving the waivers will be posted in the Student Financial Aid center Aug. 18.

Susan E. Clowers Memorial Scholarship
The Susan E. Clowers Memorial Scholarship has been established by the OKCCC Board of Regents. Contributions can be made payable to the Oklahoma City Community College Foundation. The scholarship fund will be used annually to assist students with the cost of attending OKCCC.

Shorter sessions give more time for summer
There are new three- or four-week classes to be offered this summer. Some classes are General Astronomy, Semiconductor Manufacturing class, Public Address, English Composition, and Contemporary Math. The sessions begin on June 5 and July 5. For more information call 682-7580 or look at the class schedule at www.okc.cc.ok.us.

College is for kids this summer
The Office of Recreation and Community Services is offering a variety of activities for youngsters 3 to 15 years old. The second session of the half-day Discover Series to be offered throughout June and July will be from June 12 through 15 and it will explore flight in Up, Up and Away. The third will be to discover the world of medicine in Kid-Med, held June 19 through 22. From June 26 through 29 artistic talents can experience Art Adventures. Musical Theater will be held July 24 though 28. For prices, a full schedule and more information, call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560 or contact Jonie Welle, Community Education Coordinator at 682-1611, ext. 7205.

Discount tickets available at Bookstore
The bookstore sells tickets to Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, White Water Bay and Frontier City. A Six Flags one day adult ticket is $21.50, Six Flags one day child ticket is $19.38, Six Flags two day pass is $38.78, Six Flags season pass is $43.08, Hurricane Harbor ticket is $13.46, Frontier City one day ticket is $14.50, White Water Bay one day ticket is $12.50 and a Frontier City/White Water Bay Double Park Season Pass is $59.05. For more information call Kathy Reed at 682-1611 ext. 7242.

Scholarship applications available
William P. Willis Scholarship applications are available at the Office of Prospective Students Services. Requirements are low income, less than $32,000, full-time undergraduate, making satisfactory academic progress, must plan to enroll full-time both fall and spring semester at OKCCC. The deadline is June 30.

Scholarship deadline approaching
The Valerie Koelsch Memorial Scholarship Fund will be accepting applications through June 15. There will be two $1500 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships for members of Sheet Metal Workers’ Local No. 124, their spouses or their dependents. Contact Anna-Faye Rose, Assistant Dean of Financial Aid at 682-7580, ext. 7675 or come by 2M6 in the Main building.

Religious clubs unite for worship service

Students encouraged to ‘impact campus for Jesus’

A week filled with Jesus, popcorn and encouragement culminated April 20 when approximately 40 people gathered in the student union for a praise and worship service. Jesus Awareness Week was held the week of April 17 to 21 at OKCCC.

David Badders, president of Chi Alpha, and Paul Stuke, president of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, said they thought it would be a good idea to have an outreach on campus. On April 19 and 20 the two religious groups set up booths where bags of popcorn were given out as well as fliers encouraging people to go to the Jesus Awareness Week Rally.

Stuke led the group in praise and worship.

Badders said that part of the event was great.

“The praise and worship was really awesome... worship is a powerful tool in reaching the lost and just simply praising the Lord.”

The guest speaker for the event was David Newbrum.

Newbrum spoke about impacting the campus for Jesus Christ.

His main point was that students should not just say that they will help impact the campus, but actually have a plan for their lives as well as a plan for the campus.

Badders said he enjoyed listening to the speaker.

“Newbrum was an awesome speaker and very funny. He really grasped the attention of the audience.”

Got club news?
Is your club active this summer? If so, let the world know by sending us every juicy detail of what the club is doing. Having a meeting? Going on a retreat? Planning a special event? Tell the Pioneer and we’ll tell everyone else for you.

Call 682-1611, ext. 7675 or come by 2M6 in the Main building.
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Thefts top security reports in May

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

The summer heat hasn’t slowed down the occurrences of thefts on campus.

