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IN THE NEWS

Student loans available

By Kateryna Bakay
Feature Editor

"The small student loan has been a great benefit to the students," said Shirley Patterson, staff assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

Students may borrow up to $2,000 which must be paid back within three years. The carrying charge is 1%. The charge goes to the future scholarship funds for students.

To get a small loan, a student must see Patterson in the student affairs office located on the first floor of the west wing of Dyer Hall.

The business office is located on the first floor of the Dayne Czech Library-Administration building. It is important to remember to pay back these loans.

Additional charges are added to the loans if they are not paid on time, and grades can be withheld.

"Students may obtain as many loans as needed, but only one at a time. And another one may not be obtained until the existing one has been paid back," said Patterson.

The funds for the small student loans come from the following sources: the Ice Ales and the Bill Goodman Student Loan Funds, the Don Dyer Fund, the John Thomson Fund, the Georgene Payne Fund and the Odin Knights Student Loan Fund.

"These funds were created by donations made in the names of people that have been associated with the college over the years."

Theatre group schedules plays

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Theatre NEO, the college drama department, has recently announced the schedule of performances for the 2001-02 season.

Starting the season, the drama department will present Twelfth Night, directed by Tiffany Alm. This timeless, romantic comedy, written at the turn of the 17th century, is the tale of mistaken identity. When a ship carrying a brother-sister pair of twins sinks near the coast of Illyria, the son, Viola, is washed ashore, and assuming her sibling, Sebastian, has perished, she disguises herself as him and accepts a position as a page.

However, she falls in love with his master, Duke Orsino, whose only charge for his page is to woo a local noblewoman for him, but the Duke's target instead falls for the disguised Viola, setting in motion a dizzying comedy of errors.

The play will run Oct. 11-12 at 7:30 p.m. and on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The annual children's production will be Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. In this delightful adaptation of the popular children's book, Alexander's daily struggles and dramas are brought to life through music. Commissioned and prepared by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, this show will educate and entertain young audiences.

The production is set to run Nov. 30. It will be directed by Steve McCurry.

Mary Susan Whiteley, head of the music department, is scheduled to direct A Medieval Christmas Feast, Dec. 6-7, in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

The fourth presentation will be Hello Dolly. This irresistible story based on Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker" comes alive with the personality of one of the most fabulous characters on the musical stage, Dolly Gallagher Levi.

Memorable songs include "Before the Parade Passes By," "It Only Takes a Moment," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," and "So Long, Dearie."

The play is scheduled to open March 7-8. It will be directed by David Fromon.

The audience participation dinner theatre of Boardwalk Melody Hour Murders, April 25-26, in the NEO Ballroom. Anyone interested must make reservations to attend.

This funny, fast paced murder mystery takes place in 1932 amongst gangsters, lounge singers, and G-men.
OPINION

Congress considers gun control

By Jerry Williams
Editorial Editor

Once again, America's righteous impulse to solve problems through prohibition is stirring in Congress. This time around, instead of drugs, gold or alcohol, the items on the table to be banned are the so-called "assault weapons." Proponents of this prohibition claim the ban will help reduce violent crime. They assert that the people will be safer and more secure when these specific guns are removed from circulation.

A dispassionate look at both the facts and the myths, however, reaches the opposite conclusion. An analysis of both the rhetoric and the legislation touting "assault weapons" shows that it is nothing more than a crime-busting politician's equivalent of the political common sense vogue. It is just a soothing substitute for real distinctions and hard decisions.

Let's look at what is actually to be banned. Nobody really knows. Automatic weapons and machine guns are already illegal. The pending crime bill makes arbitrary distinctions based on threatening appearance rather than on destructive potential.

The Second Amendment, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, was added to the constitution to afford the citizens of this country protection against a government gone bad. A very famous person once said, "This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future." That person was none other than Adolf Hitler.

We can make our streets safer. Not by banning "assault weapons," but by enforcing existing gun laws, and a tougher approach by our law justice system to prosecution and parole.

The lawmakers and opinion shapers should put the constitution ahead of empty symbolic legislation. Maybe some genuine leadership, rather than politically correct posturing, is in order.

Citizen explains issue

By Danielle Boyd
Managing Editor

Oklahoma voters will have the difficult task of answering the complicated Right-to-work issue when they go to the polls, Sept. 25, to vote on State Question 605.

Dan Boyd, Miami City Councilman of Ward 4, and President of local 14228 United Steel Workers of America, wants college students to be aware of the issue.

"State Question 605 was presented by Governor Frank Keating under false premises of more jobs and higher pay," said Boyd.

"In all reality, 605 will cut wages as much as 6.5 percent, and up to half of Oklahomans could lose their Health Care," Boyd said.

