Former graduate delivers commencement address

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Former Nebraska graduate Barry Reynolds will deliver the commencement address during the annual graduation ceremony Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m. on Beidler Field.

Approximately 371 seniors who have completed the requirements for an associate of arts degree or an associate in applied science degree will participate in the ceremony.

Reynolds, a 1984 graduate of N.E.O., is currently a lawyer in Joplin, Titus, Hills and Reynolds Law.

He attended the University of Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in physics. He received the prestigious Missouri Alumni Award for Phi Theta Kappa in 1991.

Reynolds is a graduate of Miami High School, Reynolds enrolled at N.E.O. in 1968. While attending N.E.O., Reynolds served as president of the Student Faculty Association and the Student Senate of Phi Theta Kappa.

During his sophomore year, Reynolds was elected president of the National Phi Theta Kappa association.

Reynolds became the first student to be elected president of the Student Body Government at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor's degree.

He was selected into the University of Southern Mississippi's Hall of Fame in 1992. He has served as president of the University of Oklahoma in 1989. Along with practicing law in Joplin, Reynolds currently serves as president of the N.E.O. Alumni Association.

He is also on the Board of Directors for the International Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.

A member of the Joplin County Bar Association, Reynolds is also a member of the Oklahoma City Bar Association, the Oklahoma State Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and the Joplin-Hollister Palmyra American Bar.

He is an attorney with the Titus, Hills and Reynolds Law Firm. He is also a member of the Missouri State Bar Association, the Joplin Bar Association, the National Fillmore County Bar Association, the Joplin Bar Association, the National Fillmore County Bar Association, and the Joplin Bar Association.

Four deans assume new positions

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

One of the first steps in the re-alignment of the academic structure of the college has been the completion of the selection of four deans, according to Dr. Barry Varr, vice president of academic affairs.

The approval of the OSU-PI Board of Regents, the four deans will begin their duties on July 1. The re-alignment of the six existing academic divisions into three educational schools was first proposed to the Regents in January and was officially approved during a recent meeting.

Joining the college administration as dean of enrollment management and student records is Linda Oldham-Barnes. Oldham-Barnes spent four years at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. As dean of enrollment management and student records, Oldham-Barnes will oversee admissions, the registrar's office and the testing center.

Former head of the mathematics department, John Lomax, was named dean of the school of Agriculture and Natural Sciences.

Lomax joined the college faculty in 1977. He will oversee the departments of agriculture, mathematics, natural sciences and technology.

Brian Hauck, department head of speech and theatre, will serve as dean of the school of Liberal Arts. He joined the N.E.O. faculty in 1984. Academic departments included in the school of Liberal Arts are history, social science, languages and literature, and fine arts.

Jim Gendron, director of continuing education and the development foundation, will serve as dean of the school of Human Environmental Sciences.

Gendron will oversee the departments of allied health and physical education, business and nursing.

"I think that each of these individuals possesses excellent leadership skills, and have above average communication skills," said Dr. Varr.

"They are creative, hard-working individuals, N.E.O. will be in good shape with these people around."

Owens elected president

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Jason Owens, a freshman from Lamar, Mo., was elected president of the Student Body Government for the 1999-2000 school year.

"Student participation in this year's election process was the lowest it has been in several years," said Shirley Robinson, secretary to the vice president of student affairs.

Owens is a nursing business major.

Heath Bush, a freshman from Oklahoma City, was elected vice president.

Robert Down, a freshman from Afton, was elected secretary and Valerie Edwards, a freshman from Broken Arrow, was elected treasurer.

Corey Wahlin and Keith Olton, both from Tulsa, were selected as senators-at-large.

Book buy back starts

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

The book buy back started Wednesday, May 5, at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Students can not return books if they have any outstanding fines at the time," said Joe Clapp, bookstore manager.

"There will be a representative from the Iron Bank that will conduct our buy back," he said.

If the books are purchased through financial aid or outside sources, the student can write a check made out to the bookstore and can write the funds back to the bookstore.

Books that were purchased through financial aid or outside sources must be turned in to the bookstore. These books are considered borrowed.

