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Opposite:

In the new student union game room located next to the cafeteria, freshman Katrina Marshall, Broken Arrow, tells freshman Verna Williams, Newalla, how fuseball should be played.

Waiting for the "Beat the Red Ravens" pep rally to begin, freshmen Marco Shoals of Tulsa, Jerry Reese of Cleveland, and Derrick Howard of An- more decide to girlwatch until the festivities start.

Finding a solution for a physics exercise, sophomores Eric George, Lenapah, and David Harrell, Wyandotte, find out two heads are better than one. Physics classes are one of the honors courses offered.

Pinning his opponent to the mat sophomore Doug Worrin of Coweta got his man down, in two minutes, during the first wrestling match of the season against Dodge City, Kan. The Norsemen defeated the Conquistadores 42-0.
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Making a little small talk before class, freshmen Kelly Feathers, Wyandotte, Justin Frazier, Oklahoma City, Leisa Wilder, Miami, discuss their first day experiences.
Representing 70 years of excellence, the 1989-90 edition of the Golden Norse football squad burst through a spirit banner to signify the start of the game with Tyler, Texas during Parent's Day.

Scott Bailey, a sophomore from Wann, and Aneta McMullen, a freshman from Tulsa, struggle with trying to pass a lifesaver with a toothpick during a student government retreat.
Tradition continues
Through an excellent year

By Jenni Shrum

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College continued to go strong after 70 years of excellence through academics, activities, people, student life and sports.

Following 70 years of excellence, pride, and tradition, the college has maintained high academic standards by placing an emphasis on the needs of the individual student. These needs are met by providing quality advising and placement for the student.

The college offers either the associate of arts or applied science degrees as well as awarding certificates in certain technology fields. It also provides a place for students who want to transfer to other colleges.

Students had an opportunity to excel academically as members of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society, as well as participate in a variety of courses offered in the honors program.

After 70 years of tradition the Student Senate changed their title to Student Body Government following a vote of 161 to 42 of the representatives.

Continuing the 70 years of excellence are the activities. There are over 45 different clubs and organizations for a student to become involved in to make campus life interesting. These organizations range from "Owls", which appeals to the adult student, to the Child Development Club designed for students interested in the teaching of children.

Carrying on the tradition of excellence through the people section are 171 administrators, faculty and staff members for the college. The student body had 2,666 students enrolled during the 1989 fall semester.

Excellence over the last 70 years has been shown in student life. From football games, to parties, to studying for exams, students have been known for carrying on the Norsemen tradition of excellence.

For the past 70 years the sports programs have shown excellence and the power to still be going strong. Since the beginning of the college in 1919 the football program has had eight national championship titles.

The men's basketball program was the first school in Oklahoma to win the national basketball title; the women's basketball program finished second in the nation in 1988.

The wrestling program has consistently placed in the top 10 over the last 10 years.

While the women's cross country team climbed as high as fifth in the national rankings this past year, the men's track and cross country teams consistently did well in the regional meets.

While the baseball team finished second in the nation in 1988, the softball team has consistently been represented in the regional competition.

During its first season of intercollegiate competition the golf team placed four participants in the national tournament in 1988.

The rodeo team sent two national participants to the national rodeo competitions.

Overall, five out of eight intercollegiate sports have placed in the national rankings over the past couple of years.

All in all, the Norsemen tradition has been shining through for the last 70 years. Excellence has been shown through all areas of student life, people, activities, academics, and sports.

Each student on campus expressed the Norseman tradition and continued to keep it going strong.

Each administrator, faculty, and staff member kept up the level of excellence through their teaching and communication skills to their students.

Altogether, everyone managed to keep together the Norse tradition after 70 years, and keep it still going strong for years ahead.
Watching the lunch crowd pass underneath the Commerce balcony, freshmen James McAlester, James McBrayer, Coleman, and Brett Payne, Bartlesville, take a break from studying. ☀️
Campus life Builds Strong character

By Reginald Lewis

Skipping class...spending money...night life...These were just a few ways students got away from classrooms.

Learning the essential elements was not always on students' minds. There were sporting events, shopping, sleeping in, dating, homecoming festivities and dances.

These were things that made a student's life outside of the classroom great.

Fashion was another big part of having a good student life. People made an extra effort to look their best to catch that someone specials' eye. Whether it was at a dance or sitting in the stands at football and basketball games, people were dressed fit-to-be killed.

With all of these activities to contend with, how did students fit in homework or studying? However, most of them did it. They managed to have a good time and some kept their grades up to the right standards.

Student life, two words which really mean a great time. Students lived it to its fullest, knocking down all obstacles which kept it still going strong.
Unique rooms

There's no place like home

Many students moved away from home for the first time and began to make their new home away from home. Students used their creative minds to decorate their new homes and make them something very unique. From a theme to a poster, each room was unique.

Knowing the person you were rooming with helped to make a unique room. "Knowing my room-mate before school started helped me to know what to bring," said Steve Barnes, a freshman from Bartlesville.

Decorating rooms could become expensive but many students found new, creative ways to decorate. "We decorated our room with home posters of cartoon characters we drew and used things from our own rooms," Robin Brower, a sophomore from Caney, said.

Many students found that new room-mates created a different living atmosphere, one many had to get adjusted to. "My room-mate didn't like my rock posters, but he got used to them," said sophomore Randy Ahhaitty of Anadarko.

Those students who were able to live in student apartments, or off campus on their own, had more space in which to be much more creative with.

"Since I had my own apartment, I was able to decorate every room, just the way I wanted," said freshman Danny Darrough from Tulsa.

From spending a fortune to no money on their new homes students found ways to make their homes away from home.
Using a beach theme to decorate their room, freshmen Raina and Rochelle Clarke, both of Tulsa, show their touch of creativity by setting up beach chairs as if they were on Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Making use of a friend's room freshmen Dustin Smith and Roger Headrick, both from Vinita, take a cut nap before dinner.
Checking the prices on coveralls for a Halloween costume, freshmen Kevin Fry and Shannon Boone, both of Mannford, see which are less expensive.

Finding a tape to buy, Freshman Chuck Redfern from Miami spends most of his money on buying music. He got a discount for his choice of tapes because he worked at Wal-Mart.
Money

Easy come, easy go

Spending money can be very easy for some. But having a budget makes it a little harder.

As college students, one of the biggest responsibilities was to determine how to budget money, then how to stick to the budget.

Some students did not have to worry about the amount of money they spent, but the majority kept a close watch on their financial situation.

But the majority of students supported themselves with jobs or saving accounts.

"I have a job to help me with my college expenses," said Jamie Thompson, sophomore, from Ketchum.

With entertainment a top priority students searched for a cheap way to enjoy themselves, like a dollar movie, or a party. While others went all out.

"When I'm out with my girlfriend on the weekends, I find myself spending up to $30 on just dinner and a good movie," said Lance Christmas, freshman, from Tulsa.

Some students were found spending money on things that were more important. School expenses seemed to take up a lot of the students' money.

"The money I get from work-study always seems to go on the books I bought from the bookstore," said Tim Shields, freshman from Oklahoma City.

For commuters gas was also a large expense, especially for those who traveled from towns like Fairland everyday for class.

"I drove to and from school everyday, so I spent up to $25 a week just on gas," said Deborah Vincent, freshman, from Fairland.
Jobs

They work hard for their money

Juggling a full class load, a social life, and homework, maybe enough for some college students. But adding these things as well as a part-time job was another story.

For many students a job was needed to help with college expenses, and with other needs that faced the student.

Some students were eligible to receive work-study employment through the school. Many students had jobs working as teachers aides, bookstore cashiers, cafeteria workers, or proctors for the dorms.

"Working in the financial aid office gave me extra money I used to pay off my tuition cost," said freshman Sara Campbell of Wyandotte.

Other students had jobs to give them extra money either for entertainment or social reasons. For these students employment was found off campus at local businesses like: McDonalds, Anthony’s, Pizza Hut, and Wal-Mart.

"Working gave me extra money for my car payments, as well as spending money for gas, and going out," said Chuck Redfern, a freshman from Miami.

For some students, working sometimes became a disadvantage. Grades would sometimes suffer the consequences. After several hours of school, four hours of homework and studying, and five hours for social activities, who had time for a job?

"I had the toughest time trying to work, study and going out all in one day," said freshman Rachelle Enyart of Wyandotte.

Many found the solution to their working problems, however, the ability to balance was shaky.
Serving her customers with a smile, freshman Wendy Price, Miami, works hard to earn money working at the local Pizza Hut.

Working overtime to meet their first deadline, freshmen Reginald Lewis, Oklahoma City, and Jenni Shrum, Bartlesville, attempt to get their job done.
Missing her 8 a.m. class to catch an extra hour of sleep, freshman Susan Fritts, Bartlesville, finds that more sleep helps her through the day.

Missing class because of a stomach ache, freshman Kaye Settles, of Mannford, goes to nurse Flo Atkinson for help. Settles wasn't the only one who missed classes due to illness.
Cutting class

Early morning cop out

Hands on the clock were at 7:45 in the morning when class started at 8 a.m. There was a math test to study for and new clothes to buy for that big date Friday night. But he energy just was not there. What was the solution for most, skip class.

Nearly all students skipped at least once during their college years, although many skipped more than three times a week.

"I cut class about three times a week. I had a lot of trouble with my 8 a.m. class," said freshman Susan Fritts, of Bartlesville.

The reasons for skipping numbered as many as the students who skipped, but sleeping and studying were high on the list. But strategies for better grades was seldom a consideration for missing class.

"I'm usually tired or I don't really care for the class. I can study by asking a friend what was covered in class that day, and make it up," said Tracey Harding, freshman from Sperry.

Sometimes the reasons for skipping class were not always pleasure related.

"I sometimes skipped, usually after a test so I could recover," said Aneta McMullen, freshman from Tulsa.

Despite the "skippers", a few students maintained a policy of only skipping for illness or emergencies.

"I was afraid I'd get too far behind, if I skipped," said Justin Frazier, freshman from Oklahoma City.

"I would only miss class if I got sick, or if there was a serious emergency. I would make up my assignments," said Marney Smith, freshman from Collinsville.

Putting the finishing touch of an English project, sophomore Larry Riley, Shawnee, had to miss a couple of classes to finish his research.

Making the most of the library card catalog, freshman Steve Halvorsen, Tulsa, works on his mid-term report, instead of going to class.

Letting conversation interfere with getting to class on time sophomores Rhonda Enyart, Wyandotte, and Jason Shirley, Miami, forget about class to catch up on chitchat.
For some, it was a midnight stroll around campus. Others needed more flair, more excitement: going dancing, visiting friends, having a party. No matter what a student considered, the nightlife, was the right life.

Dating was the most common part of nighttime activities. For some, romance was a major importance, to a good date.

“I enjoy going out for dinner, and then take a quiet stroll around the lake,” said sophomore Shelli DeMoss, of Claremore.

Others felt that a date should be something fun and exciting.

“The best place for a date has to be bowling, or dancing at the Rockin “K”, “said freshman Derek Jennings of Norman.

Being with friends was another enjoyable way to get out.

“I like getting a lot of people together and going out to the Spook Light,” said freshman Victor Duran of Glenpool, “it was a blast.”

Movies could be enjoyed in a group, for a couple, or even alone, for entertainment for a night. Some students enjoyed the movies they could see. The Thunderbird, had two shows nightly, as well as the Coleman.

“If a good movie wasn’t playing at the theaters, I enjoyed renting a good movie or horror flick,” said sophomore Mandi McMains of Claremore.

Renting movies was a big way to get a group of people together for a night out.

“Movies were a hit. You could sit around and laugh with friends,” said freshman Teresa Brill of Kellyville.

For some, the night life was just hanging out with friends around the fountain, or for the more adventurous, a trip to the infamous Spooklight.

So, no matter what students did to entertain themselves, the nightlife was the right life.
Eating out with friends was a popular nighttime activity for freshmen Diana McCord, Fairview; Lilly Kinney, Welch, and Natalie Marshall, Tulsa, who found that Pizza Hut was the perfect nighttime spot.

Freshmen Steve Doss, Tahlequah, and Shane Butler, Broken Arrow, found making a choice of which movie to see was difficult as they debate on which movie they should rent.
Sporting the popular turtlenecks with sweaters, freshmen Marco Shoals, Tulsa, and Derrick Howard, Ardmore, wait to do a little girlwatching, and showing off the latest cowboy look was Jason Smith, Miami.

Decked out in their Western wear freshman Stacey Hines, Welch, and sophomore Elmer Roberts, Claremore, discuss where they will spend the evening.
Fashion. It makes people automatically think of clothes, although clothes are not necessarily the only form of fashion.

Fashion could be found in the way students do their hair, the cars they drive, and in their attitudes. In college, clothing trends extended from preppy to the sloppy, from ordinary to the original. Everywhere one looked someone was being fashionable.

"To me you are what you wear," said Kelly Feathers, a freshman from Wyandotte. Typical fashion trends found on campus included: oversized sweatshirts, turtlenecks, tapered jeans, vests, leather jackets and "rockies" jeans.

Hairstyles also played a major role to students' appearance. Many girls were growing their hair long and wearing it permed. Guys, on the other hand, were wearing their hair cut short and different with their styles.

"The more different your hair, the better," freshman Brad Beesley from Moore said.

Owning a car of one's choice was a dream for many. Having one that everyone envies. Cars were typical ways of expressing fashion and style.

"I had a 1966 Camaro that I wouldn't trade for the world," said Larry Ham, a sophomore from Liberty Mounds.

Attitude had a lot to do with the trends of fashion. Being friendly towards others made life better during the year.

"I feel a smile adds a lot to an outfit," said Sheri London, a sophomore from Ketchum.
Homecoming

Continues with tradition

Featuring a theme of “College and Community: 70 years of Excellence” the 1989 homecoming activities were presided over by queen Carrie Schertz.

Schertz, a sophomore from Miami, was selected homecoming queen from a field of 33 candidates. She was crowned queen by her escort Michael Kirchoff, a sophomore from Miami, during halftime festivities of the Golden Norse-Iowa Central football game.

Activities for the traditional homecoming weekend kicked off with an all-college cookout on Thursday, Nov. 9, along the banks of Tar Creek.

Immediately following the hamburger feed, a rousing pep rally and bonfire created a festive atmosphere.

The next day the 33 queen candidates participated in a pageant held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The contestants were judged on appearance, poise, and ability to answer questions presented by the panel of judges.

“Being chosen to represent the Norse Wind student newspaper was a real honor,” said JoNell McCord, a freshman from Welch.

Approximately 76 entries participated in the traditional homecoming parade down the main street of Miami beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

“We worked hard on our float,” said Kevin Magness, a freshman from Fairland. “It took a lot of hard work and dedication.”

Barns at the county fairgrounds were used to house the floats as workers spent weeks preparing for the parade.

The float entitled “Thank You Miami” was judged the top entry. The float was constructed jointly by members of Phi Beta Lambda SIFE and the Home Economic Club.

Serving as members of Schertz’s royal court were McCord, first runner-up; Mandy O’Banion, sophomore, Jay, second runner-up; Marya Neal, sophomore; Miami, third runner-up; and Virginia Campbell, sophomore, Bartlesville, Most Spirit.

With the bonfire in full swing, the crowd gathers to enjoy the pep rally. With the bonfire in full swing, the crowd gathers to enjoy the pep rally.
Displaying their second place float, the OWLS "Older Wiser Learning Students" prove that their not getting older, their getting wiser.

Sophomore members of the Homecoming queen court are, from left; Marya Neal, Miami; Chris Schroeder; Virginia Cambell, Bartlesville; Shane Seabourn; queen Carrie Schertz, Miami; Michael Kirchhoff; Cale Sherwood and Mandy O'Banion, Salina; John Haskell and freshman Jo Nell McCord, Welch.
Reflections

Early history depicts growth

By Donald Eutsler
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With the celebration of the 70 years of operation by Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, the following is a brief description of the institution's history by decades.

1920's

The college was founded in 1919 by legislation sponsored by James Mabon, who represented Miami in the state legislature. Mabon, a Republican, enlisted the aid of state Senator J.J. Smith, a Democrat. The pair convinced their colleagues that a school of mines would not only educate around 12,000 Ottawa County students, but would be an asset to the local economy as well.

After Governor John Robertson's approval, the Miami School of Mines opened in September 1919, offering mathematics, English, history, and science. Classes were held in the Miami Exchange Building, while the Administration Building (Shipley Hall) was being built on the present campus site.

1930's

The college experienced a slow, but steady growth until October 1929 when the stock market crashed, sending the nation into the most severe economic disaster ever. The Great Depression settled down on the college in an unrelenting grasp, forcing mass salary reductions, layoffs, and increased demands on the remaining faculty.

Even college president Lloyd B. Drake received a pay cut. The college began to recover after 1936.

1940

The college would hit another snag, as the United States plunged into war in 1942, depleting the number of students attending the college. Every available man was either fighting or working somewhere in the defense industry.

In 1943, Dr. Bruce G. Carter became the longest serving president. He changed the name of the college name to NEO A&M and constructed it into the institution it is now.

Comedian Jerry Lewis takes time out from his busy routine to sign some autographs for some Golden Norse football players during NEO's visit to the 1965 Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. The Norse lost 20-0 to Orange Coast, Calif.

Dr. Bruce G. Carter, president of NEO from 1943 to 1969 delivers an address during the opening of the Fine Arts Auditorium in the spring of 1968.

Freshman Brooks Paulk, bottom bunk, makes sure that roommate sophomore Ronnie Lowe knows what time to roll out of bed for football practice. Both Paulk and Lowe were from Thomaston, Ga. and were members of the 1967 Golden Norse National Championship team.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrill visit with Nola and Dr. Bruce G. Carter during the dedication of Harrill Hall dormitory in 1968. Mr. Harrill was a member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma State University and Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges from 1950 to 1962.

Three members of the Norse Stars model an Indian costume used during a special skit during the 1970-71 football season.
Dr. Dayle Creech, center, president of NEO from 1970 until 1982, along with Governor Henry Bellmon, right, make a special presentation to Ray McIntyre, executive secretary of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges.

A capacity crowd of approximately 6,000 fills the seats of Robertson Field during a Golden Norse football game. The field was named in honor of former football coach and financial aids director S.A. (Red) Robertson.
Modern era

Carries college into 21st Century

Immediately following World War II activity on the campus of Northeastern A&M College really began to increase both in the number of students returning to college and in the growth and expansion of the facilities at NEO.

1950's

The 1950's were considered by many as the best era in time to grow up. The college witnessed some steady growth of its own under the guidance of Dr. Bruce G. Carter. Inspired by memories of his own educational struggles, Dr. Carter introduced many new programs to the curriculum and greatly improved existing ones.

Also in the 50's, the BSU was created under the inspiration of Fern Wilbur and with the help of Dr. Carter and the Reverend M.R. Darcey.

1960's

The campus saw its greatest physical changes during the 1960's. Dr. Carter instigated a gigantic expansion project. Everything south of Kah-Ne and Commons Halls was the result of the project.

A fine arts building, five dormitories, a library, new administrative offices, and four apartment rows replaced the houses that once existed in the two city block area.

1970's

Dr. Carter retired in 1970 after 27 years of serving the student body. Dr. Dayle Creech took over and continued NEO's expansion. His 12-year career was marked by stability and strength in fiscal and student affairs.

Among Dr. Creech's accomplishments were the Homa Thomas Baseball Field, a new softball field, and improvements to the gymnasium.

1980's

Dr. Creech retired in 1982. The college's current president is Dr. Bobby R. Wright, a native of San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Wright led the way to the construction of the Health/Science Building in 1983.

The decade closed with the departure of athletic coordinator Dr. Boyd Converse in 1989.

Carries college into 21st Century

Paul Adams, a freshman from Commerce, gives a mighty toss of the shot put during a Golden Norse track meet in 1968 at Robertson Field. Adams held the Region II record in both shot and discus for the next 10 years.

Dr. Bobby R. Wright, relaxes for a moment at his desk during his first year as president of the college in 1982.

Presenting a diploma to a deserving student during graduation ceremonies in the Fine Arts Auditorium was Dr. Bruce G. Carter.
Using the car as a demonstration of the Iowa Central Tritons, sophomores Bo Reese, Agra; Rick Bower and Greg Leibetter, both from Miami, leave their marks during the Homecoming pep rally bonfire. **$25**
People
Make
Strong Impressions

By Reginald Lewis

Freshmen and sophomores...safe sex...spook-light...The people who make the places and things worth talking about.

Whether you were a freshman or a sophomore, you were the center of the activity. It was the people that made the fun, the spirit, and the school.

From the wise administration, our dedicated instructors, the hardworking staff, the beginning freshmen to the graduating sophomores, each contributed the most they could to make the school the best.

People in the administration, faculty, Student Government Organization as well as people in academics, clubs, and extra curricular activities provided the basis for success both in and out of school.

Along with the people came several trials and tribulations that helped make attending NEO during its' 70th anniversary very special. From taking tests in the classroom to excelling in extra curricular activities, this campus and the its' people shined.

