Enrollment continues

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

With only five weeks remaining in the spring semester, students can obtain a list of summer and full classes at the window of Admissions Office located in the Doyle Creek Library/Administration building.

Permits were issued on Monday and Tuesday for students graduating in December.

Graduating sophomores with 40 hours or more may obtain their permits in the registrar's office.

Enrollment for current students with less than 40 hours started Wednesday.

New students and anyone else who is not currently enrolled will be allowed to enroll Monday, April 3.

After processing, new students will be sent to an appropriate division chair for the assignment of an academic advisor.

Returning students will be sent to their previous advisor or assigned a new one.

The student should receive a copy of their academic transcripts to present to their advisor.

New students should have their complete enrollment packet.

Veterans should report to Caroline Baker, veterans coordinator, located in Admissions and Records Office.

Graduating sophomores must turn in their curriculum guide completed and signed by their advisor.

The curriculum guide, enrollment sheet, and advisor's transcript must be returned to the registrar's office.

Official schedules will be given by the division secretary at the time of enrollment.

The time is now to start applying for financial aid and scholarships for the fall of 2000.

Students that intend on going to summer school need to take their schedules to the financial aid office because they will be awarded by the number of hours that a student is enrolled for the summer.

The financial aid office is located in the basement of the Doyle Creek Library/Administration building.

Identification cards will be issued in campus security located in the basement of Harrell/Dobbe Hall.

Identification cards can be obtained through normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHAT CLASSES DO I TAKE?

Kyle Blanding (center), a freshman from Miami, sits with two unidentified friends in the Carter Student Union Snack Bar and discusses what classes to take either during the summer, or in the fall.

Aggie Day activities Saturday

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Approximately 3,000 high school students from seven states will be gathering on campus Saturday for the 8th annual Aggie Day.

Sponsored by the agriculture department, the aggie society, and several other students, the agriculture field, the day long event will feature competition in various categories.

Some of the areas of competition include livestock judging, meat judging, farm business management, land judging, crop judging, entomology, and soil and water management.

Other categories included in the competition are speeches, dairy products, pasture and range, forestry, nursery/landscape, floriculture, and dairy contests.

The livestock categories will consist of three cattle classes, three hog classes, two sheep classes and three oral reasons.

Late enrollment will have a $20 fee due from each pair needing that money before 7:45 a.m. the contest will begin at 9 a.m.

Judges will count at 7 a.m. and start the festivities at 7:30 a.m.

The meat contests will begin at 9 a.m. and consist of two 100 head, four cattle categories.

Soil and Water Management contests start at 8:30 a.m.

Each chapter may enter two contestants in the speech category in specific speech areas.

The Dairy Products contests will be participating in the new gym and the second floor of Harrell Hall.

Parent and Range contests will start at 9 a.m.

Enrolling at 7:30 a.m. and leaving for the field at 8 a.m. will be the two row crop categories.

Nursery/Landscape contests start at 8:30 a.m. along with flower arrangement in various locations.

The Dairy Contest will start at 9 a.m.

Points will be awarded for the Doughnut hole during the 2000 Aggie Day Contest.
OPINION

Cafeteria provides vital services

By John Colby
Editorial Editor

The cafeteria is one of the most important parts of college life. Without good food, the school will lose money because the students and faculty will not want to eat there.

Some students and staff say unpleasant things about our cafeteria, that's because they do not have all of the information about the place.

Many of the students enjoy eating there and the cafeteria staff love to work there.

One lady loves everything about the place, she must, since she has worked there for twenty years. Every staff member I talked to say they like working there because of the students.

One student likes to eat there because the cafeteria staff is nice to the students and they take care of the students.

The cafeteria staff loves to talk and socialize with students. Faculty. They also work very hard. The morning crew has to wake up at a quarter to four every morning.

That does not leave much room for sleep, but it is worth it to be with the students.

Some of the faculty and staff like the cafeteria because the food is cheap and a lot of variety for an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Despite the hostility and the cheap food, there are some issues that need to be resolved.

The way they handle the pay scale should be improved.

People with ten years experience start out at the same wages as someone with less than a year experience.

There should be more variety.

One old who have the same choices everyday.

The pizza sauce should be changed, though it has gotten better since the beginning of the school year.

Many other students would like to have bacon offered with their hamburgers or cheeseburgers.

Some students and faculty cannot eat sugar or fatty foods.

The menu should include more fat free and sugar free foods, especially desserts.

The food should also be fresh, like the vegetables.

Fresh foods are a whole lot better than foods that have been reheated or frozen for over a week.

One of the biggest problems is the meat hours.

There is not enough help to do some of the work.

If the school would increase the budget to the cafeteria, then they can hire more help to fix tables, chairs, and maybe even the ice cream machines.

Personally, I like ice cream to be somewhat frozen. Otherwise I would drink milk.

