Musical play cast announced

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

The story of Edwin Drood, a musical based on the unfinished story by Charles Dickens, premiered at the University of Oklahoma. Directed by David Freiman, a musical based on the story of Edwin Drood, was performed at the University of Oklahoma. The musical centers around a young boy named Drood, who is known for his musical talent. The musical was performed in a small town in England in 1895. She is engaged to be married to Edwin Drood, who suddenly disappears and is never seen again.

This epic musical is thought to be culminated and have a different ending for every night of the week. Where Charles Dickens was writing the novel of Edwin Drood, he died without giving the book an ending. So when it was written in musical the ending was left up to the audience to decide. The characters of the musical are written by William Cameron, Bill Schorr and a sophomore from Oklahoma.

Jennie Thompson, a Tulsa sophomore, plays Linda Lee. "I wasHourng to get into the show. Delise Peregine portrays the role of Edna."-

Applications available

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Applications for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges may be picked up anytime, and must be completed and turned in to the office of the college post office. All members of the college faculty have copies of the application. Any student that meets the following qualifications can obtain an application from a faculty member.

A selection committee composed of faculty members and administrators will review the applications for the final selection.

A scholarship is given to students who meet the following qualifications:

- A student who has completed at least 45 college credit hours
- A student who has completed at least 30 college credit hours and is a freshman from Tulsa
- A student who has completed at least 30 college credit hours and is a student from Oklahoma

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State develops tobacco use prevention and control plan

By Kari Cibi
Opinion Editor

Oakland has a plan. This Oakland Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Plan outlines the problem, sets goals for improvement, and describes recommended means for reducing tobacco use and its impact on the health and economic well-being of Oaklanders.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death across America and here in Oakland, presenting an urgent public health problem requiring immediate attention.

The plan calls for a broad-based comprehensive effort involving state and local policy makers, health care providers, voluntary health organizations, government agencies, business, educators, parents and children. Success will require resources and partnerships involving both the public and private sectors. The goals are within reach. It is time to move ahead and achieve them.

To significantly reduce tobacco use and decrease the human and economic costs, Oakland must institute a comprehensive, evidence-based plan that will establish community-based tobacco prevention programs in all our counties, provide evidence-based tobacco prevention curriculum in all our schools, provide sustained effective counter-advertising media campaigns, severely limit children's access to tobacco; treat tobacco dependence through our health care system, reduce exposure to second-hand smoke in workplaces and public places, and teach parents and caregivers to expose children to tobacco smoke.

Effective implementation of the prevention plan will require allocation of up to $4.5 million annually, which could be made available from Oakland’s tobacco lawsuit settlement.

Without these programs for preventing tobacco addiction, Oakland will continue to lose the war against tobacco-related illnesses and death. Just as the tobacco industry’s strategies have helped to hook generations of vulnerable children, so must our solutions with the most effective programs to help our children enter adulthood tobacco free.

Tobacco use is responsible for about 400,000 deaths in Oakland. It is our leading cause of preventable death, accounting for more than four times the number of deaths from motor vehicle accidents, suicide, AIDS, and homicide combined. Oakland has the tenth-highest smoking attributable death rate in the country.

Currently about one-quarter of adult Oakland smokers about two-thirds of these smokers report they would like to quit.

Tobacco addiction often begins in childhood. In Oakland, 56% of adult smokers report first smoking regularly as teenagers. About 12,000 Oakland children become addicted to tobacco products each year. As a direct result, about one-half will remain addicted to tobacco products for life. As a direct result, about one-half will remain addicted to tobacco products for life. About 10% will die of lung cancer by age 65.

The direct medical costs of smoking in Oakland total over $360 million each year. The cost of illness related to smoking is paid for by non-smokers as well as smokers in the form of taxes to support medical care and other programs required by those whose illnesses are related to smoking. Including indirect costs, the total health cost attributed to smoking in Oakland is over $1 billion each year. This translates to an average of $10 per person per year.

Among women who give birth in Oakland, about two-thirds smoke prior to pregnancy, and 22 percent smoke during the last three months of pregnancy. Oakland women who smoke throughout pregnancy are 2.5 times more likely to deliver a low birth weight baby.

Oaklanders suffer from exposure to secondhand smoke in 17% of their homes, and 21% of children are exposed to secondhand smoke. In a recent survey, 73% of families now report that smoking in their homes has decreased in the past year.

Oakland is working to reduce the number of tobacco-related deaths. Despite these efforts, the industry spends over $360 million every year advertising and promoting tobacco products in Oakland. Even though these claims are made to increase and maintain market share among adults, evidence including their own documents shows their marketing has targeted children.

