Academic programs scheduled for major restructuring changes

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Major adjustments in the academic structure of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College are being discussed as the institution prepares to enter the next millennium.

College officials announced a plan that will completely overhaul the current structure of leadership within the existing six educational disciplines. On the occasion of its first year as president of NEO, Dr. Glenn Mayle announced that the college will be undertaking a major change in the way in which academic structure is arranged.

The plan calls for adopting an innovative leadership model that replaces the college's six academic divisions of agriculture, behavioral science, business, computer and technology, communications and fine arts, science and engineering, and health sciences. Programs within the six academic divisions will be combined into three educational schools which will be coordinated by individuals with the title of dean.

The schools will be titled School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences which will contain the departments of agriculture, mathematics, natural sciences, and technology. The School of Humanities Environmental Sciences will include the allied health, health physical education, business, computer and technology, communications and fine arts, science and engineering, and health science.

Secondary leadership of the programs will be designated to 12 department heads which will be responsible for their respective disciplines within each school.

"The purpose of adopting this plan is to involve more faculty in leadership roles," said Dr. Barry Vann, vice president for academic affairs.

"This plan will effectively help increase communication within the academic units and the administration."

"While putting this model together, the object was to design a leadership structure that would help carry NEO into the next century," Dr. Vann said.

"By helping empower people into leadership roles and add a greater degree of accountability, we believe this will give more of our instructors the skills and the knowledge to be prepared to carry on NEO's legacy."

"We have some very talented and enthusiastic people on our campus and we feel this is a way to bring some of their ideas to the forefront," said Dr. Vann.

Dr. Vann also said that by bringing the leadership and lines of communication down to a more grass roots level, the opportunities for the creation of new programs will be increased.

"The leadership model will increase NEO's ability to respond quicker and more effectively to the educational needs of the community and northeastern Oklahoma."

"Having department heads within each discipline will enable those particular faculty to communicate on a greater level and evaluate what they should be offering to respond to the needs of business and industry in the area," Dr. Vann said.

"We believe this model will eliminate some of the bureaucracy of the current system."

"The new system is based upon similar models which are being practiced in several colleges and universities across the nation," said Dr. Mayle.

"We're not implementing this system for the sake of taking a "cookie cutter" approach to management and doing it because other schools are," Dr. Mayle said.

"We're taking an approach of looking at what has been successful at other institutions, looking at our own strengths and weaknesses, and designing an unique model that will work for Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College."

"This dialogue was designed after a great deal of dialogue with administration, current division chairs, and several faculty," said Dr. Mayle.

"Any new model of this magnitude is implemented there will be a phase of transition. However, the benefits of what it could mean to the overall success of the academic areas far outweigh any inconveniences."

"The new leadership model does not eliminate any jobs, it only refines some current positions," said Dr. Mayle.

"We will believe that faculty are one of the unique components which keeps NEO's academic programs solid and appealing to potential students."

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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Students are reminded that class cards for the first week are due by 5 p.m. in the data center office located in the basement of the Dugway Library/Administration building.

"Hot Topics and Cold Cars" is the theme of the light lunch held at noon at the ROTC/Army Club located at 106 S Street Northeast. The meal is free.

Students working in the high school basketball tournament will meet at 7 p.m. in the main gym.

TUESDAY

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Dr. King acknowledged

By DeLeene Mischer
Executive Managing Editor

Each year on the third Monday of January, schools, federal offices, post offices, and branch offices across America cease as we celebrate the nation's American national holiday. Fifteen years after Dr. King's death, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law making the third Monday of January a national holiday, a move that the Senate had been discussing since 1982.

By the time the bill was signed, there was already a movement to change the holiday to a national holiday, such as Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. One barrier to the confirmation was the Senator from Georgia who had denounced Dr. King as a communist. Others feared the King holiday was meant as a way to make up for its slavescravely, or to help make up for the years of slavery, followed by a century or more of economic, political, and social exclusion and discrimination.

It took many years for the Congress to decide to celebrate the holiday. In the years leading up to the official change many African-Americans celebrated the holiday themselves with a few states declaring King's birthday a state holiday. The bill finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed into law on Nov. 2, 1983.

The first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday took place Jan. 20, 1986. This year the King holiday will be celebrated on Jan. 19, 1999.

