Social Work Society attended state event

Kansas organization hosted legislators

By Kristen Bradley

Members of the college Social Work Society recently traveled to Topeka, Kan. to attend the "Day on the Hill" Legislative Day sponsored by the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

"The day-long annual event was initiated years ago to provide opportunities for professional and student social workers to observe "real live" legislative and policy-making processes up close," said Cathy Solon, faculty advisor for the group.

"It was a lively education on the legislative advocacy skills social workers use to influence social policy on community, state, and federal levels."

During the morning session, state NASW leaders gave updates on current legislation relevant to social work practice and some of the client groups served by social workers, including the mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, and Viet Nam Veterans and their families. Attending the event along with Solon were Debbie and April Simmons, both sophomores from Kechum; Sherry Burkhayle, sophomore, Miami; Heather Ash, freshman, Afton, and Mike Tiffany, freshman, Miami.

"The society is currently making plans to celebrate the professionals accomplishments and its 105th year birthday during March which is designated National Social Work Month," Solon said.

All students are invited to attend society meetings on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in room 220 of the Fine Arts Center. Upcoming field trips include visiting the Art Therapy Program at Pittsburgh (Ky.) State University and the Social Work Program at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

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OPINION

Attorney General issues trip warning

By Kristen Bradley

With spring rapidly approaching, many of Oklahoma's college students will be heading to the beach or the ski slopes for spring break getaways. But, Attorney General Drew Edmondson is warning students not to let spring break leave them spring broke.

"Students should be suspicious of a supposed 'great deal,'" said Edmondson. "Some of the discount travel packages advertised on college campuses through flyers, email or newspaper ads don't deliver on their promises.

The attorney general said students should find out exactly what is and is not included in a trip. He also suggested that a written contract that specifically names the hotel where you'll be staying, the airline you'll be flying and other important information including airport transfers, meal plan options and cancellation and refund policies.

"Find out if that 'beach-front' hotel is really on the beach, or if those discount lift tickets are subject to black-out dates," Edmondson said. "Find out if the price you are given is the total price or if you will have to pay for additional activities after you arrive." He also said students should watch out for high pressure sales tactics, telemarketers who call because they've won a "free" or "discounted" trip and scam artists who make big promises then skip town with their money.

"The best insurance against getting taken is to book your trip through a reputable travel agency," said Edmondson. "Check to see if the agency is a member of the American Society of Travel Agents or the United States Tour Operators Association. Also, check the agency's complaints record with our office and the Better Business Bureau."

"For many college students, a spring break trip is something they have worked and saved for," said Edmondson. "As sad as it is, there are people out there who can turn that dream trip into a nightmare."

Cancer awareness

By Kristen Bradley

During National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March, the American Cancer Society is increasing awareness of the disease by encouraging individuals to develop healthy lifestyle habits and follow their screening guidelines.

New advancements in the fight against colorectal cancer are being made daily and continue to increase our knowledge of the disease and how to prevent it.

Currently, the American Cancer Society funds 92 grants related to colorectal cancer totaling over $27.2 million. One of these researchers is in the Heartland Division.

Dr. Paul Goodpaster, from Washington University in St. Louis, has a $306,000 grant to devise a multidisciplinary approach to assess colon cancer susceptibility. Some of the American Cancer Society's new research includes chromo-prevention, genetics, earlier diagnosis, and immunotherapy.

Chemoprevention uses natural or man-made chemicals to lower a person's risk of developing cancer. Researchers are testing whether fiber supplements, minerals, vitamins, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and other chemicals can prevent colorectal cancer.

In genetics science, researchers are learning more about some of the inherited and acquired changes in DNA that cause cells of the colon and rectum to become cancers.

Recent discoveries of inherited genes that increase a person's risk of developing colorectal cancer are already being used in genetic tests to warn people most at risk. Advances in understanding how these genes work are expected to eventually lead to new drugs and gene therapies to correct these gene problems.

In earlier diagnosis studies continue to evaluate the effectiveness of current colorectal cancer screening methods. Meanwhile, scientists are also testing new imaging tests and laboratory tests.

Experimental treatments are taking place for immunotherapy that boost the patient's immune reaction to fight colorectal cancer more effectively are being tested in clinical trials.

Some treatments use drugs like interferons and interleukins that boost the immune system in general. The American Cancer Society is committed to funding research into the causes, diagnosis, and treatment of colorectal cancer.

For more information on the disease, contact your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit their web site at www.cancer.org.

STREET TALK

What will you do over Spring Break?

