

AQIP team approves during visit

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It's like taking a hard test. Most want to know the result right away.

Last week an evaluation team with the Academic Quality Improvement Program came to campus. During the check up, they met with a group of students.

The AQIP team arrived March 24 and left March 27. Dr. Elizabeth Towell, vice provost at Carroll University, was one of the educators visiting campus on behalf of AQIP. Towell said they'd

been visiting both the campus in Wichita and the campus in Winfield. She said that there was quite a difference between the two campuses. Towell said, "It was also surprising to see to what extent the campus in Wichita was online."

Dr. Gary VanKempen, director of instruction at Lansing Community College, was the other educator who spent time on campus. "It's fair to say that we are very impressed with the college, and we appreciated meeting with the students," said VanKempen. "It's like a big

family, where people care about each other."

Both Towell and VanKempen said after meeting the students and spending time at the college they saw good leadership.

Students who participated in the meeting were invited to participate by Dawn Pleas-Bailey, vice president for student life. The meeting with the AQIP team took place in the Student Life office in Sutton the morning of March 26.

There was more than one representative from each class, and the majors also

varied. The team asked questions about education, campus life and teaching. Towell and VanKempen shared experiences from their own schools and listened to what the students had to say.

Amber Nubine, nursing sophomore, was one of the students who attended the meeting with the AQIP team. "I think the meeting was good," said Nubine. "It helped us to learn from them, and them to learn from us."

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SIFE steak out



Eddie Carmichael/Collegian photographer Lindsey Smith, business administration senior, and Heiu Trinh, business administration senior, order their drinks at the SIFE dinner. The dinner was March 29 at the American Legion. For additional photos of the SIFE dinner, please check out the Collegian online at www.sccollegian.com.

Sports

Intramurals poise slight change, but students are not phased

By Jessica Bernhardt
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Ten teams have signed up for this year's intramural basketball tournament.

The tournament will begin play at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Stewart Field House.

Jason VenJohn, director of intramurals, said, "Due to scheduling conflicts with gyms it's been tough to do them this year. So, we're just doing a tournament so we can also get a softball tournament in before the end of the year."

Elimination for the tournament will be based on one and done. Seeding for the tournament will be random. The

winning team will receive a Southwestern Intramurals t-shirt.

Weston Mills, undeclared sophomore, is participating in the tournament. Other members of the team are Zach Joliff, undeclared freshman, Marlon Pariss, business administration freshman, Chance Rathbun, undeclared freshman, Kindell Copeland, biology freshman, Eva Sanders, business administration senior, and Jen Hendrixson, nursing freshman.

Rules of the tournament indicate that two females have to be on the court at all times. VenJohn said, "Other than that it's just general basketball rules. We will play two

20-minute running clock halves. The clock will stop through the last two minutes of the second half."

Before the tournament begins, a sportsmanship contract is signed. "Each one of the captains signs that when we have the captains meeting," said VenJohn. "There are a certain set of rules we have them follow to try to keep the games under control. We've had problems in the past, but it's cut down every year the more and more as we go along."

Another rule for the tournament is that basketball players are ineligible to participate. Since basketball members are ineligible for the tournament, they help in other ways. Ven-

John said, "Normally we have three officials for every game and two table workers."

Jarrett Tyler, health and physical education senior and guard for the men's basketball team, will be helping officiate the tournament. He said, "This will be my second year helping with intramural basketball. I was a ref last year also."

Although he can't compete, it doesn't bother Tyler much. "It doesn't bother me that I can't compete. I enjoy watching the other students competing in a sport I love."

Melissa Borthwick, biology junior and forward for the women's basketball team, also will be helping with the

tournament. Last year was Borthwick's first year in helping with the tournament. She said, "Last year I was clock and book keeper. This year I'm not sure what he's [VenJohn] going to have me doing."

Borthwick is fine with not being able to participate in the tournament. "We have a long season we get to play in and this is more or less fun for those who don't have the opportunity we do," said Borthwick. "It's a lot of fun to watch everyone have such a good time, and it's fun to try to guess who played in high school and who's never played."

Participating in intramurals

is a great opportunity for everyone.

Tyler said, "I think intramurals is beneficial for students because it gives everyone a chance to spend time with friends and play a sport they enjoy."