Dr. King's accomplishments

By Mervgin Fleming
Assistant Editor

1929 January 18. Michael Luther King Jr. is born in Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Martin, born to school teacher, and Alberta King.

1948 King graduates from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., with a B.A. He graduates with a B.A. from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa.

1963 June 18. King marries Coretta Scott in Montgomery, Ala. They will have four children: Yolanda Denise (b. 1965), Martin Luther King III (b. 1967), Dexter (b.1968), Bernice Alberta (b. 1969).

1964 August. King moves to Montgomery, Ala., to preach at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

1965. After coursework at New England College, King receives a Ph.D. in systematic theology.

1966 January 28. King is arrested for driving 30 mph in a 25 mph zone.


1967 January. Black ministers form what became known as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. King is named first president one month later.

In the typical year of demonstrations, King traveled 87,000 miles and made 206 speeches.


1969 King leaves for Atlanta to pastor his father's church, Ebenezer Baptist Church.

1972. King meets with President Jimmy Carter to urge support for civil rights.

1973. King leads protests in Birmingham for desegregation of department store facilities, and fair hiring.

April. Arrest after demonstrating in defiance of a court order. King writes "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

1964 King's book published. "Why We Can't Wait."

1966 King visits with West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt and Pope Paul VI.


1967 January 18. King successfully registers to vote at the Hotel Albert in Selma, Ala.


1968 April 4. King is assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray.

1968 January 20 is the first national celebration of King's birthday.
Students earn dean’s honor roll

By Karl Clift

One hundred sixty-nine stu-
dents were named to the dean’s honor roll for the fall semester, according to Dr. Barry Van, vice president for academic affairs.

In order to be selected to the dean’s honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while carrying no less than 12 credit hours.

The following students and their hometowns are as follows:

Abbeville: Alaina Hovis
Bellevue: Alison M. Ashley
Blue Jacket: Michael Groves, Jennifer Shiffler, Katherine Woods
Broken Arrow: Michelle Caldwell, Erick Dukas
Canyon: Geri McDonald
Carrizo: Cory Walkos
Carthage: Adriann Stark, Rex Pyle
Centralia: Rachel Shults
Checotah: Susan Poff
Christina: Sara Dunn
Chickasha: Keith Graf, Christina Yoder
Chouteau: Max Blattner, John Brown, Jason Smith, Julie Anthony Webb
Cicero, KS: Julie Cruise, Donnie Bullet
Commerce: Tonya Knight, Tim Morgan, Courtney Dooley
Cushing: William Morgan, Melissa Nelson
Cushing, PA: Erick Schneider
Duncan: Haley Durrence
Dudleyville, MA: Jennifer Kennedy
Edmond: Anna Hovis
Elk City: Matt Lavelle
Eufaula, OK: Jon Michael Havrilla
Enid: Kelli Kirby, Whitney Wood
Fairfield: Jason Vanhove, Dana Lynn Doizimuth, Mark Johnston, Kenny Joe Payne
Garden City: Cyrus Clark
Guthrie: Traci Short
Haskell: N.J. London
Heavener: Leslie Boudreaux
Henegar: Bruce Harpey
Hobart: Stephanie, Jeanie Lee
Hollis, OK: Hong Kong, Hsi Ling Cheng
Hominy: Jamie Jones, Lisa Hill
Jennison: Alyssa Michael, Joe Gass, John Court, Clayton Meier
Kaw, KS: Katrina Sears
Kilgore: Stacy Ingram
Lawton: JoAnn Groves
Luzen: Antoinette, Kathrin Sears
McGee, OK: Patti Broussard
Mountaineer, AR: Pattie Williams
Nacogdoches, TX: Victoria Foy
Nashville, TN: A.J. Jackson, Tanya Perez
North Platte: Danny Shuck
Oklahoma City: Barbara Foy
Poteau: Jim Plank
Ponca City: Travis Kountz, Hong Kong
Porter: Ho Yan Chung
Rantoul, KS: Jeremiah Eichler
Lebanon, MS: Kimberly Garner, Nicole Garrett
Lakeview, MS: Merinda Fleming
Miami: Kevin Bland, Travis Dawson, Tiffany Detrel, Gwendolyn Hauser, Jared Kile, Taffy McKee, Roman Russell, Scott Schenkberg, Victoria Tostin, Kimberly White, Amber Brown, Patricia Calvo, Dayl Annell, Stephen Davis, Tanley Davis, Andrew Frey, Angela Miller, Anne Miller, Matthew Alan Naylor, Kaye Pettis, Kimberly Stephens, Anitra Thompson, Melissa Davis Rice, Lisa Douglas, Anne McDonald, Sidney Joe Fiskerton, Jamie Prince, Adrian Randall, Kat Randall, Jamie Shaver, Reba Stanfield, Garret Stover, Russell Stolz, Samuel Tyner, Lisa Wallen, Joseph Wilson, Vicki Diane Young
Mexican Wells, TX: Ronald Rice
Mountainside, AR: Pati Burrough
Niobrara: Ameeta Boyer
Nunatuk, Canada: Tonya O’Brien
Oklahoma City: Tonya Carver, Annette Conder
Paris, TX: Robert Blythe, Steve Confer
Pittsburg: Amy Powell, Pam Lim, Texas: Christopher Brooks
Plano, TX: Taha Haidar, Purdy, MO: Janis Christian
Ponca City: Kristopher Oakes
Ponchatula, LA: Sandy Shubolla
Johnston City, IL: Tong Kim, Hong Kong
Kansas, KS: Jeremiah Eichler

