

**OCPA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT  
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***POLITICAL SPEAKER FOR OCPA CONFERENCE***

Contacted Ohio leaders, Senator Doug White, Representative John Carey, and solicited assistance from Ohio State's Government Relations' office. Short time frame made finding someone difficult. For future conferences, I suggest making contact with political leaders early in the conference planning and also make personal visits to explain what/who OCPA is, provide information about the conference, etc. Phone call invitations were not successful.

***RECENT ISSUES IN THE NEWS:***

**Affirmative Action**

**(September 14, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A29)  
Education Dept. Nominee Moderates Views on Affirmative Action**

Democratic Senators grilled President Bush's nominee for general counsel of the Education Department on Thursday about his views on affirmative action and high-stakes testing.

**(September 14, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A29)  
California Court Strikes Down Minority-Hiring Goals for Community Colleges**

An appeals court in California last week struck down a 1978 state law that had required community colleges to meet certain goals and timetables for hiring female and minority employees.

**(September 14, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A27)  
A Federal Judge Considers Plan to Desegregate Mississippi Colleges**

A debate over how Mississippi should finally move beyond its segregated past consumed state officials, faculty members, and students who gathered here last week for three days of hearing on a \$503-million proposal to end the state's longstanding college-desegregation lawsuit.

**(September 7, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A36)  
Ruling Against Affirmative Action Could Alter Legal Debate and Admissions Practices**

In finding last week that the University of Georgia unconstitutionally used race in admissions, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit used language that called to mind another famous affirmative-action decision.

**Terms Limits and Their Effect on State Colleges**

**(September 28, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A36)  
As Term Limits Kick In, State Colleges Fear the Impact**

Term limits restrict members of the Ohio General Assembly to only eight years in office, and last year the limits began forcing Ohio lawmakers out. This may be affecting lawmakers' investment in higher education.

### **Stem-Cell Research**

**(September 21, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A25)**

#### **U.S. Urged to Finance More Stem-Cell Lines**

A National Academy of Sciences panel released a report last week urging the government to finance the creation of more colonies of embryonic stem cells. The report came one week after officials in the Bush administration reaffirmed that studies of only a select group of stem-cell colonies would be eligible for federally sponsored research.

### **Changes to Regulations Governing the Federal Student-Aid Programs**

**(September 14, 2001, Section: Government & Politics, Page: A23)**

#### **A Rare Chance to Rewrite the Rules: Republicans seek colleges' help in rethinking the regulation of student aid**

The American Council on Education and other college groups have asked for 19 changes to regulations governing the federal student-aid programs.

### **\*Terrorist Attacks – The Headlines**

1. Education Meetings Postponed in Middle East (10/9/2001)
2. Students Protest and Show Support for U.S. Military Strikes in Afghanistan (10/9/2001)
3. Monitoring of Foreign Students' Status Draws Increasing Attention From Lawmakers and College Groups (10/8/2001)
4. CUNY Chancellor, Trustees Denounce Professors Who Criticized U.S. Policy After Attacks (10/5/2001)
5. U. of British Columbia Stands Behind Professor Who Blasted U.S. Foreign Policy (10/4/2001)
6. Flag Burning Sets Off Controversy at Emory U. (10/4/2001)
7. Colleges Largely Complying With Requests for Information on Foreign Students, Survey Finds (10/4/2001)
8. NSF Awards Grants to Assess Damage at Terrorist-Attack Sites (10/3/2001)
9. College President Is Called to Active Duty in Coast Guard (10/2/2001)
10. Clinton and Dole to Aid Scholarship Fund for Dependents of Victims of Attacks (10/1/2001)
11. Professor, Once the Subject of Terrorist Investigation, Is Placed on Leave After He Receives Threats (10/1/2001)
12. TV Station at U. of Missouri Draws Fire for Policy on Patriotic Displays (10/1/2001)
13. Many Arab Students in the U.S. Head Home, Citing Growing Hostility (9/28/2001)
14. Community-College Instructor Is Suspended After Discussion on Terrorist Attacks (9/25/2001)
15. Campuses Beef Up Security, Increasing Patrols and ID Checks (9/25/2001)
16. Education Department Suspends Loan Obligations for Students Fulfilling Military Duty (9/25/2001)
17. Colleges Plan Scholarships for Dependents of Terror Victims (9/24/2001)

