**Noted author visits campus**

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Dr. Gay Rice Doud, noted author and motivational speaker, will address students, faculty, staff and administrators, Thursday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m., in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

**Golden Norse defeat Wranglers.**

Dr. Doud, a former United States Teacher of the Year, is the first speaker selected through the Oklahoma State Regents' Endowment Trust Fund.

The endowment program is designed to enhance the quality of higher education in Oklahoma. The endowment provides state funds as a match for private donations for the establishment of endowed chairs, distinguished professorships, visiting professors, artists-in-residence, and lecturers.

"This is a free program and we would like to encourage all our students, faculty and staff to come out and listen to Dr. Doud. His message deals with things that are basic to life such as love, family, relationships, success, and dreams, dreams," said Dr. Jim Adkinson, vice president for student affairs.

A graduate of Staples, Minn., Dr. Doud earned both a bachelor's and masters degrees from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. He has an doctorate degree from Jackson College.

Dr. Doud is currently a language arts teacher in the Brainerd, Minn., school district.

He was selected National Teacher of the Year in 1996 and was honored by President Ronald Reagan in the White House.

Dr. Doud has published five award-winning books, including the best seller "Molder of Dreams," and has also produced such videos as "Teacher of the Year" and "Classroom of the Heart."

"More than anything, people should be touched by the universal appeal of his message because he speaks about things of the heart," said Dr. Adkinson.

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**Wellness Center schedules several important seminars**

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Several informational seminars have been scheduled for students enrolled in cardio activity or circuit-training fitness I, II, III or IV, according to Nancy Bishop, coordinator of the program.

"Students enrolled in any of these courses are required to attend at least one session. They receive one visit for up to three sessions they attend," said Bishop.

The first seminar is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the "O" Club room of the NEO Fieldhouse. Topic of the session is "Are you as smart as you think you are? When it comes to drugs, how smart are you?" Dr. Harold McGuire, professional drug trainer, and his dog Dave, will conduct the seminar along with Lt. Dan Dwyer of the Miami Police Department.

This seminar will cover information on the hazards of drug use and the consequences of illegal drug possession," Bishop said.

The second session is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the "O" Club room, topic of the seminar is "If you make the choice, do you know the price?" Nicole Bateman, a physician's assistant with some Miami doctors, will discuss how careless sexual activity could change your life.

"Nicole will share information on personal health, birth control, and sexually transmitted diseases. Her approach is straightforward and the way she will be a joy to many myths with truth and up-to-date information," said Bishop.

The third session is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the "O" Club room. Topic of the session is "Tiger stripes and people types." Chester Campbell, former chemistry instructor at NEO and a member of the wellness staff, will discuss personality types and developing better personal relationships.

"Chester will discuss such topics as parents, teachers, lifestyle choices, career choices, dating and marriage partners," Bishop said.

Topic for the fourth session, scheduled for 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the "O" Club room, is "Food for thought."

Rob Henshaw, a member of the wellness staff, will discuss such things as "Am I aware of what I eat?" and "Why do I make the food choices I do?"

"Not only will Rob provide the answers to these important questions, but he will give you reason to think before you bite into that next snack," said Bishop.

The final seminar will be Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 3 p.m. in the "O" Club room. Topic for the session is "Sensuality."

Eric Ironside, Lady Nones softball coach and a member of the wellness staff, will discuss the relationship between health and wellness.

"Eric will talk about the combination of physical, emotional, social and spiritual components of life that can be balanced to produce satisfaction and happiness," Bishop said.

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**POOH BEAR CANDY**

Photo by DeLeece McKechnie

Making sure the candy girls in the hag was Pooh Bear as no more than 10 local child care participants in the annual dress like Pooh Bear on Thursday.
National Red Ribbon Week goes unrecognized on this campus

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 25 through Oct. 31, has been forgotten once again on campus.

The movement started in the 1970s when drug use among teens reached new highs.

The statistics reflected the lives of real children being hurt, sometimes destroyed by drugs.

Parents and other concerned adults began talking at kitchen tables and across backyard fences about how to stop the monstrous threat to their children.

