Early figures indicate increase

Enrollment appears to be on the upswing at NEO as the institution becomes one of only a few colleges in the state to post increased enrollment numbers for the fall semester. As of August 30, which was the last day to enroll in classes at NEO, the student enrollment had reached 2,248. This figure represents a two percent increase over last year's total. It also marks the first time NEO's enrollment has shown an increase since 1992.

The largest population increase was in on-campus resident students. The NEO housing office reported 746 students living in resident halls, which represents an increase of almost 100 on-campus residents over last year.

According to President Dr. Jerry Carroll, although the percentage of increase may appear to be small to some people, it is cause for great excitement for this institution. "From the many presidents across the state I have visited with recently, there have been less than a handful of them who said their enrollment would be up this year," Dr. Carroll said.

"Most institutions across the state report a few to seven percent decrease," Dr. Carroll said. "This is the first time in five years that we have not had to talk about decreasing our enrollment."

According to information provided by Dr. Carroll, NEO's enrollment has been fluctuating up and down since 1990. The past four years, we have not been able to plan enrollment, but we have been able to plan for an increase in the number of adult students entering college. He said that statistics show the state's economy becomes healthier, more adults are opting to return to work instead of pursuing an education.

"I think NEO has done a better job than some schools across the state at emphasizing education among adult students and providing support services to help them put themselves back in school and finish their degree," Dr. Carroll said.

Another main reason Dr. Carroll believes the increase is due to is due to the fierce competition for students.

Orientation class features AIDS awareness experiment

The National AIDS Hotline estimates that more than 17 million cases of the virus in the United States will be confirmed across the country this year, which is why counselors are conducting lessons with their freshmen orientation students that will help them better understand how the virus has been growing.

Counselors used an experiment that was developed by Dr. Mark Pickering, an instructor at Coffey College Community College. The students were divided into groups and each group was given a small container filled with water and told to represent a person's body fluid. Each container was then divided into two equal portions.

Counselors then asked each student to pour a small amount of their body fluid into each of the two equal portions. This demonstrates how easily the virus can be transmitted through contact with individuals who are infected with HIV.

"When we began the experiment, we had 100 cups of water, each of which was labeled as having the special chemical. When the experiment was over, 27 additional glasses were contaminated," said Thompson.

Thompson noted that the experiment demonstrates how the AIDS virus spreads from person to person and has been an effective way to educate students on sexual activity and ways to prevent STDs.

"The most effective way to prevent STDs or pregnancy is simply abstinence. However, if they do choose to engage in sexual activity, we hope this experiment will make them think twice and take precautions," Thompson said.

Students receive scholarships

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President's Welcome

Dear NEO Student,

Welcome to NEO A&M College! This fall semester is a very exciting time which I am pleased to share with each of you. As a student, you will have the opportunity to expand your horizons both academically and socially. I invite you to participate in activities that are scheduled throughout the year.

We have maintained our commitment to meeting the educational needs of the students who enroll at this institution. This institution has a proud history of dedication to academic excellence that has resulted in opportunities for thousands of students. Campus life offers opportunities for a full experience in drama, music, sports, and a wide array of cultural developments for each individual.

Facilities at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College allow students opportunities to enjoy a truly comprehensive college experience. I encourage you to observe changes in the various buildings and campus grounds that have occurred during the summer months. We find that these changes will enhance our academic setting as well as assist the students in many other ways.

The campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is truly a beautiful educational facility. As the semester progresses, I would encourage all of you to become involved in college activities and to excel in your studies and all of your academic endeavors at NEO A&M College. I wish the best for each of you during the 1994-95 academic year.

Dr. Jerry D. Carmel
President

Republicans form campus organization

The College Republicans are an organized group of dynamic, young intellectuals dedicated to the furtherance of American political ideals of the National Republican Party. The society recognizes the importance of understanding and participating in American politics and encourages all students, with or without party identification, to become engaged citizens in an educational opportunity as well as the basis for implication.

Officers for the 1994-95 school year are, as follows: Brad L. Wood, president; Samuel J. Ary, vice-president; Emily Tynon, Student Body Government representative; David Fites, Alternate Student Body Government representative; Andrea Nixon, secretary; Donna Whid, treasurer; Jamie Wakeliff, reporter/editorial relations, and Corey Martin, parliamentarian.

