Enrollment process starts

By Thasa Tompkins
Managing Editor

Featuring two major changes in procedures, enrollment for either the summer or fall semester starts Monday, April 10, according to Diadernet, deans of admissions and records.

The process will continue through May 13. Current students can enroll for either the summer or fall semester of both. This will be a first-come, first-serve basis," said Peterson. Students must obtain a permit to enroll and administrative staff from the Admissions and Records office located on the first floor of Library Admissions building. Then students must take the advisor transcript to their advisor after it has been reviewed by the Admissions & Records Office. If a student desires to change his/her major or advisor, the student must have permission from the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Advisors will complete the enrollment and give students an "Official Class Schedule." "It is important that the students realize that this is an official enrollment. If they do not come back and have already gone through the enrollment process, then they must officially withdraw," Peterson said.

"If the student does not withdraw, be or she will still have to pay the tuition charges." Students planning to graduate in July or December must take their curriculum guide to the advisor and administration office to complete the enrollment form for the Admissions and Records Office.

All forms for summer school must be paid on or before June 1.

Area students attend contest

Business activities highlight day

High school students interested in business-related areas are on campus today competing in the 1993 Annual Business Day Contest. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of College Hall. Competition starts at 8 a.m. in rooms in College Hall.

More than 150 contestants are expected to compete in nine business-related skills events. "We want to recognize superior student achievement for academic abilities and their individual talents in business-related areas," said George Weaver, chairman of the college's business division. Areas of competition include accounting, typewriting I and II, business machines, business mathematics, computerized word processing, general business, and writing skills.

Awards will be presented to the top three contestants in each of the nine areas. First place winners receive a plaque and an NPO scholarship. The awards presentation will be 1:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. A surprise party will be awarded to the school scoring the most overall points.

Keynote speaker for the day will be Mr. The report also included one public drunk arrest. The report was compiled for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators located in Hartford, Conn.

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Environment remains focus of Earth Day

Members of the Clinton administration will be celebrating their first official Earth Day on Tuesday.

Vice President Gore is an avid environmentalist and hopes that he and the Clinton Administration can establish new policies to protect the environment.

Earth Day is a time to be aware of the problems of the environment. The United States has a share of environmental problems, but there are many global issues that we need to be aware of.

Gore believes that population explosion is the top priority and the United States can play a key role in changing the world’s approach to stabilizing population.

There are many other issues affecting the environment and there are things that everyone can do to save the earth.

Individuals need to learn more about the environmental crisis that the world faces. Once we learn what the problems are, then we can explore creative ways to solve the crisis.

Try to conserve energy by turning off lights when you leave a room. Your local utility companies may be able to help you learn to use energy more efficiently.

Recycle, it plays a big part in conservation. Some local governments have started charging tax-payers for garbage removal.

They charge by the pound and give a credit for what is recycled. Since this is a tough measure, it is better for people within the community to begin their own efforts in recycling.

Another way to help is by planting trees. Making your family vacation a learning trip is another option. You can learn about endangered ecosystems, other climates, and you get to be creative.

Think globally about environmental problems, but act locally by cleaning up a park or a beach. Use products that are recyclable. Check to see if there are refillers for the product.

Using mass transit and car pools save the earth while saving you money on gas, parking, and other costs.

Vice President Gore encourages Americans to speak out, call or write local officials. Let them know when they have or have not acted responsibly. He feels that nothing stands a better message to elected officials than writing. You can also check out how a particular official has voted on senate and congressional committees.

Many organizations promote Earth Day. Don’t be left out.

Soldier writes home

Hey Dad: I am getting to be quite the jack-of-all-trades. A Troop left out of Mogadishu today. I volunteered to go back, for reasons that seemed strong at first but now I sense a cold, hard, resolve is wearing a bit thin. Things will be OK once I get the hang of my new job. I am now part of Flight Operations, the Traffic Control, so you, silly vilians.

One part in this “Restore Hope” operation (A-Troop Scouts) was to provide security for food convoys and carry out a thorough reconnaissance of the southern sector. I’ve learned that Somalia is rich in beauty. The beaches are incredible with white sand and crystal blue water. It’s hard to believe that this country is in such turmoil when sitting on the sand watching the ocean. It’s only once in a while we get to the beach.

