Fall enrollment period scheduled

By Colleen Dolan
Managing Editor

Even though April 1 is a far-off date, students should be aware of enrollment for either the summer or fall terms.

"Students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible so that they may receive the most expertise and those who may want to change classes before the last day," said Dean of records and admissions, Paul Matheson.

A list of summer and fall courses can be obtained in the Learning Resources Center located in the Creek Library/Administration building or at the business office.

Permits will be issued Monday through Wednesday, April 13 to students graduating in December. Graduating seniors (at least 155 hours) who have received a certificate may obtain their permits from the Admissions and Records Office.

Other currently enrolled students may be able to obtain a permit from the Admissions and Records Office on Friday, April 1 until the end of enrollment. New or returning students (who are not currently enrolled) need to report to the Admissions and Records Office.

After processing and notification, new students will be sent an appropriate registration card for the assignment of an academic advisor.

Returning students will either be sent to their previous advisor or assigned a new one.

New students can begin enrollment Monday, April 14.

All students will report to their advisors and initiations by the Admissions and Records Office.

Upon reporting to their advisor, currently enrolled students should have their advisor transmit their registration to the Admissions and Records Office.

Student should have their complete enrollment packet. Students should report to Tammy Cateswell, student coordinator, located in the Admissions and Records Office.

Gaining enrollment permission must be in curriculum guide, completed and signed by their advisor. Their curriculum guide, enrollment sheet, and advisor signature must be turned into the Admissions and Records Office.

Office class schedules will be issued by advisors during enrollment.

Identification cards will be validated for the new semester in the business office upon payment of fees.

The summer semester will begin June 3 with the full semester ending Aug. 18. Anyone starting further information should contact Matheson at ext. 223.

Free health seminars start next week

By Casey Atkins
Feature Writer

The Cardio-Circuit Fitness program is offering free seminars starting Monday, March 25, according to Nancy Bishop, program director. The first seminar is free and open to anyone, staff or faculty member that might want to attend.

"This is the first year we have started these seminars and they are a great turn-out for faculty, staff and students," said Bishop.

The first seminar will be held Monday, March 25 at 12:00 noon in the Health and Physical Education building in the nationally-recognized Weight Lifters Program.

If you can get at least 10 people to come, we can start the program," Bishop said.

The second seminar will be held Tuesday, April 14, 1 p.m. in the NED Fieldhouse Max Blue G Club Room. This seminar will deal with asthma, rhinitis, bronchitis, and smoking.

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Veteran English and reading instructor receives Student Body Government award

Katie Homan
News Editor

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LIFESTYLES

Administration eliminates automotive technology program

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Despite national growing trend for the need of more automotive service technicians, this will be the last semester for the automotive technology program at NEO. President Jerry Carroll said that an extremely low enrollment was the primary reason for the program shutting down and that the decision is based on the approval by the Oklahoma state regents that "low production classes should be phased out and replaced by higher production classes."

Termination was recommended by the program review committee as a result of the Academic Planning/Resource Allocation.

The need for more automotive technicians has grown since cars have become highly technical and computerized items. The Environmental Protection Agency has said that 60,000 new technicians are needed, and that with the new Clean Air Act requirements, the problem is expected to get worse.

General Motors picked 10 vocational technical schools in the nation to install pilot programs designed to improve the quality of young automotive technicians. Four of the schools are in Oklahoma.

Carroll said that these trends were taken into consideration, but that he felt that this need would be far more in metropolitan areas.

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The program has only graduated four students in the past five years, Carroll said.

Other programs have been cut and added over the years at NEO. The construction technology, horticulture and home economics programs were cut, but in recent years Neo has added a physical therapy assistant program, which is full capacity, the Wellness Center, and the wellness program. The Native American studies and plastics technology programs are being developed and a medical assistant program is under construction.

"We are mandated to cut things back as times change in order to meet the needs of the economy. This is a normal process for colleges in Oklahoma to evaluate programs and evaluate those that are not as productive as it is in order to eliminate them," Carroll said.

David Gilbert has taught the program for the past 15 years, and has served as the department head for six years, and now faces a contract that will not be renewed.

