

TRAINERS CONFERENCE SET

From American Society for
Training & Development

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Knowing how to use computers is absolutely essential for anyone who develops, presents or manages training and development in their organization. How to use computers is just one of the many sessions and exhibits offered during a conference scheduled for May 14 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 930 East Second Street, in Edmond.

"The Oklahoma Learn Run — Tune-up for Trainers" is a conference structured for trainers, consultants, training managers, instructional materials developers and human resource professionals. The one-day event is sponsored by the Department of Continuing Education at the University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh Institute and the American Society for Training and Development, Central Oklahoma Chapter.

Master trainers, including several from Fleming Companies, Inc., will be there to "teach the teachers" in several different areas, including marketing, private consulting and trend building. Participants will learn from other trainers/presenters about various methods and techniques that have proven successful for them. "Graphics and Technophobics," "To Consult or Not to Consult," and the "Ping Pong Factory" are just a few of the sessions offered.

Conference participants are also offered exhibit space to get their message across to those who buy their services. Each booth includes one six-foot table, two chairs and a sign with your company or business name. Exhibit hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A \$50 exhibit payment is due by May 6.

Registration for the conference is \$95 per participant and is due by May 6. After that date, registration will cost \$120. Call Debbie Raison, Continuing Education, the University of Central Oklahoma, at 341-2980, extension 2429 for more information.

"Democracy is based on the conviction that man has the moral and intellectual capacity, as well as the inalienable right, to govern himself with reason and justice."

Harry S. Truman

DEFENSE PANEL PROTECTS TINKER

From US Sen. James Inhofe

■(WASHINGTON) US Senate James Inhofe said that the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday defeated measures which would have adversely affected future depot maintenance work at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base.

"This is good news for Tinker," Inhofe said. "We have defeated efforts to prevent Tinker from competing for depot maintenance work. As a result, we have blocked the Pentagon's plans to privatize-in-place without competition. Ensuring Tinker's opportunity to compete is essential if we are to both halt the Clinton Administration's political manipulation of the base closing process, and protect the future of the Tinker depot."

In the panel's "markup" of the Fiscal Year 1997 Defense Authorization bill, members voted to maintain a provision which allows military depots, such as Tinker, to bid on major military maintenance contracts. The Clinton administration had sought to repeal the provision in order to proceed with the privatization-in-place of maintenance work at Kelly AFB in Texas and McClellan AFB

in California, thus keeping those jobs from being transferred to Tinker.

The committee also settled on language which would only slightly change the law requiring at least 60 percent of Defense Department maintenance to be performed at military depots. Under the Senate committee's mark, this so-called 60-40 law would be changed to 50-50, but only after the Defense Department submits to Congress a comprehensive plan on depot privatization and the national security requirements of core maintenance.

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The House National Security Committee voted on Wednesday to maintain a 60-40 ratio of public-to-private maintenance workload. The difference will have to be reconciled in a conference committee later this summer.

"Overall, the committee struck a good balance between protecting long term readiness while moving toward the real savings offered by the base closing process. Oklahomans can be proud that Tinker and the Oklahoma City depot will continue to play vital roles in America's defense preparedness," Inhofe said.

REVERSING RUNAWAY FEDERAL SPENDING

From US Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Okla.

■(WASHINGTON) "There's a major victory for taxpayers from the new majority in Congress. The months-old budget face-off with the White House is over, with an agreement that this year's federal spending (through Sept. 30) will be reduced by \$23-billion from last year's. That's no smoke-and-mirrors revision, it's real progress toward a balanced budget. The \$23-billion reduction is in addition to a \$20-billion reduction made in last year's spending. The \$43-billion equals \$700 for every working family in America. It's the biggest downturn in federal spending since the close of WW II.

The changes in this year's budget are distributed broadly. The Commerce Department spending will be down 9 percent; the State Department down 9 percent; the Justice Department up 19 percent; the Interior down 7 percent; the Labor Department down 5 percent; the Education Department down 6 per-

cent; Health and Human Services up 10 percent; Veterans up 2 percent; the Department of Housing and Urban Development down 22 percent; the Environmental Protection Agency down 9 percent and the Space Department down 3 percent.

The price of the overall reduction, however, was that the details reflect many of President Clinton's big-spending and big-social-program priorities. This was the price he demanded so that he would not veto this spending bill, as he vetoed several last fall.

As part of this, we have ended an estimated 200 federal programs, with the largest number coming from welfare-related agencies.

Although, I don't like all the details in the new budget, the savings are a major improvement. The spending discipline of the new Congress has placed us ahead of schedule on the timetable to balance the budget by 2002. This year's federal deficit was pro-

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