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Leisure Time
Students find unique ways of relaxing

Visiting in the mall area between Shipley Hall and the Carter Student Union (left) were, from left; Zack Leonard, sophomore, Miami; Mike Scallion, freshman, Hobart, and Jason Hood, sophomore, Mustang.

Jason Haddleston, a freshman from Afton, lines up a shot on a pool table in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union gameroom.

Relaxing on the steps outside the Harrill/Dobson residence hall were, from left; Mandy Jones, freshman, Oklahoma City; Charles Little, freshman, Oklahoma City; Kandi Beeson, freshman, Owasso, and Allison Boatman, freshman, Wewoka.
Golden Norse band director Rabon Bewley, (right), balances a tuba during a break at an NEO football game.

Cricket Rice, a sophomore from Quapaw, tries his luck at a video game in the Carter Student Union game room.

Enjoying the competition on a Nintendo game in the privacy of their room were Jared Sinor, freshman, Salina, and Joey Simmons, sophomore, Salina.

Making his daily mail run in the college post office was freshman Charles Palmer from Gaffney, S.C.
Three residents of Russell Hall voice their opinions while watching their favorite television program and relaxing on the furniture in the dorm lobby.

Melissa Mitchon, a freshman from Holdenville, delivers a serve during a coed volleyball game on the court located between Russell Hall and Harrill Hall.

Taking time to get ahead in their work for a college algebra class are Matthew Douglas, a freshman from Sand Springs, and Chad Epler, a freshman from Hallowell, Kan.
Two unidentified coeds give it all they have during a Yell Like Hell contest during a campus-wide pep rally.

Tarik Adkins, a freshman from Midwest City, gets a laugh while talking to a friend on the phone located on the first floor of Russell Hall.

Talking about what they were going to do over the weekend were three students visiting around the flower box located outside the Creech Library/Administration building.

Making the most of time in the Learning Resources Center were three students working on an English assignment.
Nicole Crawford, a sophomore from Depew, was selected second runner-up during the Homecoming Queen Pageant.

Reacting to the announcement of her selection as the 1994 Homecoming Queen was sophomore candidate B.J. Lipscomb (center) as her escort Ben Chouteau (left) applauds the selection and Gabriel Baines looks on.

Homecoming queen B.J. Lipscomb, a sophomore from Miami, shows her poise while preparing for the pageant.

Representing the Young Democrats organization in the traditional Homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street was Holly Bright, a sophomore from Bentonville, Ark.
Making an appearance in the parade was the famous Energizer Bunny constructed by members of the Golden Norse Marching Band.

Erin Trivitt, a freshman from Stillwater walks across the stage of the Fine Arts Auditorium during the evening gown portion of the Homecoming Queen Pageant.

Lori Spence, a freshman from Vinita representing the Physically Challenged Student Association, was escorted across the stage by Dr. Mark Grigsby, biology instructor.

Members of the Native American Students Association wave to the crowd as their float proceeded down Main Street. The float received the $75 second place award.
Cutting loose with some hot licks during the annual all-college picnic on the main mall during Homecoming week was Brian Andrews, a freshman from Cushing.

Four members of the Golden Norse Marching Band strike up the college fight song during the all-college picnic. Members of the brass section were, from left; Dallas Gonzalez, a freshman from Wyandotte; Chris Haffner, freshman, Cushing; Jim Francis, freshman, Bixby, and Matt Mayo, freshman, Hominy.

Kirk Wilson, a freshman from Broken Arrow, shows how level-headed he was during the all-college picnic.

Sophomores Jessica Crawford of Pryor and Ginger Chinn of Bowring enjoy their hamburgers while sitting around the fountain at the main mall during the all-college picnic.
Members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad perform a routine during the all-college picnic. Getting into the act were, from left; Tiffany Hollingsworth, freshman, Tulsa; Nadia Alexander, freshman, Midwest City; Shawnté Washington, freshman, Afton; Kandi Beeson, freshman, Owasso, and Beth Watson, freshman, Springdale, Ark.

Victor Baldino, a freshman from Miami, advertises the production of *South Pacific* during the Homecoming Parade. The musical was part of Theatre NEO's season-long productions.

Creating school spirit during a skit, members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad show off their high leg kick as part of the pep rally following the all-college picnic.

Two coeds toss candy to children from the back of the float sponsored by the Afro-American Society.
Odin, Viking god and school mascot, stands a lonely vigil over people visiting the snack bar. Constructed by the Older, Wiser, Learning Students (OWLS) organization, Odin captured top prize in the building decoration contest during Homecoming.

Sophomore tailback Zack Leonard waits for a block before cutting up field for a long gain in the NEO-Ranger, Texas football game which concluded Homecoming activities. Leonard gained 66 yards as the Golden Norse cruised to a 28-7 victory.

Mike Asbury, a freshman from Altus, plays some rock during the all-campus picnic.

Tonya Williams, a sophomore from Blytheville, Ark., gets a grip on a carmel apple as she fills her plate with hamburger and beans during the all-college cookout on the main mall.
Verna Bass (center), a clerk in the business office, samples one of the nut-covered caramel apples provided by the cafeteria during the all-college cookout.

Band director Rabon Bewley displays his frisbee talents as Dallas Gonzalez, a freshman from Quapaw, awaits his turn at flipping the disc.

embers of the Golden Norse Marching Band react to director Rabon Bewley while performing on the main mall during the all-college picnic.

Nothing like a roaring fire to kindle the embers of school spirit during a pep rally held the night before the NEO-Ranger, Texas, Homecoming game.
Dorm Life
Residence hall living can be different

Putting the finishing touches on her hair in her Dobson Hall room is sophomore Trese Hickey from Cleveland, Tenn.

DeAndra White, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, sits in the lobby of Dobson Hall and reads a book.

Trying to win a game on her Game Boy is freshman Janna Westmoreland of Haskell.
Freshmen Kate Vacha of Madison, Wis., and Gretchen Allen of Ringwood make their weekly trek to the laundry room.

Angela Baughman, a freshman from Oklahoma City, checks to see if she has any mail.

Making a call on the hall phone in Dobson is freshman Christene Briley of Vinita.

Kate Vacha, a freshman from Madison, Wis., reacts after a shaving creme fight.
Ted Becknell, a freshman from Coweta, studies at his desk in his Russell Hall room.

Sophomore Rob Henson of Miami socializes during the all-campus cookout.

Gary Cunningham, a freshman from Welch, relaxes with a game of pool in the Carter Student Union game room.
Several students gather on the front steps of Harrill Hall to enjoy the food during the all-college cookout.

Trey Stone, freshman from Claremore, returns a serve during a volleyball game.

Brandon Powell, a freshman from Healdton, relaxes by the fountain in the main mall area.

Four members of the International Club pose during a float trip down the Illinois River.
Title Game
Golden Norsemen lose in overtime

Freshman guard Sean McNamara (66) applies a turn-out block on a Trinity Valley, Texas defender as veteran tailback Carl Sanders hits the hole.

Golden Norse head coach Mike Loyd discusses the next offensive call before sending it in with a wide receiver substitution.

Sophomore quarterback Ben Rutz (3) throws a pass as Trinity Valley defenders close in. After battling to a 17-17 tie in regulation play before number-one ranked Trinity Valley gained a 24-17 win in overtime.
Sophomore defensive end Clarence Wallace (92) celebrates after sacking Trinity Valley quarterback Donald Sellers.

Defensive line coach Travis Hill makes a point with his unit while the offense was on the field.

Meg Jones, secretary in the athletic department, reacts to a touchdown by the Norsemen.

Veteran wide receiver Steve Sayles (81) puts a move on Cardinal linebacker Daryl Kuykendall.
A member of the Student Body Government works a sign-up table in the Carter Student Union looking for prospective adoptive parents.

Santa (John Scott) makes sure that Dave Perry gets exactly what he wants for Christmas.

Golden Norse football player Joe Umphlett, sophomore from Weatherford, watches as his "adoptive" child opens his present. More than 250 underprivileged children took part in the party sponsored by the Student Body Government.
Kourtney Baldridge, a sophomore from Miami, helps her “adoptive” son open presents near the huge tree.

Sisters Natasha and Krystal Green tell Santa what they wanted as “adoptive” mom Tori Zingg, Tulsa sophomore, listens.

Jennifer Buttram, sophomore from Quapaw, performs her duties as president of the Student Body Government by trimming the tree.

Leslee Ogee (center), a freshman from Choctaw, shows her “adoptive” daughters Cessna and Serena how to smile.
Asking Santa for some gifts are elves Donna Stevens, Betty Griffith, and Jeraldine Sherwood.

Learning to work a Power Ranger is Robert Smith as "adoptive" mom Carol Singleton, a freshman from Tulsa, watches.

