Budget will provide pay raises, library and system updates

By Michaela Marx
Editor

In the last meeting for FY 2000 June 13, the OKCCC Board of Regents approved the proposed college budget for the new fiscal year, including pay raises for college employees as expected.

The approved Educational and General Operating Budget for FY 2001 is $28.9 million.

This amount, funded by state allocations as well as tuition, fees and other income, will help provide pay raises for college staff and faculty.

Increases averaged 4.3 percent for faculty, 3.9 percent for classified employees and 3.5 percent for professional employees. The raises break down this way:

- A $350 base salary adjustment for all full-time employees will be paid to help offset the increased cost of dependent health, dental and life insurance.
- A 1 percent base salary increase is added for faculty.
- Adding to this are raises based on performance.
- Employees who met their job requirements will receive an additional 2 percent raise.
- Employees who initiated one or more job-related activity that exceeded the job requirements will get a 3 percent raise.
- Finally, employees who substantially exceeded their job requirements and contributed in a significant way to the advancement of the college will receive a 3.5 percent raise.
- Adjuncts will get a salary increase from $485 per credit hour to $500.
- The current benefits plan for employees will stay the same.

The regents also approved a 4 percent salary increase for President Bob Todd in an executive session. Todd earned $169,482 last year. In FY 2000-2001, Todd will be paid $176,262.

The regents also approved the proposed Auxiliary Enterprises and Student Facilities Budget of $5.9 million.

This budget is funded through student store sales, facility use fees, student service fees, as well as income from the Recreation and Community Services and other sources.

Standing out in the budget is the high amount of reserves for the upcoming year. A cash reserve of $400,000 has been budgeted for the new year.

From FY 1995 until 1999 the reserves had been on a constant level of around $24,000 to $60,000. In FY 2000 the amount grew to $295,000.

Gary Lombard, vice-president for business and finance, said this larger amount has been reserved to ensure adequate cashflow in the event some unforeseen event occurs. He said the college plans to sell revenue bonds in the upcoming fiscal year. That is why the reserves are so much higher he said.

With the budget approved, the college is able to look at the future.

Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs, pointed out some highlights for OKCCC in the new fiscal year. One is the reorganization of the health programs.

“Through the reorganization of the health programs, the college has combined its professional health programs into one academic division — the Division of Health Divisions,” Sechrist said.

This new division will include Nursing, Emergency Medical Technology, Occupational Therapy As-
Gas prices just plain ol’ fuelish

Gasoline prices are at their highest levels in the United States, numerically, in history.

Although supply isn’t as low as the 1970s when gas stations ran out of fuel, supply is low enough to cause prices in Chicago to hurdle the $2 mark.

And in Oklahoma, where oil pumps are common sights and the cost of living is one of the lowest in the United States, gas prices have risen above the national average by about 10 cents each week.

Gas stations have reported higher than normal gas runs. Small business is hurting, especially pizzerias. City governments are allotting more money for fuel-money that once belonged somewhere else.

Middle class families without SUVs aren’t feeling the pinch as much, but lower class families with older, less economical cars are.

And so, the people complained.

The government responded by dropping a few hints to OPEC, the organization sometimes mentioned with the word “cartel.”

Most recently, the government intervened by investigating gas companies for possible price gouging. Nevertheless, gas prices continue to climb with the temperature. America continues to bow down, buying more and more gas, trying to fill up before the next price jack-up.

Economists agree that the high gas prices can slow down our hot economy, but the high prices can raise the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as well, which can cause inflation.

But the real threat is the automobile, our freedom, the ability to escape, to flee the zoo of humanity, to drive cross country from sea to shining sea because... you just wanted to.

All this, from panels of metal, four wheels and a combustion engine. It was an exclusive luxury item until Henry Ford built the Model T, however. Then the car became a necessity, like the microwave.

In places like Oklahoma, where miles of prairie and prairie dogs separate people and destinations, cars made traveling comfortable and reliable. All the car needed was oil and a little ingenuity when it broke.

And now it’s back to the gas.

For now, gasoline is the key to our society. It’s also helping to contribute society’s downfall, because of our dependence on it, along with its tendency of polluting our environment.

America was founded on independence. That same quest gave fuel to the prominence of the automobile.

The world needs that same desire to find alternative sources of energy; sources that do not pollute, sources that cannot be controlled, sources that both rich and poor can have equally.

Sounds un-American? Maybe. But maybe it’s better this way. The quest has had its share of headaches, but headaches occur with all endeavors.

