Graduation checks due

James O'Neil manager
For those students who expect to graduate in May, a few details come into effect concerning the matter.

The most important step students should take is completing a graduation check, according to Howard White, dean of admissions and records.

To begin the process, a student must meet with their advisor to complete a graduation check.

The graduation check is accepted by White, the student should expect a packet in the mail describing exit exams, dates, and graduation guidelines.

Sophomores planning on graduating this spring and participating in the commencement ceremony should pick up their gowns on Wednesday, April 29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Norse Star room in the NEO Fieldhouse.

If the student is unable to pick up their caps and gowns at this time, the Registrar's office will be passing them out until noon the next day. In the case where a student is unable to attend the commencement ceremonies, arrangements should be made with the Registrar about leaving their correct address, so that their diploma could be sent to them.

Commencement rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Robertson Field football stadium.

If weather is un-cooperative, students are to report to the new gym.

Commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at Robertson stadium. In case of foul weather, report to the new gym.

Students will line up between Acres Hall and the Bruce Carter Student Union buildings at 6:30 p.m.

All graduates and families are welcome to attend the reception following the commencement in the Bruce G. Carter Ballroom.

Caps and gowns will be returned following commencement.

White emphasizes that students should place the commencement at a high priority, and complete graduation checks as soon as possible.

Spring Fling Week April 20-24

MONDAY
Mardi Gras Parade
A parade will begin at 3 p.m. at the front doors of the Hamilton-Dobson dormitory and end at the intramural field. Everyone is invited to participate.

Mud Pit Games
Coordinated by Jan Stukay and Keith Patterson, this event will feature volleyball, tug-of-war, mud wrestling, and other slippery events.

TUESDAY
Banquet and Dance
Hosted at the United Rubber Workers Building on Goodrich Boulevard, the formal banquet is sponsored by the Student Body Government. Tickets for the banquet are $4 per person and can be purchased from Shirley Patterson in the student affairs office on the first floor of Dyer Hall. Banquet starts at 7 p.m. with the dance beginning at 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Carnival Night
Students can purchase 25 cent virgin Pina Colada's and virgin Strawberry Daiquiris from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the mall as a prelude to a All-School Carnival starting at 7 p.m. in the intramural gym. The carnival will feature booths sponsored by campus clubs that offer carnival-type games of chance.

THURSDAY
Big Toys
The Letton Promotions Company will be on campus from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Barrel Racing, The Orbitron, and Casino Action big toys.

Rock Concert
Local bands will donate their time and talent for a Battle of the Bands beginning at 6 p.m. In front of the Library/Administration building.

FRIDAY
Picnic
Reservations should be made by Wednesday for a picnic at Bernie State Park on Grand Lake. The Student Activities department has reserved three college vans to transport students to the picnic. Featured activities include swimming, food and games. Reservations should be made in room 108 of Dyer Hall by Wednesday, April 22.
Earth Day needs defining

Celebrations held on three separate dates

Billy Busey
Editorial Editor

With spring upon us and campus cleanup in full swing, it is time to talk about Earth Day. The annual observance of Earth Day is April 22, or is it? March 21st? There seems to be some confusion about when the annual Earth Day celebration is.

To avoid any further confusion here is some information to hopefully shed some light on the situation. The original Earth Day was held on March 21st, 1970 in San Francisco, Calif. April 22nd was decided because it coincided with the March Equinox—the moment when spring begins in the Northern Hemisphere and fall begins in the Southern Hemisphere.

It is also an occasion where right and day are equal in both hemispheres. This date was so important three thousand years ago that men built stonehenges with stones arranged to measure the very moment of Venus Equinox. If this date was so important three thousand years ago why not make it important today.

They recognized the importance of the Equinox as the rebirth period of Earth why shouldn’t we? There is no reason why we shouldn’t except ignorance about the situation.

April 22nd was originally called the Environmental Teach-in during its inception in 1970 but was called Earth Day after the original day was already over.

This date also used to be home to another holiday, Arbor Day, which is still celebrated in many countries. Arbor Day was formed as a holiday in honor of J. Sterling Morton, who was the founder of Arbor Day, on April 22nd which was his birthday.

Why not leave this day as Arbor Day and celebrate it here as they do worldwide instead of celebrating another event in its place with the same goal.

When the founders of the Environmental Teach-in changed their name to Earth Day politicians and major corporations jumped on the opportunity to be associated with such a cause. With all of the money and support the “teach” earth day received they succeeded in overshadowing the original day.

The original Earth Day was founded to promote care of the earth, justice, and peace, not just taking a day to try and correct the damage done all year long.

