Spring Fling activities start

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Anyone who ambles around and complains that "there is nothing to do on this campus" should take heed because the annual week-long Spring Fling activities start Monday.

Co-sponsored by the Student Body Government and the Student Activities Association, the festivities will begin Monday with fine biddings for all NEO students. Bidders and a free drink will be handed out starting at 5 pm at the Joe Booth Softball Complex located south of Miami's Overview Park.

"All you have to do is present your valid ID card and you receive your food," said Shirley Patterson, assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

Highlight of the week will be the Spring Fling Barbecue scheduled for 6:30 pm on Monday at the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center. The fun will be "A Time in a Bottle." The food will be catered by Baby's Bar B Que.

Tickets for the dinner are $5 per person and may be purchased in front of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union or at Shirley Patterson's desk in the office of Student Affairs located on the first floor of the west end of Oyer Hall.

"Tickets must be purchased by 4:30 pm on Monday so we can plan for the dinner," Patterson said.

Elections for offices in the Student Body Government are scheduled Wednesday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the foyer of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

"We had at least two and sometimes three people register for each of the Student Body Government positions," said Shirley Patterson, student assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

Students with a valid ID card are allowed to vote.

Tabulation and election results will be made available later Wednesday afternoon.

The ballots will be counted in the presence of Patterson and all two representatives of the SBRG.

Elections for a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two senators-at-large will be conducted.

"The president oversees all regular and special sessions of the SBRG and appoints committees," said Patterson.

"It is important for candidates to realize the importance of the office that they have filled for and they are prepared to dedicate time to serving the entire student body," Patterson said.

Final production features laughs

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

"Funny and entertaining are two good reasons for any- one to leave their room on campus and have an evening of laughter," said Tiffany Patrick, director of the play God's Favorite.

Student Night is Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. All students with a valid SBRG card will be admitted free of charge.

Additional performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on April 22.

Written and noted play-write Neil Simon, the play is a funny parody from the book of Job in the Bible.

The scene is transferred to a Long Island mansion where resides a tycoon, his wife, prodigal son, and a pair of kosher twins.

"I like Neil Simon cause people laugh when they go to the theater," said Patrick.

His wife asks how he can love a God who makes him suffer and he says his prodigal son makes him suffer and he still loves him.

He believes he's chosen to show how much a man can love God.

"I think it is a funny show with a good message. I am having a good time with it," said Patrick.

(Steve and Sherry) McCarty's are working hard and have helped so much," said Patrick.

"The cast is doing wonderful. They seem to be having a good time. They are really working off each other and so I am expecting a great show," said Patrick.
Easter remains special day

By Kristen Bradley
Editorial Editor

Put on your Sunday best and shine your shoes, dust off your bonnet, and find your basket because it’s Easter! Yes, it’s the time of year when you get to act like a child and hunt eggs, enjoy the warm weather, and spend time with your family. Easter is a holiday with roots in pagan and Christian traditions.

Easter was first celebrated by ancient sages celebrating their goddess of off-spring and spring time, Easter. The earthly symbol of Easter was the rabbit, which is where the Easter bunny comes from.

The modern colored egg comes from when cultures saw the egg as a symbol of rebirth.

Modern Easter was formed with Christianity mixed its celebration of the resurrection of Christ with the pagan Easter festival.

The name Easter comes from a moons mis-spelling of the goddess Easter’s name in his journals.

Easter was celebrated on many days until 325 A.D. when the council of Nicaea passed the Easter rule placing the holiday on Sundays after the first day of spring.

It’s one of the few holidays with warm weather that you get to spend outdoors with your family.

When you get to sit around in your Sunday best and watch all the children run around.

A time when you go to church and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

It’s a time to remember a man who died for one sin.

Easter is a quiet time to think about what has been and what the future could hold.

Try to think back to when you were a child for some of you on this campus it’s not hard to when you get to hunt eggs in your Sunday best.

Remember back to all the candy, the chocolate bunnies, the jelly beans, the Cadbury eggs.

How about the Easter Bunny? I know most of you remember him and colored eggs.

When was the last time any of you painted an egg? It’s been a long time I’m sure.

Why? What was more fun than painting Easter eggs? Trying to design the best, trying to have a better egg than everyone else.

That’s what is wrong with the world, no one paints Easter eggs when they get older, they lose the innocence and happiness that they experienced as a child.

