NEW PROGRAM

Students have access

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Getting tired of standing in line in the administration building to get simple answers to a simple question?

NEO has solved the problem with a new website. Students can find the answer to any question they have on their account so they have no need to come to the office for certain information," said Linda Oldham-Burns, dean of admissions.

Students can gain the information to get the website and PIN number from either their academic advisor or registrar.

Then the student goes to the NEO website at www.neomc.edu and logs into the student information system and then receives access to the account.

"OSU uses the same system we have purchased and they have found it to be quite useful and successful," Oldham-Burns said.

"Once the student has pulled up the website they can find information as far as student records regarding transcripts and grades and holds to the account."

"Another feature is access to personal information. Students can change information regarding home address, so the college will mail out transcripts to the right address" said Oldham-Burns.

The last feature of the website is "it gives students a chance to look at the course catalog and tells them what classes are available for enrollment."

In the future, once the website is complete, students should have access to see their financial aid and the amounts awarded to them each semester.

"I do warn students that a students PIN number is only as secure as they make it. This new program is a positive change in making the college students and staff life easier."

Grant disbursement dates set

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Holding out to make that extra dollar stretch can be hard. For many students the answer to their prayers will start in a few weeks.

The first date to remember is Friday, Sept. 29, because the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and the first disbursement of federal subsidized and unsubsidized loans programs will be refunded.

On Oct. 31 the second disbursement of student loans will be mailed out.

Any refunds from these programs after institutional charges have been deducted will be mailed on or before Sept. 29 and Oct. 31 to the students.

Local mail address: Students should verify their address at the Admissions Office or online through the SIS system.

As long as the student has been awarded and submitted their acceptance of the award to the Financial Aid Office, the award will be mailed on time. If the student has not received an award letter to date, but has submitted all required documentation, they will be notified as soon as possible of eligibility.

Students who have questions should stop by the Financial Aid Office in room 002 of the Dayle Creek Library/Administration Building.

Newspaper staff selected

Serving as a managing editor for The Norse Wind student newspaper during the 2000-2001 school year is sophomore Jonathan Owens.

A music major from Moore, Owens assumed the duties of managing editor after serving as feature editor during his freshman year.

Elizabeth Lewis, a freshman journalism major from Kiowa, and Kriane Bradley, a freshman elementary education major, are serving as co-editor-in-chief.

Freshmen Tyra Sarver, a journalism major from Tuba, and Brenda Alllett, a journalism major from Moore, are co-editorial editors.

Serving as features editor is freshman Chris Beckett, a journalism major from Tuba.

J. B. Ross, a freshman journalism major from Springfield, Ark., is the sports editor.

Freshmen Deborah Stiles of Muskogee, Danielle Boyd of Miami, and Carolyn Ross, of Springfield, Ark., are photographic editors.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Photo by Deborah Stiles

Vocal music instructor Mary Susan Whaley (far right) talks about arrangements to members of the Ministersingers vocal group prior to last year's Christmas concert. (See page 4 for related story)
OPINION

ELECTION DAY NEARS

Education reform a major issue

By Brenda Alford
Editorial Editor

November seventh, the time to cast your vote. Do you know what the big topics are? Well, I did some research into this and found out a few things that might interest you. Like the education reform Bush and Gore have been talking about over the last few months.

Bush told students at Winacomet High School, "When you raise standards, students will follow." Of course, students will follow what choice do we really have not to. Well with schools closing down activities left and right because they have no money to support them. We have to have more money. Something has to be done right?

What about those of us that don’t have a lot of money and don’t have parents to pay for school? Bigger Pell Grants would help.

Bush’s plan would increase the maximum Pell Grant for first-year students from $3,500 to $5,100.

A tax-exemption for those who participate in tuition savings plans. And a $1.5 billion grant to help states pay for aid for advanced-placement high school students.

Sound great so far except I think they are forgetting about us that are in college and need help for the years to come. We don’t just go to school for one year to get a degree of any kind.

Bush also proposed expanding education savings to allow families or individuals to contribute up to $5,000 annually per child and withdraw funds tax free.

Great will he do this. It would be good if he did. His father did what he said he was going to when he was in office. Can his son follow in his footsteps? I think he could do better if he wanted to.

"The way I am going to talk about school choice is to say if you want to receive federal money, you have to show children are learning..." Bush warned school administrators.