For the past three years, he said it has been an ongoing battle to justify the program's existence.

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By Calvin Dolis
Managing Editor

Having degrees in speech, reading and English, Cheryl Jones scores qualifications as an English teacher.

Growing up in Miami, Jones earned her bachelor's degree in speech and English from Pittsburg State University.

Going from Pittsburg, Kan. to Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Jones earned her master's degree in reading and became a reading specialist.

A reading specialist is qualified to teach kindergarten through 12th grade. "A kind of having an extra degree, I became a reading specialist after I taught reading a while," said Jones.

She earned her PhD in higher education from Pittsburg State University.

She then moved away from the state and into the Pacific to work at the University of Hawaii.

Only 30 days away from her doctorate, Jones started teaching in 1984. She has spent the last eight years at NEO.

"I started teaching in a secondary school in 1984, taught there for six years," Jones said.

Jones then returned to her hometown of Miami. She taught for four years, two years being a reading specialist and two years as a junior high level teaching English.

Jones is also an adjunct teacher at Pittsburg State University. "I've also taught a summer seminar," said Jones.

Not only is Jones a teacher, but also a professional writer as well as a curriculum writer.

Jones writes the Bulletin Sunday column out of Nashville, Tenn. "The Bulletin Sunday Board goes all over not only the United States but the world," Jones said.

Last August she had an article published in the Homestead Magazine.

Jones said that throughout her years of teaching her teaching techniques have stayed pretty much the same.

"The only teaching technique Jones uses is the circle of learning. Jones feels that having the students feel comfortable in her class is something she always strives for.

"I want the students to relax while in class. I like to make everyone feel comfortable," said Jones.

"I also like to have humor in class," Jones said.

Jones sees a change in students over the last years.

"I think that in the last couple of years the students are harder to motivate," Jones said.

But Jones appears up to the challenge of finding a way.
Ladies win seven games in Texas

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

Playing eight games during a spring break trip to Texas, head coach Eric Barrier's Lady Norse returned home with seven victories.

"We really played very well against some tough competition. With only 17 players, everyone was available to play, which really helped us as we went on the road," Barrier said.

The Lady Norse travel to Arkansas this weekend to play in the Little Rock tournament before traveling to Independence, Kan., for the Independence Community College tournament on Sunday.

Among the games won by the Lady Norse was a 4-2 victory over the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on Friday. On Saturday, the Norse defeated the University of Central Arkansas 5-3, and on Sunday, they beat Oklahoma Baptist University 8-2.

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Sophomore second baseman Wes Sweargood has come across the bag while turning a double play as a Seaholm base runner tries to break up the play. Sweargood and his teammates are playing seven games at Holy Thomas Field to start the 1996 baseball season. The Golden Norsemen returned from Spring Break with a 2-4 overall record and were scheduled to play six straight games at home before hitting the road.

Norse down Iowans

Sophomore first baseman Zach Duffield hit a home run and two doubles as the Norsemen defeated the Northeastern A&M Golden Norsemen 11-8 on Tuesday. The Norsemen will return to conference action on Thursday, when they travel to Muskogee to play Blue Mountain College.

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SPORTS

Ladies lose to Westark in semis
Connors defeats Lady Lions for title

By David Burkman

Four points being saved early by coach Randy Gipson's Lady Norse in their season came to a abrupt halt last week at the hands of defending national champion Westark, 75-72, in the Region II Tournament semifinals at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

With the loss the Lady Norse finished 27-7 on the year. Westark suffered a 78-85 overtime loss to Connors State in the Region II finals.

"I was disappointed in our offensive performance, but maybe we had the chance to save the game," said coach Randy Gipson. "We didn't make the shots that we had the opportunity to make. We knew going into that we were going to be critical and it was," and head coach Randy Gipson.

NSO was only able to connect on 2 of 24 from 3-point range in the first half, for a miserable eight percent.

"If we would have made a few of our shots, then instead of being at a 17-point halftime deficit, we would have only had a seven or eight point margin to overcome in the second half," Gipson said.