Quick, Carrie Timmendorfer
Salem, MO: Leslie Kay Jones
Sand Springs: Zachary Conolly
Sarasota, FL: Elizabeth Williams
Salmon, ID: John Holm
Spartanburg, SC: Dominick Wright
Suffolk, VA: Valerie Kiser
Stigler: Wesley Walker
Stillwater: Christopher Marks, Travis Tyrer
Tulsa, OK: Joshua Larson, Taylor Tagg
Tulsa, OK: Jeffrey Thompson
Tampa, FL: Stephen Williams
Tahlequah: Jessica Slavin
Whitewright, TX: Todd McCracken
Wyandotte: Heather Annell, Tiffany Ball, Keith Crowder, Levi Cooren, Melissa Hiatt, Crystal M. Kramer, Debra White, Zephyrhills, FL: Timothy Bergam

KARL’S LETTERS

I am going to discuss the latest heated issue on campus and that is the library hour issue.

There was a petition that has been going around campus during the last couple of weeks that for people to sign in support of the library opening on weekends.

The issue has also become the heated discussion in a recent Student Body Government.

I think there is more to this issue that needs to be consid-
ered.

Okay so this being the end of semester and finals are near, the number of students here on the weekends is higher than usual. But come on, if it were the middle of the semester there wouldn’t be any students here besides the athletes.

I realize that the library should be open to those ten people but how many of them really do homework on a Saturday?

Most people that are here on the weekends do good to get out of bed early enough to get to lunch.

I think that instead of opening the library on weekends they should keep the library open later during the week days.

When the library closes the library down at 9:45 p.m. they kick several students out of the library that are trying to study.

I realize that maybe students should start studying a little earlier but some people have other priorities they have to do during the evening. By the time they get in the library they have only studied a few hours and that isn’t enough to do research and homework.

My answer to this problem is not to open the library on the weekends but to either leave the library open later or find someplace that we can study after hours.

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Yocum searches for fame

By Karl CQHN
People's Editor

The recent production and success of The Greater Tuna was co-directed and performed by the aspiring drama major, Clay Yocum.

"Yocum is a sophomore from Louisville, Texas, and loves acting. He has been acting since he was 12 years old. The reason that I got started acting was because my sister was involved in talent competitions as a dancer when I was very young. I was overwhelmed by the audience reaction to the performances as well as being bored of sitting in the audience. I basically told myself, 'Hey, I can do that!'" said Yocum.

"I started acting at a very young age but I believe that if you wish to enter the entertainment business you do start at a young age. Your maturity level grows and takes shape as you get older." Yocum started his career by trying out for the auditions when he was 12 years old. He was one of four finalists chosen from all over the nation. They told him that he was too young and to come back when he was 14 years old. By the time he was 14 the show was canceled.

After the unsuccessful tryout he starred in Wal-Mart commercials and a Peirs Lay Industrial film.