Wonderful! Now the students must have to make the grade so the school can have the funding it needs to teach us. Kind of a double standard I think.

The total cost of Bush’s education proposals is $25 billion over five years. Well that is more realistic than what Gore wants to use.

Gore’s campaign was unable to provide a breakdown of exactly how the $115 billion extra he intends to spend on education over the next ten years.

Sorry Gore but I want to know how, where, and what you are going to do with this money?

The presidential race is neck and neck and Gore is is pressuring Bush, "To put up or shut up," on big-ticket items like reform of Medicare and Social Security retirement system.

Sure those things are a big deal but what about education? With it where would we be?

Does Gore not care enough to discuss and plan what it is he wants to do with the money he wants to spend?

Sorry Gore to me bush wins this debate. We need something done to help kids get into college. At least Bush wants to help us get our feet in the door.

Commentary

CRITICISM

Misty Gourley-sophomore
Mountain Grove, Missouri

“Teachers need to focus more on giving students some moral- ity.”

Wayne Martin-sophomore
Thomas, Oklahoma

“What education reform is all about.”

Miranda Hatman-freshman
Roland, Oklahoma

“Computers are the key to increasing educational standards.”

Cliff Eisenburger-freshman
Grove, Oklahoma

“I think students should have more access to computers in the classroom.”

Misty Gourley-sophomore
Mountain Grove, Missouri

“My idea concerning the state of education would be to pay teachers more.”

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Campus features numerous clubs

By Danielle Boyd

N.E.O. provides a broad array of extra-curricular activities to students regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, and is open to all interested fields.

Aggie Society
This club serves as a forum for the Alumni at the college, and is also an educational vehicle about Afro-American Heritage.

This is exclusively for any students who are majoring in any field of agriculture or related fields.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Where students of any denominational meeting for mid-week Bible Studies, various retreats and fellowship. This is free and open to all students.

Christian Student Fellowship
Supported by the Christian Church, activities include Bible Studies, fellowships, lunch, retreats, concerts and movies. Everyone is welcome!

Concert Band
Primarily from the ranks of Marching Band, performances are scheduled throughout the year.

Concert Choir
This is the largest vocal ensemble on campus and open to all interested students.

Engineering Club
Helps familiarize students with various fields of engineering. Students who are enrolled in at least three hours of Math, Physical Science, or Chemical Science are eligible.

Farm and Ranch Management
For students who are interested in beef, sheep, swine or horse production.

Foreign Language Club
Open to students who are interested in French, German, or Spanish.

Friendship International
This club is a center for exchange of information between American and International students about other countries of the world, current events, and discussion of issues vital to the world.

Golden Nurse Marching Band
Performing at all home football games, local parades, and accompanying the Golden Nurse Football team at out-of-town games, the Marching Band consists of qualified marching and auxiliary personnel.

Jazz Band
Auditions are held each semester for this group. This is an award-winning honor program composed of both music majors and non-majors who rehearse and perform jazz and jazz-rock charts throughout the year.

Kappa Kappa Psi
This organization devotes itself to students with interest in theatre in drama. Explores acting and provides the opportunity to display theatrical abilities. Anyone with an interest in theatre is welcome!

Meistersingers
Small ensembles of singers selected from the Concert Choir, functioning in a show choir and serving the college as "ambassadors in song."

Native American Student Association
Allows Indian and Non-Indian students and community to build an appreciation of the American Indian heritage.

N.E.O. Cheerleaders
Leaders of cheer, spirit pride, and enthusiasm, this energetic group brings fans to their feet. Tryouts are held in April.

Nurse Stars
A dance drill team whose performances during N.E.O. football and basketball games as well as other activities. The team is an integral part of the college's freshman orientation programs.

Philadelphia Shopping Club
Group of students working to help the campus accommodate physically challenged students.

Phi Delta Kappa
For students interested in veterinary medicine or related fields.

Psychology Student Association
Welcomes psychology, sociology, and social work students who are interested in expanding their education.

Residence Life Council
Compromised of Dorm Residents working together to improve life in the campus residential community.

Senior Honor Society
Consists of those students who are outstanding in their academic pursuits.

Rodeo Club
Conducts fundraising activities and sponsors Jackpot and social activities for its members.

T.V. Foundation
Interampionshipal tennis opportunity sponsored by United Methodist Activities include Bible studies, seminars, special events, fun outings, video presentations, and community service opportunities throughout the year. All denominations are welcome!

