Dr. Mayle assumes helm of Norse ship

Dr. Glenn E. Mayle
President

James O’Neil
Managing Editor

Saturday, January 17
The Golden Norsemen will begin their season against Eastern at Burbank. The Lady Norseman games will begin at 6 p.m. and the Norsemen will play at 8 p.m.

Monday, January 19
A North-Ladder King Day is celebrated. Both the Lady Norseman and Golden Norse basketball teams travel to Tonkawka to face Northwestern with games at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20
The Baptist Student Union Noonday activities will be held north of the main campus.

The Student Body Government will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union. Members of the Social Workers Student Association will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union faculty lounge.

Wednesday, January 21
The Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will meet at 12:15 in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Noonday activities will be held at the Baptist Student Union located north of the campus.

Thursday, January 22
The national basketball tournament will be held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union located north of the campus. Students will be allowed to enter free of charge with a valid student ID.

Game Sites will include the new NEO Gym, Civic Center, Miami High School, Will Rogers Middle School, Commerce High School, Quapaw High School, and the Institutional Gym.

Noonday activities will be held at the Baptist Student Union located north of the main campus. Both Lady Norseman and the Golden Norseman will play with Murray State at Tahlequah 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Friday, January 23
All students should be aware that today is the last possible chance to add classes.

Noonday activities will be held at the Baptist Student Union located north of the main campus.

Study shows seat belts save lives

James O’Neil
Managing Editor

Traveling on the highways and turnpikes has become an everyday event for commuter students who are traveling NEO.

There is something students need to be aware of before traveling becomes a part of everyday life.

Preliminary figures show that last year had the largest number of fatalities in 14 years. Difficulties in traveling can range anywhere from driver error to construction or extreme temperatures.

The total fatalities increased more than 20 percent from two years ago when the figure reached 821, according to the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. Data shows that fatality rates have been decreasing since last November, when the state’s new seat belt law came into effect.

The 1997 death toll figure is the highest since 1994 when 864 people died on state highways.

“The year (1997) we had another increase, and we have people who are still having crashes at a higher speed, which makes it possible for more intense crashes and more fatalities,” said Lt. Stewart Meyer, spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

Trooper Greg Armstrong of McAlester based Oklahoma Highway Patrol Troop D stated that fatalities increased more than 20 percent, coming to the conclusion that increased speed was a primary factor involved in the fatalities.

“There are a lot of wrecks that before the speed limit change might have been minor that now are a major injury situation,” Armstrong said.

The seat belt law passed in November has apparently helped to decrease the fatality levels from the previous years.

“Seat belt usage is going up and fatalities are down. It’s a reinforcement that seat belts are lifesavers,” Meyer said.

Meyer said it would be difficult to pin down seat belts or increased speed as the sole problems affecting fatalities on Oklahoma highways.
King Holiday has importance

Bill Busby

Editorial Editor

With Martin Luther King Jr. day being Monday it has become apparent to me that we know little about this national holiday and need to know more.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a reverend, and later died in 1968 as another tragic assassination of the 60's.

During his life he fought hard for equal rights for blacks and nonviolent means, with marches and sit-ins.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not observed as a national holiday until January 20, 1986.

California was the first state to make it a school holiday in April 10, 1970 two years after his death.

It was officially declared a holiday until November of 1983 when President Ronald Reagan signed a declaration.

Despite persistent, and highly organized lobby and protests it took nearly 15 years to declarte it a national holiday.

Commentary

Despite lobbying for holidays like Arbor Day and St. Patrick's Day to be made national holidays, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is only the third national holiday to be created this century.

King is the only American besides George Washington to have a national holiday designated for his birthday.

Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and Robert E. Lee all have their birthdays celebrated but no are national holidays.

Many southern states celebrate Robert E. Lee's birthday every third Monday in January, a day that sometimes coincides with King's birthday.

The petition for King's birthday to be made a holiday netted more than six million signatures on a petition said to be the largest petition in history.

It is important to our history that we celebrate this day because King was not only the voice of change for people but also the voice of change for a nation, and his words have had a lasting impact on the landscape of American history.

An example of his words being true even to this day is shown in this excerpt from his "I Have a Dream" speech delivered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963.

