Cast selected for first production

By Sara Livingston

The Night Hawk Williams Died is the first play production of the year, according to director Brian Hauck.

Written by Larry L. King, the play will be performed Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 4. The play won Theatre Lobby's Mary Goldwater Award and the Helen Hayes Award in Outsanding New Play in 1969, receiving off-Broadway nomination for best honor by New York's Outer Critics Circle.

Contrary to what one may believe, this play is not based on the late country-western singing star, nor is it a representation of the life of Hank Williams.

The play takes place in West Texas in the summer of 1952, some six months before Hank Williams actually died in the back of an automobile near Oak Hill, West Virginia.

The script lets people examine the dreams of folks in a tiny West Texas town.

Set in the local bar, the play features a strong plot as well as wealthy and bright characters. The dialogue is used to give the show its texture.

Although, this play is not intended for children it contains mature language and scenes.

The characters of this play are Thurmond West, which is portrayed by sophomore Clay Yocum who is in a theatre major from Louisville, Texas.

Gas Gilbert is portrayed by sophomore Bill Stallard, who majors in theatre and is from Picher.

Nelle Ross Parks Clark is being played by freshman Jessica Wright who also majors in theatre, and is from Drumright.

Miss Children is portrayed by sophomore Bill Scobbee, a theatre major from Delight.

Shelby Boyce Lamb is played by sophomore Jeff Thompson who majors in theatre, and is from Tifton, Ga.

Veda Powers is portrayed by sophomore Abby In Cox, who majors in music, and is from Belmo, Mo.

The technical director is Steve McCarty.

Hauck is in charge of both set design and sound.

The costume designer is being done by Sherry McCarty.

Steve McCarty is also responsible for the lighting design.

The cost of admission is $3 for adults and 50 cents for Senior Citizens.

Students and employees will be admitted free with ID.

Small student loans available in Dyer

By Sara Livingston

"The small student loan has been a great benefit to the students," said Shirley Patterson, staff assistant to the dean of student affairs and administrator of the loans.

Students may borrow up to $20 which must be paid back within three weeks.

A charge of $5 is added to the loan of $10 or less. A 30 cent charge is added to loans of $11 or more.

The charge goes to fund scholarships for students.

To get a small student loan students must see Shirley Patterson in Student Affairs on the first floor of Dyer Hall through the west entrance.

Students may only get small loans on Wednesdays and Fridays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, students must show a valid I.D. and be fully enrolled student carrying at least 12 hours or more.

They must then sign a promissory note to be taken to the business office and that is where they will get the money," said Patterson.

The business office is located on the first floor of the Library Administration Building.

It is important to remember to pay back these loans. Additional charges are added to the loans if they are not paid back on time, and grades can be withheld.

"Students may obtain as many loans as needed, but only one a time, and another one may not be obtained until the first one has been paid back," said Patterson.

The funds for the small student loans come from the following sources:

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MAKE SURE IT'S STRAIGHT

Clay Yocum (left), a sophomore from Lewistown, Texas, checks to make sure Jeff Thompson, a sophomore from Tifton, Ga., is straight during a rehearsal for the play The Night Hawk Williams Died which will be presented Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 4 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY 14

Students participating in the college work-study program are reminded time cards are due by 5 p.m. in the data processing office located in the basement of the Greek Library Administration building.

The Topics and Cold Case is the theme of the light lunch held at noon at the Christian Student Fellowship located at 1000 N. 24th Street Northeast. The meal is free.

TUESDAY 15

Anyone is invited to sign up for the European trip scheduled for May and sponsored by the business program. Deadline for registration is the trip is now today. If you are interested contact Carol Smith in room 203 of Shepherd Hall or call 395-4911.

Students are invited to attend the free "Tuesday" lunch starting at 12:15 p.m. at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

The Student Body Council meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Carter Student Union faculty lounge.

WEDNESDAY 16

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will host a free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Monday at 12:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

The Student Body Council will host "Tuesday" lunch at noon at their building located just north of the main campus.