Young Democrats
Open to all students, this club participates in a wide range of campus activities and sponsors road trips to state and national sites of political interest.

N.E.O. also has a wide range of intramural sports which include flag football, golf, co-ed softball, tennis, ping pong, volleyball, handball, bowling, basketball, pool, au pairs games, video games, and a free throw contest. Schedules and procedures for signing up to participate will be arranged through the Coordinator of Intramural Activities.
Students join college choir

By Jon Owens

Thirty students have joined the college choir, according to director Mary Susan Whitney. With 16 sophomore members, the choir will perform an opera with the Heartland Opera Company for October and a medieval madrigal for the annual Christmas concert in December.

Sophomore members of the choir are: Josh Austin, Miami; Anna Bowman, Vinita; Lynley Harris, Tulsa; Jessica Heflin, Pawhuska; Kristen Henley, Miami; Shane Hix, Copan; Angel Johnson, Picher, and Julie Kondrick, Miami.

Other sophomore members are: Sean McDonald, Miami; Matt Meyerlind, Kingfisher; Sabrina Meyers, Miami; Jon Owens, Moore; Amber Phillips, Owasso; Carolyn Ross, Springdale, Ark.; Sharon Rupp, Miami, and Jessica Simmons, Chouteau.

Freshman choir members are: Lori Altshamper, Chelsea; Tony Baylock, Newaza; Melody Bloomfield, Vinita; Jason Caywood, Woodward; Carrie Crawford, Grove; Tara Fisher, Nevosha, Mo.; Robby Ford, Chelsea, and Melinda Hein, Adair. Other freshman members are: Barbara Lewis, Jay; Brady Neal, Commerce; Chelsea Sears, Pawhuska; De Taylor, Vinita, and Almer White, Miami.

Group selects members

By Jon Owens

Combining both singing and dancing, the Meisteringers are the college select show choir. This fall the group will be preparing to do a review of popular songs from throughout the 20th century.

The sophomore members are: Josh Austin, Miami; Anna Bowman, Vinita; Shane Hix, Copan; Matthew Meyerlind, Kingfisher; Jon Owens, Moore, and Jessica Simmons, Tulsa.

The freshman members are: Melody Bloomfield, Vinita; Tara Fisher, Nevosha, Mo.; Melinda Hein, Adair; Brady Neal, Commerce; Deborah Sikes, Muskogee; De Taylor, Vinita; Matthew Anderson, Grove; and Jason Caywood, Woodward.

Dorm decorating requires thought

By Deborah Sikes

As with any decorating project, the first step to decorating a dorm room is deciding on a reasonable budget. Don’t overspend. Decorating your dorm shouldn’t require it or your own loan.

Retailers offer affordable and whimsical furnishings the right size and price for dorm rooms. If money is tight, consider moving desk equipment, bedding and pictures from home to school. Or shop garage sales and thrift stores. Wal-Mart is a college student’s best friend when it comes to finding the right touches for the dorm room of your dreams.

Whether your taste is eclectic or classic, there are creative and inexpensive ways to make your dorm reflect your style exactly the way you want. Begin with the bed. Because it is the focal point of your room, the bedspread sets the tone for the room.

No amount of artwork or accessories can compensate for a bad or worn out bedspread. Many colleges use mattresses that are 80 inches long instead of the usual 75-inch twin mattress. Check before buying bedding.

Bold or busy prints are best for the inevitable spills that accompany studying and eating on the bed. Consider bright sheets, throw pillows or throw blankets in a funky pattern. Animal prints and tie-dye spreads that were popular in the 1960s are back in style.

Your mother was right. Good lighting is important, not only for studying, but to make your room shine. You might be stuck with fluorescent lights, but lava or beaded lamp can be turned on to create different moods. An area rug hides unattractive tile floors and adds a cozy touch. Check with the school officials to learn whether you are allowed to paint, drill or nail anything to the walls. If you are allowed to paint, select colors carefully.

Cheap posters, even those not framed, make great dorm art. So do photographs. Enlarge several of your favorites and arrange them in a collage.

Remember, this is not a room in your parents’ house— it’s yours, so have fun!

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Golfers place 12th

Freshman Phil Bradley of Broken Bow shot a 77 to lead the Golden Norse golf team to 12th place in the Southwestern College Invitational last Thursday at the Watfield, Kan., Public Golf Course.

