Suggestions sought

By Delina Minkler
Executive Managing Editor
Creating an opportunity for all students, faculty and staff to offer suggestions, the college is starting the NOS suggestion system.

Purpose of the system is to improve the quality of the college to those who live, work and study here,” said Nancy Bishop, chair of the suggestion committee.

“A formal system has been designed to help foster assurance that every reasonable suggestion will be considered, and that a timely response to each suggestion will be made,” Bishop said. Other members of the committee are Caroline Baker, science coordinator; Kathy Blankard, social science instructor; Constance Mikkel, college recruiter, and David Noel, campus safety officer.

Suggestions made by members of the faculty or staff should be submitted in post office box 909 of the college mail or emailed to abishop@northeasternok.edu.

Students must submit suggestions through the suggestion box located in the office of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union building.

All suggestions must be signed.

Each employee suggestion will be screened by the faculty/staff team of volunteers. The purpose of the screening is to determine what area the suggestion applies to and forward it to that area, said Bishop.

“Every valid suggestion will be considered and a response will be made,” Bishop said. For a suggestion to be considered valid it must be signed, available, and designed to make an improvement. The suggestion cannot be a personal attack.

Within two weeks, the person making the suggestion should receive a formal response from the department. The response should indicate if the suggestion can be used and when it would be implemented, and why it cannot be used, said Bishop.

“Your suggestion will be reviewed each week to keep track of progress with the system. At the end of the year, the system will be reviewed to light up areas and to seek ways to improve the system,” Bishop said.

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By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

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Trash control becomes continuous problem

Dear Editor:

In recent months I have noticed a heightened interest from the media regarding litter and the amount of money it costs the state to keep the roads clean. I greatly appreciate the editorialists and the letters to the editor, which have appeared in various newspapers across the state. We all can agree that a successful and progressively-minded state will depend largely on a clean state image and an uncluttered environment. Trash and litter in highways are not a strong selling feature for new businesses looking to relocate. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation spent more than $9 million cleaning up trash in 1998. In previous years, the cost had reached more than $1 million, but $4 million is only a minor initiative, one we would rather not brag about. Roadside trash not only hampers tourism for the state, it also impedes industrial growth opportunities, both of which adversely impact our record numbers.

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

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

Editor: If our state is to continue to be a destination, who would it be and why?

Surely, the short answer is because it is the perfect state for the perfect people.

James Johnson
Freshman

NORSE WIND

By George Bratton
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Laurie Wicker
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Wichita, Ariz.

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The strengthened partnership between Commerce and higher education will undoubtedly result in increased business activity in our state and give the Oklahoma economy the boost it needs to face the challenges of the next century.

The services provided through the Office of System Advancement and Economic Development will be better positioned Oklahoma's system of colleges and universities to carry out its important role in molding the economic future of our state," said State Regents Chairman John Mason.

By continuing the momentum to build more partnerships with business and industry, Oklahoma higher education will further contribute to an enhanced quality of life and economic prosperity for all Oklahoma citizens.

Regents noted the plan for establishing the Office of Advancement and Economic Development is consistent with the Regents' initiatives to foster joint cooperation of colleges and universities with businesses and industry, promote excellence through research and development, and work with other state agencies to develop Oklahoma's work force.

The plan also responds to recommendations made by the Citizens' Commission on the Future of Oklahoma Higher Education, which called for Oklahoma higher education to work toward improving the state's competitive position by undertaking economic development initiatives.

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois had major impact on development of NAACP activities

By Mindy Fleming

William Edward Burghardt DuBois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, an area of very little black discrimination, on Feb. 23, 1868.

His mother raised him on her own instilling in him the values of hard work, education and thriftiness. They were poor compared with other members of the community, but the DuBois family was respected. William was given great recognition because of his success in school.

He did well in high school and was picked to get a scholarship to go to Fisk University. He also attended Harvard University where he received his master’s degree, a doctorate and a grant to study in Berlin. He worked as a professor in several universities.

Many of DuBois theories were in response to the writings of Booker T. Washington. Washington believed that blacks in America needed pride in themselves in order to rise in a white dominated society.