The people giving extra contributions to the school kept it still going strong.

Freshman Jay Pamley from Wyandotte attempts to help Adonna Helmig, Coordinator Counseling/Guidance, tie a red ribbon around a tree for Red Ribbon week.
With a little bit of make-up sophomores Kim Houston, of Tulsa, and Chuck McTague, of Springfield, Mo., show how time marches on, while freshman Robert Fraizer watches.

Time marches on

Time brings changes as it marches on. But some of the most interesting changes it brings start with the appearance of fresh faced young adults that begin to look more like older adults, and heaven forbid like their parents.

Speculation of personal appearance 20 years from now, for many students some thought the change would be minimal, and others expected total alterations.

"I think I'll have gray hair and wrinkles as well as 20 years of nursing experience behind me," said Rochell Enyart, a Wyandotte freshman.

Some students are looking forward to what their appearances would be in 20 years.

"I'll have my braces off, be 15 pounds lighter, and hope to look great," said Rhonda Thomas, a Muskogee freshman.

A few wrinkles here, some gray hair there, who cares? Getting older is a stage everyone has to go through.

"I plan on getting a million facelifts, if I get too old looking," said Aneta McMullen, a freshman from Sperry.

As the aging process begins to dawn on many students, the effects did not seem to bother many.

"I don't care what I look like as long as I'm successful," said John Williams, a Miami freshman.
Bohling, Leisha-May, Ok.
Boonhower, Kent-Ada
Boone, Shannon-Mannford
Bongston, Loren-Vinita
Boswell, Patricia-Commerce
Bottoms, Chris-Ada
Botts, Tim-Miami
Bowles, Darrell-Duncan
Boyd, Kevin-Blackwell

Boyle, Allen-Agra
Branch, Brian-Newkirk
Brandon, Steve-Commerce
Brenner, Steve-Collinsville
Bratcher, John-Grove
Bray, Stacy-Skiatook
Breeden, Shanna-Sapulpa
Brewer, Angela-Miami
Brewington, Chet-Miami

Brewster, Terry-Miami
Bridgeman, Leri-Sperry
Bridges, Shannon-Sperry
Briggs, Kim-Sperry
Briggs, Lavina-Miami
Briggs, Melvin-Oklahoma
Brill, Teresa-Kellyville
Brisbois, Carol-Miami
Bro, Mike-Fairland

Broderick, Deborrah-Miami
Brophy, Brian-Bartlesville
Brookal, Heath-Tulsa
Brown, Brian-McAlester
Brown, Curtis-Grove
Brown, Kym-Jones
Brown, Maurice-Geary
Brown, Shawn-Perrys
Buck, Tracy-Miami

Bunce, Buffy-Picher
Bundy, Kristi-Miami
Burgess, Brian-Tulsa
Burk, Kent-Tulsa
Burkholder, Jenny-Miami
Burnett, Marcella-Tipton
Burns, Keri-Tulsa
Buntman, Ricky-Ochelata
Byrd, Thomas-Enid

Cabe, Mary-Tulsa
Campbell, Sara-Wyandotte
Canady, Richard-Sand Springs
Canan, Keith-Colored
Cardin, April-Perry
Carnahan, Deanna-Wyandotte
Carnes, Shelly-Picher
Carroll, Rene-Kansas, Ok.
Carson, Debbie-Ponca City

Carter, Kenny-Bartlesville
Carter, Samantha-Fort Gibson
Case, John-Norman
Casey, John-Norman
Cass, Gregg-Commerce
Caudill, Lynda-Grove
Chaffin, Robin-Ardmore
Chakenatho, Mary-Jones
Chambers, Tim-Tulsa
Champlin, Joyce-Miami
Working out a schedule during freshman pre-enrollment are Shawn Brown (left), a freshman from Perkins, and academic advisor Robert Basye. Approximately 900 freshmen participated in the mid-summer pre-enrollment period.

College allows students to be all they can be, just like the army. It also allows many to pursue that career they always had in mind. The perfect major starts as a dream, for many, and ends with reality.

"I've always had this dream of being president of the United States, and someday I know it will come true," said Jay Parmley, a freshman from Wyandotte.

"I've always wanted to be an actor or a dancer, and college is helping me with that dream," said Eric Johnson, a freshman from Tulsa.

Many students felt that the future was a long way off, and that decisions on what the future held did not matter.

"Taking one day at a time is the best thing to do," said Nikki Standley, a freshman from Tulsa.

Since college was a place of growing, as well as decisions making, many students discover that their original plans of a future career change.

"After my first semester of college, I decided to change from a merchandising major to a journalism major. It was a big change," said Reginald Lewis, a freshman from Oklahoma City.

Many students on campus have already made their career choice for the future. But for those who have not, time is running out fast.
Everybody’s got one!

Nervous? Bite your nails, daydream in class, dip snuff, or indulge in other bad habits. Whether a habit is biting your nails or talking too much, it can sometimes be embarrassing and can use you trouble.

“I bite my nails, but it does not ok good and it is a social no-no,” said Rhonda Lindsey, a freshman from Muskogee.

Some people have a habit of ways putting themselves down, telling only on negative aspects out themselves.

“According to my friends, I put myself down, the only thing about that I do it just for laughs,” said na Fields, a freshman from Kansas, OK.

One big bad habit was procrastination, putting things off until the last minute. Many students found that procrastination was not only a bad habit, but it also tended to get them into trouble.

“I put off calling into work until the last minute, and I got it really bad from my boss,” said Ross Henderson, a freshman from Pryor.

Dipping snuff was another habit many students found hard to break, even though it was outlawed in most campus classrooms and other buildings.

“If I don’t have at least one dip a day, I get really upset, it’s a habit that is very hard to break,” said Tim Shields, a freshman from Oklahoma City.
Davis, Denise-Afton
Davis, Jace-Hollywood, Fl.
Davis, Kanisa-Bixby
Davis, Scott-Tulsa
Denton, Bijuana-Kellyville
Devine, Lanna-Waynoka
Dick, Andy-Vinita
Dickie, Scott-Catoosa
Dickson, Craig-Enid, Ok.

Ditmore, Kim-Miami
Dodson, Phillip-Salina
Dodson, Victoria-Salina
Dollarhide, Lee-Grove
Dollarhide, Lisa-Grove
Dombrosky, Jeffery-Miami
Denabe, Clint-Copan
Dorsey, Troy-San Antonio, Tx.
Doss, Steve-Tahlequah

Doss, Todd-Cherokee
Dotson, David-Tulsa
Douglas, Chris-Poteau
Downing, Shauna-Bixby
Doyle, Denise-Tulsa
Drake, Richard-Jay
Drummond, Julie-Hominy
Dubbs, Jeremy-Tulsa
Dudley, Jeffrey-Tulsa

Duhon, Jean Paul-Sulphur, La.
Dunham, Kim-Jay
Duran, Victor-Glenpool
Dye, Brandon-Newkirk
Dye, Jean-Chickasha
Ebersole, Paul-Perry
Edmundson, Katrina-Tulsa
Edwards, Gary-Sperry
Edwards, Mike-Miami

Elder, Ross-Owasso
Ellis, Steven-Frederick
Ely, Jason-Sallisaw
England, Chris-Miami
Englehardt, Matt-Rose
Enlow, Tanisha-Jay
Enyart, Rachelle-Wyandotte
Epperson, Eric-Nowata
Estes, Terry-Fairland

Fargo, Valerie-Kellyville
Farrimond, Chip-Skiatook
Faulk, Gabe-Andmore
Faulk, Sandy-Jay
Faulkenberry, Elizabeth-Tulsa
Feathers, Kelly-Wyandotte
Ferris, Scott-Miami
Fields, Lana-Kansas, Ok.
Fields, Ron-Miami

Finks, Stephen-Okmulgee
Fisher, Geri-Miami
Fisher, Sam-Eucha
Flaherty, Terry-Commerce
Fleming, James-Ketchum
Foltz, Sandy-Warner
Forbis, Sheila-Quapaw
Foreman, Virginia-Comanche
Ford, Mitchell-Tulsa
The dating game

For some students a date was a quiet walk around campus. Others wanted it to be more special. No matter what a student considered a "perfect evening," dating in all forms was a common part of college life.

Many students felt that dating relieved all of the tension of school. "If it wasn’t for dating, I don’t know how I could survive college," said Derek Jennings, a freshman from Norman.

Sometimes, however, girls wanted to do the asking out. Usually guys did not mind being asked out.

"Sometimes if you didn’t ask a guy out, you could be waiting forever for him to ask you out," said Kristi Matthews, a freshman from Fairland.

Double-dating was an alternate to a traditional evening out. Many students felt that double-dating was a lot more fun, and if a first date it made the night a little more relaxing.

"Double-dating was fun because you have other company to visit," said Robin Brower, a sophomore from Copan.

Even in dating, students showed their diversity. Whether it was a walk around campus, or a trip to a nearby town, or there was a greater cash flow, or just a trickle, students agreed that dating was important.
Total awakening

keeps you up and it gives you energy, and without it many students would not make it through the day.

Caffeine, found in coffee, tea, and in many snack foods, enulates the heart and nervous system, becoming a quick rejuvenation shot for students who needed to go in the morning or to stay awake all night to study.

"I drank a cup of coffee every morning just to get me motivated, definitely got tired without it," said freshman Scott Widowski of Bixby.

This kind of caffeine intake med to be typical. Did it make students more alert, or did it make them caffeine zombies wandering aimlessly from class to class?

Sometimes when I took No-Doz caffeine pills, I was awake, but I wasn't all there," said freshman Victor Duran of Glenpool.

Some students needed caffeine for more that making it through classes.

"Coffee helped me stay awake during those late night study times," said freshman Leisa Wilder of Wyandotte.

Some students felt that caffeine was not the best way to get going.

"Running helps keep me up," said sophomore Randy Ahlhtty of Anadarko.
It seemed there was always a new face to be seen just around the corner.

Sometimes though, faces in the crowd seemed familiar—often from past meetings at the cafeteria, in a English class, or in the dorms.

"When I first got on campus I realized that there would be more people to deal with, more than in high school," said freshman Natalie Buzzard, of Miami.

When recognition between students did occur, a wave and "Hi, there!" usually followed.

However, most of the 2,600 people who passed each other on the sidewalks were strangers.

Because of the difference in free time involved, it was easy to meet people in dorms or apartment housing than during biology class lecture. But by the end of the semester, most students had friends in both social and academic environments.

"I found it helpful to have friends in and out of classes, help out if I needed it," said sophomore Tom Ballou, of Tulsa.

Meeting people took on seven forms throughout the year. Some friendships endured graduation and new jobs in far off cities while others faded away after the semester. No matter what happened, friendships were made.
Fun had no excuses

The weekend. It was what every student lived for. During the weeks, students got a bit of respite a few hours after class to play football or watch their favorite soap operas. But that simply could not take the place of a weekend. For most, weekends began on Friday. Some students simply went off to class altogether and hung up with all kinds of excuses, but not admitting that they refused to go to class on Friday. This was the beginning of two days of good times.

“Sleeping in late was a luxury of the weekend. After several late nights devoted to studying (or other activities), most students appreciated some extra shut-eye. “I looked forward to Saturday, just so I could sleep in, and not worry about being late to classes or anything,” said sophomore Paula Bliesath, of Afton.

When the sun went down, the fun really began. It did not matter what students did as long as it eased the pressures of academics. They went to clubs, grabbed burgers with friends. Almost anything constituted fun as long as it was not associated with reading or writing.
Laing, Bruce-Tulsa
Latta, John-Tulsa
Lawson, Mary Ann-Miami
Lawson, Ronnie-Yale
Lay, Julie-Olton
Leake, Mike-Webb City, Mo.
Leamy, Brett-Claremore
Leatherman, Pat-Picher
Lechlider, Sherry-Vinilia

Lefford, Ron-Vinita
Lee, Toby-Grandview, Mo.
Lewis, Reginald-Oklahoma City
Lindsey, Rhonda-Muskogee
Lindsey, Tami-Copan
Little, Staci-Sapulpa
Littlefield, Sonny-Salina
Littlejohn, Lance-Miami
Lively, Melanie-Coffeyville

Loggains, Benton-Broken Arrow
Lohman, Maggie-Tulsa
Longobardi, Eddie-Oklahoma City
Lopez, Marcia-Miami
Lorenz, Gary-Bartlesville
Louan, Wileda-Tulsa
Lovesee, John-Commerce
Lucas, Eric-Bluejacket
Mace, Leon-Mcalester

Magness, Kevin-Fairland
Maher, Jim-Sapulpa
Malan, Mark-Miami
Malone, Rodney-Pawnee
Mangrum, Sharon-Inola
Manicom, Denise-Grove
Manning, Doug-Tulsa
Manning, Jelia-Miami
Maples, Ricky-Pryor

Marlow, Teresa-Wyandotte
Marshall, Dexter-Oakland, Ca.
Marshall, Katrina-Broken Arrow
Marshall, Natalie-Tulsa
Martin, Chris-Miami
Martin, Jeff-Tulsa
Martin, Robert-Liberty Mounds
Martin, Scott-Owasso
Mashunkashey, Lisa-Pawhuska

Mason, Kimberly-Haskell
Mason, Toby-Cushing
Masons, Mike-Porter
Masters, Matt-Beggs
Matherly, Julee Beth-Wyandotte
Matthews, Kristi-Fairland
Matthews, Russell-Bluejacket
Maupin, Jamie-Bixby
Mayfield, Lori-Barnsdall

Mayhew, Anissa-Novata
McAngus, Kerry-Tulsa
Mcbrayer, Michael-Coleman
McBroom, Doug-Wynnewood
McClary, Mike-Tulsa
McCord, Diana-Fairview
McCord, Jo Nell-Welch
McCoy, Kathy-Cardin
McDonald, Tim-Quinton

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Freshmen

Enjoying the new facilities in the Bruce Carter Student Union Snack Bar were freshmen Dan Hurst of Haskell and Jo-Quita Williams of Grove. The Snack Bar area underwent a major renovation during the fall.

Life during finals

Studying all day, and all night was a typical way most students prepared for finals.

Cramming 18 weeks of notes in one’s head was another.

Finals week, which occurred the last week of each semester, was something many students were faced with at least twice a year.

“Finals week was the week in college I dreaded the most,” said freshman Bruce Laing of Tulsa.

Many students maintained good grades during the semester and final examination was just a formality. But for others, their finals meant life or death for their grades.

“In some of my classes, my finals were the only things which stood between me having a good grade or a bad one,” said freshman Billy Owens of Broken Arrow.

Some students were prepared by doing the final studying in advance. While other students procrastinated and put studying off as long as possible, avoiding an strenuous activities.

“My brain needed time to relax until the final day,” said sophomore Darin Cross, of Joplin, Mo.

So if you did good on a final, you may never have to take that class again. And if you failed, there was always next semester.

“I studied just to get the class over with,” said freshman Kevin Fry, of Mannford.
Freshmen

Putting in extra effort to make good grades sophomore Trigg Snyder of Miami, discovers that starting over in college to be a real challenge.

Starting Over

The average student, a high school graduate heading straight for college, may not be so average after all.

Adult students came from different backgrounds and interests, at working parents and grandparents were getting back into the swing of things.

Taking notes alongside 18 and 19 year old students, many adults students wanted a change for the better.

"I just felt that it was time to take something of myself, and college is helping a great deal," said freshman Vickie Walker, of Bluejacket.

There were some common bounds between them, however; like being short of cash and working about as hard as they played.

They worked for money and their community, and to make themselves the best they could be.

"College had to be one of the best things. I am very proud of my accomplishments," said freshman Valerie Shawnee of Commerce.

So moving into the real world was not a shock to many adult students. They had not exactly been side stepping real life. They had been a part of it in a big way.

So whether they were OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Students) or here for a couple of classes, they were ready to learn.
Driving 40 to 50 miles daily was a familiar sight for many students that commuted. Even before the sun rises, some students are on the highways that lead to Miami, with visions of their homes being closer to the college campus. "The reason I traveled so far to NEO was because it was the best school within distance," said sophomore Jamie Thompson, of Ketchum.

Many students commuted because it was less expensive than living in the dorms. "I only lived at home because I preferred to pay for gas rather than for a dorm room," said freshman Kristi Matthews, of Fairland.

For those who drove, the experience of commuting is one which many would have rather forgotten after their freshman year. After driving through bad weather, hazardous road conditions, and the monotony of being on the road for a long time, one could not help but wonder if it was worth putting up. "I'm getting a pretty good education so that is worth all of the trouble," said sophomore Kt Schultz, Miami.

Almost all agreed that commuting wasn't the way to go. But the fact that they were coming to NEO made it worth the trip.
Making choices

Arriving in college was not an easy task for some students. There were many obstacles that needed to be dealt with on a daily basis. Such things as peer pressure, busy class schedules, maintaining a certain grade level and adjusting to being away from home were common problems faced every day. Add to those difficulties the selection of a proper companion, drugs, AIDS and practicing safe sex. One could quickly see that college life was going to be a complex situation at best.

One of the results from making these decisions was the ongoing process of maturing. In a lot of situations where they made a choice without the benefit of parental guidance, Most of the time these decisions were tough and required considerable thought.

The degree of difficulty in the choices ranged from picking out your clothes for the day to whether or not to party with the gang on Wednesday nights.

This wide range of choices often-times led to stressed-filled lives for the college student. College could be fun if the right decisions were made. If the right choice was not made, chances were good you became a dropout statistic.

College life is not a time for play. You have to work to survive.
Completing his good deed for the day, freshman Larry Adams, of Marmace, stirs his roommate freshman James Kipps, of Newcastle, just before the start of classes.

Some people got up two hours before class to do it, while others waited until the last minute.

No matter which approach you took, getting out of bed and getting ready for class was quite a chore for most students.

Activities involved in this ritual ranged anywhere from brushing your teeth to taking a shower.

"In the morning I found myself taking a shower and doing my hair 15 minutes before class started," said Tami Lindsey, a freshman from Copan.

Time was a commodity that many students found they didn't have much of.

"I hated running late because I had to get ready plus drive all the way to the college," said Casey Arnold, a freshman from Wyandotte.

Girls usually took more time to get ready for class. But some girls found that getting up earlier had advantages.

"I got up an hour earlier so I could finish my homework that needed to get done. That way I could also eat breakfast," said Donell Braxton, a freshman from Sulphur, La.

For those students that did take the extra time, finishing homework and eating breakfast were their rewards.

"I couldn't make it through the day without breakfast," said Kevin Lynch, a freshman from Bartlesville.
Study time Blues

When the pressures of school are high, and there is nowhere to go, students turned on the tube for a little entertainment.

Decision-making became a major task when someone sat down to watch television either in the lobby or in their room.

"I liked to watch Monday Night Football because it relaxed me," said Jerry Reese, a Cleveland freshman.

Laughing was a common cure for the study blues. Many students could be found watching sitcoms like Roseanne and The Cosby Show.

"Watching Roseanne made me laugh so much, that I forgot about many of my problems," said Debra Brown, a freshman from Miami.

Many students watched TV to keep up with the changes in daily living. Many students watched the news to see what was happening in their part of the state.

"I watched the news to see what was happening in my home state," said Mitch Burnett, a freshman from Henrietta, Texas.

Some people watched television because they were addicted.

"I had to catch my favorite soap opera Days of Our Lives or my day was not complete," said Camell Couchman, a freshman from Oklahoma City.
Todd, Amye-Miami
Toler, San-Tulsa
Tompkins, Bobbie-Commerce
Tooheau, John-Reeds Springs, Mo.
Totty, Randal-Grove
Trail, Chris-Tulsa
Treese, Kristi-Commerce
Trevbaugh, Mark-Copan
Trigg, Brett-Miami

Trolinger, Tammy-Claremore
Tucker, Mari-Tulsa
Tufy, Dan-Delaware
Turinow, Jason-Miami
Turner, Carma-Broken Arrow
Turner, Nancy-Yale
Tyler, John-Tulsa
Tyler, Sheryl-Rose
Tynon, Julia-Welch

Urey, Zeke-Quapaw
Vardeman, Tom-Stilwell
Vaughan, Greta-Miami
Vaughan, Tammy-Bluejacket
Veale, Aaron-Mounds
Venters, Ron-Muskogee
Viliello, Fernando-Norman
Vinson, Tracy-Afton
Vong, Sothea-Okahoma City

Vonmoss, Gena-Picher
Vowell, Ty-Geary
Wade, Lisa-Miami
Wade, Stacy-Bluejacket
Walden, Tim-Bartlesville
Waldon, Janice-Commerce
Walker, Jamie-Afton
Waller, Melanie-Ponca City
Walters, Robert-Coweta

Wampler, Greta-Baxter Springs
Ward, Carey-Edmond
Wardlow, Les-Muskogee
Wattick, Karen-Vinita
Washington, Robert-Moore
Waters, David-Pawnee
Weaver, Shelley-Welch
Webb, Dana-Ponca City
Webb, Davis-Blackwell

Webb, Donna-Miami
Webb, Randy-Ketchum
Webber, Kim-Miami
Weber, Scott-Dewey
Weeks, Tammy-Claremore
Weiss, Jimmy-Tulsa
Wencil, Sherry-Wyandotte
Wheat, Elaine-Lenapah
White, Beth-Muskogee

White, Bruce-Tulsa
White, Karen-Carthage, Mo.
White, Barry-Miami
White, Robin-Glenpool
White, Sharon-Carthage, Mo.
White, William-Okahoma City
Whitehead, Philip-Dewey
Whiteley, Don-Miami
Widowski, Scott-Jenks
Freshmen

Working on the skills of girl-watching are sophomores Leon Mace, of McAlester, and George Day, of Lake Charles, La. Both male and female students engaged in this popular pastime.

