Four students charged with assault

Ske typically told investigatoors she was with Evans when he left threatening messages for Ward and immediately after the attack.

TEST SCHEDULE

Students are reminded that semester exam week begins Monday, April 30, 2001 and ends Thursday, May 3, 1999.

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 class times not listed below will hold the final examination to the last class period of the final exam week.

All other course examinations will be held as follows:

**Monday, April 30**
- MWF 8 a.m.
- MWF 10 a.m.
- MWF 1 p.m.
- TH 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- *Monday evening classes at regular time*

**Tuesday, May 1**
- TTH 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.
- TTH 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
- TTH Noon or 12:30 p.m.
- TTH 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- *Tuesday evening classes at regular time*

**Wednesday, May 2**
- MWF 9 a.m.
- MWF 11 a.m.
- MWF Noon
- MWF 1 p.m.
- MWF 2 p.m.
- *Wednesday evening classes at regular time*

**Thursday, May 3**
- TTH 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
- TTH 2 p.m.
- TTH 3 p.m.
- *Thursday evening commencement 8 p.m.*
OPINION

Freedom of speech at stake

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

What is currently known as the School of Liberal Arts on campus may very well have been called the "School of Conservative Arts" to some students. Campus Crouse is the name of a show that has been broadcast on NEO channel 13. The show was hosted by the Young Democrats organization.

Currently, due to an administrative decision made, the television department faculty have decided not to broadcast the show at all.

"I believe that although we aim to make Channel 13 student-oriented, the City of Miami has more influence than I would like," said Chris Curly, a freshman from Miami, and president of Channel 13.

"The city controls the station because Cable Con provides the channel. The administration should have a role in what is shown, but ultimately the students should be given more importance," said Curly.

"I believe students are not being allowed to voice their opinions if a member of the faculty is constantly looking over their shoulder," Curly said.

The purpose of the show was to coordinate adolescence issues with everyday issues," said Jacob Rainfield, a sophomore from Venu, and president of Young Democrats.

"We surveyed 150 students. The survey was broken into two categories: school issues and political issues," Rainfield said.

"Campus Crouse has been able to broadcast a couple of shows on issues that relate to NEO such as school, gun control, and school violence.

"The last show that we did was on gay rights. I was told it would offend some of the members of the community of Miami and it would endanger one of our campus lives," said Rainfield.

"I think this is the year 2000 and it's a pathetic excuse not to air the show. You cannot go through life without stepping on someone's toes. The faculty are always going to try to get involved, and when we do, we get shot down.

"Every day we were told they wanted us to voice our opinions. We are given the freedom of speech, but are not allowed to use the college station to do this.

"I could see where some people might be offended. No matter what political issue you talk about you are going to offend someone. Gay rights is one of them.

"There is no reason why a rural town in the Bible belt cannot discuss it," said Rainfield.

"How was the show setup?" "It was not all about a gay person. We had two young adults discussing the subject. We had a gay person and a person that was anti-gay on the show. Both people represented their opinion in a respectful manner," Rainfield said.

"It's a disappointment to not air the show. It's a big issue to cover," said show guest Julie Martin, a freshman from Picher.

"I feel that the show was addressing issues significant to our society. The gay issue affects everybody.

"The show was well balanced. There was no Jerry Springer moments. Rather, it was just two students calmly voicing their opinion," Martin said.

"The television station should be for everyone. The administration should allow the show to cater to the students as well as the town," Martin said.

"I don't think it's a shame when students feel that their television station belongs to Miami more than their college.

"I would encourage people to speak to the community and write letters and call Dr. (Glenn E.) Mayle, our college president, and let him know that the show has a right to air," said Rainfield.

Earth Day activities observed

By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor

Great achievements have come in the 1990's, with the advances in science and technology revealing to us that the Earth needs special attention.

To celebrate the natural wonders of our planet, we are setting aside March 20, 1997, as Earth Day to be recognized as a universal holyday.

Nobel Laureate Harold Urey, said, "We in the older generation have begun to realize the immense changes on the Earth in our lifetime."

"Due to atomic bombs people all over the earth are in danger. Due to the success of information and medicine we face the possible contamination of Earth."

"All of these things are of great concern to all of us. It is time we begin to think in terms of a purified Earth," said Urey.

Over 400 Earth Day campus groups nationwide are planning unique events on April 22 to draw attention to clean energy and other environmental issues.

Activities include a bike ride and jog, fashion shows, solar cookouts, solar powered smoothies, a tree planting ceremony, a traveling hemp museum, gear swaps, electric car displays and many more.

