Gipson accepts Lady Reds job

Randy Gipson, head coach of the Lady Norse basketball program, was named head coach of the Northeastern Oklahoma State University Lady Reds during a Monday press conference in Tahlequah.

Gipson, a member of the NESCAC coaching staff for 17 years, is married to his older brother Larry, who is in his second year as head coach of the NCAA Division II Rockies.

Randy Gipson replaces Jame Joyce who resigned Feb. 23 after four years as head coach of the Lady Reds. During her tenure, the Lady Reds compiled a 39-69 overall record. Last year the Lady Reds finished fifth in their first year of competition in the Lone Star Conference with a 5-9 record while finishing 6-19 overall.

Both Gipson brothers worked together at NESCAC for eight years from 1983 to 1991.

Gary Gipson became the first Oklahoma junior college coach to win the National Junior College Athletic Association National Basketball Championship by guiding the Golden Norsemen to the title in 1988-89. The Golden Norsemen finished with a 36-4 mark.

After coming to NESCAC in 1991, Randy Gipson served as assistant women's basketball and assistant baseball coach for three years.

Randy Gipson took over the Lady Norse basketball program in 1999 after Brian Agler left to become women's coach at the University of Kansas.

During his 11-year tenure as head coach, Gipson guided NESCAC to the women's National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament three times.


Gipson also guided the Lady Norse to three Region III Tournament titles. Last year the Lady Norse compiled a 23-9 overall record while reaching the semi-finals of the regional tournament.

Also during Gipson's tenure as head coach the Lady Norse have produced three NJCAA All-Americans and 34 Bi-State All-Conference performers.

Gipson, a former football coach in the Wildcat baseball team.

While earning a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Kentucky, Gipson was a four-year letterman for the Wildcat baseball team.

Gipson earned a master's degree and became a member of the NESCAC faculty in 1985 as a psychology instructor.

Ward addresses annual academic honors banquet

By Sara Livingston

Gary Ward, director of the NESCAC baseball program, will deliver the keynote address during the 1999 annual Honors Banquet on March 26th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

The banquet will provide the NESCAC Jazz Band, under the direction of Robert Belew.

Members of the college faculty will introduce honorees and other guests.

The Honors Banquet is designed to recognize students who have achieved academic excellence throughout the school year.

FINAL MEETING
Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson (center) talks to the team during a time out in a game at the NESCAC Fieldhouse.

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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"Hot Topics and Cold Cuts" in the theme of the lunch held at noon in the Student Life Council will hold their Easter egg hunt across campus. The eggs will contain candy and other surprises and the egg hunt will continue until all the eggs are found, according to Kathryn Eubanks, housing director.

TUESDAY

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Students are reminded to attend the "Kosmic," lunch starting at 12:30 p.m., in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located at 106 H Street Northeast.

WEDNESDAY

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Members of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will have their "Kosmic," lunch at 12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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State Higher Regents join Abilene network

By Mindy Fleming
Lifestyles Editor

Abilene Network is the test bed for the Internet of the future. OCNets-Oklahoma's telecommunications and information network officially began operations today as one of 10 major access nodes on the Abilene Network, the most advanced research and education network in the nation.

"The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which operates OCNets in cooperation with the Office of State Finance, also announced that Oklahoma State University...and the University of Oklahoma are among 50 universities nationwide to receive today the Abilene network's high-performance services.

"A major access node, or "GigaPop," OCNets will share in the responsibility of managing, testing and monitoring the network, which will serve as a test bed for future Internet applications in areas such as distance learning, research, telemedicine and signal libraries."

"This is a monumental day in Oklahoma history," said Chancellor Hans Bresch. "Thanks to the involvement of OCNets and EU and OSU in the Abilene Network, our state has gained access to a whole new world of resources and opportunities."

"OCNets faculty and researchers at OSU and OU will have access to unexplored network capabilities for teaching and research, and Abilene will play a vital role in the development of technologies that will shape the way we all work, learn and live in the next century," Bresch added.

"By connecting the Abilene network and OCNets to Abilene's research universities to the upper echelon of higher education and allows us to collaborate on research with that elite group," said James E. Halligan, president of Oklahoma State University.

"The partnership also enables Oklahoma to leverage its research capabilities by optimizing the use of our research assets, such as the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, while allowing us access to other state's unique resources," Halligan said.

"Advanced networks such as Abilene are critical to the competitiveness of our research and education programs," said TH. Lee Williams, associate dean of Colleges of Science at the University of Oklahoma and director of Oklahoma EPCOR, a statewide program to build research communities.

"The partnership between our universities and OCNets and the Abilene Network has made Oklahoma a player in the national scene. This will help our faculty compete at the national level for research and education projects," Williams said.

As an Internet backbone network, Abilene spans more than 10,000 miles and operates at 2.4 gigabits per second, a speed 45,000 times faster than a 50K modem.

More than 70 Internet2 universities and research facilities are expected to connect to Abilene by the end of 1999.

