Governor's proposal rocks higher education

By Tonya Shepherd
Editor-in-Chief

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating has proposed a plan to cut back on government spending which would have a direct impact on higher education.

Of the $6.5 billion that would be cut, $3.9 billion would come out of the budget for higher education.

The effect that it would have at NEO directly would be a cut of about $100,000 to $120,000 beginning immediately.

Newspapers would have to cover fewer programs because they had been covering programs at academic areas that are no longer in enrollment for the past several years.

I am very pleased to say that NEO has been looking at our programs, for the past several years.

We have been realizing millions of dollars from these programs that are not now in enrollment and putting that money towards other programs that could use it, such as physical therapy,” Dr. Carroll said.

This on-going procedure has been conducted through the Academic Planning/Resources?Allocations adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Recent study of student learning from NEO, along with Dr. Carroll, had a chance to visit with local representatives at the state capital and to fully discuss the issues facing the colleges and universities.

One of the main issues dealing with the cost cuts was the tuition increase that would be needed if the proposal went through.

“We realize a tuition increase is needed every once in a while, but as students, we would like to see tangible evidence of where that money would go,” said Student Body Government President Nederland Battman, a sophomore from Quapaw.

“We feel that the state has increased tuition, but we haven’t seen any benefits from the additional money. The state keeps raising tuition, but keeps cutting programs,” Battman said.

The overall goal of NEO is to budget about $25 million.

They were made necessary by $65 million in stimulus funds Governor Keating is promising.

Because of the impact that this tax cut would only be in effect for part of this tax year, the loss of state revenue would be even greater at $175 million.

“I think for a number of years that a tuition increase is justified. However, I do not feel that we should increase tuition to cover the gap in the tax cut,” said Dr. Carroll.

Tuition increases were just one of the fees that the Governor’s proposed budget would have to cover along with the students that went to the state capital and fully discussed the impact of state funding on the college’s budget.

This proposed cutback is especially hard to accept after most state legislators worked so hard for the passage of House Bill 1077.

“Over the last 10 years, higher education has taken over 10 percent decline in dollars used to support our campus, Dr. Carroll said.

“Colleges are expected to offer more services to their students, but have less money for these services.”

“Higher education is vital to the future of this state,” said Dr. Carroll.

Compared to other academic disciplines, common schools and on-campus education would get about the same amount from the state that they received last year which was $4.4 million for common schools and $80,000 for on-campus education.

“Cutting the budget for higher education would send a message to all employees and employers that Oklahoma is not putting its education system on the back burner,” whereas, Oklahoma needs to send the message that higher education is important and that we support it,” Dr. Carroll said.

“A new preference for the next legislative session would be a solid education budget that is carefully targeted,” said Governor Keating’s proposal adds that the college and universities to cut back on administrative costs.

“NEO has already been successful in cost cutting measures such as taking the school’s administrative costs from 2011 percent three years ago to about 12 percent today,” said Dr. Carroll.

While Governor Keating’s proposal is to cut state funding for education, another proposal has been to increase state funding for transportation and corrections.

The Department of Transportation would receive a near-gam of $20 million for highway construction and maintenance, one of the largest increases, from $185 million to $368 million.

The Department of Corrections’ appropriation would increase from $263 million to $355 million.

State law enforcement agencies and other state agencies are only partial exempt from the 2.5 percent across-the-board budget cuts Keating proposed. Funding for personnel would not be cut, but the 2.5 percent reduction would apply to all things as administrative costs and equipment purchases.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation would receive a $534,000 increase to $187 million.

The Department of Public Safety, including the Highway Patrol, would have its budget cut by $23,000 to $231,000 from $50 million.

Meanwhile, all of Governor Keating’s proposals will be hotly debated by the state legislature over the next two months.

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Labels can cause major problems

By Andi Clark
People Editor

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Students nominated for Who's Who

Academic success gains recognition

By Sara Gann

Fourteen students have been nominated for Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. Who's Who is a prestigious award presented to the top students in over 1,400 colleges. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, service, loyalty, and character.

Jennifer Barnes, a sophomore from Mountain Grove, Mo., is an animal science major with a 3.84 grade point average. She has been an active member of the Student Body Government and the engineering Club where she was a Student Body Government representative. Barnes has also been an active member of the Aggie Society and Phi Theta Kappa.

Amy Down, an animal science major from Wyoming, Ill., has earned a 3.8 GPA.

Matthew McGaidden is a freshman engineering major from Kansas, with a 3.84 grade point average. McGaidden is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, and has been a member of the Aggie Society and Phi Theta Kappa.

Down is a member of the national champion livestock judging team and received honors at Fort Worth, Texas. She is a vice president of the Aggie Society and treasurer for Phi Theta Kappa.