In the end, all will be justified.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer
Comments and Reviews

DragonballZ movies treat for series fans

DragonballZ fans can rejoice now. Funimation has released two new videos of never-before-seen episodes. These videos continue the DragonballZ series starting from the Garlic Jr. episodes. It picks up with the arrival of Trunks (my personal favorite hero).

Trunks arrives from the future to save the lives of his friends and family from the destruction brought upon them by the space pirate Frieza and his dad King Cool.

For those of you who follow the series, yes, Frieza was killed, but he was brought back to life and now wants revenge on Goku for defeating him. So Frieza comes to earth to destroy Goku and his friends.

The Earth Defenders come to the rescue, knowing that they may very well die in this battle. In the nick of time, Trunks arrives and dispatches the threat with ease, which is a little unsettling to the others.

Who is this strange fighter? And why did he save them? And how does he know Goku and the others?

To find this all out, you will have to watch the videos for yourself. But it will be worth it.

I give these movies 7 out of 7 Dragonballs. A definite for any DBZ fan.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Cheating and road trips add up to seriously funny comedy

A trip across country in the movie "Road Trip" puts the rules of cheating and the rules of relationships into a new light.

With a lifelong girlfriend in Austin (not Boston), Texas, Josh, played by Breckin Meyer, thinks that he can make a long distance relationship work.

Tiffany, played by Rachel Blanchard, and Josh have been through everything together in the same city until they start college.

Tiffany goes to Austin and Josh goes to college in Ithaca, New York.

Everything is going well and Josh and Tiffany are talking on the phone every day, but then the something happens — Josh’s mind begins to wander toward someone a little closer.

This wandering leads to an act that well... most would consider cheating based on the rules of cheating. Josh videotapes himself and another girl having sex. Instead of sending the tape that Josh made for Tiffany, his friend sends the tape that would lead him, two of his college buddies and one not-so-enthusiastic guy on a race against the clock and an 1,800 mile road trip to Austin.

Along the way, obstacles lead rescuers to doing unthinkable acts — stealing a bus, donating sperm and invading a frat house.

Tom Green from MTV makes an appearance as a college buddy in this movie, but honestly I was a little disappointed that he didn’t have a more powerful role.

He was definitely funny with his snake fetish, but I was surprised that he didn’t act more.

While this movie doesn’t rank high on Oscar winning performances, it does leave even the most serious person laughing.

—By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Getting slammed by parents a necessary evil

I know why my parents busted my hump when I was a kid. It took me about 19 years, but I finally figured it out.

Why I had to clean my room, take out the trash, wash the dishes, clean the kitty litter, eat broccoli...

Why I had to go to my room during Monday Night Football or why I had to watch gymnastics with my sister, or why I was spanked...

Why I had to wear my GI Joe costume in the second grade after already wearing it in the first grade for Halloween...

Why I wasn’t comforted when I didn’t make the baseball team...

Everything makes perfect sense now.

It was to prepare me for the rough waters of adulthood.

It was to prepare me for my first job and my first mean boss.

It was to prepare me for my first heartaches, my first experiences of losing.

Although I haven’t had a mean boss yet, I’m sure it’ll happen. He or she will come up to me, yell at me, make me do things I don’t want to do like taking out the garbage, or make fun of my name and my hair, stuff like that.

But I won’t be tempted to fight back because I’m already pre-conditioned by the aforementioned punishments.

When or if I get fired (What boss wouldn’t want a guy named Vu A. Vu on their staff?) probably for stealing eggrolls and apple juice, I’ll be ready to find a new job.

Someday, I’ll have a girlfriend.

One day, she’ll call me on the phone and drop me like the statistics class she was failing.

But thanks to the aforementioned busting of my hump, I’ll move on.

How can the ladies resist a college journalist, especially one with rugged good looks such as myself, anyway?

One day, my parents will die and I’ll take the experience they gave me.

One day, I’ll have my own children.

One day, it’ll be my turn to bust some humps.

Because of the hardships from the past, everything will turn out perfect in the future.

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer
College shapes more than minds

OKCCC’s Aquatic and Wellness Centers provide a multitude of fitness activities for the entire family. From scuba diving to yoga, pet first aid to ballroom dancing, OKCCC serves up a buffet of activities.

Children as young as 18 months can begin swimming lessons. Senior citizens can train in the weight room with a certified trainer or participate in swimming classes created for seniors.

“Working out makes you feel better and it makes you look better,” Jean Neal said.

Neal works out in the weight room twice a week with a trainer.

Fitness gurus won’t be disappointed.

Land aerobics classes like kickboxing, Hatha Yoga and Tai Chi are offered. Also, certified personal trainers can design programs that meet certain needs people require like weight loss, flexibility, calisthenics or aerobic conditioning.

