Academic Rediness Lab Available

By Cake Daniels
Managing Editor

Taking advantage of the Academic Rediness Lab is a wise choice that many students should consider doing, according to Gayle Newton, lab director.

"The purpose of the Academic Readiness Lab is to help students achieve success in their college studies," said Newton.

"Students are improving study skills and bringing up GPAs after utilizing the services of the lab."

Last year during the fall semester the overall head count was 2,900 which is a decrease of 177 students. There is a slight increase in the number of part-time students enrolled to last fall.

Declining enrollments have been common with most of the two-year and four-year institutions across the state, according to Paterson.

"We are not the only college that has been affected by low enrollment. Most institutions have between a three and six percent drop," Paterson said.

However, Oklahoma State University enrollment is up this fall. Their increase, however, is not common in most of the universities and colleges in Oklahoma. "So we GRIT is the only university that I am aware of that has an increase," said Paterson.

There are various causes for the decline ranging from low birth rates to personal preferences.

"Another factor is the increasing number of community colleges," said Paterson.

But Paterson dismissed the suggestion that community colleges are less attractive.

"Secondly, the three countries from which we draw most of our student enrollment are experiencing a shrinking population," said Paterson.

"The three counties are Ottawa, Delaware, and Clay."

Paterson said, "This region has the highest percentage of people over 55 years of age, which means that the younger population is small.

"During the regional shrinkage, there has also been a national wide decline in the population. The birth rate has also been dropping since the baby boom years of the 50's and 60's, and by 1975, the national birth rate had dropped below the replacement level, according to the data released by the Historical Statistics of the United States."

"The low birth rate in the early 70's is taking its toll now. Last year the state of Oklahoma had the lowest high school graduates," said Paterson.

"Class size has been reduced for some students. Two examples are beginning photography and intro to theatre techniques. The dormitories also have less residents than in the past."

"There are 600 students now. We used to have 1,000," said Paterson.

"Also, the low student rate affected the cafeteria, parking, and many other aspects of the college," said Paterson.

In addition, the low enrollment has affected funding from the Student Body Government.

"We had to cut funding to 10 percent for some organizations because there are less students paying the SURG activities fee," said Chris Davis, president of the Student Body Government.

However, one category of enrollment has seen an encouraging increase for this semester. Currently 17 international students are enrolled.

But there may be more coming from South Africa and Russia, according to Keith Sutton, the international advisor.

"Sutton recently traveled to South Africa to recruit students and is now working on a trip to Russia. The South African and Russian students will mostly take the courses in transportation management and enroll as full-time students," said Sutton.

Besides implementing new programs, the college has also been very active in promotion in the past year.

"Last year, we advertised on radio and TV. We also put up billboards on campus. We spent more money on promotion than ever before," said Paterson.

"We are very confident that our efforts will pay off in the long run. We are trying our best to recruit more students and to retain in-state students," said Sutton.

The low enrollment has not affected financial aid and scholarship distributions since they are monitored by state government.
Universities standards increased

The move to toughen entrance requirements at Oklahoma universities was controversial when it was launched five years ago and, based on discussion at last week's meetings of the State Regents for Higher Education, there is some lingering resentment.

The freshman dropout rate at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University has dropped 51 percent in the past eight years from 40 percent. OU and OSU have gone from the bottom 20 percent among the Big Eight Conference schools in student enrollment and freshman academic scores to third and fourth.

Not only are academic test scores increasing for entering freshmen, more students are completing the standardized tests.

Critic's enthusiasm for increased emphasis and retention requirements say the policy has too heavily on test scores, as opposed to high school grades and class ranking, in elitism and hurts minorities and the poor.

The fact that achievement test scores are good predictors of academic success in college.

Wavers and other steps can be taken to ensure that low test scores do not deny deserving minority and poor students chances at a college education.

It would be nice to throw open the university doors and take all comers, but Oklahoma has limited money to spend on the universities and it makes no sense to waste a lot of time on remedial courses to give unprepared students the academic skills they should have mastered in high school.

