Enrollment figures reflect increase in current semester

Thursday, April 18

Today is the last day to cash personal checks in the college business office located in the Davey Crouch Library/Administration building.

The Lady Norse travel to Seminole for a 7 p.m. Big State Athletic Conference doubleheader.

The Golden Norse visit El Dorado, Kan., for a 5 p.m. nine-inning game with Butler County.

Students interested in participating in the Thursday Night Baja session sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries are invited to the 9 p.m. meeting in the building located just north of the main campus.

Open swim hours in the college pool located in the north end of the NED Fieldhouse are from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A valid NO student ID is required.

Friday, April 19

Students working on either state or federal payrolls are reminded to complete their timesheets and return them to their supervisors by 3 p.m. today.

Today free swim hours in the college pool are from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Norse will visit Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa for a 7 p.m. Big State Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Conduct polar bears Norsemen travel to Wofford for a 1 p.m. doubleheader with Eastern Oklahoma College.

Monday, April 22

Student timesheets are due at 10 a.m. in Data Entry located in the basement of the Craig Library/Administration building.

Tuesday, April 23

Members of the Student Body Government are scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Everyone is invited to the free lunch at noon at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

REMINDER!

The phone number for the campus police is 533-1243.

Spring Fling

SPRING FLING

PREPARATIONS...

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A Student Newspaper Serving the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Community

Enrollment for the spring semester increased 6.7 percent over the same period last year according to figures released by the office of admissions and records.

The total head count on the for the spring semester was 2,714 students compared to 2,564 students during the 1999-2000 spring semester.

"Our faculty and staff have worked very diligently on improving services and advisement for our students," said Dr. Glenn Mayle, president. "This effort has had a great effect on our recruitment and retention rates."

Students attending classes on the main campus comprise 90 percent of the total enrollment with 1,730 compared to 1,749 students enrolled at the Grove Higher Education Center.

In-state students (1,542) comprise 81 percent of the enrollment compared to 392 out-of-state students.

While 25 percent of the total enrollment live on campus, 27.4 percent reside in Miami and 47.6 percent live outside Miami.

Female students make up 56 percent of the student body (1,101) compared to 803 male students.

The average age of an NED student is 27.7 years old while 45.9 percent of students are 22 years of age or above.

Sixty-five percent of the student body (1,242) are full-time students compared to 662 part-time students.

Only two percent of the student population are attending classes during the evening.

Caucasian students comprise 67 percent (1,172) of the total population with 21 percent (391) Native Americans, 6.3 percent (129) African American, 3.7 percent (71) International, 17 percent (32) Hispanic, and 6.8 percent (15) classified as other.

Spring Fling features many free activities

Selection of officers for the 2002-2003 Student Body Government highlights the mid-week activities of the annual Spring Fling.

The election of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two senators-at-large is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. today and will last until 2 p.m. in the foyer of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

All students with a valid ID card are encouraged to vote, according to Michael Deering, current Student Body Government president.

Following the election, a free cookout and softball games will be held starting at 7 p.m. at the Joe Booth Softball Complex located just west of the Miami Fairgrounds.

Spring Fling festivities continue on Thursday with a banquet and dance at the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center located just north of the Will Rogers Turnpike entrance.

The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. All students are invited to receive free snow cones from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

The snow cones will be distributed on the main mall between Shipley Hall and the Carter Student Union.

Co-sponsored by the Student Activities Association and the Student Body Government, Spring Fling started Sunday with Sundae Nite at the Ko-Ku.

Dr. R.E. Bellows, world renowned hypnotist, made a visit to campus on Monday as part of Spring Fling Week.

Students were encouraged to play on the Big Toys on Tuesday and to participate in the Mud Games at the intramural field.
OPINION

Middle East situation becomes more volatile

By Jerry Williams

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, is vociferous in blaming Israel for the present crisis in the Middle East.

Annan never misses a chance to accuse Israel of abusing Palestinian human rights, but as far as I know he has never uttered a word of condemnation against the Palestinian bomber who turned a Jewish Passover Seder into a massacre.

Annan's sentiments are mirrored by the Europeans. The French and the Germans are in lock step with the U.N. by placing the blame for the situation at Israel's doorstep.

These are the same French and Germans, remember, who share blame for the annihilation of millions of Jews during World War II.

A common theme running through all this hand-wringing over the current hostilities is that Israel should stop its offensive against the terrorists and agree to begin negotiations with Yasser Arafat.

Even assuming that negotiations do begin and, miraculously, all miracle, an agreement is signed, it won't do a bit of good because Yasser Arafat has never kept his word on anything he has ever signed.

The saddest episode of this grim tale is that the leaders of the administration in the United States seem to have bought into this claptrap about Arafat being a legitimate player in the region.

