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Ultimate refers to more than just the greatest possible maximum attainable. At NEO, ultimate means that the people and facilities that go together to comprise this institution have created the best junior college in the country.
One of the many factors that combine to make an education at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College a truly Ultimate experience is that NEO is the only junior college in the great state of Oklahoma that plays football. Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band along with the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team entertain at Robertson Field.
Contributing to the atmosphere that surrounded the 1991-92 school year at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College were the many and varied experiences that made being a Norseman a lifelong endeavor. From the moment that a person moved into the dorm and away from the security of mom and dad, to the time that they got actively involved in classes and extra-curricular activities, the adage “Once a Norseman-Always a Norseman” began to take shape.

Even before the start of regular classes toward the end of August, members of various groups began to flock to campus. More than 160 prospective football players showed up to participate in three-a-day pre-season drills.

Then girls galore ascended on campus as prospective members of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team attempted to become a part of this nationally-renowned group.

Members of other organizations such as the Golden Norse Marching Band and the Norse Wind student newspaper checked into the residence halls to begin preparing for a challenging school year.

Once students from these various groups along with proctors for the different dorms got settled into their rooms, everyone spent several days and weeks meeting new people and making new friends.

One of the biggest adjustments I had to make when I first got here was getting used to a roommate,” said Kurt Anderson, a freshman from Drumright.

Adjusting to living with strangers was but one of the changes people faced once they became a member of the NEO family.

Another major adjustment was getting into the swing of going to classes and in most cases even having to change buildings after every class. But the fact that the campus is so compact made going from class to class a less strenuous experience.
The statue of the Viking god Odin glistens in the sun on his pedestal just off the northeast corner of the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building.

Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band are put through their paces during a practice session on Robertson Field.

Charlie Clemons (left), a sophomore from Griffin, Ga., and Jamie Henry, a sophomore from Alcoa, Tenn., set on the side of the fountain between the Fine Arts Center and the Library/Administration building during a break between classes.

Students line the sidewalks in from of Copen Hall while making their way either to another class or back to the dorm for a quick cat-nap.
Malissa Costanza, a freshman from Okmulgee, listens intently as Eddie Shockley, a sophomore from Springdale, Ark., talks about classes while reclined on a couch in the Harrill/Dobson lounge area.

Sitting on a bench outside the Library/Administration building waiting to check out the female population were, from left; Virgil Herrington, a sophomore from Statesboro, Ga.; Johnny Jones, a freshman from Conyers, Ga.; Greg Tremble, a sophomore from Warner Robbins, Ga., and Rick Schisser, a freshman from Edmond.

Several guys lineup along the chimes tower pool and soak up some sun while carrying on conversations with passersby on their way to class.

One of the more popular early activities that made socializing a lot easier was the all-college cookout staged in the mall area between Shipley Hall and the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.
Once classes got underway and everyone appeared to settle into a routine, the lazy days of summer gave way to autumn.

While campus trees and shrubberies began to lose their color, young men’s fancies turned to young women and vice-versa. One of the rites of passage on the NEO campus was meeting new friends and developing life-long relationships.

These per-chance meetings occurred in some of the most unsuspecting places. Whether you happened to be standing in line at the cafeteria and your head was turned by some pretty little thing of the opposite sex, or you just happened to be sitting at one of the “cement ponds” located along the mall, “true love” could be just around the corner.

Many future husbands and wives were brought together because of a chance encounter on campus.

But if lasting relationships weren’t what you were into, there were also many countless hours lost as roommates or friends just sat around and “dis” about the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

I had a great time meeting people, especially girls. Everytime I turned around there was someone new and exciting,” said David McDaniel, a sophomore from Park Hill.

Helping make the transition away from childhood friends and family somewhat easier were the various dances, campus-wide cookouts and special activities like Homecoming, Family Day and the Children’s Christmas party.

These functions provided an opportunity for students from different social and economic backgrounds to come together and get to know each other.
By Jennifer Brake

Students were treated to their first real taste of the Golden Norse mystic as buildings across campus were adorned with banners and other paraphernalia to usher in homecoming activities in late September.

Much like the elves that came in the middle of the night to build the shoes for the old cobbler and his wife, these decorations appeared from nowhere in most instances. The degree of creating such a variety of bright, decorative attire for the buildings was quite evident as there seemed to be more decorating going on in buildings than in floats.

The college bookstore was almost depleted of crepe paper, colored markers, and poster board before the barrage of signs was completed.

Wow, all those decorations were neat and made it fun to go to class,” said Cheryl Michel, a sophomore from Jenks.

Members of the electronics club won first place in the judging of buildings. Located on the second floor of Ables Hall, the decoration consisted of a huddle of mannequins dressed in Golden Norsemen football uniforms. The club received a $50 cash prize.

The Native American Student Association finished second in the tabulation with their creative decorations in the Music Hall. The organization had set up a teepee and called for the Golden Norse to scalp the Apaches.

Some other buildings which featured colorful decorations were the student union, Shipley Hall, Cunningham Hall, Copen Hall, the Library/Administration building, the Fine Arts Center and all of the residence halls.
"Who Let the Dawgs Out" was the battle cry of the residents in Vann Hall according to their long banner outside the dorm.

Pizza circles and blue and gold streamers were put up in Shipley Hall by members of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor fraternity.

Students were treated to a "blue balloon bouquet" in the center of the snack bar area of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

A blue and gold banner was part of the decorations created by the Home Economics department in Copen Hall.
Master of ceremonies John "Animal" Butler, a sophomore from Idabel, confers with his assistant Jennifer Russow, a sophomore from Gravette, Ark., during the queen pageant.

Thinking about her answer during the interview portion of the pageant is Biology Club contestant Jennifer Clemons, a sophomore from Quapaw.

Queen contestant Jennifer Clemons, a sophomore from Quapaw, distributes free tickets as a member of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad to the NEO-Tyler football game to Miami grade school children.

Posing for the judges following the interview portion of the pageant were, front row, from left, Jennifer Clemons, sophomore, Quapaw and Lori Campbell, sophomore, Tulsa. Back row, Malissa Costanza, sophomore, Okmulgee; Gina Gelso, freshman, Miami, and Lisa Eberle, freshman, Jay.
Activities for the 32 homecoming queen contestants got underway with a reception on Tuesday of Homecoming Week, Sept. 23-28, in the faculty lounge of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Contestants got their first look at the judges during a luncheon on Thursday in the union. Serving as judges for the contest were Kay Robinson, Virginia Crossland and Francis Schooley.

Following the luncheon the girls were interviewed by the judges. The interview process enabled the judges to start formulating an opinion.

Prior to the annual queen pageant, the contestants were introduced to a crowd attending the pep rally and cookout held in the mall area between Shipley Hall and the student union.

Competition in the annual queen pageant in the Fine Arts Center auditorium was held Thursday night. Criteria used by the judges for the contest were poise, personality, response to their individual question, and personal appearance. Approximately 300 students, family and friends attended the two-hour pageant.

During the pageant the contestants were asked to respond to a philosophical question.

"I was a little nervous going into the pageant, but after a while the jitters went away," said Jennifer Clemons, a sophomore from Quapaw.

Following the pageant, the contestants were introduced to the city of Miami by participating in the traditional homecoming parade down main street Saturday afternoon.

Most of the contestants rode in cars provided by local automobile dealerships or personally-owned.

Announcement of the 1991 Homecoming Queen and her court was made during halftime of the Golden Norse-Tyler, Texas football game.
By Jennifer Brake

Featuring more than 60 individual entries, the 1991 edition of the homecoming parade kicked off at 3 p.m. on the south end of Miami’s Main Street on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Built around the theme of What It Means To Be A Norseman, the parade began with Carey Casey, National Urban Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, Mo., serving a Grand Marshall. Casey, a 1975 graduate of NEO, was selected “Outstanding Alumni” for his work in the FCA and his continued support of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Casey played two years as a tailback for the Golden Norsemen gaining more than 700 yards rushing.

This was a great honor for myself and my family. It was good to get back and visit with my many friends in Miami,” said Casey.

Contained within the parade route were seven floats, eight area high school marching bands and several local grade school marching units.

Top float honors went to Russell Hall dorm which featured the Norse god Odin along with an athlete Jerry Young, a sophomore from Tulsa Union, and queen candidate Yvette Ridenour, a freshman from Shawnee. Russell Hall was awarded a $100 cash prize by the NEO Alumni Association.

The Biology Club float was judged second while the Native American Student Association float finished third. The Biology Club received $75 cash for second and NASA received $50 for third.

Most of the queen candidates rode in convertibles.

The parade also featured a large semi-tractor truck pulling a long trailer which contained athletes from the six sports at NEO.
Winning first place in the float competition during the homecoming parade was Russell Hall’s entry which featured Viking god Odin, wrestler Jerry Young, of Tulsa Union, and queen candidate Yvette Ridenour, a sophomore from Skiatook.

Placing second in the float competition was the Biology Club as biologist Justin Brown, a sophomore from Miami, studies some specimens.

Members of the OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Students) wave to the crowd as their float passes in review.

Homecoming queen candidate Andrea Bertalotto, a sophomore from Miami, acknowledges the crowd from a car driven by her escort Wade Walls, a sophomore from Miami.
Former NEO student Shelva (Wade) Mitchell, an instructor at Miami High School, delivers a stirring version of the National Anthem prior to the kickoff of the Golden Norse-Tyler, Texas homecoming game.

Queen Andrea Bertalotto expresses complete surprise at her selection as 1991 homecoming queen as escort Wade Walls, a sophomore from Miami, and candidate Yvette Ridenour, a sophomore from Skiatook, and her escort Jerry Young, a sophomore from Tulsa, look on.

Members of the homecoming royalty were, from left: Tonya Johnson, sophomore, Stillwater, third runner-up; Gretchen Kerbs, sophomore, Bartlesville, Miss Norse Spirit; Andrea Bertalotto, sophomore, Miami, queen; Sheila Smith, sophomore, Tulsa, first runner-up, and Dana Selby, sophomore, Elk City, second runner-up.

Student Body Government secretary Nicole Phillips, a sophomore from Owasso, hands queen Andrea Bertalotto a plaque recognizing her accomplishments.
By Pam Kenney
Managing Editor

A dream come true is how sophomore Andrea Bertalotto reacted after being selected 1991 homecoming queen during halftime of the NEO-Tyler football game.

Bertalotto, a pre-optometry major from Miami, was named from a field of 32 candidates.

“It was a big honor for me to be chosen to represent NEO knowing that there is a lot of tradition here and I want to represent it well,” said Bertalotto.

“I didn’t think I would have a chance to win because nothing like this has ever happened to me before,” said Bertalotto.

Last year, Bertalotto was the second runner-up in the homecoming queen pageant.

“I knew a little more of what was going on this year so I felt more comfortable,” Bertalotto said.

Bertalotto and the other candidates had to go through a busy week of luncheons, rehearsals, and interviews.

Bertalotto had a little more to do however, she is a member of the Golden Norse cheerleading squad.

“Friday night, I had to cheer at the pep rally before being introduced to the student body,” said Bertalotto.

Before getting ready for her busy Saturday, Bertalotto had to work for her parent’s business. She averages working three hours a day at Jim’s Butcher Shoppe.

“I had to work three hours at my parents business and then had to rush home and get ready,” Bertalotto said.
By Erica Major

After all the commotion of homecoming and other activities died down, more than 900 students could return to the sanctity of their dorm room for some quality “rec” time.

Housing facilities included two female dormitories and five male dorms. The Harrill/Dobson Hall housed 281 females while 528 males were housed in five dorms.

Along with offering housing for more than 800 students, the college also provided an honors housing facility which contained 19 students while the married student housing complex featured 90 percent occupancy in 47 apartments.

Renovation has become a continuous process in the residence halls and apartments. During the summer of 1991 the college moved all of the female population to the Harrill/Dobson facility from Vann Hall. The college also installed a state-of-the-art security system in Harrill/Dobson to create a safe, secure atmosphere.

“"We also renovated the lobby of Vann Hall over the summer to create more of a homey atmosphere," said Connie Molder, housing director.

“We also hired a night clerk to monitor the desk as an added security factor,” Molder said.

The college also put a lot of money into bright paints. “We tried to make the visiting areas in the dorms more bright and colorful,” said Molder.

Renovation will continue next summer as the college tackles Russell Hall.

“We’re in a continuous process of renovating and upgrading our housing facilities to offer students a place that they can enjoy living in,” Molder said.
Getting ready in her dorm room to step out on the town was sophomore Carrie Gossett of Minco.

Tara Davidson, a sophomore from Jay, monopolizes the phone on second floor of Dobson Hall dormitory.

Checking out the latest fashions while getting a little rest on her bed is freshman Toni Durham of Seneca, Mo.

Working hard to finish a government assignment is freshman Gretchen Foreman of Decatur, Ark.
Captain Keller played by John Henderson (left), a sophomore from Wilson, listens intently as his wife Kate Keller, played by Cheryl Michel, a sophomore from Jenks, and his daughter Helen, played by Wendi Murdock, a sophomore from Tulsa, along with teacher Annie Sullivan, played by Jenna Lefevre, a freshman from Monroe, Wis., present a scene from *The Miracle Worker* which was the first production of the year.

Cheryl Michel and Jenna Lefevre rehearse their lines during the production of *The Miracle Worker*.

Helen Keller, portrayed by Wendi Murdock, a sophomore from Tulsa, struggles to draw water during a scene from *The Miracle Worker*.

Teacher Anne Sullivan, portrayed by Jenna Lefevre, a freshman from Monroe, Wis., offers comfort to Kate Keller, played by Cheryl Michel, a sophomore from Jenks.
By Holli McMillian
Executive Managing Editor

The Miracle Worker is a stirring dramatization of the true story of Helen Keller.

It tells the courageous story of a young woman, blind and mute from birth, who is finally rescued from a dark, tortured silence by Annie Sullivan, her very determined tutor-companion-friend.

In the fall of 1959, The Miracle Worker made its New York debut, the faith of the writer-producer-director team in the box-office potency of the Helen Keller story was amply justified.

A motion picture was eventually made with Anne Bancroft and the amazing young actress, Patty Duke, recreating their Broadway starring roles, which duplicated the success and prestige of the stage version.

In the relatively short time since rights were released for amateur production, The Miracle Worker has swiftly assumed a place among the most popular plays in the repertoire of the non-professional theatre.

"A beautiful play...a loving and lovely play...It tells a simple but deeply stirring story about a young woman who is hired to take care of a child who cannot hear, see or speak--a girl who is buried alive within her small self," said John Chapman, New York Daily News.

"This was a great chance for me to get involved in the field of drama after working in summer theatre," said Jenna Lefevre, a freshman from Monroe, Wis. who played Anne Sullivan.

The drama was presented Oct. 10, 11, and 13. For the benefit of the student body, Student Night was held on Wednesday, Oct. 9 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Students were admitted free with valid college identification card.
College life wasn't just listening to lectures, climbing endless flights of stairs to a class on the third floor of Shipley Hall, or waiting in numerous lines to check on your grades or financial aid.

It was leaving campus on Wednesday night to visit Fatty's, Character's or Hollywood's in Pittsburg, Kan., or getting together with a group of friends for a late-night game of hoops in the intramural gym.

Still other students found solitude between classes by either going to the post office in the basement of the Library/Administration building or crashing over in the snack bar area of "The Pit" or the Student Union.

Student's lives were not all centered around going to class and getting an education. Socializing was something for which some students found little time and others found too much time.

Another activity that a lot of students took advantage of was late-night trips to the pool room in the Student Union for either a friendly game of pool or exploring the world of various video machines.

Others involved themselves in a wide and varied intramural sports program which helped fill afternoons and evenings.

Sometimes things got a little carried away in our flag football games," said Arlo Griggs, a freshman from Cushing.

From time to time various campus clubs and organizations would schedule dances. One such activity took place on Halloween in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union ballroom.

For those students that sought spiritual guidance, the Baptist Student Union offered noon-day services while the Wesley Foundation/Norse Campus Ministry and Collegiates For Christ also featured numerous activities designed to meet individual needs.
Taking a break from searching for new victims during the Halloween dance are Jared Tilley, a freshman from Inola, and Amy Lee, a freshman from Sand Springs.

All dressed up with no place to go were, from left, kneeling: Steven Hoyt, freshman, Grove; Carrie Meikle, sophomore, Grove; and Cheryl Michel, sophomore, Jenks. Standing, Jared Tilley, freshman, Inola; Matthew Beese, sophomore, Miami; Wendi Murdock, sophomore, Tulsa; and Jason Miller, freshman, Miami.

Making sure they are ready to enter the dance are, from left; William Rogers, freshman, McCoud; John Henderson, sophomore, Wilson; Kristal Hillhouse, freshman, Blackwell; and Terry Henderson, sophomore, Fort Gibson.

Vernon Hughes (left), a sophomore from Miami, lays down some hot licks on his steel guitar in the lobby of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union before entering the ballroom for a dance.
Red Cross technician Rebecca Davis checks with a monitor as Delisa Anderson, a freshman from Miami, awaits as blood is drawn.

Asking several questions of Jennifer Kester, a freshman from Nowata, during the screening process is Red Cross technician Donna Cox.

Jon Henderson, a freshman from Fort Gibson, answers screening questions from Red Cross technician Linda Blair.

Several residents of various dorms line up for pre-screening during the fall visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Harrell/Dobson lobby.
By Holli McMillian
Executive Managing Editor

Every year students have an opportunity to make a significant contribution to society by participating in the annual American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit.

The Tulsa unit comes to Miami twice a year. The first trip is in September and the second is in March. The unit sets up in the lobby of the Harrill/Dobson dorm and donors receive refreshments after making the donation.

During the fall visit more than 80 donors made contributions to the bloodmobile. The unit also comes to the city of Miami twice a year and sets up shop in the Miami Civic Center.

All blood donated through the Red Cross is contributed voluntarily. There are no paid donors or other financial incentives provided to give blood.

Donors in the Southwest Region which includes NEO gave 90,000 units of blood to the American Red Cross Blood Services in 1991. These units were processed into about 230,000 components.

There is no substitute for blood because it is a priceless natural resource,” said Carol Rush, Red Cross consultant.

Red Cross Blood Services provide blood and blood components to 66 hospitals in Eastern and Central Oklahoma.

As a result of the donations collected by the Blood Services, the Red Cross is able to supply over half the blood used in the United States.

“A person can donate blood every 56 days. It is safe and easy. About an hour is all it takes to save another’s life,” Rush said.

Every unit of blood is tested for the AIDS antibody with the HIV test.
By Pam Kenney
Managing Editor

One of the last rituals students at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College must endure is commencement and graduation at the end of every spring semester.

Hundreds of black-robed prospective graduates along with faculty and administrators join rank and file and fill the middle section of the east side of Robertson Field.

After a few musical numbers by the college concert choir and band units, the group which also features friends and family of the graduates are introduced to the dignitaries that line the platform erected on the running track.

Speakers for the commencement exercise have come from a wide range of diverse professional backgrounds from student leaders and college presidents to Oklahoma Governors and the Executive Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Following the delivery of the commencement address, Dr. Charles Angle, Vice-President of Academic Affairs begins the process of introducing each individual prospective graduate to the audience.

As the graduates file across the stage, they are greeted by Dr. Bobby R. Wright, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M president, Dale Patterson, Dean of Records and Admissions, and a member of the Board of Regents for OSU and the A&M Colleges.

My freshman year I served as an usherette and it was pretty exciting to see people be rewarded for all their hard work,” said Jami Maxwell, a sophomore from Miami.

After receiving a diploma cover, (the diploma comes after verification of graduation) the student returns to his/hers seat amidst cheers and jeers from family and friends.

The event ends much like it began with a ribbon of people filing out of the stadium.
Dr. Carol Morris (left), chairperson of the Technology division, and Dr. Maxine Edwards, director of the child care program, check their footwear while waiting for the start of the graduation processional.

Jami Maxwell (center), a sophomore from Miami, chats with her parents Bob, chairman of the behavioral science division, and Ruth Ann, reading improvement instructor, prior to the start of graduation.