The College Republicans meet bi-monthly at 12:30 p.m. The group anticipates an exceptionally productive year and membership is open to all students currently enrolled at NEO.

New coordinator set

Brian Harrington, former student director of Miami Main Street, Inc., has recently been named as the new alumni coordinator at NEO.

Harrington will be responsible for helping coordinate alumni-related events and meetings, managing the alumni data base, alumni communications, and helping bring new members into the NEO Alumni Association.

Harrington earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 before going on to complete an economics master's degree from OU in 1992.

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Four new instructors start semester

The beginning of NEO's new school term will also be the start of four new instructors' careers with the college.

Dr. Fred Patrick will be joining NEO as the new chairman for the Business, Computer, and Industrial Science Division. Patrick, a native of Sapulpa, is a veteran instructor with the American University in San Diego; the University of Oklahoma; the University of California located in Santa Barbara; and the Cumberland University, located in Lebanon, Tenn.

Along with his teaching experience, he has served as the chief financial officer serving the municipalities of Ventura, and Lamps, California. Patrick was the successful business owner and operator of Patrick Goodway and Sonner Security.

He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from OU in 1964 before earning a master's degree from Kansas University in administration in 1969 and a doctorate degree from OU in 1993.

Joining the Health-Science Division will be Barbara Taylor. Taylor will be working with the Physical Therapist Assistant program as the academic coordinator for clinical education. She earned her bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Oklahoma in 1965. Since that time, Taylor has held various positions within the medical community, including being the supervisor of home health physical therapy at St. John's Regional Medical Center located in Jenison, MI, and the director of physical therapy at Barton County memorial Hospital, Lamar, Mo.

Jan Shuky will be a business instructor and women's volleyball head coach. Shuky earned a bachelor's degree in management and marketing from southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., before becoming the commercial sales representative, and later the sales manager, for Honeywell, Inc.

Shuky has most recently been employed as an account representative for Midwest Sporting Goods Distributors, Inc., located in Tulsa.

Shuky has also been the event director and volleyball coach for several leagues in the Tulsa area, which consisted of scheduling and officiating collegiate and high school volleyball and OSSAA sanctioned events.

In addition, she was the coach of an adult women's club team in the United States Amateur Volleyball League, a team which

State Regents adopt new computer program

Students will soon be able to apply to college, select and enroll in college courses, pay tuition, check grades and much more from a "kiosk" of a personal computer, as a result of a $300,000 pilot program recently approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The service is expected to be operational by fall, 1996.

The program utilizes Onetel, the Oklahoma City-based computer and information network for Oklahoma's higher education system, which will link all of Oklahoma's higher education institutions, allowing colleges and universities to electronically transfer students.

Students will be able to use Oklahoma personal computers to look up work stations on college campuses to instantly access on-line information. The kiosks will be similar to automated teller machines and will be equipped with touch-screen menus, scanners, printers.

The pilot program will be conducted through the Greater Oklahoma City Higher Education Consortium which consists of the University of Central Oklahoma, Community College, Rose State College in Midwest City, Redlands Community College in El Reno and Oklahoma State University Technical Branch College in Oklahoma City.

The five consortia institutions offer classes in downtown Oklahoma City and work together to coordinate higher education program and services in the Oklahoma City area.

The system will provide access to information at all five campuses, enabling individuals to apply for admission, select and enroll in classes, determine which courses will transfer to other institutions, check their grades and financial aid status and report transcripts.

With each school, students can also access instructors' office hours, messages and class assignments.

"This project is an ideal way to accommodate students' busy schedules and provide the information they need, literally, at their fingertips," said Chancellor Alan Brisch.

"This project appears to be both convenient for students and efficient for colleges and universities. As more and more students access the information we provide through the kiosks, we are hopeful that students can save time and money in the long run," said Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The 1996 SAT scores for Oklahoma high school students are up, continuing a five-year upward trend, according to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Overall, the 1996 Oklahoma graduating class achieved an average verbal score of 505 and a math score of 555, compared to the national average score of 507 for the verbal and 508 for the math portion.