Next time you see someone in a bad mood give them an Easter egg to paint, no one can be in a bad mood painting eggs.

Sure commercialism has taken over the holiday, but that’s alright because it’s for the children, and children know nothing about commercialism.

What’s better or more innocent than the look on a child’s face as they run around the yard looking for eggs.

Can any of you think of a better look of satisfaction than on a young ones face as they find a brightly colored egg?

I hope it’s not a look better than John Elway winning the Super Bowl, or a movie star winning at Oscar.

And you watch the children hunting for eggs you can’t help but laugh and help them look for that next egg.

There is nothing more rewarding than watching them count their eggs and candy that they fought hard to find.

That’s what Easter or any other holiday is about isn’t it, not just the religious aspect, but the look on the faces of the children and the gleam in their eye as you reminisce about youth.

Cry Baby Bridge tale continues

By Jan Owens
Managing Editor

Legend has it all of us, in Craig County are a popular tale a story known as Cry Baby Bridge.

At the beginning of the century, when the horse and wagon were the main form of transportation in this part (and every other) of the country, there was a family moving to Craig County.

They had all their belongings loaded in a wagon and were traveling along a county road near Voca.

Along the road was a little low water bridge. The bridge was very steep, because being made of weathered wood was pitted up a very small stream, very non-threatening.

However, during the rainy season, when there was a gully-washer (also known as a small stream that patters and winds up a mountain side) the bridge would wash out of Craig County up in Kansas and the little creek into a raging storm with very angry currents.

Any how, the family was going across the creek and along came crack of dawn. The water would wash the wagon and, of course, the family downed.

They eventually recovered at the divide, except for the baby. They only found the little basket.

Now they say, “he pad’ed down from the Crack bridge (which is still there) at night, if you’re quiet you can hear the baby crying in the nature.

More information may be found through the Voca Public Library.

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**STREET TALK**

Will you participate in the Spring Fling activities?

**by Danniel Boyd**

"Yes I will because I’m an active member of the Student Body Government.

"I don’t know what you mean when you say Spring Fling activities?"

"I didn’t know there were any activities planned for next week."

"Yes, I might as well because there’s nothing else to do around here."

"Yes, because it sounds like fun and besides, there’s nothing else to do."
Love of horses drives first-year equine coach

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Returning to his roots to blossom in tradition is Clay Cavinder, equine instructor and coach of the Equine Judging team.

"All my life horses have been apart of who I am. I attended high school in Idaho. I participated in FFA and 4-H which are part of high school agriculture clubs."

Upon graduation from Idaho High School, Cavinder came to NEO as a farm and ranch management major.

"I came to NEO on a scholarship to judge horses. NEO that year had a world championship team in equine judging. One of our students also claimed individual high honors," said Cavinder.

"In other words, that year included winning Denver, and winning the Solid Gold Futurity. The program was as strong then as it is today."

After receiving his associate's degree, Cavinder went on to get his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

"At OSU I was apart of the Equine club and I still judged horses. I was also apart of Cowboys for Christ," Cavinder said.

"OSU was an excellent school to continue my education. While I was there, we won the world and the Denver NRHA Futurity."

"Everybody tries to find their niche at something. Nothing has really sparked my interests like horses do. It is something I know and that I am good at. Coming to work is not like being at work at all since I enjoy it so much."

Currently Cavinder is working on his master's degree at OSU in reproductive physiology.

"The best part of my job is the judging. As far as the teaching aspect of the job I like the reproductive part such as artificial insemination," said Cavinder.

"When you are 18 years old, I know you don't really know what you want to do. I came from a teaching family. Teaching here allows me to combine my desired work with teaching."

"I was ecstatic when I got this job. I was in Louisville, Ky. When I found out. My overall dream was to come back to NEO and teach since I was a student."

"Outside of the school, I enjoy golfing and doing professional judging. I love to travel. Judging horse shows allows me to travel a lot."

"What does the future hold for Cavinder as he has reached a big goal?"

"I would love to receive my AQHA judge card. The AQHA is like the NFL of the equine world," Cavinder said.

"He has the experience, but does Cavinder relay this to his students?"

"As a coach, I try hard to push my students to go to the next level. I promote working as a team," said Cavinder.

"The biggest thing I try to convey is my door is always open. I try to make class fun and try to motivate the students to want to learn."
LIFESTYLES

Information flows along on net

Internet2 brings the world together

By Kristin Bradley
Pioneer Editor

With a capability of transferring one billion bits of information per second, OneNet, the state’s official telecommunications and information network, is poised to connect the statewide education network to the next-generation Internet 2.