President Gerald Ford and members of congress once urged the observance of Earth Day in March because of its ideals and to avoid any further confusion. That was more than 20 years ago and still we have several dates and misinformation concerning Earth Day.

There is also another day to further confuse things in the celebration of Earth Day.

In 1972 at the Stockholm conference, Japan obtained support for a World Environment Day to be held on June fifth.

With all of these Earth days it leads to confusion about what is the correct date which leads to reaction.

The correct time to celebrate Earth Day is all year long, don’t wait for one day a year to try to correct all that’s been done all year long.

We need to establish one day a year to officially call Earth Day, not several scattered dates.

We could have a world wide earth beautification period kicked off by the original Earth Day on March 21st and ending with the Japanese date of June 5th.

The original Earth Day on March 21st is celebrated in Russia, Costa Rica, Austria, and Iran and is also recognized by the United Nations. It was also celebrated in the Mir space station this year by the crew.

The Peace Bell at the United Nations in New York rings to signify the start of the spring and the celebration of Earth Day. As that bell rings it will join Peace Bells in Vienna and Russia, as well as other bells around the world.

It’s a period where we should all observe a moment and try to view to change things before it is all gone.

In it’s history Earth Day has signifyed the end to many global conflicts as well as the end of the cold war.

If we all celebrated Earth Day on the same date worldwide it would help promote peace and harmony and give us something else in common which leads to reaction.

We could work, we could all join each other all over the world in recognizing the problems that we need to solve and help establish goals to achieve.

Earth is the only planet we’ve got and when we destroy the one we’ve got it’s over because there will be no more humans. We can’t survive without this planet but it will probably be able to survive without us just fine.

What are we going to breathe when we destroy the atmosphere and there is no more oxygen to breathe? Nothing, because there is nothing else for us to use, we can’t breathe nitrogen or sulfur fumes.

If we don’t change we will no longer exist because the earth is the key to our survival and the source of our existence so why not establish a day to observe and begin to change before it’s too late.
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PEOPLE

Campus Job Fair set next Friday

James O'Neal
Managing Editor

With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, many sophomores face the problem of entering the work force.

NCEC will host a Job Fair for its students on Friday, April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Bruce Center Student Union Ballroom.

The job fair will allow students to explore their opportunities in the future.

Eight separate corporations will set up booths during the event.

Corporations expected to attend include, MANPOWER, U.S. Army, Oklahoma State University, Tyson Foods, Avis Rent-A-Car, Staffing Solutions, Kansas City Mo. Police Department, and Mt. Carmel Medical Center.

In addition, the event will give students valuable information for local colleges and universities if they wish to continue their education.

Students will be able to become aware of the classes that will transfer to other institutions at this time.

Employers from the Tri-State area will be looking for employees interested in full-time, part-time and summer employment.

The fair gives the students the opportunity to enter their field of study, without having to search endlessly for a job using other conventional methods, such as searching the classifieds.

With employers from the area participating in the event, students have the opportunity to stay and work in the Miami area.

AWARD WINNERS

Kendra Grover, co-sponsor for the MU chapter received the Paragon Award. The award recognizes the efforts of new advisors of the numerous chapters.

Five journalism students captured 19 awards during the 28th annual Northeastern State University Media Day activities last week in Tahlequah. Returning with awards were, from left, Bill Bryan, sophomore, Grove, Josh Maxon, sophomore, Miami, Larry Mangum, freshman, Guaspaw, James O'Neal, sophomore, Fairland, and DeAnna Mincher, freshman, Seminole.

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Native Americans enjoy a dance

Photos by Bill Buoy

OPENING CEREMONIES
Sorry Waters (left), head singer for the Native American Student Association Spring Pow-wow joins the drummers to open the evening session in the intramural gym.

DANCE ROYALTY
Cheyanne LeGore, head lady dancer, and Rikki Noel, powwow princess start the evening dance procession for the Native American Student Association Spring Pow-wow event.

DANCE CLUB
Members of the Inter-Tribal Dance Club perform for the crowd during the evening session. The group features Ira Toland, Jr. (third from the left) a Native American Indian Studies major.
Prince fires one-hit gem against Bacone

By Josh Maxson
from Colfax

"We seem to be playing more solid."

Head Coach

Eric Iverson

NORSE WIND

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SPORTS

Iowa games highlight trip

By Josh Maxson
in Iowa City

Losing streak scissored with victory over Rose State Raiders last weekend

Prince fires one-hit gem against Bacone

By Josh Maxson from Colfax

Cruising to a double-header sweep of Bacone College behind freshman Jamie Prince's one-hitter. The Lady Norse will play host to Eastern Oklahoma State College on Saturday with a 2 p.m. first pitch.

