Military Readiness Causes Drafting Controversy

By Becky Peterson
Managing Editor

During peacetime, the thought of another possible world war is threatening and being drafted is something that seems to spell doom to those who think about it. Loss of freedom, being forced to fight against one’s will and possibly death often sound synonymous to the word war in some people’s minds.

TALK AND controversy over the topic of the draft have added to the confusion of young people today. Newcomers as young persons reach the age of 18, the issue of war is something that seems to be on their minds.

"There is no law requiring a man to go to war," said a recent draft board spokesman. The lack of law may be a reason for the reluctance of the public to do anything about the draft.

"We are trying to show young people that the draft is not as bad as they think. We want them to understand that they have a choice," said a draft board spokesman.

The draft board is trying to reach young people through various means to explain the process of volunteering. "We want them to realize that they do not have to go to war," said a draft board spokesman.

Milt Metcalfe, Sergeant First Class and local Army recruiting officer, said, "The draft is not as bad as it seems. It is a way of life." He added, "The draft is a way of life and it is not as bad as it seems. It is a way of life and it is not as bad as it seems."

Last Week Play Blends Style

By Cathy Spaulding
Reporter-Editor

The way things appear from different points of view is the underlying theme behind the upcoming NEO production of "Rashomon" by Faye and Richard Kenney, directed by John M. "Rashomon" opens Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

"Rashomon" is a play by two different Japanese writers. The play is a story of a man who is found guilty of murder and is sentenced to death.

The play is a commentary on the human condition and the role of memory in shaping our perceptions of reality.

The play opens at the beginning of the trial and the jury members are presented with different versions of the story.

One version is told by the wife of the victim, who claims that her husband was killed by a bandit named Tajimura.

Another version is told by the bandit himself, who claims that he was forced to kill the man to prevent him from exposing a crime.

The third version is told by the daughter of the victim, who claims that the man was killed in self-defense.

The play ends with the members of the jury trying to piece together the truth, each with their own version of the story.

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Suicide Attempts Rank Top in Deaths

By Cathy Spradling

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all names appearing in this article will be fictitious.

Jen D. is a religious girl. Right, correct, and very popular, she was a leader in the NNO campus security organization. Occasionally she would be seen with John Barrie, a popular student and personal guidance counselor. John was the person Jen D. had attempted suicide.

Suddenly she found herself face to face with him. She was not alone, as she had planned. He was not alone, as she had planned. Not everyone makes it. He had come from a broken home, had a broken relationship with his girlfriend. One student who knew the girl remembers, "It was a step decision. I had been with her the day she did it and there was no indication that she would do such a thing."

What should a person do if he or she encounters a suicide attempter? The first thing to do is to act fast. Do not leave him or her alone. Next, ask the attempter other alternatives. Stay with him until he has overcome his urge. Finally, be patient and understand him.

What students who attempt suicide need is a cure for their depression, and sometimes they know what they need. But for Jen D., it was not enough. She said, "I'm not atoned for what I've done. I know the reason why I did it."

By Dana Eversole

The nursing community is losing a very devoted instructor after 12 years of teaching. At NNO, Eula H. Barrow has been retired because of the mandatory retirement regulations.

Barrow, who began her education when she was 47 years old, sent out applications to several nursing schools. "When I graduated from high school I wanted to become a nurse but my father would not hear of it," explained Barrow. "I wanted all my children to be nurses, too."

Duncan, who has taught for 17 years, is also retiring because of the same regulations. "My daughter and I are teaching together," said Duncan. "This is a chance for me to relax and enjoy my retirement."

TRINITY LUTHERAN HOSPITAL is preparing for a new year by making changes. "I decided to retire at the end of the academic year because I want to focus on my health," said Duncan. "I have been diagnosed with cancer and I want to use my time to focus on my health."

Duncan is the head of the nursing department, which has been named after her in honor of her dedication and service to the hospital. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to work here," said Duncan. "I have enjoyed every moment of my career."

Duncan has taught almost every course offered in the nursing program at NNO. "I enjoy being an instructor and working with students," commented Duncan.

