Changes continue
Renovations campus-wide

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Students from the past pay for the renovations of the future on this campus. Many renovation projects were completed over the summer with the help of maintenance and some faculty members that took time out of their summer vacation to help beautify the college, according to Tom Poole, vice president for fiscal affairs.

One of the projects completed this summer was the replacement of one of the college farms located just east of the campus. The house located on the north side of the farm received new siding during the summer. Air conditioning was replaced at Russell Hall dormitory.

Another project involved the replacement of a valve in the air conditioning unit at the Fine Arts Center.

Doors were replaced in Dobson and Harris Hall while the glass bricks in the Harris/Dobson lobby were installed to conform with a report from the local Fire Marshal.

Fluorescent lights were replaced on all three floors of the east wing upstairs. Bathrooms located in several buildings were taken apart and rearranged for the annual state inspection.

The heating vent and air conditioning units were replaced in the NED Fieldhouse. Lights were also rearranged in the field house. Courtenay Hall received new carpet and several rooms were painted while the exterior of Van Hall was painted.

The refacing of the Dobson parking lot and the small side of Dobson was finished in August, the cost of $65,000. Funding was completed this year for the renovation of the fountain at a cost of $33,000.

Blue and gold lights will be placed at the bottom of the fountain. The center will be in the basement of the Doyle Crotch Library/Administration building.

"We feel that the fountain is a focal point for our college. It's what's remembered from students of the past when revisiting," said Poole.

During the summer, the college had over 2,200 visitors visit the campus. Yet the biggest project still remains under way. NED's lighting system was a six-year project that cost a little over $100,000.

The light poles that students see on campus started out in front of Dobson and Harris Hall will eventually be used to illuminate the main and auxiliary sports field. Each light pole will cost $500.

"We are in the process of expanding this project over the next two years," said Poole.

The money that was provided for the repairs of the dorms comes from the resting of dorms.

The money used to reface the fountain and the parking lot was funded by the housing department.

The new equipment in the cafeteria came from the purchase of meal tickets.

State money cannot be used in the repairing of dorms, parking lots, cafeteria equipment and repairing the rest of the state union.

OWLS Center hosts meeting

The OWLS Center is hosting an organizational meeting today at noon in the center located at 1006 G. Center Student Union.

Research projects and other meetings have been held in the center located in the Fine Arts Center. Students can visit the center to discuss ideas for research projects and meet the center's director. A list of past and present projects is available at the center.

"The center features such facilities as a computer center, a lab for the university's computer science department, a teacher education center, a library and a computer lab for students to use.

The center is the result of a $50,000 grant from the state of Oklahoma and a $50,000 grant from the federal government.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY

ACT test given at 8 a.m. in the testing center located in the Fine Arts Center.

Christian Student Fellowship is providing a light lunch called "Hot Topics and Cold Cuts" at noon in their facilities located at 1006 G. Center Student Union.

The college bookstore located in the Bruce C. Banner Student Union will be open until 6:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

"Jamaican Me Crazy," a celebrity for the entire student body will be held on the Main Mall starting at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Student Activities Association and will feature a nationally known Rager host.

A free lunch is featured during the weekly Monday service at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

The MLK Committee of Psi Theta Kappa National Honor Society will hold an organizational meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Banner Student Union.

The Baptist Collegiate Missionaries will host a "Lunch in the Park" at noon in the Student Union located at 1006 G. Center Student Union.

Today is the last day for students to add and delete classes at the registrar's office located in the Doyle Crotch Library/Administration building.

Student time cards are due at the supervisor's office by 4 p.m.

The Baptist Collegiate Missionaries will host the annual NED's Day activities in the building located just north of the main campus.
Job trends in Tulsa area reflect college training and degrees

By Christine Maylock

While Oklahoma's 1998 college graduates packed away their caps and gowns, area companies began preparing for a wage war.

Starting salary offers in new college and university graduates have risen in almost every area. This is according to a recent issue of 'Salary Survey,' published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

This trend is especially prevalent in Tulsa, where skilled workers are highly prized in an environment of 3 percent unemployment.

Employers, mainly computer software and data processing firms, are offering new computer science graduates average starting salaries of $40,843. This is a 9.8 percent increase over last year's average. This is followed by information science graduates, which trails only slightly and has a starting salary of $39,078.

