Dr. Lovell serves as interim president for academic affairs

By James O’Neal
Managing Editor

Dr. Jim Lovell, vice president for academic affairs and executive vice president assumed the responsibilities of interim president of NEO on July 1, 1997. Dr. Lovell was appointed to his position by the Oklahoma State and A&M Board of Regents to fill the vacant position left by the resignation of Dr. Jerry Carroll.

Dr. Carroll had left the institution when he accepted the position of provost of Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City. Lovell is a native of Marshall, Okla. He gained his position at NEO in 1993 from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Dr. Lovell had served as vice president for academic affairs since 1988.

Dr. Lovell earned a bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University. He received a doctorate degree in 1964 from Kansas State University. Dr. Lovell began his administrative career in 1967 as chair of the biological department at Western State in Weatherford.

He worked as a national accreditation coordinator for the American Medical Association from 1979 to 1982 before serving as assistant dean at the Texas Tech University Science Center. He served as assistant vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University from 1986 to 1988 before assuming his position at NEO.

College offers Native American courses

By James O’Neal
Managing Editor

Focusing on Native American heritage and culture, the college will offer a new program this fall, according to Dekesh Games, the head of the college’s American Indian Studies Program.

Students interested in the native american heritage program can take advantage of a number of classes that revolve around the broad topic of the Native American Culture. The program was established several years ago for the purpose of studying and presenting the Native American Culture.

The program is designed to teach languages, dances, political issues, and overall history of the Native American’s progress.

The college native american studies program will be offering five classes beginning this semester.

The classes include:
- American Indian Writers, which meets Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Shawnee Language from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Pottery, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Traditional Indian Dance from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- American Indian singing and dance.

State establishes transfer Web-site

By James O’Neal
Managing Editor

Sophomores interested in obtaining information concerning transferring to a four-year institution should check out the new web site offered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

On the web site, a student has access to nearly 3,000 courses that transfer as Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Internet users can access information on 2,875 courses in 20 academic areas. The data are in order of disciplines and provide information on equivalent courses that satisfy general education and pre-professional requirements.

Access gained in Learning Resources Center

In addition the site allows users to evaluate the information and its format.

“This project was designed to deliver transfer information in a user friendly environment. When used as a planning tool,” Bischof said.

Students are strongly encouraged to work with college and university academic advisors when planning transfers.

The web site is located at http://www.okhrb.edu. The information can be found under “Information for Students.”

WHAT’S GOIN’ ON...

Next week on campus...

Saturday (Aug. 23) - Golden Norse pre-season football scrimmage with Independence, Kan. at Robert E. Lee Field (7 p.m.)

Monday (Aug. 25) - ACT test is provided in the Testing Center located in the Fine Arts Center.

Tuesday (Aug. 26) - Noonday lunch at Baptist Student Union located just north of main campus.

Wednesday (Aug. 27) - Phi Theta Kappa meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Carter Student Union Ballroom Lounge.

Noonday lunch at Baptist Student Union

Wednesday night special at Baptist Student Union located just north of the main campus.

Thursday (Aug. 28) - Noonday lunch at Baptist Student Union located just north of main campus.

Friday (Aug. 29) - Last day to add classes. Check with academic advisor and the registrar’s office located in the Dayle Creech Library/Admissions Building.

Nooonday lunch at the Baptist Student Union located just north of main campus.

Student time cards are due to the supervisor before 4 p.m.
Local resident offers some valuable advice

Zero tolerance law is costly

The academic year will soon be in full swing accompanied by many sport and social functions.

With the excitement and camaraderie of making new friends and re-renewing old acquaintances, many will imitate more alcohol than is safe to operate a motor vehicle. Just using your "Wheels" can be a major handicap to your mobility but could result in serious injury or death to yourself or someone else.

Stricter laws have been put in effect for younger people (under 21) as well as adults to have your license reinstated. First offenders under the age of 21 (at the time of arrest on record) must complete a special ten hour ADAC, or other wise known as DUl school.