Making it through

As the year progressed students learned all the tricks of college life. They wrote papers while learning the ins and outs of the Learning Resources Center in the process. Countless all-nighters were spent studying for tests and finishing special projects.

Another gimmick students learned was the secret of securing a parking place even remotely close to their destination.

Even with all these tricks of the trade, students were amazed at how they had learned by the time the end of the semester rolled around. "After looking back at everything I accomplished while I was here, I would have to say it was worth every minute of it," Angie Murphy, a Tulsa freshman said. College was not meant to be day care or a two-year long project until one decided they were ready to face the Real World.

Attending NEO currently had tough times. But for most people it was as close to reality as they wanted to be.

"College gave me a chance to grow up a lot," said Kim Marlow, Wagoner freshman. "Coming to NEO was tough at first, but in the long run, it was the best thing to ever happen to me," said Todd Sanders, Tipton freshman.

Coping with these changes was tough, and NEO a stepping stone to the future.
Sophomores earn academic awards

One example of academic excellence achieved by members of the sophomore class was the selection of recipients of scholarships supplied by the Social Science department.

Four sophomores were selected recipients of the third-annual E.J. Greishaber Social Science Scholarship, according to Dale Patterson, head of the Social Science Department.

Recipients were Dorothy Baxter, Grove, a psychology major; Jason Shirey, Miami, a political science major; Julia Pewo, Commerce, a social science major; and Shelly Sommer, a political science major from Miami.

"The E.J. Greishaber Scholarship was supported by contributions from faculty who are members of the scholarship committee," said Patterson.

According to Patterson, contributors to the scholarship fund and members of the scholarship committee besides himself were Robert Anderson, Ken Jacks, Rod Kramer, George Largent, Mary-Largent, Leon Manning, A.F. Maynard, A.L. Moffatt and E.J. Grieshaber.

"The primary purpose of the scholarship fund was to recognize and provide financial assistance to academically superior students towards completion of their college education."

Recipients of the scholarship must be graduating sophomores majoring in a Social Science area including history, government, psychology, social work, sociology, criminal justice or pre-law.

Recipients must also be presently attending NEO on a full-time basis.

"We not only looked at a student's grade point average, but we also took into consideration the activities they were involved in and the groups they belonged to," Patterson said.

"For this scholarship, scholastic record took precedence over financial need," said Patterson.

Established four years ago by the Social Science faculty, the scholarships bear the name of E.J. Greishaber, a former member of the Social Science division for 31 years before retiring in 1986. Greishaber served as chairman of the division before retiring.

E.J. Grieshaber (center), former chairman of the Social Science division, presents scholarship checks in his name to sophomores Julie Pesou, of Commerce, Shelly Sommer and Jason Shirey, both of Miami. Social Science instructors assisted in the presentation.
Allen, Derek-Tulsa
Allen, Gary-Langley
Allen, Michale-Miami
Allen, Noble-Tulsa
Allgood, Becky-Commerce
Alsbury, Tracy-Picher
Anderson, Joe-Bartlesville

Anderson, Kelley-Sperry
Armstrong, Chris-Norman
Atkinson, Lisa-Bartlesville
Avila, Patricia-El Paso, Texas
Babst, LaDonna-Fairland
Bachman, Jared-Commerce
Bailey, Scott-Wann

Baker, Lori-Miami
Baldwin, Mark-Miami
Ballou, Tom-Tulsa
Barbarick, Shelly-Miami
Barger, Brian-Miami
Barker, Deana-Miami
Barksdale, Amanda-Tampa, Fla.

Barnes, James-Oologah
Barr, Candie-Picher
Bates, Lorena-Picher
Bauer, Stephanie-Lenox, Iowa
Beese, Vicki-Miami
Beli, Alsea-Kiefer
Bell, Shelly-Kiefer

Bervden, Jimmy-Miami
Betcham, Eddie-Mulhall
Bishop, Mike-Grove
Blevins, Michelle-Chickasha
Bloobath, Paula-Afton
Bonazza, Toni-Bartlesville
Booth, Jodie-Broken Arrow

Brooner, Aileen-Vinita
Brower, Robin-Copan
Bryce, Rhonda-Langley
Bunch, Tysen-Spart
Burden, Todd-Davenport
Bush, Brent-Lamar, Mo.
Campbell, Virginia-Bartlesville
Carver, Rachel-Sapulpa
Cavenah, Mike-Grove
Cavitt, Amy-Tulsa
Christman, Lance-Tulsa
Christman, Nicki-Miami
Church, David-Bentonville, Ark.
Clark, Sheryl-Pocola

Cochran, Darren-Mission, S.D.
Colbert, Shawn-Geary
Cook, Jim-New Orleans, La.
Cornelius, Tammy-Dewey
Courts, Joe-Liberty Mounds
Cousatte, Debbie-Grove
Craft, Sarah-Inola

Crowell, Rick-Bristow
Cummins, Sylvia-Hollywood, Fla.
Dalton, Shelby-Broken Arrow
Davis, Bill-Afton
Davis, David-Miami
Dawson, Carol-Okmulgee
Dawson, Jack-Afton

DeMoss, Shelli-Claremore
Dew, Chad-Pryor
Dowell, Bill-Vinita
Downing, Stacy-Tulsa
Duke, Wesley-Chelsea
Dunagan, Hugh-Tulsa
Dunham, David-Jay

Dye, Paula-Sapulpa
Edgar, Mona-Collinsville
Egan, Kim-Wann
Enyart, Rhonda-Wyandotte
Eulitt, Shelley-Bartlesville
Entsler, David-Grove
Everette, Tia-Tulsa

Farmer, Bryan-Muskogee
Fidler, Lynn-Kansas, Ok.
Fisher, Jennifer-Commerce
Fisher, Tony-Manitow
Folsom, Lori-Miami
Forcine, Jack-Peoria, Ill.
Foreman, Troy-Saginaw, Mx.
Constant fluctuations highlighted weather

Will Rogers didn't exaggerate when he said "If you don't like the weather, just wait a little bit and it will change."

In the months we spent at NEO we saw the weather go through many drastic changes.

We arrived during the hot, dry days of August to suffer through the last hot days of summer. To describe the weather as hot, would not quite do it justice. The weather in some cases was unbearable.

But the heat of summer finally gave way to the unsettled weather associated with Autumn. The location of the NEO campus puts it directly in the path of all the weather fronts that move across the country.

Every time one of those Canadian air masses met some of the warm air coming up from the Gulf of Mexico we would get the chance to experience another of those famous Oklahoma thunder storms.

The storms were spectacular a lot of the time, but we had to say goodbye to fall and hello to winter.

The winter of 89 wasted no time in letting itself be known. The arrival of December brought with it cold temperatures.

But some of us were lucky enough to escape the cold as classes were dismissed for more than a month for Christmas break.

Our return to class was a surprise for some of us. When we left it was cold but when we returned to Miami we found unseasonably warm weather.

The last half of January and first two weeks of February brought in some of the finest weather we would see. The high temperatures in the afternoons frequently reached into the mid 70’s, bringing out the fishing blood in many of us.

But it seemed to end on Feb. 14 as the temperature barely edged off the freezing mark, reminding us that we still had to wait for Spring before we could really let ourselves put away our winter clothes.

But like always, Spring did arrive in all of it’s glory. Classes suddenly became much harder to attend, while parties became much easier to find.

Grand Lake and Sycamore Valley became quite popular as the temperature continued to rise on a daily basis. And then it was over, as classes ended and we all headed home.
Notorious Spooklight retained mystical draw

One of the biggest attractions in the Northeastern Oklahoma area was the infamous Spooklight.

Floating around the county roads northeast of Miami, the Spooklight has been one of the great unsolved mysteries in recent history.

The light has been studied by some of the finest minds in the country and has kept them all baffled.

In the tradition of all the great scientists of the world, many of the students at NEO took it upon themselves to conduct their own sort of research on the subject.

The results of these intense "studies" did not find any plausible explanation as to the exact nature of the light. But it did raise a few eyebrows to say the least.

We shouldn't feel too terrible though, even the Army Corps of Engineers failed to come up with any explanation for the strange light.

Looking back we might have to ask ourselves if we looked hard enough. It might have helped if we would have looked out of the car windows once or twice while we were out there.

What is the Spooklight? We have heard all of the legends so we all can argue for a long time. Everyone surely has had their favorite. Whether it was the one about the Civil War soldier and the cannonball or Bigfoot with a flashlight.

Or how about the one about the guy with three ladies on the line at one time. They found out about him and he got what was coming to him. So he might be the one wandering around the area looking for his head.

When it's said and done we all found tales to tell the folks at home.

It may have been for the best that one of our esteemed brothers didn't solve the mystery of the Spooklight. What would we have done for entertainment on a quiet Saturday night if we had?

But we have done our best. No one knew if the light was the glowing spirits of two star-crossed Indian lovers or just a bunch of "swamp gas."

We have done our part and now we have passed the baton to the next class coming to NEO. It is up to them to continue the quest for true enlightenment and not let the Spooklight legend die.
Frazier, Angela-Picher
Frazier, Molly-Vinita
Frazier, Priscilla-Picher
Friend, Lavonna-Fairland
Gallahar, Shawn-Oklahoma City
Gann, Frank-Grove
Garcia, Carlos-Washington, D.C.

Garrell, Casey-Mulhall
Garrett, Angie-Quapaw
Garrett, Rick-Commerce
George, Angie-Welch
George, Eric-Coffeyville
Ghram, Ken-Westville
Gill, Brandy-Owasso

Goodner, Sandy-Henryetta
Gordon, David-Broken Bow
Gosney, Troy-Waynoka
Gray, Joe-Pottsboro, Texas
Griffey, Alan-Lenapah
Grimmett, Roni-Welch
Grover, Kenda-Miami

Hale, Wes-Miami
Ham, Larry-Liberty Mounds
Hanson, Char-Quapaw
Harrar, Donnie-Wyandotte
Harris, Travis-Ponca City
Hart, Lisa-Quapaw
Hartman, Tamara-Afton

Harvey, Ronnie-Sperry
Hatfield, Joy-Cardin
Haught, Gary-Chocow
Hawk, Holly-Commerce
Heatherly, Lisa-Fairland
Hedgrett, Deborah-Bartlesville
Helmig, Angela-Commerce

Hendrickson, Annette-Tulsa
Hill, Cathy-Tulsa
Hill, Christina-Nowata
Hill, Rhonda-Miami
Hilliard, Reggie-Sand Springs
Hinshaw, Bethanie-Muskogee
Holden, James-Grove

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Vacations are like money, you just can’t get enough

When vacation time rolled around most students tried to get as far away from Miami, Oklahoma as possible.

Not that Miami was not a fun town, it was just that after attending classes for several months, writing papers and taking exams, students were ready for a change of scenery.

Many students did a lot of their vacationing during any break they got.

During Christmas break, many students could be found heading towards the slopes. Colorado and New Mexico were two favorite spots where many students did their skiing.

"Skiing is the best way to vacation," said sophomore Chris Goodwin, of Healdton.

While some hit the slopes for a good time, others looked for the sun for vacation relaxation.

Many students that vacationed in the sun headed for the spots like South Texas, Florida or California.

"My friends and I tried to make our way down to Texas or Florida for spring break vacations," said freshman Sherry Wincil, of Wyandotte.

Money, for some, was a big draw back when it came to vacations. How did students have great vacations without spending a lot of money?

Many saved the money for long periods of time for that perfect break away from college routine.

"I start saving my money once school started, just so I would have money," said freshman Amy Arnold, of Collinsville.

"The money I made at work was usually used used for my spring or winter vacations," said sophomore John Jackson, of Tulsa.

Making plans for spring break took some students a lot of time. When the break did come, most plans were usually made months before.

"Once my vacations were over, I had already make plans for the next one," said sophomore Judy Moore, of Fairland.

"It’s sometimes more fun to plan vacations than to go on them," said sophomore Donna Palmer, of Miami.

Like the old saying goes, “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy...” No matter what some vacation plans were, most students where out in search of sun, snow or fun.
I just getting by with every little excuse in the book

It is often thought police officers hear the best excuses, but what about college instructors? They've heard it all: from broken cars to food poisoning.

Most students chose to miss class on Fridays. It was always easier to find a parking place or a seat in a crowded class on Friday.

And this was the day when great stories rolled off the tongues of desperate students. A good exaggeration of the truth often resulted in a great story and an excused absence for the students.

"I've heard just about every excuse in the book. From alarm clocks not going off, to being in jail. Around exam time relatives start dying off," said English instructor Trice Butler.

Whatever the excuse, most of them seemed genuine, and a few students took their chances with such outlandish stories as the old "my dog ate it" routine.

"My math instructor wants handwritten notes, even car repair bills or speeding tickets to show why I wasn't in class. No note, no go!" said sophomore Darin Cross, of Afton.

"In English, we were only allowed one late paper. It's a rule I'd never forget," said freshman Lance Rice, of Mannford.

Some of the best excuses heard by instructors included: roommates thinking it was their paper and turning it in to their instructor; parents with children blamed their missing assignments on their child; or being in jail and only getting to make one phone call.

"I try to keep track of all the excuses I've heard, and keep them so I can use them, just in case I'm real late with an assignment or anything," said sophomore Raya Kings, of Baxter Spring, Kan.

Whether it was apathy, forgetfulness, or just plain old procrastination, students took the chance and sometimes it paid off.

"When I just needed to get away from class for a while, and I had no excuse, I just called my instructors and told them I was sick," said sophomore Heather Foster, of Broken Arrow.

If you thought an absence or two wouldn't hurt, you probably found out the hard way that most instructors have heard every excuse in the book. Some may have even claimed to have written such a publication.
Reese, Bo-Agra
Riley, Beaver-Bristow
Ringer, Susan-Edmond
Rogers, Brandi-Mannford
Rogers, John-Commerce
Rudamas, Christy-El Salvador
Rush, Brent-Lamar, Mo.

Sanders, Alex-Owasso
Sanders, Derrick-Rolland
Saulsbury, Melody-Jenks
Schertz, Carrie-Miami
Schmidt, LeAnne-Quapaw
Schoen, Chris-Monett, Mo.
Schultz, Ken-Miami

Seaborn, Shane-Fairland
Seals, Jace-Sand Springs
Seaton, Kara-Bixby
Schoor, Tim-Miami
Seron, Cheryl-Grove
Shapp, Buddy-Quapaw
Shrum, Karen-Chetopa, Kan.

Sierra, Roberto-Cushing
Sievert, Tim-Grove
Simons, Dee-Coweta
Sly, Sherry-Miami
Smith, Angel-Stillwater
Smith, Jason-Miami
Smith, Zachary-Cleveland

Snavely, Suzanne-Bartlesville
Snyder, Cindy-Grove
Sosa, Santino-Washington, D.C.
Sowers, Derek-Bartlesville
Spears, Heather-Bartlesville
Stafford, Shelle-Bartlesville
Stabler, Mary-Miami

Stanton, Mark-Broken Arrow
Stephens, LaUanna-Warner
Stephens, Roosevelt-Warner
Stephens, Kurt-Sallisaw
Stockstill, Dennis-Miami
Stogdill, Charlotte-Grove
Stoner, Amy-Fairland
Faith, fun, and friendship for all to enjoy everyday

From Collegiates for Christ to the Baptist Student Union and the Wesley Foundation/Norse Campus Ministry, there was a religious organization to suit most every student’s needs.

“All three organizations did an excellent job of presenting a Christian atmosphere on campus,” said sophomore La Jaun Stephens, of Tulsa.

The BSU met Monday through Thursday for noonday services in their building located just north of the main campus.

Under the direction of Bobby and Debbie Lipscomb the BSU had many activities available to all students on campus.

Hayrides to the Spooklight and camping retreats were just a few activities offered by the BSU.

Students participating in the camping retreat spent two days camping near Lake Arrowhead. Accompanying the group from NEO were Baptist Student Union organizations from the University of Tulsa and Northeastern Oklahoma State University.

Another popular event staged by the BSU was the Fall Encounter of the Spiritual Kind held the last of October. The event was a week-long revival with featured Rollin S. DeLap of Georgia.

Several hayrides were also organized throughout the year. A large number of students participated in these traditional events.

“The BSU hayrides were really a lot of fun,” said freshman Deborah Vincent, of Fairland.

Collegiates for Christ met on a daily basis for prayer groups and study at their house located at 106 H N.E.

Many trips and retreats were planned and several students were involved with the organization.

The Wesley Foundation/Norse Campus Ministry, headed by Reverend Jim Edmison, offered students a place to worship in their building located just west of the Creech Library-Administration building.

The NCM offered students dinner on Sundays along with counseling services.

“I enjoyed the speakers on Sundays and the Norse Campus Ministry was a great place to go and be with friends,” said Michael Willis, a freshman from Pryor.

Students began filling up seats in the Baptist Student Union shortly after lunch to participate in the Noonday services held Monday through Thursday.
With mounting stress came increased pressure

Your alarm clock just went off and you discover the electricity had gone off during the night and you missed your first class.

On top of that, you remembered you were having an important test in the class you missed.

You had a research paper due the same day, but discover you're not finished.

"I got so overwhelmed by some of the problems stress brings on, I don’t know how I got through it sometimes," said sophomore Carrie Adams, of Ardmore.

Students usually learned the hard way that there was more to stress than they might have imagined.

But knowing about stress and coping with it was entirely different thing.

A large percentage of college students found stress in time management.

There were students that had to divide time between work, classes, a social life, studying, organizational activities, paying bills, attending school events and being with family.

"It was really tough trying to get everything done while you're in college, and trying to make good grades, and everything else," said freshman Jimmy Ray, of Oologah.

Being in college left many students vulnerable to stress and depression.

The students who worked to pay their way through college almost always were under stress.

"It was really hard trying to work, study and spend time with friends. I didn’t know how hard it was going to be," said sophomore Angela Cummings, of Oklahoma City.

A temporary solution for stress was relaxation.

Students had different means of relaxing, but many agreed it gave them a temporary shelter from the problems they had.

"Anything that gave me some peace and quiet was relaxation enough for me," said sophomore Clay White, of Spencer.

"I enjoyed going home and taking a hot bath, for a way of relaxation," said sophomore Tracey James, of Ft. Smith Ark.
Straw, Jeannie-Lenapah
Sulph, Everly-Jacksonville, Fla.
Sutherlin, Todd-Delaware
Sweeney, Steve-Edmond
Sweeten, Autumn-Miami
Sweeten, Janalle-Miami
Tample, Matt-Chickasha

Tate, Aaron-Haskell
Taylor, Kathy-Commerce
Teel, Beverly-Sperry
Teel, Troy-Delaware
Thomas, Chad-Bartlesville
Thomas, Rachel-Kiefer
Thomas, Tammie-Miami

Thompson, Janie-Ketchum
Thompson, Lance-Copan
Thompson, Randy-Bentonville, Ark.
Tune, Denise-Miami
Turner, Leisl-Fairland
Turner, Tonya-Quapaw
Valenzuela, Oscar-Chihuahua, Mex.

VanMeter, Stephanie-Miami
Vanover, Kevin-Miami
Vanpool, Davies-Miami
Vaughan, Jeff-Stilwell
Walker, Cindy-Anderson, Mo.
Walker, Toni-Krebs
Walter, Rachel-Wyandotte

Washburn, Sherry-Baxter Springs, Kan.
Way, Teresa-Miami
Waylan, Mona-Miami
Weaver, Shanna-Sapulpa
Weese, Stacy-Broken Arrow
Wells, Eric-Miami
Whitacre, Melissa-Ponca City

White, Renee-Springdale, Ark.
White, Sean-Bartlesville
Whitehead, Dusty-Seneca, Mo.
Williams, Lisa-Atalook
Williams, Sekora-Bartlesville
Williams, Tabatha-Yale
Williamson, Kevin-Welch

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Unloading your belongings to start the semester and loading to end the year were situations that dorm residents faced with some reservations.

Two members of the Golden Norse cheerleading squad turn cartwheels during an All-College cookout and bonfire during the fall. The event was held along the banks of Tar Creek.

Jay Parmley, a freshman from Wyandotte, waves to the crowd while atop the Phi Beta Lambda business float during the homecoming parade.
Baseball coach Bill Mayberry “takes one for the team” during a pep assembly in the Fine Arts Center. Mayberry was recipient of the pie during a spoof by the cheerleading squad.