Coach John Loma’s Norsemen finished with a 320 team score. “We were one of only three two-year schools along with Bacone College and Haskell College competing in the field of 18 teams. We played pretty well considering it was our first match of the fall season,” said Lomas.

Freshman Cory Wadsworth of Owasso and Danny Taylor of Davenport both shot 78’s to contribute to the Golden Norse team score.

Also representing NEO in the 18-hole tournament were freshmen Josh Schonsky, Carl Junction, Mo.; Justin Whitfield, Nowata; Scott Hancock, Comanche, and Brian Mader, Noel, Mo.

Other members of the Golden Norse squad are freshmen Ryan Wise, Owasso; Justin Peterson, Oklahoma City; Chris Schmit, Bixby; Josh Harris, Comanche; Eric Hill, Carthage, Mo., and Graeme Veitch, British Columbia.

The remaining fall schedule is as follows:
- Sept. 22: Bartlesville Invitational
- Oct. 12: Regional Invitational
- Nov. 7: Oklahoma Christian College Invitational

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Norsemen host Greyhounds

Fort Scott comes to Robertson Field

Two teams searching for total identity collide Saturday as the Golden Norsemen host the Greyhounds of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College at 7 p.m. on Robertson Field.

Fans are reminded that prior to kickoff a "Tailgate Party" will be held in the north endzone area starting at 5:30 p.m. The gate in the northeast corner of the stadium will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for the party are $5 per person which includes two chopped barbecue sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips and a 22-ounce drink in a printed Norseman stadium cup.

Coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen open the home portion of the schedule with a 0-1 season record. The Norsemen dropped a 21-3 decision to Butler County Community College, Sept. 2, in El Dorado, Kan.

"We're looking for some consistency on both sides of the football. We made too many mistakes in the Butler game and you're not going to beat people making those kinds of mistakes," said Patterson.

Fourth-year head coach Keith Gandy has guided the Fort Scott Greyhounds to a 1-1 season record. Last Saturday the Greyhounds gained a 21-14 win at Dodge City, Kan., after opening the season with a 42-17 loss against Garden City in Fort Scott.

Last year the Greyhounds finished with a 4-5 overall record which included a 29-20 loss to Blaine College in the Mineral Water Bowl at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

"Fort Scott operates out of the West Coast offense which means they use one-back with four wide receivers. Their quarterback is pretty good at running this offense which could cause us some problems because it puts a lot of pressure on your front seven to not let him have all day to sit there and throw," Patterson said.

Averaging over 300 yards per game last year through the air, the Greyhounds are led by sophomore Mike Kline (6-0, 190). Kline threw for 250 yards on 14 of 32 passes with two touchdowns in the loss to Garden City.

Sophomores Derrick Shepherd (6-1, 185) and Chris Vance (6-2, 190) have proven to be Kline's go-to receivers, along with veteran T.J. Hacker (6-1, 175) and freshman James Taylor (6-3, 185).

"Not only do they have a better-than-average speed at the receiver positions, but they all have good height and can go get the football," said Patterson.

The Golden Norse defensive front suffered a setback with the loss of sophomore noseguard Brad Ware (5-11, 310, Houston, Texas). Ware has suspended indefinitely for violation of team policy.

Freshman Stan Collier (6-0, 225, Chickasha) will replace Ware in the middle of the defensive front.

"We've got to do a better job of getting into their backfield and disrupting the play. We can't let Kline have any time," Collier said.

Defensively the Golden Norsemen look to get their running game untracked. Against Butler County the Norsemen managed only 242 yards in total offense.

"During the week off we worked hard on improving our execution on offense. We had five turnovers in the first game and we need to eliminate those kinds of mistakes," Patterson said.

Veteran Matt Duton (6-2, 215) will be at the controls of the Norse offense with sophomore Kevin Gallbraith (5-9, 197) at tackle and freshman Johnny Bizzell (6-1, 230) at fullback.

"The off-week really helped us because it allowed us a chance to step back and take a look at where we are at and re-evaluate some of the things we're trying to do.""You can't beat anybody when you rob for less than 100 yards in a game. We want to try and create a balance between the run and pass."

"We'll come out against Fort Scott and run the ball and try to build on that. We can throw if we run first."

"Our consistency on offense will come from our ability to protect the football and make wise choices when we throw the ball."

"Fort Scott is a blinding team and if we don't pick that up, they could be in for a long night," said Patterson.
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