Budget decrease, tuition increase?

by Cora Miller

Nearly two years ago the Federal Government cut 12% off Oklahoma's already strained budget. Recently, Governor Brad Henry signed into legislation a bill that implements colleges and universities in Oklahoma to set their own tuition rates. "We are still in the discussion stage for now," stated Doctor Glenn Mayle, President of NEO A&M College. "It has always been discussed that students should pay at least one third of their tuition. In the past, students have only paid 21% and the state allocations have paid the remaining 79%. However, we are now expecting an increase of 7-12% here. Last year, the state reduced allocations to NEO in the amount of $624,532. What this means is that for every 1% of state allocated funds reduced, we need to increase tuition by 3.3% just to break even." The students affected the most are the ones who do not have, or qualify for financial assistance. "We do not expect a significant drop in school enrollment. Seventy-five percent of tuition goes to salaries, benefits, and maintenance on the school. We have not furloughed any of the staff," Doctor Mayle is developing an incentive for employees who wish to consider early retirement. According to a memo recieved from Brain Hauck, Dean of Liberal Arts. "When someone quits we do not replace them until we see where the

According to a student poll, attitudes are varying in regards to the increase. "I guess I will pay it if I want to go to school," says one NEO student. Money would be of the most benefit. Our faculty has not had a raise in three years." stated Mayle. "We strive to give our students the best quality of service possible. We are in pretty good shape compared to the four year institutions in Oklahoma who are expecting 21 to 25% increases."

Tom Pool, Physical Affairs Department, says "it is our job to repair and maintain everything on campus. I have not had to do much to the fountain this year, but we have had times when we had to repair it several times a year. I send out at least two guys every morning to pick up trash around campus. This usually takes them approximately four hours. Together, that is eight hours of unnecessary work. I do not understand how students can walk around campus with a full 1 liter bottle of soda, but can not carry the empty bottle to the trash." says Pool. "The guys that pick up trash every morning could be doing something else. That would save money. Vandalism and unnecessary work costs thousands of dollars each year. Students could help save their money by taking care of what is already here."

According to the Pittsburg State University newspaper, The Collegian, students there are banning together to help fight funding woes. Why can't the students of NEO A&M College do the same and stand together to help prevent unnecessary spending by doing what they can?
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

New SBG Officers announced at Spring Fling Banquet.

The ballots are in and the votes counted. All the candidates wait nervously until the banquet on Thursday evening, April 17.

Kendra Baehrler and Missy Nilan are Senators at-large. Julie Riser, treasurer; Callie Kays, Secretary; Tonya Brown, Vice-President; Mr. Rob Montgomery will be serving you next year as the Student Body Government President.

Montgomery is from Decatur, AR and is a Ag Business major. "I look forward to next year. We have an awesome SBG team. We are going to have lots of fun!"

V-P Tonya Brown is a Ag Ed major from Tecamseh, OK. "Last years officer team did an amazing job and through hard work, dedication and teamwork we will be able to improve the campus and events that all students participate in."

From Miami, OK, Callie Kays is a Ag Communications major. "I am so excited about being elected as your next SBG secretary and I look forward to serving you."

and is majoring in Ag Ed. "I'm an all around person. I want to have fun and bring unifying activities to the SBG so everyone can get to know each other."

Ag Comm major, Missy Nilan is from Oakland, IA. "Being the SBG senator at large is a great opportunity for me. I'm looking forward to representing you!"

Kendra Baehrler, from Newton, KS is an Elementary Ed major. "I'm looking forward to a fun-filled year representing the student body!"


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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Campus Clean up

Cindy Bigby and Heather Schaffer rake up the dirt around a stump of the tree that was struck by lightning. Campus Clean-up Day, Tuesday, April 22.

(Photographer: LML)

Library News & Views

National Poetry Month

by Kirk Kramer

April is National Poetry Month, an annual event organized by the Academy of American Poets. You can read more about this observance at their website: <www.poets.org/apm/>.

If you have never seen the Robin Williams movie "Dead Poets Society," get thee to a video store.

In honor of National Poetry Month, and as a follow-up to some of our recent columns, I have asked the Norse Wind to print a few poems by some great American poets (and one by the Bard).

SONNET 30

by Edna St. Vincent Millay

Love is not all: it is not meat nor drink
Nor slumber nor a roof against the rain;
Nor yet a floating spar to men that sink
And rise and sink and rise and sink again;
Love can not fill the thickened lung with breath,
Nor clean the blood, nor set the fractured bone:
Yet many a man is making friends with death
Even as I speak, for lack of love alone.
It well may be that in a difficult hour,
Pinned down by pain and moaning for release,
Or nagged by want past resolution's power,
I might be driven to sell your love for peace,
Or trade the memory of this night for food.
It well may be, I do not think I would.