Sophomore Sheri London of Ketchum shares the joy of opening a present with her “adopted” daughter during the annual Children's Christmas Party held in the Bruce Carter Student Union Ballroom.
Andy Dick, a freshman from Vinita, lost control of his Chevrolet truck and slammed into equipment used by the Child Development department between Commons Hall and Dyer Hall.

Admiring the skyline designed by Students For A Free Enterprise was freshman Brandi Ripley of Tulsa. The display was set up in front of Copen Hall for homecoming.

Four college students enjoy supper with their "adoptive" children in the Carter Student Union cafeteria prior to the start of the Children's Christmas Party.
Crowd participation was a very important element that contributed to the success of the Golden Norse and Lady Norse basketball teams.

Although most of the time campus life was light-hearted, one of the more sobering facts of life was fighting the lines during pre-enrollment.
Bellmon leads state

Concluding the second year of his second stint as Governor of the state of Oklahoma, Henry Bellmon tackled some of the toughest problems the state has ever faced.

One of the major tasks the Governor faced was major reform of the Oklahoma state constitution. The Governor was most concerned with the restructuring of the executive branch.

Governor Bellmon was also involved in attracting industrial development to the state. With the sharp decline in the oil and gas industry the Governor was faced with finding some way to attract new industry to the state and at the same time revive the oil and gas industry.

Another major undertaking by the Governor was the revamping of the method of funding for education throughout the state. He called a special session of the state legislature to address the problem.

He became the first Republican Governor in the state’s history when he was sworn in for his first term in 1963. After his first four-year term, Bellmon became only the second governor in the state’s history to serve more than one term.

Born Sept. 3, 1921 on a farm near Tonkawa, Bellmon attended public schools and graduated from Billings High School.

He later graduated from Oklahoma A&M College (currently known as Oklahoma State University) with a degree in agriculture.

During World War II Governor Bellmon served in the United State Marines.

His political career began in 1947 as a congressman.
Dr. Wright sets pace

With all the exuberance and excitement of a young man starting his first job, Dr. Bobby R. Wright has been manning the rudder of the Golden Norse ship for the past eight years.

A native of Santo, Texas, Dr. Wright has held Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on a steady course heading into the 21st century.

After attending Tarleton State College in Stephenville, Texas, Dr. Wright earned a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in 1962. He remained at the Huntsville, Texas, university to earn a master's degree in 1963.

Following teaching stints at Vernon Texas Regional Junior College and a Junior College at Olney, Texas, he began a graduate assistantship at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 1969.

While working in the department of agriculture at OSU, he earned a doctorate of education degree in 1971.

Resuming a professional teaching career in agricultural education, Dr. Wright served as an assistant professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg in 1971-72.

Dr. Wright returned to Vernon Regional Junior College to serve as Dean of Vocational Technical Education from 1972-74. While in Vernon Dr. Wright left the junior college to serve as an assistant administrator at Wilbarger General Hospital until 1976.

He joined the administration of Howard College in Big Springs, Texas as a vice president before coming to NEO as president in 1982.
Vice presidents lead

Following the departure of long-time vice president for student services Dr. Boyd Converse, the college hierarchy were caught in limbo much of the year.

With the defection of Dr. Converse to Carl Albert Community College as president, his responsibilities as vice president for student services and athletic coordinator were divided between James Reese and Dennis Earp.

Reese, a member of the college staff since 1965, remained dean of admissions and records while becoming interim student affairs coordinator.

Earp came to the college in 1987 as dean of student affairs and director of financial aids. Earp became interim athletic coordinator with the departure of Converse.

Dean of the administrative staff is Dr. Charles H. Angle, vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Angle has been associated with the college as both an instructor and an administrator since 1957.

While some vice presidents are stereotyped as being detached from reality and locked in an ivory tower, Dr. Angle doesn't fit that mold. He can be found walking across campus chatting with students or deeply involved with teaching an American Federal Government course each semester.

Perhaps the most influential member of the administration is Tom Poole, vice president for fiscal affairs. Overseeing a budget that is approximately $10 million each year, he is involved in all of the operating expenditures the college makes.

These men help make NEO a pacesetter in higher education.
Freshman Jay Parmley, of Wyandotte, asks for some help from Susan Rhode, secretary to the administrative assistant, and Dr. Bobby Woods, assistant director of High School and College Relations.
Directors provide guidance

According to Webster's New World Dictionary a director is a person who directs or controls; supervisor; manager.

Part of the general administration at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College are 10 people who serve as directors of various programs on campus.

Behind the nameplates that grace the doors of these people's offices are genuine, caring, hard-working individuals dedicated to making NEO the best junior college in the country.

They are regular people. Most from small towns where everyone knew everyone else and community pride was very important.

This sense of pride and dedication has carried over to their approach at overseeing a department within the institution.

All have contributed to sustaining the Golden Norse Spirit while at the same time influencing others to attend NEO.

Most of them have spent time in the classroom as instructors which has contributed to their ability to relate to students on a personal basis.

Although they are administrators, they have hobbies like woodworking, gardening, fishing, hunting and raising bird dogs.

They may not be seen at the Rockin' K or draggin' main, but they aren't locked in their ivory tower either. You may even see one cruisin' Wal-Mart.

Tom Bain, director
Learning Resources Center
Larry Dunn, director
High School Relations
Sue Glenn, director
Continuing Education
Bobby Hayes, director
Student Housing
Tim Ingram, director
Public Information

Jesse Jones, manager
Business Office
Lloyd Ogle, director
Auxiliary Services
Ray Reid, assistant
Financial Aids director
Doris Snyder, associate
Dean for Special Programs
Dr. Bobby Woods, assistant
High School Relations
general agricultural • agricultural business • agricultural economics • agricultural education • agricultural engineering • agricultural journalism • agricultural science • agronomy • animal science—pre-veterinary • entomology • equine • farm & ranch management certification • farm & management • forestry • horticulture • pre-veterinary science • wildlife conservation

Over the past five decades Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's livestock judging team has established itself among the best around the nation.

Coach Jary Douglas has guided both novice and pro teams since returning to NEO in 1981. Douglas had served as coach during the 70's before entering private business in 1978.

Established by long-time division chairman Harry Synar, the judging program attained national prominence during the 60's. Competing against four-year colleges and universities the judging program featured approximately 25 team members.

The pro and novice teams competed in such cities as Shreveport, La., Denver, Colo., Fort Smith, Ark., and San Francisco, Calif.

"It took a lot of time and effort because it takes every weekend from the first part of August to last of March," said George Hubbard, sophomore, Bastrop, Texas.

"The rewards were that you got to meet people you would not normally meet and you got to travel all over," Hubbard said.

"You just had to workout all the time," said Adonna Knight, a sophomore from Miami.

"Another aspect that was a problem was that you had to prepare for each contest separately. They judged differently up north than down south."
Bob Maxwell
Division Chairman
Bob Anderson
Social Science

Nancy Bishop
Physical Education
Carol Calcagno
Physical Education

Behavioral Science Division

Dr. Maxine Edwards
Child Development
Larry Gipson
Physical Education
Randy Gipson
Psychology
Ken Jacks
Social Science
Rod Kramer
Social Science

George Largent
Social Science
Alan Lauchner
Social Science
Leon Manning
Law Enforcement
Bill Mayberry
Physical Education
Rufus Maynard
Social Science

Alvin Moffatt
Social Science
Woody Morrow
Physical Science
Dale Patterson
Social Science
Marcus Tynon
Child Development
Glen Wolfe
Physical Education

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Business is diverse

Featuring one of the most diverse programs on campus, the business division encompasses business, computer science and home economics. With 12 faculty within the division, George Weaver serves as chairman.

"Challenging and exciting opportunities are waiting for students that select a career in today's business world," said Weaver.

Within the business program the prospective student had 14 different degree programs from which to select. The computer science department featured either a transfer or a terminal program as well as a business transfer program and an an arts and science transfer degree. Six different degree plans were available for home economics majors.

In addition to the regular semester programs the business division offered an intensive summer school program. Also available as a part of the Extended Day College and Community Service Program were several Adult Continuing Education programs.

"We established advisory committees comprised of area business and professional leaders to help correlate the needs of the business community," Weaver said.

"Our one year achievement certificate programs were designed to enable the student who had an adequate background to prepare for job entry employment after one year of intensive study," said Weaver.

Business instructor Joy Heron keeps a watchful eye as students learn to work on business computers.
Division offers variety

Because communications is a vital aspect of daily life, this division continued to experience yearly change.

Spanning 15 different fields the communications division contained 25 faculty members and more than 500 students.

The division offered certificate programs in graphic arts, community journalism and television.

Also available were associate degrees in art, commercial art, drama, elementary education, secondary education, journalism, music and technical theatre.

"We provide students with an opportunity to gain valuable practical experience in such participatory fields as art, television, newspaper and yearbook," said Jack Rucker, division chairman.

"We also provide experienced training in such musical fields as voice, harp, instrumental, and jazz performance," Rucker said.

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Jack Rucker
Division Chairman

Patti Beth Abbott
Speech and Humanities

Lois H. Alexander
Reading Improvement

Beatrice Butler
English

Dr. Nicholas Calcagno
Art

Betty Caskey
English

Keith Cass
Music and Band

Dr. Ralph Cole
Spanish and Humanities

Monty Franks
Journalism

Demaris Gaines
Music

Tom Green
Technical Theatre-Drama

Brian Hauck
Speech and Drama

Dr. Regena Harrison
English

Sharon Hendrix
English

Cheryl Jones
English

Ruth Ann Maxwell
Reading Improvement

James Webster
English

Bob White
Speech

Mary Susan Whaley
Music and Meistersingers

Chris Willard
Television Production
Mathematics and physics instructor Don Hendrix (left) and physics instructor Herb Waring examine a project during the 30th annual junior high and high school Science and Engineering Fair. The two instructors served as judges during the day-long event which attracted more than 400 entries from around the four-state area. The Science Fair has become a major recruiting tool for the Science and Engineering Division which featured 147 majors and 15 faculty members. The division offered 16 major degree programs including professional preparation in engineering, pharmacy, optometry, medical, and dental.
Construction technology instructor Ron Clapp planes a piece of wood as non-traditional student Bill Thompson observes the process. Woodworking was one of 17 different degree programs offered in the health science and technology division. Several of the 506 students enrolled in the division were non-traditional students attending college to learn an avocation rather than pursue a two-year degree. The health science and technology division nursing program offered an associate degree in applied science while other applied science degrees were available in automotive technology, electronics, drafting and design, construction technology, computer engineering, electrical engineering, medical laboratory technology, and industrial arts technology. One of the newest programs under development was the aviation program.
Behind the scenes

Two members of the college maintenance department inspect the ceiling lights and wiring during renovation of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union snack bar and game room areas.

Putting the finishing touches on the glass window partition that separates the front of the snack bar and the eating area are two workers from the J. D. Graham Construction Company.
Veteran grounds worker supervisor Earl Turner places a headstone on the deceased trash Pac-Rat truck. The truck was replaced with a newer model to start the school year.

Social Science department head Dale Patterson and aviation instructor Robert Anderson survey the damage of a collapsed ceiling on the third floor of Shipley Hall. The damage was done over the Thanksgiving holiday and required several hours cleanup work by the college maintenance department.

Two members of the college maintenance staff examine the new doorway cut in the wall of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union game room.
Bookstore

Selling a variety of items in the college bookstore were, from left: Joan Clapp, Grace Ann Combs, Jo Ann Angle, store manager, and Jane Grieshaber.

Business Office

Responsible for performing the clerical duties in the business office were, from left: Mary Patterson, Karen Key, Marcia Enyart, Judy Miller and Jo Clodfelter. Back row: Gale Oglin, Sandy Blevins, Colleen Jenkin and Wanda Campbell.
Serving as directors of the cafeteria were, from left: Lloyd Ogle, director of auxiliary services; Frances Blevins, assistant cafeteria manager and Toby Lavine, manager.

Members of the cafeteria staff were, seated, from left: Bobbie Carter, Joyce Hayworth, Cathy Campansky, and Helen King. Standing, Donna Stevens, Cindy Hart, Wilma Jean Gray, Mary Jane Guy, Idalis Crow, Bernice Butler, Marsha York and Shirley Patterson.
Cafeteria

Members of the cafeteria staff were, seated, from left: Freda Grant, Lutisha Hogan, Bonnie Tyler and Lollita Rickard. Standing, Cheryl Clark, Claudia Curnette, Lucy Garrison, Alfreda Kelly, Geraldine Townsend and Bernice Grayson.

Cafeteria

Members of the cafeteria kitchen and janitorial staff were, seated, from left: Cliff Hulsey, Buster Hopkins, Wayne Lomax, Jim Howerton and Richard Wills. Standing, Raymond, Rader, Darrell Bailey, Bobby Delcour, Lloyd Maborn, Paul Browning, Ronnie Canpansky, Robert York and Randall McIntosh.
Counselors

Providing services in the college counseling center were, from left: Lonnie Spencer, counselor; Jana Lya Thompson, foreign student advisor; Donnell Alexander, counselor, and Adonna Helmig, counseling coordinator.

Learning Resource Center

Members of the Learning Resources Center staff were, from row, from left: Tom Bain, director; Mary Largent, Billie Johnson, Nancy Blackwood and Betty Snow. Back row, Alberta Hutchings, Kay Buckmaster, Phyllis Rael and Bill Pfennestiel.
Serving as custodians for the various campus buildings were, from left: Herb Morris, Darrel Blevins, Rick Ross, Mike Blair, Ruby Moody, Frances Burleson, Bobby Delcom, Bob Ashbell, Inezene King, Carolyn Ellington, Wanda Hawkins, Jerry Gorman, Ted Damann, Gary Hodge, Don Jones and Danny Hines.

Members of the college maintenance department were, kneeling, from left: Vernon Clark, Wendell Rooney, Mike Neal, Jerry Smith and Willie Turley. Standing, John Turner, Earl Turner, Chester Brookner, Dino Stamblin, Lee Turner, Gary Gideon, Bob Cole, Jerry Marshall and Toby Woodworth.

90/Support Personnel
Dispensing mail in the college post office were Wanda Woodworth and Pauline Burki.

Handling the printing chores on campus were, from left; Kevin Clodfelter, pressman, Terry Eifert, composition coordinator, and Kevin Eifert, print shop manager.
Dealing with students on a daily basis in the registrar's office were, from left, Kathy Harris, assistant to the dean for admissions and records; Kim Grimes, clerk and Tammy Corntassel, clerk.

Managing the snack bar areas both in the Carter Student Union and The Pit were, from left: Delores White and Hazel McCoy.
Switchboard

Answering calls at the college switchboard were, from left: Kim Barnes, sophomore, Quapaw; Johanna Davis-Brown, sophomore, Fairland; Glenda Lair, operator and Jo Rooney, operator.

Vending Machines

Maintaining the college vending machines are, from left: Ray Castle and Randie McIntosh.
DORM LIFE

Resting outside of the gate of Dobson Hall sophomores Mark Cook, of Tulas and Darin Howard, of Midland wait for their girlfriends.
It becomes a
Fight
for elbow room

By Reginald Lewis

Meet your roommate... the bathrooms are down the hall... visitation ends at 10 p.m.

For a lot of people, the first experience in college was moving away from home and into the residence halls.

In-coming freshmen realized they had entered the real world when they suddenly became completely, well almost completely, responsible for themselves. Between balancing checkbooks and balancing “just one more” dirty sweatshirt on the laundry pile were chores like paying bills, ironing, and homework.

Mastering the ways to find empty washers and dryers and propping open security doors to keep from getting locked out, required the know how of experienced students who had lived in dorms before.

Learning to live with new people. The lack of privacy and difficulty of trying to study when neighbors thought it was party time were just a few of the problems that came up living in the dorms.

Despite the problems and the good times, students made dorm life special and kept it still going strong.

Signing in to visit a friend in Russell Hall was freshman Casey Arnold of Wyandotte. Helping with the procedure is proctor Curtis William, a sophomore from Tulsa. Visitation became a controversial situation during the semester.
August saw hundreds of new students leaving the comforts and conveniences of home to savor their first taste of independent life at college.

Whether they were from Florida or California, or from Afton to Zena in Oklahoma, new students found that living away from home was more different than they ever expected.

The moment most residents stepped into their dorm rooms, they realized that not everything they brought from home would fit.

Some decided right then they really did not need their entire stuffed animal collection or favorite chair.

Others came to the realization later that they wouldn't need all of their winter clothes until after Thanksgiving and that they could have left them at home.

A few found that they should have gotten in touch with their roommates to decide who would bring what, for their rooms.

"It was so hectic, my roommate and I ended up with two T.V.'s, two cable boxes and two refrigerators," said freshman Jay Micheals, of Afton.

After some things were sent back home and others were crammed under beds and in closets, enough space was usually made to properly decorate.

Bookcases were soon lined with stereo equipment and topped with collections that ranged from innocent stuffed animals to beer cans and liquor bottles.

Plastic shelves, crates and baskets helped to expand much needed storage space.

Decorating was not always interior, either. To distinguish rooms from the outside, a few students wrote messages on their windows with white shoe polish.

After moving in their belongings and making a few good friends, students realized that while life on campus would be more than they thought it would be, it still was not as intimidating as it first appeared.

Freshman Tiffany Dobler, of Wyandotte and her mother Susan Dobler make their way to Vann Hall with some carpet. Carpet was brought from home by many students who wanted that extra live-in look.
Four co-eds prepare to unload their truck of dorm room needs at the beginning of move-in week. Many students traveled in groups to make unloading easier.

Making a last trip from his car to his dorm room, freshman Richard Schroyer, of Oklahoma City, discovers the problems with moving into student housing.
Even though doing laundry was an eventual happening, freshmen Darla Campbell of Claremore and Tammy Cornelius of Dallas, Texas tried to prolong the agony.

Finding the floor of her dorm room more to her liking, freshman Leisha Bohling of May, Okla., finished typing her term paper.
Roommates
Just a little give and take

A typical first step of college for many students was living in the residence halls.

Students remember their first day of college. Moving into a dorm and saying goodbye to mom and dad, and hello to their first roommate(s)

Strange thoughts and questions ran through many student’s minds concerning the person they would be spending a lot of days and nights with.

What music did they listen to? Are they hip? Are they square? Are they quiet? Are they involved with some weird psycho cult?

“I was very doubtful about my roommate. But in the end, we became pretty good friends,” said freshman Rahmon Macon, of Tulsa.

Many students already knew their roommate from high school, or even from last year. This seemed to relieve a lot of pressure of having a stranger for a roommate.

“My roommate and I knew each other from high school, which made living arrangements a lot easier,” said freshman Robert Washington of Moore.

Some students were even found sharing rooms with two other people at the beginning of the school year. Because of a large enrollment, the dorms were overfilled which caused the necessity of three-to-a-room.

“I had to share to share a room with two others people. It was not as I thought it would be,” said Camille Couchman, a freshman from Oklahoma City.

Another situation that developed in dorm life was the living together of siblings. To some it was an advantage to live with your brother or sister while others saw it as a disadvantage.

“It made living at the dorms a lot easier because we already knew each others habits, and things,” said freshman Misty Barron, of Tulsa. Misty, and her twin sister Holly, shared a room in Dobson Hall.

Crashed after hours of talking on the phone freshman Carma Turner of Broken Arrow caught some sleep before heading out on the town.
Life in the dorm
Won't you be my neighbor!

Once settled into their dorm rooms, students in residence halls were faced with still more adjustments.

Some made the change easily, but for others the experience was difficult.

In either case, the room troubles, noisy neighbors, and other problems came with the territory which made up those times known as "dorm life."

A resident who had been accustomed to a private bedroom was in for a rude awakening, and sharing did not always come easy.

"I was not use to living with someone and have to live in such a small space," said freshman Kevin Marlow, of Wagoner.

Roommates were either picked by students of chosen by the housing department. Being best friends of total strangers did not seem to matter; give and take was essential for any roommate relationship to work.

For most the biggest problem was the small room size, which could make the slightest mess resembled the aftermath of a tornado.

To maintain a sense of order, students were forced to pick up after themselves and sometimes others.

Students gradually began cruising down the halls about 7 a.m., clad only in their underwear or wrapped in towels or robes.

"Traffic jams" were common in the bathrooms in the early morning.

While these problems were easily solved or ignored, others were not so simple.

With friends plentiful, studying was easy to avoid even on week nights. By opting to either "go visiting" or watching television in the lounge, students prolonged cracking their books for the purpose of study all too often.

Week night activities often led to all night study sessions and the two combined meant that sleep was a luxury offered only weekends.

Enjoying each other's companionship in a Dyer dorm room were, from left; Steve Mayhew, freshman, Nowata; James Kipps, freshman, Newcastle; Larry Adam, freshman, Meramec, and Curtis Willis, freshman, Tulsa.
Advertising a toga party in room 218 of Dyer Hall, the bulletin board in the lobby provided an excellent means of communication among dorm residents.