The school is designated for youthful offenders that have an assessment of their alcohol and or drug usage. Second or subsequent offenders under the age of 21 will attend a 24 hour course and have an additional assessment.

Youthful offenders should be made aware of the zero tolerance law which became effective November 1, 1996.

The law makes it a criminal offense to have any measurable amount of alcohol in their system, which is 02 percent. Any person under 21 who exhibits evidence of being under the influence of other intoxicating substances is subject to arrest and prosecution.

Alcohol training & education, Inc. provides the courses and assessment required by law for license reinstatement. Courses for offenders are held in Miami at the Department of Human Services, located at 310 N. Wilson, in the conference room.

The next available course is on Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.

You may call 1-800-522-4630 for additional class information.

Remember if you drink don't drive and don't ride with a driver who has been drinking. Have a safe and happy new school year.

Janice Clay
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Miami
MAKING SCHEDULES
Sophomores Kelii Lewis (seated) and Tammy Elliott fill out schedules for housing personnel in the Hemill/Dobson lobby.

MOVING IN
LaQuita Davis, a freshman from Tulsa, moves her stuff to the "penthouse" on the third floor of Dobson Hall.

MY BED-NO MY BED!
Freshmen Shane Brown (left) and Leslie Locust move mattresses around the first day.

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Five new faculty join college

By Henry Gann
Features Editor

Five new faculty members will be joining the ranks of educators for the fall semester at NED, according to Dr. Jim Lowry, NED interim president.

Duncan native Chris Fancher will be joining the NED business department as an instructor and will also serve as an assistant football coach.

Fancher comes to NED from Midwest City High School where he was an instructor and coach. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Tulsa, marketing in 1991 and is working on a master’s degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. Fancher played football for the Golden Hurricane in the positions of center and guard. A 5-year veteran of the U.S. Navy where he worked his way up from a hospital corpsman to a patient administrator and manager of a multi-departmental facility. She is working on a master’s degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Pamela Gelder comes to NED as the coordinator of the newly established medical assistant program.

Gelder is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy where she worked her way up from a hospital corpsman to a patient administrator and manager of a multi-departmental facility. She later went on to work as patient administrator for the Navy and personnel manager for civilian and military staffing. Gelder earned her bachelor of science degree in management from the University of New York and bachelor’s degree in health science from George Washington University.

Charles Thomas, a native of Florida, joins the NED staff as a teacher in the physics department and assistant football coach.

Thomas was recently a coach and instructor at the University of Florida in the Engineering program. Before going to UAM, he was employed as the principal, athletic director, and head football coach at Alton High School.

He also was employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as a management instructor, research analyst and Information systems training consultant.

McAdams holds a bachelor’s degree in government from the University of Maryland, a master’s in education from the University of Southern California and a doctorate from Columbia University.

Robert Miller is a new mathematics instructor at NED this year. His experience includes having served as a graduate teaching assistant at New Mexico State University and a GA at student support services at LSU in Tahlequah.

Miller was recently a mathematics and physics instructor at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa.

McAdams earned his bachelor’s degree from LSU in mathematics and engineering physics, and a master’s degree in college teaching also from LSU.

Education schedules help for welfare recipients

By Greg Spencer
Column writer

Moving individuals from welfare to work is the focus of a program offered by 13 Oklahoma two-year colleges and technical branches as a result of two contracts recently signed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

The two contracts totaling $3.9 million enable Oklahoma colleges and technical branches to provide job preparation training to eligible recipients under the temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

Through the program, students learn skills to assist them in finding and retaining jobs. The program also helps students prepare for the General Education Development (GED) test and provides on-the-job internships and career and academic assessment.

Students learn job-interviewing techniques, resume-writing tips and computer skills.

Chosen by the Department of Human Services eligible recipients participate in a minimum of 10 hours of program activities a week and must complete the program within 12 months.