Women's rights celebrate anniversary

The 50th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote and full citizenship, was commemorated by a joint resolution of the Interim Democratic Women of the Oklahoma Democratic Party's Legislative Affairs Committee and the Young Democrats of Oklahoma.

The resolution honored the hundreds of thousands of women who devoted their lives to securing women's suffrage and urged that tradition continue through work to better the lives of American women and their families.

The resolution praised the success of the endorsement of women in a year when there are achievements in law and government. The many gains made in securing greater equality and in the place of women in American institutions, before and especially in the last years of the 20th century, are not just for the right to vote. It is about securing rights for every woman, whether in the workplace, at home, or virtually every place in society.

Affirmative action has enhanced the programs that began during the suffrage movement.

The new GOP majority in Congress, however, continues to press for legislation to weaken affirmative action and consumer protections, and health care and parenting education.

Federal Democratic Women's President, Debbie Lautsch, said, 'Women's suffrage is not just about the right to vote. It's about securing rights for every woman, whether in the workplace, whether in the workplace, whether.

Affirmative action, whether a man or woman, or minority, or at any opportunity in this workplace.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, more than one million women are now working in more than 80 different occupations, with more than 70 percent of those women earning less than $15 per hour.

In 1920, women made up 37 percent of the labor force, compared to 56 percent today.

The number of women in the labor force has grown from 5.4 million in 1920 to 62.5 million in 2020.

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Study reveals alarming increase in drug use among teenagers

More than a million teen-age smokers use marijuana an average month last year, a near doubling in two years of the proportion of young people who use the drug, new government figures show.

Adults' use of all illegal drugs has largely leveled off, says the 1994 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, release Tuesday. But the survey shows teen-age marijuana use is on the rise, prompting Clinton Administration officials to attack House-passed legislation cutting $50 million from federal drug-abuse programs.

"Anyone who thinks we've licked the drug problem in this country is living in a fantasy land," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who urged the Senate to reject those budget cuts. The Senate's decision will come this week.

Some 12.2 million people used illegal drugs last year, up from 11.7 million in 1993 and 11.4 million in 1992, the survey found.

These increases were not considered statistically significant.

To estimate the prevalence of the use of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco, HHS surveyed a nationally representative sample of 22,871 people last year. Drug use was defined as taking a drug sometime in the month before the survey. Among the findings:

- The proportion of men who report being approached by someone selling drugs in the month before the survey increased 14.4 percent in 1993.
- Some 1.4 million people used marijuana in the month before the survey, up 1.7 percent from 1993.
- Among all Americans, 1.5 million were heavy drinkers, defined as those who had at least five drinks on five separate occasions in the month.
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- Pregnant women cut back on drug abuse during their pregnancy, with 18 percent using an illegal drug compared with 67 percent of all women of childbearing age.
- 5.2 percent of all women with children report drug habits, once their babies are born.
- 6.1 percent of all men aged 18 to 29, 10.2 percent of all men aged 30 to 49, 12.2 percent of all men aged 50 to 64, 21.2 percent of all men aged 65 or older, used marijuana.
- The survey couldn't say how many people use heroin every month, but estimated there are 2.1 million Americans who have used heroin at some point.
- To back up the anti-marijuana message to young people, HHS and The Weekly Reader will distribute anti-marijuana educational materials to five million students next month. Also, the government is sending 6,000 school districts tapes that can help parents discuss marijuana with their teens.

These measures are designed to help educate young people and their parents on the disturbing increase in the use of marijuana.

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Baptist Student Union meets
Group offers variety of activities

By Darla Wright
People Editor

With the availability of several religious organizations on campus, the Baptist Student Union has planned several activities throughout the year to appeal to interested students. Other organizations with religious emphasis include The Wesley Foundation, Collegians for Christ, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The BUU is sponsored and supported by the Southern Baptist churches, but not just for Southern Baptist students.

"Students of many different faiths and denominations are welcome to participate," said Bobby Lipscomb, co-director of the BUU. Bobby Lipscomb, and his wife, Debbie, serve as co-directors of the largest religious group on campus. The Lipscomb's also teach classes on campus.