CHOOSE SOMETHING LIKE A STAR

by Robert Frost

O star (the fairest one in sight),
We grant your loftiness the right
To some obscurity of cloud -
It will not do to say of night,
Since dark is what brings out your light.
Some mystery become the proud.
But to the wholly taciturn
In your reserve is not allowed.
Say something to us we can learn
By heart and when alone repeat.
Say something! And it says, 'I burn.'
But say with what degree of heat.
Talk Fahrenheit, talk Centigrade.
Use Language we can comprehend.
Tell us what elements you blend.
It gives us strangely little aid.

(see KRAMER on pg 11)
Spring Fling week was a great success!!

Spring Fling Week was a blast! Everyone seemed to have a wonderful and fun week. The week kicked off with the carnival on Monday, April 14. Thirteen clubs and organizations participated.

“Monday evening was the best night of the week.” stated Kate Kielty. Volleyball teams were formed and mud started flying.

Tiffany Micantosh (l) and Andria Davis pose during the mud pit games.

“Student participation was great! Everyone seemed to have a wonderful and fun week.”

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Student: Students got the chance to fight it out in the boxing ring during Big Toys on Wednesday.

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Spring Fling Cont...

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Seemed to be having fun the entire night.

The banquet hall was decorated with two black, ivy and rose covered arches with lamp post and little lights. The moon and stars served as a beautiful picture back drop with rose petals and balloons covering the floor.

Becky Stainbrook stated, "The food was really delicious and everybody had a great time. I can't wait till next year!"

Carrie Duncan remarked, "Everybody looked so nice. I enjoyed the DJ and dancing very much."

"I taught my boyfriend how to two step," said Sadonia Azevedo. "But watching everybody pose for their pictures was entertaining and one of the funnest parts of the evening."

In over view of the week - everyone had a wonderful time at all the student activities. SBG is please with the participation of the students.

The football team had lots of water guns that they soaked everyone with during the mud volleyball games on Monday night.

SBG officers pose for one last picture together. 1-R: Lindsay Larson, Cal Middleton, Kara Wilkerson, Sadonia Azevedo, Rusty Humphery and Lydia Miller - Lawler.

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Ask Me...

Q: I have a class that I like very much but some of the other students come in as much as twenty minutes late, use their cell phones and are just plain rude. I am here for an education but I cannot hear sometimes in that class. What should I do?

A: I am afraid to try to answer this query. I suggest that you try to stick it out. This semester is almost over. Not all adults are ready for maturity. Everyone has his/her own idea of what is right or wrong. I would hope that the instructor could talk to some of the students or maybe speak to the head of the dept. to see what options are open to the educator in this type of situation. Good luck.

Q: My brother attends a university and told me not to drink from the water fountains on campus because I could get mono. What do you think?

A: I feel very strongly that someone has misled you or your brother. I believe we are quite safe from our fountains. The only problem I have heard about, is that some may need adjusted so the water stream is higher. If you are really worried then I suggest you bring bottled water with you.

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it's audience participation. The audience can get up and dance with the characters as well as talk to us. I'm really excited for it!

Kevin Pollard plays Tiny, the lead male role who is about to be married to Tammy. Pollard talks about his character. "He has Tammy, his wife, and she's just perfect for him." Pollard adds, "It's (this play) a lot different than my other plays I've done. You have to act real because there's people in front of you. I have to hold back from my natural tendencies to be funny. It's a challenge, but it's a good challenge."

Actor Steve McCurley remarks: "This family is the type of family you rally would never want to join!"

The production is set right here in Miami, OK.

"The overall feel of the play is that the characters are mostly happy to be alive. They enjoy themselves and their family and this is the start of a new family," says Stephen Lynch, who plays 'Jonny' the groom brother.

This play will be fun to watch and participate in. Come enjoy the fun!

David Bell adjust his camera for his role as gay brother's cameraman boyfriend. (photo by Tony L.in)

Question of the Week: How will a tuitions increase affect you?

"I think by raising the tuition, it would be hard on a lot of the students who pay for their own school. -Kate Keilty"

"I pay for college myself, and a increase would greatly affect me and my family. -Lisa East"

"I'm going to graduate, but it will make it hard for the people still going to school here. -Cory Smith"

"I think it would make it more difficult for some families to provide enough money for their sons and daughters. -Luke Dobbers"

"I think it would decrease enrollment because it would cost more, especially since we have to buy our own computer paper. -Zac Sooter"
Tammy and Tiny Tie the Knot all this week!

by Judy C. Miller-Lasker

Tammy and Tiny Tie the Knot is a theater production that involves the audience. The production starts Wed. April 23 and will run through Sun. April 27. The show will start at 7:30 pm Wed. - Sat and 2pm on Sunday.