Disney then sent him to Los Angeles and got him a part in the NBC series pilot, Rose—A Nice Day. The series had little success.

Yocum auditioned for many films. He made the final cut for Dazed and Confused and Lost in Faith. After he left Los Angeles he moved to Nashville which resides on the outside of Dallas and participated in Donnie.

He then got a job doing a commercial for Astro world and Water world. That commercial ran for three years. "The commercial that I did at Astro world was a blast because we got to ride roller coasters all day for free," Yocum said.

Yocum has participated in many local plays. His most recent play The Greater Tuna was his favorite play. "I had the most fun acting and directing. The Greater Tuna because it was a comedy and I got to be a real beach," said Yocum.

"In the years I plan to graduate from University of Texas, I plan to graduate from NRU this spring and to attend Oklahoma University. "I've been at University of Texas, have completed almost all my major requirements. The reason why Iam going to University of Texas is because I want to get a degree in film studies. And I want to pursue a career in film," said Yocum.

Students earn recognition for academic excellence on president's honor roll

By Mindy Fleming

One hundred and sixteen students achieving academic recognition during the fall semester were named to the president's honor roll, according to Dr. Greg Berek.

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EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT
Members of the Golden Norse football team hoist the winning trophy from the Red River Bowl after NJOI placed a 31-0 shutout on Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. The Norsemen finished 9-3 on the season and ranked ninth by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Bowl Champions

TOUCHDOWN
Tailback Josh Scooby (4) scores on a short run.

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MVP'S
Defensive end Jacob Thomas (91) and tailback Josh Scooby (4) were Most Valuable Players.

QUARTERBACK SACK
All-American defensive end Jacob Thomas (91) chases Coffeyville quarterback Calvin Henderson (77) for a 11-yard quarterback sack.

CRITICAL PLAY
All-American tight end Brian Blackwood (88) races down the sideline on the first play before suffering a broken arm after being tackled on the sidelines to start the game.
After more than a month of work to prepare for Christmas, the Golden Norsemen struggled through the first half.

The Norsemen remain at home Saturday for a 3 p.m. game with Eastern Oklahoma College at 8 a.m. in the NES Fieldhouse. The Norse defeated the Comets 74-53 Nov. 19 in Wittenberg.

The Norse conclude their game with UTPS on Thursday for a 3 p.m. game with Murray State College. The Norse defeated Murray State, 76-56, Nov. 10 in Murray.

#Semifinals 77-Norsemen 68

Concluding a three-game road trip, the Golden Norsemen suffered a 77-68 loss to Seminole State College, Saturday, in the Raymond Harper Fieldhouse at Seminole.

The loss was big time for the Lassen High School graduate and the Norsemen. Coach Phil Jergensen’s Trojans improved to 3-0 on the year after a game against the 73-73 loss to the Norsemen, Nov. 22 at Lassen.

The Golden Norsemen return action last weekend in the Southwest Missouri State University Classic. Chico NE lost to the Golden Norsemen 77-68.


to number one ranked Indian Hills, Iowa in the first game before gaining a 72-72 victory over Poteau Valley, Mo. in the second game.

Midland began a three-game home stand Wednesday by host- ing SMU/West Point in the NES Fieldhouse. Ranked seven- th in the weekly National Junior College Athletic Association poll, Midland shows signs of life on the field.

During the first five minutes of the opening half against Seminole, the Golden Norsemen built a 15-9 lead with five points from Marlon Green, four points from Stephen Green and two free throws from Steve Robinson. Seminole rallied off 12-12 points to grab a 14-11 lead with 1:01 before halftime. Points from Unifieds Laser along with four from Marlon Green sealed the Trojans lead.

Over the next six minutes, Seminole outscored the14-14 in the 1st quarter as the Trojans won 12 points and in the 2nd quarter the Norsemen hit their stride. Green scored 14 points, while the Norse scored 25 points. Green scored 14 points and the Norse scored 22 points.

Ladies ranked nationally

Continue play on home court

Following an upset at the hands of Seminole State College, the 11th-ranked Lady Norse beat Eastern Oklahoma College at 5 p.m. in the NES Fieldhouse.

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The Norsemen are 16-16 in the game with 15 total points while Cori Beavers scored 15 and Haywood added 18.

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