NSO Lady Lions forward Veloria Reed scored six straight points and veteran guard Nikki Hays added two free throws as NSO traded NSC 16-16 at intermission.

Along with their lackluster performance from the field the first half, the Lady Norse missed their first two free throws before hitting 1 of 2 at the line.

Concentrating Woman 2-3-3 in the first 12 minutes of the second half the Lady Norse reduced the deficit to 49-42 with 7:52 left in the game. Nine points by Reed along with four from Janessa Birdforth and four each from Katie Black and Tasha Burnett fueled the Lady Norse rally.

After a timeout by Gipson, the Lady Lions went on a 13-0 run to pull away to a 62-42 cushion with 4:27 showing on the clock. Tarkalis ignited the rally with seven points while Burns added four and Nichols hit a basket. It took a minute because we had everybody out of our energy getting back in the game and we had several people that needed a breather. Westark was just too much for us and they went as down," said Gipson.

Down the stretch Birdforth scored four points and Cheree Wilder, Mertha Burdock and Reed added two points each.

Birdforth and Reed each scored 15 points to lead NSO.

Burns led all scorers with 23 total points while Tarkalis scored 19 and Nichols added 12 points.

Lady Norse 83-82-Gregory E."The Lady Norse played the hometown Ionora St. Gregory's Lady Cougars, 40-47 in the opening round of the Region II Tournament in Shawnee.

The Lady Norse suffered a difficult 94-91 loss and took the Lady Cougars only to see 32 points scoring from the floor.

Birdforth led all scorers with 20 total points, including five 3-pointers. Walter finished with 18 points while Reed scored 15 and Burnett added 12 points. Birdforth led NSO with 20 rebounds.

Camisha Fox was the only Lady Cougars player to score in double figures with 12 points.

Birdforth was one of five players selected to the All-Tournament team along with Ansa Burns and Kim Tarkalis, Westark and Rameka Strode and Kim Cunningham, both of Connors State.

TROJANS KAYO GOLDEN NORSEMEN

Here's how:

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NORSE WIN

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By David Burkman

After battling Seminole Junior College, 22-25 at halftime, coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norse fell victim to unfair free throw shooting by the Trojans and suffered a 65-51 loss in the quarterfinals of the Region II Tournament last weekend in the Noble Center at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

The Golden Norsemen finished 12-15 on the season while the Trojans lost to three-time defending region champions Connors State in the finals.

Seminole jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first three minutes of the game and in 3-4 points by All-American Malcolm Johnson and three points by Wesley Wheeler.

Six straight points by Seminole Mike Jones and a free throw by Red Smith gave the Norsemen a 9-7 cushion with 12:47 left in the half.

Over the next 12 minutes the lead changed hands five times with NSO grabbing a 22-26 margin at the 7:07 mark. NSO went on to a 23-14 run and led 57-51 with just 5:37 left in the half.

Seminole played to a big 3-point lead by 1-4 of 8 points by Seminole and Burns added six to create a 62-42 tie with 6:40 remaining in the game.

Seminole took 12 of 15 from the free throw line in the final five minutes of the game to take the victory. Johnson scored six of the 12 free throws.

Jones concluded his career at NSO with 26 points and 9 rebounds while Burnos was the only other Norse in double figures with 11 total points.

The Golden Norsemen connected on 2 of 36, including 5 of 10 from 3-point range. For Connors State, NSO made only 4 of 10 at the free throw line.

"We didn't have our free throws early and then we didn't hit one. Oul kids played hard and I was proud of their effort," said Spencer.

Johnson led all scorers with 23 total points. Cartwright contributed 15 while Corin Johnson added 13 points.

Seminole rank 23 of 64, including 1 of 10 from the 3-point range. For the Norsemen, the Trojans made 20 of 24 free throws for 83 percent.

Shawhill grabbed 2 rebounds while Victor Owen added 1 to the Trojans held a 46-35 advantage on the boards.

"We just weren't able to keep them off the boards which gave our team the lead and allowed us to score. They took advantage of those chances," Spencer said.

"I think the tournament because we had experienced in our energy getting back in the game and we had several people that needed a break. WSU was just too much for us and they went as down," said Gipson.
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