

HIGH TIMES



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New faces mean few changes for system

MARCY HOBSON...News Editor

You are cruising down the hallowed halls of Norman High, rushing to get to class on time, saying "hi" to all of your friends, and scoping out the girl/guy in front of you. But wait. Along with all the new faces, there is also a new principal, a new vice principal, and a new superintendent of schools.

Dr. James Gray came to Norman from Topeka, Kansas where he was superintendent of schools for nine years.

"He is often referred to as the 'Idea Man' because he was responsible for supporting the development of many successful programs at Topeka," says Overview, the Norman Public Schools newsletter.

"Everything should be revolved around the student need," Gray says. This is his philosophy in everything he does for the school system. One of his ideas for improving the system is setting up a homework "hotline." This hotline would allow a parent or student who has trouble with a homework assignment to call into a station, set-up locally, that would have a teacher on hand to answer questions. Also, the centers would be open for the student to come in and have questions answered for them.

Another goal Gray has is setting up parent/teacher conferences for the mid-highs and high school. These conferences would be held twice a year to let the parent know how his or her child is doing in school.

A third goal Gray has is to have college admissions officers come to the high school and talk to students about preparing for college, the classes they should take, and choosing the college that is right for them.

Gray says he is looking forward to the first year in the Norman School District. "Students are well-prepared and we have a strong group of kids and staff," he explains.

Along with being very involved with his work, Gray is also a family man. He was born in Vinita, Oklahoma and grew up with five brother and sisters. Each of these five siblings is also involved in some field of education. Gray has a wife, Karen, and 3 children. Matt is a junior at Norman High, his sister, Jennifer is an eighth grader at Whittier, and Will is a fourth grader at Jackson.

Along with a new superintendent from Topeka, we also have a new principal from Kansas. Don't be too surprised if you see a rather short, gray-haired distinguished

looking man seated in one of your classes. Dr. Robert Schiller, the new principal at Norman High, intends to visit each class to see "what it is like to be a student at NHS." He is interested in improving the curriculum "by better and more efficient ways." Schiller says, "We probably have twice the number of National Merit Scholars, and seven times the amount of gifted students. That makes NHS an excellent academic school. We want to keep it that way by improving the curriculum."

Parking at Norman High is a big problem. Schiller sees this too. "Every kid must drive two cars," he laughs. To improve the situation, he is looking into using the band parking lot and marking off new areas. He is also asking students to carpool.

"I'm going to keep working on this," Schiller explains, "It's an important problem, and it needs some long term attention."

Last and definitely the tiniest in the new administrative line-up at Norman High is the new vice-principal. Kaye Long spent many years at West as an assistant principal and before transferring to NHS. Her duties include handing out discipline to people (continued on page 8)

Dr. Richard Schiller, principal



Ms. Kaye Long, assistant principal



Dr. James Gray, superintendent



Permanent solution to temporary problems not the best way out

by Stacy Reeves

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Suicide (soo'-sid, syoo'-id). 1. The act or instance of intentionally killing oneself. 2. The destruction or ruin of one's own interests. 3. One who commits suicide-intr. v. suicided-siding-cides. Informal. To commit suicide. New Latin (person), suicidum (ACT): Latin sui, of oneself.

Suicide is a touchy subject with people today, young and old alike. It is always shocking, but the tragic loss of a teen-ager carries on an extra burden of guilt. Suicide hotline statistics show that there are more suicides in prestigious college students than the non-college population. Suicides result from stress in school, in relationships, and at home.

Most frightening to parents and suicide experts is the notion that suicide, in some awful way, is contagious. Young people may get the idea of suicide from reading or hearing it from others. One reason for the increase of suicides among affluent youth is their tendency to give up too easily.

Some kids simply have never been taught to accept disappointment or have not had enough experience with life to understand that things can get better.

Statistics show that:

Each year five thousand Americans kill themselves, triple the figure of three decades ago. While the rate of teenage suicides has risen, the adult rate remains constant.