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**Traffic officer succumbs**

BY Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Funeral services for former campus safety officer Ernest Grant (Emmet) Morris, of 151 B NE in Miami were held Monday at the Bethany Christian Church.

Mr. Morris died at 9:35 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, at the AgeCare facility in Tipton, Ind., where he worked. He was 84.

The service was held Monday at the church, where he was past minister, pastor of the Bethany Christian Church, and president of the Miami Christian Church. He was also the senior pastor at the church for 11 years, leading the congregation in worshipping services each Sunday.

**Livestock judges struggle in Denver National Western**

BY Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Competing in the annual Livestock Judging National Western at Denver, Colo., recently, the livestock judging team placed sixth out of 36 teams, respectively.

"We were 88 points off the win," said Jerry Douglas, the judging team coach.

There were 12 classes of livestock and each class had a value of 50 points.

There were eight sets to justify the placing, giving each individual a maximum of 1,000 points.

Rachel Stover, a sophomore from Centralia, Mo., placed eighth high individual in oral speaking.

Kari Sear, a sophomore from Newcomb, was ranked ninth high individual in the judging of beef cattle.

Other team members were Brad Hermes, a sophomore from Rowan, Ohio; Matt Fraley, a freshman in Wakefield, and Erika Abel, a freshman from Illinois Springs, Mo.

The livestock judging team travels to Sioux Falls, S.D., Sunday before competing in the Southwest Expo, Jan. 5, in Fort Worth, Texas.

"This was a really difficult competition. It was much more challenging than a typical livestock judging contest," said Douglas.

"The problems were much more controversial because the quality of livestock was probably not as good, so it made it harder to place them," Douglas said.

"The young people did a really excellent job, especially Rachel Stover. She had a couple of real placing spots and it was remarkable for her to rank eight out of 200 contestants," said Douglas.

"The young people are continuing to progress they just need more time to become solid," said Douglas.

By Mandy Fearing
Lifestyles Editor

Are you getting more than just phone calls? Are you getting called by the Lord?

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry is traveling to a camp ground near Grand Lake. The group will be leaving on Friday, Jan. 29, at 8 a.m. and returning Saturday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m.

The students will be hearing from a local pastor, chaplain, campus minister, youth minister, and student workers, and more.

"A retreat is a time to get away," said Debbie Lecumb, director of Baptist Collegiate Ministry along with Kobe.

For $30 the students can travel, receive a book, and 2 meals and a snack will be provided.

"The camp ground is part of the Baptist association so the facilities are available and it is not far away so that helps keep the cost down for the students," said Lecumb.

The plans for the students who would like to participate are to arrive Friday at 6 p.m. from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building. The group is planning to arrive at Grand Lake Baptist Association at 7 p.m. thereupon and set up.

From 8 p.m. to 9:30 Bill Maney, Charles Grove hospital, will participate in the event. The pastor of the FBC in Grove will speak from 9.30 to 11 a.m.

Dan Darrius, pastor of Elk River Baptist Church, will be present from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

From 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. the students can ask questions and take a break. At 10:30 the movie "Ripto Beaudal" will be shown for the group to watch Saturday morning at 9 a.m. the students will be served breakfast followed by Keith Loomer, camp manager of G.T.B.

The pastor of the Delaware Baptist Church, Gary Bishop, will have a presentation from 10 a.m. to 10:30. From 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the book will be distributed for the students. The group will eat lunch, coffee, and walk in the church.

Any student is welcome to attend the retreat. The work and time is filled with activities.

If anyone is dealing with a "call" from the Lord, then the Baptist Collegiate Ministry welcomes the students to experience this retreat that is being especially designed just for that individual.

"In order to receive our call," said Lecumb.

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Tobacco study starts

Plan developed by task force

By Karl CB
People’s Editor

A comprehensive plan to reduce and prevent the adverse health and economic consequences of tobacco use in Oklahoma has been developed by a broad alliance of healthcare, public health, and community organizations and leaders. The plan was introduced today by the Tobacco-Free Oklahoma Coalition in a presentation to the Governor’s Task Force.

“This plan maps the way to saving lives, saving money and avoiding tremendous suffering as a result of diseases and premature deaths due to our state’s dual use of tobacco,” said Dr. Oliver, chair of the coalition, in his presentation to the Governor’s Task Force.

The plan is an important step that can lead to reducing tobacco use in Oklahoma, which causes over 8,000 deaths in our state each year, according to Dr. Nabiha Asad, past president of the American Cancer Society and chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the Oklahoma University School of Public Health.