Reservations must be made ahead of time. A dinner will be served as a part of the play. Thu. - Sat. and tickets will be $10 for students and faculty and $15 for the public. Wednesdays and Sunday will be free of charge to students and faculty with ID and $5 to the public. Only Yes and punch will be served on those nights.

This production is an original script constructed by NEO staff. The staff wanted a dinner theater that included a student cast and the Miami Little Theatre cast.

Director, Barbra George, states, “We have several adult cast members, the mother of the bride, father of the groom, bride’s great uncle and aunt, who are all from Miami Little Theatre. We have a really young kid, 11-years-old in fifth grade, who plays (Tammy) is definitely used to getting everything. She’s a small town girl used to getting

The bride and her bridesmaids are: Bride Devon James, with maids (l-r) Katie Lakey, Chelsie Cole, and Amy Case, along with the ring bearer and the flower girl. (photo by Tony Lin)

Kevin Pollard. Tammy has been James’s remarks, “She because she must

The cast stops for a moment to pose: (l-r) WW, Julie Riser, Kevin Pollard, Wade Doyle, Chris Burchette and Stephen Lynch. (photo by Tony Lin)

The wedding party: (l-r) Amy Case, Chelsie Cole, Katie Lakey, Devon James, Kevin Pollard, Wade Doyle and Chris Burchette. (photo by Tony Lin)

The 11 year old fiddle player for the wedding, Jake Dawson. (photo by Tony Lin)

The role of the fiddle for the audience and during the wedding and he is fabulous.”

The bride and groom are played by Devon James and

“(This production) is so much different because you’re interacting with people and anything can happen,” adds James. “The audience is a huge part of it.”

Julie Riser, who plays Gloria Gotlot, the stripper, states, “The best part of the play is that..."
Kiss

A young technician and his general manager board a train headed through the mountains on its way to Wichita. They can find no place to sit except for two seats right across the aisle from a young woman and her grandmother. After a while, it is obvious that the young woman and the young tech are interested in each other because they are giving each other "looks".

Soon the train passes into a tunnel and it is pitch black. There is a sound of the smack of kiss followed by the sound of the smack of a slap. When the emerges from the tunnel, they sit there without saying a word. The grandmother is thinking to herself: "It was very brash for that young man to kiss my granddaughter, but I’m glad she slapped him." The General manager is setting there thinking: "I didn’t know the young tech was brave enough, kiss the girl, but I sure wish she hadn’t missed him when she slapped and hit me?" The young woman was sitting and thinking: "I’m glad the guy kissed me, but I wish my grandmother had not slapped him."

The young tech sat there with a satisfied smile on his face. He thought to himself: "Life is good often does a guy have the chance to kiss a beautiful girl and slap his general manager all at the same time!"
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45. Fair maiden
46. Dry__bone_example of a figure of speech called a simile: 2 w d s
47. Actor McKellen
48. N.F.L. pointers
49. Hiking trails
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52. Necktie of flowers:
55. Pattern of similar-sounding ending words in poetic lines: 2 w d s
56. __plata Montan's motto, meaning gold and silver
57. Has in hand__2,000 pounds
58. __you forgetting something?
59. Long poetic compositions usually centered upon 35 downs

DOWN
1. One given red-carpet treatment
2. 2002 Grammy
3. Novel in which the generations of a family are chronicled in a long narrative
4. The Adventure of Milo and __ (1989 cat-dog film)
5. Winning rock producer Brian
6. Baseball stat
4. Male off spring
5. Medical students working at a hospital often
6. A good start: 2 w d s
7. Strauss jeans
8. __Brockovich (Julia Roberts film)
9. Universal donors blood type for short: H y p h
10. 180 from NNE
11. Leading character of a literary work
12. Ernies pal on Sesame Street
13. Novel in which the generations of a family are chronicled in a long narrative
18. The Adventure of Milo and __ (1989 cat-dog film)
21. From__Z thoroughly: 2 w d s
22. Division into opposing parties
23. Baltimore ballplayer
24. Secondary meaning of a word in addition to its explicit meaning
26. Gore, Roker and Pacino
28. Lyric poem expressing emotion
29. Librarians stamping device
30. That makes sense now:
31. Month after Mar.
32. Still in the package
33. Artist's stands
35. What an 11-down usually is
38. Speedometer abbr
39. __pah-pah (tabasounds)
41. Hot tub with a world pool
42. Gusto44 Barbecue residue
45. Haagen__ (ice cream brand)
47. Nonreactive as neon or krypton
49. Main story of a literary work
50. Prefix meaning flight
51. __period with wrinkle skin
52. Category
53. Preach it pastor!
54. Hit the mall
56. Producer of TVs and Vers
57. Yale student
58. Caesar's __, 1600
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Answer's from last week's puzzle

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SPORTS

Iverson Makes NEO History

by Abbra Shivers

On April 15th head softball coach, Eric Iverson became the winningest coach in NEO history. The victory his team claimed over Western Oklahoma College put him at 326 career wins.

