Dr. Carroll opposes elimination of out-of-state tuition fee waivers

By Tonya Crowell
Editor

"Proposed state legislation that would eliminate most out-of-state tuition fee waivers for non-resident students would hit the college hard," said Dr. Jerry Carroll, president of NE and Friday, during the monthly meeting of the Oklahoma State University & A&M Board of Regents meeting in Stillwater. "It would drastically hurt our enrollment." Dr. Carroll said. "The 4th District is known throughout the State for the high school graduates that are leaving the state for reasons of high cost. If students are spending $20,000 per year, our enrollment will decrease by 30 percent." Out-of-state fee waivers are basically scholarships given to certain non-resident students. They allow the schools to discount or allow for additional expenses for non-resident students to pay to attend Oklahoma colleges and universities. The fee waivers are especially important to schools located near the state's boarders. NE is located approximately nine miles from the Kansas State line and approximately 12 miles from the Arkansas State line. "We have 340 students from out of state who receive these fees," said Dr. Carroll. "We wouldn't lose all 340, but we lost half, which is a major blow." Approximately 200 of those students affected come from our boarder states of Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas," said Dale Paterson, dean for admissions and truncs. "NEO is particularly sensitive to the issue because of its proximity to three states and because enrollment and off-campus housing has been a particular concern." Also, NEO has recently worked out an informal mutual agreement with Missouri Southern University in Joplin and a formal agreement with eight vocational-technical schools in Kansas. House Bill 197, sponsored by Wanda Jett of Oklahoma City, would eliminate the fee waiver program, except for graduate students and athletes. She says the waivers cost the state almost $5 million annually in lost revenue. Dr. Carroll and others, however, report that the cost of the fee waivers is more than made up for in housing, tuition, and other fees that the schools would not otherwise collect. "We are just now making so much headway in Missouri and Arkansas," said Dr. Carroll. "We don't want to lose that momentum." Discussion at this level may be divided since the fee waiver program will continue when the legislature comes back in January.

Northeastern State hosts conference

By Marti James
Staff Writer

The first meeting of the Student Body Government was held Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the Faculty Lounge of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union. Several issues of interest to the students of NEO were discussed. "Since Governor Walker has declared Higher Education Day on Feb. 6, we are circulating petitions to be presented to the state legislature in an attempt to halt further cuts in educational funding," said Brian Tabor, Student Body Government president. Last year all Oklahoma colleges, including NEO, experienced a 3.3 percent cut back in funding and tuition increase. "Unless something is done the state legislature intends to make further, deeper cuts into the educational budget causing the loss of classes, offerings, activities, and possibly the loss of entire areas of study at some schools," Tabor said. These petitions are available for your signature at the Student Body Government office located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union. "Any state resident who is a registered voter may sign the petitions," said Tabor. Dr. Jerry Carroll, president of NEO and a group of the Student Body Government officers are traveling to the state capital on Feb. 9 for a special session of the legislature. "We will be presenting the signed petitions to our local legislative representatives," Tabor said. Other businesses included the reassignment of Patricia Moore Hall, Baxter Springs sophomore, to the Student Body Government. Tammy Short, Nowata freshman, part-time editor, and Sabalina freshman Jason Baskette, sergeant at arms, were appointed to the positions vacated by Hall's resignation. The Student Body Government has proclaimed Feb. 3 as way's "Kappa Recognition Day." Gene Way's been a constant and enthusiastic supporter of NEO and its athletic programs for several years," Tabor said. "Mr. Way's will be recognized and a plaque presented to him during the halftime activities of the basketball game with Connors State," said Tabor. NEO will be represented by a delegation of the Student Body Government officers at the annual conference of the Student Body Government Association in Oklahoma. "This resolution was accepted and approved by the Student Body Government in the Jan. 18 meeting," Tabor said. The resolution suggests the need for such scholarships and the local offers for funding for their operation of such a program. "Anyone with ideas for other resolutions may present them to any Student Body Government officer or drop them by the office located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union," Tabor said.

Student Body Government discusses numerous topics

Learning Center assigns several study workshops

By Tonya Crowell
Editor

Eight free study skills workshops will be offered this semester, according to Alice Hensley, coordinator of the Learning Center. "A workshop participant will be actively involved in learning and practicing the strategies offered," said Hensley. "Come with paper and pencil and be prepared to write, discuss, learn, and apply.

All sessions are one hour in length and include a discussion of the day's topic, a hands-on activity, and time to practice the skill on your own. All workshops will be offered in the Technology Center at the following times:

- Reading Study Strategies I will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. in room 205 of the Library Administration Building.
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If you do smoke try to make sure that smoke isn't going towards anyone, but away from them.