Reading the morning newspaper on the Dyer Hall front porch were Melissa George a freshman from Wann and Todd Hollets a freshman from Tulsa.
Providing music for his roommate as well as most of the rest of second floor Harrill Hall was sophomore Michael Fowler of Stillwater.

Taking time out to go over some class notes before heading out the door was freshman Tim Walden of Bartlesville. Each dorm room provided an area for students to either study or stack things.
One of the universal favorites students liked to complain about on campuses nationwide was the food that was served in their cafeteria.

NEO was no exception. However, was this criticism fair, or was the food that bad?

Many residence hall students were subjected to eating in the cafeteria enough times to qualify them as food critics.

Breakfast was the only meal many students enjoyed because it appeared likely that no one could mess up a bowl of cereal.

But for those students who enjoyed the cafeteria's eggs and pancakes, the only problem was not being able to go back through the line for seconds or thirds.

"Breakfast was okay, and everything, I just wish we could get more than one serving," said freshman Hykim Fenderson of Oklahoma City.

Lunch was an important meal for many students who could not make it to breakfast. It allowed them a chance to quite the rumbling in their stomachs before an afternoon class.

While not enough food was often the cry heard ringing through the dormitory halls, some students expected better quality in what they got.

"I could not see anybody putting that stuff called food in their mouths," said Aneta McMullen, a freshman from Tulsa.

For those students who did eat in the cafeteria, but avoided the cooked food, a good salad bar with a wide selection or ice cream would usually tide them over until supper.

For those students who could afford to eat off campus almost everyday the selection was larger.

"Sometimes I wondered if they just reheated some of that food in the cafeteria from one meal to the next," said sophomore Lee Williams, of Tulsa.

Whether students enjoyed the cafeteria or not, many students felt it was big part of living on campus.
Freshmen Aaron Atkins of Drumright and Justin Cox of Vinita are locked in a heavy game of Super Mario Brothers on a Nintendo video game in their dorm room.

Neither Atkins nor Cox wanted to give an inch during their video contest. Sometimes the sessions lasted well into the night with both players claiming victory.
Everything in cycles

The wash-day ritual

If there was anything that college
students hated to do, it was laundry.

Looking into a student's dorm
room, one almost could find a pile
of undone laundry that has been
building up for several days or
maybe even weeks.

"I hated doing laundry," said
sophomore Lisa Atkinson, of Bart-
lesville. "It was no fun and was a
waste of time. Also it cost too much
money."

The washing machines and dry-
ers in residence halls cost 75 cents
a load to wash, and 50 cents a load
to dry.

Those who let others take care
of their dirty clothes might have
paid anywhere from 50 to 90 cents
a pound, with a five pounds of
clothes usually being the
minimum.

Laundry services were a life-
saver for some students because
the service would also dry and fold
clothes.

It would seem that laundry
would be relatively simple task.
First you put soap in the washer,
then the clothes, then the money.
In 25 minutes, or so, the clothes
came out fresh and clean.

Placing them in the dryer was
even a simpler task.

One just removed the clothes
from the washer, put the clothes in
the dryer, placed the money in the
slot and closed the door.

The most complicated thing
about using a dryer was deciding
whether you were going to use
fabric softener.

However, as in any simple task,
things come up and best of plans
went astray.

One anonymous student was
pulling an all-nighter and decided
to take care of his laundry at the
same time.

Dumping all his clothes into the
washers a 4 a.m., he said he
thought his clothes would be safe.

Several hours later he returned
to get his clothes from the dryer
only to find they had mysteriously
disappeared.

Freshman Beaver Riley of Bristow collaps-
ed on his bed following a tough game of
intramural flag football. Some students
found time in the afternoon for a nap.
Fun, food and finding something to do were all part of dorm life. Fun was the top of many students' lists, but the campus was limited on what fun things it had to offer.

While living in the dorms, students were able to enjoy such facilities as the Dobson-Harrill Hall game room, or the remodeled Student Union game room.

However, a lot of students went off campus to eat and have fun. 

"My favorite place to go eat was Garfields, in Joplin Mo., and Clicks in Pittsburg, Kan.;" said freshman Scott Arthur, of Chickasha.

For fun many students went to nearby towns to many clubs, like The Rockin "K", Bronchos', Zone 7. The 21st Street Zoo, and The Caravan.

Other students liked to stay closer to campus for their fun and food.

For them, a variety of activities were available. From social festivities between the various dorms to intramural sports.

"The water balloon fight at the beginning of the year between the guys and the girls was fun, until the fight got out of hand," said freshman Pam Seawright, of Liberty Mounds.

"Intramural sports made college life a lot more fun," said sophomore Craig McKinney, of Bartlesville.

For food, the students had the options around town besides the traditional cafeteria. Local restaurants like Ku-Ku's, The Golden Coral, and Mazzio's were a few favorites.

Inside the dorms, there were a few activities to occupy students.

Renting movies or Nintendo games were popular ways to relax after a hard day of classes.

"I wished the dorms had VCR's available for the students to borrow," said freshman Justin Frazier, of Oklahoma City.

Some students, however, preferred just to stay in their rooms and listen to music or play cards.
Getting in a little quiet study time in their Vann Hall dorm room were Lanna Devine, freshman, Waynoka, and Darla Guffy, freshman, Tulsa.

Calling home after a basketball game are Lady Norse teammates Andrea Smythe, freshman, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marta McWhorter, freshman, Springfield, Ohio.
MUSIC 89'

Probably the one aspect of college life that reflected a constant state of change was the music business.

There was the same good time rock-n-roll that should continue to live on forever. Rock has transcended several generations.

But with the start of the '90's, there was a wider variety in the pop music scene.

There was the hot dance beat, the heavy metal ballads, and new sounds of progressive artists.

With the advent of these various types of music to go with rock-n-roll and country, more and more people became involved in listening.

One musical aspect that lured people to the music scene was live concerts. Full of screaming fans and fantastic musical performances, concerts were fun, but expensive.

Some artists and groups that performed in nearby cities and states in 1989-90 were the Rolling Stones, Janet Jackson, R.E.M., the Cure and George Strait.

New artists and groups that made it big with their debut were Garth Brooks, Milli Vanilli, Tone Loc, NenCh Cherry, Clint Black, the Indigo Girls and Soul II Soul.

Some returning stars came back this year with top 10 hits such as Billy Joel's, We Didn't Start The Fire, the Fine Young Cannibals', She Drives Me Crazy, the B-52's, Love Shack, and Roy Orbison's, You got it.

Top Albums of 1989

1. BOBBY BROWN- Don't Be Cruel
2. NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK- Hangin' Tough
3. PAULA ABDUL- Forever Your Girl
4. FINE YOUNG CANNIBAL- The Raw and The Cooked
5. GUNS N' ROSES- G N' R Lies
6. MILLI VANILLI- Girl You Know It's True
7. TRAVELING WILBURYS- Volume One
8. TOM PETTY- Full Moon Fever
9. GUNS N' ROSES- Appetite for Destruction
10. SKID ROW- Skid Row
**TOP POP SONGS OF 1989**

1. BETTE MIDLER - Wind Beneath Wings
2. MADONNA - Like A Prayer
3. PAULA ABDUL - Straight Up
4. BOBBY BROWN - Every Little Step
5. MILLI VANILLI - Girl I'm Going Miss You
6. TOM PETTY - I Won't Back Down
7. FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS - She Drives Me Crazy
8. JANET JACKSON - Miss You Much
9. PRINCE - Batdance
10. DON HENLEY - End Of Innocent

Milli Vanilli made an immediate impact on the rock scene with hits Baby Don't Forget My Number and Girl I'm Gonna Miss You. The singles appeared in the Girl You Know It's True album.

Full Moon Fever was Tom Petty's first solo album. Petty made his recording at the same time the Traveling Wilburys were cutting their album Volume One.

**TOP R&B SONGS OF 1989**

1. BOBBY BROWN - Every Little Step
2. JANET JACKSON - Miss You Much
3. ANITA BAKER - Giving You The Best That I Got
4. TONE LOC - Funky Cold Medina
5. LUTHER VANDROSS - She Won't Talk To Me
6. YOUNG MC - Bust A Move
7. PRINCE - Batdance
8. PUBLIC ENEMY - Fight The Power
9. SOUL II SOUL - Back To Life
10. DE LA SOUL - Me, Myself and I

**TOP COUNTRY SONGS OF 1989**

1. CLINT BLACK - Better Man
2. CLINT BLACK - Killing Time
3. CONWAY TWITTY - She's Got A Single Thing On Her Mind
4. RICKEY SKAGGS - Loving Only Me
5. STEVE WARNER - I Got Dreams
6. RODNEY CROWELL - Above And Beyond
7. KEITH WHITLEY - I'm No Stranger To The Rain
8. THE JUDDS - Let Me Tell You About Love
9. GEORGE STRAIT - What's Going On In Your World
10. WILLIE NELSON - Nothing I Can Do About It Now

Tom Loc's debut album Laced After Dark, made him the first black rapper to reach number one on Billboard's pop chart. The album hit number one in April of 89'.
**TOP MOVIES OF 1989**

1. BATMAN  
2. INDIANA JONES-The Last Crusade  
3. LETHAL WEAPON II  
4. HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS!  
5. RAINMAN  
6. GHOSTBUSTERS II  
7. LOOK WHO’S TALKING  
8. PARENTHOOD  
9. DEAD POET’S SOCIETY  
10. WHEN HARRY MET SALLY

**HOTTEST ACTORS OF 1989**

1. TOM CRUISE  
2. MORGAN FREEMAN  
3. SEAN CONNERY  
4. DUSTIN HOFFMAN  
5. HARRISON FORD  
6. JACK NICHOLSON  
7. DENZEL WASHINGTON  
8. KEVIN COSTNER  
9. ROBIN WILLIAMS  
10. DANNY GLOVER

**HOTTEST ACTRESS OF 1989**

1. JESSICA TANDY  
2. KATHLEEN TURNER  
3. BETTE MIDLER  
4. SUSAN SARANDON  
5. MERYL STREEP  
6. MICHELLE PFEIFFER  
7. JULIA ROBERTSON  
8. MEG RYAN  
9. KIM BASINGER  
10. SALLY FIELDS

Sequels were big business in the summer of 89'. Joining in on the business was *Ghostbuster II* as it brought in over 100 million dollars in ticket sells.
In 1989-90 many movies hit the big screen. Some were box office smashes, while others box office flops.

This year in movies we saw sequels such as Lethal Weapon II, Indiana Jones, The Last Crusade, Ghostbusters II, and Back to the Future II.

The third largest grossing movie in cinema history was Batman, starring Micheal Keaton and Jack Nicholson. The movie grossed over $250 million in ticket sales.

The Batman insignia that was slapped on everything from caps to underwear now shows up as being the largest selling video tape this season.

Joining Batman in sales and rentals were Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Coming to America, Do the Right Thing and Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure.

Rolling Stone magazine named Steven Soderbergh; director of Sex, Lies and Videotapes and Spike Lee; director of Do The Right Thing rebel film makers of the year.

Both movies were highly acclaimed as excellent movies of 1989. But, the Spike Lee movie was recognized as one of the best movies of the decade according to Rolling Stone magazine.

**TOP VIDEOS OF 1989**

1. BATMAN
2. LETHAL WEAPON II
3. DO THE RIGHT THING
4. ROADHOUSE
5. KICKBOXER
6. INDIANA JONES III
7. WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S
8. UNCLE BUCK
9. TURNER AND HOOCH
10. RAINMAN

*Driving Miss Daisy,* starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, was one of the box office smash hits during early 1990. The movie received eight Golden Globe nominations.

Director/actor Spike Lee is caught on set of his major box off smash Do The Right Thing starring Dan Arrohno. The movie was highly acclaimed by many critics as being one of the best movies of the 80's.

Mel Gibson, star of the 1989 summer release Lethal Weapon II, was recognized by MTV as the hottest actor of the 1980's for such hits as The Road Warrior and Lethal Weapon.
NEWS '89'

While we were involved with our own problems connected with the never ending quest for knowledge, the evening news kept us abreast of the happenings around the world.

The events which took place around the globe were enough to make many of us stop and say “wait a minute, can this really be happening?”

Through the news we were able to witness what seemed to be the beginning of the end of the communist grip on Europe. 

From free elections in Poland to the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania the people of Europe were beginning to take back control of their own governments.

The real impact of the events in Europe did not sink in for some of us until we saw the destruction of the Brandenburg Gate which marked the demise of the Berlin Wall and a new beginning for a more united Germany.

The news from Europe was exciting but nothing we saw would have the impact of one scene brought to us from Tienemen Square in China.

Few of us will ever forget watching a lone Chinese student stand defiantly in the path of a Chinese Army tank refusing to give ground in the students demonstration for democracy in China. A glimmer of hope for a democratic China would soon be crushed beneath the weight of these same tanks.

On this side of the ocean we saw U. S. troops invade Panama in action which would bring about the eventual arrest of Panamanian president Manuel Noriega.

In the natural disaster category we saw a major hurricane named Hugo pay an unwelcome visit to residents along the Eastern seaboard of the United States. As soon as this excitement died down we watched in awe as the Goodyear blimp brought us the first pictures of the San Francisco earthquake.

Finally on the American scene we saw massive human negligence result in the world’s worst oil catastrophe as the Exxon Valdez blundered onto a reef and leaked millions of gallons of crude oil into the waters of Alaska’s Prince William Sound.
A sad harvest of birds that perished on the Channel Island in Alaska was netted by environmentalists. Nearly 5000 birds and other animals died from the oil spill.

Former Panamanian president Manuel Noriega was noted for being one the world's largest drug dealers. Noriega was arraigned on several federal drug charges in Miami, Fla.

Taking a good hard hit at the Berlin Wall in West Germany, an American student hoped to take a piece of the wall as a token of freedom.
Doing their best 50's impression for parent's day guests, sophomore Darin Howard, Maudlin, and freshman Mary Hill, of Tuska, were active members of concert choir.
A show of

Involvement

through membership

By Reginald Lewis

Join a club...Get involved...Become a member of...
These were just a few phrases clubs used to get
students in activities.

In the limelight of our many activities was clubs. Pro-
viding an outlet for involvement with the school and in-
teraction with other students, extra-curricular involve-
ment, reached a strong point.

There was a variety of clubs: academic clubs such as
language clubs, sport orientated clubs, spirit clubs, and
even special interest clubs. From academic clubs to pure-
ly social ones, almost anyone could find their niche. Fun
involvement, and yes even learning was active.

Although each club specialized in its own way, each
helped build the backbone of the school by uniting us as
a student body, promoting school spirit and even teaching
us.

Because of the many opportunities clubs had to offer,
the participation and achievements of extra-curricular in-
volvement was still going strong.

Two freshmen members of the Golden
Norse Marching Band go through a prac-
tice session in the Copen Hall band room.
Getting ready to go outside were, from left;
Michael Whaley and John Jenkins, both of
Miami. ©

**AGGIE SOCIETY** - Approximately 150 students were actively involved in the Aggie Society which met on a monthly basis in Cunningham Hall.


**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION** - The Baptist Student Union was open to all students during the school year. Opportunities for involvement included noonday Bible studies, various retreats and fellowships.


**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE CLUB** - Front row, Jim Nichols, Benton Loggains, Angie George, Diana Goins, Tabatha Williams, Mohammad Sajadi. Back row, Bryan Hayes, Randy Thompson, Sandee Faulkner, Derek Jennings, and Dr. Mark Grigsby.

**CANON (LAW CLUB)** - Larry Swinehart, Curtis Williams, Shane King.
RAISING
spirit to the top

Confronted with the challenge of generating school spirit before and during football and basketball games, members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad and the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team accepted the role of spirit leaders with great pride and dedication.

Knowing the hometown crowd was backing them during a cheer or during halftime performances helped each young woman do a better job. "It was great to see the crowd getting into the spirit and cheering with us during the game," said Teresa Garrison, a freshman cheerleader from Glenpool.

Providing halftime entertainment was the major responsibility of the Norse Stars. Utilizing such techniques as high kicks, pom pom routines and dance numbers made the group world renowned. "During football season while we were outdoors, we performed a lot of high kick routines. While during basketball season we concentrated on a lot of jazz dance and pom pom routines," said Kenda Grover, a sophomore from Miami and captain of the Norse Stars.

Another means of arousing the Norse spirit and involving the student body came during several pep rallies that were held around campus during the football and basketball seasons.

"As a cheerleader you are a representative of the college. So it's a privilege everytime you go out and perform, whether on campus or in another town," said Michele Ward, a sophomore from Sand Springs.

Both teams averaged between six to eight hours a week of hard practice.

Featuring an outfit that was first introduced during the 1960's, the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team performs during halftime of the Border Battle game.

Leading the Norse Stars in the Homecoming parade were sophomores Shellie Stafford, Bartlesville, Shelli Demoss, Claremore, and Kenda Grover, Miami. Norse stars performed during the parade and game.

The cheerleaders perform their famous formation cheer during the Parents day pep rally. Cheerleaders lead all pep rallies with cheers and chants.

of
Every time they went to
the field or stage, their au-
dience had something
special to look forward to.

The Golden Norse
Band and the concert
choir were just two of the
organizations providing
entertainment.

The band was directed
by Keith Cass and assisted
by drum major Danny
Darrough, freshman,
from Tulsa.

Students never had to
attend a football or
basketball game
without the presence of
the pep band.

"The band had a great
amount of potential and
got better and better after
each performance," said
Darrough.

The concert choir per-
formed at all social
gatherings.

It consisted of 35 stu-
dents who did more than
just sing, they also per-
formed routines for the
public.

"We did a lot of song
and dance routines. We
tried to do something dif-
ferent with every perfor-
mance," said Eric Daugh-
erty, a freshman from
Wyandotte.

During Christmas, the
concert choir performed
carols for the Student
Body Governments' adopt-a-child Christmas
party.

"It was a chance for the
choir to show our Christ-
mas spirit," said Mary
Hill, a freshman from
Tulsa.

Both groups col-
laborated during the
spring semester to enter-
tain the campus by
hosting their annual
spring concerts.

"In the spring we per-
formed all of our new
songs and material. It's
something that the whole
campus looked forward
too," said Micheal Whea-
trary, a Miami freshman.

The 33 members of the Golden
Norse Band, were the halftime
entertainers during the football
and basketball games. The
Band was directed by Keith
Cass.


FALL STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS-Molly Frazier, Sheri London, Dee Dee Simons, and Henery McMullin.


Sophomore Sherri London, of Ketchum, served as president of Alpha Mu Gamma and was an active member of the Student Body Government.

The campus leaders became an important attribute for student leaders during the year. Faced with classroom responsibilities like everyone else, they also had to contend with their responsibilities as officers and representatives for campus organizations.

"With all of the clubs and activities I was involved in, I'm surprised that I have any time for myself," said Jay Parmley, a freshman from Wyandotte.

"Being sophomore class president should really look good on my resume, or any other college application," said Jim Nichols from Kingfisher.

Despite the hard work the rewards, including job experience, were very clear. "Working for the Norse Wind was a major accomplishment. It gave me leadership, as well as work experience," said Misty Barron, a freshman from Tulsa.

Career goals were often motivating factors in getting involved in extracurricular organizations. But the qualifications for leadership kept many students from pursuing goals.

"You really had to be motivated and have confidence that you can be a leader," said Carrie Schertz, a sophomore of Miami and president of Phi Theta Kappa.

"I feel that a successful leader should be able to make good grades and also be able to lead," said Tulsa freshman Liz Cramton.

Making time to say hello to friends, sophomore Carrie Schertz, Miami, was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, and Student Body Government. 

Sophomore Rob Jones, Edmond, was an active member of the men's basketball team, and maintain a good grade point average.


HOME ECONOMICS—Front row: Nichole Jenkins, Terra Robertson, Trisa Brili, Aneta McMullen, and Reginald Lewis. Back row: Julie Ablas, Pam Seawright, Melissa Demaie, Deborah Vincent, Dana Kinsey, Lori McCord, John Williams, and Mary Garrette, sponsor.
GAINING experience with dedication

Stories, pictures, lay-outs, DEADLINES! These perhaps were the most common words spoken inside the doors of the Journalism department.

Both staffs, the Norse Wind student newspaper and the Viking yearbook had their share of work throughout the year as they learned what group effort really was all about.

"It was a really tough job if you let it get to you," said freshman Misty Barron, Tulsa, managing editor of the Norse Wind. "Our main concern was to provide the campus with information, and news that was happening on campus," said Donald Eutsler, a sophomore from Grove and features editor of the Norse Wind.

Deadline pressures were also common place for the Viking staffers. Faced with five deadlines, the staff had to put in a lot of overtime to meet each deadline. Several all-nighters were called for.

"I found that we always had to be willing to work before and after classes," said Reginald Lewis, Viking managing editor.

One thing the Viking staff tried to do was be creative with the book and break away from the other books in the past. All in all, the time consuming work of both staffs paid off in the end and everyone felt a sense of accomplishment.

