Graduating sophomores need to handle final arrangements

By Kathy Wyrick
Managing Editor

All sophomores expecting to graduate next month are reminded there are a few details that must be taken care of, according to Dale Paterson, dean of records and admissions.

“We would like to remind all graduating students that graduation material has been sent out to all students on the graduation list,” said Paterson.

Sophomores planning on graduating this spring and participating in the commencement ceremony should pick up their caps and gowns Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6, according to instructor Nancy Blackwood.

“The more than 300 pieces of attire will be on display at the college art department/museum building located south of the Neil Marriott Student Apartments. The show will begin Sunday with a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the art department/museum building. The reception is free and open to anyone interested. The show will continue through Monday. There will be an opening reception for the museum’s latest exhibit, "Velveco Man.""

White said the museum will also display local art for the first time in a while. The museum recently hosted its annual "Open Studio" event, which featured local artists working in a variety of media. The show ran from March 20 to April 17.

White also encouraged students to participate in the upcoming "Art & Design" competition, which will take place from May 1 to May 24. The competition is open to all students, regardless of major, and will be judged by local artists and art educators. The winner will receive a cash prize, as well as recognition in the local community.

White concluded by emphasizing the importance of art in higher education.

“Art is a vital component of a well-rounded education,” White said. “It provides students with opportunities to explore new ideas, express themselves, and connect with others. Our goal at the art department is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students to learn and thrive.”

Student art show opens with reception Sunday

Members of the college art department will present the 25th annual Student Art Show opening Sunday, May 5 and continuing through Friday, May 13, according to instructor Nancy Blackwood.

The more than 300 pieces of student art will be on display at the college's art department/museum building located south of the Neil Marriott Student Apartments. The show will begin Sunday with a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the art department/museum building. The reception is free and open to anyone interested.

"We really want to encourage students to come out and see just how talented their fellow students are," Blackwood said.

Individual student works will be on display from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Our displays will include paintings, drawings and sculptures," Professor Robert Russell, a member of the Pittsburg State art faculty, said. "We hope the show will attract a wide range of visitors, including students, faculty, staff and the community."
Oklahoma town make decision on cable channel

What is this world coming to? I was walking through the Tulsa World plaza when I saw a story about Enid residents wanting to get rid of the MTV cable channel. Then don't watch it. How hard is that choice? The townfolk get together for a petition drive and get 1,400 signatures to get the channel turned off. One of the members of the petition drive told me that she didn't want to be a censor and don't want to put the air for others to watch. Now let me get this straight. This lady doesn't want to be a censor, but she wants to stop MTV. OK! Just because some people feel that a program is too violent or too coarse doesn't mean that everyone else who views these programs feel the same way.

The show that has come under the most scrutiny has been "Beavis and Butthead." The cartoon does lack a lot of intellectual stimulation but it is pretty entertaining. The cable company in Enid did a good job of handling the situation. They offered a free blocking of the channel to anyone who wants it. The problem now is that the people who are complaining about wanting to take the channel off the air are too busy watching the cable office and get it blocked. The only answer that I can give is to tell the people to get off their high horses and quit trying to tell people what is best for them.

The lady who was in charge of the petition was quoted as saying that MTV has some very objectionable things like endless sex and violence. Well, I have to open a few eyes but network television also has endless sex and violence. Does that mean that we should all rally together and get television banned? The problem with people in the world who feel that they should censor things for others that they need to worry about themselves and stay out of other people's business. If you find something offensive, turn it off. Don't try to persecute others for what they find enjoyable. If people would just learn to mind their own business than the world would run better.

Chris Franka

December graduate requests signatures for petition drive

Dear Editor:

Here inside this ivory tower of higher education we call NDSU, it is easy to sit and arm chair quarterback situations you hear about in the news and read about. In the last issue of this paper there was an editorial about the friendly fist in the chest incident over northern Iraq. The editorial made his opinions known about this subject. This is what I think about this country that one can go to a public forum of speech and make his or her thoughts known. This freedom came at a price though, it came at the price of blood and lives of many men and women in uniform. I'm a soldier and a American. I AM NOT A PEACE LOVER! I get upset at people who take these rights for granted.

Life in the service is completely foreign if a person has not experienced it for themselves. No it is not Rambo or Chuck Norris, nor is it like playing in a rock band. Next time you are watching the news or reading the newspaper and see a story, think about what they are talking about. Do they have any idea how hard it is? Is that black, white, red, yellow, and green and hard. This goes from the highest general to the lowest private. The people who issue these orders are the American public. Is it who elect the people who is the officer who make the policies which the military follow to the best of their abilities. No any death is horrible. Yet a death of 28 people is especially horrible due to the way it happened. It just boils down to just one thing, the pilots of F-16's were following standing orders. These orders are in place to save lives as hard as we seem. The pilots and people in charge did what they were supposed to do. It is unfortunate that resulted in the lives of that 28 people. This is not to say that inside all the jets, tanks, and ships there are people, and people do make mistakes.