The people were nice at first, now they want to go. I can see their point. They think we are arrogant and pushy. We aren’t. It’s plain and simple. They have created this uniqueness among us, they say in Somalia. I understand, when we first arrived in the country we were very impressive. That outlook on us has worn out. They throw rocks at us because they know we cannot shoot. It’s a tough situation. We are expected to help those unfortunate people that tell us to leave, I’m all for it — let’s pack up and move out. Meanwhile, things down in Kismayo are heating up. General Morgan is biding his time. As all red-blooded Americans know, we the U.S. Army are fully capable of “cleaning house.” Either we do or don’t amount to determination. Someone has to make the decisions or not.

OK, now that’s the way the US Army fights. This isn’t the way we were trained. Life at Balad Air Base is normal. The place seems haunted when all is quiet, especially on guard duty. We are in the middle of a desert bowl. The worst dust I have ever seen. It gets in everything, even the food, so that tells you that frustration is high. But even so, our morale is high because of ourselves. Yes, the Army does what it can under the circumstances, but we have to pump ourselves up. Our living conditions have improved from sleeping on dirt to wooden floors and tents. I’ve made myself quite a little home to be proud of. I built a chair and some dressers out of scrap wood (furniture) and cardboard (drawers). It sounds so sad but think of it like this, a homeless person would be living like this (ha ha). The chain is my prized possession. Whenever I get back from the tower (Flight Ops) I have to chase someone out of it.

Our neighbors are the Moroccans, they are awfully meticulous. One has to have eyes in the back of their head so they don’t permanently borrow something. But for the most part they are OK. Peterson from Stroud, a good friend of mine, crashed a couple of times but would be home any day.

All in all, it’s rough, but we’re managing. We are all getting pretty homesick but that’s to be expected. Our day is a twist of the previous, so it’s quite by now.

Tell the cheerleaders, Norse Stars, and everyone else that signed the Christmas card I have the Card and sent pimped up next to my bunk. Send pictures!

Hope this is good enough for the paper, my brain’s fried, so putting things in order is a bit confusing. I’ll send more info.

Love, Patrick

Letters can be sent to Patrick Black.

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Administration mulls several cuts

Academic programs come under scrutiny

College officials began taking steps last week for preparation of major state reductions. NEO, along with 27 other Oklahoma institutions of higher education, has been told to prepare for a 9-10 percent cut in state appropriations for the 1993-94 fiscal year beginning July 1.

Details of the budget cuts have not been finalized, however, administrators are not waiting until the last minute to begin their cut-back procedures. Under the current estimates of a nine percent cut, NEO stands to lose $273,000 out of their $3 million annual budget. This figure coupled with the possibility of a state tuition increase has created a number of complex issues officials must address.

"The college has developed plans that reflect a reduction in the number of full-time personnel, adjunct faculty, and student employees," said Dr. Carroll. Presently, only two full-time positions have been eliminated. Other reductions will come from not re-hiring 27 adjunct faculty and 47 student employees. Dr. Carroll was quick to point out that other personnel reductions could hopefully be handled through natural attrition such as not replacing those who retire.

"The unknown about the present situation is the time frame in which we will receive official word," Dr. Carroll said. "So until then, we have to go on the premise that we are going to be cut by about nine percent." Along with being asked to reduce spending, NEO, as well as other state institutions, is being asked to evaluate school academic programs that show low enrollment.

School officials will be asked to make recommendations for restructuring, down-sizing, or terminating such programs. "The institution is looking at the possibility of a reduction of over 30 school sections before this is all said and done," said Dr. Carroll.

In addition to cutting class selections, the budget cuts will mean a reduction in other operational expenditures such as supplies and materials for existing classes.

"To reduce a budget where salary and benefits reflect over 80 percent of our total budget is quite difficult. It requires a great deal of research and effort." The biggest question administrators and faculty are dealing with is how these cuts will affect the NEO student.

"Anytime class sections are cut from a curriculum it affects the time frame in which a student can complete their requirements for a degree plan," Dr. Carroll said. "It may mean that some classes could only be offered once a year instead of each semester. Without a definite word from the state this is something that is too early to tell.

Along with closed class sections, the loss of state appropriations could eliminate some student scholarships, reduce student activities and library services, and hamper the ability of a student to obtain certain forms of financial aid such as state funded work study.

"I want everyone to understand that these cuts are being necessitated by the state because of a decrease in state appropriations. These are not easy choices for me or anyone else to make, but we have to make them regardless." Dr. Carroll went on to note that he realizes that presently there is low morale among employees due to the budget cuts, but contends that the same feeling is evident throughout the entire Oklahoma higher education system.