Phi Theta Kappa members Delaina Pitcher, from Welch, and Kent Seaver, from Miami, discuss the commencement exercise with fellow graduates.

Taking a break before the start of the procession are faculty members Robert Baye, English instructor, Tom Green, technical theatre instructor, and Randy Jones, chemistry instructor.
Organizations offer diversions

One of the many ways students had to combat homesickness and boredom was by either participating in the numerous activities that took place on campus, or by joining one of the 45 different clubs and organizations on campus.

While fighting the image of being a “suitcase” college, many of the students got involved with such planned activities as Homecoming, Family Day, and the Children’s Christmas party.

For those who were socially active, several dances sponsored by various campus organizations were held throughout the school year. These dances were held either in the lobby of Harrell/Dobson dormitory or in the ballroom of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

While social activities were well-received, many students became active in any of the different clubs and organizations which existed on campus. Most students participated in more than one organization.

The Student Body Government had the largest contingent of student participation along with the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) and the Aggie Society.

Not only were students exposed to a large variety of social organizations, but religious groups were also very active on campus.

Providing spiritual guidance were the Baptist Student Union, Collegiates for Christ, Norse Campus Ministry/Wesley Foundation and Chi Alpha.
Santa makes annual visit on campus for children's X-mas party

Approximately 225 Miami area children were guests of the college during the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government.

While the party has been a time-honored tradition on this campus, there were a few adjustments made in the overall event.

First of all, the party location was switched from the Carter Student Union Ballroom to the lounge area between the Harrill-Dobson dorms.

Second, entertainment was provided for the children and their "adoptive" parents prior to the arrival of Santa. Children watched a video movie which included sing-a-longs throughout.

"We had a couple of kids that were six and seven and they really got into singing," said Jennifer Wilson, a sophomore from Miami.

"Things were pretty crowded, but the kids seemed to have a good time," said Holli McMillian, a sophomore from Hugo.

The evening started with the "adoptive" parents picking up their children at home around 5:30 p.m. Supper was served free of charge in the college cafeteria until 6:30 p.m.

Once the group made their way to the Harrill-Dobson lobby, the fun and games began.

Following the movie, the group was treated to a puppet show presented by members of the Baptist Student Union.

"It was just great to look around at the faces of those little kids and see their eyes sparkle as they watched," said McMillian.

But smiles and laughter turned to wonderment as the jolly old man in the red suit made his appearance at the party.

While Santa visited with the children concerning their wish-list for Christmas, presents were exchanged and candy was handed out.
Santa (opposite page) listens intently as Casey Miller of Miami explains what he wants for Christmas as Santa's helpers Chris Planer (left), a sophomore from Tulsa, and Bessie Diveley, head resident of Harrill-Dobson offers assistance.

Several dorm "dads" show their child, Stevie Watson, how to work his remote control four-wheeler.

Sophomores Debbie Loudermilk, from Muskogee, and Terry Hawk, of Oklahoma City, along with their "adoptive child" pause while watching the video movie.
Jeff Chappell, a freshman from Newcastle, and his "adopted" son enjoy a big laugh after opening presents and visiting with Santa Claus.
The Jolly Ol' Elf himself looks into the crowd of his devoted followers as he hands out presents and visits with the more than 200 children that participated in the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government.

Four members of the Student Body Government entertain the crowd before Santa makes an appearance during the Children's Christmas Party. Participating in the skit were, from left: Larry Irby, sophomore, Sapulpa, vice president; Kristi Storm, sophomore, Owasso, secretary; Shawna Khan, sophomore, Tulsa, and Debbie Loudermilk, sophomore, Muskogee.
Adventures highlighted classic story for children

By Pam Kenney
Managing Editor

Tom Sawyer, an All-American Classic by Mark Twain, was the Theatre NEO production for area Miami children presented just before the Christmas break.

Under the direction of Jimmy Brown, the show contained the Mississippi River adventures of Tom, Huck Finn, and Becky Thatcher which were characters that appeared in Twain's classics.

Members of the cast included Steve Jones, freshman, Sapulpa as Tom Sawyer; Donna Edwards, freshman, Owasso as Becky Thatcher; and Carrie Meikle, sophomore, Grove as Aunt Polly.

Other cast members were Vinita sophomore Eddie Mobley as Huckleberry Finn; Cynthia Baker, sophomore, Miami as Widow Douglas; Billy Rogers, freshman, McCord as Muff Potter; and Fairland sophomore Chris Alleman as Walter Potter.

Also starring in the production were Wendi Murdock, sophomore, Tulsa as Mary Rogers; Jason Miller, freshman, Miami as Dr. Robinson; and Miami sophomore Jim Shipp as Injun Joe.

Other members were Fort Gibson sophomore Terri Henderson as Mrs. Harper; Terry Tyree, sophomore, Picher as Joe Harper; and Kristal Hillhouse, freshman, Blackwell as Amy Lawerence.

Also included as cast members were Miami sophomore Vernon Hughes as Sid Sawyer; Jerad Tilley, freshman, Inola as Alfred Temple; and Steven Hoyt, a Vinita sophomore as Ben Rogers.

Other cast members were Keah McCutchin, freshman, Owasso as Gracie Miller; Dewey freshman John Foy as Reverend Sprague; John Henderson, sophomore Wilson as Judge Thatcher; and Dana Selby, sophomore, Elk City as Mrs. Thatcher.

Assisting Brown was technical director Steve McCurley a drama instructor and Sherry McCurley, staff seamstress and costumer.

More than 3,000 children from all over the tri-state area were bused in to see the show.

"All the kids had a real good time and they enjoyed the various characters," said Brown.

"There was a great mixture of classic scenes throughout the play. One such scene was where Tom conned his friends into whitewashing aunt Polly's fence for him," Brown said.

The story line revolved around the strong friendship of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn and the boyish scrapes they got into while growing up along the Mississippi River.

A murder of Doc Robinson by Injun Joe provided the excitement throughout the play.
Aunt Polly (left), played by Carrie Meikle, a sophomore from Grove, shares a story with the widow Douglas, portrayed by Cynthia Baker, a Miami sophomore, and Mrs. Harper, played by Terri Henderson, a Fort Gibson sophomore, during a scene from the children’s production of *Tom Sawyer* presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tom Sawyer, played by Steve Jones, a freshman from Sapulpa, reluctantly shares a kiss with Becky Thatcher, portrayed by Donna Edwards, a freshman from Owasso, during a scene from NEO Theatre’s production of Mark Twain’s classic adventure story.

Reverend Sprague, portrayed by John Foy, a freshman from Dewey, leads his congregation in song during a scene from *Tom Sawyer* presented just before the Christmas break in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
Honor group sets induction for members twice a year

Recognized for their academic contribution to the growth of Northeastern A&M College, Phi Theta Kappa is the campus chapter of a national junior college honorary scholastic society.

Each semester Phi Theta Kappa inducts prospective members into the organization.

New members are brought into the society on a provisional basis. Provisional members must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average in high school. These members are inducted into the organization during a candle lighting ceremony in the fall.

A provisional member is allowed to attend all the monthly meetings and participate in all the organization's activities. The provisional member is not allowed to hold office or to participate in elections.

After provisional members complete at least 15 credit hours while maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average, they receive full membership into the fraternity.

During the fall semester the organization holds an orientation meeting in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom lounge.

The meeting is mandatory for anyone wanting to become a provisional member or anyone that has completed 15 hours of college course work and would like to become a full member.

The fraternity held meetings on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m.

Prior to Christmas the fraternity prepared approximately 200 care-packages and delivered them to students in the dorms. These packages contained various food and drink along with study aids for semester exams.

Perhaps the biggest project the fraternity is involved with was the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Quiz Bowl held at the end of February. The event featured 91 teams from 54 high schools in the four-state area.
Phi Theta Kappa officers (opposite page) Mendy Tappara (left), secretary, a sophomore from Commerce, Wade Walls, president, and Andrea Bertalotto, vice-president, both sophomores from Miami, conduct the induction ceremony into the organization.

Part of the 40 new members which were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa listen during the candle lighting ceremony.

Forty-four students were inducted into the academic honor fraternity Phi Theta Kappa, during a ceremony in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. Students were chosen on the basis of their outstanding academic performance and leadership qualities.

New organization members, front row, from left, Yoko Kawasaki, Chiba-Shi, Japan; Dana Jim, Vinita; Maxine Humphries, Jay; Steven Holden, Miami; Sharon Hamilton, Columbus, Kans.; Shannon Hale, Grove; Tracie Goad, Commerce; Scott Glenn, Miami; Carol George, Miami; Tonya Dawson, Pryor; Luke Callihan, Wyandotte; Brad Buxton, Miami; Faith Brooks, Ft. Worth, Texas; Amber Berry, South Coffeyville; Keli Beatty, Welch; and Rebecca Anderson, Baxter Springs, Kans. Back row, Yoko Kamata, Tokyo, Japan; Salisha Nichols, Langley; Rebecca Tyson, Miami; Kristi Storm, Owasso; Michael Standbridge, Miami; Denise Standbridge, Miami; Valery Shawnee, Miami; Debbie Rhoades, Miami; William Reed, Miami; Penny Rasmey, Miami; Tonya Nelson, Quapaw; Charlotte McCall, Wyandotte; Angel Lewis, Grove; Diana Lawson, Wyandotte; Kim Klas, Miami; and Holly Kimble, Hydro. Not pictured are, David Able, Miami; Nancy Able, Miami; Connie Arnold, Wyandotte; Jacqueline Borowski, Fairland; Barbara Crewell, Grove; Kimberly Fuser, Afton; Linda Kimberly, Grove; Lisa Longoria, Vinita; Tina McCorkell, Wyandotte; Dawn Miller, Miami; Stacy O'Neal, Commerce; and Brent Skocdopole, Bixby.
Simon says:

PIZZA!  
PIZZA!  
PIZZA!

By Pam Kenney

NEO students were treated to a change of menu with the establishment of a new eating place thanks to the auxiliary services and Simple Simon's Pizza.

"We had been working on this project for about three years. We visited larger universities that had invited major franchises onto their campus to see how it was working," said Lloyd Ogle, director of auxiliary services.

"We had never seen one on a junior college campus, so we decided to try it out here."

"NEO is one of the first junior colleges in the country to have a major franchise on campus. This just adds to the uniqueness of the college," Ogle said.

The pizza parlor opened on Jan. 14 when the dormitories opened up for the spring semester.

Students began accepting the new parlor almost immediately. In the first few weeks it was open, business was great according to Ogle.

"Everyone accepted it really well. We heard compliments of how good both the pizza and prices were," said Ogle.

Students could get a single topping large pizza for only $5.99. That was cheaper compared to the prices that were paid for one off campus.

The pizza parlor was open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. It was located in the lobby of Dobson-Harrill.
Sophomores Angie Ball and LaNie McVay (opposite page), both of Tulsa, wait as waitress Deloris White fills their order in the Simple Simon Pizza Parlor.

Simple Simon Pizza franchise hung neon signs in the area known as "The Pit" located in the basement of Harrill/Dobson lounge.

Freshman Erica Major from Muskogee waits for cook Deloris White to finish cutting a pepperoni pizza which will be carried back to her dorm room for consumption.
Actors bring discussions concerning daily issues to schools

After serving as a pilot program in the area during its first year of operation, the RisQue Business theatrical group enjoyed a very busy second season.

Under the guidance of speech instructor Patti Beth Abbott and Brian Hauck, head of the drama department, the touring production company visited more than 70 sites around the country during the school year.

The show is geared towards junior high and high school aged students.

"We hope that by starting to educate and entertain them now, that they will be able to deal with these problems later," said Abbott.

Designed to address contemporary issues relating to drug use and alcohol and substance abuse among teenagers, the specially trained group of actors would perform several skits over a 45-minute period.

Each individual skit would address such sensitive topics as date rape, drinking and driving, drug abuse, suicide and other important topics.

Performing for the RisQue Business troupe were sophomores Dana Selby, Elk City; Matt Beese and Vernon Hughes, both from Miami and Christi Hudson, Tulsa. Freshmen in the group were Brent Ford, Sallisaw; Kristal Hillhouse, Blackwell, and Jared Tilley, Inola.

Selby, Beese and Hudson were original members of the group as freshmen.

Each cast member has been trained to counsel younger students on how to deal with problems ranging from eating disorders to drinking and even suicide.

Immediately following the 45-minute presentation, the group circulates throughout the audience fielding questions.

The idea for the touring group began at the University of South Carolina. The group originally began as paid actors.
Sophomores Dana Selby of Elk City and Christi Hudson of Tulsa (opposite page) stand on the chest of an unsuspecting smoker during a skit from a RisQue Business performance.

Acting out a scene from the “Family Portrait” skit in Risque Business were, from left: Brent Ford, freshman, Sallisaw; Kristal Hillhouse, freshman, Blackwell; Jared Tilley, freshman, Inola; Vernon Hughes, sophomore, Miami, Christi Hudson, sophomore, Tulsa.

One of the musical skits is performed by Dana Selby, sophomore, Elk City; Brent Ford, freshman, Sallisaw; Christi Hudson, sophomore, Tulsa, and Kristal Hillhouse, freshman, Blackwell.
Aggie Day attracts top high school contestants

One of several major events that are held on the campus to serve primarily as a recruiting tool for the institution is the annual Agricultural Interscholastic Contest festivities.

Every year in April when most students through turn to fishing, tanning or other outdoor activities, a select group of college students gets all caught up in staging one of the most successful events of its size in the nation.

Fondly referred to as "Aggie Day" during its 43-year history, the event annually draws more than 3,500 students to campus. The 1991 event drew competitors from 150 schools representing the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.

Judging in the various categories is based on Oklahoma rules and regulations.

Participants were competing both as individuals and in team events during the day-long activities. Awards were presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium late in the afternoon.

Nineteen of the categories were covered by FFA regulations. These events included forestry, range and pasture management, engineering, horticulture, farm equipment, entomology, farm shop, crops, dairy products, land, and meats. Contestants also participate in various speech events and livestock judging of sheep, swine and cattle.

The event involves a major portion of the classroom buildings, surrounding grounds, and the College Farm located east of the main campus.

"Every year we attract a large number of the nation's best high school ag students to participate in this event.

"All of the contests start at different times, but we try to wrap most of them up by noon," said Jary Douglas, chairman of the agriculture division and coordinator of the event.
Jeff Brower (left), a senior at Welch High School, and Jimmy Jones, a senior at Jay High School, study their sheep (opposite page) during a livestock judging portion of the Agriculture Interscholastic Contest on the NEO campus.

Part of the swine to be used during the livestock judging segment graze in temporary pens located between the baseball and softball fields.

Garfield Griswald (left), a sophomore from Miami, holds the reins as Freddie Clark and John Trimble, both from Spavinaw offer reasons during livestock judging.
Art students have chance to display creations

Offering students an opportunity to not only improve their cultural skills by viewing art, the annual college art show also allows participating students an opportunity to display the work they have created throughout the school year.

Under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Calcagno, the college art department features a wide variety of classes designed to introduce students to the diverse world of art.

"The basics remain the same to me," said Dr. Calcagno. "We hit the fundamentals hard here. Really hard."

"We feel that when students go on to senior institutions, they understand that in some cases they actually know more than students that have been in the four-year program for two years," Dr. Calcagno said.

Located in a two-story building just south of the main campus, the art department has an area which features a museum on the bottom floor and a large studio area and classrooms on the top floor.

Each year during the spring the art department sponsors a student art show. The gallery area in the lobby of the Fine Arts Auditorium has been utilized to display the various art forms of the students.

"We try to provide students with a chance to display their work for everyone to see. This will allow them an opportunity to participate in an actual show setting," said Dr. Calcagno.

The art department also invites various traveling art exhibits to come on campus for the general public to view.

Courses offered within the art department include freehand drawing, commercial art, materials and techniques, art fundamentals, color and design I and II, art history I and II, introduction to pottery, watercolor, figure drawing, lettering, sculpture, oil painting I and II, and acrylics.

"We try to design programs to fit the individual's needs that has both a strong fundamental approach and has practical application at the same time," Dr. Calcagno said.
Local Miami residents (opposite page) study the composition of works presented in a traveling art exhibit sponsored by the college art department.

Dr. Nicholas Calcagno (right) points out some interesting characteristics to a couple of visitors to the college art department.

Applying techniques learned in class, three art students offer critiques of works contained in an exhibit which visited campus just before Christmas.
Norse Stars represent institution in activities

Responsible for representing the college in various parades and sporting events, the Norse Stars have established themselves as one of the nation’s premiere dance/drill team units.

Consisting of approximately 30 young ladies, the group began in August preparing for more than 40 performances throughout the school year.

Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the group has performed in several junior college bowl halftime shows as well as appearing in parades and civic functions.

The Norse Stars is a class for which one hour physical education credit can be received each semester.

Members work out and rehearse a minimum of five hours per week as a group. Many more hours were spent in special practices, individual rehearsal, and planning.

"Each girl learns certain values during the time she is participating that will benefit her throughout her life," said Bishop.

Participants develop a willingness to take on extra responsibilities, learn to be reliable, and to appreciate the rewards of physical activity.

"We also would like the girls to acquire the ability to give as well as take constructive criticism and to be a dedicated member of a very respected and influential group," Bishop said.

Every year the group took trips to participate in halftime activities of the Golden Norse football team. They also provided a large portion of the halftime show during homecoming.

The group was part of the show during the National Junior College Athletic Association Mid-America National Championship football game at Tulsa Union High School.

During basketball season, the group provided entertainment between both the women’s and men’s games and then at halftime of the men’s game.
One of the several activities (opposite page) which involves the Norse Stars dance/drill team was performing in the annual homecoming parade down Miami's main street.

Members of the Norse Stars join college cheerleaders on the stage of the Fine Arts Auditorium to generate “school spirit” during the annual all-college assembly.

Members of the Norse Stars were, bottom row, from left; Kin- dra Neal, sophomore, Miami; Breckelyn Patterson, captain, sophomore, Commerce; Lisa Magill, sophomore, Broken Arrow; Shaun Johnston, freshman, Hartshorne; Leah Taylor, sophomore, Tulsa; Michelle Bianchi, sophomore, Edmond; Car- rie Wiggs, freshman, Tulsa; Anne Boswell, sophomore, Tulsa; Gretchen Kerbs, sophomore, Bartlesville; Harmony Church, Mounds, and Melissa Dooley, Afton. Top row, Trinci Goemmer, LaRussell, Mo.; Melanie Kingfisher, Picher; Kimi Bachmann, Neosho, Mo.; Susan Shamas, Bristow; Natalie Fields, Wagoner; Melissa Armstrong, Sand Springs; Leah Windle, Welch; Teresa Heatherly, Picher; Yvette Ridenour, Skiatook; Jolynn Hobbs, Col- linsville; Gina Remke, Owasso, and Jennifer Malone, Hartshorne.
Student Body Government took action

Representing more than 45 clubs and organizations and a student body of more than 2,500, the Student Body Government served as the avenue which students could communicate and receive feedback from the college faculty and administration.

The Student Body Government met every Tuesday night in the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building to discuss various issues that involved the college student body.

John Butler, a sophomore from Idabel, served as president of the Student Body Government during the 1991-92 school year.

"Basically, my responsibility was to preside over all the meetings and appoint committees when necessary," said Butler.

Larry Irby, a sophomore from Sapulpa, served in the vice-president capacity. Irby's responsibilities included presiding over meetings in the absence of Butler and conducting a constitutional review to suggest necessary procedural revisions.

Kristi Storm, a sophomore from Owasso, was elected secretary of the Student Body Government.

"My duties were to keep accurate minutes of all council and business meetings of the group. I also was required to notify different organizations after three absences," said Storm.

Nichole Phillips, a sophomore from Owasso, served as treasurer of the group. Her responsibilities were to keep complete and accurate records of the financial status of the group. She was required to present a financial report at the beginning of each month.

Wade Walls a sophomore from Miami served as parliamentarian. His responsibility was to see that Robert's Rules of Order and proper parliamentary procedure was followed at each meeting.