DuBois’ greatest achievement were his writings. He wrote many books and essays expressing his beliefs about racial assimilation, cooperation, and the use of education to end prejudice including; "The Souls of Black Folk," and "The Suppression of the African Slave Trade."

The Souls of Black Folk was a very popular analysis of the conflicts blacks were subjected to in society.

Another great achievement was that of the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which he founded along with a number of other black and white leaders who shared his beliefs in 1910.

He served as director of publicity from 1919-1934. He was a consultant to the United Nations and edited his magazine, Crisis, from 1910-1932.

DuBois contributed greatly to the education and enlightenment of many people in America through his critics claim that he spoke only to the educated and elite, thereby omitting much of the black population from his readers.

He eventually became discouraged with the American situation, though, and became a Ghanaian citizen in 1963 where he died that same year on August 27.

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A SERVICE OF BAPTIST REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
Stovall serves as lab assistant in reading

By Karli Cuff
People’s Editor
Although Lisa Stovall assumed her new position at the start of the semester, her work in the reading lab has been well known.

“My job is to help students with their homework, grade papers, and watch over the lab,” said Stovall.

“I also help students use the computers, from using the internet, to completing the various labs,” said Stovall.

“It was kind of hectic at first. But with everyone’s amazing help, I have the hang of things now,” said Stovall.

Stovall assumed the position as reading lab assistant after Elaine Collier left.

Stovall wanted this job because she wanted to work closely with Carla Murphy, her supervisor.

“I worked under Mrs. Murphy eight years ago and really enjoyed it. I couldn’t let the chance go by without doing it again,” said Stovall.

Stovall previously worked as a school bus driver for the Fairfield school district.

“I wanted to drive the school bus because there was no one thought that I could and I did it,” said Stovall. “I really took it as a challenge.”

She was hired just before the Christmas break and this spring semester is her first semester here.

“I enjoy my new job because it has low stress and I am working with adults instead of children,” said Stovall.

When Stovall isn’t working at NES, she has another full time job that is a little more stressful, and that is being a mom.

She has two jobs and two boys, two dogs, two cats, and two donkeys. “I love animals and that is why I work as many jobs,” said Stovall.

Stovall’s other job that she is proud of is her job as a counselor. She counsels at a summer camp for children that is held here at the college.

Stovall says that she is happy and content with her life right now. She has a great family and now a great job.

Moss joins support center

Tutor provides math help

By Karli Cuff
People’s Editor
Ed Moss is the new tutor in the new academic support center and once students answer to good grades.

He is the academic support assistant in math. He is originally from Japan. Teaches in math and physics and he is in the lab from 4 to 6 p.m. during the week.

I work with students in all math subjects from elementary math to algebra. I have more students that I help in Algebra than in any subject,” said Moss.

Moss is not only a tutor but he is a certified tutor in many different areas such as Instrumental Enrichment Cognitive and Somec, Sensitivity Syndrome.

Both of these disorders have to deal with having learning difficulties.

They are a disorder that deals with the perception of words. It affects 10-12% of the population from being able to learn, read, or study efficiently.

Moss has had to use his knowledge of these disorders this year here at the college and is always open to anyone that is interested in getting help.

Moss is here trying to learn as much as he can to teach. One of the reasons that he is here is because he is trying to familiarize himself with a variety of different math.

He is going to go back to school and get his engineering degree. He only has 30 hours left until he can get his degree. He plans on returning to Oklahoma University because that is where he started his academic career.

He has been teaching at the last four years at the Moore Normal Tech and decided to move back to Hopkins and try to prepare for the his last year at OU. He does now live on campus so that he doesn’t have to drive back and forth because of his long hours.

“I love math, it makes so much sense and it is full of logic,” said Moss.

“The best part of my job is when I look in the back of the book and find the answer and a student asks for help on the same problem and I can remember the answer when he asks. The student looks at me like I am a whiz. I enjoy the students,” Moss said.

“The toughest part of my job is when I am the answer book and I have to do a problem several times a day.”

“I just feel that students appreciate the help and that makes me feel good.”

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Norse tie for lead

After concluding the regular season Wednesday night in Muskogee against Bacone College, coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen received a bye in the first round of the regional tournament.