"But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful palace we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

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Presidents honor roll announced

By Lacey Mangum
Correspondent

One hundred and eighty-eight students achieved academic recognition during the fall semester according to Dr. Jim Lovell, interim president. In order to be selected for the President's honor roll a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while carrying no fewer than 12 credit hours.

The following students and their hometowns are as follows:

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Bluejacket: Tara L. Two
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Carthage, Mo.: Katie Norbury
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Dean's honors selected

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Bookstore Sales
Freshman Denius Graham checking out after a long afternoon of buying books for all of his class and shopping in the NEO Bookstore on Tuesday.

Back-to-School Activities

Photos by DeLena Mincher

Enrolling
Jason Blizzard a freshman is looking over his schedule at the Registrars office.

Listen up!
Terence Gaines (left) talking to Rhoads Browning.

Checking the Computer
Grace Combe the Assistant Manager of the Bookstore, working on the computer.
Lady Norse improve conference record

By John Pinell

Returning from the Christmas break the Lady Norse have won four of their last five games to improve their record to 7-1 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference and 8-7 overall. The Lady Norse will be hitting the road to start a five game road trip Saturday January 17. The Lady Norse will be facing the Eastern Oklahoma College who is ranked 23 in the nation.

Lady Norse 85-Seminoles 51

Leading the way for the Lady Norse in the huge win over Seminole was Kiwana Battle who scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Along with additional double digit scoring by Adrienne Everett who scored 11 and Brooke Carter who scored 10 the Lady Norse walked away victorious for the second time since returning from the break.

The Lady Norse defense held the Lady Buff offense scoreless for nine minutes during the first half to put together a 24 point run.

Also holding an edge on the rebounding was the Lady Norse, who out rebounced Seminole 45-39.

Lady Norse 54- Western Oklahoma 29

Overcoming a sluggish offensive performance in the first half the Lady Norse posted a win over Western Oklahoma College 54-29 Friday night in the Neo field house.

During the first five minutes of play the Lady Norse pulled out to an 11-0 lead on five points by Brooke Carter, four by Kiwana Battle and a basket by Tina Clendening.

The Lady Norse maintained their lead going into the half with a 22-11 cushion.

After an attempted come back by the Lady Pioneers that brought the score to 37-28 with 7:08 left to play, the Lady Norse put the game out of reach.

Outscoring Western 17-2 through the last seven minutes, Carter scored eight points and Everett and Kiwana Robinson added three points each to fuel the outburst.

Carter led all scorers with 15 total points while Everett came off the bench to contribute 14 points for the Lady Norse.

The Lady Norse, led by Battle, who pulled 13 rebounds, out boarded the Lady Pioneers 54-22.

Lady Norse 70-Rose State 51

Closing out the fall portion of their schedule the Lady Norse defeated Rose State 70-51.

Sophomore guard Brooke Carter led the scoring for the Lady Norse by connecting on 5 of 7 from 3-point range to lead all scorers 19 total points. Veteran center Tina Clendening added 14 points and freshman Carolyn Weirick contributed 13.

Kim Henderson was the only Lady Raider to score in the double digits with 10 total points.

Lady Norse 83- Cowley County 65

Suffering an ugly loss to Cowley County 65-53, the Lady Norse committed 35 turnovers and only managed 27 offensive rebounds. Taking the opening tip off, the Lady Tigers led 16-10 for the first 12 minutes of play.

The Lady Norse turned the ball over 21 times in the first half alone, as the were held to a season low 14 points as Cowley built a 31-14 cushion.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Norse was Carter, Clendening and Weirick, who scored eight points each.

UP AND AWAY!

Lady Norse guard Adrienne Everett (11) drives to the basket and puts up a shot over Cowley County players Leeza Nordtus (14) and Amber Foster (10). The Lady Norse lost the game before beginning a three game win streak in conference action.
Golden Norsemen Sweep Seminole

By Josh Maxson

Extending their winning streak to three games with 84-85 win over Seminole State College, the Norsemen swept the Seminole's this weekend.

The Norsemen's win over Seminole was the second straight game where they scored 84 points or more. In the Norsemen's previous game against Eastern Oklahoma College, they scored 84 points. In their win over Seminole, they scored 84 points, which is the highest point total for a game this season.

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