No relief in sight! Where can I park?

CHUCK COTNER....Editorial Supervisor

"There's no +%&*@! parking places!!!"

At the age of 16, a person can be licensed to drive a motor vehicle in the state of Oklahoma. However, no one told us there'd be no place to park these vehicles!

With the enrollment at NHS at an all time high, the parking problem is worse than ever!

The problem is the system (or should I say lack of a system) for parking at Norman High. We should follow the examples of other area schools. Edmond High perhaps has the best system. The Seniors there get their choice of parking spaces and pay \$25 per semester for this privilege. The juniors then get what is left. The lot is patrolled regularly to assure compliance.

A similar system could be set up here. For example, seniors could buy red parking stickers and have the privilege of parking in "red" parking lots. The juniors could have blue stickers and similarly park in "blue" lots.

These suggestions will no doubt strike discontent among the junior class. However, they will not mind as much next year

Deaths of young males account for almost the entire increase in teenage suicide. Five to eight times as many girls as boys attempt suicide, but males tend to use more lethal methods—and succeed four times as often.

Most people who attempt suicide don't really want to die—at least not at first. It's only when no one responds to their signals for help that they become convinced their only option is death. In fact more youths think about suicide than actually try it, and many more unsuccessfully attempt it than succeed.

If you think someone is in trouble, there are many places to turn to. These include school counselors, local suicide prevention programs, crisis hotlines and psychiatrists. Those in trouble must learn to be their own persons, but if help is needed for getting through a troubled period in life, there is someone there to turn to, whether it be parent, friend, counselor or a community professional.

Suicide is far from the dramatic event it is pictured to be in television shows and novels. It is no joke that it is a PERMANENT SOLUTION TO A TEMPORARY PROBLEM.

when they are seniors.

The administration is looking at the parking headache, but is calling it a long-term problem. It is a situation that needs action as soon as possible so that students can worry less about where to park and more about learning.



See, it's not hard to find a parking place if you get here early enough!

Hamilton: Enthusiasm Key to Good Teaching

JENNIFER CARLSON....Production Manager

She was a typical tomboy as a child. She climbed trees and fences and did chores around the house.

Things haven't changed much as you can see there is an everlasting energy and tomboyishness in Donna Martha Van Zant Hamilton. Hamilton is tall, slender, and has brown curly hair and you can find her jumping around her Psychology class in a way that always keeps students attentive in the English wing, room 142.

Hamilton put her husband through school at O.U. by working on an assembly line building telephone switching equipment at Western Electric.

"I wouldn't doubt it if the telephone in your house is one that I built," she joked. Her husband was drafted into the Navy two weeks after graduation. She traveled with him to Pensicola, Florida and Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Hamilton was then assigned to Maryland.

She went to college at Saint Mary's College and recieved a B.A. Hamilton started teaching at Norman High School in 1975. Before coming here she taught for two years at Spring Ridge Middle School in Maryland. She later recieved a masters degree from O.U. While she was going to school she was a substitute teacher and "liked it a lot."

Students enjoy being in Hamilton's class because "she adds life to the class and

students like that better than the teacher talking all of the time," according to one student.

"I think that Mrs. Hamilton is the best teacher I have ever had and I always looked forward to going to class," says Sr. Dawn Speta.

Teachers need to have good teaching qualities to achieve their best while teaching the students, Hamilton says.

To be a good teacher she thinks it takes energy, organization, enthusiasm, and a love for kids. Teachers also need to know their subject matter, have support from other teachers, she says.

Most students don't expect teachers to have much free time, but during the little spare time Hamilton has she coordinates Close Up and is involved in a multitude of activities.

Hamilton's hobbies include doing aerobics at least 45 minutes per day. In addition she tries to jog 4 miles a day, reads, lifts weights, and does her job. She says that she plays with her cat "Andee" since she doesn't have any children.