"So what does this have to do with college students? College students need to vote because the vote will affect them and their children for the eternity of the state," said Boyd.

"If this State Question is passed, it will be hard to change," Boyd said. Some Oklahomans think that 605 is a Union issue, and that only the people affected will be Uniwho workers.

"That's far from the truth. State Question 605 will affect the whole state because it will lower wages for the state as a whole." The Bureau of Labor statistics tell us that workers in states with 605, workers make about $2,000 less per year. State Question 605 won't create higher paying jobs with good benefits to workers. They will give jobs to people who will work for the least amount of money allowed.

"Some people might think that 605 is confusing, I agree," said Boyd. "I think that 605 is deliberately confusing to Oklahomans. The proposal is 544 words long," said Boyd.

Boyd also thinks that some of the proposal may be unconstitutional. "It talks about banning all kinds of employee contracts, but doesn't say which ones." Working people, veterans, fire fighters, nurses, and American small business owners all oppose State Question 605," said Boyd.

"If you have intentions of becoming an employee in Oklahoma, vote "NO" on State Question 605." If you are not a registered voter in Miami, it is still possible to vote.

Students may vote with an absentee ballot, which can be obtained at the Ottawa County Courthouse, in the election office, located on Central Avenue, between A and B, Southeast.

"I urge all college students and young adults alike to vote on Sept. 25," said Boyd. "The outcome of this vote will determine the economic history of Oklahoma."
OWLS Center seeks new home

By Danielle Boyd
Managing Editor

The OWLS organization is still going strong, despite not having a center anymore. Created for the Older, Wise, Learning Students in 1992, the center started with approximately 100 students participating. Last year the membership dwindled to approximately 100 students.

"The OSU Board of Regents gave us the grant for the Allied Jobs Program, and therefore we have to adjust our student club to what the Regents think it should be," said Dana Johnson, the director of the Allied Jobs Program Employment Training Center.

"The Department of Human Services submits students to the Allied Jobs Program. It's not just for everyone anymore," Johnson said.

"Just because the OWLS Center has changed, doesn't mean we no longer have the club."

"As soon as Dr. Glenn Maye (NDSU president) and I get a new center for the OWLS, we will hold our meetings there," said Johnson.

The services the OWLS Center once offered, like tutoring, are still available to the students.

"There are tutors in Shipley Hall now, so the students can benefit from that," said Johnson.

"The only difference with the OWLS club is that the center where they would usually meet is now an Adult Student Service center," Johnson said.

"The OWLS club is a very important thing to the adult students. We wouldn't take that away from them," said Johnson.

"The Allied Jobs Program is just for DHS classes only. Students have to be referred to us."

For now, the OWLS are meeting in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom lounge, on the first Wednesday of each month at noon, and on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

"Dr. Maye is very supportive of getting a new OWLS Center," said Johnson. "We will figure this out soon."

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Serving as officers: the Native American Student Association during the fall semester are seated from left: Terrance Tyner, freshman, Miami, secretary/treasurer; Jaisamun Downing, sophomore; Quapaw, president, and Steve Owens, sophomore, Quapaw, vice president. Standing are: Warren Eee, freshman, Miami, ambassador; Earl Echols, sophomore, Miami, Student Body Government representative, and Eric Bruce, freshman, Quapaw, Student Body Government representative. The association meets every Thursday at 9 p.m. in room 322 of Shipley Hall.

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A SERVICE OF BAPTIST REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
Center offers free support in academics

By Kateryn Bakay
Byron State

Students have an opportunity to gain valuable tutoring in English, math, science and reading from the Academic Support Center located on the first floor of the Speedy Hall.

“We want to help any student improve their basic skill level in these areas,” said Jenny Rice, coordinator of the center.

Rice is also responsible for both math and science labs. Her office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

“You don’t have to have any qualifications to get in the math lab. You come in to the lab if you need help with your homework. We do tutoring and help students with their pre-test. But we don’t test them in any way,” said Rice.

“We offer support in elementary, intermediate and college algebra. I do have student assistants that support calculus and physics this semester,” Rice said.

“One of the calculus students is here from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and in the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday,” Rice said.

Rice also offers academic support in sciences such as chemistry, physics, and biology in her lab.

“We do tutoring in sciences which basically has to deal with actions of the math part of science. I help solve equations, conversions, etc.,” Rice said.

“In the near future, we hope to attain a computer where we can keep track of the students who come in to the lab and whether their grade has improved or those who don’t use the lab,” said Rice.

“This way professors will be able to see the student’s progress,” said Rice.

Lisa Stovall is responsible for the reading lab. Her office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“Qualifications to get into the reading lab are based on the ACT/PSAT scores. We do tutoring and help with the assignments. Students do the lab along with the reading class if it is required,” said Stovall.

