Former alumnus delivers commencement address

By Sara Livingston

Former alumnus and agricultural instructor Dr. Bill Able will deliver the commencement address at the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's 79th annual graduation ceremonies, Friday, May 4, at 2 p.m., in the John J. McGee Memorial Gymnasium. Able, a 1957 graduate of Wraymore High School, received his degree from the University of Kansas and has been a teacher and administrator at the college for the past 34 years. Able is well-known for his dedication to the students and the institution.

Able is expected to address the graduates on the importance of education and the role of college in preparing students for success in their future careers. He will also discuss the challenges facing today's students and the importance of perseverance in achieving their goals.

Along with his teaching career, Dr. Able has established a successful career in the agricultural industry and has served on several state and federal governmental agencies in Missouri and Kansas. His expertise includes marketing, crop production, and market analysis.

Able is currently serving as the executive vice president for the American International Choralists Association. He is also a member of the National Association of College Unions and the American College Testing Program.

Book buy-back starts Tuesday

By Sara Livingston

Managing Editor

Students can begin returning textbooks from the spring semester Tuesday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the college bookstore, located in the Bruce C. Carter Student Union Building, the bookstore manager, according to Joan Clapp.

Test Schedule

Students are reminded that semester exam week begins on Tuesday, May 1, 2000, and ends Thursday, May 4, 2000. Exams are to be taken at time and day outlined below. There are no exemptions from final examinations.

All one-hour courses and any other classes not listed below will hold the final examination to the last class period of the final exam week. All course examinations will be held as follows:

Monday, May 1

MWF 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

MWF 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MWF 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TTH 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Monday evening classes at regular time

Tuesday, May 2

TTH 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TTH 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

TTH 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Tuesday evening classes at regular time

Wednesday, May 3

MWF 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

MWF 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MWF Noon to 1 p.m.

MWF 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Wednesday evening classes at regular time

Thursday, May 4

TTH 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

TTH 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

TTH 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Thursday evening classes at regular time

Athletic director retires

Longevity and loyalty are two qualities that seem to have fallen by the wayside in today’s business and professional worlds. An example of both of these qualities has been the work and dedication given to this institution by athletic director Bob Maxwell.

Maxwell has been with the university for 25 years, serving as the athletic director since 1985. During that time, he has developed successful programs in a variety of sports, including football, basketball, and baseball.

Maxwell’s ability to develop successful programs has been recognized by the university and his colleagues. He has been named coach of the year in various conferences and has received numerous awards for his contributions to the university.

Maxwell’s retirement will be sorely missed by the university community and his colleagues. He has been an integral part of the university’s success and has made a significant impact on the lives of many students and alumni.

Maxwell’s retirement will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6, at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The university community is invited to attend.

Golden Norse baseball team enters final week

Norsemen pursue playoff spot

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Spring concert set for Sunday

By Jon Owens
Features Editor

Members of the college music department will present their annual spring concert, Sunday, Apr. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

The concert is free and open to the general public.

The NOJ jazz band will perform "Get It On," "No Way," "25 or 6 to 4," "Green Onion," and "Does Anybody Know What Time It Is?"

The concert band will be performing additional numbers which include; "Onesta Beach;" "The Good Daughter;" "Chordale and Capriccio;" Russian Choral and Overture.

The NEO Choir will be performing pieces that they will be working with in addition to next year pieces as the choir prepares to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City next year in November.

The Choir's Repertoire consists of "Red Red Rose;" "Go Out With Joy;" "Old Abram Browe;" "Rockie Jollands;" and "Festival Sancta;" for Concerto for Strings

The concert will conclude with the Meistersingers dancing and singing to many pieces written by Duke Ellington such as "Jump Jive and Wait;" "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing;" "Sir Duke;" "Caravan;" "I'm Beginning To See The Light;" and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore;"

After the swing fever has taken the stage the Meistersingers will then take time to create a romantic atmosphere with songs about love. The songs include "My Funny Valentine;" "Bye Bye Baby;" "Anything You Can Do;" "Sincerely;" The boys will sing "Rhapsody in Blue" and "My Girl" and the girls will perform "You Don't Own Me;"

Editor issues some parting wisdom about college

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Things sure look a lot different on my way out, then what they did when I came in.