Julie Earle, a sophomore from Commerce, has a 3.4 grade point average in pre-pharmacy.

Maureen Hilliard, a sophomore from Welch, has accumulated a 3.7 grade point average as a business administration major.

Hilliard has been vice president and parliamentarian of the business fraternity Phi Beta Lambda, where she placed in the top 40 winners at the 1994 State PBL Conference.

Matthew McSpadden is a sophomore engineering major from Kechum, with a 3.84 grade point average. McSpadden is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, and has been a member of the engineering Club.

McSpadden was also one of the several students who assisted in preparing the new, innovative instructional techniques.

Jo Lynda Myers is a sophomore pre-engineering major from Miami. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average for two years.

She is an active member of the engineering Club and Phi Theta Kappa. She is a president of the forensics team and is a student body representative.

John Myres has been active in representing student activities such as the College Bowl, Quiz Bowl, homecoming, and the PTK Regional and National Conference. She was inducted into the PTK Regional and National Conference. She was inducted into the PTK Regional and National Conference.

Sandra Panks, a sophomore from Vincennes, has earned a 3.97 grade point average. She has been a member of the Student Body Government and the leadership Council for the Older Who's Who Students organization.

Tammy Shepp, a sophomore from Vincennes, is an agriculture communications major, who has held a 3.86 grade point average. She is participating in the Inter-Residence Council, vice president of the Student Activities Board, and is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Panks in a 1994-95 Dochlor_Presidential Scholar.

Dane Shackleford is a sophomore broadcast communications major from Miami, has a 3.8 grade point average. He has been an active member of the engineering Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.

He has been a member of the forensics team, and is a member of the Student Body Government and the leadership Council for the Older Who's Who Students Organization.

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Success relies on certain secrets

Once they are reached you can achieve anything

Rising stars in any organization have three things in common. They have clearly stated goals, know how to achieve them and can make well-informed decisions.

These success secrets are as important as having top-notch equipment and the necessary skills to perform your job, and they can make the difference between a productive career and one that fails to live up to its potential.

If you'd like to improve your productivity in the coming year, put the following work-smart strategies to good use.

One of the major differences between consistently productive employees and those whose productivity varies is the way they organize their work life.

Consistent performers focus their attention on their short-term goals (items listed on their daily to-do list) without losing sight of how these tasks relate to their long-term goals. Many successful individuals keep their long-term goals posted on their bulletin boards or write them in their weekly planners.

Inconsistent performers often have trouble concentrating on their short-term tasks because they have not adequately identified their long-term goals and determined how to achieve them.

You're wrong if you think you get more done each day by doing two or three things at once. By focusing on one task at a time, you increase your chances of doing things right the first time.

If you're a supervisor, don't do tasks that can be done by your staff. To make the best use of your time, devote most of your day to doing what can only be done by you.

If you have trouble identifying additional tasks to delegate, occasionally ask those you supervise which tasks or projects they'd like to handle that you are now performing. You're probably finding they'd be happy to assume a greater share of responsibility.

Adviser your boss if you're having trouble completing a project on time. Explain the problem and the cause of the delay. Be direct. If you need help, say so. If you lack pertinent information, ask for advice on where to obtain it.

To make wise decisions, you need to fully understand the relevant details of the situation. For example, check the employment history and all references before hiring someone. Be sure you know the cost of software before approving the purchase of a new computer.

When you're reasonably sure you have all the facts, make the right decision.

Take some time to analyze your productivity for the last 12 months. Think about your answers to these questions:

- Which were my most productive months and why?
- When was I least productive and why?
- What can I do in the year ahead to increase my productivity?
- Do I lack skills or contacts that would be useful in attaining my goals?
- Am I asking enough of those who work for me?

Finally, list all your accomplishments during the past year.

Then make a resolution to do more in 1995.

AND THIS IS COPEN HALL

An unidentified member of the college Athletes Club relates some information concerning Copen Hall to a group of prospective students from Altamont High School during a tour of the campus last week. More than 500 area high school seniors spent the day on campus.

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High school signees join Notre football

Thirty-seven high school signees signed their names on the dotted lines of national letters of intent with the Golden Notre football program last week. The group is made up of a diverse group of players on both offense and defense.

"I think this is the best combination of talent that we have gotten in the four years that I have been here," said coach Mike Lord.

"We have a good combination of skilled people and linemen on both sides of the ball.

Three records that remain on the Golden Notre's unassisted list are running back R.W. McQuarrie of Tulsa Booker T Washington High school, Kevin Kent of offensive lineman from Wewoka, and Reggie Skammon the all time national high school touchdowns leader from White Oak.

