Spring Termed ‘Tornado Season’

By STEVE KINDE
Managing Editor

There is no time when the months of April through June are called the ‘Tornado Season,’ but in recent years, tornadoes have struck every month of the year.

‘This year we have had 20 tornado watches already, and we should just be entering the tornado season,’ stated Carl Orr, director of the National Weather Service in Oklahoma City. ‘We have already had 10 tornado warnings so far, and this is only March.’

‘Northern Oklahoma is situated in a corridor running north and south that is referred to as the ‘Tornado Alley,’ because in the past it was an area that was prone to tornadoes. In the past few years, according to the National Weather Service, there has never been a year in Oklahoma that was free from tornadoes. The devastating effects of a tornado.

WHAT TO DO IN A TORNADO

Students at Northeastern A&M have several areas on campus that will serve as tornado shelters according to Orr. ‘The best place to be during a tornado is an underground shelter, if one is not available, you can be considered as a tornado-inhabitant.’

Above all, after a tornado warning has been issued people should stay off of the streets. ‘It is very important that if you get out on the street, and start driving around like a mad person, you can have an accident, or if a tornado is in the air, you could get struck with debris from trees or buildings,’ Orr said.

The most substantial tornado protection on the NWC campus is found in the basements of the various buildings. According to a Civil Defense survey the buildings basement capacities are as follows: Harris-Heath, 488; Kresge-Athletic Hall, 311; Community Hall, 108; Dyer Hall, 171; Cunningham Hall, 108; Fine Arts Building, 108; Russell Hall, 198; Shipley Hall, 198; Student Union, 90; and the Library, Administration Building, 129. A total of 3,171 persons, approximately 895 students, can find refuge in the basements at NWC, and there are only 1,415 students enrolled, so there is room for 666 more should there be any late arrivals from the C. D. storm blow.

According to Vernor Young, NWC Housing director, if a tornado warning was sound, campus security would be alerted before the city’s sirens were blown, by the radio link with the Miami Police Department. Security would alert the dorm mothers, who would then send all students to the basements, one floor of the residence halls. If no one answered to the proctor’s knock, the door would be opened with a pass key, to make sure the occupant was not asleep. The students would then be directed to take shelter in the basements.

There is no set plan or action for students in class rooms, in the event of a tornado warning. According to D. Charles Anglin, dean of instruction, students would be led to shelter as best as possible, depending on the amount of time between the actual tornado and the warning.

If you are not on open country, you can also stay in your car, drive away from the tornado at a right angle. If the funnel appears to be standing still, take cover, it is an order, straight at you. In the open land best place to stand shelter is in the vehicles, use a ditch, such as a ditch, or ravine.

Donors Needed
Bloodmobile Plans Visit

Blood donations for the American Red Cross will be accepted April 8, from 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the Harris-Dobson lounge.

According to Marjory Krutolf, executive secretary of the Ottawa County Chapter of the Red Cross, 26 units of the lifesaving fluid will be the goal for the Bloodmobile’s second visit to the Northeastern A&M campus this school year.

‘Anyone donating blood will be covered for a year. Should you or any member of your family, including grandparents, need blood,’ stated Mrs. Krutolof.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 65, and must weigh at least 110 pounds. Persons 15 years of age may give blood, providing they have parental permission.

Cookout Day To Feature Free Dinner

‘The Student Senate cookout will be held April 3 at the field near Tar Creek,’ stated Marcus Hill, Student Senate President.

Cookout day consists of an outdoor supper and an outdoor dance during the night. There will also be volleyball. Supper will start at 6 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m.

‘Roofer’ has been selected as the band to play at the cookout after the supper.

‘Cookout meals will be free, but everyone must pick up a ticket in the Student Union on the day of the cookout,’ commented Miss Hill. ‘Food for the meals will probably be either hamburgers or barbecued chicken.’

Folk Drama Cast

Folk Drama has cast its performers for upcoming shows throughout the season. ‘Dark of the Moon’, to be presented April 21 at 8 p.m.