18. Threat Prompts Calvin College to Shut Down (9/24/2001)
19. Senator Feinstein May Propose 6-Month Moratorium on Student Visas (9/24/2001)
20. Bush Antiterrorist Proposals Raise Concerns About Students' Privacy Rights (9/24/2001)
21. At Stadiums, Colleges Stress Security and Patriotism as Sporting Events Resume (9/24/2001)
22. Attack on Indian Student at U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Leads to Brawl, 2 Arrests (9/24/2001)
23. Uncertainty Aside, Lobbyists Foresee Healthy Budgets for Student Aid and NIH (9/28/2001)
24. A Photo Gallery: Campus Scenes in the Wake of September 11 (9/28/2001)
25. A Business School Counts Its Losses at the World Trade Center (9/28/2001)
26. Victims From Academe (9/28/2001)
27. At a University Proud of Diversity, Jewish and Muslim Students Set Aside Differences -- at Least for Now (9/28/2001)
28. College That Serves New York's Finest Faces Deaths in a 'Wartime' Atmosphere (9/28/2001)
29. The Fractured Landscape: Reflections on September 11, 2001, and Its Aftermath (9/28/2001)
30. In Afghanistan, a Forlorn University Prepares for Even More Isolation (9/21/2001)
31. Pakistan's Islamic Colleges Provide the Taliban's Spiritual Fire (9/21/2001)
32. Private Colleges in Urban Areas Are Most Likely to Feel Fallout From Last Week's Attacks, Report Says (9/21/2001)
33. On Campuses Across U.S., Students Hold Rallies for Peace, Drawing Mixed Responses (9/21/2001)
34. Education Dept. Eases Student-Privacy Rules for FBI's Terrorism Investigation (9/21/2001)
35. After at Least 4 Assaults, Some Foreign Students Plan to Leave U.S.; More Protection Urged (9/20/2001)
36. U.S. Calls for Reprieves to Student-Loan Borrowers Affected by Jetliner Attacks (9/20/2001)
37. New York May Offer Free Tuition to Families of Victims of Terrorist Attacks (9/20/2001)
38. Students at 140 Colleges Plan Rallies for Nonviolent Response to Terrorism (9/20/2001)
39. Cartoon in Berkeley Paper Sparks Protests and Campus Debate (9/20/2001)
40. College Fund Raisers Step Lightly to Avoid Alienating Donors (9/20/2001)
41. British Student Union Enforces Ban Against Campus Activities by Militant Islamic Group (9/20/2001)
42. Teaching Through Tragedy (9/20/2001)
43. After Tragedies, College Athletics Officials Face Rescheduling, Security Concerns (9/19/2001)

44. 2 Scholars Archive Web Sites on Terrorist Attacks (9/18/2001)
45. Education Foundation Pledges \$3-Million Toward Scholarships for Victims' Families (9/18/2001)
46. University Advocates Caution Against Clampdown on Student-Visa Applications (9/18/2001)
47. Campuses Near World Trade Center Plan to Resume Classes; Elsewhere, Flag-Waving and Retaliation Are Debated (9/18/2001)
48. Internet Proves a Valuable Communication Tool in Time of Crisis (9/17/2001)
49. American Colleges Abroad Add Security in Wake of Terrorist Attacks (9/17/2001)
50. Events Canceled or Postponed Because of Travel Concerns or 'Inappropriate' Timing (9/17/2001)
51. Vigils and Violence: As Colleges Honor the Dead, Muslim Student Is Harassed on One Campus (9/17/2001)
52. Colleges Try to Account for Their Own Amid News of Rescues and More Deaths (9/14/2001)
53. On One Campus: Shock, Anger ... and Resilience (9/14/2001)
54. Callers Harass Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. in The Wake of FBI Search of Student Records (9/14/2001)
55. Athletics Conferences Back Away from Plans to Play Weekend Games (9/14/2001)
56. Across the U.S., All but a Few Colleges Resume Classes in the Wake of Terrorist Attacks (9/13/2001)
57. Attacks Take Lives of Scholars From 4 Universities and a Coach About to Start a New Job (9/13/2001)
58. Hard Call for Athletics Officials: Does the Game Go On? (9/13/2001)
59. Colleges Cancel Classes After Terrorist Attacks; Pace U. Had Program in World Trade Center (9/12/2001)

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