Mindie Hardy, from Pryor, is serving as an intern with the Baptist Student Union. She also helps Debbie and Bobby direct the BUU.

Students serving as officers are: Angie Baughman, sophomore from Quapaw, president; and Carrie Reynolds, a sophomore from Miami, vice-president.

Members serving on the Leadership Team are: the following seniors from Miami, Kevin Wyrick, Halbert Boyd, Stacy East, Anga Barr, Erica Crowel, Gabriel Barnes, and Reynolds. Ryan Maze and Baughman, from Quapaw, are also a part of the Leadership Team.

The membership for the BUU was estimated at 30 by the end of the 1994-95 school year. So for this year the BUU has enrolled 75 students as members, according to Bobby Lipscomb.

"It is very easy to become a member of the BUU. All one would have to do is to walk in, fill out an information card, and participate in the activities that have been planned," Lipscomb said.

There are two major activities and events planned for members.

"We will participate in a volleyball tournament at Oklahoma State University, stage a Jar Wars fundraiser, girl's vs. boy's, a hayride at Halloween time, and a retreat at Grand Lake Baptist Assembly, the puppet ministry, the A-Team, which is the ski and drama team, and the Nursing Home Ministry," said Bobby Lipscomb.

The annual BUU Revival begins at 7 p.m. Monday and continues each evening through Wednesday. The revival is free and open to the public.

Students also have an opportunity to experience religious fellowship every day during Sunday activities at the BUU located just north of the intramural gym.

"We would like all students to consider joining the Baptist Student Union because you will have a good time and share with others," said Lipscomb.

College group tours Europe during summer

Seeing the sites of Europe was once again a fun, yet educational experience, for a group of travelers that went on a two week trek led by instructor Dr. Jim Gleickner.

Last summer's two week "learning vacation" took students to the countries of Germany, Austria, and Italy. According to Gleickner, the European studies tour is a unique opportunity for a novice or experienced traveler to take one step further.

"For people that are really interested in seeing Europe, this study tour offers a chance for real cultural exposure," Gleickner said. "Most site seeing tours use buses for their transportation, they always stay in hotels, and they tour at a very fast pace."

"Our group usually stays in homes with different families so we get a good chance to interact with common European people, and we take time to see some sites that are off the usual tourist routes."

A group of 12 individuals took time to go with Gleickner on this summer's tour which began in Germany, where they first visited Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the city that hosted the 1964 Olympics. Other sites in Germany included Zugspitze, the highest peak in Germany, and the city of Munich.

"Munich is a fascinating city to visit and there are many very historic places to see including the Dachau concentration camp, the Nymphenburg Palace which was the residence for the Bavarian rulers from 1675-1875, and King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle which Walt Disney patterned his famous theme park castle after.

From Germany the group traveled to Austria where they visited such sites as the Brenner Pass and various Alpine villages, and then on to the famous water city of Venice, Italy.

DANCE/DRILL TEAM MEMBERS

Member of the 1995-96 Stone State Dance/Dazzle Team are: bottom row, from left: Susan Tynce, Pecher, Rachelle Tarte, Kellyville; Sara Housstini, Tulsa; Mandy Wright, Claremore; Carrie Lindsey, Miami; Audie Zimmerman, Miami, Christy Glid, Tulsa; Becky Chepeal; Tulsa; Erin Tisch, Sulphur; Angela Carter, Jay, Tracy Moton, Morris, Christelle McKinney, Chickasha, Allison Nance, Tulsa; Melissa Pendergraph, Miami; Carle Spry, Tulsa, and Brady Bouch, Fort Gibson. Top row: Christine Dugan, Johnson, Ark.; Janny Regain, Miami; Barbe Kirt, Claremore; Nikki Waver, Seukon; Angel Rogers, Adair; Rebekah Thomas, Wewoka; Mary Hamilton, Guinette, Ark.; Kassie Sigle, Pecher; Jack Crip, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Jennifer Johnson, Tulsa; Angie Copeland, Roland; Jennifer Dans, Mount Vernon, Ms.; Heather Bennett, Duranso; Gina Sary, Tulsa, and Crystal Chiles, Perry.

