NORSE WINE

Entire college prepares for visit
Accreditation team expected in the fall

By Kellie Hand

In an effort to improve the college and at the same time gain national accreditation, the staff and faculty of NEO are immensely mortising the arrival of the North Central Association evaluation committee.

"We have been working for the past 18 months on a self-evaluation that will result in a report to the association," said Dr. Denis Snyder, director of Title III and special programs.

Five committees have been formed to address each criterion set by the association.

Members of the faculty and staff have been asked to head these committees in order to evaluate the needs of the campus.

Dr. George Largent, head of the social science department, serves as the chair of Criterion I.

Criterion I states that the institution has clear and publicly stated purposes, consistent with its mission and appropriate to its institution of higher education.

Tom Proctor, vice president of fiscal affairs, serves as the chair of Criterion II.

Criterion II states that the institution has effectively organized the human, financial, and physical resources necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Dr. Snyder serves as the chair of Criterion III.

Criterion III states that the institution is accommodating educational and other purposes.

Also serving on the committee for Criterion III, among approximately 25 faculty and staff is Chris Davis, Student Body Government president, and Jeff Akin, SBC vice president.

Serving as co-chairs of Criterion IV, is Dr. Sue Statham, English instructor and director of JROTC program, and Jim Greer, computer science instructor.

Criterion IV states that the institution can continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness.

Dennis Early, dean for student affairs, serves as the chair for Criterion V.

Criterion V states that the institution demonstrates integrity in its practices and relationships.

"NEO, the North Central Association granted us accreditation for a 5-year period," said Dr. Snyder.

"That is the maximum number of years that a school can be accredited."

Dr. Snyder feels that the evaluation is a benefit to the college.

"The process of accreditation is an opportunity for us to examine what we do well and to do better and try to improve on it," Dr. Snyder said.

"It is also nice to see what improvements we've made since the last evaluation." Dr. Carrell, President of NEO, feels that accreditation improves the campus as a whole.

"This is a great opportunity to go back and evaluate ourselves and also to have outsiders evaluate the things we do on campus.

"It also gives us the opportunity to improve and to excel in the offensives we make available to our students," Dr. Carrell said.

The five committees will be working in the next six months, completing their self-evaluations that will continually be revised and will result in the make-up of a report to be sent to the association for final consideration.

Upon receiving the self-evaluation report, the North Central Association will appoint a steering committee to visit the campus in December.

"The committee will consist of consultant-evaluators from outside of Oklahoma working with similar colleges in 10 states included in the region," said Dr. Snyder.

"Basically the committee is coming for a first-hand look."

"These members will review each criteria, interview faculty and students, and then give their recommendation to the NCA as to our accreditation," Dr. Snyder said.

"Dr. Carrell feels that the next 6 months are crucial.

"We need to pull together and work together as a team to prepare this final report."

"It should be stressed that it is very important that the entire college faculty pull together to form a united positive front," Dr. Carrell said.

"I hope we can all be involved and excited in the North Central team comes to our school." Dr. Carrell said.

Speech team captures state titles

Seven members of the college speech department received trophies during the Oklahoma Junior College Speech and Debate tournament held recently on the campus of Carl Albert State College in Ponca City.

Accompanied by speech instructor David Fornatt, the group captured three individual state championships while finishing third in the overall sweepstakes competition.

"I was so proud of our kids because even with just a partial squad we were within range of finishing second," said Fornatt.

"This was fantastic because the early fall shows that NEO has folded a team to compete in this type of event."

Host Carl Albert captured the overall sweepstakes followed by the Northern Oklahoma College of Enid, NEO and Comanche State College of Law.

Sophomore Jordan Webbs of Tulsa won first place in the prose reading competition.

Freshman Tami Morgan of Miami finished first in dramatic interpretation.

"Phi Theta Kappa offers national scholarships"

By Caleb Dukes

Applications for the Grotke-Wheeler Scholarships are due May 31 according to Carol Smith, co-sponsor of the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The applications are available at Mrs. Smith's office in room 305 of Skiplly Hall.

Only students that are active members of Phi Theta Kappa are eligible for consideration.

Other requirements to receive the scholarships are that the student must graduate with an associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of applied science degree between September 1995 and August 1, 1996.

Students are also required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 for all college course work completed to date.

Michael Hayes, a freshman from Big Cabin, captured first place honors in impromptu speaking.

Maile Hamilton, a freshman from Grove, Ark., placed second in dramatic interpretation.

Barbee Kirk, a freshman from Claremore, placed second in poetry reading.

The college team of Tani Morgan and Robyn Cyrus, a freshman from Tulsa, finished second in the dramatic duet reading competition.

Freshman Carl Hamilton of Oologah placed third in prose reading.

Each applicant is required to have good moral character, academic recommendation, these applications are the only criteria of the applications and must be turned to Mrs. Smith's office.