If we lived in northern Iraq we would not have this fine paper as a place to display our opinion or even be going to college. The blanket of freedom we enjoy is put into place by American servicemen giving their lives to protect us for it. The military in Iraq is just trying to give the Kurds the same blanket.

Matt McPadden
Sophomore
Ketchum

Smoking causes difficulties

Smoking is a problem that many Americans have. Health risks and loss of money is all that the smoker gets out of it, but for many it is hard to quit. Hundreds of thousands of deaths each year are related to smoking and it is a major cause of lung cancer and heart disease. Second hand smoke is also very bad to infants and young children who live with parents that smoke. The smoke spreads toxic particles and gases into the eyes and lungs of others.

The risk for cardiovascular disease is high in smokers.

Research shows that smokers are at least two to three times more likely than non-smokers to have a heart attack. Smoking is a habit to give up due to the fact that nicotine is addictive and your body will crave it, but there are ways to do it.

The first way is to let your friends know. There is a wide choice of methods. Hypnosis can be used for people who are not comfortable with other methods. Medical treatment is another way. They now have nicotine patches that will help people stop (see a doctor). Another method is counseling.

Individual or group counseling is a good way to break the habit. If you decide that you want to quit on your own there are two ways to go about it. You can either quit gradually or all at once. Two things to do before quitting is to make a list of reasons for quitting and have a positive attitude.

If you decide to quit cold turkey than try to find someone to quit with you for support. Also, set a target date for quitting and when it arrives throw out all of your cigarettes, matches, lighters, and ashtrays.
Lifestyles

Class examines spending habits

Survey indicates money stays in local community

By Tim Ingram
Public Information Director

According to a recent survey performed by the Students in Free Enterprise, students are responsible for boosting the local economy to the tune of approximately $2 million per year.

Students in Free Enterprise is a club sponsored through the NEO Business Division.

SIFE began their survey in February by asking all students to exchange their money for two dollar bills. At the same time, NEO employees were asked to put special stamps on their money and personal checks. Local merchants were then asked to keep track of how many two dollar bills or checks with the special stamps came into their business.

The study indicated that students spend approximately $4,000 per week, which equals to about $30 per student. This spending amounts to about $2 million each year based on a 36-year period.

According to SIFE sponsor Sharon Johnson, this spending would be equivalent to a business with 120 to 150 employees on the payroll with an hourly wage of $8.

"The money could actually be higher than the study indicates because we figured these numbers using an NEO population of 1,300 students," Johnson said. "NEO's enrollment was about 2,400 this fall."

According to the survey, fast food restaurants benefited the most from NEO spending. Fast food restaurants received 48 percent of the dollars spent by students. The second largest amount of money, 26 percent, went toward the purchase of recreational beverages, followed by grocery stores with 15 percent.

The survey also showed that downtown merchants collected over 10 percent of NEO student's dollars. Other categories such as automotive supplies, churches, discount stores each received less than 10 percent of the share.

The NEO employee spending, which was broken down separately from that of the students, showed the greatest beneficiaries to be the local grocery stores which received 25 percent of employee dollars. Downtown merchants received the second largest share with 17 percent followed by entertainment for entertainment, and 11 percent for fast food.

"I hope this study will show the financial impact of NEO in the local economy and help local businesses see how much they have to gain by targeting college students as potential consumers," said Johnson.

The study also showed that if a student spent $30, $17 of that money would stay in the local economy. Another $2 would be spent in Joplin, and $1 spent in the Grove area.

The $1 spent in the Miami community changed hands approximately five times.

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Special circumstances shed light during Handicap Awareness activities

By Kathy Wyrock
Managing Editor
During Spring Fling activities last week, several administrators, faculty and students noted wheelchair and crutch use to get a "real feel" of what a person with a handicap goes through each day. Person's choosing crutches had one leg wrapped and wore a leg brace. People in wheelchairs were asked to wheel themselves without constant assistance. They were all required to visit their advisor for the day. Carol Smith, in Shipley Hall, room 305, which is out of date, is located on the third floor.