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**Volleyball team loses tournament**

By David Burkham

After winning the first match in the Nebraska County Community College Invitational volleyball tournament last weekend, the Lady Norse finished sixth in the day-long competition.

Coach Richard Lucas's Lady Norse entered the match against McPherson College as a 3-0 underdog. The Lady Norse lost the match to McPherson College 3-0.

"Our girls came out and played real hard in the first two matches, but after losing the third match, they lost their concentration," said Lucas.

Highland Community College defeated the Lady Norse 15-2 and 15-5 in the second round of the tournament.

Host Noodle County defeated the Lady Norse 15-5 and 15-5 in the third round before Cowley Community College defeated the Lady Norse 15-5 and 15-5 in the final round match.

Moundbuilders collapse from Norse offensive and defensive onslaught by David Burkham

Completed dominating every phase of the game, the number-one ranked Golden Norsemen cruised to a 63-0 shutout over the Southwestern Kansas Junior Varsity, Sunday night, at Robert frozen.

While winning their 32nd consecutive match against Robert, coach Mike Loyd's Norsemen improved to 3-0 on the season. The Moundbuilders are 0-1 on the year.

Nordem will play against members of the Texas Junior College Football Conference tomorrow by traveling to Ranie, Texas, for a 7 p.m. contest. The Rangers are 1-1 on the season following a 28-30 loss to Cisco, Texas last Saturday.

Unfitting the wealth of fresh talent and getting a good look at players that will provide depth for the remainder of the season, the Golden Norse constructed a 3-0 cushion at the end of the first quarter.

An interception by freshman cornerback Kevin Lemon gave the Norse their first scoring opportunity. Covering 47 yards in eight plays, the Golden Norse scored a touchdown with 2:12 left in the opening quarter.

Lemon returned another interception 49 yards for a touchdown.

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Rangers entertain Golden Norsemen

By Byron Bean
Sports Writer

Traveling to Ranger, Texas tomorrow, head coach Mike Loep's number one rival, Golden Norsemen kick-off a seven game series with members of the Texas Junior College Football Conference by facing Ranger Junior College in a 4 p.m. contest. The Norse enter the game with a record of 3-0 after defeating Southwestern (Kam.) College's junior varsity, 63-0, Monday night in Miami.

Head coach Kurt Nicholls' Rangers enter the game with a record of 1-1 after being defeated last Saturday, 20-0, by Cisco College on a last second field goal. Last year the Norse gained a 28-7 victory over the Rangers in Miami.

"Our kids are about to find out what football is all about. We go into Ranger and they have 19 sophomores returning," Loep said. "They will be ready to blow us up and play an entire different kind of game than we've seen against these first three opponents."

"That's not to say anything away from Butler County College or Collinville, but neither one of those teams are what they have been in the past," said Loep.

"Speaking honestly, Texas has a lot better football players than Kansas does. It's an entirely different game and we've got to convince our kids of that fact."

Sophomore quarterback Scott Conaway returns to the starting lineup after joining the other Golden Norse regulars on the sidelines for the Southwestern Jayvee game. Conaway has completed 102 passes for 1,377 yards with six touchdowns and six interceptions.

Joining Conaway in the backfield are sophomore Jon Stellato at fullback and freshman Reggie Stieber at tailback. Stellato leads the NEO ground game with 205 yards on 24 carries for an average of eight yards per carry. Stieber is rushed for only 127 yards on 20 carries.

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Sophomores J.D. Graham and Carlton Davenport will also see action as receivers. Graham has five catches for a team leading 122 yards with one touchdown. On the defensive line, the Norse will start sophomores Bruce Good and Worthen at center.

Brown will be flanked by sophomores guards Mike Heiden and David Jones. The starting tackles will be sophomore Sean McNamara and freshman Chad Pease.

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