These scholarships are $5,000 cash stipend and will be disbursed in increments of $1,250 per year to each academic term beginning with the 1996 fall term.

These students will be paid a maximum of four consecutive semesters at $1,250 per year to each academic term beginning with the 1996 fall term.

To learn more about these scholarships log on to www.PhiThetaKappa.org and the amount of these scholarships is available in Mrs. Smith's office located in Skiplly Hall 305.
National event recognizes Earth

By Casey Adkins
Lifestyles Editor

Monday, April 22, marks the 25th annual celebration of Earth Day. Earth Day was created by Denis Hayes, a Harvard University professor, who dreamed of a day that would be set aside each year to celebrate the glory of the earth. Earth Day started on April 22, 1970 with an estimated 2 million people participating in marches, songs, and jointly-counted cleanup across the land.

In a feature in the AMERICAN HERITAGE magazine, an article reflected on the impact of the first Earth Day in these words: “On April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy. Fully, 10 percent of the population of the country, 20 million people, demonstrated their support for an environmental American politics and public policy would never be the same again.”

The goal of Earth Day 1970 was a national demonstration of environmental concern by enough to shake up the political establishment, get their attention, force the environmental issue into the political agenda, get action. Magnificently it worked, thanks to the spontaneous response of millions of concerned Americans. Earth Day has been major factor in the growth of the citizen concern about the planet’s health.

Since the Earth Day, a general understanding has evolved that the state of the environment is the key factor in determining our way of life and the quality of life. If we have a moral obligation to the future, as we certainly do, then we must move expeditiously to preserve all environmental options for those who will follow.

The history of Earth Day has been influenced by many resolutions, but none more important than the Agricultural Revolution followed by the Industrial Revolution. We are now at the threshold of a third great revolution, the transition to a Sustainable Society, one that manages to meet its needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

A single point in history, no nation has managed, either by design or accident, to evolve into a sustainable society.

We all are pursuing a self-destructive course of finding our economies by consuming our capital-themselves. By degrading and depleting our resource base. Simply, the wealth of the nation is air, water, soil, forests, minerals, rivers, lakes, scenic beauty, wild life habitats and biodiversity. Take this resource because, and this is left in a wasteland. Forging and maintaining a sustainable society is THE CHALLENGE for this, and all generations to come. To succeed, we must address the problem.

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High-tech fundraiser generates scholarships for bombing victims

The information superhighway became a reality recently when the 500th student to access the Internet was making a request for help to the volunteer-run Hotline Education Fund, which provides scholarships to children whose parents were injured in the Marich Building bombing.

Twenty students at nine schools and Washington, D.C., including five Oklahoma schools, competed in the “Premier for Hope” fundraiser. To date, the fundraiser has collected $5,500, with the Heartland Scholarship Fund providing scholarships to children whose parents were injured in the Marich Building bombing.

"These students chose an innovative way to help victims of the bombing. This fund raiser points to just one reason why the campus community continues to work for the goals,” said Brooks.

Oklahoma schools participating included Frontier Public School, Red Rock, Red Rock School, Henryetta Elementary, Erick Public School, Erick Middle School, Erick High School, and Kerseyville Middle School.

The Premier for Hope Fund raising campaign began on the Internet in February by the Town School for Boys in San Francisco.

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Earth Day observance on Monday
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LAST YEAR’S CAMPUS CLEANUP

Biology instructor David Dallas (left)種 a hose while planting flowers and shrubs in the dirt bed located along the main mall next to the chimes tower during last year’s annual Clean-up Day on campus. Although a specific date has not been set for this year’s activities, the campus community is reminded that Monday is the 25th Observance of National Earth Day. It is a time for all of us to stop and reflect on the impact that Mother Earth makes on our daily lives and the importance of preserving our natural resources for generations to come.

Photo by Kathy Wooten
Defensive front line lacks depth

Editor's note: This is the fourth article in a continuing series concerning the Golden Norse spring football drills.

By David Barkham

As spring football drills wind down, coach Mike Lind is confident that his Golden Norsemen have the athletic ability to step up for the lack of experience and the loss of key optionlemen along the defensive front line from last season.

"We lost four or five optionlemen who played quite a bit over the past couple of years, but these guys can get the job done," said Lind.

Heading up the defensive line this spring are Kevin Aragon, Wesley Ward, Eric Bill, Marcelle Galloway, and Kapra Wills.

"We've got some kids that we feel like can get the job done." --Mike Lind

Stukey named volleyball coach

Savagian (1-2, 105, Westminster) recorded seven solo tackles last year to go along with 32 assists.
Woodward (6-2, 379, Midwest City) recorded 11 tackles last season and also had eight assists.
Hill (6-1, 300, Tahlequah) sat out last season due to broken bone and will have last season's eligibility. He was moved in the defensive tackle position from the offensive line.

"We're expecting big things from Hill. He's probably the strongest player we've ever had. He's a young man who can bench press over 500 pounds," Lind said.