Scott Tyler, Tulsa, and Rhonda Clark, Aurora, Minnesota, have been cast in the lead roles of John and Barbara Allen, whom he loves.

Supporting roles are held by Tony Garrett, Chelsea, Marsch Smith, McGlashan, and Dennis Woods, Fitcher.

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Social Security Insurance Plan?

"Nearly four decades of half-truths have finally caught up with Social Security. The system is as sound today as it has ever been, but Social Security Administration officials are trying to convince a suddenly skeptical public that the program is not on the edge of bankruptcy. They are having a hard time because so many years before promised that Social Security is an insurance plan.

"The immediate source of concern is the Social Security trust fund, which in the popular mind has become analogous to the reserves insurance companies set aside to make sure they can pay claims in the future. The Social Security trust fund now stands at $46 billion, but last year dropped by $1.8 billion as Social Security tax collections fell behind benefits paid out. This year benefit payments of $76.2 billion are expected to run $6.4 billion above income, pulling the trust fund down to less than $40 billion. By 1981, according to projections in the President's budget, the fund will be depleted to $23.4 billion. Many of the 32 million people who get Social Security checks—15% of the entire U.S. population—are afraid that the fund will become exhausted and their benefits at some future date stop." stated an article in the Feb 16 issue of "Time."

Under a straight insurance plan, individuals pay premiums and are in return a policy promising to pay a certain sum to his heirs if he dies early, or to himself if he lives long enough to retire. The payments are determined strictly by the size of the premiums paid. The original Social Security Act of 1935 set up the system in much the same way workers would pay taxes that would be a kind of premium and "earn" the right to receive benefits when they retired.

But, in 1939, before the first benefits were paid, Congress amended the act to base payments partly on a concept foreign to true insurance. Low-income workers get retirement benefits that replace a larger proportion of their former earnings than the benefits of high-income workers do. A retired worker with dependents collects more than one-third, while an FHA has both paid exactly the same amount of taxes into the system, and there is a minimum level of benefits available to someone who has paid very, very little.

"As a result, Social Security has become not insurance, but what everyone calls an "intergenerational transfer program." Today's workers pay taxes to support yesterday's workers who are retired or disabled. In turn, today's workers must rely on the willingness of their children's and grandchildren's generations to continue to make this sort of transfer. Thus the trust fund is not, never has been, and never can be large enough to meet all potential claims on the system: that would require assets of trillions of dollars. Its true purpose is to provide a cushion out of which benefits can be paid while Government officials decide how to meet financial needs.

The question is: "How much are the American people willing to pay for what level of benefits?" That is a question that the nation must face up to and soon.

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Musical Smash Hit

By DONA CARROLL

All too often, the students and faculty of Northeastern's A.D.D., take our outstanding theatrical department for granted. And if we turn a blind eye or pay them tribute for all the effort and hard work that goes into a drama production.

Their recent rendition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical comedy "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning" deserves recognition. Performed as a special musical salute to our nation's bicentennial, it played before a capacity crowd almost every night.

The cast, headed by Jerold Graham, was so realistic as to make the audience think that they were really on the plains of Oklahoma. J. I. Quinn, lighting supervisor, added to the special atmosphere created by Graham by various changes made in the lighting ranging from the subtle to the bold. The technical crew did such a good job in the change of scenery that almost no interruption at all took place.

Don and Maria Nihon headed up the costume department that produced a magnificent array of period apparel. Cindy Crewe, a student at NEO, was responsible for the choreography in the production. The did a great job with the cast and bleu scene in which she performed was impressive. Dr. Robert Swanon directed the orchestra that accompanied the musical throughout. They did an excellent job and should be commended.

Don Nihon was the vocal director of "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning" and I'm sure your parents would be proud to know he did an excellent job. Bill White, Chairman of the Drama Department, directed the production and in this case, gave special recognition for a job well done.