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THURSDAY 17

The Child Development Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. in Dyer Hall, room 208.

An induction ceremony for candidates of the MU Chapter of the Theta Kappa National Honor Society will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Students are invited to the free "Study Jam" at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

Members of the Christian Student Fellowship will host "Lunch Pies."

FRIDAY 18

Today is the traditional "Blue and Gold" day when everyone on campus is urged to wear Blue and Gold to show support for the Golden Norse football team which will host UNT, Texas, Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry is hosting the "Tuesday" lunch beginning at noon at their building located just north of the main campus.
Freshmen have opportunity to ensure educational future

By Sara Livington
Managing Editor

Freshmen entering 22 Oklahoma state colleges and universities for the first time this fall will receive some extra “insur- ance” toward earning their degrees on time, according to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Beginning this semester, full-time freshmen students and their academic advisors will have the opportunity to sign contractual agreements outlining the responsibilities of both the student and the institution for the timely completion of specified degree programs.

At least two-year colleges and 11 four-year Oklahoma Public institutions have developed gradient planning for a total of 800 two-, four-, five- and six-year degree programs. Participation is optional.

"Degree charts show that while most associate degree programs can be completed in two years and most bachelor’s degree programs in four, fewer than half of the nation’s degree-seeking students graduate within that time," said Chancellor Hank Britt.

"Oklahoma colleges and universities want to make it easier for our students to stay in school and earn their degrees in a timely manner.

"By signing a graduation contract at the beginning of their freshmen year, Oklahoma state students are made aware of the start about what they need to do to complete their degree requirements on time," Britt said.

"At the same time, our colleges and universities agree to ensure course availability in students’ degree programs.

Specifically, under the graduation contract students agree to accept responsibility for consulting regularly with their academic advisor, resulting in appropriate courses for their degree program, taking a designated number of courses each year and remaining in good academic standing.

Graduation agreements also outline adjustments a college or university may make when a student satisfies too or his contractual obligations and the institution is unable to provide the appropriate sequencing of coursework.

Such adjustments may include substituting another course of an independent study option for an unavailable course, waiving a degree requirement when a course is unavailable, or covering the cost of tuition for a student to take the required course in a later term.

The idea for graduation contracts resulted from the Oklahoma students’ requests for more thorough and accessible academic advancement and higher education’s desire to have more students complete their degrees within their mandated time frame for their programs.

"Contracts like these let us know that our colleges and universities are willing to make required courses available when we need them so we can earn our degrees, and we will keep them," said Michael Allen, chairman of the State Regents Student Advisory Board and a senior at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford. "The agreements should also encourage more students to talk with their advisors early about their academic goals and how they can best achieve them."

Colleges and universities meeting graduation plans for freshmen students this fall include: East Central University, Ada; Western Oklahoma State College, Altus; Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva; University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha; Rogers University, Claremore; Southwestern State University, Durant; University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond; Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell; Cameron University, Lawton; Ross State College, Midwest City; University of Oklahoma, Norman; Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City; Carl Albert State College, Poteau; Seminole State College, Seminole; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Northeastern State University, Tahlequah; Murray State College, Tahlequah; Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa; Tulsa Community College, Tulsa; Connors State College, Warner; Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford; and Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton.

State Regents Chairman John Money noted that graduation agreements are just one way in which Oklahoma’s higher education is helping students complete their studies in a reasonable amount of time.

The following are other examples of Oklahoma higher education’s efforts in this area.

Each year, the State Regents distributes 147,000 scholarships, which award students financial assistance to remain in high school that will help them prepare for college level work and avoid being placed in non-credit remediation courses in college.

Oklahoma’s higher education encourages high school students to participate in advanced placement courses through which they can earn college credits for classes taken before they graduate.

To ease student transfers among Oklahoma colleges and universities, higher education has established a combination core curriculum that is geared toward transfer among state institutions.

