by Amy Gillespie

The flowers are starting to bloom, the sun is beginning to shine, and the students of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M are realizing that summer is almost here. What better way to celebrate the start of the season than with NEO's annual Spring Fling. This is a week of fun filled events, games, and social gatherings.

On Monday, the Carnival, Cookout and Mud Volleyball tournament really brought the campus together. Many students stood and sat on the side lines, while watching fellow students and staff members, get soaked at the dunk tank. During the carnival, there were also games and booths set up for the students to enjoy throughout the day.

Before, during, and after the cookout, everyone was watching their backs. No one knew who was about to be attacked, by an arsenal of water balloons and water guns. When the Mud Volleyball tournament started, students sat on the hill and watched as players flung themselves in the mud trying to get the ball. Soon onlookers would also start to get covered in the mud themselves.

These are just examples of activities that brought the students on this campus together during Spring Fling week. Many students enjoy this time of free fun and games. This week is an event that students look forward to throughout the whole year. Good times like these make us proud to be Norsemen.

TOP: Tonia Nash-Chowning and Maria Flores man the Psychology Club Gypsy Fortune Telling Booth during Spring Fling Carnival. BOTTOM: The Dunk Tank sponsored by Business Leaders of Tomorrow (photo by Dupree Jones)
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

International Honor Society

by Cora Miller

The annual convention for Phi Theta Kappa was held in Anaheim, CA with hundreds of chapters and thousands of students represented.

"I was more than a convention," said Bethene Fahnstock, Advisor for Miami's Mu chapter. "I like to go to see if I can get some new ideas to help our community," says Fahnstock.

Members attending were Zack George, Jennifer Adams, Terry Fahnstock, and Crystal Rachel.

"We had a good time," says member T. Fahnstock.

Guest speakers Dr. Joycelyn Elders and Dr. Louis Sullivan debated issues such as moral and legal topics including prostitution, legalizing marijuana, morality issues, Hollywood, Disneyland and Newport Beach.

"Flying, riding a shuttle and taxi, the sight of a palm tree as well as seeing the ocean was a first for some of us," said T. Fahnstock.

The members learned of a community service project called Project Graduation in which the parents or other family members of the graduate are asked to bring a care package which includes books for children and non perishable food items. These care packages are then given to local organizations to be distributed as needed.

"It is too late to attempt anything like that for this year, but maybe next year," said B. Fahnstock.

The Places You'll Go

Tuesday, April 29, 2pm, LA Faculty Lounge

This workshop will cover interview strategies and conclude with registration with the employment office.

Computer Fun Series

Free classes!

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Theatre NEO opens dinner production

Theatre NEO's dinner production of "Tammy and Tiny Tie the Knot," scripted by NEO faculty based loosely on a similar Broadway production, will open next week with a student night free performance on Wednesday, April 23 to those with NEO ID. Cake and punch will be served at 7pm. The show will open to the general public on Thursday night, April 24 and will run through Saturday, April 26 with limited dinner seating available. Reservations are required. Doors open at 7 pm. Cost is $10 with NEO ID and $15 without. Call 540-6302 to make reservations.
Jana Jae and “Hot Wire” at NEO

NEO will be hosting nationally-known fiddle player Jana Jae on Monday, April 21. Jae will be meeting with various student groups on our campus and in the area before performing with her band “Hot Wire” at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Center. This concert will be free of charge and open to the public.

This is the premier event for what is hoped will develop into a series of fine arts programs. Jae will meet with area elementary, high school, and college students as well as community members to conduct demonstrations and provide music clinics covering from bluegrass to classical genres throughout the day. The free concert in the evening will be the finale of the day’s events. Don’t miss it!

Library News & Views

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is thy name in all the earth!

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.

Awe. Admiration. Amazement. Marvel. Delight. The Psalmist, the poet Wordsworth, the child who looks up at the night sky and lisps the nursery rhyme, all speak of that passion of wonder which Aristotle taught is the beginning of philosophy. It is something we have all experienced in seeing a thunderstorm roll in on an Oklahoma spring day, looking at the sun set afterwards, or watching a quarter horse race across a pasture, its muscles rippling.

The immediate, direct apprehension of reality that inspires wonder and awe is called by the ancients poética scientia, poetic knowledge. It is this neglected, even distrusted way of knowing that is the subject of Poetic Knowledge, a book published in 1998 by the State University of New York Press and recently acquired by the library.

The author, Dr. James Taylor, explains that poetic knowledge is not merely a knowledge of poetry, “but rather a poetic experience of reality.”