Shanna Pannell, a sophomore from Henryetta, served in the capacity of reporter. She presented minutes of the meetings to the campus media upon request.
Student Body Government president John Butler (left) calls a weekly meeting of the group to order (opposite page) as officers Shanna Pannell and Larry Irby listen.

Sophomores serving as officers of the 1991-92 Student Body Government were, seated from left; Shanna Pannell, reporter; Henryetta; Kristi Storm, secretary, and Nichole Phillips, treasurer, both of Owasso. Standing, Larry Irby, vice-president, Sapulpa; John Butler, president, Idabel, and Wade Walls, parliamentarian, Miami.

Parliamentarian Wade Walls collects ballots from representatives of the Student Body Government during a vote conducted by president John Butler.
Participation key factor for success

One of the most active of the four or five religious organizations associated with the campus was the Baptist Student Union.

Located in a building just north of the main campus, the BSU was a denominational organization sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association.

Co-directed by the husband-wife team of Bobby and Debbie Lipscomb, the BSU was open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. The organization had special hours of 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

"We had a lot of different physical activities planned throughout the school year," said Debbie Lipscomb. The BSU offered ping-pong, volleyball and basketball for students to play.

"We also offered a television area, prayer room, worship area, study room and kitchen for students use."

Membership to the BSU was free and open to any faith or denomination.

Perhaps the most influential activity offered by the BSU were the "Noonday Fellowships". The meetings were held Monday through Thursday from 12:25 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Another popular activity sponsored by the group was "Wednesday Night Rap" held every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Harrill/Dobson lobby.

"Wednesday Night Rap was a discussion of current events. We wanted to get students thinking about what was going on around them and try to get them to talk openly about those things," Bobby Lipscomb said.

During the fall portion of the year, the BSU traveled to Kansas City, Mo., over fall break to work in a women's shelter. The students also attended the Black Student Conference in Nashville, Tenn., the International Student Conference in Midwest City and toured the Precious Moments Chapel in Carl Junction, Mo.

The group hosted Afro-American History Week in February. Other activities during the spring semester included a missions workshop and student-led revival at Mount Valley, a spring retreat and the state retreat at Falls Creek.
Members of the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team were, seated, from left; Holly Holland, Chelsea; Brice Butler, Enid; Vicki Peters, Sand Springs; Brent Ford, Sallisaw, and Greg Turley, Pryor. Top row, Shari Peacock, Mounds; Kim McKeeley, Fairland; Bo Magness, Fairland; Lois Merrill, Mounds; John McKinney, Delaware; Keith Philpot, Kansas, and Keith Southard, Picher.

John McKinney, a freshman from Fairland, and Keith Southard, a sophomore from Picher, discuss the happenings of the day in the BSU family room area.

Four members of the Baptist Student Union sit around in the family room and swap stories.
Variety of students attend NEO

Featuring a campus with a variety of cultures and ethnic backgrounds, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College started the 1991-92 school year with 2,502 students and approximately 300 faculty, staff and administrators.

Comprising the majority of the student population were 1,339 female students compared to 1,163 males. Traditionally, full-time student enrollment is higher during the fall semester. The full-time equivalency for the fall was 2,182 students.

Another trend that has prevailed at NEO over the recent years has been a larger freshman class than sophomores.

There were 1,477 freshmen attending NEO during the fall compared to 688 sophomores.

Another 339 students were listed as “special” because they had accumulated more than 65 college credit hours. The freshman class was just about divided evenly between women and men. There were 738 freshman women and 739 men.

Of the 688 sophomore students, 382 were female and 306 were male. Females held a 219 to 120 edge in the special student category.

Oklahoma provided NEO with 2,211 students. Seven residence halls and three complexes of married student apartments provided housing for more than 1,000 students.

During the fall semester the college housing facilities were operating at approximately 70 percent capacity.
Abernathy, Amy-Joplin, Mo.
Abernathy, Jessica-Quapaw
Alsip, Brad-Chandler
Anderson, Erich-Wyandotte

Anderson, Rebecca-Quapaw
Andrews, Rickey-Vinita
Arbaugh, Carne-Miami
Armstrong, Angela-Collinsville

Armstrong, Gary-Jay
Baker, James-Kiefer
Baker, Clay-Copan
Baker, Cynthia-Miami

Baker, Diane-Commerce
Baker, William-Broken Arrow
Burnes, Brett-Miami
Beck, Andy-Glencoe

Beck, Gina-Jay
Been, Jennifer-Locust Grove
Beese, Matt-Miami
Bertalotto, Andrea-Miami

Best, Chad-Tulsa
Bets, Danta-Welch
Beville, Myrna-Vinita
Bianchi, Michelle-Oklahoma City
Birdsell, Portia-Grove
Bishop, Tracy-Grove
Blaylock, Jeneva-Miami
Blair, Geraldine-Miami
Blevens, Carrie-Bartlesville

Borowski, Jacqueline-Disney
Boswell, Anne-Tulsa
Bott, Jeff-Tulsa
Bower, Charles-Wyandotte
Bowman, Scott-Skiatook

Boyce, Montoya-Cornelia, Ga.
Brake, Jennifer-Coyle
Brammer, Lea-Vinita
Brandy, Stacey-Anlers
Branen, Stan-Collinsville

Brooks, Faith-Fort Worth, Texas
Brown, Greg-Wewoka
Brown, Justin-Miami
Brown, Steve-Nowata
Bryan, Angela-Copan

Bryan, Jason-Bluejacket
Bullock, Alicia-Tulsa
Burnes, Chad-Burns, La.
Butler, Brice-Enid
Butler, John-Idabel

Buxton, Brad-Miami
Cackler, William-Grove
Campbell, Robin-Inola
Cantrell, Angie-Fairland
Capansky, Steve-Miami

Sophomores
Crippen, Trish-Miami
Crofford, Sarah-Strang
Cron, Kristy-Afton
Crowe, Hyun Chu-Pusan, Korea
Davenport, Alan-Bluejacket

Davis, Craig-Commerce
Davis, Kammie-Commerce
Davis, Russell-Eucha
Davis, Tekenna-Tulsa
Davis, Tim-Bronaugh, Mo.

Davison, Tara-Eucha
Dean, Jason-Copan
Diggs, Michael-Lamar, Mo.
Dilsaver, Shannon-Bartlesville
Dooley, Melisa-Afton

Drake, Phillip-Fairland
Drake, Richard-Jay
Duncan, Larry-Miami
Durbin, Chris-Miami
Eckerd, Tim-Picher

Edmondson, Sharon-Miami
Ellis, Erika-Commerce
Elliott, Tina-Miami
Enoch, Duane-Wyandotte
Enyart, Keith-Wyandotte

Eskandari, Fatemeh-Shiraz, Iran
Estalante, Deanna-Jay
Farris, Bruce-Quapaw
Farris, Bettie-Miami
Ferris, Janice-Miami

Sophomores
Grover, Darin-Miami
Grover, Dustin-Miami
Hailey, Shelly-Miami
Hale, Jackie-Welch
Hall, Billy-Stillwater

Hallman, Pam-Tulsa
Halton, Phillip-Vinita
Hamilton, Brian-Idabel
Hamilton, Sharon-Columbus, Ks.
Hammack, John-Collinsville

Hammer, Jerrad-Tahlequah
Hansen, Lance-Shattuck
Hansford, Vickie-Quapaw
Hardman, Rusean-Tulsa
Harmon, Sandra-Baxter Springs

Harjo, Kimberly-Oklahoma City
Harper, Justin-Dewey
Harper, Loyre-Cincinnati, Ohio
Harris, Angela-Chelsea
Harris, Everett-Lawton

Harrison, Chad-Bluejacket
Harrison, Penny-Miami
Hass, Melisa-Salina
Hayes, Robert-Thomasville, Ga.
Heatherly, Teresa-Picher

Helm, Anie-Miami
Helzer, Tricia-Midwest City
Henderson, Kelly-Wilson
Henry, Jamie-Akron, Tenn.
Henson, Steve-Tuttle

Sophomores
Johnson, Ttoy-Stillwater
Johnson, Troy-Bartlesville
Jolly, Corina-Miami
Jones, David-Camby, Ind.
Jones, Steve-Grove

Kamata, Yuko-Tokyo, Japan
Kawasaki, Yoko-Chiba-Shi, Japan
Keim, John-Owasso
Kelley, Scott-Drumright
Kelly, Mike-Tulsa

Kennedy, Kathleen-Broken Arrow
Kenney, Pamela-Ilay
Kerbs, Gretchen-Sperry
Khan, Shawna-Tulsa
Killerlain, Grant-Tulsa

Kimble, Tony-Grove
Kinney, Lilly-Welch
Kirk, Joyce-Miami
Klingaman, Scott-Perry

Kloehr, Anthony-Bartlesville
Knifechief, Marcus-Pawnee
Krill, Richard-Cleveland
Kulchinski, Lisa-Nowata
Kunkler, Anne-Grove

Kunkler, Leon-Grove
Lacy, Teresa-Miami
LaFanier, Rebecca-Glenpool
Land, James-Grove
Lawley, Charles-Sapulpa

Sophomores
Lawson, Kevin-Commerce
Layman, Sherry-Tulsa
Lee, Dirk-McAlester
Lenburg, Kendall-Catoosa
Leonard, Andrea-Miami

Lewis, Angel-Grove
Lewis, Johnny-Mustang
Lillard, Lori-Miami
Longoria, Lisa-Vinita
Loudermilk, Debbie-Muskogee

Maack, Donna-Commerce
Maeda, Junzo-Tokyo, Japan
Maharin, Michelle-Wyandotte
Malone, Mike-Miami
Make, Kristi-Quapaw

Mann, Brian-Columbus, Ks.
Maples, Brett-Mustang
Marshall, Natalie-Tulsa
Marshall, Whitney-Tulsa
Martin, Jo Dawn-Edmond

Martinez, Vicki-Chouteau
Masterson, Doug-Miami
Matthews, Tyra-Coweta
Maulbys, Greg-Collinsville
Maxson, Charles-Miami

Maxwell, Jami-Miami
McGaha, Cynthia-Tecumseh
McNeely, Kimberly-Fairland
Meier, Aaron-Miami
Meikle, Carrie-Aiton
Nichols, Kent-Isabella
Nichols, Kyle-Isabella
Nickerson, Brian-Fairland
Norton, Jason-Miami
Oelke, Tim-Miami

O'Neal, Roberto-Tulsa
O'Neal, Stacy-Commerce
Oswald, April-Miami
Owens, Casey-Miami
Owens, Quinton-Tulsa

Pannell, Latrice-Henryetta
Pannell, Patrice-Henryetta
Pannell, Shanna-Henryetta
Panter, Kevin-Miami
Parrish, Robbie-Nowata

Partain, Becky-Sallisaw
Patterson, Breckelyn-Commerce
Pattton, Lee-Miami
Pattton, Robert-Tulsa
Pease, Kimberley-Fairland

Peck, Kathy, L.-Vinita
Pena, Leta-Afton
Pendergrass, Woodrow-Miami
Perdue, Cherry-Kansas
Pershica, Paul-Mustang

Perry, Julie-Miami
Perry, Rhonda-Wyandotte
Peters, Melinda-Pryor
Pitts, Cory-Henryetta
Phillips, Nichole-Owasso

Sophomores
Philpott, Robert-Kansas
Planer, Chris-Tulsa
Plasencia, Gilberto-Ft. Lauderdale
Pogge, Rex Ann-Well
Ponaport, Carmela-Micronesia

Porter, Martin-Bluejacket
Pryer, Todd-Fairland
Radford, Carla-Quapaw
Ramsey, Tara-Quapaw

Rhathion, Melva-Miami
Reedy, Jerald-Moundville, Mo.
Reeves, Johnny-Henryetta
Reynolds, Tara-Pawhuska
Rhodes, Nicole-Miami

Richards, Tammy-Owasso
Richardson, Todd-Mounds
Ridenour, Yvette-Skiatook
Rinker, Dawn-Pryor
Roberts, Roy-Texarkana, Ark.

Robinson, Sharri-Tulsa
Rogers, Mike-Quapaw
Rose, Chris-Haskell
Ross, Adam-Tulsa
Russow, Jenny-Gravette, Ark.

Rust, Darla-Tulsa
Saffell, Clay-Locust Grove
Sajula, Stephanie-Miami
Sample, Rogilyn-Stillwater
Sanders, Kris-Woodbridge, Va.

Sophomores
Sanford, Joyce Roark-Jay
Sanger, Troy-Vinita
Schulte, Stephanie-Afton
Scott, Angela-Tulsa
Scott, Jacob-Broken Arrow

Selby, Dana-Elk City
Seubold, Morgan-Roland
Shamblin, Jason-Bluejacket
Shawnee, Valery-Miami
Shell, Cary-Glenoe

Shelton, Tommy-Keifer
Shepherd, Teresa-Miami
Sherman, Clark-Jay
Shinn, Bobby-Bluejacket
Shockley, Eddie-Springdale, Ark.

Simon, Cris-Perry
Simpson, Dale-Coweta
Skocdopole, Brent-Bixby
Slaton, Machelle-North Miami
Smith, Allen-Miami

Smith, Connie-Tulsa
Smith, Marilyn-Carterville, Mo.
Smith, Michael-Pawnee
Smith, Stacy-Grove
Smith, Teanne-Commerce

Smith, Trisha-Miami
Southard, Keith-Fisher
Southard, Ruth-Neosho, Mo.
Splawn, Royce-Langley
Spradling, Rebecca-Big Cabin

Sophomores
Spurgeon, Evelyn-Grove
Stanley, Nikki-Jenks
Steele, Danniele-Tulsa
Steeley, Cheryl-Broken Arrow
Stepp, Christina-Miami

Stevens, Don-Fairland
Storm, Kristi-Owasso
Strachan, Chris-Bartlesville
Strobie, Angela-Miami
Tannhill, Galen-Rosendale, Mo.

Tappana, Melinda-Commerce
Taylor, Leah-Tulsa
Taylor, Patricia-Fairland
Teehee, Sondra-Jay
Thaxton, Debra-Claremore

Tremble, Greg-Warner Robbins
Troglin, Jackie-Collinsville
Tucker, Jason-Tulsa
Tullis, Leon-Oklahoma City
Turley, Greg-Pryor

Uglean, Kimberly-Afton
Underwood, John-Marklesville
Vance, Sue-Commerce
Vandermark, Shane-Afton
Van Wagner, Michelle-Seneca

Vest, Jennifer-Springfield, Ill.
Walker, Amy-Vinita
Walker, Carl-Bristow
Walker, Nicole-Tulsa
Walls, Wade-Miami

Sophomores
Waldron, James-Oolagah
Watkins, John-Stilwell
White, Kristal-Pryor
Wilcox, Lance-Pryor
Wilkins, Brian-Hugo

Wilkins, Rodney-Grove
Willett, Jacky-Wilburton
Williams, JoQuita-Grove
Williams, Michele-Vinita
Wilson, Ashlee-Commerce

Wilson, Jennifer-Tulsa
Wilson, Vickie-Jay
Winfield, Scott-Jay
Winters, Jason-Miami
Wood, Robert-Blackwell

Workman, Toni-Stilwell
Woolridge, Shane-Joplin, Mo.
Woolman, Kristi-Vinita
Woolman, James-Grove
Wooten, Karen-Jay

Womack, Melanie-Picher
Wright, Denise-Miami
Wright, Patricia-Miami
Wright, Stacie-Miami
Wright, Tony-Bartlesville

Wray, Shannon-Inola
Wynne, Dallas-Newcastle
Wyse, Greg-Berryhill
Young, Jerry-Tulsa
Youngblood, Andy-Comanche

Sophomores
Butler guided Student Body Government

By Erica Major
People Editor

Most college students had trouble balancing the daily rigors of classwork and other jobs, but sophomore John Butler went beyond the limits.

Butler, from Idabel, not only carried 15 credit hours as a physical education major, but he also started every game at defensive end for the National Champion Golden Norse football team.

"My first priority was always football because it was so demanding physically and mentally for me," said Butler.

"When I first came to NEO as a freshman, I played offensive guard. It was during this time that I became friends with former offensive line coach Don Hendrix."

During the off-season between his freshman and sophomore year, Butler was persuaded by Hendrix to run for president of the Student Body Government.

Butler won the office and held the position throughout both semesters as a sophomore.

"This was really the first office that I ever held. But I took my responsibilities very serious and tried very hard to meet all of my obligations," Butler said.

"I felt that during my administration we had a great rapport between the student body and Dr. Wright and the college administration. I saw my role as that of a mediator between the two groups," said Butler.

"We also tried to work closely with the faculty to develop an open line of communication between them and the student body."

One of the many situations which Butler and the Student Body Government tackled during the beginning of the school year and the start of the second semester concerned campus parking.

"We tried to make a point with dorm residents that they should leave their cars parked in the designated parking areas and walk to class. Most of the parking problem was created when people that lived on campus would drive closer to their classes and take up spots that were needed by commuters," Butler said.

While dealing with problems occupied some of his time as president, Butler also devoted considerable time to planning and helping organize such important activities as homecoming, Family Day and the Children's Christmas Party.

"We had a tremendous turnout for both homecoming and the Children's Christmas Party. Students really got involved in making both these events very successful and fun for everyone," said Butler.

"Cold weather had an adverse effect on Family Day, or all three events would have been tremendous successes," Butler said.

John Butler (center), a sophomore from Idabel, and Jennifer Wilson, a sophomore from Tulsa, wait along with their "adoptive children" for the arrival of Santa Claus during the annual Student Body Government Children's Christmas Party held in the lobby of Harrill/Dobson Halls.
Eskandari, Fatemeh-Joplin, Mo.
Essary, Michael-Porter
Estes, Melissa-Vinita
Evans, Tisha-Elkland, Mo.
Everhart, Cleveland-Highland Park
Fairman, Cathy-Afton
Farber, Craig-Holdenville
Farmer, Russell-Miami
Farrimond, Melanie-Siloam
Fetters, Ricky-Spiro

Feldner, David-Grove
Fields, Natalie-Wagner
Fine, Cindy-Baxter Springs, Ks.
Finney, Elizabeth-Miami
Flemming, Janelle-Elkland, Mo.

Flock, Bryan-Seneca, Mo.
Flowers, Lisa-Miami
Flowers, Neal-Wynnewood
Flowers, Stephen-Miami
Ford, Brent-Sallisaw

Ford, Kim-Grove
Foreman, Gretchen-Decatur, Ark.
Foster, Karrie-Decatur, Ark.
Foster, Shigale-Sand Springs
Foster, Terry-Sand Springs

Foust, Jeremy-Wyandotte
Francis, Jeanne-Grove
Frazier, Frankie-Picher
Frazier, Patricia-Miami
Freeman, Harold-Picher

Freshmen
French, Christi-Locust Grove
French, John-Bartlesville
Fry, Brooke-Manford
Frye, Pamela-Grove
Furguson, Haether-Tulsa

Gabhard, Rhonda-Miami
Gagan, Shelia-Nowata
Gamble, Doug-Welch
Gammel, Tony-Skiatook
Garner, Patricia-Fairland

Garren, Kimberly-Tulsa
Gatewood, Jennifer-Miami
Gatze, David-Tulsa
Gatzman, Georganna-Glenpool
Gear, Jon-Plano, Texas

Gelso, Gina-Miami
George, Brenda-Lenapah
George, Jamee-Welch
George, Rachael-Grove
Gibson, Mandy-Baxter Springs, Ks.

Gilbert, Rhonda-Seneca, Mo.
Gilbreath, Shyton-Oklahoma City
Girvin, Carol-Vinita
Glavque, Mark-Vinita
Glovicko, Mike-Miami

Goddard, Nancy-Commerce
Goemmer, Trinci-Larussell, Mo.
Goins, Billy-Fairland
Golden, Kerrie-Watts
Goodan, Valerie-Seneca, Mo.
Haskell, Kent-Welch
Hassel, Susan-Jay
Hatfield, Dane-Cardin
Hampy, Jeff-Carnegie
Hayden, Jason-Wann

Hayes, Shawn-Commerce
Headley, Johnny-Fairland
Heaton, Georgia-Afton
Heinecke, Justin-Edmond
Henderson, Hope-Rose Bud, Ark.

