Federal aid forms available

By Tisha Tompkins
Managing Editor

“The deadline to file for financial aid is not until May 1, 1994, however if you want financial aid for next school year (1993-94) you should file as soon as possible,” said Dennis Eyer, director of financial aid.

Students planning to attend a college other than NEO need to check with the school they are transferring to on what type of financial aid form is required.

“Students should try to file early, so that they can receive all of the aid that will be available to them,” Eyer said.

An April I recommended filing date has been established for aid from the Perkins Loan, College Work Study, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant, and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

“The budget for the April I financial aid deadline is based on the first week of school. If you do not file by then, you will have to get help from the other grants and loans available,” said Eyer.

“Takes about four to six weeks to process an application. We already have about 150 for next year in our office at this time.”

Some of the most common problems that arise and cause delays in the application process is the incorrect completion of the financial aid form, information is not correctly filled out, and the correct signatures are not obtained.

“If any special problems or questions arise, students should contact the financial aid office at the school they will be attending,” said Eyer.

Students wishing to attend summer school can use funds that are left over from the 1992-93 academic year.

“If a student has any financial aid left from the academic year, then they can use it for summer school. However, if they did not file for fall and left over, they need to file before May 1st.”

Eyer said.

“Anyone wanting further information should contact Eyer at ext. 311.”

Small loans now available for students

Small loans are available to students according to Shirley Patterson, student affairs officer and the Student President for student affairs.

Loans may be obtained from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Student Services building located on the second floor of the Dairy Cattle Library/Administration building in room 204.

Students can borrow up to a maximum of $50 with a charge that will be used to provide a scholarship for future students.

“If there will be a 10 cent charge added to loans of $50 and up and a 25 cent charge on loans of $10 or less,” Patterson said.

Students must repay the loan at any time within 6 weeks or an additional charge will be added.

“Loans that are not repaid on time will have an additional 50 cents added to those of $10 or more and 25 cents on those $10 or less,” Patterson said.

Students with a valid I.D. can borrow as many as needed but only one loan at a time will be granted.

Also, students must repay a loan before they can receive another.

Loan checks can be cashed only in the business office and loan payments are also made there. Students for loans were dedicated by the following:

The Bill Goodner Student Loan Fund established by Mrs. W.H. Goodner and Mrs. W.R. Goodner in memory of their husbands.

The Don Dyer Student Loan Fund was established by students, faculty, and friends as a memory of Don Dyer, housing director of NEO for 24 years.

The Joe Ables Student Loan Fund was established by students, faculty, and friends in memory of Joe Ables, chairman of the vocational-technical division for 28 years.

The Odis Knight Student Loan Fund established by Odis Knight, a service fraternity of the college.

The John Thigpen Student Loan Fund established in memory of John Thigpen, mathematics instructor for 27 years.
Winfrey becomes shining star

Oprah Winfrey was born January 29, 1954, in Kosciusko, Miss., the daughter of Vernice Lee and Vernon Winfrey. She lived the first years of her life with her grandmother in Mississippi. As a child, learning was not a priority to her. She did not read until age two and a half.

When she was enrolled in kindergarten, she wrote a note that pointed out in no uncertain terms that she belonged in the first grade, and her third-grade teacher had to promote her.

Just after completing the first grade, Oprah went with her father and his new wife, Zeoza, in Nashville, Tenn.

The little girl's stepmother quickly discovered that in spite of her skills in reading, speaking, and writing, Oprah was lacking the mastery of basic knowledge of arithmetic that should have been hers.

She immediately began to work to strengthen her performance in mathematics.

The church was still a major influence in Oprah's life, and she learned a lot when she lived with her grandmother.

Veronica Winfrey had also been a teacher and understood the importance of education.

Veronica Winfrey told her daughter that her husband had taught her. She was very active in her church, Prayer, and brought her daughter to church services, youth activities, holiday programs, and church-sponsored community activities.

Oprah then spent the summer with her mother. When summer had ended, Veronica Winfrey found both Oprah and her mother rich in knowledge.

For Oprah to return with her father.

Veronica Winfrey married a Milwaukee man and the new family included the man's son and daughter. The return to Milwaukee represented a downturn in Oprah Winfrey's fortunes, and the negative aspects of her life became intolerable to her as she grew.

Oprah developed a painful condition related to color and physical attractiveness.

She became convinced that she was neglected in favor of her lighter-skinned stepson. She felt cut off, and her pain was all the more intense because she seemed to her that her mother was a guilty of her mistreatment as anyone.

She often sought refuge in books. She learned that neither of her parents wanted her to be part of their lives.

It was also during this period, beginning as early as her fifth year, that Winfrey alleges she was the victim of frequent sexual abuse.

She found these attacks on her physical and emotional self more confusing and frightening, but she suffered in silence because she did not know what else to do.

In spite of her mother's life, Oprah remained a good student.

One of her teachers at the innercity Lincoln Middle School, recognized her exceptional abilities and took active interest in her.