He writes: “poetic experience indicates an encounter with reality that is non-analytical, something that is perceived as beautiful, awful (awe-full), spontaneous, mysterious... Poetic knowledge is a spontaneous act of the external and internal senses with the intellect integrated and whole, rather than an act associated with the powers of analytic reasoning... It is, we might say, knowledge from the inside out, radically different from a knowledge about things. In other words, it is the opposite of scientific knowledge.”

However, the book is not only or principally a philosophical treatise, of interest solely to academics. Consider these passages:

“When Wordsworth writes ‘My heart leaps up when I behold’ A rainbow in the sky’... something of the rainbow’s reality is truly known, but rational explanation alone is insufficient, in fact impossible, for this is the gaze of contemplation, of love. It is the difference between being unexpectedly moved by an unknown attractive face -- desiring to know the person better -- and the desperate premeditation of computer dating.

“Knowledge at the poetic level considers neither ends nor means... For example, in the case of furniture there are chairs and tables placed together in such a way that we may sit and have a meal. Sometimes we consider these things in themselves apart from any purpose as in the case of their (see Kramer, pg 4)
2003 Poetry Writing Challenge

A poetry writing contest open to all Miami area residents will be sponsored by Harrington's Bookstore. Up to three equal winners will be selected from five categories: grades K through 2, grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 8, grades 9 through 12, and college student/adult.

Winning poets will receive prizes and certificates at a poetry reading and reception in their honor at Harrington's Bookstore on May 1. Winning entry authors will be invited to read their poems.

Applications are available at the NEO Library, the Miami Public Library, and the store.

Entries must be received no later than 7 pm on Tuesday April 22 at Harrington's Bookstore on Main in Miami.

As Dr. Taylor says above in defining poetic knowledge, "it is the opposite of scientific knowledge." The scientific knowledge he speaks of is not science in the ancient sense of metaphysics, but know ledge which is empirical, quantifiable, dialectical. It is the kind of knowledge demanded by Professor Thomas Gradgrind in Dickens' Hard Times.

"Now what I want is Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing else. You can only form the minds of reasoning animals upon Facts: nothing else will ever be of any service to them."

Beware, beware of the Gradgrinds of this world.

The library owns two other books that bear on this subject. One, a thin little volume called Introduction to Poetry: Commentaries on Thirty Poems, was written by the late Mark Van Doren, arguably the greatest teacher in American history, for 40 years an English professor at Columbia University in New York (yes, it was his son Charles who was the main character in that movie "Quiz Show" a few years ago). The second is Iris Exiled: A Synoptic History of Wonder, by Dennis Quinn, who has been teaching English at the University of Kansas since the first Eisenhower administration.

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We need and want your help on -
TUESDAY - APRIL 22 at 1 PM
at the chimes tower/mall area for
CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION
AND CLEAN UP DAY

Please show up dressed in your work clothes. Bring your rakes
and shovels! Let's show our NEO pride for our campus!

We are meeting at 1:00 pm at the CHIMES TOWER IN THE MALL
AREA for your work assignment.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I respect Mr. Mayfield’s opinion on saving education, more often than not handouts are given to those who do not deserve it. BUT, there are people whose only sole support is Social Security because of disabilities beyond their or anyone else’s control. I am a disabled person as well, but I am in school to improve my situation financially as well as my own self-esteem. Education can be saved but we can accomplish this through other means than taking from those people who need and or deserve to receive federally assisted aid. We as a people need to look at the welfare of our country and put it back on the right track. Being better informed would help in the long run. I agree education is the answer. What you do with that education is in itself the biggest question!

-Dave Johnson Jr.
Art Major

In regards to the Letter to the Editor, I guess as I am the Aggie Editor it is my responsibility to respond. I would first like to say that it is not an easy job and if anybody would like to try it please be my guest. Second as editor I put the pages together. There are supposed to be reporters who regularly and on time turn in articles pertaining to the section, unfortunately that does not always happen. We do the best we can with what we’ve got and try to fill the rest with enjoyable if not actually informative pieces. Anyone that knows of activities and is actively a participant in those activities can take pictures and write an article. We would be glad to look it over and add it to the paper if it is presented in an appropriate manner for our college paper.

-Michelle Orlovetz

This letter is in response to the last column written by Mr. Mayfield, concerning welfare, social security and unemployment. I feel that what you wrote was demoralizing because my family was put into a situation that we could not control. I agree in part, education in society is very important but “to take the welfare option away” is also hurting education. The free or reduced lunch system in public schools is also a type of welfare, which brings the schools grants or special funding. There are many people who do abuse the system, but there are also many people who do not. My family is on medicaid and food stamps. My dad is a mechanic who works 8am to 10pm, seven days a week, with no overtime pay. My mom is a school bus driver. Neither job carries insurance (my dad works for family) They have five children and insurance is too expensive to buy. If one of our children were to get sick, how would we pay for it? The house we live in is my granpa’s and we have no assets. Had it not been for MC+ (a welfare system) my dad would have died. We had to use it to pay for his hospital bills. He had lymphoma (a type of cancer). Had we not had the program to help us, who knows where we would be now. Yes, you had a good point the system is abused, but you should not over generalize things. I still have my father and your article was a kick in the gut! Next time please be a little more consciolate.