Dr. Sonnie Ha-Birdsong is responsible for the English lab. She is available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“You don’t need any qualifications to get into the English lab. Our lab is open for every NEO student who wants to get tutoring with English Comp I or II,” said Dr. Birdsong.
SPORTS

Volleyball team entertains Westark

Seeking some consistency in their game, the Lady Norse volleyball team squared off against Bi-State Athletic Conference foe Westark Community College, tonight at 7 o’clock in the NED Fieldhouse.

Coach Rick Kan’s Lady Norse were 1-3 on the season before traveling to Coffeyville, Kan., last Friday and playing a 4-set match with Independence, Kan., and Garden City, Kan., on Monday.

Following the Westark match the Lady Norse travel to Arkansas City, Kan., Friday and Saturday to the Coffey County Tournament.

Lady Norse vs SSMS.

Barred through four games, the Lady Norse volleyball team suffered dropped a match to the Lady Grenadiers of Southwest Missouri State University.

Fall workouts benefit baseball program

By Kurt Witten

With 18 sophomores preparing to light the Golden Norse baseball team started the fall pre-season with an intrasquad scrimmage recently at Home Thomas Field.

Last season under coaches Roger Ward, the 10-year-old Norsemen finished third in the Region 11 tournament with a 30-30 overall record. The Norse suffered a 3-1 loss to Seminole State in 10 innings of the losers bracket finals.

“The junior college level we’re very lucky to be here,” said Ward. “We’re allowed to scrimmage other teams during the fall and we’re not limited by time on how long we can practice like the NCAA teams do. So, this season we’re using the intrasquad scrimmages to get a feel for what is expected to play in a match.”

“The players are growing as a team and moving towards the spring season, where we’ll have to make some really tough decisions because we want to start the season with between 30 and 34 on the team. Now some of these kids will cut themselves because we see how competitive it is to play at this level,” Ward said.

“Part of the process involves evaluating what you are and what you need to improve in the spring season.”

Returning to the pitching staff from the fall are veterans Rory Cooper (6-3) from White Rock, B.C., Danny Bean (5-10) from Berrylfill, Jeff Wilson (6-3) from Peavine, Bobby donors (6-3) from Mandan, Daniel Game (6-3) from Tulsa, Jeff Gibson (6-3) from Anadarko, and Thomas Hall (5-11) from Mandan.

Tristan Mar Knigotki (6-2) from Toronto, Canada, is one of five returning Community College and Robert Moby (6-4) from St. Louis by way of St. Louis Community College should battle for a start in the rotation on the right side.

Lefties Brian Seiter (5-8) from Stillwater, Okla., Greg Winterhalter (5-8) from Columbus, Kan., Michael Carpenter (6-2) from Sunny, B.C., and Michael Glenn (6-3) from Enid, return to the Golden Norse pitching staff.

Glen will also start at first base.

Freshmen pitching prospects from the right side include Anthony McIntosh (6-0) from Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby Mose (6-0) from Chicago, Ill.; and Nathaniel Foster (6-3) from Lynnwood, Wash., and Jamie Bone (6-0) from Tulsa, Okla.

Returning to the pitching staff are sophomores Kyle O’Conner (5-9) from Lebo, Okla., and Ryan Jennings (6-3) from Raton, N.M., to bolster the outfiield positions along with freshmen from Oklahoma. White, Calif.; Dustin Spiker (6-6) from Great Falls, Mont.; and Jon Talavera (6-6) from Stillwater, Okla., return to the infield positions along with five returning juniors and seniors.

Lefthanded freshmen pitching prospects are Chris Gibson (6-6) from Oklahoma, and Luke Shellen (6-2) from Grove.

Senior Nate Griffin (6-6) from Tulsa returns with the catching chores along with freshmen Chip Benson (5-11) from Claremore, Okla., and Star Baten (5-11) from Enid, Okla.

Glen and Mosby will share playing time at first base along with freshmen Nathaniel Thuber (5-10) from Oklahoma City, and Robert Collins (6-0) from Oklahoma City; Derek Taylor (5-8) from Grove, Anthony Minn (6-6) from Tulsa, Carlos Garcia (6-4) from Washington, D.C.; Danny Manning (5-9) from Bartlesville, Okla., and Jonathan Schwartz (5-1) from Toronto, Canada; and Kevin Garofalo (5-1) from Enid, Okla.

Recent signee and freshman Joey Antonesch (6-2) from Seattle, Wash., will be the starting catcher at third base.
SPORTS

Norsemen visit Greyhounds

Three-game road trip starts in Fort Scott

By Kurt Witten

Looking to get back on the winning track, the Golden Norsemen football team travels to Fort Scott, Kan., Saturday, for a 7 p.m. game at Greyhound Stadium.