STREET TALK

What would you like to change about NEO?

Josh Clark, freshman
Silvian Springs, Arkansas

"I think visitation hours should not be changed because we're not kids."

Mike Durley, freshman
Salina, Missouri

"I would like to see more participation by the administration in student activities."

Ashley Lewis, freshman
Claymore, Oklahoma

"Personally, I would like to see more working fountains around campus."

Michael Hart, freshman
Conner, Oklahoma

"I think this college needs more student activities held earlier in the day."

Duane Lee, freshman
Fisher, Oklahoma

"If I could change one thing it would be the guy-to-girl ratio around here."
FINAL PLAY CONTINUES

Joe Benjamin, played by Josh Austin, tells Mady, portrayed by Cassie Irani; Morris, played by Michael Hert, and Sara, played by Lyndsey Darrell, not to worry during a scene from God's Favorite.

Sarah, Ben, and Joe Benjamin wait to hit an intruder on the head during a scene from God's Favorite.

Sidney Lipton, played by Kevin Prewitt, mails a letter from God to Joe Benjamin, played by Josh Austin.

Trying to see if anyone is home, Sidney Lipton, portrayed by Kevin Prewitt, looks through the double doors.

Photos by Monty Franks
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BY
JON STEELE
Students present final recital

Two sophomore members of the college music department will present a free recital, Thursday, April 27, in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

“Thiss reital is to complele their requirements for an associ-ate’s degree in music,” said Mary Susan Whaley, vocal music direc-
tor.

Jone Watson, voice instruc-
tor at the college, will coordinate the recital.

Jonathan Michael Owens, of Moore, and Lyndsey Henson, of Tahlequah, will perform during the recital. Both students were mem-
bers of the college concert choir and the Menstemgeners. Both also appeared in the theatre production of Wil Rogers’ ‘Follies.’

Owens, a graduate of Moore High School, serves as managing editor of The Norse Wind student newspaper. He will perform Amorini, ‘The Hecuba’ of Carol Curtis and ‘Put Down’ of Hecuba by Antonio Lotti. Both numbers will be sung in Italian.

Owens will also perform the Beethoven pieces of Die Meer Goten aus der Natur and Ich Liebe Dich, both sung in German.

Other pieces performed by Owens are Parley Anglican, song in Latin; The Last Chord by Arthur Sullivan; ‘Jeane’ is Books’ Our All Over by Richard Rodgers, and Get Me to the Church on Time by Frederick

Liese.

“Wiley” provides translitations in the program for all the foreign

pucce.” Owens said.

Henson, a graduate of Wright Christian Academy, will perform the Scarlatti pieces of Sono Noi and Cielo sole di Gange.

She will also perform Beethoven’s ‘Ich Liebe Dich,’ O Lest, Be Merciful by Bartlett; God Shall Wipe Away All Tears by Perry; Look to the Rainbow by Larre, and

A Cock-Eyed Optimist by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The two will perform a duet of The Prayer by Carole Sager and

Doris Fraser.

A reception will follow the recital.

Advances in science make cancer cure much more possible in near future

By Kristen Bradley

Now that scientists have mapped the human genome, how long will it be before the knowledge can be used to conquer diseases such as can-
cer? The answers are genes, at least, and are usually given in decades, scientists say.

“While we are closer than ever to finding answers, new approaches must be tested and found safe and effective in humans,” said Dr. Harmon Eyre, executive vice president for research and medical affairs for the American Cancer Society.

Knowing the sequence of the human genome is the first step toward the development of drugs that can act on specific proteins that cause cancer and other diseases.

But much work remains to be done in understanding not just the approximately 30,000 human genes, but also the estimated one million proteins manufactured by those genes.

“The vision is that by knowing the activity, or lack of activity, in cancer cells as opposed to normal cells, we might be able to find specific targets and specific inhibitors,” says Dawn Willis, PhD, MPH, scientific program director for the American Cancer Society.

Drugs could target only the cancer-causing proteins and not healthy cells. One new drug with promising results in clinical trials, Gleevec, targets an abnormal protein in chronic myelogenous leukemia cells, Willis says.

But in that disease, the protein involved is already known. Developing such drugs for other cancers may be far more complex, she says.

It was nearly a half century ago, in 1953, that Nobel laureate James Watson, PhD, and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA. While other researchers were looking for much more complicated- sturectures, Watson and Crick discovered the elegant double helix of two strands winding around each other to form DNA.

Watson is still active in the National Human Genome Research Institute and served as its first director.

Watson recently suggested it would take another five to seven decades to fully understand the genome that has been mapped. With the sequencing complete, new scientific disciplines are emerging.