In addition, higher education has implemented 1,100 courses that will automatically transfer among Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Every Oklahoma college and university conducts student assessments to help identify student concerns and pinpoint those areas in which institutions can better assist students in the timely completion of their degrees.

Many Oklahoma Colleges and universities offer flexible course scheduling and on line courses to accommodate student work schedules and family responsibilities.

"College is a personal and financial investment, and the returns want to see that students are getting the most from their higher education experience," said State Regents Chairman John Money.

"We understand that a number of external factors, such as in a job or family responsibilities or your commitments, may affect how long it takes a student to earn a degree," Money said.

"What higher education wants is for students to plan their academic journey so that they take the shortest, and most economical, route to their ultimate goal—a college degree."
By Sara Livingston

In two years of
decision, enrollment is up
approximately by 1,500

Following two years of
decision, enrollment is up
approximately by 1,169

However, that isn’t the only

increases will continue in the

enrollment this year.

A big factor in positive feel-

ings about enrollment is not only

the 74 student increase, but a

substantial rise in full-time
equivalent numbers.

NED’s FTES will be 2,201 that
fall, an increase of 4.1 percent
over the past year. PTE is a number
which is derived by figuring the
total number of hours taken per
semester and dividing it by 15
which equals PTE.

This is a good news for us
because we have worked very
diligently as an institution to

provide the programs and

services that would bring back
backpackers and keep the
downward trend in numbers.

We have improved our course
collection and increased our

capacity.

Figures released from the
NED Student Service
Department indicated 650 stu-

dents living on campus, an
increase of nearly 21 from last
year’s students. NED’s total

residence hall capacity takes

into account both private and
double occupancy rooms.

As welcome as this news is to

us, the important thing is that

we all get our fair share of

both private and double

occupancy rooms.

Also important to note is the
growth in the number of

students in the residence halls.

This year, enrollment figures
indicate an increase of

30 students.

NED President Dr. Glenn
Macleay stated that although
head count is an important
num-

ber, the increase in the PTE is

equal or not more important

because it figures into how fund-

ing for each state institution is

provided.

Counselor housing reported

that all residence halls are near
capacity.

The number of students living
on campus has increased,

resulting in the need for

additional housing.

Several efforts in improving

campus student living is also

being tackled by the college.

I am truly pleased by the
efforts of all our employees

and believe that the increased
care in strengthening NED’s

service mentality will not only

enhance the number of students

that come to NED, but will also

increase the level of service that

students receive year after year.

Macleay added.
Rucker continues to endure

By Minnay Fleming

Rucker, head of the Communications Department, has spent half of his life here at NEO.

“I call this my second home,” Rucker said. “I have been here for so long. I have seen so many things happen.”

Rucker began his education career at College for two years, receiving his associate degree.

His baccalaureate degree was received at Oklahoma University. Rucker went on to finish his Ph.D. at the University of Miami.

Rucker was named as an English teacher.

“I had never been to Miami, in fact, I had no idea where NEO was. I just went there and studied English. I was able to teach English at NEO.”

Rucker today is head of the Communications Department along with teaching Composition and English Literature.

In a typical day, Rucker goes to his office early and stays late.

“I get here about 7:30 a.m. every morning. The first thing I do is turn on my computer and check my e-mails. I then check the mail that arrives from the Department of Education. I also check the mail that arrives from the Department of Education. I then start working on my classes.”

Rucker said.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Rucker was a part of the English class where he teaches English and English Literature.

“I am taking on the students. I usually work with anything that I need to do.”

Rucker said.

Tuesday and Thursday Rucker spends at the regional conference.

“I have been at NEO long enough that I can definitely say that the main objective of this institution is to provide the best education possible for any student. Our goal is to help every student get the best education possible.”

Rucker said.
Yellowjackets visit Miami
Military College opens home schedule

By Billy Busey
Sports Editor

Looking to rebound from an season opening loss the Golden Norsemen will open their 2005 season by hosting Mercer Military Junior College at Booneville, Mo., on Saturday.