If you are standing outside a doorway pay attention to which way your smoke is going. Stand somewhere where your smoke won't be going across the doorway where people might be passing.

Non-smokers could show respect for smokers by giving them some space. If you know smokers tend to gather at a certain spot, don't stand in front of it, please.

Don't go overboard with the pouting, choking, or rubbing your eyes. Just makes you look ridiculous.

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**Campaign directed towards AIDS**

**New educational approach**

By Kathy Wyrick, L.A. Times

The Clinton Administration has announced the Development of a marketing initiative to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among young people as part of its attack against AIDS, which kills an average of 92 Americans a day.

In a difficult budget year, the Clinton Administration is creating a task force to identify and eliminate any obstacles to developing effective therapies.

It has enacted new regulations streamlining the process for determining eligibility for disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits for people with AIDS.

It created the White House Office of AIDS Policy to coordinate the government's overall response.

It supported legislation expanding the Office of AIDS Research, which oversees the AIDS research effort at the National Institutes of Health.

It has proposed comprehensive health care reform. The Clinton plan would outlaw denial of coverage based on pre-existing conditions and guarantee health care coverage, including prescription drug benefits, to all Americans.

The proposal would also provide long-term care benefits to people with disabilities.

It is also introducing a new policy that fights fear with facts, educating all federal workers on the need to treat coworkers who have AIDS and HIV with dignity and compassion.

The Department of Health and Human Services of Washington, D.C., announced the first steps in a new initiative designed to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among young people.

The Prevention Marketing Initiative, coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is being kicked off with a series of new public service announcements (PSAs) for radio and television.

The ad targets young people at increased risk for HIV infection. Sexually active men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. The ads deliver two main HIV prevention messages: To protect yourself and others, refuse from sexual activity; if you are sexually active, use latex condoms consistently and correctly.

"Young people need to know that the safest way to prevent AIDS is to refrain from having sex, but we also need to be realistic," said HHS Secretary Donna E. Shalala.

"By age 20, 90 percent of young men and 77 percent of young women report having had intercourse. The duty of public health officials is to save lives," added Shalala.

The initiative will also provide technical assistance to local prevention efforts. It will engage government at all levels in a partnership with religious, business, educational and community groups to devise and share prevention strategies.

The initiative would also include community planning processes to allow individual communities to reach out to persons most at risk and help them change risky behavior.

"We must break through the denial that all too often leads to risky behavior. The Clinton administration will provide strong leadership, but everyone has a role: parents, educators, religious and community leaders, state and local officials, and members of the news and entertainment media, among others," said Shalala.

According to the new partnership, representatives from more than 100 national, religious and community-based organizations attended the kick-off in Washington.

As further evidence of the new partnership, Shalala announced commitments from major broadcast and cable networks to broadcast the new ads.

"I applaud these broadcasters for their vision," she said.

CDC Director Dr. David Satcher said the initiative is targeting young people because AIDS has become a leading cause of death among them. Although young people know the facts about HIV and AIDS, many have not changed their behavior.

"Of the 12 million new cases of STDS each year, two-thirds occur in people under 25 years of age. These numbers cause great concern because the behaviors that put people at risk for STDS are the same behaviors that put them at risk for HIV," said Satcher.

Expert agree that while refusing from sexual activity is the best way to avoid the sexual transmission of HIV, those who are sexually active can significantly reduce their risk of infection by using latex condoms consistently and correctly.

As the nation's disease prevention agency within the U.S. Public Health Service, Atlanta-based CDC has the responsibility to provide Americans with accurate scientific information to help them reduce the risk of contracting HIV.

To that end, the CDC has produced a short, step-by-step brochure to help people develop the skills necessary to use latex condoms correctly. Single copies of the brochure are available free by phoning the CDC's National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS.
Working Parents Earn Tax Break

Child care costs can be reduced

By Kathy Wyrick
Lifestyle Editor

There is a way to ease the burden of the costs when day care is a necessary part of a working parent. Working parents who pay someone to care for their children so they can work may get a tax break. The credit for child and dependent care can be as much as $2,500 for the care of one qualifying child or $3,400 for two or more children. Qualifying parents can subtract the credit from the tax owed on their federal income tax return.

Generally, to qualify for the credit, the parent and spouse, if married, must work or be looking for work. There are exceptions for students and disabled spouses. The child must be under age 13 or disabled when the care was provided. For those who file Form 1040, the credit is figured on Form 2441. Form 2441 is attached to the tax return. Form 1040A filers use Schedule 3.

To claim the credit, parents must list the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the care provider. If they cannot get the identification number, the parents should ask the provider to file a 1099 to get the number.