Tulsa-based Clotet Solutions has beefed up its profit sharing and educational opportunities along with its 401(k) plan, said the president. Paul DeDeyl of the three-year-old company computing and software development company.

Clotet attracts college interns by extending summer internship opportunities.

By doing this, the company is able to attract the attention of next year's crop of graduates before they start interviewing with larger corporations.

The company is currently employing one college intern at its Tulsa office.

Computer science majors are receiving offers at an alarming rate.

The average starting salary for mechanical engineers who are looking for careers in mechanical manufacturing and the automotive industry is $40,750. Chemical engineering majors are receiving offers of $45,581.

While electrical engineers are earning offers of $42,827.

The non-technical majors are also enjoying substantial increases.

Beginning acountants are looking at average annual paychecks of $35,425. This is an increase of 6.6 percent over last year. Economics and finance majors have seen their average offer increase 12.3 percent up to $35,119. Psychology majors have also seen a 14.3 percent increase to $26,778 in their starting salaries. Even English graduates have observed an 11.3 percent increase since September, raising their average offer to $28,129.

Employment opportunities in health and rehabilitation services will continue to climb with the advancement in medical technology and the ever-growing elderly population in America.

The need for physical therapists will grow by 71 percent from 1996 to 2006. At an average starting salary of $42,099, the field is a ripe one.

Nursing is expected to grow by 3.7 percent annually, with a starting salary of $27,788.

While the need for nurses is extreme, the most difficult health jobs to fill continue to be nursing assistants and service workers.

The pay scales will have to increase significantly to hire students into some of these careers.

Home health aids and other medical assistants and aide positions will grow as much as 79 percent between 1996 and 2006. Even with this booming field, the average starting salary is $12,584.

The need for emergency medical technicians remains high. Even though the demand will increase, the average starting salary is $13,333.

Although some companies have not increased wages for graduates with technical degrees, many have.

For many employers, obtaining a four-year degree shows that a person is intelligent, has discipline and can work under pressure.

Doing laundry can be simple
If common sense is applied

By Christine Maylock

Going to college can be a traumatic experience for anyone, but with the first day of school comes a decision-making process that can create considerable stress.

Doing laundry can seem like the most mundane task in the world, but every load has to be done. The key is to be organized.

Whether you are packing for a trip or preparing for the next load of laundry, a little common sense can go a long way.

Some tips to make doing laundry easier:

- Try to keep track of your clothes.
- Make sure you have enough detergent.
- The soap should be placed in the water first and dissolved in the water, filling the machine.
- Clothes should be added, one at a time, and disturbed evenly around the agitator. Your garments should not be packed too tightly that the agitator has a difficult time turning.
- The machine should be run with the correct cycle and water temperature.
- The load should not be too large.

With a little common sense and effort, anyone can become a pro!
Christian organization continues ministering to NEO students

By Mindy Fleming

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) is a Christian campus ministry sponsored by independent churches and generous individuals in the area. Many activities are planned for any students and others who would like to participate. On Mondays from noon to 12:50 p.m. is the hot topics and cold cuts, which is a meeting where video’s are watched at speakers are heard. Lunch is also provided. Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. is called Feasts on the World. A meal is sponsored by alumni of CSF and purchased each week from an area restaurant and a discussion is held. Lunch Plus is on Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. Area moms and grandmothers from area churches come into the kitchen and prepare good home cooked meals. Worship time or a devotion from a student or special music Friday and Saturdays are various activities designed to release stress and provide fun. Lorrie Peterson and Mary Swaringen are the campus ministers. “I am looking for the last year, I have quite a few returning students,” Peterson said. Peterson came into this organization in the fall of 1989. “I have grown up and down through the years just like the college. We have grown a lot the last two years,” Peterson said. Spring Break is an exciting time for the students. A mission trip to Mexico has been a hit. “We have been building a church there that served as nothing for four years. There are around 25 people that go with us.” Peterson said. CSF also provides students with access to bicycles. There are seven bicycles that can be loaned out at no cost either for transportation to run an errand or just for exercise. If any student is down in the dumps or just needs a lift, CSF will come and visit with the individual and bring cookies and just keep them company. “If there is any need and we have resources then we try to take care of that,” Peterson said. There are many activities planned for this year. Located at 108 E Street Northeast, the group offers many activities this year. All students are invited to become involved in their programs.