"Students must print their ID when returning books," Clapp said.

"Students who return books to the school may pay the book fee by using the book fund. There will be a representative from the business office to collect outstanding charges."
Editor's note: The following article was written by Robert Parker and appeared in the spring issue of Campus. It is based on a talk by Parker at the 1998 National Meeting on Alcohol, Drug, and Violence Prevention in Higher Education. Parker is the director of the Robert Proctor Center for Crime and Justice Studies at the University of California at Riverside. Presenting Crime-What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising is a report published in 1997 that was commissioned by the U.S. Congress and produced by Professor Larry Sherman of the University of Maryland at College Park. As an educator, I was shocked to read this report that finds among its education strategies don’t work very well with regard to preventing drinking and drug and violence use and abuse, and by extension, to the problems of violence prevention.

But as an educator, I like you are not going to give up. I'm going to keep trying to make these programs more effective. The report does provide advice about how to do those things that are working. However, what we need to take away from this report is, as enthusiastically as we wish to do, because the educators, is that it is not the only thing, and perhaps not even the most important thing, that we are trying to prevent alcohol-related violence in our on and our campuses. If the strategy that we have committed to is going to have limited impact, then what can we do instead? The research from the last five to 10 years points to the importance of alcohol availability on violence is very important.

The fact of a number of studies have shown that availability of alcohol increases violence. Second, others and I have conducted research that shows that consumption directly increases youth homicides. These evaluations looked at a number of campus incidents and increasing and when it has been decreasing and found a fairly consistent effect over time.

The third finding is a responsible beverage service program. Research now shows these policies and practices reduce intoxication. When someone leaves an establishment that’s run under the aspects of responsible beverage service, they’re less likely to be intoxicated than when leaving an establishment that’s not run that way.

What, then, are the implications for these findings for campus prevention? One thing that’s paramount in my mind is that we need to eliminate on-campus alcohol sales. Many campuses have long traditions of a favorite bar located in the student union or somewhere else on campus that all the students and the faculty like to frequent. But, in the context of the problems that we’re concerned about, we cannot tolerate the sanctioning of alcohol sales on our campuses. That is the number one priority that we should adopt to reduce the exposure to the dangers of alcohol and violence.

Second, we need to work to reduce the availability of alcohol near the campus. Campaigns against a lot of economic activity, including alcohol sales, bars, and so on, we need to be sensitive to the needs of the community and the economic impact of policies. However, reducing alcohol availability near campus is an important factor in reducing the chances that college presidents are going to have to tell parents that a tragedy has happened.

Thirst, we can establish better communication with the community and merchants to enforce a couple of things that are already on the books, such as the minimum drinking age. We need to work with merchants and law enforcement to increase the enforcement of the minimum drinking age. That will have a big impact. We can also help exchange initiatives and participation in responsible beverage service training. What we do need to do is in a larger sense in terms of the research that that’s not hard done. We don’t have a lot of it detailed information that we need from research about, for example, the relationship between alcohol, other drugs played in them, and how we can intervene to prevent such incidents. We do need to do more evaluation of environmental impacts, such as policies that change the availability of and access to alcohol.

Finally, we need to work with our communities where our campuses are located for better enforcement of existing rules and codes of conduct. This is particularly important on campus. We all have codes of conduct that prohibit or provide sanctions for alcohol-related or other kinds of violence, assault. And yet, so many cases never even reach our judicial processes on campus. Those that do are often treated leniently, particularly when all that stems from major sports teams are involved.

We have to push our campuses, despite the unpopularity of it, to send a message to every student that if you break the rules you will be treated fairly but severely, and we will take sanctions against you. We are not sending that message clearly enough.

By Mindy Fleming

Although suicide is not the number one cause of death in the United States, the 1996 age-adjusted rate was 10.8/100,000. Only 1.3 of total deaths were suicide. By contrast, 52% of deaths from diseases of the heart, 21% were from malignant neoplasms (cancer), and 7% from cerebrovascular disease (stroke). The three leading causes of death were the total number of suicide deaths was 30,293.