They talked, they asked questions and got answers; they organized, and they went to work together.

So did local coalitions in Florida, Alaska, and Arkansas.

The National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth.

The National Federation of Parents gained momentum in the 80's through the power of its grassroots network.

With a 'stake gift from Nancy Reagan, the organization sponsored annual conferences to inform and motivate parents, provide millions of brochures to educate children, and led the fight for anti-drug legislation.

With parents heading the prevention movement, government and media responded.

America's children received a comprehensive, consistent message that a drug-free lifestyle was the better choice, and contrary to popular perception, the prevention strategy worked.

Drug use dropped 50 per cent between 1979 and 1991.

In 1985, DEA agent KiKi Camarena was assassinated in Mexico by the drug cartel.

To honor his memory and show they would continue his work against illegal drugs, the youth in KiKi's community began wearing red badges of satire.

Local prevention coalitions joined them in wearing red badges and holding celebrations, honoring KiKi Camarena, embracing his belief that one person can make a difference, and adopting his symbol the red ribbon as their own.

History repeats itself if people are not educated and made aware.

Do we really want to be passive and let all the hard work that our parents and grandparents did go down the drain?

How will they find the courage to change and make our world drug-free?

They have fought hard and paid a price to have a chance at a drug-free life and environment and we can't even remember when Red Ribbon week is celebrated.

Well, shane on us.

SO! YOU ALL THINK YOU'RE TOO OLD TO BELIEVE IN THE STORIES AND SUPERSTITIONS OF HALLOWEEN.

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU...

STREET TALK

Do you believe in Halloween?

James Capwood, sophomore
Woodward, Oklahoma

"Yes, absolutely. By all means I believe in the celebration of Halloween!"

Ruth Honey, sophomore
Wyandotte, Oklahoma

"Yes, because of the old legend surrounding All Hallow's Eve."

Mary Love, freshman
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

"I don't believe in the demon's associated with Halloween."

Jimmy Capwood, freshman
Woodward, Oklahoma

"Ya! Because it's a time to have fun and anybody can be what they want."

Kristy Mose, freshman
Locus Grove, Oklahoma

"Yes, because I have a friend who celebrates it with me."
Halloween has religious roots

By Mindy Fleming

Many of the practices associated with the modern celebration of Halloween are derived from the superstitions common of an ancient pagan people of Northern Europe, called Celts. Their religion is known as Druidism. Halloween was the day on which the Celts, called Druids, honored their dead. Druids taught the souls of those who had died that year were confined in the bodies of animals until the New Year (which fell November 1, according to the Druid calendar). At that time the souls would be helped and could be freed to claim a "heavenly" reward, or remain in the body of an animal for another year. On October 31, the night before the judgement, it was believed the souls of the dead were free to mingle among the living. This religious day was called "Samhain," by the Celts. In order to provide for these souls, the Celts would build tables with food of all kinds. At the end of the day, the village of some villages would dress up in costumes and masks, representing the ghosts they were paying tribute to, and march to the outskirts of the village. In so doing, they hoped to lead the ghosts away and avert any trouble the spirits might bring upon them. In other villages, the people would simply leave food out as an offering for the ghosts. In any case, the point of all this was to appease the ghosts during Samhain by offering them "treat." Should the villagers fail to adequately provide for the spirits, all sorts of evil could befall them. Their cattle might become sick and die, houses might burn down, people could become sick or any of a number of calamities could be caused by disgruntled spirits. Another practice associated with the observance of Samhain was the offering of animal or even human sacrifices to einen for the sins which were committed by the dead and help to send them on their way to the future. Peoples were being sacrificed in this manner until well into the first century AD. For hundreds of years after that, animal sacrifices continued, usually involving black cats or horses. Druids were well known for their gruesome sacrifices. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, the Druids offered human victims for those who were gravely sick or in danger of death in battle. Huge wickerwork images were filled with living men and then burned, although the Druids chose criminals by preference, they sacrificed innocent victims if necessary. With the expansion of the Roman Empire and Christianity, Druidism was suppressed. By the Middle Ages, Halloween became known as a time when the followers of Satan were most active and enjoyed their greatest power. It was a time of great activity for those opposed to the Church. Many of their activities were specifically directed against Christianity, mock ceremonies were held, symbols of Christianity, such as the cross, were profaned in various ways (such as painting obscene versions of the symbols on Christian churches) and the devil and pagan gods were worshiped instead of God. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III decreed that the Catholic holiday of All Saints' Day occurred on November 1st. It was not until the eleventh century, Pope Gregory IV made this four a universal celebration of the Catholic Church. The feast came to be called All Saints' Day or All Hallows' Day. The day before All Hallows' Day became known as "Hallowe'en" or "Hallowe'en," and is commonly known as "Halloween." Ironically, the same "Halloween" has nothing to do with the pagan festival itself, but rather with the Roman Catholic holiday which falls on the day after it. Unfortunately, this has given some Christians the impression that Halloween was originally a Christian festival. Nothing could be further from the truth. The day before All Hallows' Day became known as "Hallow's Eve" or "Hallowe'en."}

