Federal project helps place participants

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Mom have a chance to go back to college to educate themselves with a one semester, efficient, basic skills, and how to become self sufficient.

The Northeastern A&M College Allied JOBS Program is a federal grant administered through the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

After an assessment test, the JOBS Program places participants in one of three modules. Module 1 consists of basic skills preparation, occupational preparation, work experience, and employment.

Module II is work force development, which consists of developmental courses, occupational preparation, work experience, and employment.

Module III is an occupational certificate, which consists of a one year certificate, occupational preparation, work experience, and employment.

Program requirements include attendance based on formal assessment, documentation, and accountability.

This year the JOBS Program is implementing a new instructional called the MACC learning system.

It is an individualized self paced instruction including basic skills, living skills, and skills for the work place.

The program will start in the beginning of September.

“The primary purpose of our program is to support system for students as they move toward accomplishing their goals,” said Ruth Soton, director of the Allied JOBS Program.

Some people confuse the Older, Wiser, Learning Students Club with the Allied JOBS Program,” said Ruth.

The OWS Club is an adult student center with a study area, computers, and kitchen areas, and a student phone.

OWLS club membership is open to any student age 18 or older for $1 a year.

Krista Foster is the OWS club sponsor for the 1998-99 school year.

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Championship Wrestling

Taking advantage of the slippery conditions created for the Mud Pit Games, several young men gained a chance to shine deep in the action generated in the pit.

Several students took advantage of both the mud pit and volleyball games hosted by the Student Activities department.

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The Norse Wind

Honors program develops leaders

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

One hundred and fifty applicants responded to join the newly recruited honors program.

The honors program was developed to challenge the minds of outstanding students who excel academically.

English instructor and program designer, Carol F. Smith, wrote the text book for the scholar leader colloquium class. She is the only instructor certified to teach the class.

Students that qualify must score a 28 or better on their ACT test or are already in the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

Phi Theta Kappa was created for two year college and university students to promote leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service not only to the college, but also to the community.

To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 hours credit and must have an accumulative grade point average of 3.45 or better.

Provisional members are students that may qualify if they were members of the National Honor Society in high school.

Selection to membership is made at the start of each semester.

Those who wish to get involved in Phi Theta Kappa should contact Kendra Crews in room 111 of Dyer Hall.

The scholar leader colloquium class counts as a credit in humanities or an elective each semester that the class is taken.

The College Academic Quiz Bowl Team is a part of this program also. Those who wish to join may contact Randall James.

Students will publish their own publications pertaining to short stories, essays, poems, and poetry.

Some of the articles will be published in the Student, which participants may receive a $300 scholarship.

Also the class will travel to Europe in May for 10 days. The countries to be visited are England, Scotland, and France. Several sites will be seen according to Smith.

Scholarship will be available. Participation in the honors program allows students to participate in the honors programs at other four year colleges.

“Students in this class learn how to work together and learn to develop better communication skills,” said Smith.

Anyone interested in the honors program should contact Kendra in room 303 of Shively Hall or call 918-540-6334.

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Around Campus This Week

Wednesday:

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Annual payment for the newborn care is due by 4 p.m. in the college business office located in the Dayley Creek Library/Administration building by 1 p.m. Students are reminded that cards must be signed by both the student and the new parents.

Christian Student Fellowship is providing a Lights lunch called “Hot Topics and Cold Cuts” as noon in their facility located at 108 E Front Street.

Filing for the freshmen and sophomore representatives for the Student Body Government continue until Sept. 6 in the Student Activities Center located on the first floor of Dyer Hall.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will host a Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and a Noon Break at 1 p.m.

The Christian Student Fellowship will host a Lunch Plus at noon in the facility located at 108 W street Northeast.

Friday:

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Anyone interested in joining the Aggie Society should attend the annual picnic at 6 p.m. at Twin Bridges State Park.

Monday:

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Students are invited to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Noon lunch in the building located just north of the main campus.

An organizational meeting of the Student Body Government is 5 p.m. in the Facility Lounge.

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FRIDAY:

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Members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry will attend the Cross Seekers meeting until Sept. 7 in New Orleans, La. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bobby or Debbie Lipscomb at 405-1726.

All offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. Normal classes will resume at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Clearinghouse issues ratings for nation's top universities

Christine Blaylock
Editorial Editor

Editor's note: Information for the following article was taken from the Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine to be published in September 1998. Other contributions to the statistical information supplied by WISEST and the College Board, which is a major commercial clearinghouse for statistics on U.S. colleges and universities.

There are many things to consider when choosing a college. One of the most important decisions that will affect your career and your life is the decision on where you want to educate yourself.

A high-quality college education is not affordable to all. The report lists the top 100 values in State Universities. The University of Virginia, which is the top-ranking college in the nation, is the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. It has an undergraduate enrollment of 14,333 and the in-state tuition is $2,374. The out-of-state tuition will be $6,404. The total in-state cost is $7,184, and the total out-of-state cost is $11,670.

The University of Virginia comes in second and has the top undergraduate enrollment of 12,468.

