Chancellor Featured Speaker

By: Chuck F. Polk

Dr. Joe A. Leone, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, will present the commencement address at approximately 12:50 graduating students on Friday, May 8, in the gymnasium at Robertson Field. Dr. Leone became the sixth chancellor of the University of Oklahoma on Jan. 1, 1992. Prior to this time, he served as Executive Vice Chancellor, having served in that position in 1990.

Serving as president of the University of Oklahoma from 1972 to 1990, Dr. Leone has held a number of administrative positions in the state. His academic career includes a total of 25 years in public education in the state of Oklahoma. He has been a member of the American College of Education at the University of Oklahoma, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and the American Association of Higher Education.

Chancellor Leone received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma, his graduate degree in education from the University of Iowa, and his doctorate in education from the University of Oklahoma.

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Test classes regularly meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday:

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From Past Week

Approximately 452 students have participated in the first week of pre-enrollment for the upcoming fall semester. According to Chancellor Leone, a total of 175 students have currently enrolled for the fall semester.

Enrollment at NEO with the number of students attending has increased. freshmen.

On Friday, April 24, the enrollment opened for freshmen. Students are encouraged to enroll through the second week of the fall semester.

For further information about enrollment procedures contact the Registrar's office.

Times Scheduled

For Selling Books

Next Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00-11:45 a.m., the books of past semesters will be sold back to the bookstore. Students are encouraged to bring all of their books to sell.

DEDICATION

Photo by Tam McElroy

Staff Commends Retiring President

By Ann Ayers

Editorial

We would like to commend Dr. Dale Creech, president, for his endless contributions to the growth and development of this institution over the past 12 and one half years.

Through his service and dedication he has helped build our college into one of the finest Junior Colleges in Oklahoma. In 1983, our college offers more faculty and programs than ever before, we owe a special thanks to Dr. Creech.

In the past Dr. Creech has not only served his country in the Navy, but he has also helped build the Oklahoma Educational system by teaching, serving as principal, superintendent of schools, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and serving his country as a service officer in our 11th president.

One part of college that many students overlook is that of budgeting funds, and because of Dr. Creech's expert abilities and advice in this field we have a finer institution than most.

We, as students come and go from this college, but the spirit remains with us. This spirit has been built through the years with the careful guidance of Dr. Creech. As this great man moves on into retirement he leaves that spirit for all who've yet to come here and experience NEO, leaving the true meaning of, "Once a Norseman, Always a Norseman."
Seasonal Sunbathing Perpetuates Sunburn

With warmer weather coming many people will be lacing on suntan lotion and hoping to get a suntan however, overuse of sun screen can lead to sunburn which can even be extremely serious.

When you get a sunburn your skin actually burns from three ultra violet rays. You can get first, second and third degree burns from the sun, said Ralph Duncan, registered nurse at Gardner-Webb University.

There is a right way and a wrong way to go about attempting to get a tan. There are also precautions that can be taken to avoid burning.

"The wrong way is when you begin to tan in the sun and lay there. And that's what usually happens, you should begin with about 10 minutes exposure, increasing with five minutes and using a sunscreen," said Duncan.

"Anyone needs to use a lot of caution when you are a body of water where you might get the reflection of the sun off the water. Some of the worst burns I've seen were when people had been in the shade all day and then got the reflection of the sun off the water," Duncan related.

"The amount of time required in order to get a good skin differs from person to person but everyone should protect themselves.

"The time that it takes is an individual thing. You tan gradually and if you're going to take out any extra time over in 10 minutes put on extra sunscreen to keep from burning. The main thing is to stay out small periods of time gradually getting longer and use a sun blocking cream with at least a 12 rating but preferably a 15," advised Duncan.

"Some good sunscreens with a rating of 12 include: Bain de Soleil Ultra Sun Block made in division of Charles of the Ritz; Revlon has a moisturizing sun protective sun block cream; Sun Care by Elizabeth Arden; and Total Edge by Neutrogena, which is a division of Algenan.

"If you get a sun blocking cream with less than a 12, then you're just throwing your money away," opined Duncan.

Depending upon the intensity of the sunlight there are some times which are better for laying out than other times are.

"Early morning or late afternoon is the best time. Not in the middle of the day when the sun is at its peak. It depends on the intensity of the sun. If the sun's not at its highest intensity -- anytime, Duncan said.