The Norse were 21-8 going into the Bacone game.

Norsemen 68-Barkhark 80

With the 98-60 victory over Northark College, Monday night, in the final home game at the NEOS Fieldhouse, the Golden Norsemen earned a bye in the opening round of the Region II Tournament scheduled to begin March 5 in Muskogee.

Through the first 15 minutes of the opening half Norseman maintained the lead. The Pioneers received seven points from Bert Real and six points each from David Blake and Grant Greenleaf. Norseman points came from Sydney Waddell and four points by Brad Wilson to grab a 28-24 lead with 1:01 until halftime.

Greenleaf scored 20 points to lead the Norsemen while Martin Green added 16, Tiggs 14 and both Bert and Anderson added 13 points each.

Real had all scores with 29 total points while Greenleaf added 18, Malick 12 and Blake 10 points.

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Play Ball...

Blending a mixture of veterans with talented freshmen, the Golden Norse baseball program has won six of the first seven games played under first-year head coach Roger Ward.

Ward, out of former Oklahoma State University baseball coach Gary Ward, assumed the duties of head coach at NOS in 1998 after serving two years as base coach at Western Oklahoma College in Altus.

During his two years at WOC, Ward guided the Pioneers to a 42-20 overall record which included an 28-2 mark in 1997.

"I think the overall strength of our team will be the experience and depth we have in the pitching staff," Ward said. "We begin the season knowing we focused on bringing in some pitchers with experience at the college level and we were able to go out and sign six or four or five good sophomore pitchers to give us some stability," Ward said.

"Not only have these veterans shown ability in our pitching staff, but we also have a lot of depth. We have quite a few letters with good arms that can pitch. Our 15th or 16th pitchers are pretty close to the same quality as our sixth or seventh guy. There’s definitely a difference in the top four or five pitchers, but after that they are pretty much the same," Ward said.

Seventeen sophomores fill spots on the 40-man Norse line-up. Ten of the sophomores have experience picking on the college level.

"Going into the spring, we didn’t have a lot of productive offense during the fall. We think we’re going to develop into a very good offensive ball club, but right now our pitching is our main strength while our hitting continues to improve with each game.

"If we’re missing anything as a team it might be a lack of left-handed hitting. We’ve got two or three left-handed batters with power, but we don’t have a lot of them. When you go up against teams of quality like Seminole and Cowans and Big Eight eight or nine left-handed batters at you, then that’s what generates runs," said Ward.

Sophomore right-handers include junior college transfers Brian Garcia (6-6 from Albuquerque, N.M.) and Mike Hale (6-6 from Midland, Texas) Garcia attended New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs while Hale played at Viterbo (Texas) Junior College as a freshman.

"Not only both of his arms, but his legs are in the low 90’s, but they are both very mature. From bat, the talent to the stuff doesn’t give any less, it’s just the maturity isn’t in precedent as it is with those two guys.

"Other veteran transfers are Kendal Patner (6-5 from Enid, Okla) who attended the University of Oklahoma, Kim Cane (6-2 from Topeka, Kan) who played at Western Oklahoma and Adam Cole (6-5 from Pueblo, Col) who played at Connors State last year.

Sophomore right-handers Mike Halse (6-3 from Miami), and Travis Tyson (6-5 from Stillwater) played for the Golden Norsemen.

Left-handers Chris Longfield (6-2 from Houston, Texas) and Tyson Kiepke (6-6 from Santa Fe, N.M.) Jason Brown (6-2 from Claremore) are sophomores. Longfield played at Howard, Texas while Kiepke played at Lamar, Calif. and Brown attended Rogers University last year.

Freshman right-handers are Dave Olson (6-3 from Stillwater, Wash), Adam Hawthorne (6-3 from Aria, Josh Willis (6-5-10 from Poteau), Spencer Slepworth (6-3 from Capa) (6-3 from Calhoun) 6-3 from Broken Arrow) are all sophomore.

"We are certainly playing time behind the plate.

Transfer John Murren (5-10 from Oklahoma City with could have time at first base with sophomore Josh Southard (6-3 from Ponca City) and freshman Ryan Kenning (5-11 from British Columbia) and Steve Williams (6-1 from Tampico, Fla.)