The ranking list is: University of Virginia, William and Mary, and Virginia has an undergraduate enrollment of 13,444.

3. The cost of tuition and fees for both students falls within the Virginia. The Virginia is: $1,000. The state of Virginia comes in at number 6.

Two Universities in California make the 7th and 8th positions. The first is in Berkeley and the second is in Los Angeles. The seventh position belongs to the Georgia Institute of Technology and has an undergraduate enrollment of 22,743.

The University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton has been given the tenth position, and with an enrollment of 10,660.

The 10th position belongs to Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. It has an undergraduate enrollment of 7,303. The total in-state cost is $15,400, and the total in-state cost is $9,299. The state of Pennsylvania comes in at number 9.

These rankings are just a comparison of what the top universities offer and what they charge. It is important to remember that not all universities offer the same programs and opportunities. It is important to research and compare different universities to find the one that is right for you.

Lacey Mangum

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Editor's note: This column is not meant to be a scientific instrument used to reflect any opinion of students attending Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. It is designed to only reflect the individual thoughts of the students responding to the question.
Campus police gain additional abilities

By Mindy Fleming

Getting caught with beer in the dorm's new cool room might mean going straight to jail.

There is now a police department on campus. Criminal cases can be handled, arrests can be made, and even warrants. "Whether or not you are on campus, the police have the ability to come and get you," said Mike Watson, police chief.

Twenty-four hours a day seven days a week there is someone on duty in the parking lot and walking around campus. "We are going to be very aggressive on alcohol and drugs. We are going to be on the move. We are going to be very visible," Watson said.

Arrests have been made on campus and in the dorm area. "We have vowed to make sure this is a safe and secure campus," Watson said.

Additionally, the police now have the ability to carry firearms. "We have a real good policy here. It is not a policy we are going to use lightly," Watson said.

In the past, there was no police department on campus. "We are now going to have a police presence on campus," Watson said.

Nepal students attempt to make major changes while attending college

By Karl Cribb

There are many students that have traveled many miles to attend Northeastern A&M.

And I am sure that some of them didn't get to go home for a while but how would you feel if you didn't get to go home until school is out?

Sambhur Mandavi and Anup Sharma are one of the many students that are on the other side of the world. They are from a country called Nepal.

Nepal is the capital city of Kathmandu. It is one of the least visited countries.

Nepal has two brothers, a mother and a father. She is majoring in engineering and plans to return to her home town after her education in America.

Anup is also majoring in engineering and plans to return home after his studies. His father and sister are in Kathmandu and he plans to stay in Oklahoma State University

They say that there aren't that many noticeable differences between the countries. Nepal is located between India and China and they speak Nepali.

The country is full of mostly poor farming villages. They are like a lot of other countries, poor and peaceful.

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Coordinator outlines activities

By Mindy Fleming
Editor-in-Chief

Getting up in the morning to go to work and play in what Lauri Miller, student activities director, looks forward to.

"I like my job. It is the best job on campus. I try to pay attention to students and what they want and I am always open to new suggestions," Miller said.

Miller stays busy. She also is the sponsor of a new pep club, Afro-American Student Association sponsor, and NDI women's president.

"Sometimes I come into work and just sit and start saying to come up with new ideas," Miller said.

Keith Patterson is the intramural activities coordinator. Patterson likes working with students. He works at Miami High School during the day and then comes to the college.

"I set dates, draw schedules, get refs, score keepers and time keepers," Patterson said.

The goal is to fill the needs of students.

"I just start thinking and make a list. I do marquees, and posters," Miller said.

Many exciting activities have been planned.

Intramural flag football, seven-man teams down line. Games start Sept. 3. Students interested may sign up in Dyer Hall Student Services or call Patterson at 542-1074.

Also, there is a NDI free-person golf scramble at Shaggy La Golf Course, 8 a.m. Sept. 13. Try to get a faculty member on your team. Players must wear soft spikes, cut-shirt required, no cut heels or black shoes.

They have planned many activities for this school year. One of the latest ones is the pep club. They are looking for excited, loud, mouthy people with lots of energy.

If anyone is interested they can sign up in Dyer Hall office or call.

Recruitment area gains new director

By Karl CIR
People's Editor

There is a new energy in the high school/college relations office and his name is Ronnie Hopkins.

Hopkins was hired in July as director of high school/college relations. He has new ideas and is full of energy.

He grew up in Sand Springs and got his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State as well as his master at Colorado State. He has a wife named Ladrone and two girls named Erin, four, and Rachel, two.

Hopkins chose this job because he liked the two-year atmosphere and he likes the fact that the job is a fresh start. The new staff and the new growth as well as the new attitude and incentive helped him pick his job.

Hopkins is in charge of many different areas. He is in charge of the ambassador program, it is a student run organization that represents NDI in community functions as well as other day's.

The ambassador program will work with the Chamber of Commerce and the community. He wants to help the community because it is such a big part of the college.

He wants the ambassador program to get involved with the student body. After all they will be representing them.

The alumni support is another area that Hopkins plans on working on because traditions help bring in students.

He is also putting out a new campus video that he is working hard on.