SPOOKY RECEPTIONIST

Taking reservations for last year's campus Spook House was Cruella Daville. The Spook House at Commons Hall was open Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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Month-long observance focused on domestic violence

domestic violence.

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

This year alone, 16,895 calls were made to the domestic violence hotline in Oklahoma.

Domestic violence can no longer be ignored, swept under the carpet or be locked in a closet.

Millions of women and children throughout our nation are plagued by the scourge of family violence each year.

Twenty percent of all hospital emergency room visits by women result from such violence.

Family violence is a crime that transcends race, religion, ethnicity, and economic status, and one of its greatest tragedies is its effect on our young people. As many as three million children witness violence in their homes each year.

Domestic violence is a confusing and disturbing phenomenon, perhaps rooted in the frustrations and disappointments of a broken society.

It has destroyed the lives of so many innocent people.

I know that you probably think that there is nothing that can be done, but all it takes is a phone call if you think someone is being abused or neglected.

IN 100 SUMMER

When the normal temperature in Northeastern Oklahoma in late October is usually upper 80's, the thermometer topped out at 82 on Tuesday.

Cloning humans causes several questions

By John Coby
Editorial Editor

A few years ago, scientists cloned a lamb successfully.

Ever since that moment, scientists have been trying to clone everything in sight.

Just a few months ago, in Oklahoma, a family had their bull cloned.

The bull was a multi-first-place winner in many judging classes.

The original bull is now dead, but his legacy is carried on by his twin, his clone.

Not too long ago, a scientist publicly announced that he was going to clone a human.

I personally do not agree with cloning live organisms.

Who are we to play God?

Since humans are imperfect, human creations will be imperfect.

Is it fair to the cloned organism to be deformed?

There have been many reports that during the cloning process mistakes can be made and will result in deformity.

Recently, a nearly perfectly preserved woolly mammoth was found in Siberia.

The mammoth was fully grown and approximately 40 years old.

The mammoth was found by a nine-year-old shepherd.

Dr. Larry Ageebrand of Northern Arizona University is one of seven scientists who will study the mammoth in subfreezing caves in Khatanga, Siberia.

Their main purpose is to extract DNA and clone it.

I believe that will be a mistake.

If you ever see Jurassic Park, you will understand.

Some people agree with this cloning.

Those people say it's good since our elephants are nearly extinct.

I say think about this: Maybe nature made the mammoth extinct on purpose, and humans are the reason elephants are endangered.
Lady Norse open cage season

Although the Lady Norse basketball team opens the regular season next Monday against Eastern Oklahoma College at 6 p.m. in Wilburton with the nucleus of five returning sophomores, the squad is in a learning process under first-year head coach B.J. Smith.

Smith assumed the reigns of the Lady Norse program in May after spending a number of years as head coach at Arkansas Area College in Harrison. He compiled a 13-14 record with the Lady Pioneers.