As I graduate in May, I realize that it doesn't matter how many scars that I've taken or how many classes I took. I used to think that people judged me by how many classes I took or how well I did on the exams.

I'm here to say there's more to life than classes and exams.

NEO is where I learned about love, life, laughter, and even disaster. I couldn't wait for it to start and now I hate for it to end.

NEO is about the friends and the memories that are made and the impact that I have had on peoples lives.

That my fellow students is what graduation is about, a time to reflect on what we did and what we need to do.
Spring Fling activities

Photos by Sara Livingston

GOOD FOOD
An estimated crowd of approximately 180 students participated in the annual banquet held last Tuesday night in the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center. The main course for the meal was either steak or chicken breast.

RACE TO THE TOP
An unidentified student reaches the top of the Matterhorn as her competitor struggles with the hand-holds on a similar toy.

UP AND OVER
An unidentified student goes up and over one of the obstacles on a Big Toy.

SLOW DANCIN'
Taking advantage of a slow song during the annual Spring Fling dance were a couple in the middle of the dance floor.

EXTREME BIG TOY
Students line up to participate in the Laser Tag tank.
Music lessons provide stress relief for students

By Jan Owens

"Music is the food for the soul. By it we grow and become more fully formed," stated former music major, fresh
man Jessica Harfield.

"Many people feel you have to be a music major in order to take applied lessons. Students feel they can't take a college-level applied class cause they do not have previous instruc
ation in an instrument,\n
Haffeld said. "There are many opportunities such as the harp made up of beginners and traditional and non-traditional students," said Teresa Wheeler, harp and piano instructor.

There are many opportunities at NSO to learn an instrument. Harp and harp is taught by Wheeler. Other instructors are Bill Flannery, organ; former head of the college music department Dr. Robert Swanson, string instru
ments; Brian Smith, instrumental instructor; Wayne Lawson, voice instructor; and Robert Redwine, guitar instructor.

"Applied lessons are good deci
sions for anyone to take. Many people that are non-music majors take lessons to relieve stress, Wheeler said.

"For example, I have many chemistry and nursing majors who take lessons for a change in the classroom...atmosphere," said Wheeler.

We have 17 piano's on campus to practice with. Likewise, we have many other instruments to practice with as well.

"So you don't have to own an instrument, or be able to practice for your lesson," Wheeler said. Every hour of credit a student takes of an applied lesson is a 30
minute instruction a week.

"The other 30 minutes is more or less on your own practice to prepare for the following week or to progress faster in your instrument," Wheeler said. "I would encourage people to come to our recital hall at noon on Wednesdays during the second eight-week period of each semester to hear our students. Many are beginners who perform their pieces they learn in their lessons," said Wheeler.

"Junior college are great for the fact that they give students a chance to try something new," Wheeler said.

"I also always try to encourage music majors to take as many applied lessons as possible because anything you do in applied lessons will enhance their music ability," said Wheeler.

"NSO is rare in the sense that we have a harp department. Very few colleges and even conservatories offer such lessons. Our music program gives many students an opportunity to experience the arts without necessarily being a major," said Wheeler.

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Blue/Gold Scrimmage

When the Golden Norse football team conclude spring drills Monday at 6 p.m. with the traditional Blue/Gold intra-squad scrimmage, head coach Dale Patterson and his staff will be searching for answers in several questions.

Not only are there several holes to fill on both sides of the ball, but because of a Southeastern Junior College Football Conference rule change, these holes will have to be filled sooner.

Full practices will not begin until Aug. 16 which is a full week later. Adding to that is the fact that the Norsemen open the season Sept. 2 against a two-time defending national champion Bay County in El Dorado, Kan.

With three practice sessions this week, the Norsemen will finish with 12 practices during the spring. "The weather has cooperated and we haven’t missed any days," Patterson said.