Suicide by firearms was the most common method for both men and women, accounting for 61% of all suicides. More men than women die by suicide. The gender ratio is 4.5 to 1.7 of all suicides are committed by males. Seventy nine percent of all suicides are committed by white males.

The highest suicide rates were for white men aged 45-54, who had a rate of 16.0/100,000. However, suicide was the leading cause of death for this age group. Suicide was the third leading cause of death among young people aged 15 to 24 years of age. Following unintentional injuries and homicide. The rate was 12.2/100,000, or 99/100,000.

The suicide rate among children aged 10-14 was 1.6/100,000. or 298 deaths among 18,949,000 children in this age group and the rate among adolescents aged 15-19 was 9.0/100,000, or 1,874 deaths among 18,648,000 adolescents in this age group. The gender ratio was 10.7 for this age group was 30.1 males: females.

Among young people aged 20 to 24 years of age the suicide rate was 14.0/100,000, or 2,541 deaths among 17,565,000 people in this age group with the gender ratio of 7.5 to 1. In addition, suicide is a complex behavior. The risk factors for suicide frequently occur in combination. Scientific research has shown that about 50% of all people who kill themselves have a diagnosable mental or substance abuse disorder, and the majority have more than one disorder.

Clinical research has shown that alterations in neurotransmitters or neurotransmitter receptors in the brain can increase the risk of suicide. These alterations have been found in patients with depression, violent suicide attempts and impulsive disorders, and also postmortem brains of suicide victims. Adverse life events in combination with other risk factors such as mental or substance abuse disorders and impulsivity, lead to suicide. However, suicidal and suicide behavior is not normal responses to the stress experienced by most people. Many people experience one or more risk factors and are not suicidal.

Familial factors in highly dysfunctional families can be associated with suicide: family history of mental or substance abuse disorder, family history of suicide, and family violence, including physical or sexual abuse. Other risk factors include prior suicide attempts, firearms in the home, incarceration, and exposure to the suicidal behavior of others, including family members, peers, and on the media in news or fiction stories according to "Suicide Fact!"

No national data on attempted suicide are available, reliable scientific research, however, has found that there are an estimated 25 attempted suicides for every completed. The ratio is higher in women and youth and lower in men and the elderly, more women than men report a history of attempted suicide. By this ratio of about 2.1, the averaged risk factors for attempted suicide in adults are depression, alcohol abuse, cocaine use, anhedonia, and separation or divorce.

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Kari's LATTERING

By Kari Ciff

Wendell Well the end of school year, teachers are finishing up the semester grades and that means research papers! I know that through high school it was no big deal to write a research paper because all that you had to do is copy some words from a encyclopedia and put your name at the top. You get in college and you can get in big trouble for plagiarizing anything from research papers to books reports. I must admit that it is just too hard to go back to school like I do but when you go to a larger university the consequences could be severe.

Most of the universities throughout the nation have a code book and in that book states the plagiarizing policy. If you get caught or worse. This is a very serious matter.

In college courses, we are continually engaged with other people's ideas: we read them in texts, hear them in lectures, discuss them in class, and incorporate them into our own writing. As a result, it is very important that we give credit where credit is due.

Plagiarism is using others' ideas and works without clearly acknowledging the source of that information. In order to avoid plagiarism you must give credit: whenever you use another person's ideas, opinion, or theory; any facts, statistics, graphs, or drawings that are not common knowledge.

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Prospective graduates announced

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With completion of all requirements for either an associate of arts degree or an associate of science degree, the following students will participate in the graduation ceremonies.