The Aquatic Center’s Olympic-size pool is widely regarded as one of the best in the nation.

Swimming classes for toddlers to adults are offered. Classes are taught by American Red Cross Water Safety instructors. OKCCC also offers children’s and teen fitness programs.

Football, baseball, golf and tennis camps are taught by certified coaches and high school or college athletes.

Camps are also taught at Western Oaks Middle School and Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School.

The Office of Recreation and Community Services offers total fitness memberships which include land aerobics classes and water aerobics classes. The total fitness membership includes full access to the Aquatic Center, gym, cardio room and weight room during posted times.

Prices for an individual membership are $270 for adults, $216 for seniors, $395 for family memberships and $316 for senior family memberships.

A recreational membership without land and water aerobics classes is available.

Prices for individual memberships are $150 for adults, $100 for seniors, $200 for family memberships, $150 for senior family memberships, and $70 for youths under 14 years old.

A one-time $45 joining fee is required, but members receive a free fitness assessment conducted by a certified trainer.

Fees may also be broken down into 12 monthly payments which includes the $45 joining fee.

OKCCC students may use the weight room and gym free of charge during posted hours. Lockers and locks are also free with a deposit or can be rented.

For more information, call 682-7560, or visit the Office of Recreation and Community Service. Information is also available online at www.okc.cc.ok.us/RCS.

Text by Vu Vu
Photos by Ryan Johnson

Left: Warren MacDonald gets an upper body workout by swimming laps in the Aquatic Center pool. The Olympic-size pool offers year-round swimming.

Below: The gym provides the perfect climate-control setting for young soccer players. The Wellness Center is a place where people can hone their skills in a number of sports.

Left: Jean Neal works the muscles in her shoulders by doing side laterals. Neal said she visits the weight room twice a week to keep fit.
July 4th marks America’s birthday

Celebrations around the metro area

Fourth of July can be celebrated in many ways and in many places, but with the help of ConnectOK.com, it’s a little easier to find some local places to go to have fun and celebrate the birthday of America.

Bricktown Fourth of July Festival and Parade — Southwestern Bell Wireless and Nokia will be presenting this celebration July 3 and 4. It will be held outdoors at the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue in Bricktown. Admission is free. It will include music, dancing, food, a magic show, clowns, face painting and canal boat rides. At 10 a.m. on the 4th the OG&E Fourth of July Parade will begin. Fireworks can be seen on both days. For more information call 236-4143 or 236-8666.

Fourth of July Garden Party — From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 4th, people can celebrate at the Myriad Botanical Gardens downtown. The event is organized by Downtown Now. For more information, call the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department at 297-3903, Myriad Botanical Gardens at 297-3995 or Downtown Now at 232-4833.

Freedom Fest 2000 — The City of Yukon is hosting a Fourth of July celebration at Yukon’s City Park and Chisholm Trail Park. There will be a street rod and custom car show with more than 200 participants, live music, swimming, a triathlon and fireworks. From 7 a.m. to noon there will be registration for the car show. The car show will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other events include a Cherry Bomb Triathlon at 8:30 a.m., free swimming at the city pool from noon to 6 p.m., live musical entertainment from 4 to 8 p.m. and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic will perform at 8:30 p.m. The fireworks display will begin at dusk.

Redhawks game — For sports fans, there will be a Redhawks game at the Bricktown ballpark beginning at 7:05 p.m. They will be playing against Nashville. There will be a fireworks display afterwards.

How Independence Day celebrations began in 1776

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia.

At the time of the signing the United States consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England’s King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as “Taxation without Representation” as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament.

As the unrest grew in the colonies, King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion. In 1774 the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775 as the King’s troops advanced on Concord, Mass., Paul Revere would sound the alarm that “The British are coming, the British are coming” as he rode his horse through the late night streets. The battle of Concord and its “shot heard round the world” would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies’ war for independence.

The following May the colonies again sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress. For almost a year Congress tried to work out its differences with England, again without formally declaring war.

By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to Congress on June 28. After various changes, a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two colonies, Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted “no,” Delaware undecided and New York abstained.

To make it official John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock’s signed his name “with a great flourish” so “King George can read that without spectacles!”

The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776.

Students speak out about plans for holiday

“It is a time for family to get together and barbecue if it is not raining.”

— Keiya Hawkins

“We are probably going to go to Frontier City to watch the fireworks.”