Hamilton was the fifth of six children born to a peanut farmer in Paden, Oklahoma, a small town between Norman and Tulsa. Her first experience in school "wasn't very pleasant" because she was always causing problem wanting to know "why" she says she could not sit still.



Hamilton says her best experience in teaching comes from students who "have a good attitude and like to learn." The worst experiences were when the school didn't have any air conditioning.

"That was really bad because the students would pass out from the heat," says Hamilton.

In Hamilton's psychology class the students really like the unit on death and dying. She says that the unit is popular "because the students don't have much experience with it."

As with most teachers, Hamilton has her own point of view on the profession.

"I love teaching here because it is the best job I have ever had. The age level is great and I like the subject I am teaching," says Hamilton.

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So you thought there was nothing to do at Norman High....

LISA WARD....Staff Writer

So, here you are at Norman High and you're sitting back and thinking to yourself, "Gee, this isn't as fun as it looked in 'Happy Days'!"

Well, if you watch carefully, some afternoon when you have nothing better to do, you'll notice that Richie and the gang belong to school clubs. Where else do you think Potsi meets girls, Ralph tells jokes and Joni makes all those friends?

Norman High has almost 1500 students. Odds are that someone, somewhere in the school has the same interests as you. Assuming this is true, there should be a club somewhere where you can meet these people.

After all, clubs are a way to make contacts. You never know, that new guy you saw may be in German club, or the girl who asked you for change at the vending machine may be a member of FBPA.

And if they're not, you'll still have a new opportunity for fun and excitement. It's better than watching Potsi and the others have fun and heartbreak at Jefferson High...for the third day straight!

Only in German Club

When you stroll into room 162 to join German Club, (the only reason some students come to school), you'll probably see Frau Barnes, their happy and well fed sponsor. Frau Barnes is an enthusiastic sponsor for the food-crazed club.

"If you like to eat lots of food and talk to friends, get a group together to join," said Frau Barnes, "we don't have group rates yet but maybe someday!"

German Club dues are \$3.00 and according to Jr. Mike Collins, it's well worth it. "After all," he said, "where else can you sing about beer?"

Latin is not dead yet

"What is Latin Club? It's a lot of nice people and dumb jokes," said Jr. Jason Stout.

Latin Club is for everyone though, not just nice people or class clowns. All it takes to be in Latin club is a pulse, money for dues, and time for meetings. So, if you can't tell a joke or

speak the language, don't worry. Just bring your five dollars and join-up.

Talk to sponsor Karen Meiler to get the ball rolling.


Frenchies are cool

French Club. You've probably heard that name a million times during your school years, or at least it seems like it. That's because French Club is busy throughout the year. One of their functions is to help with Mardi Gras.

"We expend a lot of energy on French Club and to get it back we eat pastries," said Jr. Jennifer Wilson.

"Dues are a mere \$3.00 and that's well worth the food involved so if you like fun and pastries, join French Club!" said Sr. Paige Pendarvis.


"Frenchies are cool," Jr. Andy Saunders stated simply. This year's president is Joe Arbona. Joe's opinion of Mardi Gras is, "It's a great way to cheer-up and distract yourself from the duller parts of school."



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Art in the making

With the beginning of school comes the start of many clubs. The Art Club teaches students new art techniques, or just the basics because of love or interest in art.

During the year the Art Club will be visiting museums and having guest speakers at their meetings.

Perhaps you are a starving artist? The good news is that the Norman Art League has increased their scholarship from \$100 for the exemplary art student to \$300 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$50 for third place.

The Art Club is entering the Oklahoma City Arts Commission Mural contest again this year. They will be painting a 4x8 foot mural. They are applying to the NPS Foundation Grants-To-Teachers program so they will be able to frame past murals and place them in the Fine Arts building.

