Activities focus on technology in high schools

Approximately 300 students from the four-state area will converge on campus today to compete in the inaugural Technology Festival. Features events that will test their technological skills and leadership abilities the festival will begin with registration from 9:30 until 9:30 a.m. Following registration there will be a general welcome assembly held in the Fine Arts Building at 9:30 a.m.

Competitive events are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

An awards assembly will follow the competitive events at 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"Since this is our first Technology Festival, we want to welcome all interested individuals to attend the various events," said Ron Clapp, construction technology instructor and coordinator of the festival.

Some of the events scheduled include bridge building, public speaking and racing metric cars.

Contest features events with business emphasis

Eight skilled areas will be emphasized during the third annual Business Day Contest, Friday, April 5, on campus.

"The purpose of these day-long events is to encourage achievement and academic abilities in the field of business among high school students," said George Weaver, chairman of the business division.

Areas of competition include Accounting 1, Typewriting I and II, Shorthand I, Business Machines, Business Mathematics, Microcomputer Word Processing Concepts and Programming.

This is the first year for the exam contest which will be judged by members of Students in Free Enterprise," Weaver said.

Essay topics are "The Federal Deficit: What is it?" or "What's Wrong with Federal Deficit: How Can We Stop It?"

Essays will be judged on their content, logic, coherence, originality, and thoughtfulness," said Weaver.

Awards will be presented to the top three contestants in each area.

First place winners will receive a plaque and $50 scholarships to attend NCC. Winners do not have to be seniors to receive the scholarship.

"This year's trophies will go to the school scoring the most points overall. Business Division faculty members will conduct the competitions."

"Nominations for the activities will be an award assembly to be held in the Recital Hall at 1 p.m.

Ensemble needs musicians

The college String Ensemble is offering an opportunity for students to participate in the group.

"We are looking for a pianist who can read sheet music fairly well," said Robert Swanson, leader of the group.

"We already have people playing the cello and the viola, and we have two violinists," Swanson said.

"A pianist is needed in order to have a complete ensemble," said Swanson.

"If anyone wishes to join us with some of the other instruments, we would surely welcome them," Swanson said.

"We have had excellent rehearsals with the musicians we have, so I think we will be successful at our concern," said Swanson.

Aggies initiate new sports forum

By Elizabeth Needham

Olympic spirit takes on a whole new meaning with the inauguration of the Aggie Olympics scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4.

Several in the vicinity of the banks of the beautiful Tar River (crest), the festivities are to pay homage to the 40th annual high school Aggie Day which will be held on this campus on Saturday, April 1.

The NCC Aggie Society challenges any possible teams to try and participate in the Aggie Olympics, Jeff Hudgins, president of the Aggie Society said.

"If you think you are up to the challenge, get your team together and show your stuff!" Hudgins said.

Further details concerning events will be posted around campus.

Team events include an obstacle course, tug-of-war and bale stacking.

"Each team member will select only one individual event in which to participate. No team member may participate in two individual events," Hudgins said.

Individual events include bicycle racing, tug-of-war, canoe-throwing, stick-horse with Swifton-Barrett race and wheelchair racing.

"A team will consist of four members, a minimum of two female members per team," said Hudgins.

"Plans for the event are $25 per team.

All events except the throwing events will be held on the Tar River and experience the "Thrill of Victory" or the agony of defeat," Hudson said.

Exit interviews for graduates start Tuesday

"It is extremely necessary that we do an exit interview with the senior graduates," said James Riser, dean of admissions and records.

The interviews will be conducted Tuesday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Carter Student Union cafeteria.

"If a student cannot attend either of these dates they must contact the registrar's office for a time convenient for them," Riser said.

Riser said a student graduate to receive a diploma, a required fee of $11 must be paid in the business office.

"When the prospective graduate picks up a cap and gown, their name will be checked on our paid list," Riser said.

"We hope the students will participate in the graduation ceremony next month," said Riser.

"If they cannot, please come by the registrar's office as soon as you can and give the correct mailing address for your diploma or call 542-8441 ext. 283."
Walk softly and wield a big stick

Simply stating that a red rose is, in fact, a blue whale, does not make it so. Oklahoma lawmakers continue to expose upon the virtues of expanding educational programs in the state. While they castigate the expansion of current funding as needed, they put off dealing with it until the last minute of the legislative session.