Kayla Aubrey got all dressed up and was surprised as "adoptive" mom Amy Down, a sophomore from Wyoming, Ill., gave her some presents.
Patrick Von Moss shows Santa his new toy during the Christmas Party.

Whitney Dixon opens a present as her "adoptive" mom Sara Gann, a freshman from Miami, offers help.

"Adoptive" mom Traci Anderson, a freshman from Tulsa, gives her daughter Elizabeth Towns a piggy-back ride.

Santa's elves scampers around to find presents as he hands them out during the party.
Older brother Stanley Jerome, played by Ryan Danner, a sophomore from Sand Springs, makes a point to Eugene, portrayed by Jordan Weeks, a sophomore from Tulsa.

Eugene struggles with some of his father's work in a scene from *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

Nora, played by Kara Clark, a freshman from Wyandotte, tries to console her mother, Blanche, played by Trisha George, a freshman from Welch, as her sister, Laurie, portrayed by Roz Palmer, a sophomore from Grove, tries to help. *Brighton Beach Memoirs* was one of four productions presented during the year by Theatre NEO.
Archibald Craven, played by Chet Burgtorf, a sophomore from Shattuck, makes a point to Mrs. Medlock, played by Wendi Wilkerson, freshman, Sand Springs; Dr. Craven, played by Jordan Weeks, freshman, Tulsa, and Martha Sowerby, played by Roz Palmer, sophomore, Grove, during a scene from Secret Garden.

Colin Craven, played by Clint Parker, a freshman from Picher, waits to have his blood pressure checked.

Maid Martha Sowerby, played by Roz Palmer, sophomore from Grove, makes a point.

Providing comfort to Colin Craven are, from left; Mary Lennox, played by Abby Beggerly, freshman, Miami; Dickon Sowerby, played by Ryan Dannar, sophomore, Sand Springs, and Ben Weatherstaff, played by Michael Miller, freshman, Picher.
People
Swimming class featured aerobics

By Kathy Wyrick

The college and the Arthritis Foundation worked together to bring special classes to those who needed physical rehabilitation. These classes were held on Monday and Wednesday and Friday in the college pool. Instructor, Carol Calcagno, had taken training specially designed by the Arthritis Foundation to meet rehabilitation needs.

"The Arthritis Foundation exercises were different from regular exercises. I've taken training with the foundation twice." "They had special exercises for certain areas of the body. The college signed an agreement and I taught according to their guidelines," said Calcagno.

The sessions were primarily for people with arthritis or a handicap, which included bad knees, back, or poor circulation.

"It was low impact aerobics. There was always one foot on the floor of the pool. There was no rough, fast paced jumping or anything to cause any joint impaction." "We made full range motions with everything. Like one ankle going in a circle one way, then circling the other way. Then do the other ankle the same. We even did finger and hand exercises to ease joint pain there," said Calcagno.

Exercises were done in shallow water. Knowing how to swim was not necessary. "It was shallow water and all movements were done under the water level. If someone wanted to swim afterward, that was fine also. You didn't have to be able to swim to participate," Calcagno said.

Simple equipment was supplied to do the work outs.

"Equipment used were dumb bell shaped items, like plastic bottles which gave resistance," said Calcagno.

Participants in the exercises needed to see their physician and have a paper filled out which stated any limitations they may have had.

"Anyone joining the class had to be checked by a physician for any limited movements which the doctor would designate. "That protected them from doing anything harmful to their condition," said Calcagno.

The exercise sessions were known as 'more perceived exertion'. Each person worked at their own rate and ability.

"The sessions were done in what I called a 'listen to your body' technique."
Swimming instructor Carol Calcagno offers some guidance during a water aerobics class in the college pool.
Physically challenged group organized

By Kathy Wyrick

A relatively new club representing the physically limited on campus worked the entire year towards better relations between themselves and the college community.

The Physically Challenged Club met twice a month in Able’s Hall.

The club was not only for the physically challenged, but friends of the physically challenged as well.

The club was actively involved in the changes being made around campus. Many buildings were being renovated to improve conditions and accessibility for the handicapped.

The main concerns for the club was the completion of the elevators and the issue of having to have a key to work the elevators.

“We’ve had no problems with anyone using the elevators, except the people who needs to use them,” said Bill MacAuley, JOBS coordinator and co-sponsor of the club.

“Tom Poole and the campus maintenance worked really hard to get things done for us and to get the elevators put in. We all assumed everything would be done by the time classes started this semester, but they’re not. It’s not the institution slowing the process, it’s the contractors and the manufacturers,” said MacAuley.

“It makes no sense to have a key. If there’s paperwork to be done upstairs, including obtaining a key in the first place, then what’s accomplished? These people who are having trouble getting upstairs, have to go upstairs to get access to what they need,” MacAuley said.

Some members of the club also felt that awareness and attitude were problems for many.

“People have made complaints because classes have to be changed for easier access to the handicapped. The elevators aren’t working yet, and it’s next to impossible or completely impossible for some with physical limitations to get to the upstairs classes.”

During Spring Fling week, the club planned to have people who are not physically limited to put themselves in the place of the limited by using wheelchairs and crutches.

These people would then be able to better understand what the limited go through daily.
Lisa Wyrick and Mark Price, both from Miami, watch volleyball action on the Baptist Student Union court.
New club centered on game-playing

By Sara Gann

Membership in the college Student Body Government increased by one during the spring semester with the addition of representation from the Gamers Club.

Victor Baldino, a sophomore from Miami, served as president of the organization while Mike Moy, a sophomore from Jay, was vice president and Allen Goswick, a freshman from Racine, Mo., was treasurer.

Purpose of the club was to offer people interested in strategic or tactical battle simulation games a chance to meet and share experiences.

Topics discussed or played by the club covered a wide variety of games from chess to paintball.

"We welcomed everyone," said Baldino. "The club gave everyone a chance to participate in our games."

"Roll playing games were not all violent. Basically, it was mind-challenging rather than physical," Goswick said.

"Our main purpose was to dispel the myths and beliefs that roll-playing games were essentially evil," said Baldino.

"These games advanced the participants' math and reading skills," said Goswick.

"Another advantage of the club was that it offered a chance for the physically challenged to participate. A lot of these games were used for stress relief," Baldino said.

Members of the club had an opportunity to attend several conventions. "Serious game-playing had become a world-wide phenomenon."

The Gamers Club sponsored a booth during Senior Day. Several visiting students stopped by to inquire about the benefits of the organization.

"We wanted everyone to feel free to come to our meetings and ask questions," said Baldino.

The club met one Thursday a month and participated in such activities as paint war games at Seneca, Mo., and various other game activities such as chess tournaments.

"We wanted people to understand that there was a lot more to playing games than just sitting on the edge of your bed in the dorm and pushing buttons on Nintendo," Baldino said.

"We worked hard at setting up a constitution and a set of guidelines that would help guide the club into the 21st Century," said Goswick.

Bower, Lindsay
Chotuw

Bowie, Latoya

Haskell

Boyd, Halbert

Skiatook

Boyd, Lynn

Afton

Boyer, Tammy

Seneca, Mo.

Surgical Technology

Bradbury, Alena

Welch

Brasher, Heather

Springfield, Mo.

Braz, Kimberly

Miami

Brecheisen, Cody

Wyandotte

Bright, Holly

Bentonville, Ark.

Pre-Medicine

Britley, Christi

Vinita

Brophy, Chris

Vinita

Brosi, Karen

Seneca, Mo.

Brown, Cheryl

Fairland

Brown, Dava

Brown, Loretta

Miami

Brown, Mark

Vinita

Wyandotte

Brown, Reanay

Vinita

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Ketchum

Bundy, David

North Miami

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Walker, Mo.

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North Miami

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Physical Education

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Business

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Accounting

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Medical Lab

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Agriculture

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Ranch Management

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Education

So.

Drama
Charter members of the Gamers Club were, kneeling, from left: Terry Miller, sophomore, Miami. Second row, Mike Moy, sophomore, Jay; Victor Baldino, sophomore, Miami, and Thomas Eighty, freshman, Afton. Top row, Allen Goswick, freshman, Racine, Mo.; Bobbie Dixon, sophomore, Miami, and Ryan Dannar, sophomore, Sand Springs.

Burnett, Jackie  So.  Commerce  Engineering
Burns, Scott  So.  Eufaula  Engineering
Burroughs, Jerome  So.  Oklahoma  Physical Education
Burroughs, Ramone  So.  Oklahoma  Physical Education
Bushnell, Charles  So.  Welch  Pre-Pharmacy
Bussey, Darby  So.  Wyandotte  Allied Health
Butler, Easy  So.  Wyandotte  Forestry
Buttram, Jennifer  Quapaw  Psychology
Buttram, Jim  So.  Quapaw  Health Education
Buxton, William  Fr.  Waynesboro, Ga.  Physical Education

Individuals
Area seniors make campus visit

By Tanya Shepherd

An estimated 400 hundred high school seniors from the four state area attended the annual Senior Day activities held in February on the campus.