So how do you join? The Art Club has meetings every second and fourth Monday of the month. The officers to talk to are: Tamara Blackley, president; Richard McKown, vice-president; Melissa Brown, treasurer; Lyndie Wilkes, secretary; Jenny Estes and Susan Caley, historian and reporter, respectively.

Past Art Clubs have consisted of 8 to 10 members. "We are looking for some talented, creative and productive people for our Art Club," said Ms Jackie Faulkner, sponsor of the group. "You do not have to be enrolled in art class to join Art Club."

FCA open to all

More than just an organization for athletes, FCA is open to anyone who wants to come.

Coach David Brown, who is in his third year here at NHS as a coach and teacher of history, has been the head of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes since he arrived. He holds the meetings at his home at 3221 Cove Hollow Court each Tuesday night from 8p.m. to 9p.m.

If you are a member of FCA, you can be expected to be a part of fund raising activities for such things as ski trips and trips to White Water.

Since FCA is an outside organization it relies on strong leadership.

The sponsor and FCA members are quick to point out that membership is open to everyone, "no matter if you are a Christian or athlete," says Brown.

Close-up offers D.C. trip

Norman High students interested in better learning about State and National Government should be planning on attending 1986's Close-Up.

Oklahoma Close-Up, held in February of '86, has a lot to offer students interested in Oklahoma Government. The itinerary for this year includes a trip to the State's Legislature to view the State's law-making process. "Whether or not the students have any previous experience with state government is unimportant," according to Mrs. Donna Hamilton, sponsor for the group. "There is a possibility the Governor will speak, but it is not certain at this time."

In April of 1986, Mrs. Hamilton will be taking the local Close-Up to Washington, D.C. The trip will last a week and will be open to all eligible N.H.S. students. The event will focus on current issues discussed at various forums.

Students attending can expect to tour the Capitol, the national monuments, and probably the White House. For additional information concerning these educational programs, interested students should contact Mrs. Hamilton.

FBLA: Trips, parties

Trying to decide which club to join? If you like business, then F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America) may be for you. F.B.L.A. has all sorts of activities including hayrides, watermelon parties, socials with neighboring towns, and swimming pool parties.

The F.B.L.A. also takes field trips. In 1985 they went to Houston and Puerto Vallarta. Two years ago, they traveled to San Francisco and Hawaii. This summer they will visit Washington D.C. Their next planned side trip is to London.

If you think that this is all that the FBLA is doing, look ahead for more fun in FBLA. They will attend the regional leadership conference Nov. 8-11 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Oklahoma conference in Tulsa in April.

Wondering how to contact that cute person in one of your classes? FBLA will be organizing a student directory in October.

The sponsors and rooms are Mrs. Paula Roberts-109, Mrs. Rosemary Blackburn-101, and Mrs. JoAnne Klumpp-107. For more information of FBLA, students may contact one of those sponsors.

The current officers are Craig Atkins-President, Lee Anne Pierce-Vice Presi-

dent, Sarah Teet-Secretary, Troy Wenzel-Treasurer, and Elizabeth Hilar-Parliamentarian.

The dues for FBLA are six dollars. Four dollars is used for the national conference and two dollars is used for the state organization. Students in the club receive the Today's Business Leaders of America magazine.

Vo-tech clubs offer fun and experience

Vocational schools allow students to get hands-on experience. Students get the chance to tinker with car engines, computers, flowers and the like.

When you walk into a vocational school you see people working toward their career goal. You'll see future mechanics busily assembling or disassembling a carburetor. You'll see secretaries hard at work at their word processors, finishing reports. You might walk into a Floriculture class and see future florists prepare daisies and roses for a floral arrangement.

Vocational students go on field trips. Nurses visit hospitals and electricity classes visit job sites to work with electric mechanics.

They also have fund raisers which run from selling candy bars, roses and carnations to "Gold C" coupon books.

