Sophomores prepare for graduation fete

Sophomores planning on graduating need to participate in graduation ceremonies, according to James Reese, dean of admissions and records. "If any student cannot participate, they need to come by the registrar’s office and give us their correct mailing address for their diploma," said Reese.

"If the students are not on campus this semester, they can call the registrar’s office at 850-246-5441, ext. 204, and give us their correct address," Reese said.

Diploma's cost $10 and the fee must be paid in the business office prior to graduation.

When a student picks up their cap and gown, their name will be checked on the paid list.

Capp and gown check out will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, April 24, through Friday, April 28, in the registrar's office located on the first floor of the Czech Library-Administration building.

Tuesday evening, April 25, caps and gowns will be picked up from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the registrar's office.

"Students must show a receipt for the graduation fee before receiving their cap and gown," said Reese.

Commencement practice will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21, in the Union Ballroom. "If it's raining, we will go to the new gym for practice," said Reese.

Commencement ceremony will be on the stage in the Union Ballroom at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.

Chair of the faculty and dean's office chair will be the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges.

College selected for research

Northwestern Oklahoma A&M College has been selected by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges as one of nine institutions from across the country to participate in a three-year research project.

"This is quite an honor for our institution to be selected to participate in this type of research," said Dr. Charles Angle, vice president for academic affairs.

Objectives of the research project are to study effective and economic methods of implementing student tracking systems with data bases that identify the attributes and educational goals of entering students.

The project will also trace academic progress towards those goals and provide information feedback for institutional planning and improvement.

"By designing a student tracking model, implementing it at OSU, in the junior colleges, and assessing the factors that impact or contribute to the implementation process, the project will be the groundwork needed for more widespread adoption of student tracking systems at other community colleges across the nation," said Doris Snyder, associate dean for special programs at NROTC.

"This research is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation," Snyder said.

Implementation of a model student tracking system will begin at the start of the 1989 fall semester.

"We will be using it to track the academic progress of students entering college during the fall of 1989 and the fall 1990 term," said Snyder.

GIVING HER SHARE

Megan Housley, a freshman from Bartlesville, relaxes as Red Cross nurse Patty Sipses, from Tulsa, prepares to extract some blood during a recent visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to the Dobson-Harrill lobby.
Vandalism causes increases in everyone’s tax payments

Some students have been overdrafts so that they plan to destroy as much as the campus as possible before leaving.

It is a fantastic type of destructive behavior that has caused, and is causing the all students and tax payers to pay higher and higher fees and taxes.

If students are not already paying taxes, they soon will be. Anyone will be held responsible for finding someone that wants their taxes to increase.

Especially when the tax hike is caused by someone that should be arrested. It is enough is enough.

The way to leave your mark on this university, is not by destroying what is there.

The proper mark for any individual to leave is to leave some sort of improvement behind.

Nevertheless, some students will burn down as much as they can. Suggestedly to make up for the repairs students slighted that they have experienced here.

Vandalism has often been a problem on campuses. The willful and malicious destruction of public (state owned) property does not hurt just a few.

This destruction continues to hurt the taxpayers. Future students are also hurt by these actions.

Imagine giving to a prosperous of college- cut out the facilities.

If you see the campus is in disarray, chances are that you will not want to attend.

The same holds true for the students that will attend here in the future.

Vandalism does not make a student into a hero. Except, possibly, in the eyes of someone stupid.

Maybe the administration should think about supplying some sort of pressure vent for these pathetic few.

Maybe some sort of carnival in which instructors bear the brunt of the physical harm of the activities could be held.

Money for next semester students could be raised.

There are many students that would pay quite a bit to get even with some instructor or other.

Hiring an instructor in the future with a pie would be a welcome event. As would dunking a few instructors be welcomed.

There are numerous other activities that could be undertaken as well.

But, after all, is said and done, it is not the job of this institution to provide an anger release to graduating or transferring students.

However, it is the responsibility of each and every student to see to it that this campus does not suffer because of your presence here.

Tearing up state property does not do any good.

Nor does it do the institution any good.

Just because a student is, for some reason, whether imagined or not, angry at an instructor or the institution, doesn’t give them the right to go on a destructive campaign.