Jennifer Wetlers
Norse Wind
Advertising Editor

Question of the Week:

What’s your favorite thing about Spring Fling?

- Austin Finn

- Chris Addis

- Josh Tidyman

- Amber Pierce

- Terry & Reni
Midwest Regional Ballet touring four states area
by Trisha Beebe
The Midwest Regional Ballet, directed by Kaye Lewis, danced the production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Coleman Theatre April 3-6.

Jacob Garrett and Jordan Francisco, First Place, Dance America (photo provided by MRB)

Jerry Graham of the Coleman Theatre, who welcomes Lewis's dancers said, "She always does such an excellent job."

Lewis, who played the cowardly lion in the production, said that if she had one thing to say about her dancers it would be that "I think they are the most highly skilled in the area." Lewis said that her dancers practice 14 to 15 hours per week. Practices for productions include also gymnastics, choreography, and different dance styles such as modern, jazz, character, and theatrical.

Emily Fansler of Miami (photo provided by MRB)

Several of the dancers were excited to talk about just how motivated they are. "I hope to become a part of the National Finals in New York City in July. They will be taking 35 dancers and performing 20 numbers." Fansler of Miami, who danced the role of the Tinman in the production, said, "My plans are to hopefully become a choreographer, maybe in New York, or anything that has to do with dancing."

Korena Wells, Heather Stevens, Jordan Francisco (Miami), Danielle Doubet, Emily Fansler (Miami), and Darcie Froman (Miami) of the Midwest Regional Ballet (photo provided by MRB)

American Ballet Theatre someday," Lewis said. "I have the most amazing dancers. They are dedicated, motivated, and some of the most highly skilled in the area."
Church
A mother took her little boy to church.
While in church the little boy said, “Mommy, I have to pee.”

The mother said to the little boy, “It’s not appropriate to say the word pee in church. So, from now on whenever you have to just tell me that you have to whisper.”

The following Sunday, the little boy went to church with his father and during the service said to his father, “Daddy, I have to whisper.”

The father looked at him and said, “Okay, why don’t you whisper in my ear.”

Blondies
Three blondes are walking through the forest.
They come upon some tracks.
The first blonde says “They’re deer tracks.”
The second blonde says “They’re some bear tracks.”
The third blonde says “They’re moose tracks.”
Then the train hits them.

Of all known mammals, the yak—the wild ox native to the mountainous regions of Tibet—lives at the highest altitude.
SUMMER VACATION

ACROSS
1. have fun outside on a summer day 31. hog’s home
5. homes away from home during the summer 32. _____ Beach, Florida
10. battery liquid (summer 29-across) 35. waiters carry them
14. singer/politician Sonny 37. fun place to visit during summer vacation: 2 wds
15. regions 42. blinding light
16. “WKRP in Cincinnati” actress Anderson 43. swords used in an Olympic event
17. what you can do on summer vacation: 3 wds 45. summer _____ (student’s money source)
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20. frequently 51. “Don’t _____ on it!”
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25. actress West of old films 54. wheel covers
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1. “Sesame Street” network 34. summer vacation destination, often
2. parking 36. tree drippings
3. Santa 38. overhanging part of a roof
California 39. talking horse of TV: 2 wds
4. toys that go up and down 40. country singer McEntire
5. hostage holder 41. “_____ up the good work!”
6. “Journey to the Center of the Earth” actress Dahl 44. avenues: abbr
7. unkind 45. like most Tel Aviv residents
8. “Wheel of Fortune” host Sajak 46. “Lawrence of Arabia” star Peter
9. direction from Dallas to Houston: abbr 47. trade
10. furthermore 49. “_____ here!” (“Poltergeist” catch-phrase)
11. beach-lovers’ summer vacation spots 50. enjoyed the waves in summer
12. not take “no” for an answer 55. high school class, for short
13. with 57-across, themed vacation spot in Orlando, FL 56. schoolboys
18. “The X-Files” sighting 59. walk heavily
21. key in again 61. Jay Leno’s prominent facial feature
22. 22 Beach (lover of 11-down) 62. “The Avengers” co-star Thurman
23. Cambodia’s continent 63. use the oars
24. sewing line 64. prefix meaning “three”
25. daybreak, for short 65. 65 sewing line
26. “I smell _____!”: 2 wds
28. “It’s no _____!”
30. have control / of the wheel
33. coffee container

answers to last week’s puzzle
SPORTS

Lady Norse Softball

By Andrea Willibey

The Lady Norse softball team has been pretty busy lately. Last week the ladies played 3 doubleheaders against Seminole, Neosho County, and Murray State. Plus, during the course of the next 2 weeks, the #7 ranked Lady Norse will play 6 doubleheaders to wrap up their season before they head to Regionals in McAlester, Oklahoma, the first weekend of May.