Vo-Tech also offers extra-curricular organizations for interested students. Vocational Clubs of America (VICA) is one example. It consists of local, state and national students and advisors who are associated with trade and industry, as well as technical education. VICA offers students the chance to improve in leadership, citizenship, and character.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is another type of organization. DECA offers students the chance to serve as leaders. DECA seeks to achieve its goals by the development of leadership ability, professional attitudes, and the social growth of the individual.

A vocational school is a place where students enjoy what they're doing. "I go to Vo-Tech because it's neat, fun and exciting and also because it's good job experience," said Jr. Jennifer Chastain, floriculture student.

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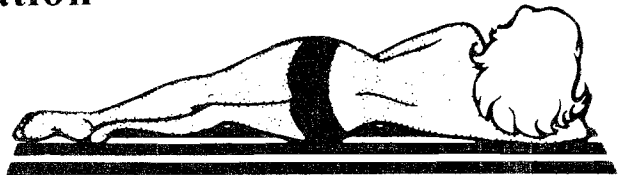
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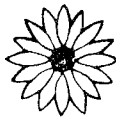


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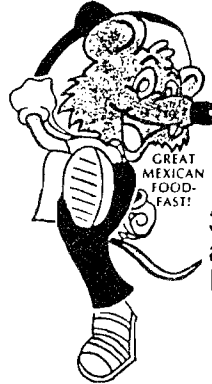


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Tigers tuning up for new season

MISSY GARMAN....Staff Writer

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Norman Tigers meet the U.S. Grant Generals in their third home game of the season at Collins Field.

Norman leads this brief series 2-1 including a 38-7 blowout last year.

When the Tigers met the Moore Lions last Friday night at Moore, they were out to avenge last year's 17-14 loss.

Although Norman leads the series with arch-rival Moore, winning 13 of the previous 20 meetings, this game has traditionally been a hard-fought battle between the two Cleveland County rivals.

Moore has been ranked high among the major 5A powers in the state, and this year's team figures to be a major factor in the fight for the state championship.

This was one of the big games on the Tiger's schedule and Norman High's quarter back, **Paul Behrman**, thinks this year's team has an excellent chance to make the state playoffs. "I think we all have the natural ability to win. It all relies on the attitude and how we come together as a team-and there's always a little bit of luck," **Behrman** said.

The Tigers started off the season with a 13-0 triumph over Ada. After that, they suffered a 21-7 loss to the Lawton Wolverines. The Tigers then went to take on the second-ranked, Class 5A, Midwest City Bombers, but were defeated 18-13.

The Tigers hosted the Putnum City North Panthers Friday, September 27, and

suffered a 16-10 setback. This was the first loss to P.C. North in the brief six-game history of this series. Norman put forth a gallant effort, but ran out of downs when the game ended with the Tigers on the Panthers

two yard line.

The Tigers played traditional rival Moore Friday, October 4, prior to tonight's home game against the Generals.



Skating towards victory, Tiger Mascot, Sally Bayless, stops long enough to pose for a picture

at the Lawton pep assembly Sept. 13.



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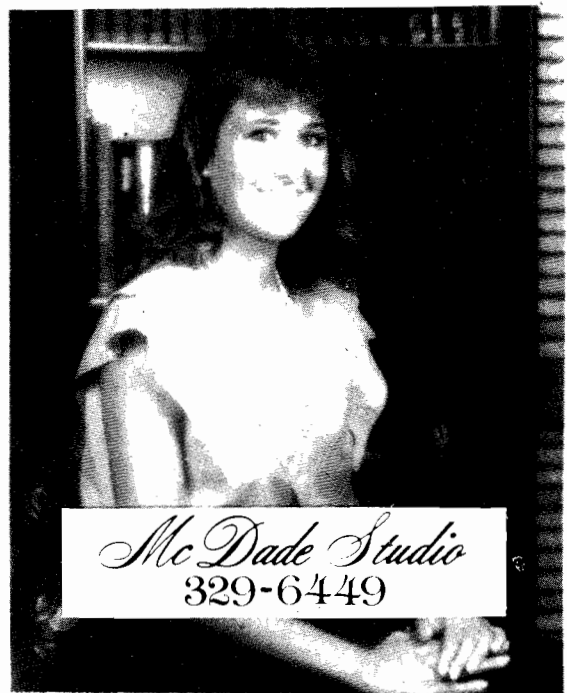