Selling ads for the Norse Wind, freshman Holly Barron, of Tulsa, strives to produce a large quantity of ads each week.
ORSE CHEERLEADERS-Front row: Heather Spears, Ois Berggren, Aneta McMullen, Janelle Gipson and Terri Garrison. Back row: Dawn Horton, Elizabeth Cramton, Angie Murphy, Michelle, Tammi Mullin and Tracy Ruzier.

NORSE STARS-Front row: Angela Rotrammel, Kenda Grover, Stacy Weese, Toni Goforth, Audre Kelly, Amy Cavitt, Monica Manning, Tahi Penegrift, Shillicie Stafford, Kim Mason, Angela Helmig, Samantha Carter, Virginia Campbell, Elizabeth Faulkenberry and Michelle Blivins. Back row: Barbra Rust, Stephanie Bauer, Stacie Patterson, Shelli Demoss, Suzanne Snively, Caron Connor, Kim Simmons, Lindsay Corcoran, Julie Drummond, Joy Hatfield, Machelle McKay and Melanie Walter.

OWLS - Front row: Danny Perry, Marilyn Armer, Evelyn Fuchs, Martha Reyes, Arehy Parker, Tim Selsor, Marcia Lopez and Diana Jones. Back row: Kathy Moore, David Cook, Debbie Brodrick, Darrell Rice, Trigg Snyder, Lorena Bates, Sue Glenn; sponsor and Paul Cobt.

PHI BETA LAMDA - Front row: Jay Parmely, Rhonda Lindsey, LaDonna Babst, Lynnette Kenney and Mike Russell. Back row: Arehy Parker, Shelly Weaver, Brian Brophy, Danielle Terry, Joy Heaton; sponsor and Shirley Coker; sponsor.

Performing a scene from *I Never Sang For My Father* were freshmen Erick Johnson, Tulsa, and Todd Stogner, McCloud. Actors need plenty of time before each performance to transform themselves into character.

Emotional family matters, talking pigs and spiders, and a man eating plant might sound strange.

These were just a few things found in the lineup of the drama department’s season of productions.

The NEO Theatre group had a busy season by presenting four major productions.

*I Never Sang For My Father* was the season opener. Brian Hauck, speech and drama instructor, directed the play. The play explored family relationships and how members of families often do not express feelings until it is tragically too late," Hauck said.

Leading actors were sophomores Brett McDowell, Charles McTague, and Tamara Hartman. *Charlotte’s Web* was the second performance. The production was part of the annual children’s theatre.

Television production instructor Chris Willard directed the heartwarming play. While sophomore Brett McDowell served as assistant director. Leading actors in the production were McTague, Hartman, Carrie Cook, and freshman David Karleskint.

The third production was *Little Shop Of Horrors*. Don Nichols, speech and humanities instructor, served as director.

The production was a musical. Serving in lead roles were McTague and sophomore Maggie McMain.

The final production was *Lu Ann Hampton Laverty Oberlander* scheduled to open in late April.

Three characters from *I Never Sang For My Father* wait in a restaurant during the opening drama of the season. Actors were sophomores Chuck McTague, Margaret Garrison and Brett McDowell.

Performing a scene from the children’s play *Charlotte’s Web*, Hartman played Charlotte, while McTague played Wilbur the pig.

Practicing a scene from *Little Shop Of Horrors* were freshmen Todd Stogner of McCloud and sophomore Chuck McTague of Springfield Mo.

**III THETA KAPPA II**


**PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARES**


**SPRING SEMESTER STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

Conducting business on a monthly basis was a responsibility met by many organizations across campus. Expressing the views of the entire student population to make the campus a better place was a job for the Student Body Government.

The organization consisted of a president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, parliamentarian, and representative-at-large along with representatives from the various clubs and organizations. Their main function was to report campus activities to students through the clubs.

They also helped provide solutions to improve the campus. "Being a student body representative gave me a chance to help work out campus problems," said sophomore Holly Hawk, of Commerce.

Serving as officers during the first semester were, Molly Frazier, sophomore from Vinita, president; Sheri London, sophomore from Ketchum, vice president; Henry McMullen, sophomore from Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer, and Bo Reese, sophomore from Miami, representative-at-large.

Second semester two new officers were elected. Jay Parmely, freshman from Wynadotte became secretary while McMullen remained as treasurer. La Jaun Stephens, sophomore from Tulsa, replaced Reese.

The SBG planned and organized several events throughout the year. The adopt-a-child Christmas Party during the fall semester and the spring formal were two major accomplishments of the Student Body Government.

RODEO TEAM—Front row: Jill Lowe, Jayna Martin, Axel Sanders and Jeannie Straw. Second row: Brett Wilson, Lawton Essex; sponsor, Craig Pugh; Chad Hopper, Richard Conner, Jody Jordan; Doug Key kendall, Dusty Whitehead, Bill Scott, Gannon Quinby, Todd Doss, Shelly Eulitt, Clay Wilson, Bobby Mayes, Ronnie Cavhoun and Bobby Mayes. Back row: Steven Elys, Shannon Bridges, Eric Lacas, Lisa Ackerson, Steve Doss, Katie Guenther, Patti Crosslin, Rickey Buttsman, Jimmy Ted King, Blue Wardeman, Shawn Corser, Brian Smith and Julie Hale.


YOUNG DEMOCRATS OFFICERS—(L-R) Jay Parnsley, Rhonda Lindsey, Mary Chakenatho and Penny Goff.

Members of the Viking yearbook staff were Wes Hale, sophomore from Miami, photographic editor; Reginald Lewis, freshman from Oklahoma City, managing editor, and Holly Barron, freshman from Tulsa, photographic design editor.
Deborah Broadrick
Miami
Music education

Brodrick maintained cumulative grade point average of 3.81 through four semesters. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served as reporter for the concert choir. She was also on the leadership committee for OWLS. In 1986, she participated in a fund drive for the NEO choir. She has performed at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. and at the 1989 fall piano festival at the college.

Rachel Carver
Sapulpa
Business accounting

Carver compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.94 while a member of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Order of Freyja, and the Presidential Scholar Leadership Colloquium. She also appeared on both the Dean's and President's honor rolls.

Natalie Fest
Enid
Television

Fest has maintained a 3.92 cumulative grade point average over four semesters. She served as secretary/treasurer of Frame by Frame and was a member of Masquers, Phi Theta Kappa, and Order of Freyja. Fest was also involved with OETA seminars, high school video contests, and the NEO Learning Channel.

Eric George
South Coffeyville, Ok.
Electrical engineering

George maintained a cumulative 4.0 grade point average while serving as vice president of the Engineering Club. His other activities included memberships in the Chemistry Club and the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He also appeared on the President's Honor Roll four consecutive semesters.
Joy Hatfield
Cardin
Chemistry

Hatfield compiled a 3.87 grade point average while serving as a lieutenant for the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team. She was also a representative in the Student Body Government and president of the Chemistry Club. She has been on the President's Honor Roll twice and on the Dean's Honor Roll once. Hatfield received an honor in 1989 from the Southeast Kansas American Chemical Society.

Michael Kelsey
Rush Springs
Pre-Veterinary medicine

Kelsey maintained a 3.9 grade point average while serving as president of the Aggie Society and the Pre-Vet Club. He also represented the Animal Science Club in the Student Body Government. Kelsey was also a member of the livestock judging team and was second-vice president of the American Junior Hereford Association.

Lynette Kenley
Miami
Business administration

Kenley compiled a 3.64 grade point average during four semesters. She appeared on the Dean's Honor Roll and served as secretary of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She also served as president of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. She was also a member of Students in Free Enterprise and a homecoming queen candidate in 1989.

Adonna Knight
Miami
Animal science

Knight maintained a 4.0 grade point average over four semesters. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the Aggie Society and the Ag Econ Club. She was also a member of the livestock judging team.
Jill Lowe
Fontana, Kan.
Pre-chiropractic medicine

Lowe compiled a 4.0 grade point average while serving as treasurer and president of the Rodeo Club. Lowe won the Central Plains Region barrel racing championship and placed fourth at the College National Finals Rodeo during her freshman year. She was also a features reporter for the Norse Wind as a freshman.

Jayna Marten
Scranton, Kan.
Dental hygiene

Marten maintained a 3.8 cumulative grade point average while serving as vice president of the Rodeo Club. She was also a member of the Aggie Society. Marten also participated in Collegiates for Christ activities. She competed at several rodeos in Oklahoma and Kansas and placed third overall in the Central Plains Region. Marten was a queen candidate and participated in two children’s Christmas parties.

Kathleen Moore
Miami
Computer science

Moore compiled a 3.95 grade point average during four semesters. Her activities included Phi Theta Kappa, OWLS, and the honors program. She was treasurer of the Computer Science club and served as assistant softball coach.

Linda Nielsen-Duggan
Miami
Nursing

Nielsen-Duggan maintained a 3.64 cumulative grade point average while serving as a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Nursing Student Association. She served as Phi Theta Kappa vice president and spoke on the club’s behalf at the regional conference. She has also worked at the Special Olympics and judged speeches during Aggie Day.
Carrie Shertz  
Miami  
Elementary education

Shertz maintained a 3.76 grade point average while serving as president of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society as a sophomore. As a freshman she conducted public relations for Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and represented the freshman class in the Student Body Government. She served as parliamentarian of the Student Body Government as a sophomore. She attended two PTK regional conventions, one national convention and one leadership conference.

Suzanne Snively  
Bartlesville  
Computer science

Snively maintained a 4.0 grade point average through four semesters while appearing on the President’s honor roll. Her extracurricular activities included Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the Computer Science Club. She was also a Norse Star and a Dobson Presidential Leadership Scholarship recipient.

Heather Spears  
Bartlesville  
Computer science

Spears compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point average through four semesters. Her activities included cheerleading, Phi Theta Kappa, Order of Freyja, Dobson Leadership Scholarship, and the honors colloquium. She also served as vice president of the Computer Science Club.

Bret Wilson  
Fairland  
Agriculture economics

Wilson carried a 3.98 grade point average while serving as vice president of the Ag Econ Club. He was also a member of the Aggie Society and the Rodeo Club. He was an active member of the Golden Norse rodeo team and participated in several NIRA-sponsored rodeos both years.
ACADEMICS
Gaining
Experience
through academics

By Reginald Lewis

Taking tests...Getting experience...Preparing for a career...

Many people came to college, for many different reasons. For the challenge, the experience, the advantages, and the new academics was a major function of why people came to college. It involved the general education, people took as a requirement. The courses for a degree and major.

The college was comprised of six divisions which included 70 specific majors ranging from art to zoology. Divisions were agricultural, behavioral science, business, communication/fine art, science/engineering, and health science/technology.

As a comprehensive junior college, this institution offered students a head start for continuing their college careers.

The college academic areas included 115 instructors and staff who assisted the students with their higher education, advising them to their future.

Students like Steve Berry, sophomore, from Tulsa attempted to catch up on the current events of 1989. Many students worked to finish their homework in the LRC.
While sophomore Bryant Garvin of Chicago, Ill., begins the enrollment process, several stand in line waiting their turn in the Library-Administration building.

Ringing up sales in the Bruce Carter Student Union Bookstore is salesperson Sissy Mayberry as freshman Tracey Harding of Sperry waits for her purchases. During enrollment the Bookstore was one of the busiest places on campus.

Receiving a permanent meal ticket, freshmen Brad O’Rear of Easley, S.C. and Laura Adams of Miami wait in line to get a ticket before lunch. Most students picked up their meal tickets after they completed enrollment.
Twice a year an event takes place that no students looked forward to, because of the long lines, anticipation, and frustration.

This event was known as pre-enrollment and registration.

Lines were formed all over campus in places like, the business office, admissions, and the cafeteria. All just for different types of enrollment procedures.

"I got so impatient having to wait in line, for what seemed like hours," said Bryan Price, a freshman at Pryor.

The first experience for freshmen with enrollment was an ever ending process. Waiting in line after another.

Since 60 percent of the students were freshmen, the wait seemed even longer for sophomores.

"Freshmen seemed to take up more time enrolling, which eventually made the wait extra long for us sophomores," said Tracey Frazier of Tulsa.

Pre-enrollment was not any better. Many students found themselves having to make appointments with their advisors in order to prepare their class schedule for the next semester.

Picking out next semester classes could take up to an hour to figure out credits needed to graduate and to determine which classes would best be suited for the student enrolling.

"I had 120 students to advice during the first semester," said child care instructor Marcia Tynon. "Between classes and pre-enrolling, the week was tiring."

Buying books were another part of enrolling. Purchasing books at the bookstore, could keep students waiting even longer.

"Enrollment season has to be the busiest time of the year for the bookstore," said freshman Rachel- le Enyart, Wyandotte.

The place where all students could be found during enrollment was admissions.

Students went through a process of signing papers, paying overdue charges, and receiving schedule printouts.

"I found myself going back and forth to the admission office, during enrollment," said sophomore Terra Robertson, of Jay.

Enrollment was a time of frustration that every freshman and sophomore had to go through to.

Going through the last step of enrollment, freshman Chris Donaway, of Grove, finishes by signing his name to his enrollment forms. Many students looked forward to the final process of enrollment.

Going over each other's schedules, sophomore Kevin Keith of McAlester and freshman Charity Maynart of Oklahoma City, check for any major time differences. Most students liked going through the enrollment process together.
Some students did it in their rooms, while others needed to do it in crowds. Studying was a major function for students who wanted to pass.

Many students searched for that perfect spot to sit down and crack open the books. Studying took up a lot of the students' time.

"On sunny days I enjoyed going outside and studying, that way I could get some sun and study at the same time," said Thressa Brown, a sophomore from Grove.

All around campus students could be found in groups studying. Many groups studied in places like the library, the student union, and dorm rooms.

Many students studied in groups for different reasons. Some found it easier to go over things in groups.

"Studying with friends was a lot easier because if I'm absent from a class, I can ask one of them what was covered," said Kelly Feathers, a Wyandotte freshman.

For other students, studying in groups gave them a chance to be with friends instead of doing the same routine day after day.

"I liked it when a bunch of my friends studied with me," said Penny Goff, a freshman from Muskogee. "It gave me something to do when studying got boring."

Many students found that quiet place to study was not easy to find.

Dorm rooms were not always quiet and the library was sometimes too full.

The best time to study in the dorms was on the weekends, when almost everybody was gone," said sophomore Jim Steele, of Nowata.

Other students found that taking home their studies was not always the best solution.

"Everytime I took stuff home to study, I ended up bringing it back to school with me on Sunday and doing it that night," said Steve Williams, a Tulsa freshman.

Commuters were often found in the student union, studying before class, to prevent them from traveling back to their homes to study.

"I found it easier to just stay on campus to complete my studies instead of doing them at home," said Kristi Matthews, a freshman from Fairland.
Preparing notes for her freshman orientation class, freshman Lisa Frye, of Perry, does most of her studying in the Vann hall study lounge.

Making time to study with friends, freshmen Holly Hitzman, Oklahoma City, Sharron Mangrum, Claremore, Ron Graham, Miami, and Amy Hitzman, Oklahoma City work well together.

Using the weather as an excuse to study outside, freshman Teresa Brill from Kellyville discovers that homework is done better outdoors. Students used extra time for studying outdoors during fall semester.
Waiting for Norse Star tryouts, many girls felt the pressures of trying out for a position on the squad. Out of the 70 girls who tried out only 40 girls made the squad.

Playing football to relieve the pressures of life, students gather outside behind Commerce hall for a little game of touch-football. Students found football a good way to relieve the college pressure.

Discovering the pressures of studying, Freshman Stan Flowers, of Jenks, works hard to get all he needs down for his final exam. Many students were found all the campus preparing for finals.
You could not get away from it, no matter how hard you tried. Anywhere one looked, it was there. It is called pressure.

College offered a lot of different things, and pressure was one of them.

Many students did different things to get rid of the unbearable pressures of college.

"When the pressure is coming on real strong, I find myself getting upset over the dumbest things," said Yvette Smiley, a freshman of Detroit, Mich.

"Trying out for a position for a club, a sport, or giving a speech, brought on pressure as well as butterflies in the stomach."

"I was really nervous trying out for cheerleading, I thought the butterflies would never go away," said Angie Murphy, a Tulsa freshman.

Students were found getting rid of pressure in many different ways. Running, lifting weights, or even taking off from a day of classes were a few ways they released pressure.

"Jogging was a way that helped me release pressure," said Lance Christman, a Tulsa sophomore. "It really helps to get rid of my frustration."

The pressures of work were also felt by students who were behind schedule. The newspaper staff dealt with the pressures of completing deadlines on time.

"Trying to meet deadlines on time kept me working long hours which was very tiring and hard, and I didn't always look forward to it," said Leilani Smith, a freshman of Miami.

Many students feared the studying process, as well as the afterthought of an exam.

"I would always worry if I would pass a test or not, especially finals," said Deborah Vincent, a Fairland freshman. From test to trying-out, stress was always there.
Many college students, no matter how studious or conscientious, have fallen into the category of those who wanted something for nothing.

Whether from college burnout or just laziness, a great number of students actively sought out the so-called "blow-off" classes on campus.

"I thought freshman orientation had to have been the easiest class," said Jeff Martin, a freshman from Tulsa.

Several classes fell into the easy category. After a survey of 100 students, 51 students said that geology was the easiest class, freshman orientation, and speech followed.

"The only hard thing about geology class was the rocks," said Tim Shields, a freshman from Oklahoma City.

While college had its easy classes, it also had its difficult ones.

After surveying 100 more students, 49 of them felt that sociology was the all-time difficult course. While statistics and zoology followed close behind.

"I was doing more studying in my zoology class than all my classes put together," said Sara Campbell, a freshman from Wyandotte.

"Some of the sociology tests seemed to be tougher than I thought," said Jenni Shrum, a Bartlesville freshman.

Many courses like aerobic fitness or weight training were taken just for pure enjoyment, or to workout in.

Students turned to these classes like getting a two-for-one deal. Not only did they get to work on their body, they also earned a credit for it.

"I enjoyed taking aerobics because I like to work out, and the class credit goes down towards my physical education requirement," said Gena VonMoss, a freshman from Pitcher.

For most sophomores, three semesters of hard courses were more than they could handle. Many took easy classes because all of their requirements were met.

"My last semester I took anything that was easy and would help me graduate and transfer," said Lance Thompson, sophomore of Copan.
Learning the basic methods of CPR, sophomore Kim Spring, of Copan, demonstrates the proper steps to physical education instructor, Nancy Bishop and her first aid class.

Preparing an autobiography for freshman orientation is John Haskell of Welch. The autobiography was just one of many assignments the students received during the eight-week orientation class.

Instructor Herb Waring makes a point concerning physics to sophomore Chad Dow of Pryor during a lab experiment. Note-taking was an important function involved in science courses.
Freshmen Chris Adolph, of Talala, William Alley, Shidler, Melvin Briggs, Talala, and Kevin Bracket, of Agra, sit around the fountain between the Creech Library-Administration building and the Fine Arts Center and kill some time between classes.

Practicing a baton twirling routine is Kristi Jorgenson, a sophomore from Welch. Jorgenson spent between six to eight hours a week working out with the Golden Norse Marching Band.

Giving the phone a workout, freshman Tina Hall, of Jennings, makes her weekly call home which was a ritual experienced by many of the students living in the dorms.
Students often wished that each day contained more than 24 hours. Some daily schedules included work, extra-curricular activities, sports, dates, organization and academics. Most of their tasks required dedication, hard work and most importantly TIME.

Finding a way to successfully manage time proved to be a big challenge for most people. "I tried to put my schedule in order by priorities," said Brian Brown, a freshman from McAlester. "What ever was important, I tried to do first."

Probably the most common, yet most effective way of management was in other words work all day and study all night. "I found myself so busy during the day, that I had to do all of my school work and studying until late at night," said Richard Canady, a freshman from Tulsa.

Research for classes was a timely process. Students that wanted to make a better grade found themselves doing hours of research on projects.

"During final exams I had so many test to prepare for and so many reports to do, but so little time to do them," said Holly Barron, a freshman from Tulsa.

Many students felt that school took away from their social lives, and friends.

Other students found that the only time they had to socialize was on weekends, holidays, and breaks. "It seemed like the only chance I had to talk to my friends was on weekends," said Jennifer Lunsford, a sophomore from Miami.

A lot of students remained active throughout the year by participating in extra-curricular activities. These extra-curricular events took even more of their time.

Students involved in sports were also determined to keep up their grades and make time for practice. For some it took more time than many of them had.

"As a cheerleader I had to attend all of the games, go to practice and make good grades. It was a lot of hard work, but worth every minute," said Heather Spears, a sophomore from Bartlesville.

No matter if you were studying, trying to get a date, or practicing, it all took TIME.
As different as the seven divisions on campus, it remains the college's concern to provide all students with a balanced education. This forces a student to receive a variety of subjects in order to complete a major.

English, math, history, and science were considered general education requirements which were taken by most students. "I kind of thought once high school was over, I would be finished with history. Boy was I wrong," said Steve Halvossen, a freshman from Tulsa.