The 1996 Oklahoma SAT verbal score is 10 points higher than the 556 earned in 1992 and one point higher than the 561 earned last year, while the math score has risen 11 points from the 546 earned in 1992 and is four points above the 553 earned last year. The State Regents also reported that SAT test scores are higher for students who took core academic high school courses and that the scores have also increased for Hispanic, American Indian and African American students.

"We are pleased to see that Oklahoma's SAT scores continue to climb and that the scores are far above the national average," said Chancellor Alan Brisch. "But we must keep in mind that only 4 percent of the 1996 Oklahoma high school graduates took the SAT test, compared to 41 percent nationally.

"Because a small percentage of Oklahoma high school graduates took the SAT, it would be expected that Oklahomans would score higher than the national average," Brisch said.

"Our goal is to help use these scores as benchmarks and to focus on helping our students do even better."

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Norse Wind
Friday, September 20, 1996
Big plays lead to first victory

Taking advantage of two spectacular plays, the Golden Norsemen cruised to a 36-13 victory over Fort Scott Community College, Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium in Fort Scott, Kan.

With the victory, coach Dale Patterson’s Norsemen stand 1-1 on the season while the Griffins slip to 1-2 on the season.

The Golden Norsemen will open the home portion of the schedule next Saturday with a 7 p.m. contest against Kansas City, Tex. The game will be the inaugral Southwest Junior College Football Conference contest for both teams and the “Pack the Place” celebration will feature a number of special presentations to talkback Reggie Skinner and members of the 1986 National Championship team.

“I was very proud of our defense late in the 4th quarter,” said Patterson.

“arrealingly, we’ve got to develop a passing game because we’re starting a number of players who have never lined up to throw the ball,” said Patterson.

The first spectacular play against Fort Scott came after Griffins defenders blocked the opening kickoff.

Sophomore return specialist Keanta Colmen fell on a loose ball 41 yards from the goal line for a touchdown. Matt Reeves added the extra point to give the Norsemen a 7-0 lead with 1:17 left in the first quarter.

After trading punts on the next two series, the Golden Norsemen received a 21-yard TD pass by Reggie Skinner for a 20-3 lead in the locker room at halftime.

The second half saw Reeves’ potential field goal blocked by Reeves came in with one second left before interception after defensive end Richard McKinney recovered a fumble on Fort Scott quarterback’s knee.

Fort Scott took the second half kickoff and played ball control.

The Griffins mounted two failed conversions before 12 minutes of the third quarter. The first drive consisted of 19 yards and carried the Griffins to the 40-yard line before a field goal was attempted.

The second drive carried Fort Scott to the 15-yard line where Ropp dropped back for a field goal and Joe Mortier’s extra point was attempted.

Ropp’s attempt was intercepted by NORM EDOM to set up a 59-yard drive that resulted in a field goal by NORM EDOM.

With the extra point, Skinner now has 15 points with the Norsemen, which gives the Norsemen 1-3-1 record after the first nine games.

Norse in opener

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Changes effect football coaching staff

Along with assuming the duties and responsibilities of head football coach, Dale Patterson has also made several adjustments on his coaching staff prior to the home game.

Patterson, a 15-year veteran in an assistant coach with the Golden Norsemen, not only became head coach following the departure of Mike Lott, but he also retained the title of defensive coordinator and linebacker coach. “This gave me a tremendous advantage by allowing me the opportunity to work with the players individually and still be involved with the overall structure of the team,” said Patterson.

Another hold-over from the Lott staff is offensive coordinates and quarterbacks coach Trois Hill. During his tenure, he worked with the Golden Norsemen’s offensive line.

Back in black, fumble in Norsemen victory

Taking the second half kickoff the Norsemen went on a 70-yard drive capped by a 4-yard scoring run by Reggie Skinner.

The Norsemen led 28-10 at halftime.

After a third-down conversion by Alex Korn, Fort Scott brought the nose to the 14-yard line.

Korn then connected with Senior Stealback Paul Creme. He broke the extra point and a 34-28 lead.

Covering 46 yards in eight plays, he scored on a 14-yard run by Harington with 3:07 left in the game.

“I was more proud of our kids because they didn’t give up,” said Patterson.
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