Senior Day was sponsored by the six academic divisional chairs. The event was an opportunity for high school seniors to tour the campus, visit with faculty, and learn more about the different programs offered by the college.

George Weaver, chairman of the business division and Senior Day organizer, said the event was a great opportunity for students who are not sure about their plans after graduation to know more about NEO.

"This one day event gave students the opportunity to ask questions and find out a multitude of facts about the college without making a dozen phone calls or making several long distance trips," Weaver said.

The day started out with registration in the Fine Arts Lobby.

A general assembly was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Student Body Government president Jennifer Buttram was the emcee.

Dr. Jerry Carroll, NEO President, issued a welcome before Sherry Clayton, financial aid director, addressed the group concerning financial aids application packets.

Dale Patterson, dean of records and admissions, spoke to the group concerning proper enrollment procedures.

Dennis Earp, director of student activities, discussed the various clubs and organizations that were available for student participation.

Visiting students were entertained by the NEO Jazz Band.

David Froman, former actor and instructor of speech at NEO, delivered a keynote address.

The group was divided into smaller sections and participated in tours of campus facilities. The tour groups were provided with information from the various academic areas.

The students were treated to a pizza buffet in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. Several prizes were awarded to the visitors.

Entertainment during the party was provided by the Meistersingers.

"Everyone seemed to have a good time and I think the kids got some good information," said Weaver.

Buzzard, Archie
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So.

Escarce, Francisco
Pre-Veterinary
Chihuahua
Fr.

Campbell, Maneic
 Psychiatry
Miami
So.

Grove
Psychology
Campbell, Regan
So.

Fairland
Agriculture Business
Campbell, Tamec
Fr.

Tulsa
Business Administration

Camper, Shelly
So.

Comierce
Education
Carmer, Kevin
So.

Miami
Pre-Engineering
Carrier, Lori
Fr.

Picher
English
Carter, LaKisha
Fr.

Muskogee
Business Administration
Case, Billie Jo
So.

Quapaw
Pre-Denistry

Caskey, Kim
Fr.

Miami
Education
Casen, Grady
So.

Miami
Physical Therapy
Catlett, Angie
Fr.

Aton
Accounting
Champlin, Vernon
Fr.

Miami
Forestry
Chaney, Jerrod
So.

Welch
Radiology

Chase, Cord
Fr.

Locust Valley, N.Y.
Education
Chinn, Ginger
So.

Bowrang
Physical Education
Chouteau, Ben
So.

M风险管理
Pre-Med
Christian, Corine
So.

Vinita
Sociology
Clarke, Jacqueline
Fr.

Tulsa
English

Clapp, Sharri
Fr.

Miami
Computer Science
Clark, Andi
Fr.

Siloam Springs, Ark.
Journalism
Clark, Emily
Fr.

Baxter Springs, Kan.
Pre-Engineering
Clark, Lori
So.

Quapaw
Business Administration
Clark, Jason
Fr.

Valliant
English

Individuals
Several students stop and visit in the mall area during the annual Senior Day activities on campus.

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Commerce Computer Science

Compton, Barbara  So.
Miami Wildlife Management

Conner, Chandy  Fr.
Business Pre-Nursing

Cooks, Dewayne  So.
Duncan Electronics

Cooper, Sandra  Fr.
Dewey Medical Secretary

Carhart, Sean  So.
Miami Criminal Justice

Corum, Todd  So.
Tupelo, Miss. Agriculture

Corrier, Laura  So.
Ash Grove, Mo. Pre-Veterinary

Coulter, Angelo  So.
Wagoner Physical Education

Cox, Billye  So.
Joplin, Mo. Pre-Nursing

Cox, Bobby  So.
Miami Communications

Cox, Gary  So.
Quapaw Physical Therapy

Cox, James  So.
Tulsa Physical Education

Cox, Robert  So.
Atoka Agriculture

Cox, Sharon  Fr.
Nassau, Bahamas Physical Education

Craig, Whitney  Fr.
Miami English

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Commerce Physical Education

Crawford, Jason  So.
Vinita Allied Health

Crawford, Jessica  So.
Pryor Physical Education

Crawford, Nichole  So.
Bristow Computer Science

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Vinita Pre-Nursing

Crewell, Tonya  So.
Grove Education

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Crescent Mid-Management

Crowder, Cindy  Fr.
Grove Aviation

Crowder, Rachel  Fr.
Grove Education

Crowley, Erin  Fr.
Wyandotte English

Cunningham, Mike  Fr.
Dewey Electronics

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Oklahoma City Community Journalism

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Oklahoma City Pre-Law

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Inola Equine Science

Dale, David  So.
Tulsa Criminal Justice

Danlar, Ryan  So.
Sand Springs Speech

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 Sulphur, La. Pre-Veterinary
Golden Norse football coach Mike Loyd (second from left) makes a point outside the Carter Student Union as Brian Thompson, Tom Poole, Bob Maxwell, Brad King, and Dale Patterson listen.
Marching band offered aid

By Andi Clark

Angela Dewey, a sophomore from Chelsea, was injured in a car/train accident over the Christmas break.

Dewey and her cousin were traveling over a section of railroad where the brush had become overgrown, which left the driver unable to see any approaching trains.

She did not see the train and was hit on the back left fender. It spun the car off into a ditch.

The passenger was thrown through the back window on impact.

When the Highway Patrol arrived, Dewey was breathing short and shallow. She had suffered severe head injuries as a result of the accident.

Because of her injuries, she was life-flighted to Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, where her CAT scan revealed fluid and blood on her brain due to the swelling.

The doctors had to insert a tube into her head to relieve the pressure.

At that time she was diagnosed in extreme critical condition.

The tube was left in her head to drain the fluid for two to three days.

Dewey was then upgraded to serious condition in ICU.

Over the first few weeks of the spring semester, Dewey was showing signs of coming out of her coma and aware of her surroundings.

She was moved to a private room to continue recovering.

She was allowed to go home approximately six weeks following the accident, but remained under close doctor supervision.

“We were keeping our hopes and prayers coming in while she made progress,” said Matt Mayo.

The Golden Norse Band set up a fund to help Dewey and her parents pay the medical bills.

Change buckets were placed at certain locations around campus. The buckets were also placed around the Miami community.

“The band also considered other types of fund-raisers to help the Dewey family with their expenses,” said Jennifer Moss, a freshman from Bristow.

“We were trying to set up something to help Angie and her parents pay the overwhelming bills they were presented with immediately following the accident,” said Riggs, a freshman from Pryor.
Student Body Government president, Jennifer Buttram, a sophomore from Quapaw, offers a sandwich to Carla Durbin, a sophomore from Grove, during a college pep rally.
Music to soothe the savage beasts

By Kathy Wyrick

Kindergarten classes from Miami area grade schools visited the NEO campus early in the spring semester and were treated to a mini-concert.

The children enjoyed watching a demonstration given by Dr. Robert Swanson and Demaris Gaines.

Dr. Swanson had been a member of the college music department 31 years before retiring as department head in 1988. Dr. Swanson has spent his retirement giving private lessons.

During his tenure at NEO, Dr. Swanson taught music theory, gave lessons, and served as conductor of the college orchestra. Dr. Swanson has been a member of the NEO String Ensemble for the past few years.

Gaines has been a member of the college music department since 1969 and has served as instructor of the harp for several years. Gaines is also the head of the Native American studies program.

During their demonstration for the preschools, Gaines and Dr. Swanson instructed the children on the names of different parts of both the harp and the violin.

“We also attempted to give them some brief history on the instruments before we gave them a demonstration on how they sounded,” said Gaines.

The mini-concert developed after Gaines had a conversation with her grandson concerning various musical instruments.

“He was very interested in knowing where they came from and how they sounded, so we decided to meet with his entire class. They seemed to really enjoy it,” Gaines said.

During the demonstration, the children sang along with Gaines and Swanson as they played familiar tunes.

Gaines’ grandson, Asa Herrera, introduced Gaines to fellow classmates as, “Granny.”

He then played the maracas while Gaines played the harp.

Dr. Swanson told the children he had made a mistake and accidentally washed his violin. He then produced a very, very small version of a violin.

“It was a real treat to see the expressions on their faces as we played,” Dr. Swanson said.

“I enjoyed getting the children interested in music at an early age,” Gaines said.
Harp instructor DeMaris Gaines plays a tune as her grandson accompanies her on the maracas.
Two graduates honored

By Tanya Shepherd

Two "non-traditional" honor students were nominated for the USA Today newspaper's annual All-USA Academic Team awards.