On April 8, the Lady Norse traveled to Seminole to play Seminole Community College. Sophomore Jamie Elam pitched a good first game allowing only 4 hits with 4 strikeouts in the Lady Norse's 3-2 win.

Freshman Kristi Marshall started Game 2 and allowed only 2 hits before Sophomore Ashley Epperson came in to shut down Seminole's rally. Going into the top 6th inning with two outs, Freshman Andrea Willibey homered to put the Lady Norse up 6-4, and only needed to get 3 more outs to pick up the 2nd win against Seminole. Epperson pitched the first 5 batters of the 7th inning, but redeemed herself by striking out the next 2 batters out. Elam came in to sew the 2nd win for the Lady Norse by striking out the last batter of the inning.

We played 2 really good games, we never gave up, especially when we were down in the second inning, commented freshman Kenna Gipson. "We came together and played as a team, and it Allen kept the inning going with a win, and they were only 5 hits with 5 strikeouts in the 10-0 victory for the Lady Norse.

"We responded really well after getting swept by Neosho. We just tried to forget about it, and just play our game," said Sophomore Amanda Bullard. "We came out and took care of business, we hit good, and went back to playing our game of defense."

The Lady Norse softballers are ranked #7 in the nation with a record of 38-6.

Throwing out a pitch is Jamie Elam (photo by Tony Lin)

Kenna Gipson watches the play before she leaves. (photo by Tony Lin)
Baseball splits with Longview

by Abbra Shivers

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AGGIE NEWS

‘Quote of the Week’

“Spring and Autumn are riding a piebald mare.”

—Russian proverb

Rodeo Team Up Date

by Missy Nilan

The NEO Rodeo Team has really had a great year. Currently the men’s team is sitting in fourth place overall and the women’s team is sitting in eighth place overall in the Central Plains Region. Individually: Rick Greiner is sitting first in the calf roping and seventh in the steer wrestling. Ryan Carter is sitting eighth in the calf roping and fourth in the team roping (header). Colt Braden is ranked as second in the team roping (header) along with Jake Long (header). Tyler Barton is sitting fourth in the team roping (header). M a k a y l a Mott is sitting good in sixth place in the barrel racing. B r a n d i Callaway is sitting eighth in the breakaway roping. Coach True is proud of his team and is sure that the team will show their abilities and do a good job at their next rodeo which will be in Fort Hays, Kansas on April 25-27. Summer is coming fast with the end of the season.

Recipes for the barn yard

People have been feeding eggs to dogs for years to enhance their coats. Of course there are many natural methods to help our animals look and feel better, and they are all not just for the dogs. Eggs also work on livestock to improve coats or you can try garlic for those itchy tails which, by the way, is also good for an internal fly repellent. With the economy as it is lately any of us that are animal owners can use all the help we can get in saving the few bucks we have, so don’t be afraid to try “tried and true” solutions to everyday problems. Another idea is to rub your livestock down with dryer sheets. It will help remove dust and eliminate the static cling that attracts dust.
Rodeo Queen sign up still open

The Miami Area Chamber of Commerce is still looking for contestants for the June 20 and 21 State of American Rodeo Queen.

Applications are being accepted at the Chamber office. The winner will receive a custom horse trailer courtesy of WalMart and may also be eligible to enter the Miss Rodeo USA contest.

Did you know

In the past farmers have given mistletoe to the cow to calf first after the New Year in the hopes of bringing fortune to the entire herd. On other farms it is considered a bad omen to step over a calf that is lying down.

Saddlesores

by

DAVID JOHNSON

Are you goin on the trail ride this weekend?

Sally 50% off!

Daddy of these saddles will work!

Why is this wrong sweets?
Leadership Miami scheduled to begin

The Miami Area Chamber of Commerce and the Miami Area Economic Development Service are set to begin the second Leadership Miami class of this year on June 13, 2003.

Leadership Miami is designed to challenge, develop, and educate citizens of Miami who have displayed their ability to become a future leader of our great city. Applicants are selected based on their leadership abilities and willingness to commit to and participate in community activities to better the city of Miami. The class is a series of eight retreats over the course of five months. Tuition is $150. Scholarships available. 542-4481.
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