Sophomores must respond

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Sophomores expecting to graduate in May must complete an exit exam by 4 p.m. today in the Testing Center located in the Fine Arts Building. A makeup exit exam will be held on Thursday, April 27 in the Testing Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"If students don’t get finished and have to leave before the test is done, they can come back after their close to finish up," said Judy Pool, coordinator of assessment and testing.

A graduation fee of $20 must be paid at the college business office. The expense covers the rental cost of the cap and gown. Students participating in graduation ceremonies will be expected to be at commencement practice on Wednesday, April 26 at 1 p.m. on Robertson Field with their graduation surveys.

Caps and gowns will be handed out at the end of practice. Students choosing not to participate in the commencement ceremony can turn in the graduation surveys to Shirley Patterson in Student Affairs located on the first floor of Dyer Hall.

Ceremonies for commencement will be held Thursday, May 4 at 8 p.m. on Robertson Field. Graduating sophomores must arrive by 7 p.m.

If there is rain in the forecast commencement will be held in the new gym. "If history is any indication, commencement will be held in the new gym this year because of rain," said Dr. Jim Adamson, vice president for student affairs.

Commencement has been held in the gym for the past two years because of rain.

A reception will be held for graduates and their parents will immediately follow graduation in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Speaker for the commencement ceremony will be Dr. Bill Allen, a former instructor at NEO.

FINISHING TOUCHES Photo by Sara Livingston

Group attends international convention

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Students members of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society departed campus on Wednesday for Orlando, Florida to compete in the Tuesday International Convention.

During the convention the group will hear such noted speakers as Dr. Jeanne Keppelnick and Geraldine Ferrar. Accompanying co-sponsors Pat Creech and Keto Grower were Kyle Baldridge, Melina Barnes, Melissa Box, Heath Bush, and Mandie Charles.

Other members attending the convention were Hoi Ling Cheng, Cory Clark, Brook Eary, Matt Floyd, Tisha Hilderbrand, and Amy Khema. Also participating in the convention were Joshua Miller, Angela Morgan, Tonya Renfro, Melissa Vann, and Veronica Wade.

Recently the MU Chapter won the Most Distinguished Chapter award during the Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Convention in Fayetteville, Ark.

Grower was selected as Distinguished Advisor.

Creech placed second in the Advisor’s Literary Category for Poetry while Grower placed second in the Advisor’s Literary category for a Short Story.

OUT-GOING OFFICERS

Submitted photo

Displaying the trophies won during the annual Oklahoma/Arkansas Convention are officers of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa: seated, from left are: Pat Creech, co-advisor, Hoi Ling Cheng, Cory Clark, and Keto Grower, co-sponsor. Back row: Heath Bush, Tisha Hilderbrand, Melissa Box, Mandie Charles, Brook Eary, and Zach Schenkey.
Finals week approaches

By John Colby
Editorial Editor

Finals are coming soon. That week is the most dreaded week in school life. Those are the days to see if you really have been paying attention in class. Every person I know are always afraid of finals. I don’t know what it is, but finals are just hard to absorb. The best way to overcome the fear of finals is to prepare for them ahead of time. If you cram at the last minute for a test, more than likely you will fail. What you need to do is to prepare for at least a week in advance. Each night, read over some section of the material. Every other night, read a new section. If you don’t feel anything left, you might not do as well as they could.

Another trick is to dress in clothes that are most comfortable to you. When you wear clothes that you are most comfortable in, you will become more relaxed and more confident of yourself. Also, eat a good breakfast that morning, not too much or it will make you sleepy through the digestive process. Right before the test, eat mints.

For some reason they open your mind up better, so says a biology teacher I know.

Those techniques do not work for everyone.

A lot of students did well on the tests, but a lot of them did not.

Through my experiences, I have found that the best grades are on tests when I am not stressed.

Those techniques I mentioned above helped me relax before preparing ahead of time and not waiting to the last minute.

Zero Tolerance law broken

By John Colby
Managing Editor

The government has a program called Zero Tolerance. That program is designed to keep schools drug free and violence free.

They use that program to enforce the strictest of punishments to violators.

I believe it is a good program and America does not need anymore Columbines.

But how far is too far?

At the O.T. Booker Middle School in Greenville, South Carolina, seventh and eighth graders were suspended for sneaking Kool Aid. The students were charged with possession of controlled substances, by using a look alike drug.

What if older decided Kool Aid is a controlled substance, looks like cocaine?

I can understand them getting in trouble, that is a pretty stupid thing to do, but the school could have done an in school suspension or other disciplinary actions.

Across the country are other stupid actions of the Zero Tolerance program.

“A school in New Jersey suspended two kindergarten students after they played cops and robbers on the playground and pointed their fingers at each other like guns and shouted ‘bang bang.’