This linkage will provide Oklahoma’s educational system access to the world’s largest and fastest research network for research and distance learning activities. Becoming operational in January 1999, Internet2 is a consortium being led by over 180 universities working in partnership with industry and government to develop and deploy advanced network applications and technologies, accelerating the creation of tomorrow’s Internet.

Under management of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, the primary goals of Internet 2 are to create a leading edge network capability for the national research community, enable evolutionary Internet applications, and ensure the rapid transfer of new network services and applications to the broader Internet community.

Oklahoma has had ties with Internet2 since its inception. However, direct access to the advanced network has been, up to this point, limited to the three higher education research institutions: the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa.

These institutions are considered primary Internet2 connectors, and any other institution or school desiring access to the network must obtain sponsorship from one of the three.

A very unique sponsorship arrangement was achieved earlier this year when the Western Heights public school district in Oklahoma City became the first public school in the nation to secure a connection to Internet2.

Under sponsorship of OU, the purpose of the advanced network connectivity was to establish high-quality learning communication between the school district and academic resources around the country.

Western Heights is currently sharing advanced placement courses with Putnam County School District in Virginia.

“As we move forward into the 21st century, we must learn to maximize and embrace the tools and resources available to us as a state,” said Chancellor Hans Buelch.

“Knowledge is wealth, and the Internet connection will provide us with an extraordinary tool to become more competitive as a state simply by increasing the learning opportunities for our students,” Buelch said.

On Jan 21 of this year, OU, OSU, and TU signed and submitted a Sponsored Educational Group Participant Agreement to UCAID with the intent of providing access to Internet2 for the entire OneNet network for educational and research purposes.

In early March, Oklahoma learned that OneNet had been given clearance by UCAID for statewide participation.

“This partnership developed under the statewide agreement will provide institutions such as elementary schools, secondary schools, community colleges, museums and libraries access to the national high-performance network. This expanded access is consistent with the primary Internet2 goal of facilitating the rapid transfer of the new network services and applications to the global Internet—especially the broader educational community.

“It is exciting to see Oklahoma continue to remain on the leading edge in telecommunications,” said State Regents Chairman Leonard J. Eaton Jr. “At 100 to 1,000 times faster than today’s Internet, the distance learning opportunities under Internet2 for both student and adult learners appears endless.”

In addition to Oklahoma, the states of Washington, Oregon, Virginia and Missouri have been approved for statewide Internet2 participation. The states are each awaiting the receipt of the final agreement from UCAID for signature. It is anticipated that the process should be complete by early summer.

Newspaper wins awards

Northeastern A&M College captured top honors in the newspaper competition during the 52nd annual Northeastern State University Media Day competition held last Thursday in Tahlequah.

NEO’s student newspaper The Norse Wood finished first overall in the general newspaper competition against seven other junior college publications.

Under the direction of Monty Fortun, The Norse Wood also finished first in the front page layout and overall inside page layout categories. The newspaper also captured first place in the overall feature writing competition.

Rose State College of Midwest City finished second in the overall newspaper competition while Connors State College of Warner placed third.

The Viking yearbook finished third in the overall competition. Western College of Fort Smith, Ark., won the yearbook category while Eastern Oklahoma College of Wilburton finished second.

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Fancher resigns to join Missouri Southern

Chris Fancher, offensive line coach at Northeastern A&M College, has resigned effective immediately to become offensive line coach at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin.

Fancher becomes the second member of coach Dale Patterson's staff to join the Missouri Southern Lions. Former offensive coordinator Rob Green returned to the Lions in January as defensive coordinator after a three-year stint with the Golden Norse.

During his four-year tenure as offensive line coach at NEO, Fancher produced eight All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference players and three National Junior College Athletic Conference All-Americans.

"We really appreciate the contribution Chris made to our program over the past four years and we wish him all the luck. He did an excellent job of recruiting and working with Oklahoma kids," said Patterson.

A graduate of Duncan High School, Fancher started three years at center for the University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane. He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. Prior to coming to NEO, Fancher had coaching stints at high school programs in Duncan, Claremore and Midwest City.

Golden Norse strive to find offensive consistency

Reeling from a four-game losing streak before traveling to Nenno, Mo., on Tuesday, for a non-conference double-header with Crowder College, coach Roger Ward's Norsemen are seeking to find some consistency at the plate.