Some school officials complain that enrollment is down, a simple way to solve that is to add incentives.

Everybody enjoys good food, so why don't you make the food better.

If the food is good, the school will make more money and will entice students to come back.

The people here want to improve everything.

The best things to improve is the quality of the food and a bigger budget.

If things get fixed, then people here will be happier and enjoy their stay here better than before.

Phi Theta Kappa members provide quality teaching

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Several members of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society spend time each week helping fifth graders at Washington School.

The college students are helping them improve their reading skills and giving the students individualized help with their school work.

Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society for freshman with a grade point average of 3.5 or above, decided they wanted to help elementary students, said Heath Bush, a PTK officer.

Each semester about 15 NEO students hook up with one class and work with the students all year," he said.

"Once a week we go to the school and help with homework or help with reading,"

This year NEO students are working with the students in Pat Douglas’ fifth grade class.

Douglas said she took the NEO students' list and found a new group of students to work with.

"They like working with them so much that students have even given up extra time," said Douglas.

The college students are able to give them a lot of one-on-one attention which is needed. Although reading is a main focus for their project, the NEO students work with the Washington students on a variety of assignments.

Phi Theta Kappa members report they can see improvement in the students each week. Bush said, "We enjoy working with kids," said Bush. "It gives us the chance to get away from the grind of school. It's really a blessing to work with the kids. It's something we look forward to doing each week."

Phi Theta Kappa members volunteering at Washington School include Cory Clark, Mandy Charles, Melissa Bivins, Brooke Eary, Tasha Hildbrandt, Heath Bush and Hailing Chang.

STREET TALK
by Jon Colby

Do you think remedial classes help students?

Melina Barnes, freshman, Jones, Oklahoma

"Yes, because it helps some students prepare for the next step."

Greg Arnold, freshman, Dallas, Texas

"Yes, because with more practice, most students understand better."

Misty Ford, freshman, Siloam Springs, Arkansas

"No, because in the end you don't receive college credit for the class."

Gano Perez, Jr., freshman, Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Yes, because they help some students who are behind to get caught up."

Marcia Overtun, sophmore, Henryetta, Oklahoma

"Yes, because they help students get ready for college-level courses."
Math department adjusts to needs

By Jon Owen
Feature Editor

"Math is a part of the general education requirements. It exposes you to a lot of different subject areas," said Associate Professor Karen Walls.

"Math is one of those subjects that requires a different kind of learning because it has a sequential nature. It's a subject that helps in develop problem solving skills, which can be applied to many areas of study," Walls said.

Walls is in her first year as chair of the math department. A part of the School of Agriculture and Natural Science, the math department features four other instructors.

A graduate in math from NEO, Walls received a bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. She earned a master's degree from the University of Arkansas, and an educational specialist degree at Pittsburg (Kan.) State.

Walls has worked hard to put together a curriculum for all kinds of majors to fulfill their math requirements.

"Many students feel college algebra is the only math that could fulfill the math requirements. Students should check with their advisors into possibly taking other alternative math courses," Walls said.

"College algebra is not the only math that can be taken for a general education math credit. Most other math courses will transfer to a four-year state university if the student's university curriculum just states a college level math," said Walls.

"First of all, if students feel like math maybe too hard they can always take a zero-level course which means there is no credit to help build their math skills up to college status." Three courses include: beginning algebra, intermediate algebra.

"There is a full time math tutor, Ed Moss, as well as our instructors in our math lab, that are always willing to help people get through their courses," Walls said.

"For the standard major, NEO will offer this fall a couple of math courses as an alternative to college algebra."

"One of the courses is mathematical functions and their uses. The course uses algebra to a graphic calculator," said Walls.

"A lot of agriculture majors tend to take this course, but anyone is welcome to take it as an alternative. This course will be different next fall on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m."

"Another good alternative course is general college math. This course is designed for majors in the liberal arts field such as music and drama, as well as many others. It deals more with being able to apply math to their course of study and their every day lives. We will offer this course on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1 p.m.," Walls said.

"I encourage students to check with their advisors on looking into other math courses. For those people who want a challenge, we offer harder classes as well. Some of those courses include elementary calculus, calculus I, calculus II, and trigonometry," said Walls.

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Gambling web sites continue to grow while the risks remain extremely high

By Mindy Fleming
Lifestyle Editor

Vegas at home, sports international, internet lotteries are just a few of the estimated 300 WEB sites which offer gambling services around the world.

Gambling is a rising act. The factual basis that gives rise for this proposition is that legalization of gambling such as casinos, lotteries, race tracks, and legal sports betting have risen from a $17 billion a year industry in 1976 to a $550 billion industry in 1995 and appears to be skyrocketing rapidly.