"It is my opinion that after the exact amount of cuts are known, the college personnel will work together and will have too much the budget. We will continue to work hard and provide the best education we can to our students." "We will be leaner, but we can also be better," said Dr. Carroll. College officials hope to have an answer to the budget questions sometime in early May.

Publications place at NSU

Six members of the newspaper staff earned individual certificates Wednesday, April 7, during the 3rd annual Northeastern State University Media Day at Tahlequah.

More than 500 students representing 16 junior colleges and 23 high schools participated in the day-long event.

Student photographer Arlo Griggs, a sophomore from Cottage Hill, received first place awards in both junior college yearbook and news photography. Griggs also received honorable mention certificates in both categories.

Norse Wind managing editor Tyler Thompson, a freshman from Commerce, finished second in the junior college news writing competition.

Former managing editor Rachel George, sophomore from Gore, received honorable mention in the news writing category. Freshman feature editor Marty Jones of Afton placed third in the junior college features writing competition.

Editorial editor Angela Stroble, a sophomore from Miami, received honorable mention in editorial writing.

Sports editor Chris Franks, a freshman from Miami, earned honorable mention in sports writing.

The Norse Wind yearbook finished second in the overall competition behind the Eastern Oklahoma College Statesman.

Eastern received 90 total points, out of 1,000 while the Norse Wind finished with 844 total points.

"When you consider we’re working with only a seven-person staff compared to 10 at Eastern, I think our kids did a remarkable job," said Monty Franks, publications advisor.

The Viking yearbook received the Best Overall award in yearbook competition.

The Viking received 24th place total points. Connors State finished second while Eastern placed third.

VIEWING CRAFTS

Former NEO graduate Lit Ganters and Vietnam War veteran Ed Ramon survey the crafts during the First Raders Native American Student Association pow-wow held Saturday in the Bruce G. Cater Student Union Ballroom. Ramon, twice nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor, was the honored guest during the evening event.

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Earth Day becomes celebration to save all of the Human race

By Marti James
Lifestyle Editor

On April 20, we will be celebrating Earth Day. This day is set aside for people to observe and help keep our environment clean. Vice President Al Gore believes that the next few years will be crucial in determining the kind of planet that the next generation will inherit.

The single most important thing individuals can do about the environment, is to be aware of the effects that our activities have on it. They can try to change or better their habits. One of these effects we can change is to conserve our energy better. Conserving energy helps save a lot of money. President Clinton's economic plan has a major program to make federal buildings energy-efficient. Hopefully this program will enable Americans to do the same in their homes and their surroundings.

Another program is the recycling program. "The federal government can create much of the new jobs we will need," said Vice President Gore. "For instance, we want the government to use a large percentage of recycled paper." "Earth Day is very significant," President Clinton and I are trying our best to turn the government around and establish policies to protect the environment," said Vice President Gore.

Gas selection is important to preserve your environment

By Marti James
Lifestyle Editor

The type of gasoline you buy, and how you pump it, can affect the environment. "Fumes coming off gasoline is what we are trying to control," said Ron Gill, automotive instructor.

"In a room with enough gasoline, obviously it would be harmful and when it reacts with the atmosphere in certain conditions it can cause some real atmospheric problems as far as the atmosphere goes," Gill said.

Air borne lead sent into the atmosphere by exhaust from cars using leaded gas can cause liver, kidney and brain damage. It also contributes to the greenhouse effect and acid rain. Despite these hazards, 20 percent of America's drivers use gasoline with lead in it for car engines designed for unleaded fuel, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Such bad switching doesn't just affect the efficiency of a vehicle's anti-smog equipment, adding excess hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides and lead to the atmosphere.

Butane is a component of gasoline and its evaporation helps create smog. Everytime you fill your gas tank, the vapor that escape at the pump pollute the atmosphere.

When you enter an establishment that sells gas, the gas pump tastes like your nose and should have a plastic hood. This plastic hood is known as a vapor catcher, it helps control vapor loss. "When gas pumps out of the nozle into your car's tank, the air in your car's tank is being forced out," said Gilbert.

"At the same time you are drawing gasoline out of the service station's tank, it is drawing fresh air into it." By placing the plastic hood, or vapor catcher on the nozels, it causes the contaminated hydrocarbon laden air to be exhausted into the service station's tank.