Foundation offers home-style environment for college kids

By Kari cliff

“Home away from home” is what Robert Forrest, director of the Wesley Foundation, likes to call the non-profit organization. He and his wife moved here from New York and she began working 16 years ago. We have seen a lot of our things happen here,” Forrest said.

The Wesley Foundation is an outreach ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church and is located just off campus on 15th Street.

Everyone is welcome at the Wesley Foundation. It is a place that students can just kick back and relax. The atmosphere is loving, caring and you can feel safe.

Every Wednesday at noon they have a “Power Lunch.” They serve an awesome meal and have an inspirational speaker. They get everyday people with stories about how god touched their lives.

There are two groups that have been formed through the Wesley Foundation and their goal purpose is to teach and have fun.

There is a women’s group and a men’s group. The women’s group is called WOW, women of worship. They learn crafts, cook and talk about anything. They teach women how to make their homes pretty. The men’s group gets together to spend Monday night football together. They also play a little yard football themselves as well as going to places like the bars for drinks.

The Wesley Foundation is there to help people and to let students know that there is someone to talk to. They laugh, cry, play, and pray together.

“I think this is a great place for students,” enthusiastically said Forrest, “I want kids to know that there are no limits. If interested please go by and see Robert Forrest.”

LITIAGS ARE ON

Photo by Karli Cliff

A sign in front of the Christian Student Fellowship indicates just how “down home” the organization can be. Located at 108 E Street Northeast, Christian Student Fellowship is open to anybody.
Several changes affect institution

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Prior to the start of the 1998-99 school year, 29 members of the college administration, faculty and staff either retired or resigned from their positions.

Dr. Jim Lovell, vice president for academic affairs retired in May after serving three years as vice president. Dr. Lovell had also served as interim president during the 1997-98 school year. Faculty members announcing their retirement were: Bob Anderson, social science instructor; Dr. Max Green, music instructor; Pamela Overyman, nursing instructor, and Dr Sue Stidham, English instructor.

Counselors leaving their positions were Jeff Alexander and Rick Rieche.

Directors leaving their positions were Jeanne Sholtz, director of financial aid, and Gary Gardner, NOSB Program director.

College recruiters to leave were Travis Hill and Christi Hart. Hill also served as offensive coordinator for the Golden Norse football team.

Leaving staff positions were Lainda Baugher, coordinator for Grove Education Center; Tara Blows, coordinator for Verde Education Center; Robert Cook, building attendant; Tammy Cestarel, admissions clerk; Thomas Crawford, building attendant; John Davis, carpenter; Daylena Harrison, OOS Building supervisor; Millicent Hicks, secretary, LRC; Tina Klyer, secretary-LRC; Herbert Morris, building attendant; Tobi Neal, admissions clerk; Tony Davis, campus safety officer; Annette Watson, business office clerk; and Ginnie Welby, senior program evaluator.

Coaches to leave were Kirk Puckett, assistant basketball coach; Scott Ford, assistant basketball coach; Greg Tackett, assistant basketball coach; and.

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By Kari Cline
People's Editor

Dana Johnston, the adult student representative at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, has been selected to coordinate the new NEO/ Grove Higher Education Center Johnson's duties began July 1.

A native of rural Ottawa county, Johnston began her college education by attending NEO in 1983 and earning her associate degree. She later went on to complete a bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University in journalism/public relations in 1988.

She is currently working toward a master's, also from OSU.

After graduating from OSU, Johnston served as the executive director for the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce until 1990 when she moved to Lometa, Miss., to serve as that city's community relations director. In both positions she was responsible for organizing weekly activities, developing a newsletter, producing promotion materials, and communicating with local city government in helping prepare public events.

Moving back to the area in 1992, she went to work with the Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Missouri as an outreach worker.

In that position, she developed and administered volunteer programs, managed services that helped meet the needs of low-income people.

McDonald County Missouri and providing case management to help clients become self-sufficient.

Johnson began her career with NEO in 1994 serving as an adult student representative with the federal XOS Program to help recruit, enroll, advise, and perform case management on non-traditional students trying to earn their college degrees.