Murren scored at Howard, Texas last season.

Freshman 6-1 Jeff Romans (5-11 from Tampa, Fla.) and Jeff Brooks (6-5 from Balch, Kan) provide depth at first base.

"We have several options at first along with using either Cooper or Southard. We’ve got a cluster of eight to 10 players that could play first depending on the situation," said Ward.

Freshman Rob Watson (5-10 from Riverside, Calif) starts at second base. Watson also leads the team with four saves in seven games.

"Rob is a true warrior. Not only is he a solid left field defensively, but he comes in throwing 88 or 90 in close situation，“

Freshman Charles Batkowski (6-1 from Kanua, Okla) (6-1 from Ottawa, Kan), Canada Chris Herin (5-6 from Madison), and Drew Suski (5-11 from Ottawa, Canada) provide depth at second base.

Sophomore Chris Brooks (5-11 from Plano, Texas) and Doug Garner (6-6 from Little Rock, Ark) share time at shortstop.

"Brooks played at Northfield and Garner at shortstop. Brooks can start at third base, Garner can start at shortstop.

Murren, Stanul and Batkowski could see some playing time at shortstop.

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Kenny and Williams will be platooned at first base as infielders for the Norsemen. Freshman Eric Donaldson (6-3 from Durham) could also see some playing time at left.

Transfer Jason Moniz (5-11 from Aurora, Col) will start at centerfield along with sophomore Zach Rogers (5-11 from Oklahoma State) attended New Mexico State last year while Rogers transferred to the Golden Norsemen.

Freshmen Jesse French (6-6 from Enid, Okla) and Kevin Barnard (5-3 from British Columbia) will share playing time in rightfield.

BRINGING THE HEAT

Mike Halse, a sophomore right-hander, delivers a pitch during the second inning of the first game last Saturday at Howard Field.

The Norsemen swept the 13-10 and 17-1 sweep over last Friday in Madison.

Completing a four-game sweep of the State Athletic Conference for Bacon College, the Golden Norse baseball team opened the home portion of the schedule last Saturday by gaining a 4-3 and 16-3 sweep of the Warriors at Howard Field.

Head coach Roger Ward guided the Golden Norsemen to a 13-10 and 17-1 sweep over Bacon last Friday in Madison.

With the four-game sweep the Norsemen stand 4-0 in the conference and 6-1 on the season. The Warriors (0-7) are 0-4 in the conference and 2-4 on the year.

The Golden Norsemen travel to Tyler, Texas Saturday and Sunday for three games with the Tyler Junior College Apaches.

Sophomore right-hander Mike Halse limited Bacon to three runs on four hits to gain the 4-3 victory in the first game Saturday doubleheader.

A right-hander from Midland, Texas, struck out 12 and walked one before leaving with the bases loaded and four runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Relief specialists Rob Watson replaced Halse and surrendered a bases-clearing double to Larry Smith before striking out Matt Keel to end the game. Watson, a freshman right-hander from Riverside, Calif., earned his fourth save of the season.

Brett Wharton, Brian Kenning and Jesse French each had two hits for the Golden Norse while Chris Brooks, Mickey Cooper and Jason Moniz added singles.

Against the Warriors in the second game, the Golden Norsemen fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning on a two-run home run by Randy Johnson.

Sending 10 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning, NOS built a 6-3 lead on a three-run homer by Steve Williams and a three-run double by Zack Rogers.

NOS sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the second inning while erasing eight runs on five hits to build a 14-3 cushion. A two-run single by Brooks and a two-run double by Wayne highlighted the outburst.

Wason also collected a single to start the marathon inning. A two-run pinch-hit single by Eric Donaldson closed out NOS’ scoring in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Wason and Williams collected six hits each to pace the 10-hit Golden Norse attack.

Playing in Madison on Friday, the Golden Norsemen scored 37 runs on 19 hits to win the nightcap 17-1 in five innings after scoring 13 runs on 11 hits to win the opener 13-10 in seven innings.

Freshman right-hander Josh Willis earned the victory in the second game while allowing only one run on three hits.
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