Returning to teaching doesn't mean that Duncan will become inactive. "I plan on working on two local nursing homes and will be here for a year," said Duncan. "I am glad to have been a part of this."

The NNO Nursing Department has done a tremendous job since being under the leadership of Duncan. "I am glad to have been a part of this," said Duncan. "I am glad to have been a part of this."

Duncan is involved in many community affairs such as the Northeast Oklahoma Alcoholism Treatment program, the Oklahoma State Mental Health Division, and the upcoming presidency for the Miami Business and Professional Women's Organization.

NURSING is very demanding emotionally and physically. "It's been a great experience," concluded Duncan.

This is a photographer's interpretation of suicide. Suicide is the third highest cause of death for persons 15-24 and the second highest for college students.

By Mike Higginbotham
Wilholt Plans City Management

By Ruby Cavins

"If you take something from the community, you should be willing to give something back," commissioner Dr. J.D. Wilholt, newly elected mayor of Miami, said last week.

Dr. Wilholt won last week's city election by a narrow margin, 59 votes. "I have been a resident of Miami for almost 19 years, and I decided it was time for me to attempt to return something to the community, if the public so desired," stated the mayor-elect.

CURRENTLY DR. WILHOLT is serving as assistant dean of occupational education and is the technology division chairman. "If you are not active within the community, you don’t have the right to complain. If you don’t initiate changes, you cannot expect the status quo to be offered Dr. Wilholt.

Dr. Wilholt’s campaign for mayor began in early March, just under a month prior to the election. "I chose to keep a low profile during the campaign and not to make a lot of promises that couldn’t be kept, but to guarantee good sound government in a dignified manner, explained Dr. Wilholt.

Even though the mayor’s race was won between two candidates, Dr. Wilholt’s opponent, Bill Miller, then City Treasurer and district four councilman, left a stark reminder. "YOU DON’T ENTER a race unless you expect to win, commented Dr. Wilholt. However, I am sharply opposed to people seeking public office and making promises they have no intention of keeping, or the power to fulfill them, if they are elected."

"People lack trust in city and county government and most officials. Government should be run by concerned people with no need to grind, and who are in the interest of those who want to serve the people in the same manner in which they would like to be served," Dr. Wilholt remarked.

"It is time for each of us who has said, "let the other guy do it," grab hold of the reins and run government the way we would like to see it run. All the decisions I make as mayor will not be right, nor will all of them be popular with the people of Miami, but as long as those decisions are made fairly and honestly, I don’t think we have to make excuses for anyone," the mayor-elect commented.

"I FEEL a public official should be elected on his own merits. Misjudging, and trying to discredit an opponent is totally against any principals, if those kind of tactics become apparent, it’s time to admit defeat," Dr. Wilholt emphasized.

"Serving Miami, Oklahoma, as a not a privilege restricted to businesses of main street. We all have that responsibility, and we need to exercise it in whatever way we see fit," Dr. Wilholt commented.

During his term as mayor, Dr. Wilholt will continue to serve as chairman of the technology division. "Just because a person works for the college (NEO), there is no reason he should lack the right of citizenship, and not be extended the privilege of serving the community with his experience and training," said Dr. Wilholt.

"THERE WILL BE no concepts of tenure. Most of the functions of the mayor are performed in the evening, but there is no doubt that some activities will take place during my 8-5 working hours, but I plan to minimize them as much as possible," explained Dr. Wilholt.

"AT times things will be hectic, but this is something I expected," Walter Beckham is the city administrator, and it is his job to assist, administrate for, and advise me in the evening. He is a highly trained city administrator, and I trust him as the great senior staff in his administrative role," commended Dr. Wilholt.

Dr. Wilholt has already outlined tentative plans for his administrative role, and expects to finalize these plans early this month for his two-year term.

DR. WILHOLT is a native of Enid, a graduate of Enid High School, and a United States Navy Air Corps veteran. He received his bachelor’s degree in engineering technology management from Oklahoma State University, a master’s degree in management from the University of Arkansas, and a master’s degree in administration of vocational-technical administrative education from the University of Oklahoma.