"We would like for our student body to come out and watch the scrimmage. It’s free and they can go out and get out and see some of the players that we’re going to be representing this school in the fall."

"Graduation hit us pretty hard up front in both the offensive and defensive lines. But we’ve had some guys step up and show they are ready to take on a leadership role," said Patterson.

2000 Golden Norse Football Schedule

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*Indicates SWOCC games

Home Games in All Caps

Ross named All-American

Northeastern A&M College sophomore Rosel Ross represented the state of Oklahoma as a first-team member of the National Junior College Athletic Association Women’s Basketball All-American team.

Ross, 15.8 from Milwaukee, Tech in Milwaukee, Wis., guided the NEA Lady Norse to fifth place in the NJCAA National Tournament in Salina, Kan. The Lady Norse finished with a 35-4 overall record which included a Bi-State Athletic Conference Eastern Division title and a Region II championship.

While leading the Lady Norse in scoring with a 17.1 average, Ross received the NJCAA record book as a 3-point shooter. During her two-year career, Ross connected on 190 of 475 shots from the 3-point range for a 404 average. This past year Ross had a school record 313 of 200 for a 3-point average.

Ross also broke the previous school record of 105 steals in a season with 108 last year.


Ross and the Lady Norse made the cover of the new Women’s Basketball Coaches Association of America magazine.

Ross is joined on the All-American team by four other players.

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Ladies tune-up for regionals

With just a long road trip to Iowa Saturday and Sunday for doubleheaders with Indiana Hills and Iowa Western, coach Eric Johnson’s Lady Norse are battening for post-season play.

The sixth-ranked Lady Norse were 38-5 on the season and 25-3 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference prior to Tuesday’s triumph with Northern Oklahoma in Miami.

The Norse traveled to Seminole Thursday for a doubleheader with league-leading Seminole State College. The Norse are ranked third in the nation with a 46-6 record.

Lady Norse 6-4, Eastern 4-0

Completing a four-game sweep of the season series, the sixth-ranked Lady Norse won three games from Eastern Oklahoma College last Saturday on the NEO diamond.

Scoring two runs in the top of the 12th inning of a game that was suspended because of darkness on March 28 in Wewoka, the Lady Norse gained a 6-4 win.

The Lady Norse received a two-bagger from Keri Harris to start the 4-0 shutout in the first game of the regularly scheduled doubleheader. Freshman Tiffany Owen served a three-bagger as the Lady Norse posted a 3-0 shutout in the nightcap.

After NEO, the first game 6-3 on March 28 in Wewoka, the two teams battled to a 4-4 tie through 11 innings before darkness forced postponement of the game.

Placing by the international tiesbreaker rule which allowed NEO to start the top of the 12th inning with a runner at second and no outs, the Lady Norse scored two runs. Nicole Woloksi started the rally at second. After Gene Scharkenberger reached on a fielder’s choice, Cookie Willmar rolled a single scoring Woloksi. Cassi Scott walked to fill the bases before Andrea Millard singled scoring Scharkenberger.

Eastern started the bottom of the 12th with Tasha Beas on second base and no outs. After a sacrifice by Gina Stevens, McLeane Stafford bounced out and Tiffany Gopolitan puffed out to left to end the game.

Millard led the ninth Lady Norse attack with three singles while Scharkenberger and Cassi Scott added doubles and a triple, respectively. Leslie Prather, Susie Sanderson and Candice Duncan collected singles.

Against the Lady Mountaineers in the first regularly scheduled game, the Lady Norse scored a run in the bottom of the first inning. Sanderson collected two of the seven Lady Norse hits along with the triple by Woloksi and singles by Nynette Ejeson, Prather, Millard, and Scharkenberger.

Keri Harris carried the victory to 6-4 in the season, Kerr Harris striking out five and did not allow a walk.

With a scoreless tie heading into the bottom of the fifth inning of the second game, the Lady Norse scored three runs on singles by Millard, Woloksi and Cassi Scott along with a double by Cassi Scott.

Missy Erwin scattered four singles to improve to 16-1 on the season. Erwin struck out five without allowing a walk.