Henderson, Jon-Fort Gibson
Henderson, Teri-Fort Gibson
Henry, Erik-Chandler
Hicks, Paula-Miami
Hicks, Shirley-Vinita

Higgins, Shannon-Owasso
Highfield, Tammy-Grove
Highley, Jeff-Commerce
Hill, Grayson-Houston, Texas
Hill, Jennifer-Miami

Hill, Kevin-Beggs
Hillhouse, Kristal-Blackwell
Hinson, Dana-Fairland
Hoag, Tracey-Joplin, Mo.
Hodges, Brandi-Broken Arrow

Hodges, Cassie-Grove
Hogner, Travis-Welch
Holcomb, Chad-Quapaw
Holden, Chris-Cache
Holland, Holly-Chelsea

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King, Jana-Pryor
King, Lamont-Muskogee
King, Sandra-Joplin, Mo.
King, Travis-El Reno
Kissee, Robyn-Galena, Ks.

Kirby, Shawn-Jay
Kralicek, Penny-Vinita
Kutz, Bryan-Waynoka
Laffoon, Terri-Oklahoma City
Lane, Larinda-Jay

Larson, Angela-Grove
Lawson, Lonnie-Woodward
Laymon, Joan-Miami
Leach, Brian-Siloam Springs
Lee, Amy-Sand Springs

LeFevre, Jenna-Monroe, Wis.
Leonard, Tamara-Skiatook
Lewis, Cheryl-Miami
Lewis, Jermaine-Broken Arrow
Lindquist, Nicholas-Tulsa

Littlefield, Michelle-Afton
Lockey, Trevor-Kieler
Loehr, Kay-Seneca, Mo.
Loomis, Patrick-Grove
Loomis, Sonya-Grove

Lord, Michelle-Grove
Love, Robert-Okmulgee
Lowe, Denise-Ketcham
Lages, Lonnie-Vinita
Luther, Tracy-Grove

Freshmen
Nesvold, Jim-

Newby, Kimberly-

Niblack, Jason-

Nichols, Amy-

North, Karen-

Nutting, Robert-

Oaks, Billy-

Offineer, Chris-

Olenox, Paul-

Palmer, Scott-

Panter, Christy-

Pantner, Anita-

Parker, Michelle-

Parmley, Jeff-

Partin, Terri-

Partin, Timothy-

Paxton, Jane-

Peacock, Shari-

Pearce, Chris-

Peck, Michael-

Pendergraft, Natalee-

Perriman, Michael-

Perry, Kim-

Peters, Victoria-

Pham, Hoang-

Phillips, Deanna-

Phillips, Ryan-

Phillips, Scott-

Pickup, Shawna-

Piguet, Neil-

Freshmen
Rhea, Rebecca-Broken Arrow
Rice, Jeremy-Oklmulgee
Rice, Michelle-Shawnee
Richards, James-Oktaha
Richards, Tammy-Miami

Ricketts, Ida-Miami
Riley, Matthew-Marshall, Mo.
Rien, Eric-Fairland
Ritter, Reese-Choctaw
Robinson, Angie-Collinsville

Robinson, Jeremy-Depew
Robinson, Michelle-Grove
Rodman, Tanya-Grove
Rogers, Cherry-Wyandotte
Rogers, Darin-Bartlesville

Rogers, Deborah-Ketchum
Rogers, Rob-Joplin, Mo.
Rogers, Terri-Miami
Rogers, William-Harrah
Rollins, Josh-McAlester

Romer, Kevin-Broken Arrow
Rosario, Bradley-Neosho, Mo.
Russell, Lennond-Frederick
Rutherford, Scott-Tulsa
Ryan, Kevin-Broken Arrow

Sadd, Jeff-Grove
Sandoval, Marsha-Fairland
Sarrapote, Victoria-Tulsa
Sarratt, Jeff-Goodman, Mo.
Satterwhite, Rusty-Bluejacket

Freshmen
Tackett, Mike-Coffeyville, Ks.
Taliaferro, Mark-Grove
Talkington, Shane-Edmond
Tarwater, Justin-Henryetta
Taylor, Mike-Farmington, Ark.

Thomas, Alicia-Vinita
Thomas, Louis-Tulsa
Thomasson, Aaron-Quapaw
Thompson, Faron-Pawnee
Thompson, Keith-Miami

Thompson, Lori-Okmulgee
Thompson, Stephanie-Dewar
Thompson, Thomas-Seneca, Mo.
Thulin, Julie-Miami
Tilley, Jerad-Inola

Todd, Stephanie-Collinsville
Townsend, Sandra-Grove
Traylor, Mark-Malvern, Ark.
Trease, Julie-Commerce
Trenary, Trevor-Broken Arrow

Trice, Eddie-Vinita
Trimble, Mark-Pryor
Tukovinit, Jukkit-Abilene
Turner, Danny-Jay
Turner, Karrie-Commerce

Underwood, Robert-Forgan
VanPelt, Anthony-Seneca, Mo.
Vaughan, Heather-Miami
Verch, Gary-Billings, Mont.
Villarreal, Brenda-Fairland

Freshmen
Vincent, Jeri-Miami
Vire, Jason-Bartlesville
Vitiello, Eugene-Vinita
Wade, Christi-Miami
Wagner, Melanie-Grove

Walker, Amy-Vinita
Walker, Charles-Tulsa
Wallace, Marty-Miami
Ward, Betsy-Collinsville
Ward, Jason-Mannford

Warren, Corbin-Sapulpa
Warren, Joyce-Hulbert
Warren, Nicole-Wyandotte
Washick, Jeff-Monett, Mo.
Washington, Brent-Stillwater

Washington, Linette-Okmulgee
Watts, Mary-Grove
Weatherford, Andrea-Broken Arrow
Webb, Ace-Gower, Mo.
Webb, Davis-Blackwell

Webb, Peggy-Joplin, Mo.
Weber, Jerry-Lamar, Mo.
Webster, Blake-Miami
Webster, Jennifer-Stillwater
Wedel, Patty-Grove

Wells, June-Grove
Whaling, Jeff-Jenks
Whaling, Kevin-Jenks
Whitaker, LaDonna-Tulsa
White, Chris-Wyandotte
Before fighting the crowds at the laundromat freshman Kevin Ryan, of Broken Arrow, crashes on the couch in the lobby of Commons Hall.

Several members of the Golden Norse baseball team rest on the fire escape at the west end of Commons Hall and carry on conversations with anyone that will listen.
Chris Palise, a sophomore from Peundridge, N.J., unloads some boxes from his car in the lot just east of Commons Hall.
Members of the Golden Norse football team relax and watch television in the lobby of Kah-Ne Hall. Clowning around are, from left: Clevon Williams, freshman, New Orleans, La.; Jason Bunch, freshman, Tulsa; Chris Rose, sophomore, Haskell; Lonnie Lawson, freshman, Woodward, Robert Johnson, sophomore, Oklahoma City, and Brent Scott, sophomore, Bristow.

Sophomore Eric Young, of Idabel, and Kembra Wright, a freshman from Tulsa, sit in the lobby and talk about things that took place on that particular day.
Devell Willliams, a freshman from Oklahoma City, and Michael Diggs, a freshman from Lamar, Mo., relax on a sofa in the Kah-Ne lobby.
Coming back from Quick Trip with an evening’s worth of supplies to their Russell Hall dorm rooms were, from left; David Reedy, sophomore, Moundville, Mo.; Eucdino Sanchez, freshman, Tulsa, and Paul Carnes, freshman, Rose.

Enjoying the comfort of the couch in the lobby of Russell Hall while watching Concentration were, from left; Michael Smith, freshman, Nowata; Creg Wyse, freshman, Tulsa; Jimmie Foster, sophomore, Broken Arrow; Josh Rollins, freshman, McAlester, and Derek Bailey, freshman, Oklahoma City.
Showing his expertise on the operation of a home computer system in a Russell Hall dorm room was sophomore Mikel Collins, of Tuttle, to Christy Heath, a sophomore from Dewey.
Glued to the "boob tube" in a room in Dyer Hall were freshmen, from left; Cary Stokes, Springdale, Ark.; Troy Blackston, Springdale, Ark.; Jerry Farmer, Checotah; Mark McAlester, Checotah; Justin Crittenden, freshman, Jay; Dalon Smith, Tulsa, and Carl Martinous, Fort Smith, Ark.

Chris Offineer, a freshman from Tulsa, watches a program on his eight-inch television sitting on top of a microwave which rests on top of his refrigerator.
Hector Hernandez, a freshman from Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Toby Landry, a sophomore from Lafayette, La., relax on a couch in the lobby.
Director of housing Connie Molder and sophomore Scott Klingaman of Perry go through the card file in the lobby of Vann Hall to make sure all the rooms were occupied.

Jasondre Hudson, a freshman from Crosby, Texas, and sophomore Sammy Beasley, from Athens, Ga., watch television in their dorm room.
Several aggies congregate in the lobby of Vann Hall for roping practice during bad weather.
Debbie Loudermilk, a sophomore from Muskogee, puts the finishing touches on her daily homework while resting on her bed in her dorm room.

Michelle Campbell, a sophomore from Inola, relaxes on her bed while watching her favorite soap opera.
Bobbi Hudson, a freshman from Miami, calls home to visit with her family while sitting in the comfort of her dorm room.
Three members of the Norse Stars Drill Team sit on the floor and look at magazines in their dorm room. Viewing the pictures are, from left; Anne Boswell, Tulsa; Shannon Dillsaver, Bartlesville and Gretchen Krebs, Bartlesville.

Dorm mom Bessie Dively (right) checks in on Kristen McCartney, a freshman from Tulsa, as she prepares to go out for the evening.
Shellie Brown, a freshman from Glenpool, collapses at the foot of her bed after a grueling day of classes and tests.
Selecting a college degree plan

Faced with the ultimate decision of selecting a major, many students started college without an idea of which career would be beneficial for them.

This important decision was either made at the time of their initial enrollment as a freshman, or anytime during their stay on campus.

Students had an opportunity to select from more than 70 academic areas contained within six divisions. Various academic divisions were agriculture, behavioral science, business, communications/fine arts, science/engineering, and health science/technology.

Course work varied from basic classes designed to bring the student up to the college entrance level, to advanced courses designed to help the student transfer to a four-year institution.

Degree programs were tailor-made to meet the individuals needs. Students could select from certificate programs to transfer programs.

Certificate programs were created to allow the student to pursue a job after completing either the one or two-year academic program.

The more traditional transfer programs allowed the student an opportunity to complete a specific academic program which would transfer to a four-year institution upon completion.

Contributing to the academic excellence was a group of highly skilled and trained professional faculty, of which 82 percent had masters degrees or above.
Agriculture

Jary Douglas
Division Chair
Jeff Bedwell
Agriculture/Biology
Roger Fent
Agriculture/College Farm

Dr. Jim Gleckler
Forestry/Wildlife
Pete Smith
Agriculture/College Farm
Llew Rust
Farm Manager/Rodeo

Cordin Warren, a freshman from Kellyville, comes out of the shoot fast during the calf roping contest at the Northwestern State University National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo at Alva. Warren finished fourth in individual calf roping competition as a member of the college rodeo team.
One of the leading extra-curricular activities within the agriculture division is the nationally recognized livestock judging team.

The college livestock judging team has been national champions several times over the past 15 years.

The team competes in such nationally sanctioned events as the Cow Palace Intercollegiate Judging Contest in San Francisco, Calif.; the American Royale in Kansas City, and events in Houston, Texas and Louisville, Ky.

Another extra-curricular activity which involves a lot of agriculture majors is the college Intercollegiate Rodeo team.

Members of this team compete in 10 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association sanctioned events each school year. The team features both men and women.

Rather than rely solely on campus classroom work, students have an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in either agriculture or farm and ranch management by working on the college farm.

Located just east of the main campus, the college farm serves as a laboratory. Covering 200 acres of land, the farm also features several beef, sheep and swine production areas.

Another facet within the agriculture division which offers hands-on experience is the forestry department. The program has use of a privately-owned 70 acre lot for timber cutting and habitat management.
Dana Jim (center), a sophomore from Bluejacket, accepts a check from Rod Kramer, social science instructor, as payment for the annual E.J. Griesshaber Social Science Scholarship. Assisting in the presentation were, from left; Dr. George Largent, head of the social science department; Mary Largent, assistant director of Learning Resources Center; Kramer, Jim, Ken Jacks, social science instructor, and Jeff Birdsong, social science instructor.
Behavioral Sciences involves different aspects of daily life

Focusing on the complications of everyday life in a rapidly changing world, the Behavioral Science division is a combination of three different departments.

Operating with 17 faculty members and offering 13 separate degree programs, the Behavioral Science division is divided into Care and Guidance of Children, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Social Science.

Within the division, students majoring in any of the 13 different programs have the choice of enrolling in a traditional transfer program, or pursuing a terminal degree.

Among the traditional transfer programs are courses in American History, American Federal Government and criminal justice.

Some other traditional courses offered include philosophy, psychology, religion and sociology.

One of the most unique non-traditional programs offered within the Behavioral Science division is the Nanny Program. Designed to give students a hands-on approach to child care, the program is a one-year terminal program. Six young ladies were in the first graduating class and all six gained employment.

Perhaps the most widely used program in terms of appeal in other fields is the Health, Physical Education and Recreation program.

Offering courses in golf and bowling, weight training, tennis and badminton, volleyball and archery, water safety and first aid.

The most popular physical education courses involve aerobic fitness. The classes not only offer students an opportunity to lose weight and tone up, but they also get to socialize with a wide variety of people.

Members of the first graduating class of the Nanny program offered by the college were, from left; Gala Lee, Joplin, Mo.; Shelley True, Pryor; Sherry Wencil, Wyandotte; Missi Jones, Miami; Kristen Kramer, Miami, and Susan Bates, Miami.
Serving as officers of the Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity were, seated, from left: Peggy Webb, historian, Joplin, Mo.; Sherry Layman, president, Catoosa; Debbie Laudemilk, parliamentarian, Muskogee; Nichole Phillips, treasurer, Owasso, and Kimmie Davis, Student Body Government representative, Commerce. Standing, Ava Holland, sponsor; Jay Parmley, PBI state vice president and former NEO student; Travis Johnson, reporter, Joplin, Mo.; Eric Jackson, Student Body Government representative, Mustang; Rick Schisser, vice president, Edmond, and Craig Davis, secretary, Commerce.
Computers important in all areas of business

Featuring one of the state’s most modern computer science facilities, the Business division also offers the diversity of three main departments. Along with the business department and the computer science department, the division also has a hospitality/fashion department.

Thirteen faculty members teach within the division. Students can select from 23 different programs which offer either transfer capabilities or are terminal in nature. A majority of the courses are offered within the business department.

Students may select from accounting, banking, business administration, business education, general clerical, general secretarial, legal secretary, medical secretary, management marketing, industrial management, postal supervision, tourism management, secretarial sciences and word processing.

The computer science department offers three programs known as transfer or terminal, business transfer, and arts and science transfer.

Last year the computer science department installed an IBM OS2 system which serviced more than 700 students in the first full year of operation. The majority of students that took advantage of the lab were non-computer science majors.

“Our graduates are more attractive to business and industry because they have had classes which provide them with a background beyond what students would experience at other colleges,” said Jim Grover, head of the computer science department.

Another department which experienced some changes during the past school year was the former home economics department.

The department experienced a name change to Hospitality/Fashion because the profession is rapidly changing.

Course offerings in this department include fashion merchandising; food, nutrition, and institutional administration; the hospitality industry; hotel and restaurant management, and housing design and consumer resources.

“Our students are taught the essentials needed to become a part of the highly competitive professions of hospitality and fashion,” said Mary Garrette, head of the hospitality/fashion department.

“For students seeking only the two-year degree, we have them working in different stores in the community. And if they want to become a small store owner, we have them work in one of the small stores in Miami to give them the feel for what they have selected,” Garrette said.

“Our approach is to try and get them off campus as much as possible and involved with the Miami business community,” said Garrette.
Jack Rucker  
Division Chair  
Patti Beth Abbott  
Speech and Theatre  
Robert Bayse  
English  
Rabon Bewley  
Music

Anthony Bickham  
English  
Jimmy Brown  
Speech  
Carla Brummel  
Reading  
Dr. Nicholas Calcagno  
Art  
Betty Caskey  
English and Spanish

Dr. Hank Coiner  
German and Humanities  
Elaine Collard  
Reading Lab Assistant  
Monty Franks  
Journalism  
Demaris Gaines  
Music  
Dr. Rogena Harrison  
English

Brian Hauck  
Speech and Theatre  
Jay Herselman  
Speech  
Cheryl Jones  
English  
Ruth Ann Maxwell  
Reading  
Steven McCurley  
Technical Theatre

Carol Smith  
English  
James Webster  
English  
Chris Willard  
Television  
Mary Susan Whaley  
Music  
Steve Whitesell  
Band
Creative thinking cornerstone of diverse division

Reading and writing are two of the fundamental forms of communications stressed within the Communications/Fine Arts division.

With a faculty of 25 dedicated professionals the division features 45 academic programs.

Along with a diverse selection of courses the division also advises students interested in elementary and secondary education.

"We offer a pre-professional skills test which is an examination that determines whether a student can get into the teaching program," said Jack Rucker, chairman of the division.

Programs within the division include art, arts and sciences commercial art, community journalism, drama, English, foreign languages, graphic arts, humanities, journalism, music, reading improvement, speech, technical theater and television.

One of the programs that relies heavily on a student's creative abilities is the art department.

"The basics remain the same to me," said Dr. Nicholas Calcagno, art instructor. "We hit the fundamentals really hard so that when students transfer, they know more in some cases than students that have been there for two years."

Another area within the division that draws upon a student's creative abilities is drama.

Not only does the drama department produce an average of five plays on campus, but the group also presents a children's show at Christmas and has a touring group known as RisQue Business.

Reflecting a growth in the music business is the renewed participation in the various bands and choral groups offered within the music department.

Membership in the Golden Norse Marching Band has increased under the direction of Rabon Bewley and Steve Whitesell while Mary Susan Whaley has seen a marked increase in participation in chorus.

Meeting the student's need to improve in the classroom, the division also offers courses in reading improvement. The reading program not only helps the student improve their ability to comprehend what they read, but it also helps improve study skills of the student.

Within the field of journalism, the division offers programs both in print and broadcast fields.

Students have an opportunity to work on the Norse Wind weekly student newspaper or the 192-page Viking yearbook.

Student participation is equally as important within the television program. The college has its own channel on the local cable network and the television department produces 12 shows per year to be broadcast locally.

"The main plus to our department is that students get to touch the equipment from the start," said Chris Willard, television instructor.

And director Steve Whitesell puts the college concert band through a practice session in preparation for the annual Christmas concert.
Automotive instructor David Gilbert (left) points to an area of trouble as students Travis Connelly of Garber and Chris Cupp of Carthage, Mo., work on the problem. The students were completing course requirements for learning electronic systems as required by the National Automotive Technology Education Foundation for ASE certification.
Health care continues to expand

With the explosion in the growth of home health care and the constant shortage of trained nurses, the nursing program at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College has a constant waiting list of qualified applicants.

"Each year we limit our number of students involved to 64 because as of late we were having as many as 125 to 150 students apply each year," said Dr. Carol Morris, chair of the Health Science/Technology division.

Accredited by the National League for Nursing and the State Board of Nursing, the academic program consists of 34 general education requirements and 36 hours of nursing courses.

In addition, the nursing program offers a degree for medical laboratory technicians and a one-year certificate for surgical technology.

Offering a curriculum of 20 different programs, the Health Science/Technology division is comprised of 16 faculty members.

Along with the nursing program, the division offers courses in automotive technology, aviation, computer engineering, construction technology, drafting and design engineering, electromechanical engineering, energy conservation technology and general technology.

Other academic programs within the division include industrial technology, education, pre-allied health, machinist technology, medical laboratory, radiologic technology, refrigeration and air conditioning technology, welding, and woodworking.