"Now we don't have as much venting off into the atmosphere and therefore we can control some pollutants," Gilbert said.

So make sure you use the right gas.

Warning signs indicate problems

Teen suicide rate continues explosion

Many adolescent suicides could be prevented if family and friends would heed warning signs and act quickly, according to a study of teen hospitalizations for mental health and chemical dependency problems.

"The sad fact is that teen suicide is a needless tragedy," said Tamara Sanderson, senior psychiatric case manager for Northway National Life Insurance Co., said Monday. "There are warning signs parents can watch for, and there are steps parents can take to help their children."

In analyzing data on adolescents covered by NWNL policies who were hospitalized for mental health and chemical dependency problems, the Memphis-based insurer found 80 percent of the patients in 1991 and 1992 had attempted suicide or had suicidal tendencies, Sanderson said.

"Teen suicide rates are exploding," she said. "Suicide is a significant issue in the majority of adolescent cases we are managing."

Figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Center for Health Statistics show 38 percent more suicides among children up to age 19 in 1998, the most recent year for which figures were available, than in 1980, the study indicated. Oklahoma's suicide rate among adolescents increased 40 percent in the 10 years from 1980 to 1990.

Northwestern National Life, after studying its insured patients, believes higher levels of teen stress caused by unrelated family conflict, physical or sexual abuse and drug and alcohol abuse have contributed to the increase in suicides. Teens suffering from depression and those with impulsive personalities who are considered at greater risk, the company said.

Parents and friends should be alert to several warning signs that may indicate an adolescent is at risk of committing suicide. The NYPL said:

1. There's a reason to worry if a child with a history of anxiety and depression stops going to school or begins getting poorer grades, experiences a change in sleep patterns or has a large weight gain or loss, the company said.

2. Other warning signs include excessive perfectionism, feelings of guilt or despair, preoccupation with death or suicide, threats of self-injury and self-destructive behavior.

Northwestern National Life noticed the trend of increased adolescent suicide while preparing its first comprehensive statistical analysis of the healthiness of children in each of the 50 states, Sanderson said.

That report is to be released in late April.

The government statistics cited by Northwestern National Life showed only 12 states had a lower rate of adolescent suicides in 1998 than in 1980.

Alabama had the highest number of suicides per capita, 98 deaths per 100,000 in 1998, double the rate of 4.6 in 1980 when it tied for the top spot with Vermont.

Vermont experienced a dramatic turnaround in its suicide rate for children under age 19, dropping from 48 percent to 2.5 deaths per 100,000 in 1998.

Hawaii had the largest percentage increase in adolescent suicides, 120 percent, but still reported only 2.9 deaths per 100,000 in 1998 compared with 1.3 in 1980.

Adolescent suicides in Idaho were up 122 percent, and Wyoming experienced a 120 percent increase.

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Record-setting forward named All-American

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Ladies enter home stretch

By Jeremy Pendleton

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Cowboys lasso Golden Norse

By Clark Wrenko
Sports Editor

The Golden Norse baseball squad fought hard but dropped two games to the No. 8 ranked Connors State Cowboys 17-7 and 24-4 last Saturday at Home Thomas Field.

The two losses dropped the Norsemen to 7-7 in Bi-State East play and 9-17 overall. Coach Perry Keath's Cowboys improved to 9-0 in the conference and 31-4 overall.

Weather permitting the Golden Norse are scheduled to play a Bi-State Conference double-header Saturday in Muskogee at 1 p.m.

The Golden Norse return to Home Thomas Field on Tuesday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader with Eastern Oklahoma.

Connors 7-Norman 6

The game at Connors State on March 31st was a pitchers duel.

Coach Keith helped the Norsemen rally within one run before a late 5 run outburst in the seventh inning to secure the win.

With two out and no one on base, David Lane was walked. After Armando Alm held the runners and intentionally walked the next batter, Keath was then caught stealing third.

The next NIO player, Todd Schell, drew the walk to score Lane. Steven Johnson reached on a fielder's choice as Alm threw away the throw.

With one out, Corden hit to center field for the Norsemen to score their second run of the game.

Kirkhart advanced to second on a fielder's choice by Jeff Michaels on a groundout.

Schell was then on second and brought in two runs with a single to left-center.

Keath was then caught stealing third on a fielder's choice by Schell, but Kirkhart scored on Johnson's sacrifice fly.

Kirkhart's run was the final run of the game as the Norsemen won 6-3.

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