— Patty Combs

“I’m going to Fort Hood in Kileen, Texas. My brother’s in the Army and they have a big fireworks display. It is really neat. I am going with my sister, her husband, her baby and my son. He was just a few months old the first time and he tried to hide himself under the coat. He’ll like it this time.”

— Monica Contreras

“I’m probably going to the fireworks in Norman at Reeves Park. Maybe eat out or make hamburgers.”

— Donna Anderson

— Dona Coulter

On July 8 the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia’s Independence Square. Twice that day the Declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells. Even the bell in Independence Hall was rung. The “Province Bell” would later be renamed “Liberty Bell” after its inscription — “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof.”

And although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the fourth of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year — July 4, 1777.

By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America’s birthday. And although individual fireworks have been banned in most places because of their danger, most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.

— Information courtesy of holidayboss@holidays.net

The college will be open on July 3 and closed on July 4. There will be no classes either day.
Highlights

No classes July 4 and 5
The college will be open July 3; however, there will be no classes. The college will be closed July 4. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July! The college will reopen and classes will resume July 5.

Instruments made of plastic needed
Bring all your plastic soda or water bottles by the Child Development Center. They will be used in the children’s tent at the Arts Festival on Labor Day weekend. The children will be making musical instruments with them.

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.

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.

Tips for Veterans
Tutors are available for Chapter 31 Veterans (Voc-Rehab). Tutors must be approved by Dennis Jackson. The following web addresses may be helpful for Veterans: The Veteran News and Information at www.vnis.com and the Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov. The office hours for the Veterans Certification Office for the summer are Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7694 or 7685.

Workshops for fitness professionals scheduled
OKCCC and the National Dance-Exercise Instructor’s Training Association will co-sponsor nationally recognized workshops to help fitness professionals stay at the head of the class.

“Resist-a-Ball Training” will be offered Saturday, Sept. 9. The 8-hour course provides hands-on training in proper execution on the ball, strength and dynamic classes.

“Mind Body Connection” will explore basic concepts of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi using traditional mind body techniques of relaxation, stretching and breathing. Two workshops will be held back-to-back Sunday, Sept. 10.

“Move to 32” will help organize your floor and step choreography to the musical phrase. By using the 32 count phrase, instructors will create more energy and make routines easy to cue and easy to follow.

To register, call 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or register online at www.ndelta.com

Free back-to-school immunizations offered
The Oklahoma City County Health Department, 901 N.E. 23, will be giving free immunizations daily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Wednesday when the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 425-4450.

Leaders needed for birth of student organizations

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Probably one of the greatest joys for any college student is being the president of his or her own school sponsored club.

It is difficult for the average Joe or Jane to attain the role of president of an established club such as the chess club.

But there is an easier way.

Students can start their own school sponsored club. The Office of Student Life gives the steps to creating a club.

The first step in starting an OKCCC student club is getting a student petition, available in the Student Life office, and filling it with 10 students who are willing to participate actively in the club.

The club must have an official name, purpose, membership requirements, meeting dates, officer positions and election methods, and reasonable club fees and dues.

Officers must be enrolled in at least six credit hours with a GPA of at least 2.0. The club must also have the consent and signature of one full-time faculty or staff who will serve as the sponsor.

The sponsor must accept the duties and responsibilities of being a sponsor.

Once the club is approved, there is a two-month deadline before a draft constitution is required for approval by the dean of Student Life.

“It they do all the requirements, and as long as it is not disruptive of the educational process, the club is approved,” said Student Activities Coordinator Mike Jones.

And that’s how OKCCC clubs begin their lives.

But there’s more.

Once you are president, you’ll have to maintain the club.

You’ll need a current constitution and a list of officers and sponsors and their information and signatures.

Also, a representative of your club, generally the president, must attend the Leadership Council every other Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

You’ll have to submit a list of at least 10 members, state or national affiliation if applicable, when and where your meetings are, the general plans for the school year and a copy of the club’s current financial status report.

All this is due by Oct. 1 of each fall semester.

For more information, call the office of Student Life at 682-7596.
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.

For Sale:

- '80 Dodge Caravan; light blue. Needs water pump. Asking $400 or OBO. Call 946-3922 and leave a message.
- '89 Conquest. Call 634-6787.
- '89 Dodge Caravan; light blue. Needs water pump. Asking $600 OBO. Call 682-3744.
- '89 Honda Accord LX, 4-door, auto., power everything, good condition, 130K miles. Asking $3,000. Call David or Woody at 525-8359.
- '96 Honda Passport, 56K, Iomega zip drive, original software, and Mega Gallery Print software. Asking $400 or OBO. Call 946-3922 and leave a message.
- '96 Honda Passport EX, loaded, very clean. $14,299 FIRM. Call 823-5284.
- Montgomery Ward refrigerator, $150; 5-piece black laquer dining room set, $75. Call 364-6051 or 682-1611, Ext. 7544.
- Futon, $35. Please call Carol or Jon at 680-9302 and leave a message.
- '97 Skyline, 16 x 80, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No down payment, take over payments. SE OKC. Call 631-2325.