The Golden Norsemen are 0-1 on the season after last Saturday’s 14-23 loss to 20th ranked Butler County Community College. On Saturday last Saturday in El Dorado, Kan., the Norse lost to the Bears 10-7 in overtime.

“Offensively we want to concentrate and have our assignments, play our role and don’t put the ball on the ground with fumbles,” head coach Patterson said.

The Norsemen are coached by former Norse defensive coach Dave Ball, who played for the team for 3-7 mark at Kempt last year.

The Norsemen hope to get back to their usual form in the series with a 107 victory last year in Miami.

Preseason victory in the series came in 1999 after defeating 24-24 in the opening game for both teams at Booneville Mo.

The only other meeting in the series saw the Golden Norse win the 2004 season opener 27-0.

“Going into this game we are 2-0 and we have had a lot of good performances by our team. We need to continue to play with that attitude and belief,” Patterson said.

Calling the signals for the Norsemen will be quarterback Tommie Jarrett (6-3, 180), Columbus, Ohio.

Jarrett transferred to Kempt from Arizona Western Community College, where he started all 10 games for them last fall.

Looking for daylight in the Norse backfield will be sophomore Josh Scobey (5-10, 192, Del City) and sophomore Derick Richardson (6-4, 205, Powdersville, Fla.).

Against Butler County Secondary rushing for 51 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown. In limited action against 14 for 149 yards.

“We want to establish our running game and try to wear them down. We’ve got a few running backs to establish and establish some consistency in our ground game,” Patterson said.

Starting at left tackle for the Norsemen will be sophomore James Foster (5-8, 180, St. Louis, Mo.) and at right tackle will be sophomore Mark Smothers (5-11, 205, Webb City, Mo.)

Against Butler County Jones caught five passes for 96 yards and one touchdown, Mill’s caught three passes for 32 yards.

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Lady Norse attempt to gain consistency

By Billy Buxy

Sports Editor

Stacking two of three games in a row at the college football, the Lady Norse volleyball team fell to 5-3 on the young season.

Returning to the road after a scoreless, the Lady Norse traveled to Arkansa City, Kan., today and tomorrow for the Cowley County Community College Invitational Tournament.

Playing in their second out of five games, the coach Jan Stealey’s Lady Norse defeated Cowley’s 14-16, 15-4, 15-12.

The Lady Norse lost to Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College 15-9, 4-15 and 10-15 before dropping a 4-15 15-13 and 5-15 decision to Western Community College.

Even though they lost two games tonight, our freshmen are coming on and starting to assume some leadership roles,” Stealey said.

“Our defense was really good and we’re still in the process of learning where we need to be on the court,” said Stealey. “Our serves were very good and for the most part we were in the right place at the right time. Our freshmen, Jeni Broom and Jennifer Shevers, did a good job of serving and in all but one game. Our serves are getting tougher to handle, Stealey said.

Playing in their first match of the season the Lady Norse defeated Coffeyville’s and Cowley’s. The Lady Norse dropped a two-and-one half hour marathon game in Coffeyville State in Cowley College.

In just their first season, the Cowley’s won the first match 15-12 before the Lady Norse gained a 1-4 win in the second match. Cowley State pointed a 15-12 decision in the third match before the Lady Norse rallied for a 15-10 victory in the fifth match to capture the game.

“We were so close, but when you’re on the court for 2 1/2 hours it takes a lot out of you. We were playing a lot of freshmen and it showed,” Stealey said.

“We played tough, but the fact that we lost two of the Cowley starters all played together at Broken Arrow High School proved to be the difference.”

The Lady Norse played without the services ofDesdearski and Bracken suffered an ankle injury in practice and is expected to be back while Smith will miss the entire season after knee surgery.

Vermont Ruth Beal led the Lady Norse with six blocks while freshman setter Jennifer Shevers led NISD with 12 assists.

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SETTING UP

Three members of the Lady Norse volleyball team work for a shot during the quad match last week in the NISD Football with Coffeyville, Kan., Cowley State and Western.
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