The enormous amount of data will require a whole new field of science in which the researchers are as innovative in technology as they are in biology, according to the Willis.

The 30,000 genes on the human genome turned out to be significantly fewer than an earlier estimate of 100,000.

But that won’t make the work any easier, Willis says.

Just because there are fewer genes doesn’t mean there are fewer proteins, and that’s where scientists believe the action is.

The earliest impact of the genome project may be in prevention and early detec-
tion, according to Willis.

Cancer is an interaction between genetic and environment factors, and the goal of genetic predisposition to can-
cer, she says.

“While we should celebrate how far we have come, we cannot become compla-
cent in our fight against can-
cer,” Dr. Eyre said.

“Now is the time to intensify our efforts and build on these advances so that we may finally control cancer or perhaps conquer it completely.”
**SPORTS**

Lady Norse ranked nationally

Entering the final two weeks of the regular season, coach Eric Hermann’s Lady Norse are ranked 16th in the nation and tied for first place with Eastern Kentucky University on Wednesday in Paris. The Lady Norse visit Nodaway County in Carthage, Kan., at 3 p.m. today before hosting Murray State on Monday at 5 p.m. and Roane State on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Lady Norse 15-12, Murray 9-1
Generating 25 runs on 26 hits, the Lady Norse moved to a 15-12 and 12-1 double-header sweep over Murray State College, last Thursday in Tullahoma.

While recording their 15th straight win of the season and their 12th consecutive victory, the Lady Norse stand 37-2 on the season and 22-2 in the Big-10 Athletic Conference.

Tiffany Oahu, Cinza Strimple and Denise Hart each had two hits to lead the Lady Norse. Shayne Gipson, Strimple, Oahu and Sara Campbell each had two hits to pace the Lady Norse in the second game.

Lady Norse 5-11, Northern 10
Despite playing in a constant 40 mile-per-hour wind, the Lady Norse swept a Big-10 Athletic Conference double-header 5-1 and 11-3 last week over the Northern Kentucky University Norse in Tullahoma.

A double and single by Shayne Gipson and Cinza Strimple on a hit by Sara Campbell accounted for seven of the Lady Norse’s hits in the second game.

Lebeloff later Shayne Gipson collected five singles in six at-bats to lead the Lady Norse to a 6-0 and 15-0 double-header sweep over the Beecher College Lady Warriors last week on the NEO diamond.

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**INTRAMURAL POOL WINNERS**

Sophomore Eddie Harry (left), of Miami, defeated freshman Dustin Stetler of Ava, Mo., in the best two-out-of-three games to win the intramural pool singles championship in the college game rooms.

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**Norse defeat Roughriders in nine innings**

With three weeks left in the regular season, coach Roger Ward’s Norsemen are on a winning streak to carry them into post-season play.

After traveling to Norman to face the Comets, the Norse return home to host the Owls at 1 p.m. on Saturday and the Bristol at 2 p.m. on Sunday. NEO will face Maplewood, Mo., at 1 p.m. next Thursday at Home.

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Five Lady Norse cagers sign letters

Five sophomore members of the Northeastern A&M Lady Norse basketball team signed national letters-of-intent last Wednesday with Division I colleges and universities.

Signing a letter with Memphis (Tenn.) State University is starting point-guard Karina McFadyn (5-6 from Auburn, New York). McFadyn, a first team All-Region II performer, set an NCAA single-season record with 159 steals as a freshman. She finished with an NCAA record of 296 total steals while averaging 3.6 points per game. McFadyn also finished second in all-time assists with 292 during her two-year career.

Reserve guard Kenja White (5-6 from Okleegag, Ill.) signed a letter with D-Paul University in Chicago. After starting as a freshman and averaging 11.5 points and 4.1 rebounds, White missed the entire first semester this year because of a medical situation. Playing in 12 games as a sophomore, White averaged six points and 2.7 rebounds.

Starting forward April Ponds (5-11 from Tulsa Memorial) signed a letter with Lamar University of Beaumont, Texas. Ponds averaged 9.4 points and 5.1 rebounds while earning All-Region II honorable mention as a sophomore. As a freshman Ponds averaged seven points and 6.2 rebounds per game.

Another starting forward Raven Lee (5-8 from Tuttle) signed with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. Lee was a third team All-Region II selection after averaging 10.1 points and 4.2 rebounds as a sophomore. Last year Lee averaged 8.3 points and 6.2 rebounds in 36 games.