He helped her to get a scholarship to a prestigious suburban school. Oprah encountered few scholastic problems there, but her emotional problems were problematic in college, her father had not softened his strict requirements of her in terms of character or scholarship, and she found his restrictions harder and harder to accept.

Just a few months short of her college graduation, Oprah left Nashville and Tennessee State University to take a job in Baltimore.

She became the object of an intense loneliness that continued throughout her career, and her reporting often failed to achieve the desired degree of exposure.

Winfrey was well protected by her contract: management was forced to find a better use for her talents.

She was assigned to cobalt a morning show called "People Are Talking." Neither she nor the station realized that this was where Winfrey's niche was.

The very traits of emotionalism and subjects that had hampered her efforts as a reporter contributed to her ability as an effective and stimulating interviewer.

Oprah began sending tapes of her broadcasts to other markets and expanded the economy. She sensed that it was ready for big-time broadcasting.

She left Baltimore in 1984 for her new position in A.M. Chicago, a morning talk show. With Winfrey's coming, A.M. Chicago took off and quickly outdid Phil Donahue in the ratings as a syndicated first black woman to serve as co-anchor on the evening news.

Winfrey was a forerunner of a forerunner of personal achievement.
AIDS patient delivers God's word

By Marti Jones

Mike Hawkins, nationally recognized lecturer on AIDS, spoke Tuesday afternoon in the sandiego Gym.

The lecture is being sponsored by the Student Union in recognition of National AIDS Awareness Month in February.

"This is my story of my relationship with Jesus: how I became a homosexual, and how God delivered me from a life of homosexuality and sin," Hawkins said.

"Since I was a relatively young boy, I was in my early teens, my parents and I had to come to terms with my identity," he explained.

"I was always very much aware of my homosexuality, but I never really came to terms with it until I was about 16 years old. I began to realize that I was different from others, and that I was not the same as everyone else.

"I have been in the business of helping others accept their identity since I was a child, and I have been able to help many people come to terms with their own sexuality.

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Davis fits Who's Who criteria to a tee

One of the criteria for Who's Who is involvement in campus activities. Craig Davis, a sophomore from Commerce, met and exceeded those requirements.

"You must be willing to pay your dues. It is not a difficult task, but it is not an easy one. You will be rewarded for your efforts, and you will be recognized for your contributions. The people who are interested in Who's Who are people who are interested in their community and in the world around them.

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Variety of subjects covered in center

The Learning Center has a reputation across campus of helping students in their classes. If a student is struggling in a math class, they can come into TLC and work on math lessons. If they want to brush up on chemistry, the lessons are available to help.

"In addition to the specific classes, TLC is attempting to branch across the curriculum to satisfy some other needs," said Kathy Moore, program facilitator. "Some instructors have requested areas other than their own. The concern is to have students ready to tackle the specific work by brushing up on some basic skills."

David Gilbert, automotive technology instructor, is one of the faculty members using TLC.

At the beginning of each semester, Gilbert gives a math test to the students to see where they stand in regard to basic skills.

"This semester, with some slide lab at the beginning of the term, he was able to assess the students to TLC and they worked on a group of lessons that were developed especially for them," Moore said. "The students spent one day of their lab time for two weeks reviewing basic math skills to help them get ready for the semester."

"This is a good experience as Gilbert has brought me some software to add to the computers for his students to use," said Moore.

Marcy Tyson is another TLC supporter.

"Last week she visited other nutrition classes about some custom lessons we had developed to help them prepare for a test they were to take at the end of the week," said Moore.

"The students were not required to do the lessons but several of the students came to TLC and worked through them."

"The response from the students who participated was very positive. They said they benefitted a great deal," Moore said.

The nutrition classes also have math lessons using percents that they work on in TLC.

Some students are learning that what they are struggling with at the present time may not be the whole problem.

The Learning Center is a facility that can be used by all students.

DO THE ALLIGATOR!

Lady Norse basketball and softball head coach Woody Morrow (left) is to put the moves on as he and Lady Norse basketball player Lisa Gainer go through the motions during a dance Tuesday night in the Old Gym. The dance was sponsored by the evening Social Recreation class.

Students expecting to graduate this spring are urged to make sure they have a curriculum guide or file in the registrar's office, according to Kathy Harris, assistant director of admissions.

"Students first need to meet with their advisor and present their plan of study," said Harris.

"Most curriculum guides were turned in at pre-enrollment, but some students may not have realized they were close enough to graduate," Harris said.

"Students will not be allowed to graduate without a guide or file in the registrar's office. Students need to check with their advisor or the registrar's office before mid-term to be sure they are meeting all of the requirements," said Harris.

Requirements for receiving an associate of arts degree include the completion of 60 credit hours and 63 hours for an associate of applied science degree.

A student within six hours of graduation can transfer such credits from a university back to TCC and still graduate and receive a degree," Harris said.

Anyone wanting further information should contact Harris in the registrar's office located on the first floor of the Library/Administrative building or by calling ext. 270 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Baseball squad loses season opener

Utilizing eight pitchers during a nine-inning game, Northeastern AD's Golden Norse baseball squad opened the season Tuesday with an 11-3 loss to Tatarana Junior College in Tatarana, Texas.