Wheelchair recipient, Bobbie Basinger, a sophomore from Etchka, said, "I haven't even tapped the third floor to see Carol Smith. There's no possible way to get it in a wheelchair." "Unscrew sidewalks and "clim
er" places like the wheelchair lifts were troublesome. The restrooms are a sheer squeeze to get in and out of, also. It's really nice when someone opens a door for you. I guess a lot of people's mind is somewhere else and they don't think about it." They were also asked to get the elevator key from the library and go to lunch in the Student Union's cafeteria.

Dr. Jim Lovell, Vice President of Academic Affairs, also noted the campus in a wheelchair. After finishing lunch in the cafeteria, Dr. Lovell commented, "I have found that it is, of course, inconvenience to be handicapped on campus and this experience will help us to understand what needs to be done during renovation." "We have already started working on some of these things and have plans for putting in more elevators, moving some of the restrooms and classrooms around to better accommodate persons with handicaps." "I've been really busy today with meetings and the wheelchair is not very co-operative at times. I had to change a few things in my office so that I could get around better."

"I found I need to have earlier to get where I need to go. Even a small difference in the sidewalk is troublesome." "Get a key from the library and need the elevator. I had a little difficulty coming off the lift. I had to struggle reaching my file cabinet." "I have appreciated people who have been kind enough to open doors for me."

"This is a renovation year. We've already started on a few buildings and plan to make things easier on students with handicaps." JCH Counselor, Bill McAuley, wore a leg brace and used a crutch. "It's definitely inconvenient and uncomfortable. It takes a lot longer to get where you're going and it's hard to carry much of anything. I'm not used to this [crutch] yet, and there could possibly be a lot of people on crutches tomorrow. I have been pushing up their legs and feet with mine today," he laughed.

"But seriously, it's difficult to get around. You need extra room and they[the crutches] don't move as quick. I wouldn't want to have to go up and down stairs with them." Kim Brown, freshman from Sperry, felt that her single crutch was, "a lot of hard work getting up and down from classes with a heavy bookbag, three flights of stairs, and no one to help me."

"I highly recommend disabled individuals to do have a rough." Becky Day, sophomore from Miami, was also on a single crutch.

"I was really unaware of all the problems people on crutches incur. It hurts the understanding and in a real nuisance. It made me realize the pain and bother these people go through."

"The most difficult area to get through was the little area coming out of the cafeteria. There is here that gets around when you exit and it's a tight square."

"My greatest problem was that it was real painful. It's hard walking the campus grounds while your underwear is aching. I realize how much stuff I take for granted." The "handicapped" students were also to visit the Baptist Student Union across the street from Cunningham Hall. Donna Simmons, sophomore from Quapaw, said he was able to get with the while on two crutches.

"There needs to be a stop curb going to BSU. That was a bit difficult."

"Then I thought I was gonna fall trying to get down the stairs in Shipley. I had to go twice. The first time I went, Mrs. Smith wasn't there. The second time I went, she had left for an appointment. I wasn't gonna attempt a third time up and down those stairs, so I asked Mr. Rocker to sign my paper."

"It's terrible. It's hard to keep your balance and the doors are hard to pull open and get through. The doors need to be automatic and wider."

"People could be more considerate also. The cafeteria was rough. I had to ask for help in there. Then I got too much of one thing and not enough of another." Sophomore, Irving Sanders, from Joplin, Mo., used two crutches also. He had problems also.

"I'm telling you, it was very, very tough. I had to ask the finding out where to go and getting the keys to the elevators."

"The sidewalks are rough too, too many cracks. I never noticed them before today. Copper's reasoning is hard to handle and the doors are hard to get open and get through. I have to turn sidewalks to get in without getting a crutch hang-up on the doorways."

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Trainers receive selection to national cheerleading

Three NEO student trainers have been selected to be trainers for the Universal Cheerleaders Association camps to be held throughout the United States this summer.

According to head trainer Mike Bartlow, they are three of only 40 trainers that were chosen for the job.

"It is an accomplishment they can be proud of as well as the school can be proud of too. It makes the NEO sports medicine program look good," Bartlow said.

The UCA camps will be held in all 50 states and the three trainers will travel to certain states to serve as trainers.

"This will give the kids a little more experience and will be useful on a job resume," said Bartlow.

"They will be performing basically the same thing they are doing with their individual sports at NEO."

Those selected were Jason Floyd, sophomore from Cushing; Sean Corbitt, sophomore from Miami; and Chayenne Enyart, a sophomore from Waurika.

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Special Olympics sets anniversary

Oklahoma Special Olympics will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in style May 11-13 at the State Summer Games in Stillwater.

Nearly 4,000 athletes will participate in this year's games, making it the largest amateur sporting even held in Oklahoma.