As head softball coach for 8 years Iverson said "This honor was a personal goal I set for myself when I came here. I am fortunate to be in a sport that plays a lot of games and I have been here for a while. These two factors helped me to reach my goal." Cletus Green, a former NEO Men's Basketball coach held the record at 325 career wins.

After the game Iverson was one in the O-Club treated to a surprise surprise party by his family, friends, and players. Ice cream and cake was served to everyone.

Softball Coach, Eric Iverson walks into his surprise party after claiming his 326th win. (Photo by Ashley Epperson)

Congratulations Coach Ivy!

NEO Baseball

Despite rainy conditions on Easter weekend, the NEO baseball team went ahead with their double header. On Saturday the Norsemen claimed two victories over Eastern. In game one Steven Matthews led the hits with 3, followed by Jordan Black, Derek Gallier, and Carlos Garcia with 2 each. Joe McMahon, Vance Barber, and Matthew Bergeron added 1 each. Etienne Ratte-Delorm threw for 6.2 innings giving up only 2 hits and striking out 6. Kris Calhoun and Chad Workman each went innings giving up 5 hits and 3 runs. Workman came into relief pitching 3.1 innings. He gave up 4 hits and 3 runs. Nick Jones and Josh Gibson led the bats with 2 hits each. Black, Matthews, Barber, and Garcia each chipped in 1 hit. Jones also picked up 4 RBI's. Homer for NEO in game two.

For one inning Workman picked up the win for the Norsemen. In game two NEO shut down Eastern in an 8-6 game. Carlos Quirola was the starting pitcher for NEO. Quirola pitched 3.2

Season Records for Intramural Softball

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* teams playing in the finals on Tuesday April 29

Sticks and Balls team members pose for quick picture after their intramural softball game. (Photo by Lydia Miller-Lawler)
(KRAMER from pg 3)
But does tell something in the end
And steadfast as Keats’ Eremit.
Not even stooping from its sphere,
It asks a little of us here.
It asks of us a certain height,
So when at times the mob is swayed
To carry praise or blame too far.
We may choose something like a star
To stay our minds on and be staid.

CARPE DIEM
by William Shakespeare

What is love? ‘Tis not hereafter;
Present mirth has present laughter
What’s to come is still unsure;
In delay there lies no plenty;
Then come and kiss me, sweet and twenty.
Youth’s a stuff will not endure.

THE HOUSE WITH NOBODY IN IT
by Joyce Kilmer

Whoever I walk to Suffern along the Erie track
I go by a poor old farmhouse with its shingles broken and black.
I suppose I’ve passed it a hundred times, but I always stop for a minute
And look at the house, the tragic house, the house with nobody in it.

I never have seen a haunted house, but I hear there are such things,
That they hold the talk of spirits, their mirth and sorrowings.
I know this house isn’t haunted, and I wish it were, I do;
For it wouldn’t be so lonely if it had a ghost or two.

This house on the road to Suffern needs a dozen panes of glass,
And somebody ought to weed the walk and take a scythe to the grass.
It needs new paint and shingles, and the vines should be trimmed and tied;
But what it needs the most of all is some people living inside.

If I had a lot of money and all my debts were paid
I’d put a gang of men to work with brush and saw and spade.
I’d buy that place and fix it up the way it used to be
And I’d find some people who wanted a home and give it to them free.

Now, a new house standing empty, with staring window and door,
Looks idle, perhaps, and foolish, like a hat on its block in the store.
But there’s nothing mournful about it; it cannot be sad and lone
For the lack of something within it has never known.

But a house that has done what a house should do, a house that has sheltered life,
That has put it’s loving wooden arms around a man and his wife,
A house that has echoed a baby’s laugh and held up his stumbling feet,
Is the saddest sight, when it’s left alone, that ever your eyes could meet.

So whenever I go to Suffern along the Erie track
I never go by the empty house without stopping and looking back.
Yet it hurts me to look at the crumbling roof and the shutter fallen apart.
For I can’t help thinking the poor old house is a house with a broken heart.