Lynch's Babies

The actors were the ones that really set the play off and one who certainly deserves a lot of credit for the success of the musical is Keith Lynch, who portrayed one of the lead roles. Lynch possesses a beautiful clear voice that seemed to fill the auditorium every time he sang a song. Enough can not be said about his vocal ability. His acting was also very good although sometimes it would tend to slip towards the lyrical side but the situation would soon remedy itself and he was back in control again giving an excellent performance.

Don Wheeler, who portrayed the female lead, was another standout. Her voice, though not as strong and articulate as Lynch's, came across well. Her enthusiastic attitude toward acting certainly contributed to her excellent performance. Though at times she overacted just a bit it really wasn't noticeable and she would tone it down to produce an outstanding result.

Terri Wilson seemed to be a crowd favorite. Her outspokenness combined with her height and ability to produce a characterization that the audience loved. Will Gaddie portrayed Terri's counterpart and did a good job. He played the male lead very well.

Story Neighbors played the Puritan peddler man All Haskin. His entire being was the laugh long after he left the stage.

Susan Hallahan turned in a role characterized as "Aunt Elmer." She always seemed to be right on cue and she added a dash of humorous sarcasm to the show.

Jim Reid played the part of "Old Pry" and was not only completely looked mean and tough. His performance was really good. Jo Ann Clark really did not have a large part but she seemed to stick in the audience's mind whenever she would do her scene for the night.

I think we may have a counterpart to Arnold Schwartz on the NEO campus. Penny Lee should be recognized for the gracefulness she exhibited in her dancing role and although she did not do a long vocal solo she did a great job and danced very well. All other cast members deserve a pat on the back because of the staging and special effects.

Two people that realize what goes into the presentation of a musical production but it does require a lot of time, effort and hard work. So let it be said that the people involved in much needed recognition and hope they will continue to produce such excellent productions in the future.

NEO's Carter

D.C. Bound

Mrs. Mildred Carter, business manager, represented Northeastern's A.D.D. in Washington, D.C. March 19-20 as a member of the National Science Foundation review panel.

She was invited to assist the NSF in reviewing proposals submitted to the Improvisational Assistance to Undergraduate Science Education Program which requests funding for improvement of the effectiveness of science education in institutions of higher education.

The panel, consisting of scientists and educators, reviewed proposals submitted by colleges and universities asking funding for their plans to improve science courses.

The reason NSF asked the educational leaders to the conference was due to the heavy increase in requests for funds.

The NCAA rarely, if ever, changes its decisions, as evidenced by the failure last year of United Artists to get Roller- skate's rating to a PG.

Jack Valenti, president of the NCAA, maintains on the other hand, that "this judgement applies to this specific film only. "PRESIDENT'S MEN contains no violence, no sex, and if it wasn't for the language factor, it would be a G picture."

Code and rating chairman Richard Heffner explained in a statement that the difference in this picture from others in that it is "a most important motion picture that surpasses in historical significance the reversional book on which it is based." In other words, whether it wants it or not, the NCAA is saying it's all right to any four-letter words in a G-rated movie. Doug McClure and Peter Cushing will star in Edgar Rice Burroughs' THE EARTH'S CORE, produced by American International Pictures, who are also producing a sequel to WESKTORE WORLD called FUTUREWORLD.

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**Norse Take Doubleheader To Open Baseball Season.**

By Scott Littlefield

Larry Shackelford fired a six-hitter and the Norse Junction defeated Neosho Community College 8-0 Wednesday to open the season. The Norse won the second game 5-1. The Norse are 2-0 for the season.

Shackelford was the star as well as the man in the No. 1 spot of the rotation. He carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning and even after giving up his first hit, he showed no signs of getting nervous. "I felt real good out there," Shackelford said. "We really needed a good game and I think we did it." The Norse were looking for a good start of the season and Shackelford gave them exactly that.