Sherry Washburn

Sherry’s gems

Upon looking outside, one might have noticed that the weather is fairly characteristic of spring. Special signs signal the arrival of spring.

The heavy rains and swarms of weeds give way to tender grass and shrubs.

The warmer weather draws thirsty gouts out into the great outdoors to play Frisbee and other exciting outdoor games.

The presence of a golden sun brings out sunbathers hoping to get a head start on the summer season. Spring also brings that dread disease, SPRING FEVER. Yes, at one time or another, everyone gets this terrible disease.

It’s a gorgeous day, the sun is shining, the birds are singing, and a gentle breeze is blowing.

How can you go on a day like this? You’ve only missed 12 times this semester anyway. Since this is already so over the limit, what can one more day hurt?

So, not remembering that 300 point test scheduled for this glorious day, you head out in search of fun and adventure.

You decide to go for a walk in the park, not noticing that right in your path is a virtual poison ivy jungle.

You walk right through it and step on a sharp rock, twist your ankle, and end up with scratches all over your body.

This may sound a little far fetched, but it could happen.

You may not be aware of this, but there are quite a bit of short words left in this semester.

There is a whole summer of fun and adventures ahead of you.
Land run key to Oklahoma’s past

By Donald Easter

Oklahoma, a state rich in history and tradition, is once again becoming a more popular destination for young people.

One hundred years ago this week, a pistol shot marked the beginning of the first of several Oklahoma land runs, which for better or for worse would forever change many people’s lives.

“The land run of 1889 was a sort of race to claim land purchased from the Creek and Seminole Indians,” said Bob Kramer, history instructor at the college.

“People came by train, in wagons, and even by bicycle,” Kramer said.

On April 22, land speculators lined up on the Kansas border, ready and eager to make their dreams come true.

At noon they were allowed to drive their cattle across the Cherokee Strip, an area of land from about Ponca City to the Panhandle, in an area known as the Unassigned Land.

High noon on April 22, the settlers rioted and surged across the 5.6 million acres to claim their territory in compliance with the Homestead Act of 1862.

“The Homestead Act allowed a settler to stake out a 160-acre piece of land for $1.25 an acre,” said Kramer.

“The settler was required to live on the land and cultivate a 10-acre plot of land for five years,” Kramer said.

“Usually a homestead shelter and a well were added as property improvements,” said Kramer.

The area involved in the spurt was the region surrounding present-day Oklahoma City from north of the Concho River to the Southern Kansas.

Interest in opening Indian Territory actually began in the early 1880s.

David L. Payne became the inspiration for the “Boomer Movement.”

Payne attracted much attention when he repeatedly settled in Indian Territory, only to be removed by the authorities.

In July of 1884, Payne made his final settlement attempt on the Chickasah River south of Caldwell, Kansas.

There, he created the territory’s first news publication, the Oklahoma War Eagle.

The following August, Colonel Edward Hardt was dispatched to remove the boomers.

He sent Payne on a hush-up trip to Ft. Smith for imprisonment to discourage his followers, but he was soon a homestead leader.

Unfortunately, Payne never saw his dream of a white settlement come true.

The “Father of Oklahoma” died of a heart seizure November 28, 1884. Many thought the Boomer Movement would be defeated.

A group of journalists convened in Kansas City in February, 1885 to breathe life into the cause.

Shortly after, William G. Spring, a congressman from Illinois, introduced the first bill that attempted to open Indian Territory for settlement.

Although this was the House of Representatives, the Senate struck it down after opposition from an Indian delegation led by Cherokee Chief J.B. Magen.

Soon after, an amendment was added to an existing annual Indian Appropriation bill that authorized the opening of Indian lands upon presidential proclamation.

On March 27, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison signed such a proclamation, and the race started at noon on April 22.

Twenty-one-year-old man, divorced and single women, and widows were all qualified for the great run.

It is not known exactly how many people actually participated in the land run, but estimates place the number in the hundreds of thousands.

“They got everybody out,” Kramer said.

“There were so many people, and those who didn’t make a valid claim had to either settle for living in a 200-acre townsite, or go home,” said Kramer.

Since the Santa Fe Railroad was already established, newcomers had no trouble locating 160-acre lots in Guthrie by nightfall.

