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President's Ponderings

We are Surging Forward!

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Our chapter is charted a course and is moving forward. Our Bagley book project boasts of 6 hr. of interviews on DVDs of Donna Shelton interviewing the people at the reunion. These DVDs will be shown at the next meeting on Feb. 22, 2206 at Vidalia's backroom. They will be edited for later use.

Attached to this newsletter is our profession development brochure masterfully designed by our newsletter editor, Rick Shelton. It contains workshops offered by our professors, assistant professors and instructors. Take a minute to view the vast array for expertise displayed in this publication. It is impressive. Kay Grant, Dean of Education will share this with area school personnel.

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PDK Board Meeting

PDK Meeting

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Date: Feb. 22, 2006

Where: Vidalia's (backroom)

Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 p.m



PDK Donation

Pat Allen, retired NSU Asst. Professor and PDK member for over two decades has graciously donated the to Tahlequah Chapter 1111, *The Centennial Membership Directory 2006.*

The volume includes the names of members who have contributed to a century of research, leadership and services to PDK.

The alphabetic listing of members includes biographical information concerning thousands of members. The directory will be displayed at the meeting.

Our heartfelt

thank you!



10/100 Club?

Thus far, we lack 3 donations of at least \$5 each to belong to the National 20/20 Club. I know we are a better chapter than that! I would like us to become a 100/100 club. Below are the criteria:

Our chapter needs 3 additional gifts to achieve 20/20 Club, 8 additional to achieve 40/40 Club, 13 additional to achieve 60/60 Club, 18 additional to achieve 80/80 club, and 23 additional to achieve 100/100 Club.

Let's support this national endeavor by donating (from our personal funds) \$5 or more. Make your check to our local PDK and submit to our treasurer, Pat Allen. She will, in turn, send a check to National indicating how many members contributed.

Let's set our goal for 100/100.

Jewell Linville



Library Thoughts: Electronic Books

As more and more books are being scanned and made available electronically, many people are having mixed feelings about this new way of "packaging" books. The NSU libraries have added many E books to their collection through NetLibrary and ebrary, all of which are accessible through the li-

brary's online catalog. While E books will probably never totally take the place of print books, they are here to stay, and they do come with some interesting benefits.

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Recently, our newsletter was cited in the international newsletter for our appeal for help for the Katrina victims.

Pat Allen, who has donated The Centennial Membership Directory 2006, will bring it for viewing. At this meeting, we will discuss a possible wine and cheese fund raiser.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to touch base with friends and catch up. See you there!

Dawn



The PDK Workshop pamphlet is ready to go to press. Look for it and a big thank you to all the contributors.

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Bagley School Reunion Recordings to Premier

The interviews of the Bagley school reunion project will be shown at the meeting Friday so bring the popcorn and be ready to help look for sections to include in the video yearbook project. Dr. Donna Shelton's interviews will form the basis of the project and we will be able to see her efforts in living color this week.

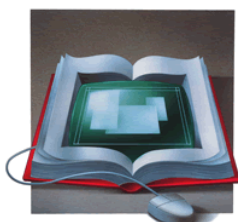


Library Thoughts: Electronic Books

First of all, you can access E books instantly, right from your home – all you need is an Internet connection & an NSU login ID and password. There's no need to leave your house on a rainy day or late at night to come to the library to pick up a book – it will come to you via your Internet connection.

Next, unlike print books, entire E books can be searched electronically. You may have in front of you a 450 page book on education, but all you really care about are the sections addressing the needs of special education students. Enter a word or phrase into a search box & the technology does the rest, linking you to each and every page containing that word or phrase. With this tool, you can truly "skim" the book for the information you need.

Finally, you don't need to worry about overdue fines or replacing lost or damaged library books. An E book never really goes anywhere. You access it from your computer terminal, whether on campus or off. When you are done, close the book and log off; whenever you go back to NetLibrary or ebrary, the book will be there, good as new. Now you'll just have to figure out how to get the coffee off your keyboard...



The most technologically efficient machine that man has ever invented is the book.

Northrup Frye

Tax Time!

Oklahoma Tax Resources

Tax season is once again upon us! We have compiled a number of resources from the Oklahoma Tax Commission and Internal Revenue Service to assist you with filing your 2005 Income Tax Return before the April 15, 2006 deadline.

Gather those W-2s, 1099s and all your receipts, it's tax time! With Oklahoma forms released and electronic filing going live later this week, the 2005 filing period is gearing up. On December 1st, the Agency released all 2005 income tax forms and packets on the website. In addition to releasing the income tax forms on the site, the Agency has built all the income tax forms for 2005 as "fill-in" forms. This means you can download the form from the site, fill it out on your computer and print it out*.



*http://www.ok.gov/tax_resource.html

Fun Facts: William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray



MURRAY, WILLIAM HENRY DAVID (1869-1956).

William (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, a famous political figure in the Southwest, third son of Uriah Dow Thomas and Bertha Elizabeth (Jones) Murray, was born at Toadsuck, Texas, near Collinsville, on November 21, 1869, and grew up in north central Texas. Murray ran away from home at the age of twelve and during the next seven years worked on farms and attended public school intermittently. After attending College Hill Institute, a secondary school at Springtown, he became a public school teacher in Parker County and became involved in the Farmers' Alliance and the Democratic party. During this period he developed his public speaking skills to become a locally known orator and a vigorous opponent of the rising Populist or People's party.

After settling in Tishomingo in the Chickasaw Nation, Murray established ties to the tribal leaders and developed a lucrative law practice. He married Mary Alice Hearrell, niece of the Chickasaw governor, on July 19, 1899. Murray's legal practice made him a prominent figure in the Chickasaw Nation, and when an effort was made to obtain statehood for Indian Territory in 1905, he played a major role.

During the 1920s Murray led an unsuccessful effort to establish an American agricultural colony in Bolivia, but when he returned to Oklahoma in 1929 he found the political climate of the state receptive to his brand of agrarianism. He won the governorship in 1930, and for four years he fought the Great Depression in Oklahoma with the National Guard and fiery oratory. He championed "the boys at the fork of the creek" by cutting state taxes and sending the National Guard into the oilfields to halt the flow of illegal petroleum.

He called out the National Guard to force the opening of free state highway bridges across the Red River to Texas to replace toll bridges. He sought unsuccessfully to have the other major petroleum-producing states, particularly Texas, curtail output to raise the price of oil. One of the most colorful officeholders in the nation, Murray decided to seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932; but his "Bread, Butter, Bacon, and Beans" campaign was a fiasco that got him only twenty-three convention votes.

Further attempts to gain political office failed, but one of his five children, Johnston Murray, won the governorship in 1950, and Murray lived in the state mansion with his son. Murray died on October 15, 1956, following a paralytic stroke. Throughout his life he had promoted agriculture and the family farm. He often summed up his basic beliefs in the simple statement, "**Civilization begins and ends with the plow.**"

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Celebration of Teaching and PDK

Chapter 1111 offered in the fall to support this event. They asked up to contribute prizes for the winners. Please ask your friends and neighbors for items they may have to give.

Tax deductible forms are available from me. Let's support NSU and OK teachers.

Please contact Dawn Yonally with your contributions.

"Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund."

F. J. Raymond