In the first game the Norse scored two runs in the first inning on an error and a wild pitch. The Norse then added three more runs in the fourth inning on a double by Shackelford and singles by Tony Hild and Doug Miller. In the fifth inning, the Norse added another run on a single by Shackelford and a wild pitch to make it 8-0 Norse. The Norse then added another run in the sixth inning to make it 9-0, but the Norse left two runners on base and didn't score.

In the second game the Norse were looking to build on their first game win. They started off with a bang as Shackelford pitched a no-hitter through the first five innings. The Norse added a single run in the second inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse added another run in the third inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse then added another run in the fourth inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse then added another run in the fourth inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse then added another run in the fourth inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse then added another run in the fourth inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. The Norse then added another run in the fourth inning on a single by Shackelford and a sacrifice fly by Tony Hild. 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Norse Thinclads
In Arkansas Meet

By CHARLES GERHARD

Steeplechase

Traveling in Fayetteville, Ark. Saturday, the Northeastern A&M Golden Norse track squad will compete in the Arkansas Relays for the third outdoor meet of the season. Entries for the Norse in the field events are Kyle McKinley, sophomore from Picker; Dan Pedgrett, Oklahoma City freshman; Horace Bowell, Savannah, Fla., freshman; all in the sprints. McKinley, David White, Buck Hill, S. C., freshman, and Tim Vitali, Harrah, freshman, will participate in the three-thower. Norse’s entries in the long jump triple jump are White, Larr; Lauderdale, Caressville, Mo., freshman; Greg Diaco; Cleveland, freshman; John White, Harrah, freshman, and John Siegler, Warren, Okla., freshman. Representing the Norse in the high jump will be David White, Harrah, Oklahoma City, Mo., freshman, and Randy Prather, Golden City, Mo., sophomore.

DIVING IN—Northeastern A&M’s Golden Norse basketball will face the Red Ravens at 1 p.m. doubleheader.

First baseman Jim Eaton, 1st, 170, from Tulsa, and centerfielder Richard ‘Punkin’ King, 5’4, 175, are the only returning starters from last season. Last year Eaton batted .364 with 13 hits and six runs batted in. King hit .348 as a freshman with 14 hits and nine RBIs.

Last season coach Bob Maxwell’s Norse finished with a 6-8 record while finishing fourth in the Bi-State conference with a .500 mark.

Joining Eaton in the infield for the Norse will be freshmen Greg Johnson, 5’11, 170, from Chicago, Ill.; Scott Liddlefard, 5’10, 185, Visalia, in right.

Although we are young and inexperienced, we seem to be very sound fundamentally and only time will tell how strong we are on defense,” Maxwell explained.

Following the doubleheader, the Norse will host Iowa Western Junior College from Clarinda, Iowa.

Baseballers On The Road Against Coffeyville Squad

Traveling to Coffeyville on Mar. 28, Northeastern A&M’s Golden Norse baseball squad will face the Red Ravens in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

Probable starters for the Norsemen in the outfield along with King will be freshmen Rodney Madden, 6’4, 180, Pryor, in left, and Scott Liddlefard, 5’10, 185, Visalia, in right.

Linksters Compete Against Westark

Northeastern A&M’s golf team, coached by Al Moffett, continue competition in the spring portion of their schedule by traveling to Ft. Smith, Ark., to compete in the Westark Community College Tournament, March 19.

In recent action on the Elk River Golf Course in Nokomis, Mo., the Norse’s Red Hat was the No. 1 player in the fourth annual Crowder College Invitational Tournament. Hat carded a 72 to capture medalist honors.

The defending champion Rough Riders from Crowder won the team title with a score of 311. Next were Norse, 313, Seminole, 317, and Claremore, 327. Four other teams in the tournament were far behind the leaders.

Following出入 were Dave Lippert, Seminole, 74; John Wodon, Crowder, 75, and 77 each by Mike Magill of Norse and Keith Shack, Claremore.

This was the first year for the tourney to be held at Elk River. Previous meets have been in Nebraska, home of Crowder College.