If we get those three players, then this will be an outstanding recruiting class. McQuarrie was the defensive player of the year and one of the highest rated players in the nation. They are from the most highly recruited players in Oklahoma," Lord said.

The following is a list of nine signees and their position, hometown, height, and weight:

Quarterbacks:
- Signing at quarterback are Greg Bonner (6-1, 200), Roland F and Brandon Far (6-5, 200), Skatow.

Running Backs:
- Signing in running back for the Golden Notre are Curley Green (6-2, 220), Claremore; Dornell Underwood (5-8, 200), Norman; A.J. Walker (6-2, 230), Lawson Eisenhower; Jethon.

Cater (6-1, 220), Newington), and
- Richie Castana (6-1, 175), Jenks.

"I think we did well at running back. A.J. Walker of Eisenhower only played two or three games, but he is the best kid and Richie Castana was the leading rusher in the nation on his senior year in two years," said Lord.

Offensive Linemen:
- Allen Leland (6-2, 285), Collindale.
- Chad Fein (6-5, 260), Mattea.
- Ben Kinney (5-10, 285), Lima.
- Matt Rimma (6-3, 250), Collindale.
- Steve Finner (6-2, 290), Coveted.
- Andon Jones (6-4, 300), Pawhuska signed to play defensive line for NCF

"I think there are players in that group that can have an immediate impact. The kid from Coveted (Farmer) could be an outstanding center," Lord said.

Wide Receivers:
- Early's favorite target, Vance Miller (6-0, 180), Skatow; signed to lead the receiving corps.
- warming up.
- Others include Kerri Gholson (5-8, 180), Githam; Darrel Snel (6-0, 180), Tulsa Union, and
- Charles Austin (6-1, 185), Male.

Defensive Linemen:
- Wesley Woodland (6-2, 280), Midwest City.
- Justin Wohlauer (6-2, 280), Midwest City.
- Erix Hill (6-2, 210), Tulsa Memorial.
- Justin Wilmore (6-2, 280), Woodland.
- Kieran Wells (6-2, 280), Woodland.
- Adrel Cooper (6-1, 220), Midwest City.
- Kevin Stouth (6-2, 220), Woodland.

"I think we sign three very good defensive linemen with a lot of potential," said Lord.

Linebackers:
- Linebackers that committed to the Golden Notre are Marvoll Galloway (6-2, 230), Broken Bow; Kindon Carter (6-1, 205), Chisholm.
- Joe Griffin (6-2, 200), Putnam City West; and Dowding Phillips (6-4, 220), Claremore.

We had the balanced attack of the Dream Team with 15 points. Brad King and J.D. Graham led the Bears with 16 points each.

The Fifth Street Liquor Store Boys won the title with 1,203 points, over the Cyclone Bobcats. White led the way with 70 points with Phil Reed added 20, Chad Louli Jr. and Thomas Reid each added 15 for the winners. Adam Pettiford led the Cyclones with nine points.

Baseball schedule features 35 games

Head baseball coach Rick Richele hopes that this season will help the team improve on a 19-24 season from a year ago.

"I think our schedule is very competitive and will give us a chance in the end," said Richele.

"We play in one of the toughest junior college leagues in the country."

"Our non-conference schedule will be a solid non-conference schedule," said Richele.

"Butler County, Kan., went to the Junior College World Series a year ago and Chocorak. Mo., has been several times as I have heard.

One obvious difference on the board is the annual spring break trip to Texas.

"We aren't playing the Texas schools this year because by the time we play them, they have already played one or two games and we just get going from there," said Richele.

"Richele is optimistic about play in the Bi-State Conference."

"I think when you look at our league, you have to go with NCI."
Sports

Top-ranked Westark Lady Lions maul Lady Norse on home court

By Chad Greulich
Sports Editor

After losing two straight Bi-State East Conference games, the Lady Norse will conclude their conference schedule Monday with a road game in Muskogee against Broken Arrow.

The Lady Norse dropped 22-5 on the season and 5-3 in the Bi-State East with losses to Westark and Broken Arrow.

Westark 86-Lady Norse 76

Lack of depth on the inside cost the Lady Norse as they gave up several easy baskets in the post areas to give the Lady Lions their 24th victory without a loss.

Westark, ranked number-one in the nation and averaging 83.4 points per game, was held under the century mark for only the fourth time all season. Twice the Lady Norse held the Lady Lions under 100 points.

The Lady Norse stayed close throughout the first half, trailing only 37-33 at halftime.

But in the second half, Alisa Burrow poured in 18 points, mostly on lay-ups, to give the Lady Norse the advantage.