He is hoping to help sell NDI to new students because he thinks that NDI is "Oklahoma's best kept secret." His job is not to sell all the other schools around. There are 10 to 12 different schools that NDI is competing with.

The ambassador program is looking for members. It is a great opportunity. If interested there are applications in the high school/college relations office.

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Former football player begins battle against life-threatening disease

The following story was written by Bill Haleman for the Aug. 23 issue of The Tulsa World newspaper. It concerns the health of a football player who started for the Golden Hurricane during the 1980-81 season.

If a football standpoint, this was supposed to be the best of times for Larry Johnson.

Instead, one of the NFL’s top receivers has cancer.

Not that anyone deserves to have an apple-sized tumor lodged in his chest, but he was particularly cruel when it targeted Johnson, a sweet-natured, modest 27-year-old from Houston.

After four frustrating professional seasons with the Eagles (1982-85) and the Cardinals (1986), Johnson became a free agent and signed a two-year, 2 million contract with the New York Giants. He reported to a mini-camp in June, made a bid to be the No. 1 running back position and a three-year contract thought would be a reunion physical examination.

A chest X-ray revealed the unthinkable.

Lymphoma.

The cure rate for such a cancer is high. Hockey great Marcel Dionne overcame Lymphoma in 1987 and returned to the lineup for the Pittsburgh Penguins. But lymphoma is a cancer nonetheless, and its impact has been profound on Johnson and his family—wife, Leah, 4-year-old daughter Kalee and 8-month-old son Kylen.

“I was having a great camp, and it just came along and caught me off guard,” said Johnson, an overshadowed running back who actually walked on at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Johnson finished his two-year career at NEO as the fifth-leading rusher with 1,301 yards and 16 touchdowns.

He then went on to Northern Illinois, where in 1983 he led the Huskies in rushing with 769 yards. “I could believe what I was hearing, but I never asked, ‘God why me? I just think everything happens for a reason.’

“What God has in store for me, I don’t know, but I’ll continue to stay focused and work back. I’ll be back. I’m not finished yet.”

Jim Kansas, the head coach at Class 2A Haskell High School and still close friend of Johnson’s, said, “I felt terrible when he heard about what was happening, but Leeland, he’s handled it better than me. I was devastated, but talking to him, I felt a whole lot better.

Next month, Johnson will move his family to New York so he can be close to his oncologist and new surroundings. He’ll continue chemotherapy sessions through the end of the year. After his second treatment, the tumor has shrunk in size, and after a third treatment, the malignant mass no longer was detectable on an X-ray.

“The chemotherapy is the only thing I feel like I’m doing. The cancer itself has never made me feel sick,” said Johnson, who from age 9 through 19 competed as a back in junior motions. “After I have chemo, I get a burning sensation in my mouth for two or three days. It’s kinda funny, but it makes me have a taste for chicken wings. After chemo, I come from the time for about six days.”

“Okay, yeah, my hair. The chemo gets your hair. The first few days I held back my hot bowl on the right side of my head, and I felt right at home when we went to church one morning. I didn’t want to share it, though, I’m sure the people behind me were thinking, ‘Man, that guy’s got a messed-up head.”

Johnson spent the summer in Tulsa. While the Giants faced the New York Jets in an exhibition on Thursday night, he was at his mother’s home in Haskell, mowing grass and tending to his pet bulls.

Nelton Johnson, a Tulsa native, says she and Leeland have chosen to view the cancer as merely “a speed bump in our lives.”

“We have a real spiritual foundation,” she explained. “We’re with the Shema, but we haven’t let it mentally control us. We have faith in God’s ability to care. We try to make it a learning experience, a way to grow closer to God and each other. We’ve just been seeing with the poisons.”

Johnson didn’t even know until last week that he could be able to play this season. He’s been placed on the reserve list (non-football injury), and this is an eligibility for activation in 1993.

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In October, Johnson’s team announced that he had been diagnosed with lymphoma. The announcement came just as Johnson was finishing his third season with the Giants.

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Basketball standout Rod Sooter earns academic All-America recognition

Billy Bosy
Sports Editor

Continuing a recent NEO trend, former basketball player Rod Sooter received two academic honors recently from the National Junior College Athletic Association. Sooter, a 6-3 guard from Miami, was named to both the Distinguished Academic All-America first team and the Academic All-America first team by the NJCAA. A former All-State player for Miami High School, Sooter, a 3.92 grade point average major in four semesters at NEO. Rod will be playing basketball his junior year at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. During his sophomore season with coach Louierson’s Golden Norsemen, Sooter averaged 9.8 points per game with 51 steals and 20 blocks. He led the team in 3-point shooting by connecting on 63 of 166 for 38 percent. "This is a real tribute to Rod to be able to play at this level and at the same time accomplish what he did in the classroom is tremendous. It is also a tribute to his parents Mark and Sandy, and all of the people that are involved in his life," said Sooter. Sooter is the fourth consecutive member of the Golden Norsemen basketball team to receive NJCAA Academic All-American honors. Shaw Williams earned the right in 1990-91, Nathan Brown in 1995-96 and Rod Thompson in 1994-95.
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