Members of the college nursing program poke a little fun at being a "MASH" unit while going through the various steps of being members of a surgical team.
Working hard on a med tech lab project are sophomores, from left; Stephanie Heltzel, Miami; Bill Herford, Overland Park, Kan., and Denise Tunc, Miami.
Curiosity abounds within science division

Along with courses in mathematics the division also features programs in biological sciences, pre-professional sciences, chemistry, geology, physics and pre-engineering.

The biological science department offers courses that deal with animal and plant sciences as well as courses that meet the general education biological science requirements.

Such courses as biology, botany, microbiology, and zoology are all offered as laboratory sciences.

The division also offers programs in dental hygiene, mortuary science, pre-dentistry, physician's associate, pre-medical, pre-optometry and pre-pharmacy.

Other laboratory sciences include chemistry and physics which offer students an opportunity to attain an associate of arts degree.

The profession of engineering has remained fairly consistent over the past decade. The academic application has remained high.

About the only significant change in engineering has been the application of computers. The requirements for the basic levels of math applied in engineering have remained consistent.

Engineers are called upon to make decisions and to demonstrate a high degree of technical competence. Engineers are people who like to create, design and build.

A student with a broad mathematical training may look forward to a career as an applied mathematician, computer programmer, actuary, statistician, teacher of mathematics, or research analyst. Coursework within the science/engineering division is student oriented.

Offering students an opportunity to explore the ever-changing worlds of science and mathematics, the science and engineering division is comprised of seven separate programs taught by 16 faculty members.

Several graduates of the NEO science and engineering division have gone on to distinguishing careers. Former graduate Scott Shriner worked on the development of the Patriot missile used successfully in the Desert Storm War.

Another former student, Donald Prevett, works as an engineer with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, Texas.

"The attitude we have at NEO is that we expect a great deal out of our students and we expect them to excel," said John Lomax, head of the mathematics department.

"At the same time we know that as instructors we are here to help them excel in what they're loing, not to impede their progress," Lomax said.

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Along with courses in mathematics the division also features programs in biological sciences, pre-professional sciences, chemistry, geology, physics and pre-engineering.

The biological science department offers courses that deal with animal and plant sciences as well as courses that meet the general education biological science requirements.

Such courses as biology, botany, microbiology, and zoology are all offered as laboratory sciences.

The division also offers programs in dental hygiene, mortuary science, pre-dentistry, physician's associate, pre-medical, pre-optometry and pre-pharmacy.

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Governor David Walters becomes the first Oklahoma governor to release a comprehensive Environmental program to the 1992 legislature.

Walters completes first year

Marked with all the ups and downs of a roller-coaster ride at Coney Island, David Walters completed his first full year as Oklahoma's 24th Governor.

Plagued by a six-month investigation into his campaign tactics, Walters remained steadfast and in control of the state's daily operation. As if the personal attacks on his ability to run state government weren't enough, Governor Walters and his family were devastated by the suicide of his eldest son Shaun.

Putting all his personal tragedies aside, Governor Walters tackled the tough problems facing the state in a vigorous manner.

Born Nov. 20, 1951 on a farm near Canute, Okla., Walters graduated from Canute High School in 1969. He received a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in 1973.

While attending the University of Oklahoma, Walters began his professional career by serving as administrator of Management Systems and Projects in 1975.

Walters served in the administration of former Governor David Boren as a project manager.

Following graduation from OU, Walters earned a masters of Business Administration from Harvard University in 1977.

From 1977 to 1982, Walters was with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He served as Assistant Provost from 1977 to 1980 and as Associate Provost from 1980 to 1982.

Walters joined the Burks Group, an Oklahoma City-based commercial real estate company, as president in 1982. In 1985, Walters became president of the American Fidelity Property Company.

In 1986, Walters made his first bid for the Governor's office as the nominee from the Democratic Party. He lost to former Governor Henry Bellmon in one of the closest gubernatorial races in Oklahoma's history.

Following the 1986 election, he created The Walters Company, and as president, engaged in commercial real estate investment and commercial property management.
Serving as cornerstone of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College for the past 10 years as president of the institution was Dr. Bobby R. Wright.

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 assistant-ship 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.

During his tenure as president at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Dr. Wright has seen a growth in the Health Science industry lead to the construction of a Health Sciences building along with the implementation of such new academic programs as aviation, tourism management and postal supervision.

Dr. Wright also has had an impact on the student population by actively seeking input from the Student Body Government.
Vice presidents oversee daily operations

Created to efficiently and effectively carry out the daily operation of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College are the responsibilities of the three vice presidents of the institution.

Dr. Charles H. Angle is the elder statesman of the group having come to NEO as an instructor in 1957. Dr. Angle serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Included in Dr. Angle's responsibilities is the instructional quality of the institution. Within this area is admissions, faculty, academic advising, class scheduling, and institutional programming.

Dr. Angle also oversees the Learning Resources Center, continuing education, and resources for six academic divisions.

Not only does Dr. Angle serve in an administrative capacity, but he also continues to teach a course in American Federal Government.

Completing his first full year in the administrative capacity of Vice President for Student Affairs was James Reese.

After serving a number of years as dean of records and admissions, Reese was selected for the vice presidency after serving one year on an interim basis. Reese joined the NEO faculty in 1965 as a computer science instructor.

Included in the responsibilities of Vice President for Student Affairs are all non-academic aspects of student life. These areas include housing, counseling, financial aids, student government, student placement, athletics, health services, and all student activities.

Controlling the financial operations of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was Tom Poole, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs.

Since coming to NEO in 1983 after a number of years at Phillips University, Poole oversaw the total college budget. He was directly involved with all of the operating expenditures the college made during the year.

Poole was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the institution including the maintenance and upkeep of campus buildings and grounds, the college food services, data processing, the bookstore, and printing.

Also included in Poole's responsibilities were the general accounting practices and all purchasing practices on a daily basis.

These three administrators oversee an annual budget of more than $3 million per year along with more than 250 employees and approximately 2,500 students.
Support personnel

Flo Atkinson
Staff Nurse
Tom Bain, director
Learning Resources Center
Larry Dunn, director
High School/College Relations
Dennis Earp, director
Financial Aids

Adonna Helmig, coordinator
Counseling/Guidance
Tim Ingram, director
Public Information
Jesse Jones
Business Manager
Glen Kirk, director
Development

Gary Lair
Chief Accountant
Dr. Alvin Moffatt, program director
Student Behavior/Substance Abuse
Connie Molder, director
Housing/Student Activities
Lloyd Ogle, director
Auxiliary Services

Dale Patterson, dean
Admissions and Records
Ray Reid, associate director
Financial Aids
Anita Reisch
Scholarship Administrator
Dr. Doris Snyder, associate dean
Special Programs

Dr. Sue Stidham, director
Continuing Education
Jana Lyn Thompson
Prevention Coordinator
Mike Watson, director
Campus Security
Dr. Bobby Woods, assistant director
High School/College Relations
Support personnel

Students Katina Toy (left), a sophomore from Cool Valley, Mo., and two friends visit with counselor Jeff Alexander in his office in the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building.

Jeff Alexander
Counselor
Carolyn Anderson
Library Assistant
Jo Ann Angle
Bookstore Manager
Nancy Blackwood
Audiovisual Assistant
Asst. Bookstore Manager

Kevin Clodfelter
Primer's Assistant
Grace Ann Combs
Bookstore Clerk
Kevin Eifert
Composition Coordinator
Jane Grieshaber
Bookstore Clerk
Mary Largent
Asst. Director LRC

Rosemary Maloney
Postmistress
Donna Patterson
Staff Asst./Acad. Affairs
Mary Patterson
Staff Asst./Fiscal Affairs
Shirley Patterson
Staff Asst./Student Affairs
Bill Pfannenstiel
Reference Librarian

Academics
Support personnel

Shirley Blair
Secretary
Sandy Blevins
Business Office Clerk
Tammy Cornutt
Registrar’s Office Clerk
Marcia Enyart
Staff Asst. Data Processing
Kim Grimes
Registrar’s Office Clerk

Kathy Harris
Staff Asst. to Registrar
Norma Highley
Secretary
Dotie Howard
Counseling Secretary
Alberta Hutchings
Library Assistant
Colleen Jenkins
Business Office Clerk

Billie Johnson
Library Assistant
Deanna Johnson
Secretary
Meg Jones
Secretary
Pat Jones
Secretary
Karen Key
Data Entry Clerk
Norma LaDuke
Business Office Clerk
Glenda Longan
Secretary
Jan Mathis
Maintenance Clerk
Jackie Matthews
Programmer/Analyst
Judy Miller
Business Office Clerk

Billie Minson
Secretary
Debra Nichols
Library Technical Asst.
Vonda Peters
Judy Poole
Secretary
Stephanie Rapp
Computer Operator

Peggy Rhine
Secretary to President
Susan Rhude
Secretary
Jo Rooney
Switchboard Operator
Ann Snyder
Business Office Clerk
Shelly Trimble
Secretary
Support personel

Rollie Williams
Maintenance Supervisor
Robert Ashbell
Custodian
Thomas Baker
Equipment Mechanic
Chester Brodick
Painter
Frances Burleson
Custodian

Vernon Clark
Campus Worker
Bessie Diveley
Head Resident Harrell Hall
Dat Diveley
Trades Mechanic Helper
Mike Duffell
Campus Worker
Carolyn Ellington
Custodian

Noah Feathers
Carpenter
Donald Fields
Trades Mechanic
Gary Gideon
Equipment Mechanic
Steve Grimes
Trades Mechanic
Billy Hansford
Campus Worker

Wanda Hawkins
Custodian
Imogene King
Custodian
Jerry Marshall
Painter
Ruby Moody
Custodian
Herbert Morris
Custodian

Windell Roonery
Electrician
Mario Saenz
Custodial Supervisor
Jim Turner
Heating Mechanic
Lesley Wallace
Equipment Mechanic
Toby Woodworth
Plumber

Academics
Support personel

Ernie Morris
Traffic Control Officer
Melvin Simmons
Traffic Control Officer
Toby Lavine
Director of Food Services
Barbara Orcutt
Secretary
Sue Williams
Clerk

Frances Blevins
Asst. Cafeteria Director
Richard Amell
Cafeteria Worker
Dava Anderson
Cafeteria Worker
Paul Browning
Grounds-keeper
Bernice Burd
Cafeteria Worker

Cathy Capansky
Cafeteria Worker
Ron Capansky
Cafeteria Worker
Raymond Castle
Vending Machine Technician
Jerry Cavin
Cafeteria Worker
Cheryl Clark
Snack Bar Worker

Idalis Crow
Cafeteria Worker
Ellen Daniels
Cafeteria Worker
Anita Demery
Cafeteria Worker
Jean Dion
Cafeteria Worker
Bob Edwards
Cafeteria Worker

Todd Fletcher
Cafeteria Worker
Bernice Grayson
Cafeteria Worker
Mary June Gray
Cafeteria Worker
Wilma Jean Gray
Cafeteria Worker
Joyce Hayworth
Snack Bar Worker

Luetisha Hogan
Cafeteria Worker
Clifford Hubey
Cafeteria Worker
Ron Hewerton
Grounds-keeper
Alfreda Kelly
Cafeteria Worker
Wayne Kerby
Cafeteria Worker
Support personnel

Helen King  Cafeteria Worker
Julius Kline  Vending Machine Technician
Floyd Mahurin  Grounds-keeper
Lloyd Mahurin  Grounds-keeper
Hazel McCoy  Cafeteria Worker

Mike Neal  Grounds-keeper
Alice Osborn  Cafeteria Worker
John Palmer  Cafeteria Worker
Loletia Rickard  Cafeteria Worker
June Sherman  Cafeteria Worker

Colleen Sharp  Cafeteria Worker
Geraldine Sherwood  Cafeteria Worker
Donna Stephens  Cafeteria Worker
Dolly Thompson  Cafeteria Worker
Leah Vaughn  Library Assistant

Doug Walls  Grounds-keeper
Delores White  Snack Bar Worker
Richard Willis  Cafeteria Worker
Bobby York  Grounds-keeper
Marsha York  Cafeteria Worker

Bonnie Tyler  Cafeteria Worker
Alleen Keeton  Cafeteria Worker
Freda Grant  Cafeteria Worker
Joyce Champlin  Snack Bar Worker
Thaysia Degner  Cafeteria Worker
A member of the local National Guard leads the opening ceremonies for the annual Native American Student Association pow wow held in the intramural gym.
Courses emphasize Native American cultural heritage

The Native American Studies program offered four evening classes during the spring semester for students interested in learning more about Native American heritage.

"History of the Ottawa Tribe" featured Ottawa Chief Charles Dawes as the instructor.

The course was concerned with the history of the tribe from the move from Georgia to the present day in Oklahoma.

Another course offered was "Language of the Ottawa Tribe". Chief Dawes also served as the instructor of this course.

Students learned the unique language of this Native American tribe. They also learned how to speak it and how to make phrases of conversation.

"Tribal Sovereignty Class" was offered with Linda Morgan, Native American counselor, served as instructor of the class.

The course provided a study of the recognition of Indian tribal governments as legal political entities rather than as racial groupings.

The class also studied colonialist, territorial, and United States government recognition of the rights of Indian Tribes to self-governance.

"Tribal Demographics Class" was taught by Dan Jennings.

The course demonstrated the current ownership of reservations and individually owned Indian property (and the many ways an Indian can own real property) in Ottawa County.

Utilizing the United States Geological Survey Maps, case problems, such as location, search, and identification of Indian sites (meeting places, mounds, roads, cemeteries, schools, land forms, council houses, religious sites, battlegrounds, rivers, lakes, and ruins) were conducted, verified, and documented and placed in the Learning Resources Center.

A historical and legal survey was presented to show former reservation boundaries and treaties and agreements that have changed.

The class also developed an historical atlas of Ottawa County and the Nine Tribes of Ottawa County.

Several coeds line up for a dance during the annual Native American Association spring pow pow at the intramural field.
Donna Mack (right), vice president of the OWLS organization, gets ready to apply another coat of paint as members Jana Ballard, of Grove, and Alicia Howan, of Commerce, prepare the paint.
OWLS assist adults to adapt to college

Reacting to the ever-increasing number of non-traditional students attending college, Northeastern A&M College developed a program called Older Wiser Learning Students. Under the direction of Dr. Sue Stidham the program completed its fourth full year in operation.

Created to help the adult student adapt to college life, the program starts when the prospective student makes contact with the college.

"Most of our students are referred to us by the Department of Human Services," said Dr. Stidham.

"They have three basic fears: they think they are too old, they think they have been out of school too long, and they really don't understand their desire to be here."

With a membership of more than 250, the organization created an OWLS Center during the spring semester.

Located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union, the OWLS Center was designed as a meeting place for the organization.

"We also allowed other groups to meet in there," said Donna Mack, a sophomore from Commerce and vice president of the OWLS.

The room was sectioned off to include a sitting area, a meeting area and a study area.

"Our philosophy as an organization was that we tried not to be judgemental and we tried to accept people the way they were," Mack said.

"Basically, we tried to serve as a support group for each other because coming back to school can be a very traumatic experience. We wanted to be there for each other whenever possible," said Mack.
Freshmen Eric Jackson of Mustang (standing) and Rick Schisser of Edmond utilize the IBM computers in the library to complete a research project.
Computer network contains variety

Featuring one of the most state-of-the-art computer networks for a higher education institution within the state of Oklahoma, Northeastern A&M College continued to increase its computer capability during the 1991-92 school year.

Not only did the college computer science department develop a new computer lab for student use, but several departments added additional computer equipment to their individual systems.

Through partial funding from a Title III grant, every building on campus will eventually be tied into the college's IBM main frame system. This will link the entire college into one system.

While this procedure will enhance communication across the campus, several other departments have established laboratories which are utilized as teaching tools.

One of the most active areas was the college reading lab. The area was equipped with 24 Apple II E computers and printers.

All students were charged a 25 cent per credit hour fee during enrollment to utilize the computers in the reading lab.

During the day the area was used for teaching such courses as reading comprehension, speed reading, vocabulary improvement, test taking, spelling improvement, and comprehension skills.

Also open from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, the reading lab also was used to teach micro computer techniques in agriculture, algebra tutorial, Spanish tutorial and French tutorial.

Another area which featured micro computers was the business division. The lab facilities contain 35 IBM micro computers which were used to teach specific business courses.

Students also had the availability of IBM micro computers in the Library/Administration building to work on research papers for various classes.
Who's Who Honorees

Andrea Bertalotto  Justin Brown  Dana Jim

Holly Kimble  Debbie Loudermilk  Danna Maloney

Jo Martin  Jami Maxwell  Wade Walls
Sophomores selected
Who's Who

Nine sophomores were named to the Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

"We made selections based on three main criteria. We looked at their scholarship, leadership, service, loyalty and character and one criteria, involvement in campus organizations and involvement in areas which represent the college," said Dr. Al Moffatt, chairman of the selection committee.

The following students were selected for the honor.

Andrea Bertalotto was a pre-optometry major from Miami. She maintained a 3.88 grade point average through three semesters.

Bertalotto served as vice president for the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and secretary/treasurer of the Biological Sciences club. She was also a member of the Norse Stars and Golden Norse cheerleaders.

As a freshman, Bertalotto served as an attendant in the homecoming activities. She was selected as the 1991 homecoming queen. She was also a member of the president's honor roll two semesters and the national dean's honor roll.

Justin Brown, a biology major from Miami, maintained a 4.0 grade point average over three semesters.

Brown was treasurer for both Phi Theta Kappa and the Biology club.

Dana Jim maintained a 3.75 GPA as a political science/psychology major from Bluejacket.

As president of the Native American Student Association, Jim also served as vice president of the Young Democrats, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Jim also served as a representative in the Student Body Government.

Jim was a member of the college quiz bowl team while also serving as a tour guide for the High School/College Relations department. He also served as a tutor in the social science division.

Holly Kimble was an agriculture economics major with a 3.94 grade point average from Hydro. She was the Student Body Government representative for the Aggie Society, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the honors program.

As a member of the college livestock judging team, Kimble was also selected to the president's honor roll.

Debbie Loudermilk was an agriculture economics major from Muskogee. She maintained a 4.0 GPA through three semesters.

As president of Harrill Hall dormitory, Loudermilk also served as parliamentarian for the Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. She was also a member of the Aggie Society, Order of Freyja and the Student Body Government.

Danna Maloney was an animal science major with a 4.0 grade point average from El Paso, Ill. She was a Dobson Presidential Scholarship recipient and a member of the livestock judging team and the president's honor roll.

Maloney was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Aggie Society and the Student Body Government.

Jo Dawn Martin was an agricultural journalism major with a 4.0 grade point average from Edmond. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Aggie Society, the honors program and the livestock judging team.

Martin was also named to the president's honor roll.

Jami Maxwell was a pre-law major from Miami with a 4.0 GPA. She was a member of the Native American Student Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Young Democrats, and the Foreign Language Club. She also participated in an Indian Law Symposium in Oklahoma City.

Maxwell was a two-year member of both the Lady Norse basketball and softball teams. As a freshman she was selected softball Academic All-American.

Wade Walls was an optometry major with a 4.0 grade point average from Miami. As a Dobson Presidential Scholar, Walls was an Academic All-American nominee and a member of both the president's and national dean's honor rolls. He was named the 1991 American Chemical Society Outstanding Student.

Walls served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and parliamentarian of the Student Body Government.
Perennial national champions

Pursuit of the elusive National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship remained the main focus of the six intercollegiate sports offered at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

First-year head football coach Mike Loyd and his coaching staff achieved the task by winning the eighth title in the school's history with a 9-1 overall record. Another first-year head coach, Lonnie Spencer, guided the Golden Norse basketball team to a 12-5 record in the first half of the season.

Veteran Lady Norse basketball coach Randy Gipson was awarded the number one position in pre-season and retained it through December while compiling a 14-1 overall record.

Coach Alan Lauchner's wrestling program was ranked in the top five nationally during the fall portion of the schedule.

While the spring sports of baseball and softball were not scheduled to start until the end of February, both programs enjoyed success during the 1991 seasons.