It seems that the public would eventually get fed up with this procrastination by the legislators. Out of one side of their collective mouths the lawmakers say, (loudly, Publicly) that education is to be a top item on their busy agenda. Out of the other corner comes everything else that they place high on their own personal agenda.

This is the most foolhardy of all the legislative priorities. These legislators seem to prefer staying in office, taking an active part in keeping the state an economic situation. They keep telling the public that this and that are going to be taken care of.

Appearances are deceiving.

Appearances are not always the most important consideration. That's what's happening in the state. Public appearances are sarcastic to success. For about 11 months now, the NREO marching band has represented this campus by making public appearances in the state. This college is in business to make money, which it does by attempting to attract new students. And the smaller the state, the larger the problem.

A fact that has been overlooked by the budget makers, that appearance is important to prospective students. When a marching band is sent out on parade or performs during the football season, they are on display to the public. A sharp, stylish marching band usually brings about a feeling of belonging and pride, both in students and in the community. A band that appears in old, out-of-style uniforms, will tend to leave people feeling flat.

Little interest is generated by a marching band that looks like it's just stepped out of the seventies. No matter how well that band may perform, if its members do not feel good about their appearance, they will not look good. Look good, feel good. Look bad, feel bad. The same is true for the individual, is even more true for an organized group. Marching in a band is hard work, it is made even more difficult when members are required to wear dull uniforms.

It is especially hard to march in dull uniforms in Oklahoma during the last days of summer. The heat and intense sun will wear the uniforms the list of events.

This scenario is one that is currently endured by the NREO band.

Fight continues over minimum wage requirements and payments

Legislators are again finding some sort of suitable protection to cover their ears. According to articles in both the Tulsa World and the Tulsa Tribune, the United States House of Representatives voted to increase the minimum wage.

This is a half-hearted attempt to improve the economy of the state. Unfortunately, reality is that this(NREO) band will not help the very people that it is supposedly to benefit.

Minimum wages are increased, employees that are already paid more than minimum demand more pay. These employees (higher paid) want to have their salaries boosted as much as the less highly paid workers have been.

Eventually, these same (highly paid) people get the wish. This causes the next economic class of workers to demand more pay. This is a cycle of wages continues to rise the economic ladder until everyone is left with a minimum wage. The bad thing about this is, that during, and after this escalation of wages prices also rise.

This price increase has to be taken to pay higher prices to employees. So, the minimum wage workers wind up being just as bad, or worse, off than they were prior to all of this.

Which means that raising the minimum wage across the board will increase the cost of almost everything. As soon as they do this, they turn around and promote legislation that concerns major businesses and their constituents causes.

Scratching each others backs seems to be the only thing these lawmakers are able to get done in a timely manner. These legislators have been doing something about education though. They have been sticking over the creation of a state funded school for gifted children. A whole 150 of them would benefit at any one time.

Such concerns are appliable, were it not for the fact that the rest of the education needs of the state have been put on the back burner. Once again our noble leaders have grabbed the proverbial bull by the horns.

But, they used a lubricating jelly on their hands before gripping a grip. Which means that they have once again used a great lack of common sense to conquer one of the most pressing problems of this decade.

So let us remember this it is time to change the course of events. Raise your voice. If enough voters scream, loudly and often, even lawmakers are bound to hear from time to time.

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Widespread epidemic misses NEO

Tornado season approaches

Faces 3

By Donald Bedell

At the beginning of the season, it's difficult to predict the exact location of tornadoes. However, certain areas of Ohio are more prone to tornadoes than others. In the past, tornadoes have been reported in NEO, but it's difficult to predict exactly when or where they will occur.

Several states surrounding NEO have experienced tornadoes with minimal damage. In NEO, there have been a few reports of minor damage, but no significant damage has been reported.

A tornado watch is in effect for NEO until 11:00 p.m. tonight. Residents are encouraged to stay indoors and seek shelter if a tornado warning is issued. It's important to stay informed and be prepared for any unexpected weather conditions.