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- Oct. 16- Last day yearbook will accept photos
- Oct. 17-18- O.E.A. Convention- No School
- Oct. 17-19- "Bottled Babies" at Sooner Theatre
- Oct. 18- Football-P.C. West (Away)
- Oct. 22- Choir Fall Concert
- Oct. 24-26- "Published" at Sooner Theatre
- Oct. 23-27- "A Delicate Balance"- Rupel Jones Theatre
- Oct. 24- Homecoming parade, bonfire and pep rally
- Oct. 25- Homecoming Game
- Oct. 26- Tina Turner and John Parr at the Myriad
- Oct. 30- Group Photos
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2- "Tales of Darkness" at Sooner Theatre
- Oct. 26- Night Ranger and Starship at Lloyd Noble
- Oct. 31- Sting at Lloyd Noble
- Nov. 1- Football- Altus (Away)
- Nov. 7-9- "Streamers" at Sooner Theatre
- Nov. 16-17- Norman Dance Theatre Ballet at Sooner Theatre
- Nov. 6- Supertramp at Lloyd Noble
- Nov. 18- "Carousel" Matinee
- Nov. 19- "Carousel" Evening Performance
- Nov. 20- "Carousel" Matinee
- Nov. 21- "Carousel" Evening Performance
- Nov. 22- "Carousel" Evening Performance

New faces

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with the last names who begin M-Z, attending to parking, and dealing with lockers.

As far as the parking problem, Long is begging people to carpool. She also encourages people to ride a bus. She says she would love suggestions to help with the problem, but asks for them to be written to save valuable time.

Long doesn't confine her home to Norman High, but also enjoys scouting. As a professional Girl Scout, she spends her spare time traveling throughout Oklahoma speaking at training sessions. During her travels, she discusses ways of disciplining girls when they are at camp.

"When you get a bunch of girls together, what one can't think of the other one can," she explains, "Responsible decisions must be made and observed."

Although disciplining students is not Long's favorite thing to do, she says she is enjoying NHS.

"The student are more mature and courteous," she concludes, "My job is more fun."

From the activities office

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Invitations are in the mail for a reception to honor Dr. Richard Schiller, the new principal at NHS. The reception put on by the Parents Support Group, will be Tuesday, October 29 in the NHS cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Schiller will speak briefly on proposing parent/teacher conferences at the mid-high and high school levels.

the chairperson the PSG will explain how the group serves NHS. Also refreshments will be served afterwards. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting with Dr. Schiller and learn about things you can do to help NHS.

College-bound students should keep these ACT and SAT test dates in mind.

All major colleges and universities usually require one of these tests. The packets to register for them may be picked up in the counselor's office. These tests are sponsored for a fee by non-school groups.

ACT

Registration Classes	Test Dates
November 15, 1985	December 14, 1985
January 10, 1986	February 8, 1986
March 14, 1986	April 12, 1986
May 16, 1986	June 14, 1986

SAT

Registration Dates	Test Dates
November 1, 1985	December 7, 1985

The Josten's representative was at NHS the third week in September so seniors could order caps and gowns and other graduation items. He will be returning in October so seniors will have another opportunity to order items for graduation. They should watch the bulletin board in the main hall for date.

The deadline for senior portraits to be turned into the publications department is October 16. If any senior does not have his/her picture in by that date, their school picture will not be in the yearbook.



Watching Jennifer Heavner intently, the girls practice dance steps for the coming production

"Carousel." The production will be Nov. 18-23 in Norman High's auditorium.

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