Smith replaced Randy Gibson who resigned after 11 years as Lady Norse head coach to become women's head coach at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

"Not only are our sophomores learning a new system, but we've got some freshmen coming in that are having to adjust to learning to play at this level. They're not really ready for what we're about to get into," said Smith.

"Definitely, we're starting to feel more comfortable with what we want to get into which is to play pressure basketball the full length of the floor. Obviously, if we would have had these kids a year ago we would have been farther along. Our sophomores have picked up quicker because we didn't change as much, we've just been doing it full court rather than half-court," said Smith.

"Our biggest strength as a team is our quickness. We're equally quick from the one to the five. We also have good depth with 12 or 13 players that can be on the floor and really contribute."

"We don't have a lot of experience, but our five sophomores have all been working hard to become leaders," Smith said.

"Operating with a three-guard scheme the Lady Norse rely on three freshmen at the point-guard position. Battling for the starting spot are freshmen Kaliesha McEachern (5-5 from San Antonio, Texas); Kenia White (5-6 from Batesville, Ark.); and Rekma Benefield (5-6 from Klar Saba, Horz.

"Our up-tempo game, two of them will play every night and we would like to play Kenia at the starting guard spot," said Smith. Sophomore Joyce Cherry (5-5 from Casonia) returns at the shooting guard spot. Cherry averaged 7.9 points with 5.6 assists and 4.4 steals in 23 games last year.

"Sophomore Charisse Nelson (5-10 from Pharr, Texas); Karen Lane (5-4 from Tuttle) and White should see considerable playing time at the point-guard position. "Joyce has really had a great pre-season, but because of her size we expect Charisse to be a major contributor and Kenia can shoot real well from the outside."

"There's a big difference between our two and three guards that is our two guards will guard the other team's point-guard while the three will guard someone else," said Smith.

"Three sophomores returning from the post position are Crystal Bennett (6-0 from Cleveland, Ohio); Emma Reilly (6-1 from Gettysburg, Indiana); and Lakeidre Alexander (5-10 from Flint, Mich.)."

"We're not tall nor do we see as would like to be the four and five spots. If we get into foul trouble we could have some matchup problems. But these girls are working hard at improving their rebounding ability," said Smith.

Sophomore Stephanie Austin (5-7 from Ketchum) and Lisa Song (5-5 from Wanso) will also see considerable playing time at the third guard spot. Austin averaged 2.6 points in 11 games while Song averaged 4.4 points in 14 games.

"Vanessa Lutashus White (5-10 from Chicago, Ill.) and freshman April Ponds (5-11 from Tulsa Memorial) should share time at the power forward position. White averaged 6.1 points and 4.8 rebounds in 31 games as a freshman."

Experience bolsters Norse cagers

Starting the season with five experienced sophomores, the Golden Norsemen open the 1993-1994 campaign Monday at 8 p.m. against Eastern Oklahoma College in Wilburton.

Entering his tenth year as head coach, Lonnie Speed's Norsemen are on the verge of a third-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. Last year Speed guided the Norsemen to a 24-9 season record and a second place finish in the Eastern Division of the Illinois Athletic Conference with a 9-3 mark. The Norse advanced to the finals of the Region II Tournament before dropping a 79-59 decision to Bacone College.

"Out of our five sophomores that played for us last year, two of them were full time starters and another one started in half the games. It's always important in Region II to have some players with experience coming back," said Speed.

Sophomore post-guard Shon Robinson (6-3 from Baton Rouge, La.) has missed most of the pre-season with a personal injury. Robinson ranked second in conference recognition last year while averaging 12.9 points. He recorded 73 assists, 65 steals and 2.1 rebounds per game.

"With Shon out the next sophomore that can fill that position is Scott Johnson who won the last 10 days. So for now the responsibility of running the offense falls on the shoulders of two freshmen," Speed said.

Johnson (6-2 from Mounds) sat out last season and has three years of eligibility remaining.

"Freeman Jamar Love (5-10 from Johnson City, Tenn.) and Jo Jo Nokes (5-6 from Tuba Central) have been sharing the point-guard position."

"These combinations of problems have impeded our progress. We're not where I thought we would be at this point in time. I've backed off on putting things in to try and keep it simple for our freshmen."

