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Former student receives top Phi Theta Kappa honor

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Former NEO graduate Barry Reynolds will receive the prestigious Directors Alumni Award during the annual Phi Theta Kappa International Conference, Saturday, in Dallas, Texas.

Reynolds, a 1984 graduate of NEO, is currently a lawyer in Tulsa. He was nominated for the award by Carol F. Smith, advisor of the college Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The nomination was based on Reynolds' academic achievement and his contributions to the community.

Reynolds graduated from Miami High School, Reynolds enrolled at NEO in 1982.

While attending NEO, Reynolds served as president of the Mu Chapter. During his sophomore year, Reynolds was elected president of the National Phi Theta Kappa organization.

"Attending NEO and participating in Phi Theta Kappa were some of the best moments of my life," said Reynolds.

Reynolds became the first transfer student to be elected president of the Student Body Government at the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a bachelor's degree. He was selected into the University of Southern Mississippi's Hall of Fame.

He earned a law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1989. Along with practicing law in Tulsa, Reynolds currently serves as president of the NEO Alumni Association. He is also on the Board of Directors for the International Phi Theta Kappa.

"Barry has been an active member of PTK throughout his career," said Smith. "We are extremely proud of him and the accomplishments that Barry has achieved, both as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and as a professional," said Smith.

Dr. Carroll served as director of admissions from 1972 to 1978 and as director of counseling from 1970 to 1972 at TJCC.

During his tenure as president of NEO, the college has undergone major renovation projects on all existing buildings, experienced an upgrade of computer technology campus-wide and started creating outreach educational programs in "the past four years so many friendships have been made. Our roots went very deep," said Dr. Carroll.

"Jann is a computer instructor at Grove High School and a son Justin is attending veterinary school at OSU and his daughter, Will graduate in May from Miami High School," said Dr. Carroll.

"She is a good student," said Dr. Carroll. The search for a successor to Dr. Carroll will begin imme- diately. An interim president will be selected by the OSU A&M Colleges Board of Regents.
ONLINE IMMIGRATION LAW NEEDS FURTHER STUDY

By James O'Neal

On April 1 many of the rules and regulations for immigrants took a blow below the belt. The changes came about because of Congress' decision on immigration last year. These new laws caused panic and chaos for immigrants who wished to come to our country. When the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996 went into effect on April 1, it seemed to target immigrants who were involved in illegal immigration. However, it seems more conclusively that the Act was actually a setback in keeping immigrants civil rights. The most pointed of the new laws states that "a non-compliant legal resident of the United States 100 days after the implementation of the immigration laws will not be able to re-enter the country for three years regardless of family relations (the U.S.)." The law also pointed out that these persons were on student visas that had expired or are out of status will be forced to leave the country. The basic truth of the whole situation is that Congress has not thought out the consequences of its actions. The new laws will have an immense impact on immigrant families that currently live in the U.S. as well. A person who married a U.S. citizen and has not obtained his or her permanent resident card would be forced to leave the country after Sep. 27. Many immigrants marry someone who currently is a citizen of this country to avoid the past immigration laws. This will no longer be possible to accomplish. I simply find it inhuman to break up the families of immigrants that now resides here in the U.S. The law will force many families to become single parent homes. This will follow with more people seeking government help such as welfare. The country will be populated primarily of immigrants who came here with a dream to form a better life. Now Congress has made those dreams impossible for those who try to live it. We are all descendants of immigrants, whose only dream was to survive, and with this new decision of our Congress, many dreams of a better life are extinguished. Just think, without immigrants such as Alexander Bell and Einstein, we would not be known as the industrially powerful country that we are today.

NORSE WIND

Theft increase towards end of current semester

By James O'Neal

A feeling of dread takes over when you realize that one of your possessions has been stolen. If you think that you have taken every last precaution against this crime, you may be wrong. Most individuals who commit this particular crime have ways of going around your precautions. These individuals seem to place their wants over the idea that they are effecting the victim tremendously. Some of the time those individuals will take someone else's possessions just to let that person know that it can be done. In most of these instances the item stolen may be of little value. What is not bought out, is the fact that that particular item may be of sentimental value. The item could range anywhere from a coffee mug to a jar of candy. These things may seem ridiculous to some, however the persons effected by this ludicrous crime think differently. The next few weeks are going to be a most perfect time for these people to find perfect victims. During this time, most students are more geared towards passing their Snaks than watching their possessions. Many times, students having the take protection that nothing they own could be subject to being someone else's possessions. There are many things that a person can do to eliminate the problem of loosing their valuables. Many times a student rushes off to class, and either forgets to lock their dorm room, or simply do not have the time to lock their doors. This leaves the individual more time to take what they wish, and less time is focused on breaking in the room to get to certain valuables. Another area in which thieves on campus seem to focus on is the fact that some people do not lock their vehicles in the parking lot. It doesn't take much of a genius to break into a car that is not secured. In most cases the car that is left unlocked may be left alone if nothing of value is in plain site. Most of the time the situation above is not evident. Most of the cars will have expensive stereo equipment or other items such as a jacket, which may be taken for granted. The fact that the pockets may have something valuable in them. Sometimes, a car can be locked, but the window or sun roof may be left open. Thieves learn to look for such indiscrepancies such as this, and will use them to their advantage.