Galloway (6-1, 251, Broken Bow) recorded 20 tackles and 20 assists last season, while earning two firsts. Galloway also had one quarterback sack for minus two yards.
Wills (6-4, 248, Westminster) had 18 tackles and 15 assists last season to go with three sacks for minus 20 yards.

"We've got some kids with enough athletic ability to get the job done. It is just that they don't have a lot of experience," Lind said.

"We've had to move some people in and out. Right now they're trying to figure out who's ready to compete in the conference. We're not sure in this year, which is the Southwest Conference."

"They can get the job done. These are some kids who have had a good defensive front." Lind said.

"We also have six or seven true freshmen coming in that are looking at a defensive line." Lind said.

"We feel like we've got some good players. They fight for the job done." --Mike Lind

ANKLE TACKLE

Linebacker Kapra Wills, graduating Butler County, Kan., running back Kebe Johnson by the ankles and shows his progress as defensive end Travis Jordan by coming to find the tackle. Graduates from Golden Norsemen all four starters along the defensive front but several freshmen are expected to step in and fill the void during spring drills.

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SPORTS

Norsemen snap losing streak

Entering the final two weeks of the regular season the Golden Norsemen baseball team is searching for some consistency in both their offense and their pitching.

The Norsemen put the brakes on a four-game losing streak last Monday by gaining a split with Crowley, Mo., at Homa Thomas Field. The Norse came back for a 10-8 win before dropping a 8-3 decision in the ninth.

Prior to Saturday's Bi-State Athletic Conference doubleheader at 1 p.m. in Fort Smith, Ark., with Nogales, the Norsemen stand at 10-4 on the season and 6-0 in the conference.

After traveling to Fort Smith, the Norsemen are scheduled to visit Crawford in Nogales, Mo., for a 3 p.m. double-header on Tuesday before traveling to Shawnee for a 1 p.m. double-header with St. Gregory's on Thursday.

SAFE AT SECOND

Shonletter gave Koss his slides into second base ahead of a tag by Eastern Oklahoma second baseman Ted Weller during a game last Tuesday at Homa Thomas Field. Koss was safe with a double as the Golden Norsemen gained a split in the Bi-State Athletic Conference doubleheader. Koss drove in the first game, 5-3 before dropping a 8-4 decision in the rematch.

KOSOKE

Norsemen snap losing streak

A three-run home run by sophomore third baseman Eric Carter highlighted the eight-run rally. Ted Koss led off the first inning with a double and another single while Danny Edgins added a double. Rossie collected two of the five Norse hits in the 6-3 loss in the second game.

Roller-coaster ride continues for Norse

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Lady Norse suffer first conference loss

With less than two weeks remaining before the start of the Region II Tournament, coach Eric Fawley's Lady Norse are tied for the lead in the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

The Lady Norse stand at 5-2-1 in the league and 7-6 overall. NED is in a virtual tie with Comers State College for the league lead. The Cougars are 4-2-1 in the conference and 9-6-1 on the season.

Traveling to Overland Park, Kan., today the Lady Norse begin competition in the two-day Johnson County Tournament.

The Lady Norse will be the only team in the Bi-State Athletic Conference to appear in the tournament.

The annual meeting of Region II coaches will be held in Warner on Wednesday before the start of the Region II Tournament on April 16-17.

Lady Norse 7-2, Northern 4-4:

Traveling to Topeka last Saturday the Lady Norse suffered their first loss in the Bi-State Athletic Conference to Northern Oklahoma College.

After battling to a 3-1 through seven innings of the first game, the Lady Norse rallied for a 7-4 win.

Utilizing the Attitude Softball Association's pitcher of the game, each was allowed to start the 8th inning with a runner on second base.

Picher pitcher Debbie Mowlich, replaced designated player Susie Frost at the top of the 8th inning. After three ground-outs, Shonna Kerr reached on an error. Mandy Edgins singled scoring Mowlich and Cari Smith doubled scoring both Kerr and Edgins. Shanna Maclay doubled scoring Smith.

Smith led NED with a double and two singles while Maclay added two doubles.

Leading four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning the Lady Norse rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win 7-4.

James paced the Lady Norse with two singles while Kerr and Edgins added doubles.

Northern scored three unearned runs in the top of the first inning to win the second game.

Dana Carlton and Edgins paced the Lady Norse with two singles each.

Lady Norse 10-8, Bacon 8-2:

Completing a perfect 6-0 season, the Lady Norse crossed the plate on two doubles and one sacrifice.

Freshman right-hander Stacy Saffle tossed a two-hitter in an 8-0 rout in the first game. Saffle struck out nine in a walk while allowing one hit.

Edgins collected a double and three singles to pace the Lady Norse.

Freshman right-hander Dana "Bless" Maclay honed her skills in the nightcap, allowing no hitter.

Hubbard struck out six on six walks in six innings, with only one hit and four bases on balls.

NED is ahead 2-1 in the Region II Tournament.

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