Johnson's role as the NEO/Grove Higher Education Center's coordinator will be to help define the educational needs of Delaware County, schedule courses, and work within the community to promote NEO and the educational center.

Currently the NEO/Grove Extension Office is located in the Bank of Oklahoma Building at 201 South Main in Grove.

The phone number is 767-5475, the office will move to 201 NEO Loop in the Grove Business Park upon completion of the higher education center in late August.

Anyone interested in taking courses or getting information about NEO programs can stop by the office of call Monday through Friday form 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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SPORTS

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First-year offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Bob Green (right), signs more than 90 candidates for the Golden Norse football program on a rainy day during a "Happy Hour" practice at Robertson Field. The Norsemen will conduct the first two weeks of practice Saturday by traveling to Independence, Kan., for a 4 p.m. scrimmage with the Pirates of Independence Community College.

Conference features balance

Two members of the Golden Norsemen football team were recognized as pre-season junior college All-American prospects during the annual Media Day of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference in Bedford, Texas.

Norse face tough competition

Finding a replacement for the Fort Scott Community College on the 1998 Northeastern A&M College conference schedule proved easier than head coach Dale Carr found.

The Norsemen will open the season Sept. 5 by traveling to Hillsboro, Kansas, for a 7:30 p.m. contest with Butler County Community College. The Grizzlies return to the schedule after a two-year hiatus as a replacement for Fort Scott. Last year under head coach James Fideler, the Grizzlies posted a 4-5 overall record.

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THE 1998 GOLDS AND GOLDEN NORSIS PRE-SEASON PREVIEW

By Billy Busby
Staff Writer

Concluding two weeks of drills, the Golden Norseman looked for consistency and answers to questions before the season opener Sept. 5 at Butler County

Last year the Norsemen finished their second consecutive 5-4 season while facing off with Elgin, Texas for fifth in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with a 2-4 mark.

In head coach Dale Patterson's two years, NOS is 10-8 overall.

"I'm very excited about starting this year because I really believe that our overall strength as a team will be our offense. Last year we started nine freshmen on the offensive side and most of those kids are back, so we should be very explosive on offense," said Patterson.

Looking to generate some excitement and offensive consistency is offensive coordinator Bob Green. Green is the former interim head coach and offensive coordinator at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Mo.

Joining Green's 19-man staff are David Dees, running backs; Bob Righthand, defensive coordinator; Chris Pachter, offensive line; Matt Hall, tight end; defensive line; and Chas Thomas, defensive coordinator.

"Last being forced to start a quarterback for the opening game, Patnaude (5-10, 180, Abingdon, Va.) is in a position to start the year with a senior who is a former starting quarterback coming back. And to add to the fact that all of our offensive line has college experience and we've got our two experienced wide receivers and All-Conference Tight End coming back, our offensive outlook is very encouraging," said Patterson.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Golden Norseman returns three starters and several sophomores who saw considerable action.

"We've got All-Conference performer Matt Henson and Jupha Thomas returning at ends along with Rashod Browning at corner, so we've got some experience back. If we have a deficiency on the team it might be in the secondary because we don't have a lot of experience returning," said Patterson.

Quarterback

Vessek senior starter Patnaude (6-2, 214, Abingdon) returns after starting six games as a sophomore. He ranked third in the conference with 335 passing yards and 25 touchdowns.

Three freshmen prospects are expected to challenge at quarterback: sophomore Andrew Cummins (6-3, 185, Aurora, Colo.), an offensive tackle at Colorado State University; junior defensive end Matt Henson (6-2, 180, Colorado City); and sophomore tight end John Vonder (6-2, 264, Tulsa) along with sophomores Josh Brown (6-5, 268, Skiatook) and Hunter Woods (6-2, 245, Ponca City) at guard.

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Blackwood is a senior who has had a good spring and is expected to carry the ball load this year.

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Training at both the starting center position and the starting right tackle position is sophomore Casey Jones (6-4, 255, Morrison, Co.).

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Offensive Line

Another area where the Norsemen look to benefit from the surplus of experienced players returning is in the trenches. Six sophomores saw considerable playing time last year to prepare for this season.

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