In 1995, people were projecting that within its first year of gaming operations the WEB would account for $10 billion in gambling revenues. Some analysts have even claimed that interactive gaming revenues for the United States, Europe, and Asia will reach almost $50 billion by 1998. In Nevada, legalized betting on the 1995 Super Bowl reached $60 million; however, it is estimated that $4 billion was wagered with illegal bookies.

There are two types of legal gambling which stand in the face of Internet gaming. The first are individual state laws and regulations which forbid gambling. The second is the federal statute forbidding use of telecommunications in the betting or wagering business. Forty eight states have some form of legalized gaming through lotteries, race tracks or actual casino wagering, the idea of casino gambling's continued expansion has been called up short in recent years through non-passage of referendum legalizing gambling in many states. As gambling is spreading, more and more legislatures over the past decade, a public backlash against gambling seems to have materialized. The economic prosperity that particular state legislators hoped gambling would bring did not fully materialize, at least at the levels initially anticipated.

As well organized and media program has tabbed gaming as contributing to the disintegration of the family where one or both parents, and sometimes young adults suffer a gambling addiction.

Title 18 of the United States Code makes it illegal to use a telephone line in the business of betting or wagering according to the Federal Regulations. For the enforcing the State Regulations the rationale that underlies the federal regulation of the use of interstate wire communications for gambling is that citizens of each state are entitled to make their own determination as to whether or not gaming is authorized within that state. The federal statute seeks to empower those states which have determined that gambling should be illegal in their state by precluding the use of interstate communications to aid criminal activity.

Gambling is an exciting activity if performed properly, with proper behavior and controls.

Legislators play host to group

The needs and the concerns of higher education institutions were heard in the chambers of the Oklahoma State Capitol last week as hundreds of students, faculty, and administrators from the state colleges and universities participated in Higher Education Day.

A contingency of eight students from NEO's student body government were among those who traveled to Oklahoma City to meet with local legislators and regents, the students discussed their concerns over items such as the NED rate change, improvement in residence halls, enrollment, and beautifying the campus.

"I want the students to know that we are very supportive of NED and the things that the college does for northeast Oklahoma," said Rep. Larry Roberts, Democrat of Miami.

"We as legislators appreciate these students that have taken an active role in helping to impose not only NED, but education overall."
Baseball team splits with CSC

After double-header at Eastern and Norther, the Norse beat fifth-ranked的手,
Softball squad continues road trip

By Nickie Blanket
Sports Editor

Controlling a 33-game road trip, the 20th-ranked Lady Norse softball team travels to Chicago, Kan., Saturday, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader with Neosho County Community College.

After winning four of five games to start this marathon road trip, coach Eric Foreman’s Lady Norse are 19-3 on the season and 11-1 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference prior to conference doubleheaders played against Eastern Oklahoma College in Wewoka last Sunday and two games with Northern Oklahoma College in Tonawanda yesterday.

The Lady Norse conclude the long road trip on Tuesday by visiting Tulsa, Okla., for a 2 p.m. doubleheader with Missouri State.

The Norse return home next Thursday for a 2 p.m. conference doubleheader with Bacone College.

Gronan County’s Lady Norse 2, Before heavy rains washed out the second game of a match-up between the Lady Norse and 20th-ranked Great Horns, the Lady Vikings gained a 5-2 win last week in Denver, Texas.

Gronan County scored three runs on only five hits off Lady Norse ace Keri Harris. A sore arm prevented Harris from throwing full speed.

Lady Norse 9, 5-Western 1, Generating 15 hits which proc- duced 31 runs, the Lady Norse swept a four-game Bi-State Athletic Conference series from Western Oklahoma College in Altus to start Spring Break.

Playing without the services of all-conference pitcher Keri Harris on Sunday, the Lady Norse received strong pitching from freshmen Missy Ewert while sweeping a 9-3 and 5-1 from the Lady Pioneers.

Keri Harris resolved the games after sustaining an injury in her pitching arm the night before.

“Even though we played on Saturday, but it rained and cold all day,” coach Eric Foreman said Monday. “That night, Keri slept on her arm wrong and when she woke up, it was numb and she couldn’t throw. So we held her out Sunday,” he said.

Because the trip from Altus to Miami is so long, the two teams take turns playing a four-game series at each other field.

Lady Norse 9, 1-Western 2

The Lady Norse were the home team on Monday and gained a 9-1 and 2-1 sweep of the Lady Pioneers.

The losses drop the Lady Pioneers to 6-17 on the season and 0-6 in the conference.

Against Western Oklahoma in the first game on Sunday, the Lady Norse gained a win in a seven-run fourth inning during a 9-3 victory. Harris allowed three-run double to Andrea Miller was the big hit during the marathon inning. Crissy Stimpson and Case Scott added RBI dou- bles in the inning.

Sophomore first baseman Nicole Winkle collected two doubles and two RBI while Stacie Harris added an RBI double as the Lady Norse gained a 5-1 win in the second game on Sunday.

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