Karen Brosi, 36, of Seneca, Mo., was majoring in secondary education, and Jo Lynda Myers, 25, of Miami, who majored in engineering, were considered from among applicants nationwide for the recognition. The winners were announced in April.

The event was co-sponsored by the newspaper and Phi-Theta Kappa, National Junior College Honor Society.

The 20 top students chosen as members of the newspaper's first team were to receive a $2,500 scholarship to continue their education. Twenty, second team members were also recognized, along with honorable mention winners.

Carol Smith, English instructor and Phi-Theta Kappa sponsor, said that both of this year's applicants were considered, "non-traditional students" at NEO, adding that they, "illustrate the kind of academic excellence and participation in campus activities that are possible for students at any age in a junior college environment."

Brosi, who graduated at the end of the fall semester, planned to continue her education at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Mo., seeking a degree in secondary education.

Brosi carried a 3.8 grade point average and said that she hoped her achievements are a role model for her own children at Seneca High School. Sheryl 15, was a sophomore, while Warren 17, was a senior.

Brosi's husband, Gary, was a custodian at Seneca Elementary School and this year the family has served as a host family to a foreign exchange student from Brazil, who was also a senior at SHS. "Our whole family is in school in one way or another," Brosi said.

Besides being a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and the Older Wiser Learning Students organization, Brosi was an active member of the Seneca Christian Church.

Myers, originally from Jacksonville, Fla., moved to Miami in 1991.

Myers and her son, Benjamin, who was three years old, carried a 4.0 grade point average and planned to continue her education at Oklahoma State University after graduating in the spring.

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Ramona
English
Gamble, Carrie
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Welch
Nursing
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Fr.
Miami
Journalism
Garrett, Cathy
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Miami
Education
Gatewood, Ryan
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Agriculture
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Theatre
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Sand Springs
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Social Science
Golosano, Jason
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Jay
Wildlife Management
Goldman, Jarad
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Gomez, Wendy
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Gonzalez, Dallas
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Wyandotte
Music
Gonzalez, Tony
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Vinita
Computer Science
Greenburg, Cinnamon
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Criminal Justice
Grubbs, Chad
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Nursing
Several college personnel and students gather on the main mall between the Bruce G. Carter Student Union and Shipley Hall to share a soft drink during a pep rally.
Judging team won national crown

By Andi Clark

After capturing the overall team honors in the annual Southwestern Livestock Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas, members of the college Livestock Judging Team were recognized as National Champions.

The unofficial decree of national champions came by virtue of the fact that the NEO team was the only competitive team to win three out-right team titles at national contests.

"When we won at Fort Worth, that made us the only team in national competition to win three sanctioned judging contests," said veteran coach Jary Douglas. "Therefore, we were recognized as national champions."

Members of the national championship team were: Jeff Ables, freshman, Wyandotte; Bryan Cline, sophomore, Tipton, Ind.; Ty Cunningham, freshman, Jay; Chadd Flehner, sophomore, Pierce City, Mo.; Curt Hannon, sophomore, Rensselaer, Ind.; Brent Hopkins, freshman, Wyandotte; Aaron Grant, sophomore, Alberta, Can.; Brandon Morgan, freshman, Holdenville, and Justin Rogers, sophomore, Hennessey.

During the Fort Worth event, the team won first place in sheep judging, second in cattle judging, and second place in oral reasons.

Individually, Justin Rogers finished third overall while Brandon Morgan placed fifth and Aaron Grant finished sixth.

"Our Livestock Judging Team featured a blend of freshmen and sophomores that represented NEO across the United States. They did so with pride and class," Douglas said.

Throughout the school year, the team competed in contests in Kansas City, Mo., Louisville, Ky., Denver, Colo., and San Francisco, Calif.

The team also won overall team honors at Kansas City and Louisville. Prior to the start of the season, the team visited state fairs in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Fort Smith, Ark., to sharpen their judging skills.

The team closed out their 1994-95 season at the Houston, Texas Livestock Exposition.

"We've had a nice year and the kids did a good job representing both the agriculture department and NEO," said Douglas.

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Enjoying an afternoon in the sun were, from left; Hope Johnson, freshman, Fairfax; Nikia Lee, freshman, Fairfax, and Ribbi Williamson, freshman, Tulsa.

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Howard, Amelia  So.
Jay
Howard, Tracy  So.
Grove
Hudson, Bobbi  So.
Miami
Huffman, Gabe  So.
Picher

Humbert, Cheryle  So.
Miami  Medical Lab Technology
Hunter, Byron  So.
Tulsa
Hunter, Leslie  Drafting
Yellville, Okla.
Hunter, Terrie  So.
Bixby
Hurst, Dawn  Fr.
Commerce

Individuals
Adult students participated

By Tanya Shepherd

The Older Wiser Learning Students (OWLS) Center was an academic learning center for the older student.

With the older student’s needs in mind, the OWLS center also provided equipment and staff to help the transition for the adult student go a little smoother.

Dana Hurley, coordinator of the center located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union, was available to assist students with an assortment of situations they would face entering college.

“My responsibility was to assist students with such things as admission into the college, as well as any other problems that might arise for the student,” said Hurley.

Teri Rogers was available to serve as a tutor in several science subjects.

“I was available to offer help in such topics as the fundamentals of science, microbiology, zoology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and any sciences required for the Medical Lab Technician occupation,” Rogers said.

Serving as a tutor in math area for the OWLS Center was Richard Frizzell.

“My expertise was in such areas as basic math, beginning, intermediate and college algebra,” said Frizzell. He also helped students with questions concerning computer usage.

Offering help in academic areas which centered around language was Robert Womack.

“I was available to offer help in such subjects as English, government, history, reading and any other classes in which word processing was needed,” Womack said.

Members of the OWLS Center also had the opportunity to seek the help of Ruth Sutton in the Health Science Building.

“I was a tutor for classes pertaining to the health science division,” said Sutton. Equipment available for student use within the OWLS Center were five computers with laser jet printers and a copy machine for up to 10 copies per student.

The center also contained a private telephone which could be used as a private number for the student to receive personal messages.

Supplies such as paper, scantrons, pencils and the basic supplies needed for class, were also available to members of the OWLS Center.
Members of the Golden Norse cheerleading squad lead the crowd in a routine during a pep rally.

Jordan, Tiffany Fr.
Tulsa

Jordan, Travis Fr.
Nashville, Tenn. Physical Education

Kalinaen, Kristen Fr.
Broken Arrow

Kalbach, Kim Fr.
Bentonville, Ark. Criminal Justice

Keithby, Sherry
Jay Criminal Justice

Kersey, Vickie So.
Grove

Killion, Merilyn So.
Disney

Kilpatrick, Jennifer So.
Moore Pre-Law

Kinder, Janice So.
Miami Nursing

King, Jason Fr.
Fairland English
Taking advantage of a break during the Valentine's Dance sponsored by the Afro-American Society to talk with Minnie and Mickey Mouse was Charles Palmer, a freshman from Gaffney, S.C.

Kision, Jody Fr. Locust Grove Surgical Technology
Kinsey, Thomas So. Gaffney Engineering
Kirby, Tonya So. Jay Surgical Technology
Kirk, Bryan Fr. Miami Music
Knapp, Charles So. Miami Electronic Technology

Knie, Brad Fr. Cincinnati, Ohio Allied Health
Knight, Katherine Fr. Picher Pre-Nursing
Koesler, Allison So. Vinita Pre-Vet
Kremeler, Ted So. Okarche Criminal Justice
Lafalier, Becky So. Jenks Medical Lab

LaFortune, Bill Fr. Tulsa English
Lair, Joel So. Vinita Physical Education
Lambert, Monica Fr. Grove Optometry
Larsen, Barbara So. Jay Medical Lab
Larsen, Susan So. Miami Nursing

Lawson, Randy So. Vinita Pre-Vet
Lawhon, Ronnie Fr. Vinita Music
Layman, Holly So. Grove Pre-Law
Lee, Jaime So. Miami Pre-Law
Leake, Scotty So. Big Cabin Computer Science

Leavitt, Brandy So. Rose, Okla. Business Administration
Ledford, Roger So. Vinita Biology
Lee, Jennifer So. Vinita Education
Lee, Nikkia Fr. Fairfax Nursing
Leonard, Zack So. Miami Business Administration
DeMaris Gaines on the harp and Dr. Robert Swanson on the violin provide a mini-concert for pre-schoolers.
Pam McKnight, a sophomore from Miami, relaxes with a smile as Katherine Elam, a nurse technician from Tulsa, draws blood during the annual visit of the Red Cross Blood-mobile at the start of the spring semester.

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Two members of the Sista's perform a stomp during halftime of a men's basketball game.