During his first year as head coach, Rick Ritschel guided the Golden Norse baseball program to the Eastern Division title in the Bi-State Conference and second place in the Region II tournament with a 34-22 record.

Fourth-year head coach Woody Morrow guided the Lady Norse to the Region II title and second place in the district with a 38-5 record.
Golden Norsemen annex eighth title

By Clark Sherman
Sports Editor

With a balanced offensive attack and a tenacious defense, the number-one ranked Golden Norsemen of NEO blasted second-rated Northwest Mississippi Community College, 49-21, in the seventh annual Coca Cola Mid-America Bowl.

Playing before a crowd of 6,000 at Tulsa’s Union-Tuttle Stadium, NEO captured their eighth National Junior College Athletic Association championship.

The Norse, under direction of Mike Loyd, finish the season at 9-1 while the Rangers of Northwest Mississippi drop to 11-1-1.

“Tied 14-14, NEO took the lead for good nine minutes later, when Young scored his second TD after a 44-yard march.

Sophomore free-safety Roberto O’Neal intercepted his first of two passes on the next possession of the Rangers to give NEO the ball near midfield.

Two plays later, NEO unleashed their air-strike team of Crabtree and wide receiver Billy Williams for a 41-yard touchdown pass.

Whitlow kicked the point-after, giving NEO a 28-14 lead at half.

The Norsemen ignited a rout in the second half by scoring 21 unanswered points.

Touchdown passes by Crabtree to Tony Grant and Young, along with a run by Crabtree provided the fireworks.

The Ranger’s lone score came late in the game on a three-yard run by Roell Preston.

Crabtree, who became NEO’s all time passing leader with 2,704 yards in two years, was named the games offensive MVP.

Crabtree was 12 for 19 for 209 yards and three touchdowns.

Sophomore linebacker Brian Hamilton was voted the game’s defensive MVP. Hamilton recorded eight tackles, three assists, two sacks and an interception.
Veteran quarterback Scott Crabtree (opposite page) scrambles to elude the pass rush of Northwest Mississippi during the seventh annual Mid-America National Championship Bowl game. Crabtree was selected Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Golden Norse linebacker Brian Hamilton (41) is forced out of bounds by a Northwest Mississippi quarterback Russell Evans (7) after intercepting an Evans pass. Hamilton was selected Defensive Most Valuable Player during the 49-21 victory by NEO.

Sophomore wide receiver Billy Williams (l) streaks down the sideline on a 41-yard touchdown from Golden Norse quarterback Scott Crabtree during the seventh annual Mid-America Bowl at Tulsa's Union-Tuttle Stadium.
Golden Norse quarterback Scott Crabtree stumbles as he comes down the offensive line and looks to turn up field behind the block of NEO tight end Todd Williams. The University of Tulsa junior varsity defensive tackle Steve Trotter fights to get through to make the tackle.

All-American linebacker Charlie Clemons wraps up Baker junior varsity quarterback David Gronok for a sack as teammate Brian Hamilton (41) comes in for the kill.

Strong safety Derek Huggins (23) comes in from the top (opposite page) as linebacker Danny Ledbetter hangs onto the feet of Baker junior varsity running back Lance Brumley.
Junior varsities fall in final two games

By Jennifer Brake

While most people considered the final two games of the regular season a lock for the Golden Norsemen, head coach Mike Loyd was concerned about getting his team mentally prepared to play.

Golden Norse 31-Tulsa JV 7

Sophomore tailback Eric Young rushed for 49 yards and scored two touchdowns as the number-one ranked Norsemen gained a 31-7 win over the University of Tulsa Junior Varsity to conclude the regular season.

Playing before a sparsely populated Robertson Field, the Golden Norse finished the regular schedule with an 8-1 overall record.

"We needed a good test at this point in the season and the University of Tulsa Gales gave it to us," said Loyd.

Young started the Norse scoring with a 1-yard run while Whitlow kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Norse lead.

Whitlow, the second-leading kick scorer in the nation, nailed a 22-yard field goal to give NEO a 10-0 margin at the end of the first quarter.

Billy Williams beat the Gale secondary for a 51-yard TD pass from Crabtree to put NEO up 17-0 early in the second quarter.

After TU scored on a 6-yard pass early in the third quarter, Crabtree hit flanker Gary Brown on a 34-yard scoring pass.

Young's second touchdown was a 5-yard run late in the third quarter to closeout the scoring.

NEO's offense rushed for 138 yards and gained 283 yards through the air to maintain a 400-yard per game average in total offense.

Linebacker Charlie Clemons led the Norse defense with seven tackles, 10 assists and a quarterback sack.

Golden Norse 63-Baker JV 0

Completing their third shutout of the season, the top-rated Golden Norse crushed the Baker University Junior Varsity 63-0 before fewer than 600 fans at Robertson Field.

With temperatures hovering in the low 20's and a brisk northerly breeze, the Norsemen wasted little time disposing of the Baker JV. NEO's defensive unit held the Wildcats to minus seven yards rushing on 17 carries while allowing only 29 total yards through the air.

The majority of the 90-man Golden Norse roster entered the game.

"It was good for us as a coaching staff to get a good look at some kids that we haven't seen in game-like conditions," Loyd said.

One notable player missing from the lineup was starting tailback Lamar Smith. Because of disciplinary reasons, Smith was released from the team prior to the game.

The Golden Norsemen managed to score on nine of their 14 possessions throughout the game. Fullback Tony Grant scored on runs of 49 and 14 yards while Young also scored on a 2-yard run.

Freshman tailback Fred Moore played the fourth quarter for NEO and scored on runs of 24 and 39 yards.

Grant led NEO's ground game with 161 yards on 11 carries. Young added 143 yards on 18 carries as NEO rushed for 431 yards on 52 carries.

Sophomore Volta Mitchell replaced Crabtree to start at quarterback and scored the first TD.

Linebacker Brian Hamilton returned his third interception of the year for a touchdown.

Veteran cornerback Greg Tremble scored on a 69-yard punt return.
Tenacious defense creates two wins

By Clark Sherman
Sports Editor

Intent on fine-tuning their offense and increasing their defensive effort, the Golden Norsemen defeated an Iowa team at Robertson Field before traveling to Knoxville, Tenn. for the final road game of the regular season.

**Golden Norse 20-Tennessee JV 0**

Playing on a practice field with a 12-minute continuous clock, the Golden Norsemen shutout the University of Tennessee junior varsity 20-0 in Knoxville, Tenn.

"We didn't know until we arrived for the game that we were going to play under these conditions. But we agreed to come, so we felt obligated to play the way they wanted," said Loyd.

A blocked punt by NEO's Brian Hamilton set up the first score.

Eric Young scored on a 20-yard touchdown run to give NEO a 7-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

Young added another TD on a 6-yard run just before halftime. NEO's final score as Young crossed the goal line from 2 yards out early in the third quarter.

The Golden Norse defense managed only 127 yards in total offense. Young rushed for 38 yards on five carries.

Crabtree struggled to complete only 1 of 6 passes for a 40-yard touchdown pass to Billy Williams.

The Golden Norse defense held Tennessee to minus nine yards rushing and 115 yards passing.

Hamilton led the defensive effort with six unassisted tackles, three assists and one quarterback sack.

**Golden Norse 59-Ellsworth 13**

Playing before the hometown crowd for only the second time, the Golden Norsemen crushed the 11th-ranked Ellsworth, Iowa Panthers 59-13 at Robertson Field.

Erupting for 21 points during the third quarter the Golden Norse scored more than they had in five previous games during the third period.

While generating 514 yards in total offense, the Golden Norsemen were plagued by 15 penalties for 130 total yards. Ten of the infractions occurred in the first half.

"We were shooting ourselves in the foot," said offensive line coach Mitch McGeehee. "We had too many penalties that bothered our consistency."

NEO scored twice in the first quarter as Crabtree connected with Grant on a 24-yard touchdown play before scoring on a 1-yard run to give the Norse a 14-6 margin.

A 36-yard field goal by Brian Whitlow gave the Norse a 17-6 margin.

Touchdown runs of 5 and 35 yards by Grant gave the Golden Norsemen a 31-6 lead early in the third quarter.

Young scored on a 5-yard run before Lamar Smith scored from 12 yards out to give the Norsemen a 43-6 advantage.

A 39-yard interception return by cornerback Greg Tremble and a 40-yard run by quarterback Volta Mitchell closed out NEO's scoring.

The Golden Norse ground game amassed 326 yards on 46 carries. Mitchell led with 91 yards on seven carries. Grant added 76 yards on 13 carries.

Crabtree completed 9 of 23 passes for 188 yards.

Golden Norse flanker Gary Brown led the receiving corps with three catches for 81 yards while wide receiver Billy Williams made two receptions for 50 yards.

NEO's defense limited the Panthers to 11 total yards rushing on 35 carries and 259 yards passing.

Linebackers Charlie Clemons and Brian Hamilton each made nine solo tackles to lead the Golden Norse defensive effort.
Veteran flanker Jerry Jerman (20) attempts a spectacular one-handed catch (opposite page) as Ellsworth, Iowa defensive back Mel Salmon (23) tries to make the play along the sidelines.

All-American free safety Roberto O'Neal (22) heads up field in front of a block by All-American linebacker Charlie Clemons after intercepting a pass intended for Ellsworth wide receiver Armond Dawson (83).

Sophomore tailback Eric Young crashes across the goal line as Ellsworth defenders fall by the wayside.
Sophomore tailback Lamar Smith (25) gets a good look at his blocking as Coffeyville Red Ravens defenders Damon Wilmore (80) and Anthony Ingram (58) try to make the play during the third-annual Border Battle at Tulsa Union-Tuttle Stadium.

All-American strong safety Derek Huggins (23) is knocked out of bounds by Tyler Junior College tailback Derrek Richardson (12) during the run-back of an interception as an unidentified Norse defender gets an up-close look at the 20-yard line marker.

Veteran quarterback Scott Crabtree (6) roles away from pressure (opposite page) by Grand Rapids linebacker Ryan Johnson (56) in an attempt to complete a pass.
By Jennifer Brake
Sports Editor

Two long road trips sandwiched around homecoming enabled the Golden Norse to rebound from their only loss of the year.

**Norse 24, Grand Rapids, Mi. 0**

Making the 750-mile trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., the Golden Norse defense overcame rain and a chilly North wind to gain a 24-0 shutout over the ninth-ranked Raiders.

The third-ranked Norsemen limited Grand Rapids to only 182 yards in total offense while handling the Raiders their second loss in five days.

Quarterback Scott Crabtree threw touchdown passes of 40 yards to Gary Brown and 24 yards to Billy Williams before scoring on a 1-yard run. NEO held a 21-0 lead at half.

Brian Whitlow's 30-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter concluded the scoring.

Fullback Jeremy Veasley rushed for 117 yards on 16 carries as NEO generated 270 yards rushing and 202 yards passing.

Crabtree completed 13 of 21 for 202 yards with one interception.

Defensive tackle David Gatzke and linebacker Charlie Clemons led the defense with seven solo tackles each.

**Golden Norse 34-Tyler, Texas 24**

After watching a 24-3 lead at halftime evaporate, the third-ranked Golden Norsemen delighted nearly 5,000 homecoming fans at Robertson Field with a come-from-behind 34-24 victory over Tyler, Texas.

Brian Whitlow broke a 24-24 tie with a 22-yard field goal with 6:42 left in the game to give NEO the lead.

Sophomore tailback Lamar Smith scored on a 6-yard run with 44 seconds left to complete the Norse rally.

Both offenses generated impressive numbers as the Golden Norsemen created 395 yards in total offense while the Apaches amassed 411 yards in total offense.

Smith led the Norse ground game with 186 yards on 26 carries while fullback Jon Bell added 111 yards on 11 carries.

**Norse 48-Bakersfield, Ca. 14**

Despite plane problems on their flight to Bakersfield, the Golden Norsemen crushed the Renegades 48-14 in the second-annual Pizza Hut Kick-off Classic.

Both teams had been pre-season picks to win a national championship, but the Renegades disappointed a hometown crowd of more than 14,000 at Memorial Stadium.

Bakersfield scored on the opening possession before the Golden Norse reeled off 21 straight points in the first quarter.

A 3-yard touchdown run by Lamar Smith and a 10-yard TD run by Tony Grant started the scoring.

Crabtree threw touchdown passes of 40 yards to Gary Brown and 54 yards to Billy Williams.

Brian Whitlow kicked field goals of 35 and 26 yards.

NEO's defense contributed two scores as linebacker Brian Hamilton scored on a 41-yard interception return and strong safety Neal Flowers scored on a 57-yard interception return.

Smith led the Golden Norse rushing attack with 144 yards on 24 carries.

The Norsemen rushed for 296 yards on 57 carries while gaining 206 yards through the air.

Crabtree completed 10 of 13 passes for 206 yards with two TDs.

Flanker Jerry Jerman caught three passes for 58 yards.

Linebacker Charlie Clemons led the defense with 15 solo tackles, five assists and three quarterback sacks for minus 11 yards.

NEO's defense held Bakersfield to only 38 yards rushing while allowing 298 yards passing.
Golden Norse start and end title drive at Tulsa stadium

By Clark Sherman

Sports Editor

Everything that goes around comes around.

So was the season for the Golden Norseman football team.

First-year head coach Mike Loyd and his staff opened the season against defending national champion Coffeyville Community College in the third-annual Border Battle at Tulsa's Union-Tuttle Stadium.

Ironically, over the long, grueling season the Norsemen would fall from atop the weekly National Junior College Athletic Association poll, only to make the long climb back and gain the NJCAA title in Tulsa.

"We knew going into the season that we had a special group of kids. They set some goals for themselves and then went about the task of reaching those goals," said Loyd.

Kilgore, Texas 28-Norsemen 10

Sixth-ranked Kilgore Junior College knocked the Golden Norsemen from atop the NJCAA poll with a come-from-behind 28-10 victory at Kilgore.

The Golden Norse built a 10-7 halftime lead after Brian Whitlow kicked an 18-yard field goal and the passing combo of Scott Crabtree-to-Billy Williams clicked on a 57-yard scoring pass.

Despite the fact that the Norse carried a lead into the lockerroom at half, Kilgore was beating NEO on paper.

The Rangers had accumulated 166 yards rushing and 70 yards passing while the Golden Norse managed only 55 yards rushing and 82 yards passing.

Kilgore scored twice within the span of one minute in the third quarter on runs of 18 and 22 yards by tailback Eddie Akins.

NEO was held to 25 yards rushing and 113 yards passing in the second half.

Lamar Smith led the Norsemen with 48 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Norse 36-Coffeyville, Kansas 28

"I don't know if you would call it revenge, but we were looking forward to the rematch," said Loyd following a 36-26 victory by the Norsemen over defending national champion Coffeyville Community College in the season opener for both teams.

Playing before a crowd of more than 8,000 at Tulsa's Union-Tuttle Stadium in the third annual Border Bowl, the Golden Norse made a strong point for their pre-season number one ranking.

Quarterback Scott Crabtree gave NEO the lead with a 33-yard TD run on the third series.

Coffeyville responded with a 13-yard TD run by quarterback Johnny Mattress and an 80-yard punt return by Morris Letcher to grab the lead.

Crabtree retaliated by connecting with Billy Williams on a 64-yard pass play to tie the score.

The Crabtree-to-Williams combo clicked again for a 63-yard touchdown to give NEO a 21-14 lead.

Coffeyville tied the score just before halftime on a 3-yard run by Jerry Ratway.

With only 12 seconds before half, Crabtree scored on a 1-yard run as NEO carried a 27-21 lead into the lockerroom at half.

Whitlow's 21-yard field goal increased the Norse lead to 30-21 early in the third quarter.

Mattress rallied the Red Ravens with a 6-yard touchdown pass to John Ogleby to cut the deficit to 30-28.

NEO's final touchdown was a 15-yard run by Eric Young.

Smith rushed for 147 yards on 24 carries as the Golden Norse gained 262 yards on the ground and 268 yards through the air.

Crabtree completed 10 of 22 passes for 268 yards with one interception.

All-American wide receiver Billy Williams made 11 receptions for 259 yards.
Four named All-America

Four sophomore members of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College National Champion Golden Norsemen football squad earned All-America recognition at the end of the season.

Record-setting wide receiver Billy Williams (5-11, 170, Alcoa, Tenn.) was selected to the National Junior College Athletic Association first team offense and the California J.C. Grid-Wire publication second team.

Williams rewrote the NEO receiving record book with 68 receptions for 1,438 yards and 14 touchdowns over a two-year period.

Duane Gunn established the career receiving yards with 1,038 in 1980 while Dennis Jackson (1966-67) caught 62 passes with 13 touchdowns.

Williams signed to attend the University of Tennessee.

Veteran linebacker Charlie Clemons (6-2, 226, Griffin, Ga.) earned first team honors with the J.C. Grid-Wire while being selected second team NJCAA.

Clemons, who signed with the University of Georgia, led the Golden Norse defensive unit with 75 unassisted tackles, 51 assists, 12 quarterback sacks for minus 79 yards, five pass deflections, two fumbles caused and one interception.

Over a two-year period, Clemons recorded 121 tackles, 80 assists, 16 quarterback sacks for minus 120 yards, one deflected punt, 7 deflected passes and two fumble recoveries.

Starting free safety Roberto O'Neal (6-2, 205, Tulsa Memorial) was named to the NJCAA first team defensive unit while earning honorable mention by the Grid-Wire.

O'Neal ranked third on the team with 48 solo tackles, 45 assists, 12 pass deflections and three fumbles caused. O'Neal tied teammate Brian Hamilton for the team lead with six interceptions.

Over two years O'Neal made 57 solo tackles, 73 assists, 23 pass deflections and eight career interceptions.

Sophomore strong safety Derek Huggins (6-1, 205, Rome, Ga.) was selected Academic All-American by J.C. Grid-Wire. Huggins maintained a 3.62 grade point average in pre-med over three semesters.

Linebacker Eric Hobbs (42), Russell Wambley (63), Jermain Howard (52) and Lonnie Lawson (35) huddle around a hot-air blower (opposite page) as temperatures plunged at Robertson Field.

Coaches, managers, trainers and team members of the 1991 National Junior College Athletic Association National Champion Golden Norsemen.
Men cagers featured balance and depth

By Jennifer Brade
Sports Editor

Loaded with talent, experience, and seven returning sophomores, the Golden Norse cage squad entered the 1991-92 campaign as pre-season picks to repeat as Region II champions.

Lonnie Spencer, in his first year as head coach, and assistant coach Jay Herkelman battled team dissension and desertions to guide the Norsemen to a 12-5 overall record during the first semester.

Under the direction of former head coach Larry Gipson, the 1990-91 edition of the Golden Norse won the Oklahoma state tournament and the Region II tournament. The Golden Norse were eliminated in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament on the way to a 27-10 overall record.

As a result of their past success, the Norsemen were ranked number three in pre-season.

"I think our team definitely earned that ranking, but whether or not we accept the responsibility of being a top ranked team will depend on our players," said Spencer.

Spencer replaced Larry Gipson as head coach after Gipson resigned to become head basketball coach at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

Heading the list of returning starters was all-conference forward Anthony "Scoop" Williams (6-6, Toledo, Ohio).

Williams averaged 11.8 points through the first half of his sophomore season.

Returning in the Golden Norse backcourt were all-conference starters Terry "Archie" Fuller and "Sudden" Sam Brown along with veterans Kevin Joshua and Morris Johnson.

Fuller (6-0, Anderson, Ind.) averaged 10.4 points as a freshman while recording 123 assists, 61 steals. Fuller averaged 12.8 points in the first 17 games.

Brown (5-10, Three Rivers, Mich.) averaged 10.8 points per game while leading the team with 141 assists and 64 steals. Brown averaged 11.8 points during the first half.

Joshua (6-0, Idabel) played in 31 games as a freshman and averaged 5.6 points with 31 assists and 17 steals.

Joshua led the Norse in scoring through the first half of the season with a 14.5 average.

Johnson (5-9 from Clyde, N.Y.) saw limited action during the first half after red-shirting as a freshman.