Adair: Mimi Page and Shane Page
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Auburn: Valier Davis
Ashburn: Melinda C. Cooper
Austin, Coka: Marion Green
Bates: James Caldwell
Bellevue: John Shambles, LaDonna Thomas, Cory White, Adam Johnson, Aaron Green, Laura Edmonds, Lindsey West, and Sara Maylor
Baxter Springs, Kan.: Aimee George, Corey George, and Melissa Rybicki
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Berkeley, Cal.: Tia Berry
Biloxi: Darrell Struble and Sheila Hewett
Biscoe, N.C.: Tracy Brown and Mark Turner
Blair: Kevin J. Jimerson, and Mel McCarry
Bluefield: Daiana Blaikie, Sandy Oakley, Jennifer Shaffer, Tara Milam, and Katherine Wendt
Broken Arrow: Ben Johnson, John Mahon, Karon Richardson, Bryan Blackwood, and Beau Wallace
Cameron, Wash.: William Dixon
Carrville, Miss.: Sicia Wayne
Carthage, Miss.: Adrain Daspit and Homie Hopkin
Catoma (Heath Millican): Central Point, Ore.: Matthew Porter
Cincinnati: Dianna Blaikie
Crestline, Kan.: Jeffrey Schneider
Crestview, Miss.: Rachel Spence, Laura Peters, and Cotopia, Kan.: Paige Knott
Coesville, N.Y., Kuan Emel: Chickasha, Okla.: Kari Guff
Cooper: Jocelyn B. Brown and Michael Teutel
Columbus, Kan.: Crystal Saunders
Comanche: Jason Harwick, Connor and A. L. Lamb, Morgan, Leigh Brade, Nicholas Lee, William Morgan, Amy Myers, Phillip Loftis, and Heather Uphoff
Coppell, Texas: Patrick S. Weathersby
Carolyn M. Dirksen, and Jennifer Kennedy
Davie, Fla.: Kevin K. Devadoss
Delaware: C. Clay Hall, Michael Dimond, and Benjamin Cross
Dubuque: Stewart Morris and John Matzko
El Dorado Springs, Mo.: Erica Abod
Elkton, Ark.: Coby Miller
Edmond: Anne Marie H. Eddy, Kim Hartling, Jed Irvine, Shelly Bodkin, and Joe Hammond
Erie: Kendra Prather
Fort Worth: Kellie Kirby and Debra Span
Fayetteville, Tex.: Robin Hill
Midland, Texas: John Hall
Middleton, Wis.: Clara Cichon, Clarissa Young
Missouri: Brennan Taylor Martl, Carly Reardon, Brian Mowen, and Jennifer Kranz
Muscatine, Iowa: Peter Taylor
Nash, Tex.: Sherry Reardon
New York: John Regan, Fred Joyce
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Veteran instructors announce immediate retirement plans

By Sara Livingston
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Along with the realignment of the academic area to start the 1998-99 school year, the college will be without the services of three tenure faculty members that have announced their retirement.

Concluding 45 years of service to the institution will be Jack Rucker who is currently re-cooperating from surgery in March. Rucker joined the college faculty as an English instructor in 1954.

During his long and illustrious career Rucker has served in both the Athletic and Academic areas. He was NES's first women's basketball coach and also served as head track coach during the late 1950's and early 60's. Rucker was selected to serve as the first director of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region II when it was created in 1958.

Along with teaching numerous English classes during the 45-year period, Rucker also served as advisor of the Viking year book from 1954 to 1978. Rucker has served as chair of the communications/fine arts division since 1988. After announcing their retirement after a combined 68 years of service to the institution is the husband-wife team of Bob and Ruth Ann Maxwell.

The epitome of the "Ones A Nurse, Always A Nurse" philosophy, not only have both Maxwells served in numerous faculty and administrative positions, but all three of their daughters graduated from NES.

Ruth Ann Maxwell, a reading and English instructor, has been on the medical leave of absence since January. Ruth Ann is a 1965 NES graduate and received her B.A. in English at Loyola College in Baltimore. She is a member of the English Department and has taught for 20 years at the college.

Ruth Ann Maxwell was one of the founding members of the Northeastern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association. She is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region II and the National Education Association.

Ruth Ann Maxwell was a member of the Bengal dance team and served as editor of the Viking yearbook. She also served in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region II during her tenure at the college.

Maxwell is a member of the Northeastern Oklahoma State University Alumni Association and has been active in campus activities. She is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region II and the National Education Association.