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McGuire, Sherri Fr.
Ponca City Physical Education
McIntyre, Dexter So.
Lockwood, Mo. Pre-Vet
McKay, Teresa Fr.
Grove Medical Secretary
Mckee, Christi Fr.
Wyandotte Communications

McKelliips, Adam Fr.
Foyil Criminal Justice
McKinney, Jason Fr.
Miami Business Administration
McNeil, Pecos So.
Yale Agriculture
Mead, Tara Fr.
Grove Music
Melton, Deanna Fr.
Lamar, Mo. Agriculture
"A lot of people who see blood or an accident, immediately begin to panic and don't know what they are supposed to do," Herkelman said.

"I believe the toughest part of my job was teaching the students the exact steps to take in case of an emergency. Although, they may know what to do, you never know what will happen," said Herkelman.

The course began with basic information such as checking the scene, calling for help, and caring for the victim. As the class progressed, day-to-day injuries were discussed, and mannequins were used for demonstrations and practice. "Students seemed to be very interested in first aid and eager to learn. Past students have remarked that the course was the most valuable class they have ever taken," Herkelman said.

"I had one student who had over 80 hours at NEO, but she said that my first aid class was the most valuable to her. Her father had a heart attack and she actually knew what to do without panicking," said Herkelman.

For a student to be certified in first aid, they had to pass a skills and written test with 80 percent or better. The course was actually divided into two sections: adult CPR and standard first aid.

After becoming certified, students received a card that could be useful for many different jobs. "If you are working part-time as a lifeguard at a pool or maybe an aerobics instructor, you will need to have this card," said Herkelman.
Dr. Jerry Carroll, president of NEO, visits with agriculture instructor Dr. Pete Smith in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.
Veteran center led Lady Norse

By Chad Grubbs

Cat-quick on defense, sophomore Trese Hickey earned the reputation as a solid defensive player for the Lady Norse.

Hickey, a 5-11 center, also earned the respect of head coach Randy Gipson.

"Man-for-man, I think she could shut down any player in the country. She had great defensive instincts," said Gipson.

"I think my strengths as an individual were my defense and rebounding abilities. I don't think my offense was very good during my two years at NEO," Hickey said.

According to her numbers, Hickey produced quite adequately on offense for the Lady Norse.

Hickey averaged 11.3 points as a sophomore after averaging 7.4 points as a freshman.

Her rebounding total had also increased from 6.4 per game last season to nine per outing as a sophomore.

One thing Hickey was not known for was her free throw shooting.

"My biggest weakness was my free throw shooting," said Hickey.

Again, the numbers supported Hickey's claim. During her sophomore season, she made only 25 out of 57 free throws for 44 percent. Hickey made only 28 of 66 from the line as a freshman for 42 percent.

Another big change from last season to this season was the change from a team that revolved around one player in All-American LaTasha Byers to the team concept that was successful for the Lady Norse.

"We were more of a team this year. We don't have one person that the team revolves around," said Hickey.

"Also, I think our defense was really good and all of our players wanted to play defense and that helped a lot. I think our team strength was our defense," Hickey said.

"This year we had good 3-point shooters and we looked for each other more. Our freshmen really played well and I think we were real successful as a team," said Hickey.

"One thing about this team was that we all were leaders. We all had our good days and we all had our down days and we were there for each other during both," Hickey said.

"I think Trese did a good job, but her best games were still in front of her. She was going to be valuable to us going into the regionals," Gipson said.
Trese Hickey (32) puts up a shot over the defensive pressure of Westark's Marie Scott.
Scott provided leadership

By Chad Grubbs

Veteran Golden Norse forward Chris Scott went from a virtual unknown to a go-to guy by his coaches, teammates, and opposing teams. Coming out of high school, the 6-3 sophomore from Hugo came into the NEO program as a virtual unknown because of his size.

However, the veteran forward jumped into the starting lineup the fifth game of the season as a freshman and never lost his starting job.

"Chris was inserted into the lineup as a freshman because of a disciplinary problem with another player," said NEO head coach Lonnie Price.

"He started every game since and the reason he didn't lose his job was because he wouldn't let anyone have it," Spencer said.

"As a freshman, Chris rode the shoulders of some good veteran players and he reaped the benefits," Spencer said.

Reap the benefits he did. Scott was second on the team in scoring with a 13.3 scoring average. He also led the team in rebounding by averaging 8.3 rebounds per game.

Scott also became the single season field goal percentage leader in NEO history by hitting 155 of 236 shots for 66 percent.

"I came to NEO because of the winning tradition. As a individual player, I wanted to play for a team that was expected win," Scott said.

His sophomore season wasn't a "bed of roses" for Scott and the rest of the Golden Norsemen. They were plagued by the injury bug and inconsistent play.

"When we went on that losing streak early in the year, I felt it was because of injuries more than anything," Scott said.

Scott saw a lot of double teams to try to stop him from scoring this season, but Scott has adapted to the change.

"I think I improved my game. I think I was able to go out on the perimeter and also handle the ball with effectiveness inside," Scott said.

"Chris had the ability to put the ball on the floor and he could also shoot the ball from the perimeter. And he did all the other things well also."

Scott led the Norse with a 13.4 scoring average while also leading the team in rebounding with a 6.1 average.
Chris Scott drive around defensive pressure by Tim Sherwood of Seminole Junior College.
Honor Society induction

By Tanya Shepherd

Fifty prospective new members of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society were initiated for the spring semester during February.

Inductees were Angela Barr, freshman, Miami; Kelli Bland, freshman, Wyandotte; Chantal Boswell, freshman, Commerce; Tamara Bridges, freshman, Pendleton, Ind., and Serena Browning, freshman, Jay.

Also initiated were Karen Bruce, freshman, Ketchum; Michael Condict, sophomore, Beggs; Saron Cox, freshman, Miami; Whitney Craig, sophomore, Miami, and Jennifer Crockett, freshman, Fairland.

Other initiants were Erin Crowley, freshman, Miami; Chris Davis, freshman, Miami; Bobbie Dixon, freshman, Miami; Bryan Durham, freshman, Lawton, and Jennifer Essy, freshman, Miami.

Also initiated were Rebecca Frock, freshman, Miami; Jarrod Gillig, freshman, Odessa, Mo.; Brian Habjan, freshman, Nevada, Mo.; Christopher Haffner, freshman, Chandler, and Deon Hamilton, freshman, Miami.

Others include Charles Haney, freshman, Miami; Heather Hollis, freshman, Willard; Scott Jameson, freshman, Miami; Karen Jay, freshman, Miami; Kelli Jones, freshman, Miami, and Amanda Lilly, sophomore, Miami.

Also inducted were Jonetta McArthur, freshman, Lockwood, Mo.; Tony McKibben, freshman, Quapaw; Dena Miller, freshman, Jerico Springs, Mo.; Michael Miller, freshman, Picher, and Barry Moore, freshman, Miami.

Also initiated were Brandon Morgan, freshman, Holdenville; Kevin Owen, freshman, Lamar, Mo.; Chisum Peterson, freshman, Pukwana, S.D.; Julie Prince, freshman, Miami; Amy Rhine, freshman, Miami; Frances Richards, freshman, Quapaw; Joe Rooney, freshman, Picher; Nathan Simpson, freshman, Miami; Justin Stille, sophomore, Miami, and Nickie Taylor, freshman, Miami.

Also initiated were Rod Thompson, freshman, Beggs; Tina Wilson, sophomore, Commerce; Jason McKinney, sophomore, Miami; Rhonda Ray, freshman, Quapaw, and Donna Young, freshman, Miami.

Other inductees were Melissa Drenik, sophomore, Miami, and Mandy Eddings, freshman, Commerce.
Foreign language instructor Betty Caskey tests the new equipments used in the foreign language laboratory.
Musical brings down the roof

By Sara Gann

One of the most beloved musicals in American Theatre was staged by the Theatre NEO group during the spring semester. *Fiddler on the Roof* drew large crowds for the four performances in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

The setting for this memorable musical was Anatevka, a small peasant town in Czarist Russia.

Tevye, a dairyman, his wife Golde and their five daughters were one of the hard-working families of the Jewish community. They observe the “old ways” and “traditions” handed down to them from their forefathers.

Tevye, a pious man, tried to raise his five daughters according to the ways of the Good Book. However, the old ways no longer sufficed and Tevye and his friends had to become part of the changing world around them.

After a problem which takes place at the wedding of one of Tevye’s daughters, the community realized that their old way of life had changed forever and they set out to find new lives in new lands, taking with them their few meager possessions and their abiding faith in God.

The cast consisted of 12 men and 10 women.

Appearing in the production were Dallas Gonzalez, freshman, Wyandotte, as Tevye, the dairy man.

Golde, Tevye’s wife, was played by Wendi Wilkerson, freshman, Sand Springs.

Tzelie, the oldest daughter, was portrayed by Kara Clark, freshman, Wyandotte.