Selected colleges and technical branches, area DHS offices and community leaders met earlier this year and jointly identified job needs in Oklahoma communities.

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Golden Norse start pre-season

By John Fennell

Flying adequate reviews from running back and wide receivers are major tasks facing Northeastern A&M coach Dale Patterson and his staff as the Golden Norse enter the 1997 pre-season.

Last year in Patterson's first season as coach the Golden Norse posted a 4-5 overall record while finishing with an 0-3 mark in the inaugural season of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference.

"With no doubt the key to the season will be how we fare in our first three games," said Patterson. "With victories over Kempf Military and Fort Scott, Kan., on our home field and then win on the road at Ranger, Texas in the conference opener, then we have a chance for a good year.

I really believe we are three winnable games," said Patterson.

"Personal wise, we've got to find a couple of strong running backs. Last year we played four sophomores running back and that was all. We have nobody returning that has carried the ball in a conference game. In this league if you don't have a running game you can't win."

"Another area that will require a lot of evaluation and selection will be the interior defensive line. We've got two quality sophomores back at the ends and three veterans at linebacker, but we just don't have any experience back along the interior defensive line," Patterson said. "Overall, I don't know if we've got the speed at running back and receivers that we've had in the past, but our team speed is good."

Quartbacks

Returning to the controls of the Golden Norse offense is veteran Andy Coller (8-1, 205, Midwest City). As a freshman Coller completed 95 of 207 passes for 1,482 yards and nine touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

"Andy is the biggest plus we have offensively. He is really matured and came on as the season progresses last year. Not only is Andy a leader, but the kids respect him and will follow him," said Patterson.

"I think we should come in here and give Andy a real battle for the starting job. It has all the physical tools we want in a quarterback and he will be a real competitor."

Running Backs

Going from the Golden Norse backfield are four running backs which include 277 yards and one touchdown getter Reggie Skinner. Although Skinner was held to only 570 yards last year, he had his two-year career with 1,028 yards rushing.

Red-shirt freshman Shaun England (8-1, 205, Pensacola, Fl.) sat out last season because of the sub-state restrictions which limit SHUCF conference teams to five English. And red-shirt freshman Cody Serfassifer (8-1, 196, Stillwater) are expected to battle for the starting tailback spot.

Freshman running backs include Ramon Ramirez (4-4, 200, Oklahoma City Star Spencer); Roderick Burdine (5-10, 180, Frisco); and Kevin Pressler (5-11, 195, Arizona, Colo.)

Returning fullback is veteran Chris Osborn (6-3, 233, Vinita). Last year Osborn gained 29 yards on four carries in five games.

Receivers

While no sophomores return at wide receivers, veteran Bryan Davis (6-4, 200) is back at tight end. As a freshman Davis caught on pass for 36 yards.

Freshman Bryan Blackwood (6-5, 230, Tulsa Union) and Cory Heinecke (6-2, 215, Edmond Santa Fe) should challenge at tight end. Red-shirt receivers include Allen Carr (5-11, 172, Tulsa Central); Michael Brooks (6-2, 182, Del City) and Taylor Lackey (6-1, 185, Wewoka).

All-state performers Paul Jones (6-1, 185, Wewoka) along with Marcus Long (6-1, 190, Perry and Harlond Smith (6-3, 190, Oklahoma City Star Spencer) are freshmen prospects at receivers.

Offensive Line

All-Southwest Junior College first team performer Bill Sageman (6-6, 320, McAlester) is the lone returning starter along the interior offensive line.

Battling for the offensive tackle position are sophomores Josh Kay (6-2, 255, Wynnewood) and Kandall Zierly (6-3, 275, Bethany).

Returning at the guard position is Robert Failling (6-3, 270, Vinita).

Sophomore Ben Beetle (6-2, 195, Jenks) returns at center.

Freshman running along the offensive line are Josh Brown (6-4, 275, Skiatook); Jeremiah Adams (6-4, 315, Ada); Jon Irvin (6-5, 265, NE5); and Camden Riddles (6-2, 300, Duncan).