Bob Maxwell, an assistant professor of Psychology, has been on the medical leave of absence since January. He is a member of the Psychology Department and has taught for 25 years at the college.

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Journalists win awards

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Four members of the college journalism program were awarded honors during the 29th Annual Northeastern Oklahoma State University Media Day last week in Tahlequah.

Competing against students representing over two-year colleges, the students earned 25 of the 41 categories adjudged.

More than 350 students from junior colleges, high schools and junior high schools attended the day-long event.

Sara Livingston, a sophomore from Miami and managing editor of The Viking yearbook, was first place in the junior college news writing competition.

Billy Boyce, former sports editor from Bartlesville, finished first in sports column writing and third in overall sports writing.

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The Viking yearbook placed second overall in sports column writing, second in overall sports, second in overall sports photography, and second in overall sports competition.

"I was very proud of the way our kids competed," said Dr. Sansom. "Our staff members, we were the smallest staff entered and we still came home with a near-record number of awards," said Morris Fleck, publications advisor.
Big toys offer variety of fun

"I AM THE GREATEST"  
An unidentified student waits for the next challenger during the boxing portion of the Big Toys.

TAKE THAT:  
Two unidentified students stop on the gloves and go at it during a visit by the Big Toys last week as part of Spring Fling activities co-sponsored by the Student Body Government and the Student Activities Association.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT  
It is difficult to deliver a knock-out punch when your opponent is on the mat.

SUMO FUN  
Another Big Toy that was available for the students to try was Sumo Wrestling suits.
ATHLETIC TEAMS RUN GAMMSET OF SUCCESSES

Along with the success of winning a conference championship in football and coming close in three other sports, the college intercollegiate sports program saw the change of three head coaches during the 1998-99 school year.

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Volleyball

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Westark Community College defeated the Lady Norse 15-13, 15-2 and 15-4 in the semi-finals of the regional tournament in El Reno.

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Wet weather causes baseball team to make schedule changes

With two weeks remaining before the start of the Region II Tournament, rains and wet weather have been the claiming stars on Golden Norse baseball games that the team has recently played.

Coach Roger Ward's Norsemen started the week with a 29-19 season record and a 9-9 mark in the Bi-State Athletic Conference. The Norse were scheduled to host Comets State on Thursday in a conference doubleheader, but before traveling to Fort Scott, Kan., on Thursday for a non-conference game. Rainy heavy rains put both games in jeopardy.

NED is scheduled to travel to Seminole on Saturday to face the Trojans in a doubleheader before making up the game of rainout next week.

The Region II Tournament will start May 13 and continue through May 17 at Fort Smith, Ark.

Norsemen 5, Cowdor 2

Two home runs by freshmen second baseman Rob Watson and sophomore shortstop Jordan Williams were enough for the Norsemen to claim a 5-2 victory over Cowdor Community College.

Cowdor jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Singles by Lance Blackard and Eric Goodrich started the rally. After a passed ball by NED catcher Nick Zedrow, Michael Smith singled scoring both Blackard and Goodrich.

With one out in the bottom of the second consecutive singles by Steve Williams and Jesse French started a Norseman rally for the Norsemen. Doug Garner followed with a two-run single creating a 2-2 tie.

Back-to-back singles by Adam Basham and David Merino started a two-run third inning for the Norsemen. Backhander led a two-run rally to give Cowdor a 4-2 lead.

Watson, a 5-10 freshman from Riverside, Calif., hit a 0-0 pitch over the left field fence to start the bottom of the third inning for the Norsemen. After Bryan Hukell was hit by a pitch and Zedrow singled, Williams delivered a RBI sacrifice fly to create a 4-4 tie.

Taking advantage of an error by NEO shortstop Chris Brooks, Cowdor.regained the lead in the top of the fourth inning. With one on Josh Singletor reached on the Brooks error before Basham doubled, giving the Norsemen a 5-4 lead.