The most serious incident began with a missing cell phone and ended with the arrest of a juvenile.

At 4:15, May 20, wellness center employee Dalton McInnis made a report to campus security officers. He said his cell phone had been taken from his desk located in the wellness center cage.

An employee at the center Jonie Welle said she had seen three juvenile males in the area of the desk earlier that day. She had then seen them outside at the volleyball tournament, which matched the description of McInnis’s phone.

The three juveniles were taken by security into the wellness center cage.

McInnis said he had counted the previous night’s receipts and deposited them in the night deposit box, leaving $50 in the register.

He said he then turned off the register and removed the key.

The following day, he reported, he opened the register and counted the money which was then $25 short.

McInnis said a similar incident happened three weeks prior to this incident but was not reported.

No signs of forced entry were found on the register, or the wellness center cage.

Money was reported missing from the same area again on May 19 by wellness center employee Mitch Petross.

He told Wackenhut security officer Larry Lamb that the drawer in the center’s cage was $20 short. The money had been left in a drawer overnight.

At approximately 8 p.m., May 8 in the men’s locker room, Stan Basler returned to his locker to find that his belongings were missing.

According to the report he filed with campus security, among the missing items were a watch, some change, and eye drops. The total value of the missing items is $92.66.

Also on May 8, Communications lab assistant Darin Young informed campus security officers that two Mosaicos CDs and a Focus on Grammar CD were missing from the communications lab.

Young said the items are routinely checked out for students to use after leaving a school ID for them.

No IDs were found in the desk where the disks had been kept.

In another incident, at 3:15 p.m., May 25, security received a call that four juveniles were climbing the wall outside of entry 4. Three of them made it onto the roof.

Security used the entry from the third floor to gain access to the roof.

There, they escorted Michael Foote, 10; Davin Hekel, 12; Gregory Delemere, 13, and Ronnie Coker, 12, off the roof and to the Safety and Security offices where they were picked up by their parents.

The four boys have been told they cannot return to the campus for the remainder of the summer.

Online real estate classes available

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Oklahoma has hundreds of miles of land ripe for purchasing and real estate agents roam miles away from the nearest city, hoping to entice buyers.

In order to be successful, those agents must keep up with the newest selling tactics and strategies.

They are also required to take continued education courses and must renew their licenses or certificates every three years.

OKCCC’s Continuing Real Estate Online Education (CREOLE) courses, offers a convenient solution for those requirements.

The college offers seven current or pending online courses for real estate agents.

Courses are: Real Property Taxation Ad Valorem, Reduction of Risk, Contract Law Overview, Real Estate Financing, Offers and Purchase Contracts, Contract Law and Performance and Laws and Regulations Affecting Real Estate Practice.

CREOLE records classes taken and sends results to the Oklahoma State Real Estate Commission.

Online courses cost $15 each and take three hours to complete. All courses are started and completed online. Students receive three CE hours, or .3 CEU college units.

Additional courses will be offered throughout the year. Agents can enroll and find more information at http://apollo.okcc.ok.us/creole.

CREOLE’s sponsors are Carl Albert State College, Connors State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northeastern A&M College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma State University-OKC, Oklahoma State-Oklmulgee, Redlands Community College, Rose State Community College, Seminole State College, Tulsa Community State College and Western Oklahoma State College.

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Brisch said that State Regents recognize the importance of quality faculty and staff in higher education in Oklahoma.

“It is important that institutions have resources available to adjust salaries based on performance as well as competition,” said Brisch.

“The future of our state colleges and universities will be determined by their ability to retain and recruit quality individuals within the competitive market place,” he said.

State Regents noted that several programs presented in the higher education budget request cannot be funded, including enhancing student services and advancing student technology.

Rogers State University received the highest percentage increase of 16.9 percent, or more than $1.6 million.

The money will be spent converting Rogers State University to a four-year school, according to the Oklahoma State Regents press release.

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