Defensive Line

Experience at the defensive end positions with the return of Edick Brooks (6-3, 245, Houston, Texas) and Richard McCreary (6-5, 255, Claremore). Brooks recorded 23 unassisted tackles, 19 assists, and six quarterback sacks for 35 yards and five tackle back the line for 24 yards. McCreary made nine tackles, 11 assists, two sacks for minus 13 yards and one fumble recovery.

Freshman defensive end candidates are Raymond Richardson (8-1, 250, Broken Arrow) and Jozu Thomas (6-3, 250, Houston, Texas).

Reese Travis (6-2, 260, Midwest City) returns at a tackle position. Travis made seven tackles, eight assists and one fumble recovery while starting the last five games of the season.

Candidates at the down lineman spots are Cormon Brashaboe (5-10, 305, Coweta); Simone Colbert (6-4, 315, El Reno); Brandon Washington (6-1, 240, Seminole); Nathan Woods (6-1, 300, Norman), and Damien Rogers (6-2, 300, Duncan).

"Our safeties should be one of the best around because of their speed. Quickness and ability to react to the ball. They both saw considerable playing time as freshmen which should be an advantage for them," Patterson said.

Iits Atkinson (5-11, 205, Lawton) and Robert Carter (6-3, 195, Tulsa Central) return to battle for the safety positions.

Atkinson recorded eight tackles and 13 assists at the strong safety while Carter made 12 tackles and 14 assists at the free safety.

Sophomore Josh Robinson (5-7, 185, Muskogee) provides experience at safety after recording two tackles and four assists as a freshman.

Freshman prospects at safety are Chris Candia (6-2, 185, Tulsa); Tim Hunt (6-0, 176, Cushing); Willie Meneley (6-0, 200, Ada) and Larry Smith (6-1, 185, Tulsa).

Kickers

Matt Reeves (5-10, 185, Grove) returns and handles the place kicking chores.

Reeves led the Norse in scoring by connecting on 24 of 26 extra points and 10 field goals for 54 points.

Freshman John Robinson (6-2, 230, Cushing) will punt.
Football schedule features difficult conference games

Neither one of these non-conference teams are weak sisters anymore. Kemper had more players sign at the Division I level than we did last year.

Fort Scott hired a good young coach and two of our former coaches (Rick Simpson and Scott Hammon) have joined their staff," Patterson said.

NEO makes their first trip across the Red River Sept. 20 when they travel to Ranger in a 3 p.m. conference opener.

Last season the Rangers finished 0-4 in conference and 0-9 overall, including a 24-0 loss at the hands of the Norsemen.

Spending their second straight weekend in Texas, the Golden Norsemen visit Tyler, Texas, Sept. 25 for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

The Apaches finished second in the conference with a 5-1 record and 8-2 overall. The 14th ranked Apaches gained a 31-28 victory over the Norse in Miami.

Concluding the regular season at home, the Golden Norsemen host two-time defending national champion Blinn College at 6 p.m.

Williams assumes intramural duties

Josh Mason
Sports Editor

Try to coordinate intramural activities for over 1,700 NEO students is now the job Rick Williams.

Williams comes to NEO after successfully owning and operating his own business. He is also a long time participant in sports and intramurals.

His official title is Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities and Intramurals. He is also the sponsor of the Afro-American Society.

"I want to try and give students opportunities to participate in and have fun," Williams said.

"The students need to have a well rounded intramural program to enhance the college experience," Williams said.

Williams also wants to incorporate more of the community into his program.

"I want to make the community aware of how the students impact the economy and how they can help," Williams said.

There are many options in the intramural program, looking into to help make it more exciting for the students.

"We are going to take a trip to Oklahoma State University and talk to Kent Bunker director of intramurals about OSU's new ideas.

"We will take these ideas and try to incorporate them into campus life here," said Williams.

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