Other towns established were Oklahoma City, Kingfisher, Norman, Moore, Lexington, Stillwater, and El Reno.

After paying a $10 filing fee, the settlers built 1,000-foot dugouts. Dugouts were constructed on the south slope of a hill with a stout pole for doorbashing and small logs to support earthen walls.

The roof was supported by a livestock pole in the center with branches or logs on top and sod between the cracks.

These were very poor dwellings, and insects, reptiles, and rodents were a problem.

As a result, other land runs were held in 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1895.

“1896 was a 'battery' that was conducted in 1905. Not everyone supported the land runs.

“The Indians suffered the biggest loss,” Kramer said.

“The government had promised them this land ‘until the grass grows to the water and the water grows to the hill,’” said Kramer.

“The cattle boomers also had a stake, because they often allowed their cattle to graze in the territorial lands.”

As I am not a native Oklahoman, I am not familiar with many of the land runs and the roads on which they are located today. Kramer said.

“The petroleum industry probably got its biggest boost from early Oklahoma, and that still has an impact on us now,” said Kramer.

“I do see Oklahoma as a state that is proud of its heritage.”

Student develops demanding lifestyle

By Eric Wells

Nurse Welch

Kate Lawton goes through her hectic everyday life with one thought in mind. “Keep busy and you never get bored.”

Lawton is currently enrolled in her second year. Because of her busy schedule, she is only a part-time student.

She holds many different titles, including nursing student, housewife, mother, dog breeder, veterinarian assistant, and hotel clerk.

In the process of obtaining a nursing degree, Lawton says she will be here for about two more years. “I think nursing sounds fun as well as interesting,” explained Lawton.

”I like helping people, and I enjoy working with medicine,”

She already has first hand experience on working with medicine.

Lawton has been employed 10 years by Dr. Chuck Waterson at Waterson’s Veterinary Center in Miami.

Lawton is an assistant to Dr. Waterson as well as secretary.

“Kate is a very hard worker,” explained Chuck Waterson.

“She is very confident in herself and a customer person at the same time.”

After driving to Miami from her Wynadotte home every morning,

Lawson arrives at the veterinarian’s office at 7 a.m. every morning of the week.

During the days she has school, she takes off work around noon to attend classes.

Lawton must return back to Waterson’s to clean up the clinic before going home to her husband and daughter.

Despite her schedule, Lawton is surprisingly a very successful student.

“Out of about 12 classes I have completed, I have made all A’s except twice, and those were B’s,” said Lawton.

Like schoolwork, Lawton also enjoys animals, and it is a good thing.

Behind her Wynadotte house, she and her family operate a large dog kennel.

Right now, we have about 30 dogs. Taking care of all of them could easily be considered a full-time job, but I get plenty of help from my family,” said Lawton.

As her work week wasn’t quite enough, Lawton started working weekends at the Thunderbird Hotel two weeks ago.

“It isn’t a very hard job,” said Lawton.

“I just work behind the front desk late in the evenings. When it slows down, I catch up on my schoolwork.”

“I will probably stick with nursing for awhile, then I will probably come back to school and give something else a try.”

FANCY DANCER

Lance Allertum, a sophomore from the Wind River Cheyenne Reservation, was one of four NRO students to attend the Annual Conference of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium in Indian Affairs at Albuquerque, N.M. Allertum was among 500 Fancy Dancers and War Dancers to participate.

Photo by Tim Ingram
Comedy concludes NEO theatre slate

Laughter and comedy abound during Tartuffe, the final production of the college theatre season which opened Wednesday night in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Performances by the NEO Theatre group continue tonight at 8 o'clock. The final curtain will come down on the season Sunday at 2 p.m.

The thought-provoking comedy centers on the heartless, hypocritical Tartuffe, who woos his way into the lives of a naive merchant Orson, and his family. With his clever, manipulative ways, Tartuffe attempts to fleece Orson of his fortune and seduce the merchant's wife.

Moliere was the pen name of Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, who wrote plays for the court of King Louis XIV in 17th Century France. His works, such as "The Prodigal Young Ladies," "The School for Wives," and "The Imaginary Invalid," included scathing satires on the foibles of court society, the very people for whom they were first written and performed. Although many were outraged by his satirical works, Moliere had the protection of the king, who always found his plays funny.