Lower-income working parents who have newborns should note that there is an additional earned income credit (EIC) for a child born in 1993. If they qualify for the EIC, parents should figure out how much they would get for the additional EIC for a child born in 1993. They should compare this with the amount they could get for the child care credit.

The parents should then claim the credit that gives the greater benefit. Qualifying parents can claim either the additional EIC or the child care credit, but not both.

For more information on these credits, get Publications 393, Child and Dependent Care Expenses, and 506, Earned Income Credit.

Tuition increases mean tax breaks

The more college tuition costs increase, the more students may need to depend on financial assistance from their college or university. To determine eligibility for aid, students need to review their student aid and sometimes their parents’ tax situation. They require information from students’ and/or parents’ tax returns or even complete copies of the returns. If your copy of any federal tax return you have filed is misplaced, the Internal Revenue Service can help you. If you need a copy of a return, it will take at least 45 days. There is a charge of $4.25 per return, which may be requested on Form 4506, “Request for Copy of Tax Return.” Send the completed Form 4506 with payment to the Internal Revenue Service Center where you filed your original return.

Some schools may instead accept account information, such as marital status, number of exceptions claimed, adjusted gross income, taxable income and income tax shown on your return. You should allow at least six weeks processing time after a return is filed.
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By Chad Grabah

Sports Writer

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Athletic programs face budget cuts

Citing a deficit of $250,000, NED president Dr. Jerry Carroll notified the Board of Regents for OSU and A&M Colleges last Friday that the institution would face a budget reduction of 40 percent throughout six intercollegiate athletic programs.

"We are at a point where we either have to make some changes, or things will be changed by someone else," said Dr. Carroll. "NED has an outstanding athletic program that is rich in tradition. We won't make any changes that will sacrifice that tradition."

Members of the college Athletic Council are currently studying the budget reductions. A final report is expected to be presented to Dr. Carroll near the end of February.

Reduction in travel, scholarships and personnel are areas which are currently being considered. "We may have to go to boosters, for example, and ask them to come up with funds for scholarships because of the amount we spend on travel," said Dr. Carroll.

The Lady Norse, who are fourth ranked in the state of Oklahoma which features football and wrestling teams, are one of the programs under consideration for a reduction.

The Lady Norse women's basketball program is currently ranked number one by the NED. The Lady Norse are ranked second in the weekly poll with an identical 18-1 record.

A DISH OF PUDDING

Freshman guard Lori "Pudding" Jamison drives through the defense of Eastern Oklahoma College before falling to the game as the Lady Norse gained an 83-54 victory. Photo by Jonn Colley

Women climb in rankings after two conference wins

By Chad Grubbs

Following an 83-54 drubbing of sixth-ranked Eastern Oklahoma College last Monday, coach Randy Gipson's Lady Norse climbed into the second spot of the weekly NICCA rankings.

The win was the 17th straight at home for the Lady Norse. Following a trip to Warner on Thursday, the Lady Norse returned home Monday to entertain number one ranked Westark Community College at 6 p.m. in the NED Fieldhouse.

While the Lady Norse improved to 2-0 in the Big 8 East and 18-1 overall, the Lady Mountain States slipped to 1-3 in league play.

Lady Norse 83-Eastern 54

In the opening game of the Big 8 East conference season, the Lady Norse won a thrilling 17-3 win at home in the NED Fieldhouse.

The Lady Norse maintained good balance to take a 45-32 halftime lead. "Our kids played with great concentration and we really executed our defensive fundamentals," said Gipson. "The biggest lead of the game was with 3:56 to go in the game when Lori Jamison hit a 3-point shot to give the Lady Norse a 53-33 lead.

Jamison led the Lady Norse with 20 points while Lisa Gates had 18 and 17 rebounds. Tresa Hickory and Latasha Byars had 14 points each. Russian Gina Shumik had 11 and Vicki Schved had 13 for Eastern.

Lady Norse 77-Bacone 44

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The Lady Norse improved to 2-0 in the Eastern Division of the Big 8 conference. The Norse are ranked 4-1 by the Lady Norse, who are ranked number one by the NED. The Norse will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma Saturday for a 3 p.m. contest with the Lady Norse at Candy Community College.

Men prepare for tough league games

By Chad Grubbs

While winning their 18th consecutive game to remain ranked number one in the nation, coach Louise Spencer's Golden Norse face a tough week of conference action.

After defeating Eastern Oklahoma College 100-44 last Monday in the NED Fieldhouse, the Golden Norse improved to 2-0 in the Eastern Division of the Big 8 Conference.

On Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the NED Fieldhouse, the Golden Norse will travel to Oklahoma State University to face the Oklahoma State Cowboys in a 7 p.m. conference game.

A small group of students, led by the Lady Norse, gathered in the NED Fieldhouse to watch the game.

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