Golf Team Finishes Up Season
by Abbra Shivers

The NEO Golf team finished up their season last week at the Southwestern (Ks.) Spring Invitational. This tournament was held at the Winfield golf & Country Club and Quail Ridge golf course.
The team played 18 holes at the Country Club and then 36 holes at Quail Ridge. They finished 10th of 18 teams with a score of 959. Coach Lomax stated “I expect the team to finish much better next fall when we begin our season.
We will have some promising freshmen coming in to complement the experience of our returning sophomores.”
Those returning players are: Denton Russell of Choutea, Josh Stewart of Sand Springs, Jon Gabel of Tulsa, Mike Turner of Fort Gibson, Dan Rogers of Springfield, and Cody VanDorn of Neosho. The golf team will begin their fall season by hosting the annual Norsemen Invitational Collegiate Golf Tournament on September 8th and 9th.
AGGIE NEWS
March of Dimes on Saturday
April 26th
The March of Dimes walk is THIS Saturday at Rotary park. Registration is at 9am and the walk is at 10am. Food and fun will follow the two mile walk. Bring your family! Please turn in your coin card holders by Friday morning. Contact Teresa Thompson for more info.

Employment workshop
Scheduled for Tuesday
The employment workshop sponsored by the Carl Perkins grant is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 2pm in the Faculty Lounge. Please announce this to all of your classes. The students need to sign up by calling Teresa Thompson at 540-6246. This workshop will cover issues concerning the job interview and conclude with students signing up with the employment office for job placement. If the student has a resume they would like reviewed, we can do this as well!

The Point
a column by
G.M. Mayfield
Mike Mayfield
Ag Instructor

The war is over. The smoke in Iraq is clearing. Now that the gunfire has slowed, the focus has turned to the economy.

Why the economy? What about the other dictators in the world who have weapons of mass destruction?

I think we are wrong in placing emphasis on the economy with today's threat of international terrorism. Our economy is based around a free market. We should not be dependent on our government stimulating our economy. People should realize war on terror effects everyone, therefore we all may have to make sacrifices. It would be a shame for the average American to be forced to sell his $50,000 SUV in exchange for a less expensive, more efficient vehicle. What a tragedy it would be if American's couldn't afford to go to the theatre, the movies, or to purchase season tickets to their favorite sporting event. American people being dependent upon their own income for survival and less dependent on government handouts just wouldn't make sense.

The point: On average, we spend the majority of our income on entertainment. The baby boom is over and recent events are putting a strain on our economy. I think if we all look at where we spend money, we could all find unnecessary expenditures. Instead of hearing complaints about what President Bush is doing to hurt the economy, I'd rather hear what American's are doing to help it.

Kendra Bachler (r) and Natalie Wilson(l) eat hot dogs on the Harrill steps as a part of Spring Fling.

Rodeo team members Jesse Shannon (center) and Scott Manier (left) enjoy the Mud Pit games with other Aggie friend, Ryan Muinson. Everyone from all the different groups seemed to enjoy the mud!

(photo by Amy Gillespie)

Jace Beardsly, Trevor Uppert, and Charlie Amos enjoy the cook out in front of Harrill/Dobson on Monday, April 14.
"What do Babe Ruth and Man O' War have in Common"

They are both collectable trading cards. But you don’t have to be a famous race horse to be a card.

I contacted the President of a small company that promote horses of all breeds. Ms. Jacques is a mother of 4 who used to work at NASA. She now runs her own company that offers trading cards featuring horses. She created Stellar Publishing Corporation several years ago to produce and sell a trading card series: Golden HorseShu Trading Cards.

When asked how she got into horse trading cards she replied, "My horse-crazy daughters were my inspiration, as well as my own love of horses. I believe that girls should have high quality cards to collect like boys have had for decades, cards with real subject matter.“

magazines, asking horse friends for recommendations, and looking at fall championships. For compensation the owners receive 100 cards of their own horse.

Many people would love these cards but currently most of the sales come from parents buying for their children.

For additional fun, Stellar Publishing Corp. is working on a new type of card called Sionayra, which are hand-drawn and colored plates of fantasy horses that "populate" a world. The story starts as "Once, long ago, there was a battle between the fey folk of Rhyandriath..."

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(left) Jauqes Hanich,
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Holt, and ‘Donut’ are
resting on the couch
between dances. (right)
Staff and faculty were
servers at the dinner.
L-R: Cheryl Buter,
Treasa Thompson,
Shirley Patterson, Lisa
Lewis, and Lonnie
Spencer, stayed to the
very end of the dance!
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