Leading off the bottom of the fifth inning Watson was hit by a pitch. Hukell followed with his fifth home run of the season to give NED a 5-4 lead for good. With one out Williams was walked by a pitch, Garner lined a single to right center as Williams scored for a 5-5 NEO lead.

Ryan Kentner doubled with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning. Watson followed with his third home run in the last three games to give the Norsemen a 7-5 lead.

Along with the two home runs from Watson, the Norseman received a homer from Hukell, double from Kentner and two singles by Garner, Williams, Brooks, French and Zedrow.

Norsemen 4, Coffeyville 2-0

Against the Coffeyville Red Ravens on Friday, the Norsemen scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning of the first game to earn a 4-2 victory.

Kentner singled to start the rally. Zedrow followed with a RBI double. After Williams and John Messenger walked to fill the bases, Garner doubled clearing the bases.

Zedrow collected two of the six Golden Norse hits along with doubles by Garner and Brooks and singles by Kentner and Williams.

Senior shortstop Konrad Poblete worked the first five innings allowing two runs on four hits. Veteran Brian Garcia worked the final two innings allowing no runs or one hit.

Solo home runs by Watson and Zedrow helped power the Norse to a 6-0 shutout in the second game. Zedrow's blast came in the sixth while Watson hit one in the seventh inning.

Brooks, Kentner and Watson collected two hits each to pace the nine-hit Norse attack.

Freshman Josh Wells and veteran Adam Cole combined on a one-hit shutout.

Maple Woods 7-3, Norsemen 6-18

Expanding for 18 runs against 15th-ranked Maple Woods Community College, the Norsemen gained a split in a doubleheader played last week in Kansas City, Mo. Maple Woods needed eight innings to beat the Golden Norse a 7-6 loss in the fifth game before NEO responded with a 18-7 win in the second game.

Taking advantage of a Golden Norse error, Maple Woods built a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning of the first game. Scott Olson walked to start the inning, after Olson, 2B Greg Brandon reached a one out an error by NEO third baseman Nick Zedrow which allowed Olson to score.

Zedrow scored for the error by leading off the second inning with his fourth home run of the season to tie the score. With one out Eric Downdoon singled Mickey Cooper followed with a single.

After a sacrifice by Doug Garner, Rob Watson singled scoring both Downdoon and Cooper. A double by Ryan Kentner scored Watson for a 4-1 NEO lead.

After Maple Woods scored one run in the bottom of the second inning, NEO built a 6-3 lead in the top of the fourth inning. Watson singled with two outs. Kentner followed with a RBI double. Jesse French singled scoring Kentner.

A two-run home run by Ryan Douglass in the fourth inning cut NEC's lead to 6-4.

Back-to-back doubles by Mike Montgomery and Jordan Murray spelled Maple Woods a 6-5 deficit at the bottom of the fifth inning.

Pitch hitter Chris MacKow singled with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning for Maple Woods. Consecutive singles by Olson and Trenty Garner scored MacKow with the tying run.

A walk to Brandon and consecutive singles by Murray and Kevin Green provided the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

French paced the 12 hit Golden Norse attack with three singles while Kentner added two doubles and Watson and Zedrow added two hits each.

Home runs by Watson, Kentner, Zedrow, Steve Williams and John Messenger highlighted the Norsemen marathon in the second game.

Back-to-back home runs by Poblete and Brandon gave Maple Woods a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Three walks, a hit-batter and RBI singles by Cooper, Watson and French propelled the Norse to a 4-3 lead in the top of the second inning.

Maple Woods tied the score in the bottom of the third inning, before NEO's Kentner hit a solo home run in the top of the fourth inning.

Drew Pearson walked to start the bottom of the fourth for Maple Woods. Consecutive singles by Olson, Poblete and Brandon produced a 7-5 lead.

Sending 12 batters to the plate in the top of the fifth inning the Norse exploded for nine runs. Key hit was a two-run home run by Zedrow.

A two-run home run by Watson in the sixth and a two-run homer by Messenger in the seventh closed out NEO's scoring.

Watson, Kentner and French collected three hits each.