Bolstering the forward positions were the return of both Roy Roberts (6-6, Texarkana, Ark.) and Robert Hayes (6-5, Thomasville, Ga.).

Roberts averaged 7.4 points and 5.3 rebounds during the first 17 games after averaging 2.6 points and 1.3 rebounds in 29 games as a freshman.

Hayes scored 8.2 points and 5.4 rebounds during the first half after averaging 1.2 points and 1.7 rebounds in 13 games as a freshman.

Five members of the 12-man roster were newgrounds.

Freshman Scott Bowman (5-9, Skiatook) averaged 2.1 points in eight games at the guard position.

Sharing duties at the forward positions were freshmen Rickey Gibson (6-61/2, Detroit, Mich.) and Corey Williams (6-41/2, Fort Wayne, Ind.).

Gibson played in seven games the first half while Corey Williams averaged 2.5 points and 3.3 rebounds in limited action.

Splitting the responsibilities at the post position were freshmen Avery Lamb (6-8, Auburn, N.Y.) and Kalvin White (6-5, Toledo, Ohio).

Lamb played in 16 games and had a 5.6 scoring average and a 3.3 rebounding mark while making eight blocked shots.

White was averaging 6.6 points and 3.4 rebounds in 16 games at the center of the Golden Norse offense.

"We spent the first half of the season searching for ourselves as a team. We were in every game we played, but we couldn't seem to sustain any consistency."
All-conference guard Sam Brown (15) battles Damon Odneal (22) of Labette Community College for a loose ball near the baseline. Brown scored 12 points in an 84-81 loss to Labette in Parsons, Kan.

First-year head coach Lonnie Spencer paces the sidelines as he makes a point during a game at the NEO Fieldhouse. After three years as an assistant coach, Spencer took over for veteran coach Larry Gipson at the start of the 1991-92 season.

Veteran all-conference forward Scoop Williams goes up for a put-back before a partisan crowd at the NEO Fieldhouse after teammate Sam Brown missed a layup as Independence, Kan. defenders look on.
Freshman forward Kalvin White (42) goes up for a jump shot along the baseline over the defensive pressure of Juan Chase (42) and Mitch McVicker (40) both of Allen County Community College during an 83-60 Golden Norse victory in Iola, Kan.

Sophomore guard Kevin Joshua (20) attempts to penetrate the defense applied by Rod Pryor and Myron Pace both of Butler County Community College. Golden Norse teammate Kalvin White (42) works for position underneath the basket. The Golden Norse defeated Butler County, 89-78 in Miami.
All-conference guard Sam Brown (15) looks for an outlet pass as Butler County defenders Cleveland Jackson (3), Rod Pryor (11), Justin Johnson (35) and Tony Nelson (20) converge on the play.

Freshman post player Avery Lamb (34) goes up for a shot underneath the basket as Allen County defenders Scott Brickner (22) and Chad Eshbaugh (52) await the rebound.

Veteran forward Roy Roberts (24) applies defensive pressure to Charles Gunby (5) during an 84-81 loss to Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan.
All-conference forward Anthony “Scoop” Williams (45) looks for an open teammate as Labette’s Darryl Brown (33) attempts to deny the pass.

Veteran Robert “Lucky” Hayes (25) puts up a shot after driving the baseline as Terrique Goodman (32) and Juan Chase, both of Allen County try to prevent the shot.
Guard Kevin Joshua (23) drives from the top of the key towards the basket against the collapsing defense of Northern’s Cody Lack (22) and Chad Brown (23).

Attempting to deny easy access to the basket by Coffeyville’s Rufus Morton (32) are Golden Norse defenders Archie Fuller (12) and Roy Roberts (24).
Lady Norse cagers started with youth

By Clark Sherman

Sports Editor

After coming within one point of capturing the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship, the 1991-92 edition of the Lady Norse basketball squad opened the season with an emphasis on youth.

"We had the potential to be very good because we were able to assemble a team that had a lot of natural, physical talent," said Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson.

"But we also had to deal with the unknown quantity of having so many new players," Gipson said.

During the 1990-91 campaign the Lady Norse won the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference with a 9-1 record before defeating Seminole 68-63 to win the Oklahoma state title.

NEO earned a trip to the national tournament with an 83-77 win over Westark for the Region II crown.

The Lady Norse sustained a 61-60 loss to Odessa, Texas in the NJCAA National Championship game at Tyler, Texas.

Gone from a team which established a new school record with a 36-2 mark were six players that were virtually interchangeable for Gipson. All six players signed to continue their careers at Division I schools.

"We lost six superior competitors that were equal in ability," said Gipson. "They also understood their role in the team concept and it was a real challenge, to replace them."

While graduation took a toll on the Lady Norse starting five, the squad benefited from three returning players that saw considerable action as freshmemen.

Through the first 15 games of a 30-game schedule the Lady Norse were ranked number one in the nation with a 14-1 overall record. Returning at the guard position was veteran Sunnye Looney (5-3 from Adair). Looney averaged 8.4 points with 67 assists and 33 steals during the first half.

While seeing action in 37 games as a freshman Looney averaged 4.6 points with 105 assists and 44 steals.

Freshmen seeing considerable action at the guard positions were Eddie Pierson, Kadandra Bush, Keisha White and Stacey Eby.

Pierson (5-7 from Pine Bluff, Ark.) averaged 7.5 points with 44 assists and 26 steals in 15 games.

Bush (5-9 from Thomasville, Ga.) averaged 4.1 points in 11 games.

White (5-5 from Lima, Ohio) averaged 3.3 points and 15 assists and 5 steals.

Eby (5-7 from Adair) averaged two points in 10 games.

Sophomores Loyre Harper and Jami Maxwell returned at the forward positions for the Lady Norse.

Harper (5-11 from Cincinnati, Ohio) led the Lady Norse with a 13.5 scoring average and a 9.7 rebounding mark.

As a freshman Harper also led the team with a 7.7 rebounding average while scoring 12.3 points per game.

Maxwell (5-9 from Miami) averaged 7.9 points and 2.1 rebounds in 15 games. Maxwell saw action in 29 games while averaging three points and two rebounds per game.

Freshmen Shawnda DeCamp and Anissa Lewis shared starting duties at forward.

DeCamp (5-9 from Locust Grove) averaged 9.1 points and 4.5 rebounds in 15 games.

Lewis (6-0 from Jeffersonville, Ind.) averaged 9.7 rebounds and 7.8 points per game through the first half.

Three freshmen shared the starting post position.

ShaRhonda Purley (6-2 from Toledo, Ohio) averaged 13.5 points and 7.3 rebounds with 17 blocked shots in 15 games.

LaShema Marble (6-0 from Flint, Mich.) averaged 2.1 points and 3.2 rebounds in 13 games.

Allison Shand (6-1 from Scarborough, Ontario) averaged 2.4 points and 3.8 rebounds in 15 games.

"Even though I was excited about our prospects this season as a team, it took time for us to grow."

Women's basketball
Sophomore guard Sunnye Looney (11) runs the Lady Norse transition game as teammate Anissa Lewis (51) heads up court as April Wall (20) of Panola, Texas trails the play. The Lady Norse defeated the Fillies 88-69 in Miami.

Members of the 1990-91 Lady Norse squad (opposite page) celebrate the winning of the Region II championship after defeating Westark in a one-game playoff. The Lady Norse finished second in the nation after suffering a 61-60 loss to Odessa, Texas in the NJCAA finals.

Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson questions a call from the sidelines during his 100th career victory at NEO with a 66-44 win over Johnson County, Kan.
Lisa Reiter (23) from Eastern Oklahoma College tries to get past the tenacious defense of Lady Norse sophomore guard Sunyee Looney (13).

Freshman guard Eddie Picerson (21) puts a shot up off the glass as teammate Anissa Lewis (51) and Dava Albert (23) of Seminole Junior College await the rebound.
Center Lashema Marble (54) goes up for a short jump shot as teammate Sharhonda Purley (52) sets a pick against Tina Kufahl (40) of Allen County Community College.

Freshman center Sharhonda Purley (52) grabs a rebound and goes back towards the basket as Tammy Genck (20) of Moberly Community College tries to defend.
Freshman guard Eddie Pierson (21) drives around the defensive effort of Seminole’s Patrina Davis during a 74-45 victory by the Lady Norse over the Belles in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Pulling up for a jump shot underneath the basket is freshman center Allison Shand (55) as Allen County’s Althea Simpson (32) and Apples Waddell (35) try to stop the play. The Lady Norse defeated the Lady Devil’s 69-56 in Miami.
Applying defensive pressure in front of the basket on Crowder's Alison Noyes is Lady Norse center Sharhonda Purley (52) as veteran guard Sunnye Looney (11) and freshman forward Shawnda DeCamp (22) provide help.

Sophomore forward Jami Maxwell (33) fights Northern's Kimetha Mitchell (34) for a rebound during a 71-60 victory by NEO over the Lady Mavericks in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Driving towards the basket on a fast break is freshman forward Kadondra Bush (34) as Allen County's Althea Simpson (32) reaches in to knock the ball away.
All-American led wrestling squad

By Mike Malone

"We were pretty strong at the middle weights," said Golden Norse wrestling coach Allen Lauchner.

Last year under Lauchner's guidance the Golden Norsemen finished fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament in Bismarck, N.D.

During the regular season last year the Norsemen compiled a 13-4-0 record in dual matches.

Through the first three months of the 1991-92 season the Golden Norsemen were 8-2 in dual matches and ranked ninth nationally.

Four members of the Norse wrestling squad earned All-American honors during the 1990-91 year.

"This was the first time in the history of our wrestling program where we started the season with a defending national champion," said Lauchner.

Sophomore Everette Harris, from Lawton High School, returned in the 142-weight class. Harris became only the second NEO wrestler to win a national championship as a freshman.

Returning at 150 was veteran Leon Tullis of Oklahoma City Southeast. As a freshman Tullis wrestled in the 158-weight class.

Veteran Jimmy Foster of Broken Arrow finished second in the regional as a freshman. Foster finished ninth in the national tournament.

Red-shirt Dirk Lee of McAlester returned at 126 after a knee injury kept him sidelined last year.

Jerry Young of Tulsa Union returned after a knee injury forced him to red-shirt as a freshman. Young wrestled at 134.

"We had to rely on freshmen to fill in, especially at the upper weights. That created some apprehension on the part of the coach because of the unknown," Lauchner said.

"Coupled with the fact that we had a real good recruiting year, we had a real shot at doing well in post-season."

Freshmen prospects included Rodney Accox, Pauls Valley, 158; Micco Charboneau, Wagoner, heavyweight; Ryan Crawford, Skiatook, 167; Travis King, El Reno, 190, and Josh Rollins, McAlester, 154.

Other freshmen team members included Rafial Avila, Del City, 167; Terry Foster, Sand Springs, 158; Jason Larkin, Jenks, 158; Andy Ross, Blue Valley, Kan., 134, and Greg Wyse, Berryhill, heavyweight.

Jimmy Foster started in most dual meets for the Norse at 118. Other starters were Lee at 126, Ross at 134, Harris at 142, Tullis at 150, Crawford at 158, Accox or King at 167, Charboneau at 190 and Baker at heavyweight.

"When we came back from the month-long Christmas break, we had a couple of guys sidelined with the flu and a couple unable to pull weight. But, we worked through those difficulties to have a set, stable lineup toward the end of the season," Lauchner said.

Opening the season in the Labette Takedown tournament at Parsons, Kan., the Norse had Jimmy Foster and Accox place second, Avila and Larkin third and Lee fourth.

The Norse defeated Belleville, Ill., 29-14 in the first dual match of the season in Miami before stopping William Jewell, Mo., 48-0 in Liberty, Mo.

Missouri Valley handed the Norse a 23-19 loss in a dual before NEO earned a 48-0 win over Lincoln, Ill., and a 51-0 shutout over Waubonsee, Ill.

After Crawford, Foster and Lee placed in the St. Louis Open, the Norse returned home for duals to close out the fall portion of the season.

NEO knocked off second-ranked Labette 22-16 before defeating William Jewell 41-6.

Returning to action after Christmas the Norse defeated Lincoln, Ill., 40-6 and Lassen, Calif., 32-10 in duals before wrestling in several tournaments.
Referee Mark Hudson (opposite page) lifts sophomore Dirk Lee's hand in victory following a win by Lee in the 126-weight class.

Freshman Ryan Crawford, of Skiatook, struggles to break an ankle lock by Darrell Thomas of Bellesville, Ill., during a 167-pound match.

All-American veteran Everette Harris, of Lawton, applies an arm lock on Shane Roberts of Lassen, Calif., during a match in the 142-weight class. Harris decisioned Roberts 9-3 in the match.
Sophomore Jimmy Foster, of Broken Arrow, has his arm raised by referee Mark Hudson following a 6-2 decision of Erik Gustafson of Lincoln, Ill.

Veteran Leon Tallis, of Oklahoma City Southeast, wraps up Jim Davis of Belleville, Ill., during a 150-pound match.
Rafael Avila, a freshman from Del City, tries to roll Myron Fletcher of Meramec, Mo., over during a 5-3 victory in the 167-weight class of the NEO Open tournament.

Aaron Whitlock, a freshman from Miami, struggles with Steve Tremble of Belleville, Ill., during a 13-3 superior decision by Whitlock in the 134-weight class.

Freshman Rafael Avila, from Del City, scores an escape during a 167-weight match against Darnell Thomas of Belleville, Ill. Avila battled Thomas to a 9-9 draw.
All-American Everette Harris has his arm raised in victory by referee Mark Hudson after pinning Pat Sainswin of Belleville, Ill., at 2:02 of the 142-pound match.

Freshman Aaron Whitlock exchanges head slaps with Steve Tremble of Belleville, Ill., during a 134-pound match.
Travis King, a freshman from El Reno, drives a shoulder into Howard Periman of Missouri Valley during a 167-pound match. King pinned Periman midway through the second period.

Sophomore Everette Harris pulls Ken Arnold of Labette Community College back towards the center of the mat during a 142-pound match. Harris gained a 9-0 decision over Arnold.
Veteran pitchers bolstered baseball

By Jennifer Brake

Sports Editor

After coming within one game of winning the Region II championship, coach Rick Ritschel's 1992 edition of the Golden Norse baseball featured strong pitching and tough defense.

"We started the season with three returning righthanded starters and we signed three quality left-handers, so our pitching was one of our real strong suits," said Ritschel.

Last year under Ritschel's initial campaign the Golden Norse won the Bi-State Conference Eastern Division with a 13-6 record.

The Norsemen lost to Seminole in the finals of the Region II Tournament to finish with a 34-22 record overall.

Heading the list of returning starters on the mound was Kevin Ryan of Broken Arrow. As a freshman Ryan finished with a 7-1 record and a 1.83 earned run average. Ryan was selected to the Region II All-Tournament team.

Veteran Hector Hernandez from Carolina, Puerto Rico also returned. While appearing in 11 games as a freshman, Hernandez compiled a 6-4 record with a 4.79 ERA.

Jon Graham from Des Moines, Iowa returned after posting a 4-5 record with a 4.85 ERA as a freshman.

Freshman Rhett Methill of Rawlins, WY.; David Cobb, Tulsa; Bryan Poehler, Duncanville, Texas; Clay Partney, Broken Arrow, and Jeff Chappell, Newcastle provided depth from the right side.

Expected to see considerable action from the left side were Ryan Duffy, Sombra, Ontario, Canada; Jude Cambre, Denham Springs, LA; John Darlington, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. and Darryl Baully, Roland.

"With these pitchers, not only did we have experience, but we had a good balance between left and right," Ritschel said.

"Another factor that made us a strong team was the fact that we had some experienced players returning on the infield, so our defense was solid," said Ritschel.

Returning to anchor the infield positions were veterans Kevin Holt, Enid, at first; Toby Landry, Lafayette, La., and Tony Perez, Orange, N.J., at second, and Jose Gonzales, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico at shortstop.

Holt hit .255 with 42 runs scored and 33 runs batted in as a freshman. He collected 11 doubles, one triple and three homeruns.

Landry collected six hits in 15 plate appearances as a freshman including three doubles.

Perez appeared in 26 games while scoring 17 runs as a designated runner his freshman season.

Gonzalez hit .200 in 61 plate appearances as a freshman.

First-year player Robert Nutting of Riverton, Kan. started at third base for the Golden Norse.

Handling the duties behind the plate were sophomore Jon Morris, Owasso along with freshman prospects Omar Allende, Bayamon, P.R.; Barton Cruishank, Lamar, Colo., and Mike Cox of Alva.

"If there was a difference between this year and last, it was our lack of power. Last year we had (Joe) Jumonville with 19 homeruns and 63 RBI. We weren't able to find an adequate replacement."

Veterans Chris Pulise and Lance Hansen returned to anchor the Golden Norse outfield.

Pulise, from Poundsridge, N.Y., hit a lofty. 400 in 39 games as a freshman. Pulise collected 48 hits with eight doubles, one triple and one homerun with 37 runs scored.

Hansen, from Shattuck, batted .238 in 21 games as a freshman.

Expected to see considerable playing time in the outfield were freshmen Armando Alaniz, Corpus Christi, Texas; Steven Johnson, Arlington, Texas, and Todd Schell, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

"Even though we had two sophomores returning to the outfield, we had some reservations about our lack of experienced depth. But we thought we could compensate for that with great overall speed and some strong arms out there."
Freshman first baseman Brandon Mace of McAlester holds base runner Kevin Holt close during an intra-squad scrimmage at the Homa Thomas diamond.

Righthander Kevin Ryan of Broken Arrow (opposite page) delivers a pitch during a game against Longview, Mo. Ryan was one of three returning sophomores on the pitching staff.

Members of the Golden Norse baseball team pose for the camera in front of the press box facility at Homa Thomas Field.
Second baseman Toby Landry (10) scrambles to get into second base ahead of a tag by Fort Scott, Kan., shortstop Larry Teague.

Freshman righthand Rhett Mathill of Rawlins, Wyo., warms up before taking the mound in a scrimmage.
Sophomore outfielder Chris Pulise dives back into first base during a pickoff attempt by Seminole's Carl Thompson.

Relaxing in the outfield while shagging balls during practice were pitchers, from left; Jon Graham, Hector Hernandez, Kevin Ryan, Lance Schroyer and Eric Ingels.
Six sophomores provided catalyst

Blending the experience of six returning sophomores with the talent of several All-State recruits, coach Woody Morrow's 1992 edition of the Lady Norse softball squad started the season with some unanswered questions.

"We've had to rely on freshmen to handle our pitching responsibilities which always creates some skepticism on the part of any head coach because of the unknown," said Morrow.

"We were also young on the left side of the infield. Our freshmen had to step in and make the adjustment to playing on the college level."

Last year under Morrow's tutelage the Lady Norse compiled a 38-5 overall record. After winning the Region II championship and the Oklahoma title, the Lady Norse lost two straight at Ranger, Texas in the District D playoffs.

"Our overall strength was our team speed. We were very quick on the base paths and our defense also had a lot of speed," Morrow said.

Returning behind the plate at catcher for the Lady Norse was Nicole Stafford of Owasso. Stafford missed the fall portion of the season because of illness.

As a freshman Stafford collected 22 hits in 78 at-bats for a .282 average. She collected 20 runs batted in. Stafford also recorded a .998 fielding average in 145 attempts behind the plate.

Freshman Jalene Briley of Vinita handled most of the catching duties.

Transfer Camie Bruce of Yukon was expected to start at first base for the Lady Norse.

Last year as a freshman, Bruce led Crowder College to the finals of the NJCAA National Tournament while earning All-Tournament honors.

Sophomore Jami Maxwell of Miami was expected to see considerable action at first base after appearing in 12 games as a freshman. Maxwell hit .284 in 31 at-bats.

Anchoring the second base position for the Lady Norse was veteran Lynda Thomas of Tuttle. As a freshman Thomas hit .293 with 11 RBI and 27 runs scored. She also stole nine bases while earning All-Conference and All-Region honors.