If a person does burn there are certain precautions which they should follow.

"If you get a mild burn, use it with a cold shower and a thin coat of A & D Ointment. It's a vitamin A and vitamin D ointment. For a more severe burn see your physician because sun burns can be very serious," concluded Duncan.

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Make your Reservations for graduation night

Northwestern State University's Thalians dominated the senior college division and NEO was a close winner in the junior college division at the spring competition of the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association held in Enid, last Thursday.

Fourteen pages were packed up by NEO who led the way in the junior college division, followed by South Oklahoma City Junior College's nine pages.

Jean Ann Javens, managing editor of the Norse Wind, received two awards, placing third in news writing and third in display advertising.

Julie English, editorial editor accepted first place for her entry in editorial writing.

Both sports editor placed in the category of sports feature: Steve Hill, Norse correspondent, taking first place and Steve Cower, Arkie freshman, following closely in second place.

Charles Allen, junior, Australia freshman and staff cartoonist, won third place in the open category for cartoons.

Lori McHaley, Norse correspondent and photography editor, placed in two categories: second in features photography and third in sports photography.

Individuals competing in the OAPC competition submitted five stories or pictures that had appeared in earlier editions of the Norse Wind.

SHAKEN

Tannoy Reigh, Commerce freshman and Mike Sherwin, Tulsa freshman receive a helping hand from a fireman in the mock disaster.

Retirement in May

To Read and Fish

By Donnie Sullivan

Freeman Editor

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Kritz started work at NEO in July 1912 and has really enjoyed her job. "I enjoy the association of the people I work around, they make the day go easier, plus being in the beautiful campus and around those nice people out there too," said Kritz.

"Besides working in the office around other people seems to take your mind off the everyday grind of the same old job," observed Kritz.

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Creech’s Education Legacy

By Juan Ann Jaynes
Managing Editor

A forty-four year career of service and dedication to Oklahoma education will officially come to an end May 31, when Dr. D. D. Creech, president, retires.

Dr. Creech was honored for his 12 and one half years of service at a dinner held April 23, in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. The dinner, was open to the public.

His career began as a school teacher in Camasi in 1938 and he also taught at Manistee before serving a stint in the Navy during World War II. He served as principal and teacher before becoming superintendent of schools at Fargo in 1947. Between 1950 and 1966 he was superintendent of schools in Ami, Vinita-Allen and Pryor.

In 1964 Dr. Creech became Superintendent of Public Instruction filing a vacancy left by the death of Dr. Oliver Hodge. He served in that capacity until Jan. 1970 when he became NED’s seventh president.

In a letter of resignation to the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and A&M Colleges Jan. 15, he noted that he will be 65 in August and felt it was time to make plans for retirement.

"The main reason I’m retiring is my age. I feel a person is cheating himself and the institution if he tries to go on after 65. Most people put their peak in efficiency and their physical endurance at 65 isn’t as good. As a nation we’ve accepted and poised a retirement plan for the aged," he said.

"I have no doubt that I could continue to do a good job but not as good as I used to do. I’ve devoted most of my time and energy to NED and now I want to pursue outside interests," Dr. Creech explained.

Dr. Creech and his wife Donnely also have some additional plans for retirement.

'We own a home in northeast Miami, I want to fix it up, work on the yard a while and travel. I guess we want to settle a wandering we have had for a while.

"We plan on going to the World’s Fair in Knoxville, then maybe Canada for the summer, back to Miami for the fall and probably visit Florida and the South during the cold months," he noted.

After traveling he hopes to find part-time employment but nothing on a full-time basis.
‘I have some opportunities out of state to teach part-time in junior college education but I really don’t have an interest in that. We don’t want to leave Miami, we like it here too well."

In may recall in some woodworking classes, I like to build but mainly I want to watch the flowers grow and listen to the birds sing," he laughingly explained.

Throughout his career Dr. Creech has been noted for his leadership ability and his sincere concern for the education process.

He served as state chairman of the Oklahoma Commission on Education in 1955, was president of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators in 1962-63, was president of the Oklahoma Association of Community and Junior Colleges in 1963-64 and was president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce in 1976.

In 1964 he earned his Doctorate of Education Degree in School Administration from Oklahoma University. The first superintendent of schools in Pryor to earn a doctorate degree, his doctoral dissertation was titled: "The Development and Application of an Evaluation Check List for Professional Associations of School Administrators."