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Members of the Golden Norse baseball squad pose before the start of a game with Cowdor College last weekend at Horns Thomas Field. The Norsemen will appear in the Region II Tournament scheduled for May 13-17 at Fort Smith, Ark.
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Mother Nature may be the big winner as the end of the 1999 softball season arrives. After Miami received more than six inches of rain over the weekend, coach Eric Iversen's Lady Norse may not get to consolidate the regular season.

The Lady Norse were scheduled to host Eastern Oklahoma College on Tuesday, Commers State College on Wednesday and Carl Albert State College on Thursday. But all three conference double-headers were in doubt because of the wet playing conditions.

Should the regular season end today, fourth-ranked Commer State College would win the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 23-5 record and a .55-13 overall mark.

The Lady Norse are in second place with a 20-4 conference mark and a 32-11 overall record. Commer State College is third in the league with a .55-13 record and a .35-16 season mark.

The Region II Tournament is scheduled to start Friday, May 7 through Sunday, May 9 in McAlester.

Lady Norse 8-11, Bacone 0-2
Stellar pitching and timely hitting carried the 17th-ranked Lady Norse to a 8-1 and 10-2 Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header over Bacone College last week on the NED diamond. Against Bacone in the first game, Lady Norse freshman Kris Harris limited the Lady Warriors to a single by Gene Vaughn in the top of the second inning. Harris fanned seven without allowing a walk to improve to 11-7 on the season.

Jodi Rivers led the Lady Norse offense with three singles while both F'lyia Webb and Lindsay Jarvis added two hits each. Kristy Brandon, Nicole Wolski and Kris Harris all collected hits.

The Lady Norse jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning of the second game. Webb singled and Rivers reached on an error. Both runners scored on a triple by Jarvis. An error by Brandon led to the tying run.

Along with the four hits from Jarvis, the Lady Norse received two hits each from Brandon, Webb and Harris and singles from Kris Harris and Stephanie Lee. Lee pitched the first three innings allowing one run on one hit with three strikeouts and one walk to stand 14-3 in the season.

Brandon worked the final two innings allowing one run on two hits. Harris scored on an error.

The Lady Norse 13-3, Northern 2-5
After gaining a 12-2 victory in five innings of the first game, the Lady Norse suffered a 5-3 loss in a double-header last week with Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. With two runs in the top of the first inning of the opening game with the Lady Mavericks, the Lady Norse moved consecutive singles by Lindsay Jarvis, Kristy Brandon and Nicole Wolski to grab a 2-0 lead.

Northern responded with two runs in the top of the first inning. Dani DelBoard reached on a fly-ball single. After Amanda Parker reached on a fielder's choice, both DelBoard and Parker scored on a double by Shannon Blay.

Taking advantage of two Lady Mavericks errors, the Lady Norse built a 6-2 lead in the top of the second inning. Stephanie Lee singled to start the rally. Both Genie Schenkberg and Kayla Webb reached on errors to load the bases. Jodi Rivers delivered a two-run single and Jarvis singled scoring Webb. After Brandan walked, Wolksi singled scoring Rivers.

Lee doubled to start the top of the third inning for NEO. Webb followed with a RBI single scoring Webb. After Schenkberg singled, Jarvis and Brandon.

NEO staged a rally in the top of the seventh inning after Hartling singled to start the rally. Hartling doubled scoring Hartling. Janie Prince followed with a RBI double scoring Bell. After Schenkberg singled, some singles and wild pitches led to four runs scoring by the Lady Mavericks.

Neither pitcher was outstanding, but DelBoard and Blay each had two hits to lead the Lady Mavericks.

Stukey resigns volleyball post

Jan Stukey, women's volleyball coach at Northeastern A&M, has resigned her position effective May 7, according to Bob Maxwell, athletic director.

During her two-year tenure as head coach, Stukey guided the Lady Norse to a 23-27 record in dual matches. Both seasons the Lady Norse were eliminated in the opening round of the Region II post-season tournament.

"We will begin the search for a replacement immediately. We want to have a coach in place as soon as possible to participate in the recruiting process," said Maxwell.
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