Veteran power forward Charlotte Nelson (5-10 from Edinburgh, Scotland) signed with Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. Nelson received All-Region II honorable mention as a sophomore after averaging 9.6 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. As a freshman Nelson averaged 4.3 points and 2.2 rebounds in 36 games.

Two players selected All-Americans

Two members of the Lady Norse basketball team were among five Region II players selected to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I All-American team.

Region II Player of the Year Brandi Russell represented the region on the NCJA's All-American squad. Russell, a 5-7 guard from Cincinnati's Taft High School, led the Lady Norse in scoring with a 12.9 average while grabbing 4.2 rebounds per game. Russell recorded 114 assists and 82 steals.

Representing Region II on the All-American second team was sophomore center Selma Barbosa (6-4) from Brook College.

Sophomore guard Danielle Laid (5-6) from Camden State College, represented the region on the All-American third team.

Lady Norse starting point-guard Karina McFadyn and sophomore forward Summer Wofford (5-6) from Eastern Oklahoma College received All-American honorable mention recognition. McFadyn (5-6 from Auburn, New York) averaged 3.6 points per game while establishing NCAA single season (199) and career (296) records for steals.

LADIES JOIN UNIVERSITIES

During National Letter-of-Intent Signing Day last week, five members of the Lady Norse basketball team joined Division I universities. Signing letters were, from left: Charlotte Nelson, April Ponds, Karina McFadyn, Kenja White and Raven Lee.
Arch-rival Ravens return to schedule

Norsemen play 10-game season in football

With the return of Coffeyville Community College to their regular schedule, the Golden Norse football team will play a 10-game slate during the 2001 season. "We think this should be a very entertaining package for our fans with four very good home games and of course the season opener in Coffeyville," said Golden Norse head coach Dale Patterson.

"With Butler County, Trinity Valley, Kilgore and Blinn coming to Robertson Field, football fans will see the cream-of-the-crop at the junior college level." Last season the Golden Norsemen finished with a 6-3 overall record and ranked 12th by the National Junior College Athletic Association. After winning the regular-season Southwest Junior College Football Conference title with a 6-1 record, the Golden Norse defeated Trinity Valley, 37-10, in the conference semi-finals. NEO suffered a 23-21 loss to Tyler Junior College in the Red River Bowl at Bedford, Texas.

After gaining special permission from the conference to start pre-season drills one week earlier, the Golden Norsemen will start the 2001 campaign at the newly-constructed Veteran's Stadium in Coffeyville, Kan., on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

The two arch-rivals have not played during the regular season since 1995, but NEO earned a 31-0 shutout over Coffeyville in the 1998 Red River Bowl.

"We're very excited about opening the season against each other. This is a natural rivalry and it brings two conferences (SWJCFC and the Kansas Jayhawk) together," Patterson said.

The Golden Norsemen will open the home portion of their schedule Sept. 1 with a 7 p.m. showdown against Butler County Community College of El Dorado, Kan. The Grizzlies posted a 10-2 record which included a 30-20 victory over Nazareth, N.Y. in the Carson Empire State Bowl. Butler County finished ranked sixth in the nation.

Following an open date Sept. 8, the Golden Norsemen start a three-game road trip in Fort Scott, Kan. The Norse will face the Greyhounds on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Opening play in the conference on Sept. 22, the Golden Norsemen travel to Ranger, Texas for a 3 p.m. game with Ranger Junior College.

A rematch of the championship game will occur the following week as the Golden Norsemen visit Rose State, Sept. 29, for a 7 p.m. conference game with Tyler Junior College. The Apaches finished ranked seventh last season with a 9-3 record.

Returning home for the traditional Homecoming contest, the Golden Norse will entertain Trinity Valley at 7 p.m., Oct. 6, on Robertson Field. The Cardinals posted a 5-6 record last year.

Traveling to Corsicana, Texas, Oct. 13, the Norsemen will square off against Navarro College in a 3 p.m. conference game. The Bulldogs dropped a 37-28 decision to Tyler in the conference semifinals last year to finish with a 8-3 record.

Kilgore Junior College will visit Robertson Field on Oct. 20 for a 7 p.m. conference game. The Apaches posted a 6-4 overall mark last year. Concluding the road portion of the schedule, the Golden Norse travel to Cisco, Texas, Oct. 27, for a 1:30 p.m. game with the Cisco Wranglers.

The regular season will conclude Nov. 3, as the Norsemen entertain the Buccaneers of Blinn College at 6 p.m. on Robertson Field.

Conference semifinals for the top four teams are Nov. 10 with the Red River Bowl scheduled for 1 p.m., Dec. 1, in Bedford, Texas.
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