Dr. Creech took that professional check-list approach to Oklahoma City as State Superintendent. While in office he became the first superintendent to present an education program to the state legislature.

Dr. Creech looked both Governor Dewey Barlett and legislators by presenting a report prepared by the South Central Region Education Laboratory, that downgraded Oklahoma elementary and secondary education.

Dr. Creech always pushed for more state funding of Oklahoma education. In 1969 he asked the legislature for an additional $10 million to bring the per pupil expenditure in Oklahoma up to the regional average.

During his tenure as State Superintendent, he was praised by the Tulsa and Oklahoma City press for his innovative approach to education.

A 1969 Daily Oklahoman editorial praised him for "Giving the State Department of Education Life."

"He was lauded by the Tulsa Tribune, by the Tulsa Tribune. "He has given more to Oklahoma in his brief tenure as chief of the State Department of Education than most of us realize."

Nor many men of Dr. Creech’s stripe come along in government at any level. His performance will affect the lives of boys and girls in Oklahoma for years to come."

His concerns for education continued when he became president here. Since taking over the administrative duties the college has increased in both enrollment and the number of college and staff employees as well as in the addition of a number of new programs.

"We’ve tried to institute some new programs relevant to the needs of the times here. For example, we have..."
Accentuates Long Illustrious Career

one of the finest computer science departments in the state, we've expanded our nursing program, developed an air-conditioning department, added histol- ogy and veterinary and upgraded our agriculture program and facilities.

"In addition we have a new television production program and have improved several other curriculums. But the improvements have really come through the quality of instruction. We're trying to have a good faculty and give them good equipment to work with," Dr. Crouch emphasized.

According to Dr. Crouch, NEO is an educational sound institution both in occupational programs and transfer programs. "The major advantage is our students are well prepared when they leave here," he said.

He feels the secret is offering quality education is having a good faculty and staff. "People are the most important ingredient in education. We must pay our people and we've always tried to pay well here. After you get the good staff then you must have good tools, equipment and facilities for them to work with," he noted.

"Until the past few years Oklahoma's priority for funding education has been among the poorest in the nation. Now because of the energy boom Oklahoma has really moved forward. We are one of the top states in the country in the percentage of increase in funding. Overall I believe the State of Oklahoma is in fine shape," he said.

Although Dr. Crouch hasn't experienced any major problems since coming here, he has had to deal with some things that were not as pleasant.

"I guess the most depressing thing we deal with is the decline in the real estate and the decline of school property by students. Some students show a complete lack of respect for public property.

"That has always been a problem and it isn't a unique problem for just us, other colleges also experience it," stated Dr. Crouch.

The long-time administrator sees two major challenges facing NEO and all educational institutions in the future. "The biggest challenge will be providing current and pertinent educational programs. Colleges will need to provide opportunities that will be useful and effective ten years down the road. We've got to change with the times," he continued.

"Trying to see what lies ahead and make changes to meet the needs is the hardest and most critical part for planning the future. Jefferson is also a problem. We've got to learn to live and work with it. Hopefully it is getting better.

"I've enjoyed by stay here. The real reward for being at an educational institution is being around the students, faculty and staff. I'll definitely miss the daily contact and seeing the students grow, learn and grow," he remarked.

Dr. Crouch will always be remembered for his service to this institution, not only by past students but also future students.

In its April meeting the board of Regents returned the library-administration building the Daily Crescent Library-Administrative Building.

"That's the least thing you could have done for me," named Dr. Crouch as he accepted the honor.

Carolyn Savage, Regent from Hominy and ex-chairman of the Board named Dr. Crouch "in a proven leader, accountable, capable and has always worked for the college's best interest."

"I think he has been a constant supporter and contributor to higher education in Oklahoma. He has been loyal and faithful to the A&M system and we will miss him greatly."

"Mr. Crouch has been very supportive and should be commended for the sacrifice she has made while Dr. Crouch has served," Savage commented.

"We wish him well in his future plans and I'm sure he'll be busy and not rocking away in a chair," she added.

FAMILY PORTRAIT

The Crouch family attended the retirement dinner together. Dr. Crouch and his wife, Dorothy, are shown here with their son, Bart Crouch, daughter, Jan Nunnally, son, Jon Crouch, and son-in-law, Mike Nunnally.