Hodel, another daughter, was played by Jamie Jones, freshman, Vinita.

Chava, the third daughter, was portrayed by B.J. Lipscomb, sophomore, Miami.

Shprintze, the fourth daughter, was portrayed by Shelly Rudd, sophomore, Pryor.

Blelke, the fifth daughter, was portrayed by Abby Beggerly, freshman, Miami.

Motel Kamzol, the tailor, was portrayed by Jordan Weeks, sophomore, Tulsa.

Perchik, the student, was portrayed by Ryan Danner, sophomore, Sand Springs.

Speech instructor, David Froman, portrayed Lazar Wolf, the butcher.

Mordcha, the innkeeper, was portrayed by Steve McCurley, speech instructor.

Dan Shackleford, sophomore, Miami, portrayed the Rabbi.

Shaw, Travis

Baxter Springs, Kan. Nursing

Shepherd, Joana

So.

Tulsa Education

Shepherd, Tanya

Fr.

Bartlesville Education

Sherman, John

So.

Jay Agriculture

Sherman, Julie

So.

Jay Agriculture Business

Shermer, Angela

So.

Latimer, Iowa Agriculture

Sherwood, Anita

So.

Miami Education

Shoemaker, Tammy

So.

Commerce Nursing

Shott, Tammy

So.

Nowata Agriculture

Simmons, Joseph

So.

Salina Engineering

Simmons, Teresa

So.

Vinita English

Skaggs, Michelle

So.

Miami Business Administration

Sloan, Dana

Fr.

Miami English

Smith, Amber

So.

Tulsa Criminal Justice

Smith, Brenda

So.

Welch Hotel Management

Smith, Cassandra

So.

Bixby Speech

Smith, Freda

So.

Disney Psychology

Smith, Jacob

So.

Miami Pre-Pharmacy

Smith, Jeffery

So.

Lincoln, Ga. English

Smith, LaCinda

Fr.

Quapaw English

Smith, Patricia

Fr.

Fairland Psychology

Smith, Ryan

So.

Coweta Agriculture

Smith, Sandy

So.

Fairland Nursing

Smith, Stephen

So.

Collinsville Forestry

Snyder, Bryan

So.

Sand Springs Mathematics
Student activities director Brian Thompson changes out a coke canister during the All-Campus cookout.
Shannon Gandy (left), a freshman from Taft, and Jeremy Agee, a freshman from Kiefer, serve as disc jockeys for the Valentine dance. The dance was sponsored by the Afro-American Society.

Steele, Jon  
Fairland  Physical Education
Stephens, Eric  So.
Anadarko  English
Stephens, Jason  So.
Mounds  Agriculture
Stevens, Christy  Fr.
Owasso  Education
Stich, Michael  Fr.
Jenks  Music

Stidham, Kara  So.
Galena, Kan.  Nursing
Silley, Justin  So.
Miami  Pre-Medicine
Stinson, Heather  So.
Chelsea  English
Stone, Trey  Fr.
Claremore  Journalism
Suarez, Jose'  Fr.
Quito, Ecuador  Computer Science

Sullivan, Angela  So.
Joplin, Mo.  Nursing
Summers, Lana  So.
Grove  Education
Supernaw, Kywin  So.
Skiatook  English
Sutton, Kenna  Fr.
Stillwater  Physical Education
Swank, Leslie  So.
Rogers, Ark.  Pre-Vet

Swartz, Jay Jay  Fr.
Johnson City, Tenn.  Physical Education
Swineford, Heather  Fr.
Choctaw  Physical Education
Swofford, Angela  So.
Strang  Education
Talbot, Tiffany  So.
Afton  Nursing
Tailman, Jennifer  Fr.
Welch  Physical Therapy

Smith, Jerome  Fr.
Nassau, Bahamas  Medical Lab
Taylor, Laurie  Fr.
Miami  Business Management
Taylor, Shon  So.
Bluejacket  Animal Science
Teal, James  So.
Grove  Education
Teal, Shandy  Fr.
Grove  Nursing
Two students show off their dancing skills on the sidelines of an NED basketball game.
These students participated in the two-year Medical Laboratory Technician program, under the direction of Kay Harris (left). The seven students received an associate in applied science degree at the end of the program.


Tune, Crystal  Fr.  Vinia, Turner, Jerri  Fr.  Jay, Turner, Justin  So.  Quapaw, Tuttle, Rachelle  Fr.  Kellyville, Business Administration

Tyler, Leanne  Fr.  Brubam, Australia  Business Administration


Student members of the Viking yearbook were, from left: Chad Grubbs, sophomore, Fletcher; Tanya Shepherd, freshman, Bartlesville; Byron Beers, freshman, Owasso, and Andi Clark, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark. Not pictured were Sara Gann, freshman, Miami, and Cindy Bear, sophomore, Wyandotte.
Warlick, Greg Fr. Agriculture
Reeds Springs, Mo. Warwick, Brent So.
Nowata Physical Education Warner, James Fr.
Claremore Mid-Management Warren, Otto Fr.
Warner Physical Education Washington, Shawnte' Fr.
Atoka English Watson, Beth Fr.
Springdale, Ark. Nursing Watson, Nancy Fr.
Piedmont English Way, David So.
Miami Physical Therapy Way, Loreta So.
Quapaw Nursing Weaver, Marcia Fr.
Miami Allied Health Weaver, Shamaria So.
Miami Journalism Weaver, Tracy So.
Welch Physical Therapy Weil, Brian So.
Edna, Kan. Ranch Management Welch, Chris Fr.
Vinita Community Journalism Wensink, Gary So.
Miami Computer Science Weston, Adam So.
Noblesville, Ind. Agriculture Whisner, Tanya So.
Fairland Medical Lab Technology White, David So.
Miami Drafting White, Patricia Fr.
Vinita Nursing Whitebird, Cynthia Fr.
Quapaw Nursing Whitehead, Detrick Fr.
Snyder English Whitney, Angela So.
Grove Nursing Wigelsworth, Chad So.
Vinita Radiology Wilkie, Linda So.
Grove Nursing Wilks, Traci So.
McAlester Computer Science Williams, Aloma So.
Commerce Secretarial Science Williams, Bryan Fr.
Gower, Mo. Agriculture Williams, Jeana So.
Westville Physical Education Williams, Leanne Fr.
Fairgrove, Mo. Agriculture Williams, Tonya So.
Blytheville, Ark. Child Care Williamson, Rebec Fr.
Tulsa Pre-Law Willoughny, Richard So.
Sarcoxie, Mo. Engineering Wilson, Dustin So.
Chelsea Physical Therapy Wilson, Grant So.
Sapulpa Engineering Wilson, Justin So.
Hominy Business Administration
Students react to various suggestions made by the visiting hypnotist during a performance in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Wilson, Kirk So. Agriculture
Chelsea, Kim So. Liberty Physical Education
Winfrey, Kathy So. Bluejacket Child Care
Wing, Betty So. Grove Medical Laboratory Technology
Witty, Brandi Fr. Garber English
Garber So.
Wood, Clifford So. Pea Ridge, Ark. Physical Education
Wood, Lavina So. Miami Accounting
Woolman, Kelli So. Vinita Secretarial Science
WorthINGTON, Cullen So. Chattanooga, Okla Agriculture
Wright, Paul Fr. Jasper, Mo. Electronics
Wright, Sadie So. Wyanotte Mathematics
Wright, Timothy Fr. Cushing English
Wyrrick, Mechelle So. Commerce Nursing
Wyrrick, Kathy So. Miami Journalism
Yount, Jason So. Cushing Psychology
Young, Brent So. Bristow Physical Therapy
Young, Daniel So. Miami Computer Science
Zingg, Tori So. Inola Biology
Bear, Cindy So. Wyandotte Journalism

Individuals
Jennifer Barnes

Jennifer Barnes, a sophomore from Mountain Grove, Mo., was an animal science/agriculture business major with a 3.84 grade point average. Barnes held offices in several campus organizations including vice president of membership in Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of the Wesley Foundation, and secretary treasurer for the Inter-residence Life Council. She has also been actively involved in the Pre-vet Club and the Aggie Society.

Ryan Danner

Ryan Danner, a sophomore from Sand Springs, was a speech and theater major who compiled a 3.73 grade point average. Dannar was a member of the College Masquers, and was a Student Body Representative for A.E. Rho, a campus organization for communication majors. Dannar appeared twice on the dean’s honor roll and once on the president’s list. He was cast in the starring role of several Theatre NEO productions.
Jennifer Diederich, a sophomore from Grove, was an engineering major with a 3.65 GPA. Diederich was actively involved in several campus organizations including Phi Theta Kappa, the Chemistry Club, and the Engineering Club, in which she held the office of president. She was selected to help demonstrate different types of learning techniques at a faculty professional development seminar at Pittsburg State University.