Returning at the shooting guard position for the Norsemen are veterans Anthony Anderson (6-3 from Tuba East Central) and Mike Van Woudenberg (6-4 from Chicago). Anderson averaged 7.4 points and 2.5 rebounds in 33 games last year. Van Woudenberg averaged 3.2 points while hitting 32 of 39 from the three-point range in 29 games.

Freshman Mark Elsner (6-5 from Denver, Colo.) can play any of the perimeter positions.

Vernon David Akimoni and Jodi Belt are joined by transfer Bryant Mitchell at the power forward position. Akimoni (6-5 from Tuba Central) averaged 6.1 points and 5.2 rebounds in 32 games. Belts (6-4 from Broken Arrow) averaged 4.1 points and 2.4 rebounds in 33 games.

"Freshman Rickey Johnson (6-6 from Houston, Texas) and Pete Dobrowolski (6-7 from Lublin, Poland) provide depth at either the forward or post positions."

"Freshman Bruce Adley (6-7 from Brownson, Texas) is expected to play in the post. Our main focus going into the regular season is trying to get our chemistry down and learning to play together as a team. That's coming along, but it doesn't happen overnight," Speed said.
Offensive explosion buries Cisco

Despite a near emotionless performance, the Golden Norsemen gained a share of the lead in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with a 46-24 victory over Cisco Junior College Saturday afternoon at Chisley Field.

While winning their fourth game south of the Red River, coach Dale Paterson's Norsemen improved to 5-1 in the conference and 6-3 overall. The Wranglers remain winless in seven conference games and are 1-6 on the year.

"I really didn't think the Cisco game would be as high-scoring as it was. But we played about like we thought. We came out and we were not very key. We really needed this kind of game where we knew we could win and did," said Paterson.

In a game where the Golden Norsemen generated 545 yards in total offense and sophomore tailback Josh Scoeby set an SJCC school rushing record, those accomplishments were almost overshadowed by Cisco's offensive performance. Along with the 545 yards of total offense, the Golden Norsemen also received 115 yards in kick returns which added to the 56 total points.

"This was the most points we've produced since we beat the Southwest Kansas junior varsity 86-6 in 1995. Our offense did an excellent job of gaining balance with both running and passing. They also did a great job of taking care of the ball and putting in the middle," Paterson said.

After stopping Cisco on the opening possession of the game, the Golden Norsemen scored 46 yards in six plays to grab the lead. Sophomore tailback Kevin Gaberholt carried the ball each play and scored on a 12-yard touchdown run. Jonathan Konst kicked the extra point with 12:51 left in the first quarter.

A 75-yard interception return by Golden Norse free safety Kendreic Shaw gave Norse another scoring chance. Covering 31 yards in two plays, quarterback Matt Dutton connected with wide receiver Lawson Edding on a 29-yard TD-pass with 3:34 left in the first quarter. The extra point by Konst gave Norse a 14-0 lead.

"When we went up 14-0, I think our kids lost a lot of their emotion. Sometimes in this game emotions are the only thing that can carry you through. So it was important that we not lose that aspect," said Paterson.

Cisco scored a 21-point second quarter by driving 87 yards in 14 plays. Quarterback Jerry Sotia connected with wide receiver Aundre White on a 6-yard touchdown pass. Chris Spicer kicked the point after to cut the deficit to 14-7 with 7:09 left in the second quarter.

Dutton found Giddings open on a 52-yard touchdown pass on Norse's next possession and Konst hit the point after to give Norse a 21-7 margin with 3:08 left before halftime.

Soria rallied the Wranglers with a 74-yard seven-play drive before connecting with Gary Lank on a 11-yard touchdown pass with 1:10 until half. The extra point by Spicer cut the deficit to 21-14.

On Norse's next possession, the Cisco defense got on the scoreboard as cornerback Renaldo Campbell picked off an errant Dutton pass and raced 25 yards for a touchdown. Spicer's extra point creased a 21-21 halftime tie.