The Abilene Network is a project of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, home of the Internet2 project. It is made possible in part by Quis Communications, Closed Circuit Networks and Indiana University, which have contributed equipment and services to this project.

There are many universities covered by the program and some universities in the process of connection.

Study comes down hard on cartoon influences

By Karl CII
People's Editor

There has been a new issue brought on by some anti-smoking activists about the violence on cartoons.

It has been on several news programs and in several newspapers. It has become quite a issue.

The study suggests Danbou and his cartoon peers aren't the best role models for kids when it comes to drinking or smoking.

The report, unveiled Thursday in New York at an American Medical Association conference in New York, says more than two-thirds of the 50 rated animated films released by major studios during the past 60 years portray alcohol or tobacco use.

Dr. Adam Goldenstern, a specialist in addiction medicine at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine said he began the study two years ago when he took his children to animated films and was struck by the amount of smoking.

"As fast as I could shut it up at a screening in editing and marketing," he said.

Commentary

And then I decided it was more than just a coincidence," said Goldenstern, an anti-smoking activist.

The films studied were released between 1935 and 1997 by MGM/United Artists, 20th Century Fox, Universal Studios, Walt Disney Co. and Warner Bros. studios.

Goldenstern said 34 films contained at least one episode of tobacco or alcohol use. Seventy-six characters smoked for a total duration of more than 45 minutes, and 63 characters drank alcohol for 27 minutes, he said.

"Are kids being led astray because someone is smoking in a movie? I'm not sure how far that goes," said Kathy Jackson, chairwoman of the communications department at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Goldstein's report will appear in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Now that I have given you, the reader, all of the facts I will tell you my opinion on the subject.

As you can tell there are some impressive professionals that have some strong feelings about this. If the report is going to be in the Journal of the American Medical Association it must be serious.

I think that people are always trying to say as many people things to blame the problems of children on.

At the age of 11 I watched many cartoons and never decided to smoke or drink because of the characters. Parents don't want their children to watch certain cartoons that is there right but I don't they should make the regulation the cartoons or anything.

THE NORSE WIND
Warm winter could spell increase in Lyme disease

By Ashley Lay
Features Editor
Sunner is on its way. People will head for the great outdoors. If you catch a mite and a brown or a tick...

Unfortunately, some outdoor enthusiasts will catch Lyme disease instead.

First identified in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1975, Lyme disease is classified as a multisystem inflammatory disease that affects skin, and eventually the nervous system.

Fifty-five reported cases of the illness were documented in Oklahoma during 1997. Texas reported 60.

For those who could be exposed to the disease, there is now a vaccine.

Lyme disease is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected ticks. When ticks "bite" a person or animal, they insert their mouthparts into the skin. They then attach themselves to the skin and feed. This is how the tick can pass the disease.

The disease can also be transmitted through the bite of infected animals, including deer, rodents, or other mammals.

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Credit card theft causes many difficulties for everyone trying to stay financially fit

By Karl CMB
People’s Editor

Credit card fraud is more common than anyone realizes but there are ways that you can prevent it from happening to you. The best way to prevent this is to be knowledgeable about the scams and how to prevent being a victim of a crime.

The first and most common type of credit card fraud is shoulder surfing. When using a calling card, ATM or your debit card you need to be aware of your surroundings. There is a possibility that someone may be watching you and if they have the intent to watch you enter your phone card number or PIN. Then you’re being set up by a "shoulder surfer." Shoulder surfers are criminals who lurk around pay phones or ATMs and wait for someone unsuspecting to walk away from the machine. The way you can prevent this is by using common sense. Have your card in a secure location so that it is not in someone’s sight. Lock the phone machine or put your credit card in your wallet with a mask on it before you do so. They will not know that your card number is being stolen.

The most common type of credit card fraud is "skimming." This is particularly common because the merchant who is doing the skimming is the one who benefits. This is something that you have to protect yourself from. You do not have to be sure that the merchant will not steal your card number. When the merchant swipes the card a second time, then it is not sitting on the counter, but the machine that captures the data from the back of the magnetic strip. To complete the scam, a camera is mounted inside the merchant’s location with a PIN pad to record the digits as they are entered. The merchant could then use the credit card number to purchase more merchandise and sell it as a gift card. The merchant could also use the credit card number to purchase merchandise on the Internet and then sell it on the Internet. The merchant could also use the credit card number to purchase merchandise on the Internet and then sell it on the Internet. The merchant could also use the credit card number to purchase merchandise on the Internet and then sell it on the Internet.

These are two very serious scams that could take all of your money and ruin your credit. Every time you use a card of any kind be aware of your surroundings.
Lady Norse faced tough teams during spring trip to Florida

After dropping two of three games played in the Sunshine State Classic at Tallahassee, Fla., the Lady Norse softball squad swung a double-header from defending national champion Illinois Central College last week in Tallahassee.