Battling for the starting nod at either shortstop or third base were freshmen Julie Trease of Commerce, Lorri Kahler of Barnsall, and Brooke Fry of Mannford.

"Our infield was very solid because of the experience we've got on the right side. Even though we had freshmen on the left side, they all had good, strong arms and were sound defensively," Morrow said.

Veteran Kristal White of Pryor moved from third base to the outfield. White hit .346 as a designated hitter as a freshman with one home run, three triples and seven doubles. White also recorded 17 RBI.

Joining White in the Lady Norse outfield was All-Region player Natasha Fluke of Miami. As a freshman, Fluke hit .397 with 10 RBI and 24 runs scored. Fluke led the Lady Norse with 15 stolen bases in 16 attempts and eight sacrifices.

Freshmen candidates in the Lady Norse outfield were Melissa Branson of Bartlesville, Terri "Sissy" Laffoon of Oklahoma City and Teresa Trenary of Broken Arrow.

"Not only did we have a lot of speed in the outfield, but we also had some very strong, accurate arms out there. They all could go get the ball and play solid defense," said Morrow.

Handling the pitching chores for the Lady Norse were freshmen Annette Vivier of Surrey, British Columbia, Andrea Weatherford of Broken Arrow and Tiffany Nelms of Newcastle. Weatherford and Nelms were Oklahoma All-State selections.

"Graduation really took a toll on our pitching staff. We were very inexperienced on the mound, but with our fall schedule we were able to round them into shape," Morrow said.
Freshman leftfielder Terri "Sissy" Laffoon from Oklahoma City (opposite page) fields a ground ball in short left-center as teammate Melissa Branson, freshman from Bartlesville, backs up the play.

Shortstop Julie Trease, a freshman from Commerce, comes across second base to turn a double play as veteran Lynda Thomas of Tuttle makes the toss.

Members of the Lady Norse softball squad smother head coach Woody Morrow while receiving last minute instructions before starting a game on the NEO diamond.
Sophomore second baseman Lynda Thomas of Tuttle fields a sharp ground ball on the way to turning a double play.

Freshman pitcher Tiffany Nelms of Newcastle brings the ball home as second baseman Lynda Thomas, a sophomore from Tuttle, and first baseman Camie Bruce, a sophomore from Yukon, await the outcome of the pitch.
Going into her windup is freshman pitcher Annette Vivier from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Centerfielder Natasha Fluke from Miami takes a healthy cut at the ball during a game at the NEO diamond.
One of the most turbulent years in the history of the world was reflected in the events and happenings of 1991.

After starting the year engaged in the Desert Storm War against Iraq, the United States citizens went from the joy and jubilation of welcoming home their soldiers in June to dealing with the stress and strain of coping with a recession and high unemployment.

While the United States dealt with problems at home and abroad, the makeup of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union underwent historic changes.

Soviet president Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his family were placed under house arrest in the Crimea as an eight-man committee took power in the coup attempt.

The coup failed, but Russian President Boris Yeltsin emerged as leader of a new Russian Federation. The Soviet Union was dismantled within weeks as freedom had come to Russia and the satellite countries.

Elsewhere around the world South Africa's President F.W. de Klerk met with African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and Zulu Inkatha leader of the Mangosuthu Buthelezi group, to end fighting that claimed hundreds of lives in South Africa.

Both Croatia and Slovenia proclaimed independence on June 25 as military tanks rolled toward the borders to secure the countries. Arabs and Israelis left Madrid, Spain with mixed feelings of frustration and anticipation after an intense meeting concerning the possibility of peace in the Middle East region. The talks broke a 43-year taboo on direct Israeli-Arab talk.
Desert Storm Commander General H. Norman Schwarzkopf (opposite page) gave a thumbs up to the crowd during New York's Operation Welcome Home ticker tape parade.

A Slovenia resident issues a prayer for peace.

Tanks roll down the main street of a Croatian city following a proclamation of independence.
Turmoil leads to world changes

About two million Iraqi Kurds and other minorities fled north in April when Kurdish rebels in the north and Shiite Muslim rebels in the south failed to oust President Saddam Hussein in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War.

At least 6,700 of the Iraqi refugees died fleeing to the Turkish border.

The most shocking statistic was that 63 percent of the deaths occurred among children under five.

Military units from the United States and at least seven other countries participated in the relief effort along with civilian agencies from about 20 countries. The relatively quick, cooperative response helped keep the death rate as low as it was.

Even though the overthrow of Saddam Hussein failed, some real progress was made in the struggle between Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East.

The process smashed a 43-year ban which kept the two factions from communicating on any level.

Meeting in Madrid, Spain, the two groups engaged in face-to-face communications to resolve one of the most volatile situations in the world.

Sponsored by the United States and the Russian Federation, the talks began in November. After the initial meetings, the groups switched to New York City for continued discussions through December.

One of the brightest hopes of the meetings were the negotiations between Israel and the 1.7 million Palestinians living under military rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The dimmest of hopes were for a thaw between Israel and Syria, the region's strongest military powers, and most bitter foes.

The late-night talks in Madrid were the first-ever direct discussion between Israel and Syria and they lasted five hours.

But the enemies failed to move even an inch from their positions. Even coffee breaks were taken in separate rooms.

Eventually, the talks broke down after a couple of meetings in the United States.

While talks between long-time enemies struggled along, the disintegration of the former Soviet Union was capturing the attention of people world-wide.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and his family were taken hostage in a coup attempt which failed.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin called on Russians to resist the takeover, and resist they did, constructing a protective human wall around Yeltsin's headquarters, his supporters demanded Gorbachev's return.

As Communist Party members denounced the takeover, leaders of the coup fled Moscow. Latvia and Estonia declared immediate independence from the Soviet Union.

Before dawn on the third day of the coup, a Russian Aeroflot jet arrived in Moscow, bringing home Gorbachev and his family.

Yeltsin waved the white-blue-and-red Russian tricolor flag from the Russian Federation building before a crowd of about 100,000 jubilant supporters celebrating the end of the three-day coup attempt. Bodyguards held bulletproof shields in front of him.

In addition to telephone service being cut to all KGB buildings and Gorbachev naming a new chief of the KGB, the statue of the founder of the KGB was toppled while thousands of Muscovites watched.

These three fateful days in August marked the end of Communist rule and the start of freedom.
A Kurdish refugee (opposite page) cradles a child while waiting in line for food supplies distributed by United State troops in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War.

The Israeli Prime Minister addresses the opening session of peace talks between the Israelis and Arabs held in Madrid, Spain.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin waves the new flag representing the Russian Federation after the fall of the Soviet Union.
Possibly the most significant change that took place in the world was the collapse of Communist rule in the Soviet Union. While Mikhail Gorbachev struggled to keep the union together, time and an awareness by the Russian people that a change in the government structure.

Gorbachev's reforms however took a violent turn with a three-day coup attempt in the first week of August staged by Vice President Gennady Yanayev. The power-struggle caused Gorbachev and his family to be placed under house arrest in the Crimea.

Two days of intense negotiations between the leaders of the coup and Yeltsin led to the release of Gorbachev and the arrest of the leaders of the coup.

Once order was restored Gorbachev tendered his resignation as President of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party was disbanded.

Another major undertaking which involved world cooperation was extinguishing the more than 730 oil well fires ignited in Kuwait by the Iraqis in the Persian Gulf War.

Firefighters were not prepared for the sight they saw when they came together in Kuwait. Scores of oil wells sending plumes of red and orange flames 30 yards into the air. Oil lakes and soot blackened the desert sand.

During the seven-month Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, more than 730 oil wells were damaged or set afire. Firefighting crews had extinguished 584 wells by the end of November after the first fires were set in March of 1991.

When the battle to put out the fires began in March, it took an average of four days to put out one fire. By December the independent firefighters from around the world were averaging 8.5 wells each day.

Experts projected that at that rate the fires should all be extinguished by the start of 1992, which was three months sooner than original projected.

The faster rate of progress was attributed to the increase in the number of firefighting companies, the availability of needed equipment, the completion of a water system, and the growing experience of the firefighters.
Soviet tanks park behind Red Square (opposite page) with St. Basil's cathedral in the background.

A Kuwaiti citizen kneels to pray as one of 730 oil well fires blazes in the background.

Mikhail Gorbachev addresses the media after being released from house arrest during a three-day coup attempt.

The statue of the founder of the KGB was toppled while thousands of Muscovites watched.
Controversy rocks America

Around the United States the country experienced periods of extreme highs with the completion of the Persian Gulf War and the returning of the Mid-East hostages to the turmoil created with the nomination of Clarence Thomas at a member of the Supreme Court.

One of the more positive events was the November dedication of the Ronald Reagan presidential library. The opening of this facility allowed the public for the first time an opportunity to evaluate Reagan's terms in the White House.

A military band played "Hail to the Chief" and the crowd of 4,200 cheered as President George Bush and former President's Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon joined together to mark the first such meeting ever of five past and current presidents.

Each president took a turn at the microphone, praising Reagan and reflecting on their own presidential challenges.

The Spanish-style structure is nestled on 100 acres about 50 miles from Los Angeles. At 153,000 square feet, it is the largest presidential library and includes 55 million documents from Reagan's presidency, available for public inspection.

Another noteworthy occurrence during 1991 was the retirement of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American member of the Supreme Court. Marshall made the announcement less than a week before his 83rd birthday.

His 24 years on the bench followed 23 years of fighting before that court and others for the rights of the oppressed and forgotten.

Justice Marshall won 29 of 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court while he was head of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and, later, while he was the federal governments solicitor general.

No victory was sweeter, or more earthshaking, than his 1954 coup in Brown vs. Board of Education in which the court ruled that racially segregated schools were unconstitutional.

With Marshall's announcement of retirement, President Bush was put in the position to nominate his replacement on the Supreme Court.

Forty-three year old Clarence Thomas was nominated as only the second Black justice. Because Thomas grew up poor and was a symbol of Black conservatism, his legal views caused a lot of discussion around the country.

In addition to the controversy of Thomas' legal views, a charge of sexual harassment was brought against him by University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill.

After much debate over who was right and who was wrong, the United States Senate voted to confirm Judge Thomas as the 106th United States Supreme Court Justice.

Another major news item that caught the attention of the American people was the Dec. 4 release of Terry Anderson from 6 1/2 years of captivity in Lebanon.

Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent from the Associated Press, said it was his companions, his faith and his stubbornness that kept him going during captivity.

The longest-held Western hostage, Anderson came to personify the long ordeal. He was the 13th and last American hostage freed since Shiite extremists launched a campaign of seizing foreigners to drive out the Western influence in Lebanon beginning in 1984. Many of the Americans were tortured and beaten during their captivity.

Three Americans lost their lives during the ordeal.

Asked if he had any last words for his kidnappers, Anderson rolled his eyes and said: "Goodbye."
Opening the Ronald Reagan presidential library outside Los Angeles, Calif., were (opposite page) five United States chief executive officers. Participating in the ceremonies were, from left: President George Bush, Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and Richard Nixon.

Clarence Thomas (left) was selected to replace retiring Thurgood Marshall (bottom) as a Supreme Court justice.

Terry Anderson (center) waves from a balcony in Wiesbaden, Germany, with former hostages Joseph Cicippio (left) and Alann Steen.
Celebrities embrace social issues

Still singing after all these years.
Famed composer and singing legend Paul Simon and a 17-piece band drawn from five nations stepped on stage in New York City's Central Park for a free concert lasting almost three hours. Long-time partner Art Garfunkle, however, was not by his side.

The concert was a retrospective of Simon's career, from the simple beginnings of a low-budget doo-wop of the 50's in the Queens, N.Y. to the pulsating sounds of South African rhythms of his 1986 "Graceland" album and the Afro-Brazilian drumming and Antonio Carlos Jobim chord chemistry of his "The Rhythm of the Saints."

Most of Simon's work was a complex mixture of music from the United States and other lands such as Jamacian reggae, Louisiana zydeco, gospel, jazz, rock, English pastoral, the Blues and African chants.

The Central Park concert, attended by over 500,000 fans, was part of a longer trip which was a pause in his "Born at the Right Time" tour. Lasting for almost 14 months, the tour was scheduled to visit Japan, China, Australia, South America and conclude in Africa in early 1992.

Simon's concert was broadcast over HBO several times during the fall of 1991.

On Sept. 14, 1991, Carolyn Suzanne Sapp from Honolulu, Hawaii, shed tears of joy as she was crowned Miss America.

However, within days her experience of physical abuse became public knowledge.

In 1990, Sapp sought a restraining order against her then-boyfriend, professional football player Nuu Faaola, for alleged physical violence. Both Sapp and Faaola were disappointed that their previous problems had been publicized.

Sapp was not the only personality to publicly admit that they had been abused.

Television star Rozanne Barr-Arnold announced that she had been abused by her father as a child. Rozanne's allegations were instantly denied by her parent's.

Death took several entertainer's and political figures from the world in 1991.

Long-time television anchorman Harry Reasoner passed away after spending more than 40 years as a newsman in front of the camera. Noted author and lecturer Dr. Seuss succumbed after leaving the world a wealth of children's literature like "Horton Hatches an Egg", "Green Eggs and Ham", "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish", and "The Grinch That Stole Christmas."

Television star and Emmy-winning producer Michael Landon lost his battle with liver cancer.

Landon, best known for his role as Little Joe Cartwright on the television series "Bonanza" also won acclaim both as an actor and producer in "Little House on the Prairie" and "Highway to Heaven."

Landon first appeared on screen in the 1958 thriller "I Was a Teenage Werewolf."

Popular musician and composer Miles Davis also passed away during 1991.

Texas Senator John Tower passed away suddenly. Tower had been an influential member of the United States government during the 1970's before being removed from office because of a drinking scandal in 1985.

United States Senator John Heinz died in a plane crash.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India was assassinated while in office by a rival faction.
AIDS virus strikes sports figure

Magic Johnson, whose beaming smile and sparkling play entertained basketball fans for more than a decade, shocked the world when he announced on Nov. 7, 1991, that he was retiring from the National Basketball Association because he had tested positive for the AIDS virus.

"Because of the HIV virus I have attained, I will have to announce my retirement from the Lakers," Johnson told reporters at the Los Angeles Forum, where he had performed for 12 years with the LA Lakers.

While proclaiming during a national press conference that he planned on "going on and living for a long time" Johnson also announced that he would become an AIDS activist and campaign for safe sex.

More than just a basketball star who led the Lakers to five NBA championships, Johnson had become a role model for young people. His broad smile, familiar nickname and electrifying ability made him familiar to people around the world.

Johnson was selected by fans as a starter in the NBA All-Star game and also was named as a member of the 1992 United States Olympic basketball team. He indicated he would participate in both events as long as his health would allow.

While Magic Johnson was taking a new direction in his life, the annual fall classic baseball's World Series was called the closest in history.

The Minnesota Twins and Jack Morris squeezed past the Atlanta Braves 1-0 on pinch-hitter Gene Larkin's single in the bottom of the 10th inning to win Game 7 and end baseball's most dramatic odyssey.

Never before had three Series games gone into extra innings, and the Braves and the Twins saved the best for last. Matching zero for zero, perfect pitch for pitch, the two teams even turned away bases-loaded threats in the same inning.

While Minnesota entered the Series with the work-ethic of the Blue Collar worker behind them, the Braves had captured America's heart with their patented "Tom-a-hawk Chop".

Elsewhere in baseball, New York Yankee star Don Mattingly received national attention in August for a flat refusal to get a haircut.

Mattingly was benched before a game with Kansas City and remained out of the lineup for a few days until bullpen catcher Carl Taylor gave him a trim.

"I was pretty much embarrassed by the whole thing," said Mattingly.
Members of Minnesota Twins swarm around righthander Jack Morris (opposite page) following a 1-0 10th inning victory over the Atlanta Braves in the seventh game of the World Series.

All-star first baseman Don Mattingly was benched by the New York Yankee organization after refusing to cut his hair. Mattingly returned to the lineup in a couple of days after receiving a trim by bullpen catcher Carl Taylor.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson stunned the world in November when he announced his retirement from the National Basketball Association after a 12-year career because he had contracted the AIDS virus.
Members of the cast from Into the Woods go through a dress rehearsal in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Cast members were, kneeling, from left: Steve Jones, Wolf; John Gilstrap, Jack; and William Rogers, the Mysterious Man. Standing, Amy Lee, Little Red Riding Hood; Angie Hubbard, Baker’s Wife, and Chuck McGeage, the Baker.
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Coach Randy Gibson's Lady Norse finished the 1991-92 regular season tied for second in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference with a 7-3 mark while entering the Region II playoffs in March with a 24-4 overall record. Members of the team were, kneeling, from left: Shawnda DeCamp, freshman, Locust Grove; Eddie Pierson, freshman, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Sungee Looney, sophomore, Adair; Keisha White, freshman, Lima, Ohio; Jami Maxwell, sophomore, Miami, and Kadondra Bush, freshman, Thomasville, Ga. Standing, Jennifer Beene, freshman, Bixby; Stacie Eby, freshman, Adair; Loyre Harper, sophomore, Cincinnati, Ohio; Anissa Lewis, freshman, Jefferson, Ind.; Sharonda Purley, freshman, Toledo, Ohio; Allison Shand, freshman, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada; Lesheima Marble, freshman, Flint, Mich., and Dawn Rinkler, sophomore, Pryor.
Closing

Say Goodnight
Golden Norse Marching Band
Yearbook is ULTIMATE trip

When everything comes together

Once the school year had gotten underway, several things had to come together before this publication began to take shape.

First, we met with our yearbook representative Ken Keirsey from Josten's Printing and Publishing Division located at Post Office Box 1903, 4000 South Adams, Topeka, Kan., 66601.

During our consultation we decided on a theme and cover design, number of books to order, number of pages contained within the book and the colors to be used on the cover.

Consisting of 192 total pages, the 1992 Viking was produced by the camera-ready method by members of the staff. While most high schools and colleges use some version of the camera-ready method, the manner in which The Viking was produced adds to the ULTIMATE features of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

Press-run for the 1992 Viking was 1,350 copies with a 9x12 trim size. Pages were printed on 80-pound double coated enamel paper.

Creation of the theme and concept design was completed in September 1991. The theme the ULTIMATE experience was generated from the fact that Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College contains many aspects that sets it apart from other higher education institutions throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Executive editor Holli McMillian created the cover design which is a combination of Blue Shadow 493 and Rich Gold 327. The ULTIMATE experience logo was silk screened with an American embossed dye.

Since the book was a camera-ready production, all photographs, copy and other special graphics were prepared by student staff members.

All body copy, headlines and photo cutlines were set by the staff using the Compugraphic MCS system. The computer system consists of four MCS 10 terminals and an MCS 8000Z typesetting printer.

Body copy throughout the book was either 10 or 12 point CG Times. Headline size and copy initial letters varied from section to section.

Individual student photographs were taken by Wes Hale of Wes Hale Photographic Services. Individual faculty, staff and administrative photographs were taken by Phil Shyres of Camera One, 1103 North Main, Miami, Okla.

Group shots of various campus clubs and organizations and all color shots were taken by Tim Ingram, Director of Public Information; Arlo Griggs and Melissa Beck, both staff photographers.

Section themes were variations of the main theme the ULTIMATE experience and were created by executive managing editor Holli McMillian.

A variety of screens and type faces were used throughout the book. Some of the material was provided by the Miami News Record.

The 1991-92 edition of the Viking yearbook was evaluated as a member of the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association, the Associated Collegiate Press and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The 1990 Viking yearbook was judged Best Overall among junior college yearbooks during the spring meeting of the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Members of the '92 VIKING yearbook staff were, seated, from left; Eric Major, freshman from Muskogee, people editor; Pam Kenney, sophomore from Jay, managing editor; and Rachael George, freshman from Grove, academics editor. Back row; Jennifer brake, sophomore from Coyle, sports editor; Melissa Beck, freshman from Jay, photographic editor; Holli McMillian, sophomore from Hugo, executive managing editor; and Clark Sherman, sophomore from Jay, sports editor. Not pictured are Arlo Griggs, freshman from Cushing, photographic editor; and Michael Moore, sophomore from Miami, sports editor.
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