PIG AND A POKE

Jerald Callahan, outgoing chairman of the Agricultural Division, presents Dr. Crouch with a piglet during retirement festivities but the guest of honor.

BRONZE STATUE

Dr. Crouch admires the bronze replica of the Norman statue which was presented to him by sculptor Dr. Nicholas Callagho, Jerald Graham, and Marium Beach at the retirement banquet.

Photo by Tim McIver

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Year of Excellence Upheld in Sports

At Spring Banquet

Golden Norse athletes from the winter and spring sports were honored Monday night during the annual spring sports banquet at the Carter Student Union.

Highlighting the evening was the induction of 30 new members into the alumni "O" club. Included in the group of inductees were retiring D.D. Creek and Bob Lunsford, who is retiring after 17 years as bus driver for the Golden Norse athletic teams.

Fresman Kathe Unsworth, who broke the school single-season record for 1981-82 basketball campaign was awarded the most valuable player award by head coach Mark Sorensen.

David Allen and Vince Singleton, sophomore headed for Oklahoma Baptist and Long Beach State respectively, shared the award as most inspirational player.

Sophomores Jody Maxwell and Tina Cooper carried off all the major Lady Norse awards. Maxwell was the "Miss Hustle" and "Miss Defense" awards, along with plaques for being the team captain and the leader in free throw percentage, assists and steals.

All-American Mitch Bradley, a third place finisher in the NCAA national tournament with a 34-2 record, was named the outstanding wrestler.

Fresman Tony Anthony was the most improved wrestler while Bill Kelly received honors as the outstanding sophomore wrestler.

John Kurtz, first-year softball coach, prowled season opener Sharon Trash with a plaque as most valuable player.

While both baseball and softball are still going on with both teams heading into the Conference action Tim Bredice and Scott Langdon were recognized as making the all-region team.

Both men and women's track are still competing also but coach Rod Kramer presented plaques to sophomore Barbara Anderson and Deanna Peterson on the women's team and to Mark Myers, Mark Splitt, Mickey Niznik, Craig Walker, Cary Winkelman and Robert Ryan on the men's team.

Baseball

Mike Clark led his diamondmen to another successful season. Going into the regionals the baseballers record stands at 34-15. The state tournament season included 12 all-staters, most of which will be returning next season.

The year was highlighted with a perfect game thrown by Jim Yarbrough against Carl Albert. Sophomore pitcher Kevin Kirk led the Norsemen's pitching with a 5.0 record. The baseball team will be in Tulsa, at Summit Stadium.

Softball

Four-season head coach John Kurtz found that coaching a winning softball team had quite different aspects as opposed to coaching men. Despite all the problems the Lady Norse have won 16-6 record going into the district playoff next week.

Track

Strong showing on the Norse this season, head coach Red Kramer can look forward to another promising season.

With strong performances from sophomores Barbara Anderson, Mark Frasier, Mark Splitt, and Deanna Peterson, the hurdles were well represented and traveled.

At the tough Arkansas region held earlier this spring, fresh man Craig Hayes set a school record in the shot put with a throw of 157 feet.

Basketball

The team's success was fortunate to have one of the top teams in recent years this season. Summit was the number one player on the men's team. Brenda Gordon held down the number one position on the Lady team. Tracy Leazer was the other leader on the squad.
Diamondmen Enter Regional Play

By Irene Lott
Sports Writer

After a winning regular season with a 36-19 record that included a trip to the Region II playoffs, the Norsemen enter the Region II playoffs under coach Mike Clark at 2:30 Friday at Tulsia Robert Sunnen Stadium.

"We played like we were at the end of a 12-game season," said Golden Norse head coach Mike Clark after the Norsemen defeated the Region IV playoff team, Tulsia Robert Sunnen, 5-2. The Norsemen scored early and never looked back. The Norsemen scored on a sacrifice fly by Brice McDonald, who came to the plate as a pinch hitter. The Norsemen scored in the top of the first inning, behind the strong pitching of Sterling Cole. Cole pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and striking out four. The Norsemen scored two runs in the first inning, while the Region IV team scored one run in the bottom of the first inning. The Norsemen went on to win the game, 5-2.

Coaches and players from both teams were pleased with the outcome of the game. "We played well as a team," said Region IV head coach Ken Smith. "We played our best game of the season and it shows in the score." The Norsemen had a strong defense, making only one error in the game.