"It was very proud of the way our kids played. All of the games we played in the classic had already played at least 20 games, but, it showed in their execution. But it was good for us to get to see how much work we've got ahead of us," said Lady Norse head coach Eric Brown.

Norse continue homestand

Four pitchers combined on a five-hitter as the Golden Nornenmen gained a 2-0 victory over Boise, Idaho, last Sunday at Home Thomas Field.

Returning to action after inclement weather wiped out one game with Kittwood, Iowa over spring break, coach Roger Ward's Nornenmen currently stand 12-7 on the season.

The Norse played back-to-back nine-inning games with Southeastern Iowa Monday and Tuesday at Home Thomas Field before hosting Boise, Idaho on Thursday.

NORSE WIND 5
Friday, March 26, 1999

Some play the mats, some play the field, some, like the Norse, play the home plate.

Lady Norse head coach Eric Brown reaches to catch a pitch while warming up the NEO pitcher between innings. The Lady Norse play six games at home before starting a six-game conference road trip on April 1.

A simple by Traci Kurfang along with a walk to Amanda Wolsky and a RBI single by Cassie Staugi gave Illinois Central a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Kayla Webb singled to start a three-run fifth inning for the Lady Norse. With two outs, Ayres doubled. Cassie Scott walked to fill the bases. Bell doubled to right-center clearing the bases and giving NEC's 3-1 lead.

After Brandsen reached on a error to start the sixth inning, Gene Schneckenberg sacrificed. Webb followed with a single, scoring Brandsen.

A walk to Laura LaMontanian accounted for the final Illinois Central run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Grigby reached on an error by Ayres in center as LaMontanian came around to score.

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Six Norsemen earn all-conference

Freshman guard Shon Robinson was one of six members of the Golden Norse basketball squad selected to the Bi-State Athletic Conference Eastern Division all-conference team. Robinson, who was named to the All-Bi-State II team and the Region II All-Tournament team while guiding coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norsemen to second place in the region and a 23-10 overall record, led the Norse with a 12.9 scoring average with 50 assists and 65 steals in 23 games. Robinson averaged 5.2 rebounds per game as a guard.

Other players selected to the All-Region II team were Keesey Dye, Connors State; Maurice Jeffers, Wewak College; Michael Hicks and James Hall, both of Bacon College; Emil Luster and Kevin Overton, both from Seminole College; Toby Harman, Rose State College; Ron Banks, Northern Oklahoma College, and Livan Pyler, Eastern Oklahoma College.

Joining Robinson on the Bi-State East All-Conference squad were Wewak's Hicks, Hall, Dye, Jeffers, Bart Reif of Northok, David Wall of Danyon Stel, both of Carl Albert College, and Aaron Evans of Bacon College.

Representing the Golden Norsemen on the Bi-State East honorable mention squad were sophomore Beau Walcott and Marlin Green along with freshmen Josh Tipp, Antonio Anderson and David Adams.

Walace (6-1 from Broken Arrow) led the Norsemen with 11 assists while recording 56 steals and averaging 6.9 points per game at point guard.

Marlin Green (6-4 from Denver, Colo.) averaged 8.6 points and 4.4 rebounds per game in a forward.

Tipp (6-1 from Tuscaloosa, Wash.) averaged 12.8 points with 54 assists and 43 steals as a guard.

Anderson (6-2 from Altoona) averaged 7.4 points and 2.7 rebounds at either guard or forward for the Golden Norsemen.

Adams (6-5 from Tuscaloosa) averaged 6.1 points and 5.2 rebounds from the center position for the Norsemen.

Five Lady Norse selected to all-conference squad

Five members of the Lady Norse basketball team were selected to the Bi-State Athletic Conference Eastern Division All-Conference squad. Freshman guard Rosalind Ross, who was named to the All-Bi-State II team and the Region II All-Tournament team while guiding coach Carl Lewis' Lady Norse to second place in the region and a 23-10 overall record, led the Lady Norse with a 23.0 scoring average with 117 assists and 38.8 rebounds per game as a guard.

Joining Ross on the all-conference squad were seniors and All-Bi-State II team members Lyndsay Clark of Northark, and Erika Verner, Erika Rame and Andrea Billups, all of Bacon College.

Bridgette Kgreen and Melinda Thrasher, all of Connors State; Tari Jones and Jamie Lewis, both of Wewak College;

Carolyn Wecker, Arvina Brown, Lyley Brown, and Wenda Keene, all of Wewak College; and Trudy Goodling, a senior at Bacon College.

Senior forward Amanda Thompson (5-8 from Vinita) led the Lady Norse with 114 assists while recording 57 steals and scoring 10.5 points per game. Thompson also recorded 10 blocks.

Classy Bowditch, a sophomore point guard, led the Lady Norse in steals with 56.

Bridgette Kgreen, a senior from New Albany, Miss., recorded 30 steals and 58 assists.

Thompson led in rebounds with 54.

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