Borthwick agrees. She said, "It's a great opportunity for people who don't get to play the sport competitively but still have a love for the game to play. It's also fun way to get some exercise, and maybe learn a little about basketball if you didn't know much before."

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Men fall to Oklahoma Wesleyan, women win

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The fate of the women's and men's tennis teams had polar endings this week. After a week without competing, the teams were back on the court against Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

The men hosted OWU March 25 and were swept by their competition 8-1, leaving their season record at 1-4.

In doubles, No. 1, Jeff Smith, physical education junior, and Andrew Manley, business administration senior, lost against Trey Terrell and Tyler Stearns, 8-4. No. 2, Jacob Tafoya, computer information systems sophomore, and Tristan Walters, biochemistry sophomore, were defeated by Sergio Alava and Walter Hoyas, 8-3. No. 3, Jason Jeschke, sport management senior, and DJ Wilson, business administration senior, also couldn't pull off a win against David Dunn and Curtis Hobbes, with the final score of 8-6.

John Paulin, head tennis coach, said, "Oklahoma Wesleyan is always a strong team." This proved to be true not only in doubles but in singles as well, when only one win was pulled off by Wilson, who played Curtis Hobbes and won with a score of 6-3, 7-6 (1).

"I could have done better. I hit too many balls into the net or out," said Wilson. "My strategy was to get into his head, because he was really fast and I needed to wear him down and make him have mistakes," he said.

Tafoya went 6-1 in his first singles match and 6-4 in his second singles match. "I didn't do too well in my first match," he said.

OWU lost six of their eight players last year. "Coach Clint Wood has put together a new squad of young players that continue to dominate us," said Paulin. "There were moments of good competition, but we could not stay with their strength." The men's team competed yesterday at McPherson Col-

lege. Scores were not available before press time. Their next match will be tomorrow at home against Sterling College.

On March 24, the women's team swept OWU 7-2. "I was very pleased with the way the team stepped up to play with very strong wind and cool temperatures," said Paulin.

In doubles No. 1, Molly Kearns, elementary education junior, and Lacey Hibbs, elementary education sophomore, defeated OWU's Genny Schmitt and Ali Ardenry, 8-2. No. 2, Kelsey Reynolds, communication senior, and Kourtney McLeland, biochemistry senior, won against Cyndi Rothfuss and Jordan Brazda, 8-3. No. 3, Julie Wilke, secondary education senior, and Alesia Schneweis, biology junior, competed against Brenda Guiter and Amanda Slagle. However they were not as lucky and after being down 1-5 they fought back to rally up to 6-7. Unfortunately the final score went to OWU at 6-8.

The women single's matches pulled out five victories. McLeland and Schneweis went three sets for their wins at No.2 and No. 6 singles. "Our singles play came through on a strong note to secure the 7-2 win," Paulin said. Paulin was pleased with the reduction of unforced errors, "If we continue to keep those at a minimum we will improve our chances for winning," he said.

The women are now 3-3 for the season. Their match against Hesston College was canceled due to weather and the team competed yesterday at McPherson College. Scores were not available before press time. The women's next match will be at 3 p.m. April 7 at home against Friends University.

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Golf tussles with treacherous tornado weather

By Katie Gomez
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The golf teams faced challenges last month as they proved themselves against diverse spring weather.

The men and women will travel April 6 and 7 to Shawnee, Okla., to compete in the Bison Invitational, hosted by Oklahoma Baptist University at the Shawnee Country Club.

The women competed Monday and Tuesday in the Bluebonnet Classic, hosted by Northwood University in Duncanville, Texas. They were fortunate to have a forecast for perfect golfing weather. It was to be sunny, 70 degrees and still. Results for the tournament were unavailable at press time.

Both the men's and women's teams hosted the South Central Kansas Spring Invitational March 23 and 24 at Quail Ridge Golf Course. They battled 40 to 60 mph gusts throughout the two days. Monday was a frustrating day for the players, who had to overcome the challenges of Mother Nature.

The black sky brewed with the coming of a storm. The thunder rolled in and the rain started to drizzle. As hammering gusts of wind pounded against his body,

the golfer stepped up to the green. He squared his shoulders, lined up the putt and rolled the ball smoothly in for par on the 18 hole, just as the horn blew late Monday afternoon.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., Brad Sexson, head coach, blew the air horn to cease playing. The clubhouse was quickly flooded with tired players, waiting for the storm to pass to finish out their rounds.