Services:

- Editing/Proofreading Services $6 per hour
- Experience • Also Type
- On George St. in Norman

Positions:

- Receptionist/Word Processor
  - Student Position
  - 20 hours/week
  - Accurate typing
  - Computer skills with MS Office
  - Positive human relation skills
  - Communication skills
  - Work schedule includes:
    - M - 4 to 8 p.m.;
    - T, W, Th - 3 to 7 p.m.;
    - F - 1 to 5 p.m.
  - On occasion weekend hours may be required.
  - Contact: Human Resources - OKCCC, to schedule testing prior to Thursday, June 22, 2000.
  - 405-682-7542

Miscellaneous:

- iMac, 56K, Iomega zip drive, original software, and Mega Gallery Print software. Asking $400 or OBO. Call 946-3922 and leave a message.
- 12' x 65' 2-bedroom mobile home, EC, 2 extra lots with all utilities, Snug Harbor area, Lake Eufala. Call 1-918-452-2707. Priced to sell.
- FREE: Sega Genesis game system with several games, $100. Call 364-6051 or 682-1611, ext. 7544.
- FREE: Mahogany Piano, early 1900’s, appraised at $500, asking $500 OBO. Call and leave a message, 794-9494/ask for Misty.
- Need TUPPERWARE? Call Deborah Kohmart 685-6555
  - Please leave a message.

Household:

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It Pays to Advertise in the PIONEER
President gets salary increase

OKCCC president Dr. Bob Todd’s FY 2000-2001 salary of $176,262 is broken down into five categories.

- A $120,310 base salary for performing his duties as president. This is the only amount to which the 4 percent increase from last year applies.
- A $26,208 housing allowance. Many colleges and universities provide on-campus housing for the president. OKCCC does not provide such a service.
- An $13,312 office account to cover costs for lunches and traveling when the college hosts visitors.
- A $6,240 public relations and development allowance which is designed to pay for visitors and potential clients.
- A $10,192 vehicle maintenance fund for Todd’s car.

Student finds damage to parked car

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

An OKCCC student’s day took a turn for the worse June 20 when her car was broken into.

While on patrol that day, Campus security officer James Cobble spotted several people looking into a Toyota Celica in parking lot A. In his report, Cobble stated that when he approached the vehicle, he found broken glass from the driver’s side window on the ground.

Cobble reported that the car’s console was also ripped out. Jenny Fong was contacted and arrived about 30 minutes later.

Fong reported that the only thing missing was the faceplate of the CD player. Damage to the car and the stolen face plate was estimated at $550.

The owner filed a report with the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Cobble and Fong were not available for comment at press time.

Summer enrollment up from past two years

“Enrollment,” Cont. from page 1

Barker said the average age of students enrolled is 26.3 years old; however, the age group that makes up most of the student population is ages 18 to 22 at 49.1 percent.

The least amount of students in any age group is 17 and below at 1.1 percent.

Of the 4,858 students enrolled in summer classes, 57.4 percent of them are female and 42.6 are male.

The increase in enrollment in the traditional format of summer classes in an 8-week format or intersession is only one part of the equation.

There has also been a substantial increase in both the number of courses available in the online format and enrollment in these courses.

This summer there were 10 online courses with 116 enrolled, compared to only one online course last summer with 29 enrolled.

President Bob Todd said he is pleased to see an increase.

“Enrollment growth is one of the college’s focus areas,” he said.

Summer enrollment up from past two years

The college’s enrollment is expected to continue to climb over the next several years in response to numerous initiatives including new programs, the tuition fee waiver program for Oklahoma City public school graduates and our increased efforts at recruiting and retaining new high school graduates and adult students.”

Library benefits from budget

“The system from Datatel will replace the current administrative and academic computing systems that have been in place for many years,” he said.

This budget will also help realize new programs.

Some major goals for the college are to implement the new film and video production program, to continue to upgrade technology in classrooms and labs as well as to keep focusing on the colleges priorities, said Sechrist.

Library benefits from budget

“The third and fourth floors of the library will house computer-equipped classrooms and a large open computer lab, he said.

Sechrist said, in addition to these achievements, the college will begin the implementation of a new integrated information system.

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