After the trip to Nenno, the Golden Norse traveled to Warrensburg, Saturday, for a 1 p.m. B-U State Athletic Conference double-header with arch-rival Common State College.

The Norse start an eight-game homestand on Tuesday with a 1 p.m. rematch with Crowder.

The Norse are currently 18-18 on the season and 4-4 in the conference.

Seminole 14, Norse 8

Limited to six total hits in two games, the Golden Norsemen suffered a 14-8 and 15-0 doubleheader sweep at the hands of Seminole State College last Saturday at Homer Thomas Field.

Singles by Dan Hillinger in the second inning, Robert Cooke in the third inning and Roy Copinger in the fourth inning were the only hits managed by the Golden Norse in the first game.

Freshman left-hander Jason Shaw shut down four strikers and one walk in the final inning. 

For scoring one run in the first inning, the Trojans added four in the second and seven in the third and two in the fourth inning to end the game in five innings because of the eight-run rule.

Edward Gonzalez led the Trojans with a double, three singles and three RBIs. Singles by Copinger, Nate Austin, Easley, Reggie Williams and Jeremy Rogers added two hits each.

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Lady Norse construct a streak

Riding a six-game winning streak, the Lady Norse played host to Bacon College on Tuesday before visiting Northern Oklahoma in Tishomingo on Wednesday. Coach Eric Brown's Lady Norse are 31-2 on the season and 16-2 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

The Lady Norse continue an eight-game road trip with a double-header in Tishomingo against Murray State on Thursday before visiting Seminole on April 19 and Neosho County, Kan., on April 20.

Lady Norse 84, Carl Albert 65
A two-out single by freshman Ashley Patrick combined with strong pitching by Stue Rose carried the Lady Norse to a 9-0 and 8-5 Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header sweep over Carl Albert State College last Saturday on the NEO diamond.

Patrick had two hits in five innings of work to improve to 18-0 on the season. The only hit against Patrick was singles by Brooke Goodin and Casey Anderson in the fifth inning.

Consecutive singles by Shyann Gipson and Stacie Harris along with a fielder’s choice by Casey Strimple gave NEO a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Gipson and Harris both singled to start a three-run third inning for the Lady Norse. After Jennifer Clemens walked to fill the bases, Leslie Prather doubled scoring both Gipson and Harris. Sarah Campbell singled scoring Prather for a 4-0 Lady Norse lead.

Hitting in the leadoff spot, Gipson collected her third single to start a four-run fourth inning for NEO. Strimple doubled scoring Clemens. Clemens doubled scoring Strimple. Prather reached on a fielder’s choice. Amanda Brown singled scoring Clemens and Campbell single scoring Prather.

Along with the three hits from Gipson, NEO received two hits each from Harris, Brown and Campbell.

Singles by Clemens and Prather along with walks by Mary Sky and Coden Rose gave the Lady Norse a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Strimple doubled scoring both Gipson and Harris. Sarah Campbell singled scoring Prather for a 4-0 Lady Norse lead.

The Lady Norse outlasted the Lady Eagles, 5-3, in the bottom of the second inning on a single by Rachel Johnson and a RBI double by Christina Johnson.

Gipson grabbed a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning. After Shyann Gipson walked, Harris and Strimple both singled scoring Gipson. Both Harris and Strimple scored as Bush reached on an error.

Harris, Strimple and Clemens each collected two hits to lead the Lady Norse to the attack.

Strimple had a solo home run, a two-run triple and a single while Campbell collected two singles and a two-run double to pace the Lady Norse in the first game. Both Brown and Sue Sanders each had a double and single to add to the Lady Norse offense.

Football starts drills

Faced with the challenge of teaching a new offensive scheme and at the same time trying to find quality replacements for the 35 sophomores lost to graduation, the Golden Norse football team started spring workouts last week.

With a new offensive coordinator (Doug Backmester) and all the starters we lost on both sides of the ball, those 12 practices we’re going to have should be quite productive,” said head coach Dale Pateena. “Along with all the teaching and evaluation we’ve got to do, we’ve also got to work a little on our conditioning so that nobody gets hurt.”

Forty-seven prospects are participating in spring drills on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting at 3:30 p.m. “We use Tuesday and Thursday for work in the weight room to try and improve our overall physical strength,” Pateena said.

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