"We've had three straight days of real good practice where we've been able to accomplish quite a bit," said Norsemen head coach Dale Patterson.

Most of our concentration had been towards correcting the errors we made in the 34-24 loss to Butler County. Kan., in last our game. Following an open date last weekend, the Golden Norse start a three-game road trip with a 1-1 overall record.

Fourth-year coach Kevin Gundy's Greyhounds stand 2-0 on the young season. The Greyhounds defeated Hutchinson, Kan., 45-7, last Saturday after opening the year with a 72-39 drubbing of Highland, Kan., last Saturday in Fort Scott.

Last year the Greyhounds finished the season with a 5-5 record after being beaten in the second round of the Kansas Jayhawk Conference playoffs by Butler County.

The Golden Norsemen lead the overall series against Fort Scott 13-3-2, including the last three times the teams have met. The Norse won 34-5 in 1996, then 46-16 the next year. Last year NES won 33-18, by rolling up 422 yards of total offense, including 282 yards rushing.

The task for NES will be to shut down Fort Scott's high powered West Coast offense.

Norsemen maul Norse

By Kurt Witten

It is usually very difficult to dig your way out of a hole, especially when your counterpart is trying to keep you in it.

This was the case as the Golden Norse football team suffered a 34-24 loss to the visiting Butler County, Kan., Grizzlies Sept. 1, at Robertson Field.

I was pleased with the fact that our kids battled back two or three times throughout the game," head coach Dale Primitive said.

"We were down 12-0 and battled back to take the lead, then at the end, we blocked an extra-point. So we can't fault our kids effort.

Last year the Greyhounds generated 293 yards of total offense, including 236 yards through the air.

After last week's performance against the Butler County Grizzlies, NES's coaching went back and made some personnel changes on offense, defense, and special teams.

"We made some personnel changes where we thought they were warranted. We inserted some additional personnel in some areas to help shore up and provide depth where we felt we needed it."

"Our biggest concern on offense will be 'initiating the mistakes that caused us to be so erratic. We've got to take care of the football and use ball control to keep their offense off the field as much as possible,'" Patterson said.

"On the defensive side, we can't afford to have mental letdown and blown assignments. Fort Scott has the type of offense that can hurt you with big plays, so we've got to be able to contain them and make them grind it out."

Grizzlies maul Norse

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead when Ricky Thomas ran an 83-yard touchdown to put the score at 6-0. The Norse answered with a seven-play, 75-yard drive capped off by Tom Smith's 3-yard touchdown run to bring the score to 7-6.

Butler County scored again on a 38-yard field goal by Chris Morgan to take a 9-6 lead into halftime.

Butler County struck quickly, as tailback Ronald McCrady broke free for a 60-yard touchdown run making the score 12-0 at the 7:35 juncture.

NES answered with a seven-play, 77-yard drive capped off by Keshun Thompson's 1-yard touchdown run to bring the score to 16-12 in the second quarter.

The Norse took the lead at 14-12 in their next possession when Tash Humes finished off a 68-yard drive with a one-yard dive for the score. Tyler Wilkey hit the extra-point on both scores to give the Norsemen a 14-12 lead with 6:37 until halftime.

After a pair of sacks by Butler County pushed NES back to its own 9-yard line, Ryan Huffman fell on a Justin Sutherland fumble in the end zone for a Grizzlies touchdown, giving Butler an 18-14 lead with 5:54 before half.

A 35-yard field goal by Galeta gave the Grizzlies a 21-14 halftime lead.

Defensive end McKenzie Tilton recovered a fumble deep in Butler County territory early in the third quarter. Three plays later fullback Johnny Bizzell budded as from one yard out. Wilkey's extra point tied the score at 21 with 9:21 on the clock.

A 29-yard field goal from Wilkey gave NES a short-lived 24-21 lead with 12:35 left in the game.

But the Grizzlies routed back when Cutch Stevens hit wide receiver James Terry on a slant-route that was good for 60 yards. Two plays later Stevens hit tailback Jerome Green on a fade route in the corner of the end zone putting the Grizzlies up for good at 28-21 with 8:04 left on the clock.

Green would later score on a six-yard run to add some insurance and create the 34-24 final margin.

NES was its own worst enemy most of the night with poor execution and nine turnovers.

The Norse only lost one of the nine fumbles. The other eight resulted in 31 yards rushing for Sutherland, and in a 10-yard punt by Wilkey.

On the ground, NES mustered only 90 yards on 55 carries. Sutherland was wild in the passing game, hitting 14 of 24 passes for 171 yards. Romby Bryant hauled in four catches for 72 yards.

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