Shanna Bell, sophomore
Beige, Oklahoma

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Steve Owen, sophomore
Quapaw, Oklahoma

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Carrie Lee, sophomore
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Ty Ramsey, freshman
Denver, Colorado

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Melissa Owens, freshman
Fairland, Oklahoma

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Wearin’ of the Green is Saturday

By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor

Possibly the only national holiday that is given recognition outside of its native land is St. Patrick indication on the Irish influence throughout the world. For instance in the United States, though March 17 is recognized in many communities and cities, everything from parades, to the ‘green beer’ to some places going as far as synching holiday of Ireland’s patron saint.

The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. Almost everything closes, with the exception of restaurants and pubs, on March 17. Being a religious holiday as well, it is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries throughout the world.

True history and legend are intertwined when it comes to St. Patrick. It is known that he was born in Bannow, Wales and was kidnapped and sold in Ireland as a slave.

He became fluent in the Irish language before making his escape to the continent. Eventually he was ordained as a deacon, then priest and finally a bishop. Pope Celestine then sent him back to Ireland to preach the gospel.

Evidently he was a great traveller, especially in Celtic countries, as immemorial places in Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Scotland and Ireland are named after him.

Patrick is most known the world over for having driven the snakes from Ireland. Different tales tell of his standing upon a hill, using a wooden staff to drive the serpents into the sea, banishing them forever from the shores of Ireland.

One legend says that one old serpent resisted, but the saint overcame it by cursing. He is said to have made a box and invited the reptile to enter. The snake insisted the box was too small and the discussion became very heated.

Finally, the snake entered the box to prove he was right, whereupon St Patrick slammed the lid and cast the box into the sea.

While it is true there are no snakes in Ireland, chances are that there never have been since the time the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the ice age.

As in many old pagan religious serpent symbols were common, and possibly even worshipped. Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to that pagan practice.

While not the first to bring Christianity to Ireland, it was Patrick who encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites.

According to tradition St. Patrick died in 493 A.D. and was buried in the same grave as St. Bridget and St. Columba, at Downpatrick, County Down. The jawbone of St. Patrick was preserved in a silver shrine and was often requested in times of childbirth, epileptic fits and was a preservative against the evil eye.

Group visits legislators

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

A group of NEO students, accompanied by president Dr. Glenn E. Mayle to the Oklahoma City State Capitol last week to participate in the annual Higher Education Day events.

Theme for the day was “An investment in higher education is an investment in the state of Oklahoma.”

The day was a year long lobbying effort by the 38 Oklahoma state-supported colleges to try and get more money for higher education across Oklahoma.

Several hundred students and administrators from across the state gathered in the House of Representatives chamber to hear speeches from many guest speakers.

Speakers included Steve Moore, president and chief executive officer, OGE Energy Corp.; the honorable Governor Frank Keating, as well as many other higher officials of the state.

“Oklahoma is currently not producing enough college graduates to attract large companies to Oklahoma,” said Keating.

“We need to start with building the foundation up by not watering down our public school curriculum and then making it affordable for our people to attend college,” Keating said.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education set several proposals requesting a total of $866.2 million for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

After the speeches, the students and legislators had lunch in the Grand Ballroom and then visited the Capitol visitors center.

Some of the concerns that were addressed centered around NEO were visitation and cafeteria hours. "Those items can be worked out through the school administration and the regents," said Littlefield.

It was also brought to the attention to the Senator that NEO has a shortage of money which could be invested into the buildings.

The students expressed the concern that the old dorms were badly in need of repair.

"The problem is that we (NEO) get a lot of the same funding as a school with new buildings. So colleges with newer facilities don’t have to use the money to fix pipes and electrical circuits. They can afford to spend money on new furniture," said Dr. Mayo.

"We recently passed a bond for NEO to renovate the dorms. Currently the money is tied up in court since it did not go to a vote of the people. I am pretty sure that we will win the court battle," said Littlefield.

"If we win the court case, then NEO will be awarded approximately $400,000 to fix up their dorms," Littlefield said.

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SPORTS

ALL-TOURNAMENT PICK
Goldsby guard Jamie Love (14) drives into the defensive pressure of Eastern's Michael Igneri during the Regional semifinals. Love earned all-tournament recognition.