He has also attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the University of Tennessee, and the University of Miami. Dr. Wilholt’s wife, Rose Marie will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

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New Appointees

Clark Dugger, left, and Dr. Bob Wylly, were both appointed to new positions last week. Dr. Wylly will head the Fine Arts Department, and Dr. Wylly will head the Business Department.

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Regent’s Decision

Divisions Gain Chairmen

By Dana Eversole

Two division chairmen have been named to head the NEO business and fine arts department.

Dr. Bob Wylly will head the business department and Clark Dugger will be chairman of the fine arts division. Both of these appointments were announced at the Board of Regents meeting held last week.

Dr. Wylly has been a member of the NEO teaching staff at least two years and is a 25-year veteran of the United States Navy. While in the navy, Wylly served as flight and ground school instructor in Jacksonville, Fla., and as administrator of curricular, training methods, and selection standards for all technical training in the air arm of the navy.

Dr. Wylly was also planning officer for the naval air maintenance training group headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., and was involved in planning curricular and manpower management for 1,500 military instructor positions.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Oklahoma State University; a master’s degree in management from the U.S. Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.; and a degree in higher education, from the University of Arkansas. Wylly retired at the rank of commander in 1972.

"WE WOULD LIKE to modernize the curriculum by promoting an emphasis on recruiting students for business, commented Dr. Wylly. "I would like to travel around the area and develop contacts among better high schools who wish to go to school only two years and get a job."

"I’m really happy to be in this position, because I think I can be of better service to the college in this capacity than as an instructor. "NEO is in far better resid...

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Norse Baseballers Drop In Weekend Double-Dip

By Jamie Smith
Sports Editor
Golden Norse baseballers completed a sweep of the weekend as they hosted a double-dip with Bacon and Latrobe County in the leading game. When they were leading the doubleheader in only one run to two runs in the leading game, with five runs on eight hits in the elevation game.

Freshman Jim Champion started the opener for the Norse baseballers, and the Norse baseballers hosted a double-dip with Bacon and Latrobe County with scores of 11-1 and 5-4 on Sunday afternoon.

UTILIZING THE PITCHERS: The Norse baseballers utilized three pitchers, the hurlers had three batters each in the first inning and the doubleheader with Bacon and Latrobe County.

The Norsemen split the doubleheader with the Cardinals of Latrobe County with scores of 11-1 and 5-4 in the first inning.

The Norsemen split the second game with Bacon and Latrobe County with scores of 11-1 and 5-4 in three innings.

THE BACON WARRIORS nipped a pair of wins over the Norse baseballers on the doubleheader played at the Norse park on Saturday.

The Warriors nabbed a 10-0 lead in the second game on a two-out double by Larry Dink, to sweep Bacon in the second game of the Norse in a Bi-State conference game.

NDSU had several opportunities to score, but their efforts were in vain as the Norse baseballers stranded runners unable to drive in a score.

A BACON HOMER by Kemp led the scoring for the opening game. Bacon scored their lead of 5-0 with four runs in the fourth.

NEO scored twice in the fourth as Archibald led off with a single, scored on a double by Boyer and finally scored on a wild pitch. Bacon led off with a single by Granston, but Plateau and Chick reached on a double by Kemp and scored the run.

The Norse baseballers were unable to score in the fifth inning, and Bacon led off with a single by Plateau and scored another run on a single by Kemp to score the run in the inning.

The Norse baseballers were outscored by Bacon in the fifth inning and scored another run on a single by Kemp to score the run in the inning.
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T'Birds Nab Norse Title

Steve Barker of Claremore Junior College finished with a three-over-par score of 147 to give the Thunderbirds a first place in the 1979 annual NEO Spring Invitational golf tournament last Tuesday.

The Golden Norsemen settled for second place scoring 614 to Clarksaville's 560. Wewoka of Fort Smith, Ark. finished third in the competition with a two-round score of 623 while Seminole was fourth at 657 and Lawton County of Parsons, Ks., was fifth at 707.

