Campus crime figures decline

By Billy Buoy
News Editor

Crime is a part of life that happens everywhere, including the campus. Crime on a college campus is usually unexpected by most students because of the closeness of the students and the atmosphere of the college campus. The severity of the crimes can range from a simple alcohol violation to something as traumatic as a sexual assault.

According to a monthly report by the campus safety office, the end of the eighth week of classes there had been one reported sexual assault, no robberies, four assaults, seven burglaries, seven larcenies, no auto thefts, six incidences of arson, 24 cases of vandalism, 105 possession of alcohol violations, 11 possession of drugs violations, no firearm violations, and one sex crime other than rape.

"The crime rate this year is below average. This is the lowest crime rate in the last five or six years," Watson said.

"Students need to remember that no matter how much campus security tries, crimes will still occur, but with the help of the NEO residents, crime rates can be lowered further."

Some tips provided by the Department of Campus Safety to help students protect themselves from crime are: 1. Be cautious of strangers; 2. When parking remove your valuables from plain view and lock your vehicle, engrave your valuables, there is safety in numbers, always walk in well lit areas at night, always lock your door even if going out for a few minutes, do not hesitate to call campus security for an escort, and report all losses and crimes to security immediately.

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 174, 29th Oklahoma Legislative Session, 1993, campus security officers have been bestowed all the rights and privileges of peace officers by the Oklahoma Board of Regents.

"If you are the victim of a crime and are having a hard time coping, counseling is available in Dyer Hall. If they are not able to help you with your situation, they will put you in contact with somebody who can help," said Watson.

In all halls there is a head resident, student residents, and assistant residents available to help at all times. These individuals monitor the halls and violation privileges, they are also able to help in any situation that may arise.

Venable earns queen recognition

By Casey Atkins
Managing Editor

Stacy Venable, a sophomore from Chouteau, was recently crowned homecoming queen during halftime ceremonies at Robertson Field.

Representing the Foreign Language Club, Venable won the title from among a field of 16 candidates. A pre-med major, she is the daughter of Dan and Peggy Woodall.

The first runner up went to Mario Hamilton, a sophomore from Gaviota, Ark. Hamilton represented the Masquers and is the daughter of Robert and Geneva Hamilton.

Miami sophomore Emily Tynon was selected as second runner up. Tynon is a political science and economics major and is representing Phi Theta Kappa. Her parents are Al and Marsha Tynon.

Third runner up was Dana Howard, a sophomore from Welch. Majoring in pre-engineering, she represents the Engineering Club. Her parents are Dan and Debbie Howard.

Awarded the Norse Spirit Award was Amy Crabtree, sophomore from Coweta. She is majoring in elementary education and represented the College Ambassadors.

She is the daughter of Jim and Pam Crabtree. She was selected by vote of the student body present at the pep assembly.

Leslie Kelthley, sophomore from Kiamay, Neb., was selected as Candidate's Choice for 1996. She represents the Older Wiser.

Learning Students is a business administration major. Her parents are Shelia and Jim Kelthley.

Top honors from the parade went to the Native American Student Association, while second place was awarded to the College Republicans, and third place went to the Child Development Club. Honorable mention went to the Afro-American Society.

The building decorating contest, which was held earlier in the week had successful results. The Engineers Club came in first place, as Alpha Epsilon Phi was awarded second place. Third place went to the Norse Stars and Cheerleaders. Honorable mention went to Christian Student Fellowship.

The club winner of the Norse Spirit Award was the College Ambassadors.

Democrats hosts rally

By James O'Neal
Editorial Editor

Speaker of the House for the Oklahoma Legislature, Glen D. Johnson, is scheduled to attend a rally hosted by the NEO Young Democrats on Tuesday.

The rally and reception will be in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"The rally gives an opportunity for the student body to meet the democratic congressional candidates," said Jeff Birdsong, political science instructor and Young Democrats sponsor.

The rally is free to the public.
VISITING ROYALTY
Kellie Bland waves to the crowd as her car proceeds down Main Street during the annual Homecoming Family Day Parade. Bland was queen in 1995.

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The first thing to do if you get the flu is drink plenty of decaffeinated hot liquids, such as herbal teas, lemon juice and honey. Doing so will soothe your throat, relieve congestion and replace body fluids.

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You should avoid dairy products, which can thicken mucus secretions and lead to nasal drainage and more coughing.

If you have a fever and body aches, taking aspirin or acetaminophen should relieve these symptoms.

You should wash your hands frequently, and cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing to avoid infecting others.

You should not take cough suppressants; a productive cough helps rid your respiratory tract of mucus.

You should see your doctor if your fever is higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two days; you are coughing up yellow or green phlegm; your chest hurts when you cough or breathe; or you start to wheeze or become breathless.

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Sports Editor

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The Wranglers, coming off a 24-21 upset win over Navarro College last Saturday, return 16 sophomores to a team that went 6-5 last season. “Cisco is the type of team that can give you problems because they like to alternate their quarterbacks in certain situations,” said Patterson.

“Both quarterbacks have unique skills in that both can throw the deep pass. In the past they relied on strong-armed quarterbacks and talented receivers to beat you with their passing game. But this year they’ve developed a more balanced approach and have several talented running backs,” said Patterson. Norseman quarterback Andy Collier (6-2, 185) has completed 82 of 152 passes for 1,090 yards, six touchdowns and six interceptions.

Reggie Skinner (5-9, 220), who sat out last week, leads the Norsemen with 477 yards on 106 carries. John Humphrey (5-10, 183), so, has gained 340 yards on 76 carries for the Golden Norse.

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Lady Norse finish regular season

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With the two victories, coach Jan Stueky’s Lady Norse improved to 14-8 on the season.

"They are a good, solid team and for us to have beaten them, three times is incred- ible," said Stueky.

After Independence handed Labette a 15-1, 12-15 and 15-5 loss in the opening match, the Lady Pirates opened the match with NED by gaining a 15-10 victory in the first set. The Lady Norse rallied to win the next two games 15-12 and 16-14 to capture the match.

"We played real solid defense. We had some tremendous digs and we hit the ball with a real purpose against Labette. They weren’t quite as good as Independence and we played down to their level rather than maintain the level we had reached in the first match," said Stueky.

The Lady Norse opened the match with the Lady Cardinals by gaining a 15-5 win in the first set. After Labette posted a 15-12 victory in the second game, the Lady Norse won 15-7 and 15-10 to capture the match. With the victory, the Lady Norse improved 15-6 on the season, while the Lady Ravens fell to 7-14 on the year.

NEO will travel to Coffeyville, Kan. last week and then take a break before traveling to the Lady Norse.

The Lady Norse travel to Cisco, Texas, for the opening round of the District C Tournament, Friday, Nov. 1.
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