The following Tuesday, April 14, NEU will finish a 6-game homestand when Carl Albert State College visits Miami at 2 p.m.

After erupting for 17 runs on 21 hits in a 17-7 victory in the first game against the Lady Warriors. Prince retired 19 batters in a 12-0 five-inning affair in the second game—against Bacone.

Striking out three and allowing two Prince improved to 3-2 on the season and the Lady Norse own for the third straight game.

NEU now stands at 4-8 on the season and 3-3 in the Bi-State Conference.

The Lady Norse scored five unearned runs in the first inning to jump out to an early lead in the second game.

Ken Stanton followed with an RBI triple. Trae Brown reached on an error as Stanton reached for the second game.

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Kim Harting reached on an error and both Harris and Harting scored on a triple by Kayla Webb.

Brown and Webb both reached on errors with two outs in the top of the third inning. Angie Ayres laid down a drag bunt that scored both runners.

With a 7-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning, Harting walked. After a passed ball, Ayres singled scoring Harting.


Lorenda Littlefield singled to score Stanton for NEU's last run.

The 11-hit Lady Norse attack was led by Stanton who collected a triple and two doubles. Ayres and Littlefield added two singles each.

Offense was the underlying theme of the first game as the Lady Norse pouted out a 17-7 win.

Lindsay Jarvis collected two triples and two singles to lead the Lady Norse.

Prince who played first base during the first game added three singles along with three base hits from Webb, Vose Young, Littlefield, Brown and Harting added two hits apiece.

Freshman Mae Philips earned her first victory by pitching four innings and surrendering two runs on two hits.

Iowa games highlight trip

By Josh Maxson in Iowa City

Continuing a road trip that stretches from Fort Smith, Ark. to Centerville (Iowa) the Golden Norsemen baseball squad will look to improve on a 8-20 record.

Standing 0-10 in the Bi-State Conference race coach Kirk Parker's Norsemen travel to Fort Smith (Ark.) on Saturday for a 2 p.m. double-header with the Lions.

On Sunday, the Golden Norsemen visit Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kans. The opening game starts at 2 p.m.

The Norse will then be off for four days before going to Centerville (Iowa) for double-headers on Friday and Saturday with Indian Hills.

NEO 1-9 Rose State 9-5

A barrage of Golden Norsemen homer runs carried them past the Raiders 9-5 in the second game of a conference double-header.

Rose State had extended NEU's losing streak 12-games in the opening game with a 9-1 win.

NEU put up two runs in the top of the first inning in the second game when Chris Marks followed up a Mike Stemple single with his fourth homer of the year.

The Golden Norsemen added to their 2-0 lead in the second inning when Travis Tyler hit a solo home run and Trevor Trisel doubled home another run for a 4-0 lead.

Stemple broke with two hits in the bottom of the third Rose State cut the Norsemen lead to 4-2, highlighted by a T.J. Vandenburg RBI triple.

With one out in the fourth Ryan Kennedy connected for his first home run of the season to give NEO a 5-2 lead.

Trisel started the fifth inning for the Norse with his third homer of the year.

Stemple then drew a walk followed by Marks being hit by a pitch. T.J. McFarland then doubled to score Marks.

Tyler walked to load the bases and Jason Stewart singled scoring both runs for a 8-2 advantage.

Kevin Freidrick doubled for the Raiders to start the fifth and consecutive singles by Marco Jackson and Jake Ailiff got Rose State to within in four runs at 9-5.

Ray Hendricks hit his fourth homer with a man on to create the final 8-5 score.

Stemple connected for his fifth triple of the season to start the seventh inning and added a sacrifice fly to score Beller.

The Raiders exploded for four runs in the bottom of the first with a two-run double by Justin Froelich and a two-run home run by Marco Jackson.

Two unearned runs in the third extended Rose State's lead to 6-2 and Colin White lined a two RBI double to right.

The third NEO error allowed Chris Jensen to reach base, the following batter Hossae Rogers then tripled to score Jensen.

Rose State tacked on two more runs in the sixth as the third hit Rose State attack overpowered to Norsemen.

Westerk 47-1 - NEO 9-1

Westerk pounded out 21 hits and 21 runs in the double-header as the Lions closed out 14-5 and 7-1 victories.

Westerk scored five times in the first inning highlighted by doubles by Steve Doss and Bob Johnson.

NEU cut into the Lion lead in the third, when Zach Rogers singled to start a two-run rally.

Matt Beller reached on an error, Jeff Dorney singled scoring Rogers. Walks to Casey Littlefield and Steven Bale scored Beller.