Next game: The Norsemen will face the Region V playoffs against the Oklahoma State University Cowboys at 2:30 Friday at Tulsia Robert Sunnen Stadium. The Norsemen are looking forward to the challenge and hope to continue their winning streak.

Athletics

Grits No Hitter Aids Softballers In Double-header Sweep Fast Bacone

Despite allowing four unearned runs in their first game of the season, the Golden Norse defeated Bacone College, 2-0. The Norsemen broke the game open with a two-run home run by Brice McDonald in the third inning. McDonald's home run was the first of the season for the Norsemen.

In the second game, the Norsemen defeated Bacone, 1-0. The Norsemen scored their only run on a sacrifice fly by Brice McDonald in the third inning. McDonald's sacrifice fly was the only run of the game. The Norsemen had a strong defense, allowing only one hit and one walk in the game.

The Norsemen are looking forward to theremainder of the season, with a record of 6-0.

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Student's Memories Jogged
In School Year Review

Nine months has almost past since we all ventured into the college scene, and practically overnight we were thrust into classes, tryouts, events and activities, both good and bad, which have added some colorful excitement and interest, to an otherwise dull routine.

We began the school year in August, into a lot of us unsure of new surroundings and new faces. Falling into a daily routine of classes, cafeteria food, dorm life and extra-curricular activities we all began to settle in and get adjusted.

September was a welcome sight, kicking off with Labor Day break. A watermelon feed was open to faculty and students, as a get acquainted activity and the end of the month brought parents day.

A wild tago party, put on by Dyer Hall, helped lead us into October. Dracula made his appearance on campus, in a play production, and Religious Emphasis Week had its annual highlights. Mid-term tests shadowed part of the month, but, humorous Halloween Costume Party was enjoyed by all, and capped off the month.

November brought cooler weather and homecoming festivities. With Voyage to Victory as the theme, Michelle Bernsche, Graveville, Ark., freshman, was crowned homecoming queen and the Golden Norsemen won their ninth straight game. Students were hit with pre-enrollment decisions in the middle of November and the Nursing department celebrated their 30th year anniversary.

Students and faculty alike joined together in Arkansas City, Kan. to help yeal for the Norsemen football team as they battled for the National Championship, but suffered a disappointing loss to Butler County.

Thanksgiving break offered a nice rest for students before plunging into December.

A Christmas Children's Party, Club Activities and the drama production, "Aashal and the Night Visitors" kept students busy up to finals week, leading into a much needed Christmas break.

Challenging icy cold weather, students began a new semester, with new classes, new instructors, and for some new dorm rooms and roommates. January was an important month for campus politics, new officers were elected for the student senate and Dr. Dayle creek, college president, wrote a letter of resignation to the Oklahoma Board of Regents.

February entertained many students with International Week, Black Heritage Week, and the drama production, "The King & I". Valentine's Day led in' usual candies and flowers for those in love, and Campus Who's Who was chosen.

Warmer weather greeted us in March, giving some students a chance to begin working on their tan and practice their frisbee throwing. Once again students were faced with mid-term tests, followed by a week off for spring break.

Upon returning, students got to sport their Hawaiian apparel at a Beach Bash, put on by Vann Hall. Towards the end of March, students began to spend time in the library comparing term papers and catching up on coursework.

April offered students a chance to get outside with a Tar Creek cook-out and a second Toga Party, put on once again by Dyer Hall. There was a recognition assembly for outstanding students and the drama department finished up their year with the production, "Skin of Our Teeth".

With May just around the corner, students are becoming involved with several end of the year banquets, parties, studies, and of course, packing and moving.

Time has flown by quickly for some, slowly for others, giving us nothing but memories to look back on for the past two semesters, and leading us up to now.

Freshmen are finishing up with pre-enrollment, excited at the chance to finally become an "experienced sophomore" and those "experienced sophomores" are heading full swing into graduation.

Finals begin with everyone, then summer vacation, for some jobs, school, maybe marriage. Everyone begins to choose separate roads, the friends you've shared your daily routines with, the people down the hall who have been too loud at night, the girls you've met at the library and the guys who broke your heart, will all be going their separate ways.

So stop for just a second during the "mad end of school rush" and look around, recall some of the good and the bad times and keep the memories because these could be some of the best days of your life.
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