I have been witness to another potential situation that thieves are more than likely aware of. Many students tend to leave their book bags laying around. It may be in the library or any other place where other students gather. It may seem that leaving your books unattended for a few minutes is harmless. If you think about it, that person is leaving behind their test books, which are certainly worth a lot of money. On the last week of the semester this may occur to more than one person. The only thing that the steals knows that the books are valuable.

With the book buy back, the thief can sell those books back to the school, and receive the refund money that is rightfully yours. The only important thing that a person needs to be aware of is that theft can occur anywhere, and at anytime.

The only precaution you have to be careful.

Internet still causes problems

By James O'Neal

Since the beginning of time, there has been a conflict between good and evil. The internet is no exception to this conflict. There has been much respect following the Heaven's Gate cult suicide that raises the question of what should be on the internet. There seems to only have been negative viewpoints on the content of the internet. However, there is much more content than those of considered obscene or immoral. The internet is based on the idea that an endless amount of information can be accessible to the public. It is rational that along with what is considered "good" information is also accompanied by material that most feel is very offensive. The whole issue seems to be filtered down to the basic fact that this country was based on the basic freedom of the entire human race. Freedom of speech and press is one of the most important of them all. There are countless areas across the internet in which current events can be viewed quicker than that of more conventional means. The areas range from current and future weather reports to the upcoming technology that will be used in such areas as transportation and living quarters. For those who are unable to leave the home, it is now possible for the person to shop on line on such websites as http://wal-mart.com. Instead of wasting that you had time to order concert tickets, you can sit at your computer and with a few clicks of a button the tickets are reserved. There is an immense amount of skepticism that is related to the fact that people are losing the human contact aspect of obtaining information. In some ways this is true, because you cannot see the person who is giving you the information. However, there are numerous e-mail sites in which you can leave a message or talk to the author of the information themselves. The internet is most helpful to a student who has to look up information quicker than that of looking through numerous books and files on the subject. One excellent area to find information is the online Encyclopedia Britannica found at http://britannica.com. This cuts back on time and effort of the student, allowing more time to be spent on the content of the paper. If you are not certain of the exact topic that you wish to choose for the internet search engine helps narrow your topic.

There are numerous engines that are used. Some of the more popular are Yahoo, Infoseek and Alta Vista. The internet is not only devoted to carrying just information. In all of the search engines, there is a section that contains games and entertainment sections. The games contain range from children's educations games to fully interactives games that are given by such companies as Sega and Nintendo. In an entertainment section a person can find many things ranging from local television listings to information concerning award ceremonies of that time period. These are contrary to most people's beliefs, many child-oriented web sites. They help a child learn things such as the alphabet and numbers. There are sites from such groups as PBS where you can often interactively be connect to the popular children's show "Sesame Street". There are in fact a large amount of websites of this nature that are not difficult to find.
Journalists capture awards

Newspaper and yearbook staffs attend conference

By Henry Gann

Five members of the Norse Wind student newspaper were awarded certificates during the 14th annual Northeastern Oklahoma State University Media Day activities last week in Tahlequah. The Norse Wind finished third overall in the general newspaper competition while the Writing Yearbook captured third in the overall writing category. More than 500 journalists representing junior high, high school and six junior college participants in daily seminars covering the journalism profession.

Featured guest of the Media Day was former Channel 6 television news anchor Sam Jones. James O'Neal, a freshman from Fort Smith, placed second in the individual news writing category. O'Neal serves as editorial editor of the Norse Wind.

Casey Adams, a sophomore from Tulsa and managing editor of the student newspaper, finished second in the feature writing. Henry Gann, a freshman from Grove, finished second in the sports writing category. Eastern Oklahoma College of Wilburton won top honors in the junior college newspaper category while Western Comanche College of Fort Smith, Ark., captured top honors in the yearbook competition. The awards banquet lasted two hours.

Former basketball coach joins Bacon College staff

By Josh Mazzon

Former Golden Norse men's coach Charles Green has been named the new head women's basketball at Bacon College. Green takes over a program that has won a handful of games over the past three years. Coaching at Tulsa Evangelical Christian this past season going 25-4 and winning the state Christian school title, Green takes over for Calvin Moore who went 3-36 in his career at Bacon. "We're going to try to make it a little better," Green said. He coached at NEO from 1969-80 compiling a 325-173 record.

His Golden Norse teams won seven Bi-Bale Eastern Conference titles for the NJACC National Tournament three times.

NEW OFFICERS

Serving as officers of the NU chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for the 1997-98 school year are, from left, Mike Bruner, Grove, vice president for publications; Jodie Ankle, Wyandotte, president; Greg Lipp, Wyandotte, vice president for membership; Karen Pitner, Miami, secretary, and Mary Moreland, Miami, treasurer.
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If you are a returning student, yearbooks will be distributed in room 208 of Dyer Hall in August. If you have any questions contact Monty Franks at 540-6343 or room 208 of Dyer Hall.

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