During the week of observance of the fifth year of the Oklahoma City bombing, do you feel safe on this campus?

By Sara Livingston

Quintana McIntyre, sophomore
Lockwood, Missouri

“Yes, I feel safe because there are always people around to ask for help.”

Lisa Tanner, sophomore
Grove, Oklahoma

“Yes, I do feel safe because of all the people around, you are never alone.”

Bryant Mitchell, sophomore
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

“Yes, because you never see any harm done. NEO is a quiet place to be.”

Nicole Stoeckl, freshman
Tulsa, Oklahoma

“Yes, I do, because people here are nice plus I have a really big boyfriend here.”

Kyle Nichols, sophomore
Staples, Oklahoma

“Yes, I do, because I’ve never felt in danger from anyone while at school.”
STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION

Named to prestigious Who’s Who

By Sara Livingston

Sixteen students from NEO were nominated for the 2000 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

In its 34th year the program recognizes outstanding campus leaders representing over 1200 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries.

Who’s Who has furthered the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing individual academic excellence on a national level.

Heather Angle of Ottumwa, Iowa, is the Equine Farm and Ranch Management major with a 3.8 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hinklebrand.

She has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the National Honor Society.

Stacy Ingram is an elementary education major with a 3.6 grade point average.

She is the daughter of William and Marjorie Reims.

Shannon Jackson is an animal science major from Shady Spring, West Virginia.

She has maintained a 3.8 grade point average while serving as president of the Aggie Society and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

She is the daughter of John and Shirley Brotherton.

John Riley of Quinlan, Texas, is a 3.8 grade point average.

She has served as president of the Student Body and as a member of the National Honor Society.

She is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Phi Theta Kappa.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Brotherton.

Tolu Hinklebrand has maintained a 3.3 grade point average while majoring in accounting.

She has also been a member of the Student Body and as a member of the Student Body.

She is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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The name of the Student Body is the American Junior College Student Body.
Earth Day celebrates 30 years

By Mindy Fleming

Ten years ago, in March 1990, the Exxon Valdez spilled almost 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. The spill has been called the largest environmental disaster in recent history—in a nutshell, the United States is now better equipped to handle such a disaster.

While the particular organization did not fund any immediate response to the oil spill, environmental research projects after the Exxon spill, they had funded the research project by University of Alaska Fairbanks fisheries professor Ted Cooney that became the core of a $50 million dollar project to look at the effect of the oil spill on salmon in Prince William Sound.

Using Alaska Sea Grant fund- ing Cooney, in the years leading up to the spill, was researching factors affecting salmon growth and survival in Prince William Sound. When the situation occurred, his research project took on added significance and evolved into the Sound Ecosystem Assessment project, known as SEA.

This effort involves numerous researchers, has been funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and is scheduled to continue this year, following ten years of research.

Cooney’s research described the importance of factors such as ocean temperature, plankton abundance, and predators on the recovery of salmon stocks since the spill.

His team’s research noted that four years after the spill, salmon and herring populations have fallen low levels, prompting questions about the long-term health of the ecosystem.

In response to strongly voiced concerns by local fishing communities, the EVOS Trustee Council funded the Sound Ecosystem Assessment program in 1994 to help the recovery.

Earth Day, a universal holiday, to celebrate the natural beauty of our planet was first proposed by John McConnell in early October 1969 to Peter Tatman, who headed the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Tatman requested John McConnell to write an Earth Day Proclamation. John McConnell wrote a proclamation and presented it to the Mayor of San Francisco. On March 1, 1970, Mayor Alioto issued that proclamation as the Earth Day Proclamation For San Francisco.

In 1970 the celebration in California included the raising of the Earth Flag in Golden Gate Park. The park provided seedlings, which were delivered by the Red Cross to schools in the area. The Sierra Club Jr. Chamber of Commerce, colleges, and grade schools participated with special programs and celebrations.

In November 1969, McConnell had the opportunity to present the concept of Earth Day at UNESCO’s National Confer- ence Man and the Environment. It was received. At a later date UNESCO became a major sponsor of the annual Earth Day Celebrations at the United Nations.

The date and the place for the celebration of the first Earth Day is notable because the Vernal Equinox occurs on March 21st. This is the time every year when the Sun crosses the equator, resulting in a 12 hour day and a 12 hour night in all the earth. San Francisco, named the St. Francis, the patron saint of ecologists, is also the birthplace of the United Nations.

The earliest recorded history of the people of many diverse cultures celebrated the beginning of Spring at the time of the equinox. Approximately three thousand years ago men built Stonehenge using enormous stones that were arranged to measure the first moment of the Vernal Equinox. Spring is the renewal of life. The understanding of the vernal equinox, the beginning of Spring, leads people to comprehend the full meaning of Earth Day.