Melissa Diederich accumulated a perfect 4.0 in her two years as a Pre-vet/animal science major. The Grove native was an active member of the Pre-vet Club were she held the offices of vice president and president, and the Engineer's Club where she was a Student Body Government Representative. Diederich was also a member of the Aggie Society and Phi Theta Kappa.
Amy Down

Amy Down, an animal science major from Wyoming, Ill., maintained a 3.8 grade point average through three semesters at NEO. Down was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and received honors at Fort Worth, Texas judging competition. She was vice president of the Aggie Society and treasurer for Phi Theta Kappa.

Julie Eads

Julie Eads, a sophomore from Commerce, retained a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a pre-pharmacy major through three semesters. She served as a student representative for the Honors program advisory committee and was secretary for Phi Theta Kappa.
Maureen Hilliard

Maurene Hilliard, a sophomore from Welch, accumulated a 3.7 grade point average as a business administration major. Hilliard was vice president and parliamentarian of the Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. She placed in the top 10 winners at the 1994 State Phi Beta Lambda Conference. She was also an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society.

Reginald McIntyre

Reginald McIntyre was a sophomore Pre-Vet major from Lockwood, Mo. During his three semesters at NEO, McIntyre maintained a 3.86 grade point average. He was a member of the Livestock Judging Team as a freshman. During his sophomore year, he became active in the Pre-Vet Club, the Aggie Society, and Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society.
Who's Who Among American Junior College Students

Pecos McNeil

Pecos McNeil, a sophomore from Yale, accumulated a 3.5 grade point average. McNeil was an active member of the Aggie Society, Phi Theta Kappa, the Rodeo Club, and the Pre-Vet Club. He was also a member of the rodeo team and competed in the NIRA.

Matthew McSpadden

Matthew McSpadden was a sophomore pre-engineering major from Ketchum, with a 3.84 grade point average. McSpadden was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, and was past-president of the Engineers Club.

JoLynda Myers

Jo Lynda Myers, a sophomore from Miami, was a Pre-Engineering major with a 4.0 grade point average for two years. She was an active member of the Engineers Club and Phi Theta Kappa where she was vice president of publications.
Sandra Panks

Sandra Panks, a sophomore from Vinita, was a secondary education major with a 4.0 grade point average. She was president of the Foreign Language Club and an active member of Phi Theta Kappa. Panks is a 1994-95 Dobson Presidential Scholar.

Dan Shackleford

Dan Shackleford was a sophomore Broadcast Communication major from Miami, with a 3.85 grade point average. He served as vice president of the Student Body Government and the Leadership Council for the Older Wiser Learning Students organization. Shackleford is also a member Phi Theta Kappa.

Tammy Shott

Tammy Shott, a sophomore from Nowata, was an agriculture communications major with a 3.62 grade point average. She served as vice president of the Inter-dorm Council, vice president of the Student Ambassadors, and parliamentarian of the Student Body Government.
Organizations
The Afro-American Society consisted of more than 50 members whose responsibility was to serve both the college and the Miami community. The organization served the following functions: 1) as a clearinghouse of information; 2) a forum for Afro-American students; 3) an educational vehicle through which the cultural heritage of Afro-Americans can be transmitted, and 4) as a means of providing members with a detailed understanding of the Afro-American contribution to our society. Serving as officers of the organization were, bottom row, from left: Brian Thompson, co-sponsor; Robiah Rezzaq, freshman, Tulsa, secretary; Angelic Walker, sophomore, Haskell, vice-president; Latisha Harris, sophomore, Bartlesville, treasurer, and Je Alexander, co-sponsor. Top row, Michelle Dailey, sophomore, Oklahoma City, Student Body Government representative; Deandrea White, sophomore, Oklahoma City, Student Body Government alternate; Antonique Payton, sophomore, Tulsa, president; Latoya Bowie, freshman, Haskell, historian; Nicole Crawford, sophomore, Depew, public relations director, and Felix Walker, freshman, Haskell, parliamentarian.
AGGIE SOCIETY

Offers a variety of social activities

Members of the Aggie Society were, bottom row, from left; Ryan Burns, sophomore, Minco; Bryan Williams, freshman, Gower, Mo.; Brandon Morgan, freshman, Holdenville; Abelardo Amaya, freshman, Chihuahua, Mexico; Justin Rogers, sophomore, Hennessey, and Angie Schermer, sophomore, Latimer, Iowa. Second row, Curt Hannon, sophomore, Rensselaer, Ind.; Brian Durham, freshman, Lawton; Kevin Owen, freshman, Lamar, Mo.; Aaron Pitts, freshman, Nevada, Mo.; Chisum Peterson, freshman, Pukwana, S.D.; Brian Hatbjan, freshman, Nevada, Mo., and Jeff Able, freshman, Wyandotte. Third row, Leslie Swank, sophomore, Rogers, Ark., co-vice president; Aaron Grant, sophomore, Alberta, Can., secretary; Chadd Flehner, sophomore, Pierce City, Mo., treasurer; Amy Down, sophomore, Wyoming, Ill., co-vice president; Janelle Bills, sophomore, Chillicothe, Mo.; Tammy Shott, sophomore, Nowata, student body government representative, and Adam Weston, sophomore, Noblesville, Ind., president. Fourth row, Leslie Roberts, sophomore, Yukon; Eric Larson, freshman, Windfall, Ind.; Kelley Deignan, sophomore, Fishers, Ind.; Brice Walker, sophomore, Chillicothe, Mo.; Tammy Bridges, freshman, Pendleton, Ind.; Jarrod Gillig, freshman, Grain Valley, Mo.; Jorge Estrada, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico; Francisco Prieto, freshman, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Francisco Cabrero, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico. Fifth row, Ty Cunningham, freshman, Jay; Brent Kirby, freshman, Tipton, Ind.; Bryan Cline, sophomore, Tipton, Ind., and Jaime Estrada, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico.
Created to provide informational tours of the campus to visiting prospective students, the Ambassadors Club worked under the High School/College Relations department. The club members were students currently enrolled in classes and were familiar with the various aspects of college life. Members of the Ambassadors Club were first row, from left; Jodie Blumber, sophomore, Yale, secretary; Jason Ragsdale, sophomore, Sapulpa, president; Michael Kyle, freshman, Farm Grove, Mo., vice president, and Rachel Pelikan, freshman, Broken Arrow, student body government representative. Second row, Tammy Shott, sophomore, Nowata; Leslie Hunter, sophomore, Yellville, Ark.; Angie Schermer, sophomore, Latimer, Iowa; Melissa Mitcheon, freshman, Holdenville; Loretta Pulley, freshman, Bristow; Lindsey Bower, freshman, Choctaw; Jennifer Buttram, sophomore, Quapaw, and Johnny McCurley, freshman, Muskogee. Third row, Nancy Watson, freshman, Piedmont; Michael Barber, freshman, Holdenville; Bobby Cox, sophomore, Kingfisher, and Heather Otter, sophomore, Omaha, Neb. At back is sponsor Trav Hill.
BACCHUS ORGANIZATION

Promotes alcohol awareness

BACCHUS was internationally recognized as an organization which focuses on increasing alcohol awareness among college students. The organization encouraged students to make wise and responsible decisions concerning consumption of alcohol and drugs. BACCHUS was in direct opposition with the lie that the excessive use of alcohol was commonplace and accepted by society. The organization helped students develop life skills such as leadership, responsibility, and cooperation. Members of the organization were: bottom row, from left, Kourtney Baldridge, sophomore, Miami; Heather, sophomore, Commerce; Dr. Adonna Helmig, sponsor; Jason Ragsdale, sophomore, Sapulpa; and Nicole Crawford, sophomore, Tulsa, student body government representative. Top row, Jennifer Kilpatrick, sophomore, Newcastle; Eric Marriot, sophomore, Miami; Chris Davis, freshman, Iarni; Bobbi Dixon, freshman, Miami; Jeff Able, freshman, Wyandotte, and Jennifer Buttram, sophomore, Quapaw. Not pictured were Stacey Huntoon, freshman, Commerce, president, and becca Rose, freshman, Durant, secretary/treasurer.
With an active membership of more than 60 students, the campus chapter of the Baptist Student Union provided an opportunity for students of many faiths and denominations to socialize and share experiences. Opportunities for involvement included noonday services, Bible studies, various retreats and other forms of fellowship. The Baptist Student Union building is located just north of the main campus and across the street from Cunningham Hall. The organization held social events at the start of each semester to give students an opportunity to meet each other. Several members of the Baptist Student Union participated in a state-wide Jug Wars fund-raising effort during the first semester. The competition was designed to raise money to send students representing the BSU to summer missions all over the world. The local chapter attempts to send approximately 10 students on summer missions. Another activity sponsored by the Baptist Student Union was a trip during Spring Break to Kansas City, Mo., on a missionary trip. Students gained valuable experience doing cleanup and fix-up work at a designated place in Kansas City. The group also participated in such social activities as hayrides and Christmas carolling.
engineers
club