The tournament at Ft. Smith, Ark., will involve other teams from the Bi-State Conference besides Norse and Westark. Following the Westark meet, the Norse linksters will compete in the Seminole Junior College Tournament, April 5, at Seminole, and at the Oklahoma City Southwestern tournament the day after, April 9, in Oklahoma City.

Steve Bussard

Northeastern A&M’s second star finish in the Region 11 tournament, held recently in Ada, may have surprised a few Norsemen who figured on the Norsemen finishing moderately well in the tournament.

The fact that Norse fell a mere four points short of Region 11 title with a 13 man roster containing nine yearlings, should bring a smile to the face of Norse head coach Cletus Green.

Returning in next year’s team will be this year’s top four scorers, including Cedric Fears, who finished the season with a 33.5 points a game average.

The Norse went into the title game with Conners State in the favorite role after buzzing first round opponent Arkansas State, 119-98, then topping Tuskegee’s Murray State Aggies, 84-63. Murray went into the tournament with the best NCAA record of the six teams involved, and with the number one seed. Wayne Cobb and Aggies folded under a strong Norse press, and the Norse took Conners for the championship.

In the title game with Conners, the Norsemen played Cowboys fairly even in the first half, trailing by only a point at halftime. The Norse appeared to get a big break when Conners 4-4 center, James Bradley drew three first half personal fouls, Bradley, a high school All-American from Merced, Tex., did not start for the Cowboys in the second half.

There to take up the slack in Bradley’s absence were forward Willie Glover, center, whose 4-10 shooting and costly NEO turnovers, delivered a fatal blow to the Norsemen. Glover was later named the tournament outstanding player.

In the NCAA Tournament at Hutchinson, Kan., Conners bullied their way to a 73-72 freshman over State Fair of Sedalia, Mo., for the first time in school history.

Region II All-Tourney Stars Named

Two members of Northeastern A&M’s Golden Norse basketball squad were named to the Region II All-Tournament team following the Region II tournament at East Central State University in Ada.

Freshmen Larry Byrd and Cedric Fears, both from Houston, Texas, received the honors for NEO. Byrd, 6-4, was selected at the guard position. Byrd led the Norse in points from the field and 1 of 2 from the line for 43 points and 15 rebounds.

The three others named to the team were: James Bradley, 6-4, at center, and Willie Glover, 6-4, forward, both from Conners State College at Warner, and Mark Trammell, 6-4, guard from Murray State College at Thibodaux.

Glover was also named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.
Livestock Team Receives Honors

By Alvin Mennele

Northeastern A&M Livestock judging team captured top honors at the annual Inter-Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held recently. Sponsored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the event attracted 46 teams representing 38 states. An awards banquet was also given sponsored by the Fecon Construction Company of Houston.

With judging occurring in 13 classes of livestock with five sets of oral reasons the Norse judging team high team honors with 588 points. 46 points ahead of the Fort Scott Community College team, who placed second.

Coached by Jary Douglas, agriculture instructor at NCC, the NCC team consisted of Rich Northwest, Michael McDonald, Jr., and Russell Benfield. Alternates included Darrell Hull, Wynona, Phil Harvan, Broken Arrow, James Rowbotham, Locust Grove, and Ralph Waits, Miami. The NCC team took first place in cattle judging and oral reasons and second place in swine judging and horse judging. Individual leaders for NCC were Kim Breden, multiple placers in beef shows, and Rich Northwest, multiple placers in beef shows.

Aggies Plan Fund Raising

Northeastern A&M's Aggie Society is sponsoring a drawing for a Gibson Ford Roadster, according to J. W. Williams, club president.

Tickets for the 3rd channel Midland SEB C radio may be purchased by any Aggie Society member for a $30 donation. The funds from the sale will be used to purchase trophies for awards during the college's annual Aggie Day, scheduled for April 1. The drawing for the CIS will be at the Aggie Day awards program.

Also discussed in the meeting was the Aggie Day activities. Jary Douglas, agriculture instructor, said that all club members would be working during Aggie Day.

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