The win for Claremore snapped the Norse's two year string of consecutive tournament titles. The Thunderbirds also won in 1973.

Bob Stable and Terry Trumile paced NEO's efforts with scores of 152 each. Single rounds of 76 and 76 by Stapleton and Trumile pushed the Norsemen's team score to 623 while Seminole was fourth at 657 and Lawton County of Parsons, Ks., was fifth at 707.

The Norsemen are concluding active today at Tishkana in the two-day Northern Invitational.

Soccer Team Defeats Foes For 2-0 Mark

Gholam Kamalvand scored five goals to lead the NEO soccer squad to a 9-2 rout over Cowdor last Friday at Neosho, Mo.

The victory raised NEO's record to 2-0 after defeating Claremore last week.

In the Contest with Cowdor, Bidum Jari scored NEO's first goal on a rebound shot and Kamalvand connected on his first goal only minutes later to give the Norse a 2-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, the outstanding Roughriders were out scored as Jari sandwiched his second goal of the match around two more goals by Kamalvand. As Ghaemgiyu scored to end the scoring.

NEO's defense, led by Adesola Ajayi, Majid Ghassemi, Yelizava Gress and Shahab Rakhitdzadeh, allowed the Roughriders just three shots on goal in the first half.

HALFBACKS KAMAL KHALLILIAN, Hakam Faksh and Hamid Karimi controlled the ball and tempo throughout the match.

In the Claremore match, player-coach Khalilian put NEO in front early in the match with a hard shot that ricocheted off the bar and just manages to find the net. The Norse then led 2-0 before Charles Bates scored a goal on a shot from 10 yards out for the Norse to up the lead to 5-1.

The Thunderbirds scored late in the game for the final 5-2 margin.

The NEO will host Claremore tomorrow at the NEO soccer field in a 2 pm match.
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Acorn Treasure Signifies Easter

The nippy weather may be deceiving, but we are now caught up in the whirlwind of spring. A large part of the gaiety of spring is the bright, colorful holiday, Easter.

Easter is a wonderful holiday for many with its pastel-colored eggs, fluffy bunnies, chicks and ducklings. Easter is the holiday which prompts many to buy spring wardrobes in a romantic dress parade, as if the Grand Lady in the Easter parade. Easter is also one of the few Sundays when people feel driven to attend church.

In the midst of all this gaiety and delight, I am reminded of the story of a child and an acorn. A little boy was walking to school one day, just like he had always done in the past, when he noticed an acorn on the ground. Not the biggest or best acorns in the world, but it was still a treasure for the lad. Proudly he took it to school and displayed it to his friends, who failed to marvel at his finding. Who cares about acorns when there are so many oak trees?" they would say.

But the boy kept his acorn. It meant a lot to him. Daily, he would take it out, polish it, and carry it to school as sort of a good luck charm. His classmates were getting tired of his devotion to this "useless acorn." One spring Friday, they seized the acorn from the boy, took it to an open field, and buried it.

Heartbroken, the boy ran to his room locked the door, and wept. He knew what had happened to his acorn. "The acorn will die buried so deep in the ground like that." He cried, and the boy grew into a man.

He had responsibilities, yet at times he would sit brooding over the loss of his acorn so many years earlier.

One Sunday, he, by chance, passed the open field he knew as a boy. He stopped, looked, and saw the biggest, most massive, glorious oak tree he had ever seen.

Undeniably, he was amazed at the sight. Yet, there was something special about that tree—an air of familiarity. "Could it be... he thought, "could it be that after all these years...?"

He ran to the tree, gazed into its strong boughs, and saw hundreds of little acorns like the one he cherished as a child. Yes, acorns did live, and bury all of these acorns, has borne fruit. It could not have done that if it had remained an acorn. It had grown into the massive oak tree that all his boyhood friends were searching for.

This Easter, celebrate the gaiety, the fun, and the warm weather. Then celebrate the Acorn and the New Life that Easter is all about.

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