When the tornado sirens went off at 5:03, everyone was asked to take shelter in the cart garage beneath the clubhouse for safety. After waiting patiently for the rain to stop, the players were escorted in golf carts to finish out their remaining holes before the next storm hit.

Despite the brutal beating by the weather, the men and women played their best and managed to shoot some of the top scores of the day. Raleigh Hughes, business administration freshman, shot an 83. Westin Weeast, business administration senior, shot an 85. Kenneth Wright, business administration junior, shot an 85. Jared Paul, business administration junior, shot an 86. Tim Jasper, business administration freshman, shot an 87. Three golfers competed for

individual scores.

Chance Clark, business administration freshman, shot an 86. Bobby Weidner, business administration freshman, shot a 95. Jordan Lytton, business administration freshman, shot a 100.

For the women's team, Blair Koehn, business administration senior, overcame a back injury to shoot an 88.

Courtney Huppert, business administration freshman, shot an 88. Kaydee Johnson, business administration sophomore, shot a 92. Lacie Holbert, communication freshman, shot a 99. Amy Kellner, business graduate, shot a 111.

By Tuesday, the rain had passed and the sun was out, but the wind never gave up. The team morale, however, was more optimistic.

"The wind is irrelevant 'cause everyone's playing in it, so you just have to hunker down and do your best," said Johnson. "I just tried to keep a smile on my face and keep whistling. That's definitely what got me through the round."

Huppert shot an 85 for a 165. Koehn shot a 90 for a 178. Johnson shot a 99 for a 101. Holbert shot a 108 for a 207. Kellner shot a 101 for a 212. The women took second

place to Southern Nazarene with a final score of 953.

On the men's team, Paul shot a 74 for a 160. Hughes shot an 80 for a 163. Wright shot an 83 for a 168. Weeast shot a 92 for a 177. Jasper shot a 91 for a 178. Clark shot a 95 for a 181. Lytton shot an 89 for a 189. Weidner shot a 95 for a 190. The men had a final score of 856, taking second to Southern Nazarene University.

"I was a little disappointed with the outcome of my day. It had some high moments and some low moments," said Weeast. "It was great having my mom there to watch me play my last home tournament. Getting an eagle on the 10th hole was a nice moment too."

Paul said, "I felt really good about how I played the second day. I made a lot of good putts that really saved my final round. I hit a lot of fairways and played really well considering the wind."

Sexson said, "The teams played well considering the weather conditions and strength of field. I am happy with how both teams are progressing. Our best golf is ahead of us."

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Softball team hits back to split with Bacone

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The Lady Builder softball team traveled 180 miles March 26 to Muskogee, Okla., to take on the Lady Warriors of Bacone College in a double-header. The teams won one and lost one.

In game one, Bacone shut out the Lady Builders 9-0. "We did a great job of making contact with the ball," said Jennifer Buehler, assistant coach. "The hits were there, they just didn't fall into the gaps." Although the team was down, they stayed very positive with everything that they did. "Nobody played poorly at all."

Nicole Wilson, sophomore second base, said that along with hitting everything to them, the Lady Builders didn't have many base runners. "Not having base runners doesn't help you when you need to score," Wilson said. "When we did have people on base we left them there when our hitters got an out."

Wilson is on the same page as Buehler about the game. "We played well and were very upbeat," Wilson said. "They capitalized on us not scoring and they scored almost every inning. Nobody likes to lose."

The Lady Builders came out fired up and pumped for

the nightcap. They scored in the first three innings of the game. Wilson said. "We immediately started hitting the ball and scoring runs."

"The difference was that we started with the momentum in our hands and our level of enthusiasm was through the roof," Wilson said. "That is a big part of the game and having momentum is what lead us to the win. We were positive just like the first game if not more positive," Wilson said. "We did a better job of staying up and playing as a team."

Some good defense and some luck can win you a game. "Our defense was solid this game," Wilson said.

"We hit well and everything just went our way."

Buehler said, "We made good contact this game like the first one and they actually fell in the gaps this time. Nobody gave up also which is a plus." Overall, Buehler had a good intake on how the games went. "We played well both games overall," Buehler said. "The first game we didn't produce what we needed to and the second game we did and had a good result."

The Builders' next game at 5 and 7 p.m. hosting Sterling College.

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