In the last five home games the Lady Norse have won 85 using only to Westark. The Lady Lions broke the Lady Norse 73 game winning streak with a last second shot by Marty Scott last year.

Jamie Walker led the Lady Norse with 17 points while Nikki Hays added 16 total points.

Burrow led all scorers with 26 points while Jessie McKay added 21, Kim Williams 18, and Scott 14 points.

Conover 83-Lady Norse 58
Coach Randy Gipson's Lady Norse fell victim to some outstanding 3-point shooting by Christi Rountree and some poor shooting of their own.

Payton hit eight 3-pointers for the Cowgirls, who hit twelve for the game.

The Lady Norse failed to hit a 3-point goal for the game as they went 0-13 from beyond the arc.

Three straight 3-pointers by Payton gave the Cowgirls a 16-22 lead with 1:45 to go in the half.

Men even Bi-State East record with wins

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

Closing out the regular season Saturday night, coach Leonard Spencer's Golden Norsemen traveled to Muskogee for a crucial Bi-State East contest against the Barone Warriors.

Defeating Westark, 86-60, last Monday in the NEO Fieldhouse, the Golden Norsemen won their fourth consecutive game. Prior to Thursday's game with Eastern, the Golden Norse were 14-13 on the season and 4-4 in the Bi-State East.

"I'm happy for our kids. I've been proud of them all year long because of the way they have battled through adversity," said Spencer.

"We're in the same groove that we were in at the end of the first semester. We seem to be improving our ability to concentrate and maintain our consistency."

Golden Norse 86-Westark 41

Led by freshman guard Rod Thompson's 22 points on six-of-six from the 3-point range, the Norsemen were able to pull away for an 86-61 win over the Westark Lions.

Eigh points by Lon guard Sherri Lueshan and six points by guard Valerie Wight led the Norsemen to the game's opening 16 minutes.

Thompson and senior Cody Hopson hit back-to-back 3-pointers along with four points by Mike Jones and field goals by Seante Reed and Damon Jones put the Norse on top 26-20 in the first half.

Another free throw and basket by Red put the Golden Norse on top 30-28 at the half.

Five points each by Thompson and Jaylay Swartz enabled NEO to build a 36-43 cushion at the 10 minute mark in the second half.

Four points each by Chris Scott and Hopson along with a basket by Reed and Damon Jones increased the Norseman margin to 44-6-68 with 6:00 to go in the game.

Two free throws by sophomore Jeff Seale and a 3-pointer by the Norsemen with 1:22 left in the game put the Lions away. Brian Morgan and Thompson each had 3-pointers in the run.

Along with Thompson's 22 points, Red scored 14, Scott and Mike Jones each had 12, and Hopson scored 11.

Lodell Smith scored a game-high 24 total points. Red hit 21 points in the game.

Golden Norse 92-Fieldhouse 70

Scoring 60 points in the second half the Norsemen were able to upend the Highlanders 92-70.

Louisiana State University Saturday night.

Four points by freshman Mike Jones along with a 3-pointer by Rod Thompson and baskets by Cody Hopson, Sean Hampton, and Damon Jones propelled the Norsemen to a 32-22 halftime lead.

After a basket by Raymond Dover, the Norse hit the Highlanders with a 17-0 run to up their lead to 57-28 with 12:44 left in the game.

Mike Jones led the Norsemen with 24 total points while Hopson added 16, Thompson 15, and Damon Jones scored 10 points.

Herman Clay led all scorers with 26 total points while Lenn Lyman scored 12, and Lester Robinson and Dover each had 10 total points.

Golden Norse 86-Conner 58

Led by point guard Rod Thompson's 24 points and 18 assists, the Golden Norse cruised to an 86-58 upset win over Conner State in Warner last week.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Sophomore Cody Hopson along with field goals by Mike Jones, Thompson, and Chris Scott gave the Norse a 38-30 lead with 58 seconds remaining until halftime.

With the score tied at 42-42, the Norse were able to get an 8-0 run to grab the lead for good with 14:03 left in the game.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Hopson gave the Golden Norse a 34 point lead with 7:20 to go in the game.

Mike Jones scored 16 points along with 15 from Scott, and 12 by Hopson. Brian Morgan had 11 points for the Norse.

Herron Webster led all scorers with 31 points and Webster made 11 of 18 while Marshall added 12 points for the Cowboys.

I'M GONNA CATCH YOU

Freshman point guard Travis Anderson (5) fights to gain control of a dribble as Westark's Kim Williams (22) goes for a steal during first half action of the Lady Norse 86-76 loss to the number-one ranked Westark Lady Lions, Monday night in the NEO Fieldhouse. The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Lady Norse at home this season.
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