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Actress fights type-casting

Does Faith Ford have a penchant for playing ditsy television characters? In the short-lived 1987 CBS comedy "The Popcorn Kid," the actress starred as Lynn Holly Brichmore, a popular but air-headed high school student who worked at a Kansas City movie theater. And in episodes of ABC's "nasty-something" last season, Ford made occasional appearances as a no-so-efficient secretary who worked for the characters played by series stars Ken Olin and Timothy Busfield. This season, Faith Ford is a regular on the CBS Monday night comedy series "Murphy Brown," which stars Candice Bergen as a superior TV reporter. A 24-year-old native of Alexandria, Va., Ford co-stars on the half-hour series as Corby Shrewd, a former Miss America hired to work with Murphy Brown and others on the team of "FBI," a hit television series.

The actress says Corby isn't ditsy, but the character does have a tendency to forget things, including the fact that Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated in 1984.

Corby is frequently the butt of Murphy Brown's minstrelsy, particularly because the Southern beauty queen was a news anchor position by default.

"The way she got the job was that she tested for it," Ford said. "She's a former Miss America and she decided one day that she wanted to be on TV and wanted to be a newscaster."

"She has a good gift of gab and she knows how to get people to laugh. So she tested for the part of an anchorwoman and she tested well. And people loved her. That's how she got the job. On camera, she looked great-kinda like William Conrad's character in 'Broadcast News.'"

Ford has an interesting role in television fandom herself. She became an actress after a brief stint in modeling. At the age of 17, two weeks after she graduated from Placerville High School in Alexandria, she went to New York to pursue a modeling career. After three months, however, she turned her attention to acting. She appeared in several national television commercials, then won a featured role as Melly Critchlow in the ABC daytime drama "One Life to Live." She later joined the cast of NBC's "Another World," appearing as a character named Jolie. To play the "Murphy Brown" cast, the actress decided to change her supporting role on "shirking somethings."

"I was very choopy as to what I was going to be on this series," she said. "I was doing this--tacky-somethings, which is a great show... definitely a hit. I had a small part, but I was common with that. And they were going to continue using it's fine to work with Bergen, the Academy Award nominee, photographer, best-selling author, wife of acclaimed French director Louis Malle and mother of a young daughter named Cele."

"Candice is a neat person."

Chapman uses human interest touch

Tracy Chapman seems to be singing in the "Bob Dylan" time with her unorthodox style of folk music.

Chapman's debut album (Tracy Chapman) has been nominated for six Grammy's. The subject of Chapman's songs takes a look at racism, inequality of human relations and poverty.

In an interview with The Washington Post, Chapman said, "I think that people look at the world in many different ways and choose to see what they like. I think that people ignore some of the harder issues, the more unpleasant things."

Her latest LP "Talkin' Bout a Revolution," is a song that tells about standing in wheat lines, is the follow up to last year's huge hit "Fast Car." Chapman had been a secret until her self-titled debut album hit record stores. The 24-year-old poet-singer-songwriter was America's newest up and coming star.

As an anthropological major at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., she performed in coffee shops and clubs making herself her local fan favorite.

The single "Fast Car," has been nominated for best song and record of the year, and Chapman herself is up for best new artist in best female pop vocalist.

The No. 1 hit "Fast Car," tells of a high school dropout who works to support her alcoholic father and who wants to escape it all with her unemployed boyfriend.

Chapman's musical roots can be traced to Carol King and Joni Mitchell, was a part of a new wave of singer-songwriter in the late 1970's.

Chapman's latest appearance was at the "Human Rights Now! Trust," was performed with ex-police member, Sting and the legendary Bruce Springsteen.

Actor suffers knee injury during filming

Actress Sylvester Stallone injured his knee while filming some football sequences for his new movie and had it checked at an orthopedic hospital, his publicists said.

Stallone, who has starred in and directed such films as Rocky I, II, III, IV and the Rambo sequels, was in no shape to film. He was in the middle of the Rocky films and suffered a concussion from a realistic blow to the head.

"The doctor told him his football career is probably over," noted Andrew Jaffe. "No, really he's fine. He just needs to get back to work."

Jaffe said Stallone, 42, was shooting scenes for his new movie "Hard Time" at Rainbow State Prison in New Jersey and refused to use a double during the hard-hitting sequence which has included fighting, smoke, protective equipment.

"They were doing a lot of weight shots and he was going for the realism, so he wanted to do it himself," Jaffe said. "He took a hard hit."