Two players earn honors
Northeastern A&M's basketball players Jamaar Love and Luciusa Silva were named to the All-Region II Tournament team following the three-day event Sunday in the Noble Complex on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University. Love, a 6-4 senior, guards from Johnson City, Tenn., scored 44 points with 11 assists and two steals in two games while guiding the Golden Noreens to the regional semifinals. NERD dropped a 86-77 decision to Eastern Oklahoma State in the semifinals. Other members of the men's all-tournament team were Jamir Hart and Aillicha Metz, both of Western, Michael Igneri, Eastern and Derick White, Connors. Silva, a 6-3 senior center from Toledo, OH, Brazil, scored 25 points and grabbed six rebounds in two games while guiding the Lady Noreens to the semifinals. The top seeded Lady Noreens were upset 66-55 by Connors State in the semifinals. Other selections to the women's all-region team were Jamilla Shaw and Chumma Hayes, both of Eastern, Ebony Dorsey, Connors and LaQuindia Dickerson, Northern.

Norse cagers exit regionals in semi's
By J.R. Ross
Sports Editor
After mounting a modest two-game winning streak that carried them to the Region II Tournament semifinals, the Golden Norsemen saw their season come to an abrupt end with a 86-77 loss to Eastern Oklahoma College last Saturday in the Noble Complex at Oklahoma Baptist University.

With the loss coach Loren Spencer's Norsemen finish the season with a 13-20 overall record.

"These kids overcame a lot of adversity throughout the season to accomplish quite a bit. I was very proud of them. They never quit," said Spencer.

"Unfortunately, they dug a hole in the first half that was too deep, they couldn't get out of it," Eastern advanced to the finals and survived a 66-45 loss to seventh-seeded Western Community College.

Softball team extends winning streak
By J. R. Ross
Sports Editor
Completing a four-game sweep of a Bi-State Athletic Conference series last weekend, the Lady Norse softball team carried a perfect 10-0 record into the week prior to Spring Break. Coach Eric Jernigan's Lady Norse traveled to Muskogee on Tuesday for a double-header with Muskogee before facing Murray State in Miami on Thursday.

The Lady Norse compete in the Mid-west Jocas Classic in Tulsa this weekend. Lady Norse 14-16, Western 0-2 Ashley Patrick tossed a three-hit shutout in the first game while Shae Ross scattered three hits in the second game on the NEO diamond.

During the first half the Norsemen fell behind by as many as 20 points at 48-28 with 1:56 before intermission.

A 3-point field goal by Jamaar Love and two free throws by Mark Elzler sealed NERD to a 49-30 halftime deficit.

The Norse trimmed the margin to 74-66 with 2:13 left in the game before the Cowboys went on a 22-11 run to seal the victory.

Love led the Norse with 26 total points while Shakh Shorr scored 18, Elzler 11 and George West 10 points.

Michael Igneri led the Mountaineers with 23 points while Bobby Thompson scored 15, Andrus Sakoly 13, and Louis Lemes 10 points.

Norsemen 84-Seminoles 56
Shorr scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds as the Golden Norse cruised past Seminole State College in the quarterfinals of the Region II Tournament last Friday at OBU in Shawnee.

The leading scorers for the Cowgirls were Ebony Dorsey with 16 points and Danielle Ladd with 12 points.

Ladies drop semifinal game to Eastern
By J. R. Ross
Sports Editor
Cinderella's attempt to return to the "Big Dance" was cut short as the top seeded and defending regional champion Lady Norse suffered a heart-breaking, 61-55 loss to the Cowgirls from Connors State College in the Region II Tournament semifinals last Saturday in the Noble Complex at Shawnee.

Entering the tournament ranked second in the nation, coach B. J. Smith's Lady Norse finish the year with a 30-2 record.

Connors State suffered a 81-57 loss to Eastern Oklahoma College in the championship game on Sunday.

"Connors played extremely well," said Smith. "They really got after us and this was a very physical basketball game.

"The thing that hurt us the most was that we did not have enough discipline on offense in the early part of the first half," Smith said.

Reflecting the physical nature of the game were the facts that 58 total fouls were called and four players (three from NERD) fouled out.

"This was the most physical game I've ever seen," said veteran Connors coach Monte Madewell. "Our kids played as hard as they could. They played solid defense the entire game."

During the first half the lead changed hands eight times before the Cowgirls held a 24-19 margin at halftime.

The Lady Norse tied the score at 49-49 with 2:19 left in the game, but Connors went on a 12-6 run in the final two minutes to ice the game.

Luciusa Silva led NERD with 15 points.

Baseball skid continues
By J. R. Ross
Sports Editor
Unable to get the key hit with the game on the line, the Golden Norse baseball team continues to look for some consistency in their game.

After traveling to Fort Scott, Kan., Thursday for a double-header, coach Roger Ward's Norsemen were set to travel to Wilburton on Saturday for a 1 p.m. double-header with Boons, Iowa before hosting Boone on Thursday for a 1 p.m. twin-bill.
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