The Westerk lead ballooned to 9-2 when Gary Brandt connected for a three-run homer and Randy Brown hit a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Five more runners scored for the Lions in the fifth inning on home runs from Bobby Mitchell and Brand, his second of the day.

Mike Stemple hit a three-run blast in the bottom of the fifth as the game ended on the eighth run.

Rogers paced the Norsemen with three singles while Stemple added a single and a home run.

In the right field a two-run double by Beller highlighted a three run first.

NEO's lone run came on a pinch hit homer by John Chadwick in the sixth.

The Lions scored a run in the top of the seventh inning on a triple by Johnson and a RBI single by Mitchell to complete a 7-1 win.

Stemple led the way for the Golden Norsemen with two singles and added a homer and Beller, Marks, T.J. McFarland and Trevor Trisel added singles.
Green named coordinator
Heads Golden Norseman offense

By Josh Mason
Sports Editor

Rob Green, former interim head football coach at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, has been selected offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at NEO, according to Dale Patterson, Golden Norsemen head coach.

Green replaces Travis Hill who resigned in January to become head football coach and athletic director at East Central High School in Tulsa.

A graduate of Marlow High School in 1979, Green earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma before gaining a master's degree from UCO in 1983.

During Green's five years on the Missouri Southern staff, he served as defensive secondary coach in 1993 and 1994 before becoming offensive coordinator and assistant head coach during the 1995 and 1996 seasons.

Green guided the Lions to four straight victories after becoming interim head coach midway through last season.

Prior to coaching at Missouri Southern, Green served nine years as head coach and athletic director at Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City. Making several appearances in the Oklahoma high school playoffs.

Green served as offensive line coach and assistant head coach from 1980 to 1984 at Edmond High School.

"Rob comes to us with great coaching credentials and his experience at the high school level in Oklahoma should be a great asset in recruiting," Patterson said.

Also when Rob took over at Missouri Southern as head coach, he demonstrated some great leadership qualities by keeping everything together those last four games," said Patterson.

With the addition of Green the Golden Norse football coaching staff remains at six with Brad Ball solid coaching receivers, Chris Fancher offensive line, Matt Parker defensive line, Patterson line backers and defensive coordinator, and Chris Thomas, secondary.

"We've been one coach short for a couple of years and if we can find a young, graduate assistant coach to work with our running backs, we'll be at full strength with our coaching staff," said Patterson.

Green could indicate a slight shift in offensive philosophy for the Golden Norsemen after several years of featuring the one-back offense.

"The last couple of years, the makeup of our squad has changed and the one-back philosophy of lining up and running right at people doesn't fit us."

"Playing against several Texas schools, their defensive lines are awesome. We finally decided that we can't line up and assault them with the one-back out of the I formation," Patterson said.

"Two factors to this change has been in decreasing number of interior offensive linemen that are available and the lack of impact running backs. So we've decided that by using the two-back set and some option, we'll be able to diversify our offense more."

"We're going to go to one of a split-back look with a quick-hitting type of offense. We want to try and take the blitz away with a more diverse scheme," said Patterson.

The Golden Norsemen are continuing spring workout until the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage May 6, at Robertson Field.

Entries due for fishing tournament

Entries for the annual Spring Bass Fishing Tournament on Grand Lake scheduled for Saturday, April 25, are now being accepted, according to Jim Genandt, coordinator of the event.

Sponsored by the Development Foundation, the tournament will begin at 7 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. at Red 11 Port located 1.5 miles northeast of Gallo Boat Bridge.

"We'll use the proceeds of this tournament to help fund student scholarship programs," said Genandt.

"So not only will the participants have a great time fishing on the lake, but they will also be contributing to the future success of a young person." Entry fees for the tournament are $60 per boat with a maximum of two people per boat. Entry fees includes $60 donation for big bass and a $20 ramp fee.

Entries will be accepted by mail no later than four days before the tournament of 30 minutes before the start of the event.

The entry fee should be mailed to the NEO Development Foundation, P.O. Box 3590, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, 2501 N. 16th Street, Bartlesville, 74003.

"Sixty percent of the entry fee will be used for cash prizes and 100 percent of the big bass pot for the big bass," Genandt said.

"Cash prizes will be determined at one place for each boat. 1 to 8 boats, first place receives 100 percent of the prize money; 9 to 16 boats, first place receives 67 percent and second place receives 33 percent of the prize money. 17 to 24 boats, first place receives 50 percent, second place receives 33 percent, and third place receives 17 percent of all prize money."

Anyone wanting additional information should contact Genandt at (918) 540-6208 or Bryan Harrington at (918) 540-6372.

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