But with "Tartuffe," Moliere went too far. The king turned his back the playwright and he was disgraced, returning to favor only toward the end of his life.

Directing NEO's production is Don Nichols, who noted the remarkable staying power of Moliere's work. "Even though Moliere wrote specifically for the period, his comedy remains very fresh," Nichols said. "We laugh at the foibles of truthfulness, genuine human situations. He's one of the great groundsbreakers of the citation comedy. It's too bad modern-day writers of the humor don't go back and study him."

While the connection of "Tartuffe" and the recent revelations about certain noted religious figures is obvious, Nichols stressed that the play was not a condemnation of religion itself. Moliere, he pointed out, drew a clear distinction between the hypocrisy of those "who beat their breasts in public" and the sincerity of the truly devout.

Starring in the production are Brett McDowell, Miami freshman, as Tartuffe; and Charles McTague, Springfield, Mo., freshman, as Orson. Other cast members include Stephanie Wease and Stacy Wease, both freshmen from Broken Arrow; Teresa J. Sawyer, Miami sophomore; Kim Hunter, Tulsa freshman; Kristie Harris, Portland freshman; Robert Harris, Harbertson freshman; Edward Hilliard, Wyandotte freshman; and Mandi McManus, Clarence freshman.

Assistant director and stage manager is Tony Veapool. Costumes are by Maria Nichols and lighting design is by Scott Coil.
Lowewins second roping crown

Frednmm6ill Lowe won the sec-ond straight and 23rd overall title recently during the
NRA Rodeo at Panhandle State
University. Teams from 22 colleges and
universities featuring 278 con-
testsants competed in the three-day
event.
Lowe, from Fort Scott, Kan., won the short go-round, break-away
rope and tie with a run of 3.45 seconds. She also won the average with a
time of 73.5 on two runs. Competing in a field of 33 break-
away ropers the other finished in the
average were Michelle Radley, Fort
Hays (Kan.) State University, 85.3 seconds; Tina Brader, Nor-
thern Illinois State University, 85.2 seconds; and Shannon Lord,
Southwestern State University, 85.2 seconds.
Currently Lowe ranks third in
break-away roping in the Central
Plains Regional standings with 78
total points. Two members of the Southwestern State University team rank first
and second in the Central Plains
Regional standings. Renae
Mann leads the group with 225
total points followed by teammate
Liz Arnold with 77 points. Lowe finished third in the short
rope-round of the women's barrel
race with a time of 17.27 seconds. Her average time of 34.66
seconds was also good enough for a third
place finish.
Nancy Reese, of Fort Hays, won the barrel racing with a 34.17
average. Debbie Holder, Nor-
thwestern, earned second with a
34.31 time followed by Lowe and
Stacy Poll, Southwestern, with a
34.25 time.
Lowe recognized the lead in the Central Plains Regional standings
in barrel racing. She has ac-
cumulated 320 total points fol-
lowed by Anna Maslen, Southwest-
near, 160 points; Stacie Bader,
Southwestern, 155 points; Nancy
Reese, Fort Hays, and Rigan
Amarose, Southwestern, both with 145 total points.
Coach Lawson Eaton's team is currently second in overall team
standings. Southwestern leads with
875 points, NED 650, Nor-
thwestern 862, Fort Hays 885, and
Panhandle 805 points.
"We are the only team in the top five and that is quite an ac-
complishment," said Eaton. "Our team is really working hard to
compete against these universi-
ties.
"The top two individuals in each event along with the top two teams
in the Central Plains Region qualify for the College National Finals.
Rodeo. June 3-10, in Bossier, La.

Lady Norse start streak with sweeps

Prior to concluding the home
portion of the schedule yesterday, coach Woody Morrow's Lady
Norse softball squad is riding a
four-game winning streak.
The Lady Norse travel to
Overland Park, Kan., today and
Saturday to participate in the
Johnson County Community Col-
lege Invitational Tournament.
Currently the Lady Norse stand
5-3 on the season.
"It will meet the regular season on Monday with a 1 p.m.
doubleheader against Crowder Community College in Neosho,
Mo.
The Lady Norse, Bacon Junior
College and Connors State College
will participate in the Oklahoma
State playoffs next Thursday, Fri-
day and Saturday in Warner.