In addition to Miner and Asad, members of the committee that developed the plan were Richard Barnes (volunteer and state board member, American Lung Association), Suzanne Cannon (chair TFOC Public Education Committee), Doug Marsh (State Health Department director of Tobacco Use Prevention), Dr. Jan Maddox (chair TFOC Policy Committee), Dr. Robert McCartney (president, American College of Chest Physicians, representing Oklahoma State Medical Association), Alisa McKew (director Smokeydoke Oklahoma Project), Tom Taff (chair TFOC Prevention and Treatment Committee), Amanda Tawell (committee co-chair), and Dr. Jerry Varnata (Oklahoma University School of Medicine), assisted by staff of the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

The plan combines Oklahoma experience with the latest information available from other states. It was unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the Tobacco-Free Oklahoma Coalition last week, with initial meeting on Jan. 14, 1999, which included an open meeting to which the public was invited.

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Lady Norse visit conference foes

Before facing 6th-ranked Connors State College last night at the NEO/Fieldhouse, coach Randy Gibson's Lady Norse had built a five-game winning streak.

The Lady Norse, an important team to Tulsans on Monday, by traveling to Ft. Smith, Ark., for a 6 p.m. Bi-State Conference Eastern Division contest with Western Community College.

Concluding the road trip on Thursday, the Lady Norse travel to Harrison, Ark., for a 6 p.m. conference clash with North Arkansas Community College.

Lady Norse & Carl Albert 39

Reflecting a total team effort which allowed all 12 starting players to score, the Lady Norse opened play in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference, Monday night, with a 94-39 victory over Carl Albert State College in the NEO Fieldhouse.

"We were able to build some momentum going into our game with Connors. We were a little sluggish at the first half against Carl Albert, but we made some adjustments at halftime and everybody was able to get into the game and contribute offensively. We were able to come out and really clamp down on them defensively in the second half," said Gibson.

Freshman guard Rosalind Ross earned two 3-point field goals and Carolyn Werick added a field goal and Kawana Battle a free throw to give the Lady Norse a 9-0 cushion in the first four minutes of the opening half.

A point by America Floyd along with four points by Lorraine Floyd and a field goal by Battle lifted NEO to a 14-2 margin with 3:14 left until halftime.

Ross sank another 3-pointer and Amanda Thompson added two free throws as the Lady Norse maintained a 24-14 margin with 2:15 before intermission.

Four straight points by America Floyd along with back-to-back 3-point field goals by Ross and Joyce Cheyney and a basket by Werick propelled the Lady Norse to a 36-25 margin at halftime.

Holding the Lady Vikings to only 18 total points in the entire second half, Gibson was able to gain some playing time for his seven reserves on the bench.

The Lady Norse outscored the Lady Vikings 34-4 during the first 10 minutes of the second half to put the game out of reach by a 69-25 score. Six points by Werick and five points each by Ross, Keea Robinson, Cicely Downing and Battle sealed Carl Albert's fate.

Over the final five minutes, sophomore center Sara Kellogg tallied eight points along with field goals by Robinson, Stephanie Orry and Lorraine Floyd to close out the game with one minute left in the first half.

A put-back shot by Kawana Battle at the buzzer enabled the Lady Norse to carry a 42-21 margin to the lockerroom at halftime.

Scoring from the 3-point area in the second half the Lady Norse connected on 8 of 9 which allowed NEO to maintain a 20-point margin throughout.

Six points each by Cicely Downing, Lashara White and Robinson led the Lady Norse onslaught.

Downing scored 12 total points to lead the Lady Norse while Robinson, Werick and Ross each scored 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Norse connected on 10 of 16 for 56 percent from the field and 5 of 8 for 63 percent from the free throw line.

Junior Andreia Lee Murray State with 14 total points while Teresa Ritter and Cindy Pearson scored 12 points each and Andrea Booker added 10 points.

EASY LAYUP

Vicinity Lady Norse center Sara Kellogg (54) shoots a layup at Carl Albert's Audrey Jacob (21) during the play.

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Conference opponents entertain Norsemen

After opening action in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference on their home court, the Golden Norsemen travel to the state of Arkansas for two crucial divisional games next week.

Prior to Tornadoes confrontation with Hannibal-LaGrange this week, ahead of their regular season and the Bi-State tourney, Norsemen head coach Gangi announced he will be playing his first game in the conference.

Norsemen central Stephenson Green (41) gets up for a putback shot as Carl Albert's Marques Warner (15) and Norsemen teammates Wesler Wallace (20) and Michael Van Wouten (15) watch.

Put-Back

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