After setting the stage for the fourth quarter with a touchdown run and a field goal, Norse had an immediate impact for the Golden Norse. Following a 37-yard pass from Dutton to Giddings, Scoeby scored on a 25-yard run to cap a 32-yard drive. Konst's extra point with 13:12 left in the third quarter gave Norse a 28-21 lead.

A fortunate recovery by defensive tackle Javier Torres gave Norse another scoring chance. Using a fake and around, Giddings pulled up and tossed a 55-yard touchdown pass to Shawn Swindell. The point after by Konst increased Norse lead to 35-21 with 10:01 left in the third quarter.

Soria scored on a 5-yard run with 6:21 left on the third-quarter and Spicer's PAT cut the deficit to 35-28. Soria suffered an ankle injury and gave way to Eric Thompson in the fourth quarter.

Scoeby, who gained 55 yards on the night before becoming SJC's all-time leading with 1,998 total yards, scored on a 3-yard run with 14:32 remaining in the fourth quarter. Konst's extra point gave Norse a 42-28 lead.

Spencer pulled the Wranglers 96 yards in 14 plays before connecting with Lank on an 11-yard touchdown pass. Spicer's point-after attempt failed to cut the deficit to 42-35 with 13:43 left in the game.

Dutton, who finished with a career-high 289 yards on 14 of 24 passes, found tight end Jeremy Shokey open on a 6-yard touchdown pass with 11:40 showing on the clock. Konst's extra point gave Norse a 49-35 lead.

Both quarterbacks, Thompson and Dutton, scored on 1-yard runs in the final eight minutes to close out the marathon game.

"We knew all along that Cisco was a lot better ball club than their record indicated. They came into this game charged up emotionally. Coach (Jeff) Schaum and his staff did a great job of getting them ready to play and they had us on the ropes a couple of times. As young as they are, they will be a real factor in the league next year," Paterson said.

"Defensively, we might have been off our game for a little too much. We let them have a lot of 5 and 6-yard passes because we didn't want to give up the big play. It worked because their offense was on the field for long periods of time and had to drive for the ball down to field," said Paterson.

Scoeby led the Norse receiving corps with four catches for 96 yards. Giddings added three catches for 148 yards as the Norse passed for 344 yards. Giddings also returned two punts for 17 yards.

FOURTH QUARTER PEPP TALK
Golden Norse head coach Dale Paterson (center) tries to rally some emotion to start the fourth quarter in a 54-42 victory at Cisco, Texas, last weekend.

High stakes in finale

A top seed and home-field advantage in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference playoffs are both at stake Saturday as the Golden Norsemen host Blinn College in the 6 p.m. regular-season finale at Robertson Field.

Winner of the contest will break a three-way tie for first place in the conference between Norse, Blinn and Trinity Valley. All three teams are 5-1 in the conference.

Should Trinity Valley lose to Navarro College on Saturday and the Norsemen defeat Blinn, Norse would receive the number one seed for the conference playoffs and advance to the final round.

Coach Dale Paterson's Norse stand 6-2 on the season while coach Everett Todd's Buccaneers are 7-1 on the season. Blinn defeated Kilgore 10-0 last week.

"There is a real possibility that we could turn around in the first round of the playoffs. But we can't be thinking about that right now. Our main task is winning on Saturday," said Paterson.

"Hopefully, we can repeat our offensive production that we had at Cisco. We had a balanced running and passing game that produced more than 500 yards in total offense. We'll need that again," Paterson said.

Prior to opening kickoff fans are invited to a "tailgate party" starting at 5 p.m. on the north end zone. Tickets are $5 per person for two hamburgers, chips and a drink.

Also before the start of the game 23 sophomore members of the Golden Norse will be recognized.

"Blinn features the best defense in the conference. They are only giving up an average of 118 total yards in offense per game. So it will be very difficult especially to run against them. While the Buccaneer defense has showed, the offense is averaging 346.6 yards per game.

"They are a typical Texas team in that they like to run the ball up made. They have a pair of running backs with over 400 yards each," said Paterson.

"We've got to do a better job defensively of getting to the backfield and disrupting the play."
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