All freshmen students were required to take two courses in English in order to transfer to another college or university. Other students struggled through general education courses.

This year students who were taking zero-level courses were not eligible to receive credits for those classes. A course which fell into that category was beginning algebra. Many students took it as a prep course for the college algebra.

"I thought it would be easier to take elementary, until I found out that I would not get a credit for it," said Kelley Feathers, a freshman from Wyandotte.

Universities like Oklahoma State required students to have a semester of chemistry and college algebra before the student could transfer.

All other universities such as Northeastern State or Central State only required a student to have college algebra and a life science depending upon one's major.

Another problem students were faced with was the increase of tuition cost and general education fees.

In-state tuition for the 1988 school year stood at $23 before increasing a jump to $27.30 in 1989.

Non-resident students were faced with paying $42 in 1985 before facing a proposed increase to $49.25 for the 1990-91 school year which should definitely increase the level of stress.

"I feel that the price is high enough. If they keep increasing tuition, it will only discourage students from continuing their education," said sophomore Latisha Odoms, of Tulsa.

Working on an accounting exercise was freshman Holly Hitzemann of Oklahoma City. As a business major, accounting was a required course for the degree program.

Waiting in line to purchase books, were freshmen Lisa Wells, of Pryor, Monica Fisher of Miami, and Tina Lawson, of Picher. Books were an expensive part of attending college.
Freshman Steve Halvorsen of Tulsa receives his work study check from business office clerk Coleen Jenkins. Work study provided a supplement to the rising cost of attending college.

Discussing several options with academic advisor Dr. Rogena Harrison was incoming freshman La Donna Miles of Miami. A week for freshman pre-enrollment was set aside in July.

Checking out college information on microfilm was high school senior Sherry Wilburn of Afton.
Sophomore offensive guard Todd Hamilton (73) fights off a hard check by Coffeyville linebacker Randy Keeseling (54) during the Border Battle game at Tulsa Union High School Stadium.
Gaining
Strength
With dedication

By Reginald Lewis

No pain, no gain...work until you drop...we are the champions...ideas like these ran through the heads of athletes, striving to be the best they could be.

Preparing themselves physically and emotionally throughout the year, students worked hard to perfect their individual sport. Athletes prepared themselves physically by practicing during summer and any freetime they had to spare; emotionally by their individual ways of psyching themselves up.

Some sports groups could be found all year round practicing. Preparing for next season competitions.

The year in sports was nothing less than a challenge. With help of statistics and polls, athletics viewed the season as a highly successful one. A large amount of students participated in sports and gave all they could to be number one. No matter whether an athlete did good or bad they still had support from the fans of the school, and the community.

The teamwork and unity resulted in a large sense of pride in striving for excellence, remaining number one, and still going strong.
Norse continue bowl tradition

From the start of pre-season conditioning and workouts in August until the last whistle sounded in the fourth-annual Sunbrook Dixie Left Bowl game in St. George, Utah, the 85 members of the 1989 edition of the Golden Norse football team worked hard to preserve and protect the tradition that has grown over the years.

More than 150 prospects showed up for equipment checkout and registration in early August to begin the long, grueling task of making the team. The first three days of practice is spent running players through time trials and conditioning exercises to weed out those who were not ready to pay the price.

"You push yourself as hard as you can, and just when you think you can't go another step, you reach down and gut it out," said All-American offensive guard Brian Bobo, a sophomore from Altus.

After playing the numbers game the first few days the size of the squad is reduced to a manageable number for head coach Glen Wolfe and his seven assistant coaches.

Opening the season at home the Golden Norse are only allowed to suit up 45 of the 85 players still out because the opponent is from the Kansas Jayhawk Conference which limits the squad size to 45 including 10 out-of-state players.

Despite the limitations, the Norse shutout the Broncbusters 21-0 at Robertson Field. Traveling to Hutchinson, Kansas the next week the Golden Norse crush Hutchinson Junior College, 49-6.

Rated number one by the NJCAA the Norsemen traveled to Corsicana, Texas the following week only to sustain a 31-14 loss to the eventual national champion, Navarro Bulldogs.

"It was hard playing Navarro after two Kansas schools because we had players who had not seen action yet in the starting lineup," said Wolfe.

Returning home the Golden Norsemen gained a 21-6 victory over the Apaches of Tyler, Texas.

Following an open date the Norsemen traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich., and earne a 33-19 win over the Raiders.

Continuing on the road the Golden Norse rallied for a 35-28 victory at Kilgore, Texas.

Coming back to the friendly confines c Robertson Field, the Golden Norse rolled to a 41-7 win over Trinity Valley.

Coach Wolfe became only the second coach in NEO's 70-year history to win 100 games as the Golden Norse defeated Coffeyville Community College, 20-12, at Tulsa Union High School Stadium.

Concluding the regular season at home the Golden Norse rolled to a 43-7 victory over Iowa Central.

Celebrating their 25th appearance in a post season bowl game the Golden Norsemen traveled to St. George, Utah to face Dixie College. The Rebels defeated the Norse 42-21 at NEO ended the year ranked ninth by the NJCAA with an 8-2 overall record.

All-American quarterback Jackie Hood confers with Golden Norse head coach Glen Wolfe and offensive line coach Don Hendrix during a time out. 

Defensive end Chuck Smith and linebacker Dewayne Simmons apply the "stopper" to Garden City fullback Kelly Rush after a short gain.

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"This was quite an honor for me to be selected an All-American by both the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association and the J.C. Gridwire publication."

Jackie Hood, quarterback
6-1, 187, Bixby

"All the hard work, time and effort I put in finally paid off by being selected first team All-American by the NJCAA."

Brian Bobo, offensive guard
6-2, 245, Altus

"Earning first team All-American status from the J.C. Gridwire was very exciting."

Shane May, punter
6-0, 168, Putnam City West
Defensive coordinator Dale Patterson puts the defense through their paces as storm clouds gather over Union High School Stadium in Tulsa just prior to the start of the Golden Norse-Coffeyville Red Ravens game.

Sophomore linebacker Kevin Keith (25) returns an interception as defensive tackle Johnny McKee (99) turns to block a Trinity Valley offensive lineman.

Freshman tailback Leshon Johnson (34) surveys the field while waiting for an important block.
Veteran tight end Bryant Garvin (86) makes a diving catch into the endzone for a touchdown against Trinity Valley, Texas.

All-American offensive guard Brian Bobo searches out an Iowa Central defender as the lead blocker for tailback Leshon Johnson.

Freshman Freddy Guyton (28) returns a punt for the Golden Norse as Tyler, Texas defenders Shawn Cravens (40) and Daron Montgomery (80) attempt to make the tackle.
Freshman cornerback Cleveland Phillips (12) combines with linebacker Dewayne Simmons (46) to stop Garden City tailback Derick Clark (22) after a short gain.

Cornerback Cleveland Phillips (12) jars the ball loose from Trinity Valley wide receiver Larry Gordon.
Head coach Glen Wolfe watches intently as freshman quarterback Joe Potter (28) executes a handoff to running back Leshon Johnson (20) during a practice drill.

Veteran strong safety Jason Stubbs (7) applies a tackle to his counterpart from Garden City wide receiver Aaron Harvey.

Freshman defensive end Tyrone Carrington (90) and linebacker Kevin Keith (25) do their version of the "Icky Shuffle" after stopping Coffeyville on a goal line stand.
Youth movement strikes cagers

Plagued by the jinx that invariably strikes teams that win a national championship, the 1989-90 edition of the Golden Norse basketball team got off to a rather shaky start.

"I had several people tell me over the off-season that it would be next to impossible to repeat as national champions, and after the first half of the season I really understood what they meant," said Golden Norse coach Larry Gipson.

Under Gipson's tutelage the 1988-89 Norsemen became the first junior college basketball team from the state of Oklahoma to win a National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship. The Golden Norse finished with a sparkling 36-4 overall record.

Through the first half of this season Gipson's young troops posted an 8-5 record. "We were just too young and had too many inexperienced players," Gipson said.

Although the Golden Norsemen started the season with seven sophomores, only two of those saw considerable playing time.

Returning at guard for the Golden Norse was Jack Forcine (6-3, 175, Peoria, Ill.). During his freshman season Forcine averaged two points as a full-time starter. As a sophomore he was averaging five points and five assists per game.

Sophomores Phil Luckydo (6-3, 185, North Little Rock, Ark.), Rob Jones (6-3, 170, Norman) and Tony Roach (6-4, 155, Preston). Luckydo was averaging 10 points through the early part of the year while Jones was averaging four points and Roach maintained a three-point scoring mark.

Freshman Greg Guy was one of five players averaging in double figures scoring. Guy (6-0, 175, Oak Park, Ill.) was scoring 16.2 points and five assists per game in a starting role.

Another freshmen seeing action at a guard spot for the Golden Norse was Michael Parrish (6-2, 165, Claremore).

Veteran Brian Beauford (6-5, 195, Mansfield, Ohio) was the other returnee with playing time from the national championship team. As a freshman Beauford averaged five points and three rebounds at a forward spot.

During the first part of his sophomore season Beauford was averaging 10.2 points and six rebounds per game. Beauford had also recorded six blocked shots.

Sophomore Troy Johnson (6-6, 185, Gary, Ind.) also returned from the national championship team. Johnson was averaging three points and two rebounds during the first half.

Joining Beauford along the Golden Norse front line was freshman Milton Brown (6-4, 205, Little Rock, Ark.), Jody Huffman (6-5, 180, Broken Arrow) and Tyrone Howard (6-4, 180, Peoria, Ill.).

"Uptown" Brown was averaging 14.7 points and five rebounds per game as a starter while Huffman was scoring four points and Howard averaged two points per game.

Transfer Von Bennett (6-9, 240, Stillwater) handled the duties in the post position for the Norsemen. Bennett came to NEO after one season at the University of California/Bakersfield campus.

As the bulwark in the middle Bennett had the Norsemen in rebounding with a 9.6 average while scoring 12.6 points per game. Bennett also recorded 26 blocked shots.

Providing depth at the center spot were freshmen Tony Graves (6-7, 200, Joliet, Ill.), Grayam Scott (6-9, 210, Romulus, Mich.) and Lamarr Williams (6-10, 240, Middletown, Ohio). All three were averaging two points per game in limited action.

During the first half of the season the Norsemen faced teams from Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma before beginning the conference slate.
Freshman guard Greg Guy (15) looks for an open man as Murray State's Lenny Meyers (12) applies pressure.

Guard Tony Roach (12) looks for an outlet pass against Buddy Johnson (20) and the rest of the Allen County Community College defense.

Veteran guard Rob Jones (10) puts a shot up over Eric Coates (34) of Independence, Kan.
Phil Luckydo (25) pressures Aaron Hayes (33) of Coffeyville Community College.

Greg Guy (45) drives the lane for a layup against Aaron Howard (30) of Murray State.

Von Bennett (34) shoots in the middle of the lane over the outstretched hands of Coffeyville's Maurice Benson (30).
Sophomore guard Jack Forcine (22) denies Allen County's Thatcher Decker (30) access to the basket.

Center Von Bennett (32) gets off a shot in between the swipes of Seminole defenders Darryl Reed (32) and Teddy Powell (34).

Forward Brian Beauford (44) goes up for a shot along the baseline over the outstretched arms of Seminole's Darryl Reed (32).
After guiding the Lady Norse basketball team to a second place finish in the Oklahoma state playoffs in his initial season as head coach, Randy Gipson returned with a wealth of talent and experience to start the 1989-90 campaign.

Under Gipson's tutelage in 1988-89 the Lady Norse finished in a tie with Connors State College for the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference before eventually losing to the Cowgirls in the state finals. The Lady Norse finished with a 30-4 overall record.

Through the first half of the 1989-90 season the Lady Norse posted an 11-3 record while facing teams from Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma.

“Our intent going into the season was to focus on the task of working hard,” said Gipson. “We wanted our team to develop good work ethics and learn to execute on a daily basis.”

With three starters among the five sophomores returning, the Lady Norse started the season winning seven of their first eight games.

Handling the backcourt duties for the Lady Norse were veterans Kelly Walden and Susan Ringer at guards. Walden (5-8, Rich Hill, Mo.) averaged nine points with 53 assists and 27 steals through the first half of the season while Ringer (5-6, Edmond) was sidelined after nine games for a month with a knee injury.

Seeing considerable playing time at guards were freshmen Andrea Smythe (5-9, Cincinnati, Ohio), Diane Pimpton (5-4, Webb, Miss.), Debbie Carson (5-7, Ponca City), and Katrina Edmundson (5-7, Tulsa Rogers).

Veteran Sylvia Cummings was joined at forward by sophomores Ruby Richardson and Amy Stoner. Cummings (6-0, Hollywood, Fla.) led the Lady Norse in both scoring with 12 points per game and rebounding with a career average.

Both Richardson (5-8, Chickasha) and Stoner (5-8, Fairland) saw action at forward

Three freshmen alternated at the post position for the Lady Norse. Anissa Booker (5-9, Hamilton, Ohio) shared playing time with Mary Ann Burden (6-0, St. Mary's, Ohio) and Martia McWhorter (6-0, Springfield, Ohio).

Booker averaged 10.4 points and 6.8 rebounds per game during the first half of season.

While allowing less than 53 points per game during the first half, the Lady Norse ranked sixth nationally in overall team defense.

Over the first 14 games of the season the Lady Norse offense generated an average 62 points per game.

Sophomore forward Sylvia Cummings (51) goes high in the air to attempt the block of a shot by Seminole's Dani Galbreath (23) as Diane Pimpton (15) and Debbie Carson collapse for defensive help and Kelly Walden (33) heads for the basket and a rebound. 158/Women's basketball
Second year head coach Randy Gipson kneels in front of the Lady Norse bench to impart some instructions as Kelly Walden takes a drink of water.

Members of the Lady Norse basketball team were, kneeling, from left; Sharolyn Moffatt, manager; Debbie Carson, Katrina Edmundson, Amy Stoner, Kelly Walden, Diane Pimpton and Susan Ringer. Standing, Deborah Hedgepeth, trainer; Ruby Richardson, Marta McWhorter, Anissa Booker, Sylvia Cummings, Mary Ann Burden, Andrea Smythe, and Randy Gipson, head coach.

Anissa Booker (54) fights for control of a loose ball with Seminole's Anja Heidgerken (24) and Vickie Woford (33).
Freshman guard Diane Pimpton (15) looks for an open lane to the basket against Stacey Keeler (20) of State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Mo.

Freshman center Mary Ann Burden (52) waits to make a pass inside as Jennifer Williams (42) of State Fair Community College defends.

Veteran forward Amy Stoner (44) makes a move towards the basket as Tonya Jackson (23) of State Fair Community College applies defensive pressure.
Freshman point guard Debbie Carson (14) denies Allen County Community College guard Sherry Nelson (30) an outlet pass.

Freshman center Martia McWhorter (55) puts up a shot underneath the basket as State Fair’s Elizabeth Squibb watches helplessly.

Veteran guard Kelly Walden gets “up-close and personal” while applying defensive pressure on Seminole’s Andrea Morehead.
Wrestlers reach maturity during long and competitive schedule

Youth and inexperience characterized the 1989-90 edition of the Golden Norse wrestling squad.

Coach Alan Lauchner's Golden Norsemen began pre-season workouts in September with 55 prospects participating in the conditioning drills. During the early workouts emphasis was placed on fundamentals and refining technique.

Kennard Booker, of Del City, led the list of six returning sophomores. Booker placed third in the regional tournament in the 142-weight class while finishing eighth in the NJCAA national tournament.

Also returning in the 142-weight class was returning Kurt Stephens of Sallisaw. Stephens wrestled at 134 as a freshman.

Returning in the 126-weight class was sophomore Doug Winnett of Coweta. Winnett placed fourth in the regional tournament as a freshman.

Sophomore Heath Hooper, of Coweta, returned at 134 along with Lynn Fidler, from Westville, at 150 and Reggie Hilliard, of Sand Springs at 177.

Freshmen battling for the starting nod at 118 were Alan Karstetter, of Sand Springs and Danny Deshazer, Wichita, Kan.

Challenging at 126 were freshmen Ben Loggins, Tulsa East Central, Brian Price, Pryor, and Monty Trusty, Bismark, N.D.

Freshmen candidates at 134 were Danny Brown, Mustang, and Bruce White, Tulsa East Central.

Backing up Booker at 142 was freshman Spence Davis of Kansas City, Kan.

Freshmen battling at the 150-weight class were Darrell Bowles, Comanche, Shawn Colbert, Geary, and Shawn Jones, Tulsa Webster.

Contending in the 158-pound class were freshmen Brian Burgess, Sand Springs, Shawn Dodson, Salina, and Jason Ely, Sallisaw.

Challenging at 167 were freshmen Brady Rousset, Tulsa East Central, K.C. Graves, Sallisaw, Brian Hayes, Comanche, Jim Nichols, Kingfisher, and Charles Walls, Hulbert.

Joining Hilliard at 177 were freshmen Darin Barnes, Jenks, and Doug Massie, Del City.

Freshman Robert Washington, Moore, earned the starting nod at 190.

Another freshman, Clint Gruenwald, Sperry, became eligible at semester and provided depth at heavyweight along with Bob Edison, Yukon.

"We had possibly the toughest schedule we've had in the three years I've been here," said Lauchner.

The team opened the season with an intracquad scrimmage on the first day of November at East Central High School in Tulsa. All 58 members participated in the exhibition matches.

Opening the regular season at home the Norsemen rolled to a 44-2 rout of Dodge City Community College in the NEO Fieldhouse.

"We had some outstanding individual performances at the start of the spring semester. We were able to place 16 wrestlers in the NEO Open against defending national champ Lincoln, Ill. and top-ranked Garden City," Lauchner said.

"Our good fortune continued as we were able to defeat Lincoln in a dual match. The Norsemen men after the Christmas break came with a 27-17 victory over Lincoln, Ill. in a dual match at the NEO Fieldhouse."
Sophomore Heath Hooper, of Coweta, struggles with Lincoln's Everett Myrick during a 134 match.

Veteran Shawn Colbert, from Geary, eludes a leg lock in a 150-pound match with Jim Morganstern of Dodge City, Kan.

Freshman Robert Washington, of Moore, applies a body lock to Steve Hughes of Lincoln, Ill., during a 190-pound match.
Sophomore Reggie Hillard, from Sand Springs, gets a "leg-up" on All-American Felix McLin of Lincoln, Ill. in a 177-pound match. (3)

Veteran Heath Hooper, of Coveta, works out of a predicament against Dodge City's Mark Dudney in a 134 match as referee Mark Hudson makes a call. (4)
Looking to gain the upper hand freshman Chris Francis, of Sand Springs, grabs the leg of Labette's Jim Carter during a 177-pound match.

Freshman Shawn Jones, of Tulsa Washington, battles Labette's Joe Decker during the third period of a 150-pound match.

Applying a face lock to Lincoln, Ill.'s Trevon Williams, freshman Alan Karstetter, of Sand Springs, gains the advantage during a 118-pound match.
Baseball squad featured veterans

After making only their second trip to the Junior College World Series in 28 years, coach Bill Mayberry's Golden Norse baseball squad started the 1990 campaign ranked second in a pre-season poll.

Under Mayberry's tutelage, the Norsemen advanced to the finals of the 1989 World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., before suffering a 22-4 loss to national champion San Jacinto North of Houston, Texas.

Establishing a new NEO school record for most wins in a single season, the Golden Norse finished with a 65-20 overall record. The 1989 Golden Norse also eclipsed several offensive individual and team records.

Although the 1990 edition of the Golden Norsemen returned only seven sophomores, their experience and ability provided a solid nucleus going into the spring schedule.

Three of the returning veterans anchored infield positions while the other four experienced players were pitchers.

Veteran first baseman Chris Benhardt returned to give pop to the Golden Norse offense. As a freshman, hit a lofty .414 in 251 trips to the plate. Benhardt collected 104 hits including 32 doubles and 10 home runs with 74 runs batted in. He also recorded 18 stolen bases.

Third baseman George Day also returned to the Norse lineup after batting .329 as a freshman. Day collected 86 hits in 246 at-bats including 16 doubles, one triple and four home runs. Day recorded 41 RBI and 17 stolen bases.

Returning at shortstop was veteran Jason Shirey after hitting .295 during his freshman campaign. Shirey collected 59 hits in 200 at-bats while driving in 23 runs. Shirey also stole 15 bases.

Freshmen were battling for the starting second base position were Todd Guidry, Lafayette, La.; Mitch Randle, Tulsa Union, and Donny Shelby, Midwest City.

First-year players locked in a battle for the starting catcher spot were Jay Domageaux, Lafayette, La.; Charles Dawson, Bentonville, Ark.; Andy Melson, Belleair, Fla., and Greg Rinehart, Jenks.

The Golden Norsemen started the season with all three outfield positions open. Freshmen challenging for the starting nod were Steve Henderson, McAlester; Joey Bonadio, Vanderbuilt, Penn.; Mike Chatwell, Tuttle, and Jason Spalitto, Leawood, Kan.