"We haven't been outside in three weeks, so we decided to use this game as a tuneup for our pitchers," said NED head coach Rick Blachel. "But only two have been able to throw outside, our hitters were at a disadvantage also."

The Golden Norse will continue the nine-game road trip Thursday by facing Mississippi Delta College at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the Delta Classic Tournament at New Orleans, La.

After going scoreless the first five innings, the Golden Norse put together a three-run sixth inning against Tatarana. First baseman Jeffrey McEachron singled with one out. After third baseman James Russell singled, centerfielder Angel Alfonso hit a 1-2 pitch over the left field fence for a three-run home run.

Along with the hits by Alfonso, Michael and Russell the Norse received singles by Todd Schell and Todd Boll.

Veteran left-hander Ryan Daffy started and struck out two in one inning of work.

Freshman Brad Small relieved in the second inning and was tagged for runs on three hits while being credited with the loss.

Each Norse pitcher worked one inning.

Johnston wrestles in nationals

Freshman wrestler John Johnston was the only Golden Norse wrestler to qualify for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament which begins a two-day run today in Bloomfield, N.D.

Johnston, from Marlow, qualified in the 141-pound weight class during the District C Tournament last weekend in Guymon, Okla.

"I think Johnny is in a good frame of mind. He has all the physical tools if he just doesn't become distracted by where he is in the national tournament," NED head coach Alan Laucher said.

"He's going to be wrestling the same guys he faced all year, so there won't be anything new or different. Just the surroundings," said Laucher.

"This year's district meet was different because the region only drew seven teams causing only the top two wrestlers in each weight class to qualify."

Normally, the top three in each weight class would qualify. If the top three had been taken, the Norse would have qualified 12-pounder Greg Balsidge, 12-pounder Rodney Avery, and 10-pounder Terry Foss.

"If there was a close call, it wasn't NED's way," said Laucher.

"The tournament went like the year went pretty smooth. But we got one in. We'll go with him and regroup for next year."

Johnston suffered a 9-1 loss to Colby's Coke Ture in the 131 finals.

Golden City took two of 125 points, followed by Colby with 105.5, Labette 43.5, and NED with 31.5.

Balsidge defeated Richard Randy of Northeast Wyoming 10-6 while Avery upset Tim Pacheco of Western Wyoming 6-1.

Former defeated William Powell of Northwest by an 8-4 score.

The Norsemen also picked up fourth place finishes by Ally Shiman and Richard Brown.

Both lost to Labette wrestlers, Shiman lost to Jeff Wolfs at 125 while Brown lost to Jason Calder.

Cage coach contacted by Oral Roberts

NED basketball coach Lonnie Spencer will be traveling to Tulsa today for an interview for the head coaching position at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

Spencer's interview will coincide with annual Region IV basketball coaches meeting at Oral Roberts University. The meeting will be searching purposes for the upcoming Region IV men's and women's season scheduled to begin March 7.

"Officials from Oral Roberts University contacted me about the position and asked me to interview," said Spencer.

"I told them that I had a great job here and I would only be interested if it was going to be a viable candidate and they assured me that was the case." Spencer said.

"They are conducting a national wide search and I'm one candidate. I told them I don't want the interview just to be interviewing. I've got a tremendous team here and I want to stay focused on our goals." said Spencer.

Spencer is a 1975 graduate from Oral Roberts University.

Spencer has guided the Golden Norsemen to a 22-5 season record and a first place tie in the Eastern Division of the Big State Conference with a 7-2 mark.

During his two-year tenure as head coach at NED, Spencer has compiled a 43-20 overall record in two years.

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Ladies annex Bi-State East title with victory over Carl Albert

Scoring 36 points, Latasha Byrnes led the number two ranked Lady Norse to a 95-67 victory over Carl Albert Community College. The Norse are a perfect 9-0 in the Bi-State East.

The Norse defeated the Lady Vikings 2-8 in the league and 9-21 on the year. The Norse will play Eastern in the NFEO Fieldhouse on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. to conclude the regular season.

The final game will be Senior Night. All seniors 60 years or older will be admitted free to both men's and women's games.

Scoring 26 points, Crystal Akin led the Norse to their 95-67 victory over Carl Albert. Akin is the leading scorer in the Bi-State East.

Noah Williams led the Norse in rebounding with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Williams is the leading rebounder in the Bi-State East.

Byrnes had nine points and Eil- de Person and Anissa Lewis added four points each for the Norse.

Kadina Bush scored seven points down the stretch as Gipson eroded his bench with 10 of 12 players scoring.

Byrnes connected on 14 of 19 field goals and eight of 10 from the free throw line. Bush contributed 11 points while Lewis added 10 points.

Freshman forward Stacey Sotirov is equalled Bush's performance with 36 total points for the Norse.

Lady Norse 96, Western 66
Byrnes scored 24 points to lead the Lady Norse to a 96-66 rout of the Lady Lancers last night in the NFEO Fieldhouse. The Norse are now 9-0 in the NFEO.

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