There are only two ways to look at Yasser Arafat's standing as a leader of the Palestinian people.

Either he has no control over the suicide bombers of Hamas, Hezbollah or Islamic Jihad, or he is up to his neck in coverups with the terrorists.

In either case the Bush administration should not grant Arafat any legitimacy by allowing him to talk to Secretary of State Powell.

The United States needs to maintain in the Middle East the same moral clarity that it had in its war against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

If America is to keep its allies intact in its war on terrorism around the globe, we must be willing to lend our support to anyone, anywhere, who has the courage to stand up to the terrorists.

In an appeal to the Bush administration during a speech at the American Enterprise Institute, Israeli envoy Benjamin Netanyahau said of the Israeli's push to wipe out the terrorist infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza, "We have to finish the job. You have to finish yours, and we have to finish ours.

"If you start hedging," he said, "you will blunt the whole course of the American action.

Netanyahau warned that if the suicide bombers are not stopped on the West Bank, they will eventually come to America's coffee shops and tourist attractions.

Said Netanyahau, "The longer we wait, the more explosive the Middle East becomes."

I don't like to jog. As a matter of fact, I hate jogging. I hate treadmills. I hate weights. I hate exercise.

Up until today, I would probably have told you that more than likely I'll never be in shape.

Then I learned something today that may change all that. Those wonderful scientists are on the verge of coming up with an exercise program that I may be able to end up with a buff body without having to undergo the agony of all that exercise.

Researchers at Duke University claim to have tracked down the chemical method by which muscles build up their strength and endurance.

I'm sure this is a good thing, and I'm sure it will make all of us happy. But just imagine a life doing all the things you're supposed to do, like sitting around on your butt eating fried foods, chocolate, and red meat and drinking whatever you want to drink.

Sounds good, huh? Then imagine winning a gold medal in the decathlon the same day. Isn't science wonderful?
Instructor enjoys worldly travels

By Kateryna Bakay

Traveling to far away places can sometimes be an essential part of our life. There are some people who are extremely interested in the world around them. Not only listening to news, but also visiting different places.

Longtime history instructor Rod Kramer is one of them. After 30 years as a member of the college faculty and serving as an assistant coach in football and head track coach, Kramer is looking forward to continuing his traveling exploits after retiring at the end of this semester.

A graduate of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield with a bachelor's degree, Kramer earned a master's from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg.

Kramer and his wife, JoAnn, have three kids. Kelly, the oldest, is a basketball coach for Minnetonka in the W.N.I.A. His son Kirk works in the college Learning Resources Center. Kristen, the youngest child, is a nanny in Minneapolis, Minn.

Along with his teaching responsibilities over the years, Kramer has visited several foreign countries, including Russia in 1988.

Kramer was joined on his trip to the former Soviet Union by NEO government instructor Dr. George Langer.

"We were aware of the changes taking place in the Soviet Union and that time and we decided to take a tour and see the things with our own eyes," said Kramer.

Kramer recalls his memo-
LIFESTYLES

student of the week

DIANA BEAR
Sophomore Diana Bear, a psychology major from Miami, became the first-ever “Student of the Week” selection for the week of March 25-29. Bear is a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She serves as vice president of the Psychology Club.

SUGGESTION REQUESTS

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DANNY COMPION
Director of the Physical Therapy Assistant Program, Danny Compton was named “Teacher of the Week” for the week of April 8-12.

Compton joined the faculty in 1990. He earned an associate’s degree from the Texas State Technical Institute before receiving a bachelor's degree from California State University, Fresno.

This week the Learning Resources Center joins libraries across the country in celebrating National Library Week. Come join us today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for refreshments and balloons, we will honor Cera Miller, winner of our Library Mystery Short Story Contest.

In observance of the week, I am devoting this column to Monte Polan, a member of our profession who died a couple of weeks ago in California. His obituary in the Los Angeles Times contained many colorful details of his life.

The following are a few excerpts:

"Few librarians fit the nasty stereotypes of their profession, but none defined them more than Monte Polan. The University Librarian of Cal State Los Angeles for more than two decades, Polan cherished books, of course, and was an omnivorous reader." But how many librarians would sit outside in a book, a la the Lucy character in the Peanuts' strip, with a sign that reads "Librarian is in"? Or could work in a room like a post? Or flaut a bow tie collection as impressive as Imelda Marcos' aches of shoes? How many librarians wanted to retire on Bastille Day, the holiday commemorating the fall of the French monarchy, because it was funny? Monte Polan, who died of heart failure March 23 at age 78, did all that and more.