Lady Norse 5-6, Fort Scott 1-4
Freshman hurler Carol Dawson
shut out the opener while freshman Angie Hadden tossed a
no-hitter as the Lady Norse won
two games in Fort Scott, Kan. on
Tuesday.
Despite receiving only singles
d by Dana Ham and Sandy Goodner
the Lady Norse scored five runs on
10 walks in the first game.
Dawson limited the Lady Greyhounds to one run on
three hits while improving her record to 0-0 on the year.
Back to back homeruns by Ham
and Goodner sparked the Lady
Norse offense in the nightcap.
Hadden limited Fort Scott to
only one run on six hits while improv-
ing her record to 0-0 on the year.
Lady Norse 12-6, Bacon 2-4
A bases-loaded double by Shebbo Dalton highlighted a
5-run second inning for the Lady
Norse in the second game to give
the Norse a sweep of a twinbill at
Muskogee last Thursday.
After losing 1-2 in the first game, the Lady Norse
tried 4-1 in the final inning of the
second game. Eight walks and five
hits enabled the Lady Norse to
place 19 runs in the last inning.
Hadden earned her 10th victory
with a four hitter against the Lady
Warriors in the second game.
Dawson handled the mound
chores in the first game by allow-
ing two runs on three hits.
Goodnight pitched the 15-hit
Lady Norse attack with a perfect 4-0
performance and first RBI.
Sophomore Dee Hendershott added three hits along
side Doug Beeg, Shanauna Lawson and
Genelle Koch. Freshman Shawnie Clark added two hits.
Dalton's four RBI increased her
season total to 41 which leads the team.

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Baseball squad pursues league title

After suffering their first loss in the Eastern Division of the Big State Conference, coach Bill Murphy's Golden Norse were determined to turn things around. Following a double-header sweep over Eastern State College at Wilmurton on Tuesday the Golden Norse currently stand at 9-1 in the Big State East.

Prior to Thursday's double-header with eighth-ranked Seminole Junior College at Home Thomas Field the Golden Norse owned a 4-14 overall.

The Golden Norse return to conference action Saturday by traveling to Pontotoc to face Carl Albert Community College in a 1 p.m. double-header. NEO travels to Parsons, Kan. Sunday, for two games with Labette Community College before returning home to host Bacon Junior College on Tuesday. Closing out the home portion of the schedule the Norsemen will host Murray State College Thursday in a 1 p.m. double-header.

The Golden Norse travel to Warton Saturday for a 29 to 10 Commodore State in a double-header before visiting Pineville, Ark. Tuesday, May 2, for the season finale.

Norsemen 9-3, Eastern 3-3

The Norsemen knocked off their third and eighth ranked teams in the second game with a 13-3 win in six innings. Benhardi struck three doubles and a single with five RBI to lead the Norse.

WRESTLERS HONORED

Thirteen members of the Golden Norse wrestling team have received academic All-American honors for the second straight year. Sophomore Jay Lorton recorded a perfect 4.0 grade point average while the overall GPA for the Norse was 2.90. Members of the team are: seniors, left to right, Lynn Fuller, Chris Murdock, and Mike Blinco; juniors, left to right, Jimmy White, Steve Kellner, and Jay Lorton; sophomore, left to right, Jimmy White, Mike Blinco, and Lynn Fuller. Photo by Tom Aquino

Track teams win own meet

Both men's and women's track teams won their divisions last Thursday during the annual Norse Relays.

The Golden Norse chalked up 18 total points to oust other teams. Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College finished third with 18 points followed by Langston University 12 and Tulsa University.

Track and Field Coach Don Shomaker said, "The ladies won every event they were entered in and the men placed in most events. The only reason we were close was that Langston piled up the points in the field events."

Luna Smith was the only double winner for the Golden Norse. She clocked in with a time of 12.9 in the 200 meter dash before running a 22.13 in the 200 meter dash.

All-American record holder Mike Hines led the Norsemen in a sweep of the pole vault. Hines cleared 16-0 while teammates Robert McDonald and Bill Fisher both cleared 15-1. McDonald was awarded second because of fewer misses.

Larry Coose won the high jump with a leap of 6-3.

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