Anchoring the Golden Norse pitching corps were sophomores Gary Haught, Randal Parks, Heath Payne and Steve Sweeney.

Haught posted a 4-4 record with six saves while coming out of the bullpen as a freshman. Through 62 innings of work Haught posted a 3.16 earned run average with 35 walks and 53 strike outs.

Parks started seven games as a freshman while posting a 6-1 overall record. In 46 innings of work, Parks recorded a 3.50 ERA while allowing only 13 walks and recording 40 strikeouts.

Payne served as the bulwark of the Golden Norse relief staff as a freshman by appearing in 21 games as a reliever. Payne finished with a 4-6 record including four saves. In more than 37 innings of work Payne posted a 3.94 earned run average with 14 base on balls and 31 strikeouts.

Sweeney appeared in three games as a starter and eight as a reliever during his freshman season. Sweeney worked 19 innings while compiling a 1-2 record with one save.

"We should have good pop at the bat and solid defense all the way around," said Mayberry. "If we have a deficiency, it would be in our young, inexperienced pitching staff."
Lefthanded hitter Chris Benhardt connects at the plate on a pitch down the middle thrown by a Crowder Community College pitcher. Benhardt, a first baseman, was one of seven sophomores returning to the Golden Norsemen.

Righthander Randy Parks comes off the mound at Homa Thomas Field in the fourth inning of a fall scrimmage game. Parks was one of four pitchers returning from the team which finished second in the Junior College World Series.

Members of the Golden Norse baseball squad pause during a fall workout for a team photo. The Norsemen opened the 1990 campaign with a 25-man roster set to play approximately 75 games during the spring at Homa Thomas Field.

Taking a break after practice to consume dinner were, from left: Kurt Weese, Midwest City; Clint Allford, McAlester; Chad Marion, Neosho, Mo.; Shawn Cook, Quapaw, and Jason Spalitto, Leawood, Kan.
Veteran righthander Randall Parks reaches back for something extra in the first inning of a game against Westark Community College.

Catcher Greg Rinehart puts the tag on the runner at the plate during a home game.
Sophomore Jason Spalitto (10) tries to beat the tag of Fort Scott Community College shortstop Chris Thomas during a game with the Greyhounds at Homa Thomas Field.

Veteran shortstop George Day (6) takes a healthy cut at the plate as sophomore Chris Benhardt (25) waits his turn from the on-deck circle.

Third baseman Jason Shirey pounds his glove and awaits another chance at the hot corner for the Golden Norse. Shirey was one of three returning veterans along the Golden Norse infield.
Six returning sophomores along with two transfers provided a solid nucleus for second-year head coach Woody Morrow as the Lady Norse opened the 1990 campaign in late February.

During Morrow’s first year at the Lady Norse helm the team posted a 45-13 overall record while finishing runners-up in the Region II tournament.

With a squad equally split between freshmen and sophomores the Lady Norse compiled a 25-6 during the fall portion of the schedule.

Heading the list of returning veterans for the Lady Norse was third baseman Shellie Dalton of Broken Arrow. Dalton was All-Conference, All-Region II and All-American honorable mention as a freshman. She hit .372 while ranking seventh in the nation with 55 runs batted in.

Returning at first base was sophomore Sandi Goodner of Henryetta. During her freshman campaign Gooder hit .304 with 26 RBI.

Veteran Sheryl Clark of Pocola returned as the designated hitter. Clark hit .304 with 17 RBI as a freshman.

Sophomore Kerry Richison of Pocola returned to bolster the outfield. Richison hit .200 in limited action as a freshman.

Two All-Region players handled the mound duties for the Lady Norse. Veteran Carl Dawson of Preston finished with a 21-7 record and an 0.87 earned run average. Dawson recorded 112 strikeouts and 35 walks.

Sophomore Angie Hadley of Ponca City compiled a 22-6 overall record as a freshman. Hadley recorded 103 strikeouts and an 0.74 ERA.

Sophomore Brandi Rogers sat out this season because of medical reasons and will compete next year.

Joining the Lady Norse after one season at Oklahoma City University were veterans Renee Cline of Ponca City and Diane Vives of Bartlesville. Cline batted .364 with 17 RBI while playing centerfield at OCU. Vives hit .322 with 14 RBI at second base.

Freshmen challenging for starting positions were Jane Bates, Miami, first base; Amy J. Arnold, Collinsville, second base; Deyo Carson, Ponca City, shortstop; Robin Chafin, Ardmore, third base; Katrina Marshall, Broken Arrow, shortstop; LaDonna Miller, Chotaw, catcher; Shawna Brown, Perkins, catcher; Dee Dee Thomas, Salina, outfield; and Carey Ward, Edmond, outfield.

Freshmen prospects in the pitching department were Marcie Boyd, Sand Springs and Sheree Rader, Edmond.

After opening the season with a tripleheader against Oklahoma State University the Lady Norse host teams from Crowder, Mo., Connors State, Bacone, Northern Iowa, Trenton Mo., Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State University.
Transfer Renee Cline of Ponca City circles under a fly ball in centerfield during a fall scrimmage game. Cline joined the Lady Norse after playing at Oklahoma City University as a freshman.

Warming up before the start of a fall scrimmage game are Lady Norse sophomore pitchers Carol Dawson (II) of Preston and Angie Hadley of Ponca City. Both players were starters as freshmen.
Freshman shortstop Katrina Marshall (6) of Broken Arrow backs up Lady Norse third baseman Shelby Dalton of Broken Arrow on a routine ground ball.

Sophomore first baseman Sandy Goodner of Henryetta prepares to make the play close to the bag.

Veteran pitcher Carol Dawson of Preston comes through a wind-up on a pitch to the plate. Dawson posted a 21-7 record as a freshman.
Members of the Lady Norse squad were, bottom row, from left; Robin Chaffin, Sheree Rader, Amy Jo Arnold, Shawna Brown and Sheryl Clark.  Middle row, Kerry Richison, Angie Hadley, Diane Vives, Brandi Rogers, Renee Cline and Katrina Marshall. Top row, coach Woody Morrow, June Bates, LaDonna Miller, Shelly Dalton, Sandy Goodner, Dee Dee Thomas, Carol Dawson and Carey Ward.

Warming up between innings are second baseman Diane Vives of Bartlesville and first baseman Sandy Goodner.
Patty Avila set pace for harriers

First year head coach Chuck Levo started the cross-country season built around All-American distance runner Patty Avila for the Lady Norse and freshman Jason Riddle for the Golden Norsemen.

Avila, from El Paso, Texas, earned first team All-American honors by finishing second in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association national meet at Overland Park, Kan. She turned in a time of 17:37.

The Lady Norse finished fifth in cross country team standings with 158 points. Ricks, Idaho won the meet with 67 points.

Freshman Lavesha Martin of Okmulgee finished 12th to earned second team honors.

Other members of the Lady Norse cross country team were Tisa Williams, Kansas City, Mo.; Francene Woods, Loraine, Ohio; Shawna Charley, Noble, and Erica Guthery, Guthrie.

Riddle, of Carl Junction, Mo., finished 49th for the best placing in the national meet.

Other members of the Golden Norse cross country team were Skeet Bemo, Sapulpa; Jon Wilks, Carl Junction, Mo.; Ron McKinney, Bolivar, Mo.; Scott Windowski and Jeff Martin, both of Jenks, and Chris Armstrong, Norman.

Indoor track

Starting the indoor season late in January both teams contained several top freshmen prospects.

The Golden Norse received some assistance from the football program in the persons of freshman sprinter Jerry Biggers of Ardmore and veteran speedster Darryl Morgan of Kansas City, Kan.

Other top members of the Golden Norse squad included Johnny Jackson, Tulsa; Ike Talton, Duncan; Toby Lee, Grandview, Mo.; Brian Fleak, Claremore; Donell Braxton, Sulphur, La., and Derwin Norwood, Enid.

Some outstanding performers for the Lady Norse were Yvette Smiley, Detroit, Mich.; Ebony Smith, Midwest City; Carmen Irving and Mirakal Simmons, both of Oklahoma City; Cheryl Pouncil, Grandview, Mo., and Bridget Davis, Madill.

Sophomore long distance runner Patty Avila warms up prior to the start of a cross country meet on campus. Avila, from El Paso, Texas, earned All-American honors by placing second in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association National tournament in Overland Park, Kan.
Four freshmen members of the Golden Norse cross country team run laps around Robertson Field during a practice session. Participating in the workout is, from left; Jon Wilks, Carl Junction, Mo.; Mike Allen, McAlester; Jason Riddle, Carl Junction, Mo., and Ron McKinney, Bolivar, Mo.

Working on coming out of the blocks are, from left; Yvette Smiley, Detroit, Mich.; Bridget Davis, Madill, and Ver- na Howard, Chicago, Ill. Providing assistance are, Ebony Smith, Midwest City; Carmen Irving, Oklahoma City and Toby Lee, Grandview, Mo.
Once the outdoor season began, both the Golden Norse track squad and the Lady Norse track team were rounding into shape for coach Levo.

After sending at least 19 qualifiers to the National indoor meet, both teams entered the outdoor season with a full complement of performers.

Even though Avila missed the National indoor meet with knee problems she participated during the outdoor season in the 1,500-meter run.

Joining Avila on the Lady Norse squad were freshmen Yvette Smiley in the 100 and 200-meter dashes; Yolanda Whitfield of Spiro in the 110 low hurdles and 400 intermediate hurdles; Bridget Davis of Madill in the 400-meter dash, and Ebony Smith in the 3,200-meter and mile relay.

Others expected to contribute to the Lady Norse cause were Shawna Charley, Noble; Bridget Davis, Madill, and Erica Guthery, Bethany.

“We developed a width and depth with the men's program, so we could afford to lose somebody. We didn't have that luxury with the women,” said Levo.

Starting the outdoor season with a 25-man roster, the strength of the team were in the sprints and field events.

Darryl Morgan headed the list of returning sophomores. Morgan was expected to score in the hurdles and 100 and 200-meter dashes.

Freshman John Jackson was expected to do well in the triple jump and the long jump as well as the high jump.

Former football player Lance Worsham was expected to contribute in the shot put and discus events.

Handling the pole vaulting chores were freshmen Brian Fleak and Richard Maples both of Pryor.

Competing in the middle and long distance runs were freshmen Skeet Bemo, Ron McKinney, James Riddle, Jon Wilks and Mike Allen.

Sprinters for the Golden Norse were Jerry Biggers, Tim Chambers, Shawn Robinson and Tom Pearson.

Freshmen Bridget Davis (left), of Madill, and Verri Howard, of Chicago, Ill., adjust their blocks and work on coming out at the start during a practice session.

Robertson Field.

Working on loosening up before going all out sophomore David Gordon of Broken Bow completes a warmup lap.
Nearing the end of his run freshman David Fleak of Pryor gets ready to complete a vault.

Freshman Yolanda Whitfield of Spiro raises her knees high to clear a low hurdle.

Getting a good start out of the blocks is freshman Verna Howard of Chicago, Ill., as freshman Carmen Irving of Oklahoma City Star Spencer waits her turn.

Freshman Ron McKinney of Bolivar, Mo., completes a lap while practicing for the mile run.
Youth dominates golf

Following their initial season of intercollegiate competition in which four members qualified for the national tournament, second year golf coach Bob Paul started the season with basically a freshman group.

Starting the fall campaign with II prospects the Golden Norse had only one returning sophomore.

Veteran Richie Lillard of Miami was the lone returnee from the initial campaign. Lillard made a trip to the national tournament as a freshman after shooting a 166 in the Region II tournament at Fort Smith, Ark.

"We're a very young, talented team," said coach Bob Paul. "Once we get into competition and realize we can compete with four year institutions, we should be a very good team," Paul said.

The Golden Norse opened the fall season on a rather auspicious note by losing in sudden death and on a scorecard call.

NEO placed third in the Missouri Southern Fall Invitational at Twin Hills Golf and Country Club in Joplin, Mo. The Norsemen ended regulation play tied with the University of Missouri-Kansas City with 306 scores. UMKC won on the scorecard and was awarded second place while the Norse placed third behind Northeastern State.

Freshmen prospects on the team were Dickie Scott, Catoosa; Tom Elder, Owasso; Eric Davis, Tulsa; Derek Coffman, Ardmore; James Beemer, Bedford, Iowa; Bobby Hooper, Tulsa, and David Jones, Catoosa.

Other freshmen team members included Brian Talley, Ryan Craig and Bruce Laing, all of Tulsa.

Scott finished third in the Pittsburg State Invitational during the fall with a score of 78. Elder placed fifth in the tournament with a 79.

Host Pittsburg State edged the Golden Norsemen by one stroke at 318 to 319 for the tournament championship.

"We thought we had that one won. We just needed one putt," said Paul. "They did really well during the fall for such a bunch of green kids. It became a real chore to pick who would make the trips each time."

Sophomore Rich Lillard of Miami tees off on number one green at Miami Golf and Country Club. Lillard was the lone returning letterman at the start of the fall season for the Norsemen.

Letting fly with a wedge shot out of a sand trap, freshman Eric Davis of Tulsa concentrates on the flight of the ball. Davis was one of 10 freshmen prospects.
Taking dead aim at the hole is freshman Bruce Laing of Tulsa as freshman Ryan Craig, also of Tulsa, tends the flag stick.

Members of the Golden Norse golf team were, from left: Bruce Laing, James Beemer, Bobby Hooper, Eric Davis, Brian Talley, David Jones, Ryan Craig, Rich Lillard, coach Bob Paul, Dickie Scott, Derrick Coffman and Tom Elder.

Freshmen James Beemer (left), of Bedford, Iowa, and David Jones, of Catoosa, start up number 10 fairway at Miami Golf and Country Club after hitting their tee shots.
Veterans lead rodeo team

Entering the spring portion of the schedule coach Lawson Essex's rodeo team featured a nucleus of experienced sophomores.

Heading the list of Lady Norse returnees were veterans Jill Lowe and Jayna Marten. During her freshman season Lowe, from Fontana, Kan., captured the Central Plains Regional barrel racing championship while representing NEO in the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. Lowe also competed in goat tying and break-away roping for the Lady Norse.

Marten, from Scranton, Kan., competed in break-away roping, barrel racing and goat tying. During the fall portion of the schedule Marten and Lowe were tied for sixth place in the Central Plains Region.

Jeannie Straw, of Lenapah, returned to compete in break-away roping, goat tying and barrel racing.

Freshmen members of the Lady Norse team included Lisa Ackerson, Stanford, Ill., as a break-away roper and barrel racer; Katie Gallentine, Pryor, barrel racing and break-away roping; Julie Hale, Vinita, barrel racing, break-away roping and goat tying; Patty Colston, Pryor, break-away roping and barrel racing, and Laura Riddle, Bluejacket, barrel racing, goat tying and break-away roping.

Three women were selected to compete each rodeo as members of the Lady Norse team while six men represented the Golden Norsemen. Individuals could compete in the NIRA sanctioned rodeos as individuals if they were not selected as team members.

Leading the Golden Norse rodeo team was sophomore Dusty Whitehead of Seneca, Mo.

Freshmen members of the team included Jimmy Ted King, Wann; Axel Sanders, Owasso; Gannon Quimby, Drumright; Bill Scott, Broken Arrow; Eric Lucas, Bluejacket; Kodie Carleson, White Oak, and Todd Dawes, Owasso.

Entering the spring portion of the schedule King led the Central Plains Region in steer wrestling with 155 total points.

Founded in 1949 the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association has grown from the initial 13 colleges to include more than 200 colleges and universities. The NIRA has a membership of more than 3,000 individual college students. Each year the NIRA hosts the National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. which draws approximately 1,500 competitors.
Dusty Whitehead, a sophomore from Seneca, Mo., tries to bring down a calf during a practice session at the college farm.

Coming close on the inside of a barrel is freshman Julie Hale of Vinita during an NIRA sanctioned rodeo at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva.

Getting out of the practice pen in a hurry is sophomore Jayna Marten of Scranton, Kan. Marten also participated in goat tying and barrel racing for the Lady Norse.
Intramurals offered variety of sports

For all the frustrated athletes that came out of high school and didn't pursue varsity careers, there was an alternative! Yes, there was a way for those students that were either too busy, too short, too slow, or just plain to lazy to go through the rigors of an organized athletic regimen.

The alternative to becoming a couch potato was plain, simple and free. Intramural sports was the answer.

While the program featured a wide variety of team sporting activities such as flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball and bowling, the individual's needs were met by such sports as pool, golf, foosball, horseshoe pitching and cards.

Director Connie Molder and her staff attempted to offer activities that would appeal to the residents and commuters alike by keeping the games simple and plain.

As for the free aspect of the intramural program, they weren't actually free. These activities fell under the vail of the elusive "student activity fee" which was attached to every students tuition bill.

Not only did this fee cover intramural activities, but it also allowed the student to get into such activities as football games, basketball games, plays, and other activities held on campus free of charge.

Long a part of the storied history of this institution the intramural program was organized in the late 1950's to supplement the intercollegiate sports program. Since it's humble beginnings the program has expanded from the original seven sports to include approximately 20 activities created for both men and women.

Participation in these organized events often generated intense rivalries. Many students played for the exercise, some to relieve tension, and then there were those die-hard athletes that were out for blood.

Most of the competitive spirit came into focus during the playoffs. That was the time that students could be heard discussing which team might win, or who was going to be who.

In spite of the intense competitive nature of the intramural activities, few alterations actually took place. On the contrary, most of the events were well officiated and well played which was a credit to both the intramural student staff and the participants as well as the fans.

These activities proved to be an excellent way for students to take a break, no matter how brief, from the stress and strain of the college routine.

Whether you were a participant or just a fan, you could have a lot of fun attending an intramural activity. Most teams or individuals had their groupies who would come out and give their support.

This type of comradery made intramural sports the most popular non-scholastic activity on campus because it appealed to a cross section of the student body.

The good times and the competitive spirit generated by intramurals provided students with an excellent opportunity to avoid studying and at the same time meet new friends.
Freshman Monty Woody of Okmulgee goes high above the net to reject a shot during an out-door volleyball contest. Not only were out-door volleyball games common place between the dorms in the fall and spring, but games were played in the intramural gym during the winter.

Action got hot and heavy during the intramural basketball season which started at the beginning of the second semester and continued through the end of February. Games were played in the intramural gym.
...And still going strong

By Reginald Lewis

At times it seemed as if the year would never end. When it finally did, many students were surprised about how quickly time had passed.

Instead of going into dorm rooms or apartments and trying to cram their material things into their allotted boxes, students were gathering up nine months of memories. This procedure didn't take into account all the lasting friendships that were made over the school year.

Many were moving their things back home for the summer while others were finding someone or some place to store their belongings.

Without class work to occupy their time during the summer, many students worked at jobs or internships, gaining valuable experience for their careers.

Many graduates were preparing to enter another college or university.

While others sent out resumes with cover letters to prospective employers, searching for the perfect job.

Many students started classes in August hesitant and unsure of exactly where they belonged on campus.

However, by finals week, nearly everyone had found a niche where they felt comfortable.

The niche may have involved planning a date with that someone special or serving as a representative of the Student Body Government.

There was a place for each student, no matter what his or her interest was on campus.

Some notable accomplishments around campus that deserved mentioning were those of the Norse football team. They finished ninth in the nation.

Quarterback Jackie Hood's individual performance of breaking the single-season passing yardage record was unique.

Both the Golden Norse and the Lady Norse basketball teams advanced to the Oklahoma state tournament for the 10th year in a row.

Seven members of the Norse wrestling team competed in national tournament in February.

They were sophomores Kenard Booker, Heath Hooper and Alan Karstetter. Freshmen Shawn Colbert, Clint Gruenwald, Brady Rousset and Robert Washington.

Many changes were made in the constitution of the student senate, now known as the Student Body Government.

The most important change was the name change.

Students of the senate felt that they represented the entire student body, and decided that the new name better suited their function.

A few new clubs and organizations were added on campus.

Non-traditional students 21 years or older made up 40 percent of the student body.

Students formed the Older Wiser Learning Students to help them cope with family life and college.

In national news, the major topic starting the 90's was the improvement of the environment.

Many people were getting involved in saving the rain forest in South America, and helping prevent less destruction to the earth's O-Zone layer.

The year was many things to many people. For some it was a year of good times with friends, and others it was a year of stress and tons of homework.

As you look back at 1989-90 and this book, the VIKING staff hopes you find that memory you are looking for.

We tried to show you how the tradition of the college was still going strong.

In a couple of years when someone asks you about this college, hopefully you will able to get out your copy of the 1990 VIKING and show them the memory of NEO is still going strong.
Part of the student crowd in the NEO Fieldhouse reacts to a cheer by the Golden Norse cheerleading squad during the Lady Norse-Connors State basketball game.

Four freshmen students taking a break on the steps of the Dayle Creech Library-Administration building were Doug Massie, Midwest City, Gayla Chandler, Grove, Brian Price, Pryor, and Dina Goins, Fairland.
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