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Ladies battle weather and schedule

White Mother Nature has wreaked havoc with the schedule coach Woody Morrow's Lady Norse softball team will take advantage of a couple of days off. After competing in the Cowder Tournament in Bartlesville last weekend the Lady Norse played four games on Monday before rains washed out Thursday's doubleheader with Bacon. Saturday's doubleheader with Lawton Community College. Lady Norse 10-9, Lawton, Kan. 0 Freshman Carol Dawson impressed her record to 1-1 on the season with a one-hit victory over Lawton Community College in five innings, Monday evening, on the college softball field.

Third baseman Shantie Dalton hit a homeruns as the Lady Norse scored 10 runs on 14 hits. Sandy Goudreaut went 3-for-4 at the plate including two triples. Dana Ham added a perfect 3-for-3 performance while Gentle Koch also collected three hits.

Lady Norse 18-3, Bartlesville, Kan. 1 Freshman right-hander Angie Haydel tossed a no-hitter as the Lady Norse crushed Lawton in the third game played last Monday in Miami. Haydel's performance improved her record to 10-3 on the year. Dalton hit for the cycle with a single, double, triple and homeruns. Brandi Rogers added four hits and Goudreaut three.

Walder, Iowa 2-1, Lady Norse 1 Scoring two runs in the first inning Walder, Iowa held off the Lady Norse while gaining a one-run victory in the second of four games played last Monday in Miami. The loss was the first in 11 games for freshman Carol Dawson.

Shantie Beckham doubled to score Dalton with the lone Lady Norse run. Lady Norse 6-Walder, Iowa 0 Triples by Ham, Koch and Dalton provided a three-run fourth inning as the Lady Norse shutout Walder in the first game last Monday.

Ham tripled to start the fourth. Koch tripled scoring Ham. Dalton followed with a triple scoring Koch. Goudreaut doubled as Dalton scored.

A double by Lisa Shamponi scored Rogers with the final run in the fifth inning.

Cowder 18-Lady Norse 7 Playing for the championship of the two-day Cowder Invitational Tournament last weekend in Bartlesville the fourth-ranked Lady Roughriders scored 13 runs in the fifth inning to coast to the title.

Cowder had four doubles and three triples while scoring 18 runs on 16 hits.

Ham, Dalton, Goudreaut, Rogers and Shamponi scored three doubles and three RBIs. Lawton added three hits and three RBIs including a double and triple.

Shamponi contributed two doubles and two RBIs while Sosa Hendrix managed three hits and two RBIs.

Ham contributed three hits and three stolen bases as the Lady Norse recorded 18 stolen bases during the tournament. All 13 runners in the Lady Norse lineup scored at least one hit. Dawson tossed a no-hitter.

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Baseball team begins Bi-State Conference action

During weather forced cancellation of a double-header with Murray State on Tuesday, The Golden Norse were working hard in gym with famed coach Bill Mayberry's baseball squad faces a rigorous spring week.

Intramural Highlights

Basketball season ended last week with the championship tournaments for both men and women. The Ruthless Villains won the men's bracket while the Lucky 7 won the women's bracket.


The tournament results are as follows:
- March 20: Vane Hall Posse lost to the Dunk Devils by forfeit
- Ruthless Villains beat Wild Things 13-2
- Ketchum Kids defeated Comm’n Crew 16-6

Delberts forfeited to The Hackers.
Chosen Few downed Young Guns 64-42
Jary's Kids edged Late Drivers 57-56
K-9 Posse beat Cotton Posse 58-41

March 21: Lucky 7 beat Eighties' Ladies 61-35
The Babes defeated Dunk Devils 53-24
Spark's Sharks won over Ketchum Kids 94-49
Chosen Few fell to Ruthless Villains 44-78
K-9 Posse beat The Hackers 39-35
The Franchise defeated Jary's Kids 90-53

March 22: Ruthless Villains edged Spark's Sharks 68-48
K-9 Posse fell to The Franchise 49-49
Lucky 7 downed The Babes 78-46

Women's Champs

Lucky 7 captured the women's intramural basketball title with a 36-29 win over The Babes. Members of Lucky 7 are: left; Kelly Rickey, Quapow Freshman; Buffy Rickey, Quapow Sophomore; Shelly Rickey, Quapow Freshman; Shuwair Ellick, Miami Freshman; Luis Hendley, Commerce Freshman; and Kerry Moore, Welch Freshman.

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