The three day event on the OSU campus will feature competition in track and field, aquatics, bowling, powerlifting, motor sports, and the State Summer Games has traditionally allowed athletes throughout the state an outstanding opportunity to showcase their athletic talents and I'm sure the 1994 games should prove to be no exception," said Wade Wilkerson, director of Sports for Oklahoma Special Olympics.

We're especially excited this year because we will also be celebrating 25 fantastic years of Special Olympics in Oklahoma," Wade said.

The games opening ceremonies are scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in Lewis Stadium.

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Baseball team enters final week of season

Coach Rick Ritschel's Golden Norse baseball team is nearing the end of a 30 day stretch and a lack of practice time during the season. The Golden Norse manager only has time to double header with Bethune on Sunday in Muncie, but the Norse suffered the Golden Norsemen 3-2 and 4-2 as the Golden Norsemen struck out 10 times on the day.  “We’re just not hitting the ball very well right now,” said Ritschel.  “We just need to get our timing back at the plate.”

With the losses the Golden Norse fell to 4-21-2 and 4-8 in the Bi-State East Conference action. The Golden Norsemen are scheduled to travel to Fort Scott, Kan, Saturday for a 1 p.m. double header.

NEO will conclude the home portion of the schedule Tuesday with a Bi-State twin bill with Comers State starting at 1 p.m. The Norse will travel to Seminole next Saturday for a 1 p.m. double header.

Baseball - Golden Norse 2

Bacon jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first game. Lance Mullins singled and was moved to second on a bunt by Rick Williams. After Joe Herron struck out Steve Hilsen hit a single to center scoring Mullins. In the top of the ninth after Glenn Tiviera walked, veteran second baseman Chad Kirkhart drove a 10 pitch over the left field fence for a two run home run to give the Norse the lead 2-1.

In the bottom of the ninth the Norse came right back with two unearned runs of their own. Steve Jackson walked in lead off the inning but freshman Dustin Combmer on a double play ball allowed Jane Godin reach. Then Brad Prater doubled to give the Warriors a 3-2 lead. With two outs in the top of the seventh the Norse loaded the bases with three consecutive walks, however Kirkhart struck out on a 3-2 pitch to end the game. Dickson gave up only one earned run and five hits in the loss to fall to 3-4 on the year.

Baseball - Golden Norse 2

In the second game the Norsemen jumped on the board with a pair of runs in the first. With two outs consecutive singles by Blaine Phillips, Brandon Rader and David Dale put the Norse in the lead.

In the bottom of the first of first of a Golden Norse starter Devin Nee, Hilson singled and Jackson reached on a fielder's choice before a throwing error by Kirkhart allowed both runners to score. The Warriors scored the winning runs in the bottom of fifth as Williams walked Herron singled and Jackson doubled them in. Rader led the Norse with two singles.

Golden Norse 3, B-I Mustang 11:2

In the first game of the double header the Norsemen committed six errors enroute to an 11-3 loss.

Tiviera, Combmer and Cole had two hits each for the Golden Norse in the 8-2 win.

The Golden Norse then opened the game up in the third inning as they scored five runs in the inning. David L azi, Rader, and Tiviera all had RBI's in the inning. L azi, Kirkhart and Tiviera all had two hits for the Golden Norse in the 8-2 win.

"We didn't play all that bad considering we hadn't been outside in 20 days because of all the high water and everything," said Ritschel.

Flood waters leave extensive destruction

By Chad Gribbs
Sports Editor

During the recent floods the athletic facilities at NEO received approximately $40,000 damage according to athletic director Bob Maxwell.

The flooding has caused the softball and baseball teams to eliminate the home portion of their schedules. Some games are however being played at local high schools and other had to be made up games which is an added expense. The flooding has also caused a slight delay in spring football drills but the team has moved onto the game field to continue practice. "A recommendation to the Athletic Advisory Committee is to look for a new location to build new softball and baseball fields," said Maxwell.

Approximately $3,000 worth of damage was done to the baseball field and another $5,000 damage to the softball field. Also there was a lot of damage to the indoor facilities and the football practice field.

"This is the second time this year for this to happen and we have to keep paying to repair damage," Maxwell said.

Money for repairs will come from the school's budget and not the athletic budget. "The money has to come from somewhere and it will be state money. It is just that all the budgets have been made and the money must come from different places," Maxwell said.

Approximately $15,000 damage was done to the football fieldhouse area. There is four feet of water got into the facility. "Basically it was just painting, carpeting, and insulation. Cabins in the meeting room was damaged," said Maxwell.

In the new gym there was only a limited amount of damage. "There was water in the basement and in the hallway between the pool and the wrestling room," Maxwell said.

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