Lady Norse 16, Carl Albert 6-1

Continuing to improve in all three phases of the game with solid defense, timely hitting and sound pitching, the Lady Norse rolled to a 14-0 and 8-3 victories over Carl Albert State College Tuesday afternoon in Poteau.

Sophomore right-hander Keri Harris, boasting both the bat and a sore arm, hurled a one-hitter as the Lady Norse crossed to an 14-0 shutdown in the first game against Carl Albert.

Erwin led the 15-hit Lady Norse assault with a triple, double and two singles. Woloksi added a double and two singles.
BASEBALL SEASON WINDS DOWN
Norsemen battle for position

Entering the final 12 games of the regular season baseball season, coach Roger Ward's Norsemen are attempting to build momentum heading into the Region II post-season tournament.

The Region II playoffs begin May 11-14 in Fort Smith, Ark. Prior to a double-header with Seminole State College last Tuesday, the Norsemen are 21-22 on the season and 6-8 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

After playing at Seminole, the Norsemen traveled to Kansas City, Mo., yesterday, for a double-header with Maple Woods College.

Returning home on Saturday, the Golden Norse entertained Bacon College in a 1 p.m. conference doubleheader.

Next week the Norse face 11th-ranked Benton College in a double-header on Tuesday in Fort Smith, Ark. Before facing Colleyville, Kan., on Thursday in a double-header at Bartlesville.

SEO concludes the regular season on Saturday, May 6, with a Bi-State double-header against Rose State College.

Pairings for the Region II Tournament will be May 8 in a coach's meeting at Norman.

Norse 15-8, Eastern 16-5
Scoring 25 runs on 25 hits, the Golden Norse swept a crucial Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header 15-8 and 8-5 from Eastern Oklahoma College Saturday afternoon atahoma Thomas Field.

Entering the bottom of the ninth inning of the first game, with the scored tied 14-14, the Golden Norse received a walk by Brett Hoskey. While stealing second, Hoskey advanced to third on a wild pitch by Mountaineer catcher Mike Connor.

Dannyle Longhun followed with a single to left scoring Hoskey with the winning run.

Back-to-back doubles by Jason Wilson and Nannan Sisson gave Eastern 14 in the top of the first inning.

SEO led the score in the bottom of the first on a single by Stewart Swayze, an error on a ball hit by Ryan Kennel, and a single by Brian Haskell.

Sending 10 batters to the plate in the second inning, the Norsemen tallied six runs.

 Singles by Brian Blacken, Joss French and Hal Bissett along with RBI doubles by Keith Steghauer, Swayze and Haskell fueled the outburst.

Eastern responded with three runs in the top of the third inning on a single by Tommy Pratt, an RBI triple by Jason Wilson and an RBI double by Connor. An error by Steghauer at second allowed Connor to score. A single by Bissett made it 4-3.

Hoskey scored on an error. Haskell and Ryan Kennel scored on a single by Bissett.

Blacken led off the fourth inning for SEO with his fifth home run of the year. A single by Pratt, followed by Bissett and Kennel, gave the Norse a 1-1-4 margin.

With two runs on the top of the fifth inning, Connor connected for his third home run of the season.

SEO went on to score twice in the sixth inning, giving the Norse a 6-2 lead.

The Mountaineers refused to go down without a fight.

Blacken and Kennel both collected three hits each to lead the 4-1 Norse offense.

Against Eastern in the nightcap, the Golden Norse batted a 1-4 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Langdon singled and scored on Haskell's ninth home run of the season. Following a single by Ryan Kennel, Nick Zdrojewski doubled scoring Kennel.

A solo homer by Kennel in the third inning gave the Norse a 3-1 cushion.

After Eastern scored two runs in the top of the fourth inning, the Norsemen retaliated with four in the bottom half of the inning. Consecutive walks to Justin Small, Zdrojewski and French along with doubles by Blacken and Haskell ignited the rally.

Haskell, Kennel and Hoskey collected two hits each to lead the nine-hit Norse attack.
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