The lunar calendar, the old English legal calendar, and many other societies in the northern hemisphere celebrated the March Equinox as the beginning of the new year. The prefixes Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec., stand before the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th that marks the March first. Many Asian nations around the Chinese New Year that continues to celebrate March 21 as the first day of the year.

The vernal equinox calls on all mankind to recognize and respect Earth’s beautiful system of balance, between the presence of animals on land, the fish in the sea, the human, water, air, and land. There always must be the awareness of the fragility of these systems and the danger of spoiling the balance by abuse.
Cowboys win double dip

Continuing to search for some consistency on offense, defense and on the mound, the Golden Norse baseball team returns to Homa Thomas Field on Saturday for a 1 p.m. Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header with Eastern Oklahoma College.

The Norsemen started the season with a 19-22 season record and a 4-8 mark in the conference.

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Golf team fails in bid to qualify for nationals

Seminole State College captured the Region II golf championship with a 41-stroke victory over the Golden Norse in the second round of the tournament played at the Seminole Municipal Course.

Coach Thomas Edwards' Trojans finished the 36-hole tournament with a combined score of 616 compared to the 679 posted by the Golden Norse. After shooting a 319 in the opening round 18 holes played at Pecota Ridge Golf Course in Miami, the Trojans compiled a 297 team score in the final 18 holes.

Sophomore Justin Ramey led the Trojans with a 2-under-par 70 in the final round. Ramey earned medalist honors with a combined 150 score. NEO freshman Clayton Shookmaker finished second in the medalist race with a combined 152 after posting a 76 in the final round.

Freshman Robert Ramachandran shot a 2-under-par 70 to lead both teams in the second round. Ramachandran had been disqualified in the first round. Other Seminole scores in the final round included a 73 by Chad Lawrence, 80 by Jake Nicos and a 82 by Mike Rose.

Scores in the second round by the Golden Norse were an 80 by Brent Vaughn, 77 by Ryan New, 85 by Ben Parker and 87 by Aaron Epperly.

The entire Seminole team qualifies for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament, May 8-13, in Orlando, Fla.

"We were in the thick of things right up until the final two holes," said Golden Norse coach John Lonka. "Even though we failed to qualify anyone, these kids played as hard as they could and kept pressing right up until the end."

TOUGH COMPETITOR

Photo by Matt Freels

Senior hitter Kerri Harris (5) lets go of a deep ball against the Commer State Cowboys last weekend in a double-header. Kerri Harris has been pitching with a sore arm and last week a battle with the flu.

Ladies win three straight

Entering the final week of the regular season, coach Eric Ivenson's Lady Norse have gained national prominence and are in the thick of the race for the Bi-State Athletic Association crown.

Prior to last Tuesday's games at Carl Albert, the Lady Norse were 30-5 on the season and 21-4 in the conference.

The Lady Norse beat Eastern Oklahoma College Saturday, in a 2 p.m. conference double-header before entertaining Murray State at 4 p.m. on Monday and Northern at 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

After a trip to Seminole on Wednesday, the Lady Norse conclude the regular season April 29-30 in Indian Hills, Iowa.

Lady Norse (31-4/Northeast 30)

Scoring 23 runs on 28 hits, the third-ranked Lady Norse cruised to a 13-3 and 10-0 double-header sweep over Northeast County Community College Monday afternoon in Chanute, Kan.

"We really came out hitting the ball and everybody got into the act," said Lady Norse coach Eric Ivenson. "Not only did we put the ball in play, but both our pitchers threw well."

Leslie Prather and Shayne Gibson collected three hits each to pace the 14-hit Lady Norse attack. Crissy Strimple and Nicole Woliski added two hits each.

A 4-0-4 performance by Andrea Millard led the Lady Norse to a 10-0 shutout in the second game.

Millard, a freshman from Atlatz, had a single and scored in the second, a double and scored in the third and solo home runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

Stacie Harris added a solo home run in the fourth inning and a two-run triple in the seventh as the Lady Norse pounded out 14 hits.

Lady Norse 2-7, Comers 3-4

After santising a 2-2 tie in the first game, the Lady Norse gained a split in a Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header by posting a 7-4 victory over arch-rival Commer State College last Saturday afternoon in Chanute.

Freshman right-fielder Shayne Gibson gave the Lady Norse a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the first game. After losing off a single, Gibson stole second. Following a sacrifice bunt by Leslie Prather, Gibson scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Crissy Strimple.

A lead off home run by Amber Spencer in the bottom of the second inning tied the score for the Cowboys.

Cowboys erupted for two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning off Lady Norse starter Kerri Harris.

Strimple, Millard and Woliski accounted for the three Lady Norse hits.

Against the Cowboys in the second game, the Lady Norse received a home run and two singles by Strimple to gain a 7-4 win.

Stacie Harris added a double and single and Woliski contributed two singles.
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