"He had an attitude of let's change the world through librarianship, through reading, through intellectual life. He had an extraordinary joiness that made him a leader in our profession," said California State Librarian Kevin Starr. "In nearly the same breath, Starr seems compelled to note Polan also was "the how dids champion of Southern California," known for his assortment of neckwear and overall panache.

Polan loved to hang out in cafes and talk politics and philosophy. He was the short, squat gentleman with the carefully groomed beard and weakness for Savile Row suits and Turnbull & Asser shirts. "Dress British and think Yiddish," he often said.

Polan had a stern side too. Heaven help the public figure who regularly corrupted the phrase "in regard to" by adding an "x" to the end of "regard". Such transgressors were bound to meet Monte Polan, self-appointed guardian of the English language.

Join us in the LRC that's 1976s' speak for library during National Library Week.
Coaches assume cage jobs

Northeastern A&M College has selected two former college coaches to head the women’s and men’s basketball programs, according to Jon Lantz, vice president for student affairs at NEO.

The coaching assignments are pending final approval by the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University & A&M Colleges.

Longtime assistant Darin Grover assumes the head coaching duties of the Lady Norse after B.J. Smith resigned two weeks ago to become women’s head coach at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Grover, a Miami native, had served seven years as an assistant in the Lady Norse program.

Last year the Lady Norse finished ranked second in the National Junior College Athletic Association with a 39-1 overall record. During Grover’s tenure as an assistant under Smith and Randy Gibson, the Lady Norse have compiled a 176-31 combined record and made two trips to the national tournament.

After graduating from Miami High School in 1990, Grover assisted the Golden Norse basketball team while earning an associate’s degree. He received a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and a master’s degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

With Darin, we feel extremely fortunate to have someone with the knowledge and experience he gained working under both B.J. and Randy. We know that he can step in and continue the winning tradition our women’s basketball program has been built upon,” said Lantz.

Jaron Turk, head coach at Ardmore High School, will guide the Golden Norsemen’s program. Turk replaces Lomie Spencer who resigned in March after 14 years with the Norse.

Last year Turk guided Ardmore to the Class 5A State runner-up spot with a 26-2 overall record. While guiding Ardmore to a perfect 10-0 record in the Southern Conference, Turk was named Oklahoma Coaches Association Region Coach of the Year and OCA All-State head coach.

Prior to coming to Ardmore in 2000, Turk was the first coach in Oklahoma state history to serve as head coach of both the men’s and women’s basketball teams at the Class AA level in 1993.

During a three-year coaching stint at Chocatah High School from 1995-98, Turk compiled a 49-31 overall record. Turk was a four-year letterman for coach Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State University from 1993-95. He earned a master’s degree from East Central State University in Ada.

“Is great to add Jaron to our program because we know that he is one of the best high school coaches in the entire state of Oklahoma,” Lantz said.

Golfers place at Kansas City

Two members of the Golden Norse golf squad received medals at Northeastern A&M’s third annual fall invitational at the Sunflower Hills course.

Brian Shaw of Allen County, Kan., was top medalist with a 155 two-day score. Sophomore Phil Brady of Broken Arrow, finished second with a two-day total of 156 while Danny Taylor, a freshman from Davenport, shot a 159 during the two-day tournament to finish fifth.

Host Kansas City won the team title with a 637 combined score while the Golden Norse posted a 644 score in the six team tournament.

Other Golden Norse scores were: Danny Windom 171 and Jordan Wilford 178.

Lady Norse gain split with Belles

Scoring six runs on 16 hits, the Lady Norse posted a 6-3 win in the second game, the 15th-ranked Seminole State College Belles won 7-4 in eight innings of the first game last Friday on the NEO diamond.

A solo home run by Rachel Wahlheinzer in the bottom of the fifth inning of the first game created a 4-4 tie for the Lady Norse. Wahlheinzer has three home runs for the season.

Seminole grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a two-out solo home run by Rusty Rens. The homer was Rens’ 12th of the year.

The Lady Norse built a 1-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning on a leadoff single by Michelle Martel, a fielder’s choice by Sara Campbell and RBI singles by Amanda Bullard and Tiffany Bult.

A sacrifice bunt by Amanda Brown scored Bullard with the third run of the inning.

A three-run home run by catcher Terrie Mims rallied the Belles to a 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth inning. A walk to Lane and a single by Hanzeperg precisioned Mims’ ninth home run of the season.

Wahlheinzer paced the eight-hit Lady Norse attack with a homer and two singles while Bullard added two singles.

NEO built a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning of the second game. Wahlheinzer singled and scored on a RBI double by Amy Malcolm. Bullard hit a double and two singles to lead the 16-hit Lady Norse attack while Wahlheinzer added three singles while Whitaker, Campbell and Bult added two hits each.

Ashley Epperson allowed three runs on four hits to improve to 11-3 on the season.

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