Engineers Club

Designed to familiarize students with the various fields within the engineering profession, the Engineers Club relied on field trips and guest speakers to accomplish this goal. The organization also served as a method of allowing students with an interest in engineering a chance to socialize on a regular basis. Students enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours in either mathematics, physical science, or chemistry were eligible for membership. Members of the Engineering Club are first row, from left: Matt McSpadden, sophomore, Ketchum, president; Joseph Simmons, sophomore, Salina; Eli Jackson, sophomore, Grove; d Richard Willoughby, sophomore, Sarcovie, Mo. Second row, Jol Lynda Myers, sophomore, Miami; mmy Donnell, sophomore, Tulsa, student body government representative; Aaron Spencer, sophomore, Miami; Melissa Diedrich, sophomore, Grove, and Stacy Anderson, freshman, Fairland. Third row, Scott alls, freshman, Miami; Scott Burns, sophomore, Eufaula; Jennifer Diedrich, sophomore, Grove, vice president; Tammy Kohler, sophomore, Commerce, secretary; Mandy Eddings, freshman, Commerce, and ob Underwood, sophomore, Commerce, parliamentarian. At back, Lane Manning, freshman, Miami.

Scheduled several field trips

Organizations
EQUINE CLUB

Under the direction of Kevin Pool, the college Equine Club spent countless hours at the college farm discussing the care and prevention of injuries to horses. The group also visited several area horse shows and listened to some guest speakers. Members of the club were, bottom row from left: Natalie Nicholson, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Brandy Smith, freshman, Jay. Middle row, Jennifer Nicholson, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Angela Holsin freshman, Gaston, Ind.; Chris Hymer, sophomore, Jasper, Mo., and Cassie Linnen sophomore, Rhineland, Mo. Top row, Ty Cunningham, freshman, Jay; Shannon Starns sophomore, Locust Grove, president; Julie Lewis, sophomore, Yale, vice president; Ya Pinkston, freshman, Locust Grove, secretary/treasurer, and Ben Fizette, freshman, Owensville, Mo. Not pictured were Laura Burch, freshman, Walker, Mo., student body government representative, and Julie Sherman, sophomore, Jay.

Excelled in the field of horse care
Quine Judging Team

Only their second year of competition, the Equine Judging Team participated in several shows and county fairs around the country. The group won several individual trophies at various shows. Members of the judging team were, bottom row, from left: Angela Hols, freshman, Gaston, Ind.; Shannon Stamper, sophomore, Locust Grove, and Jacob Tan, freshman, Jay. Top row: Brandy Smith, freshman, Jay; Ty Cunningham, freshman, Jay; Cty Pinkston, freshman, Locust Grove; Tonya Swalley, freshman, Bartlett, Kan., and Kevin , advisor.
Under the direction of Dr. Pete Smith, the college Farm and Ranch Management club spent countless hours at the college farm learning various aspects of country living. Members of the club were, **bottom row, from left**: Francisco Cabrera, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico; Ben Fize, freshman, Owensville, Mo.; David Austin, freshman, Decatur, Ark.; Darrin Henders, freshman, Leon, Iowa, and Jed Harris, sophomore, Gravette, Ark. **Middle row**, Brice Wall, sophomore, Chillicothe, Mo., vice president; Brad Nichols, freshman, Bartlesville, student government representative; Justin Cargill, freshman, Cushing; Justin Ogden, freshman, Exeter, Iowa; Justin Page, freshman, Hillsboro, Iowa, and Francisco Prieto, freshman, Chihuahua, Mexico. **Top row**, Dr. Pete Smith, sponsor; Don Barnard, freshman, Freedom, Okla., student government representative; Brian Well, sophomore, Edna, Kan., secretary/treasurer; Jon Burd, sophomore, Decatur, Ark., president; Jorge Estrada, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico; James Vincent, sophomore, Aurora, Mo.; Jaime Estrada, freshman, Guerrero, Mexico, and Luis Prieto, freshman, Chihuahua, Mexico.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Club covers four languages

pen to any student with an interest in French, German, or Spanish, the Foreign Language Club offered members an opportunity to learn about the cultures, foods, current events, and people in several countries where these languages were spoken. Officers for the club were, bot-
rom row, from left; Betty Caskey, co-sponsor; Sonya Miller, freshman, Miami, reporter, and
sa Kelly, freshman, Miami, president. Top row; Dr. Hank Coyer, co-sponsor; Kathy Wyrick,
sophomore, Miami, reporter; Donna Reed, sophomore, Miami, vice president/treasurer; Von-
Hartsock, sophomore, Claremore, student body government representative, and Suzette
ime, sophomore, Miami, secretary.
Under the direction of Dr. Jim Gleckler, the college Forestry Club became very active in studying various tree farms and lumber operations in the area. The group also visited several national forests and listened to some guest speakers. Members of the club were, **bottom row, from left**: Jeff Moehr, freshman, Beaver; Ben Huss, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Jason Tiller, freshman, Claremore, and Steven Teeter, freshman, Quapaw. **Middle row, Dusty Matti, freshman, Nowata; Abby Ewing, freshman, Nevada, Mo.; Denise Todino, freshman, Rogers Springs, Wyo.; Dr. Jim Gleckler, sponsor, and Albert Bennett, freshman, Okeene. Top row**: Easy Butler, sophomore, Buffalo, Mo.; Michael Barber, freshman, Holdenville; Regan Campbell, sophomore, Fairland, secretary/treasurer; Jason Murrell, sophomore, Oklahoma City; president; Bill Vasey, freshman, Collinsville, and Matt Minick, freshman, Bixby. Not pictured are Sarah Beetem, sophomore, Seneca, Mo., vice president, and Jeremy Grayson, sophomore, Miami, student body government representative.
Members of the band were, bottom row, from left: Melissa Osburn, freshman, Farmington, Ark.; Michelle Dailey, sophomore, Oklahoma City; Latoya Bowie, freshman, Haskell; Janna Westmoreland, freshman, Haskell; Nancy Watson, freshman, Piedmont, and Tamesha Berry, freshman, Haskell. Second row: Jennifer Moss, freshman, Bristow; Bert Boyd, freshman, Skiatook; Matthew Mayo, freshman, Hominy, vice president; Carolyn Ring, freshman, Pryor, secretary/treasurer; Julie Bennett, sophomore, Monett, Mo.; Tanya Blair, freshman, Coweta; Monica Jackson, freshman, Coweta, and Shonna Porter, freshman, Eufaula. Third row: Chris Heimer, sophomore, Miami; Justin Wilson, sophomore, Hominy; Jason Huffman, sophomore, Miami; Kirk Wilson, sophomore, Miami; Detric Whitehead, freshman, Snyder; Emily Clark, freshman, Baxter Springs, Kan., and Andrea Clark, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark. Fourth row: Bobby Spell, freshman, Skiatook, student body government representative; Matthew Standley, freshman, Miami; Doug Gonzalez, sophomore, Fairland; Jason Ragdale, sophomore, Sapulpa; Jeff Perkins, sophomore, Sand Springs, president; Greg Blair, freshman, Chelsea; Michael Barker, freshman, Holdenville, and Michael Stich, freshman, Jenks. Fifth row: Angela Dewey, sophomore, Chelsea; Deanne Deatherage, sophomore, Viola; Jim Sawvel, sophomore, Grove; Jason Dembski, freshman, Miami; Dusty Huffman, freshman, Chelsea; Carrie Ransom, freshman, Miami, and Erin Kempf, freshman, Haskell. Not pictured are: Stephanie Alexander, freshman, Neosho, Mo.; Courtney Colson, freshman, Gentry, Ark.; Shannon Band, freshman, Miami; Jennifer King, freshman, Dewey; Melissa Mishon, freshman, Holdenville; Nicole Crawford, sophomore, Depew; Angelic Walker, sophomore, Haskell; Felicia Walker, freshman, Haskell; Sara Delmonte, sophomore, Miami; Bryan Kirk, freshman, Miami, and Sandra Cooper, freshman, Depew.

Played in several activities
GOLDEN NORSE CHEERLEADER SQUAD

Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad spent countless hours preparing routines and attending summer clinics. The cheerleaders also attended all the football games and participated in the National Championship Texas Shrine Bowl in Tyler.

Members of the squad were, bottom row, from left: Nikki Males, freshman, Choctaw; Tra Crockett, freshman, Miami; Nadia Alexander, freshman, Midwest City; Mandy Jones, freshman, Midwest City; Becky Males, freshman, Choctaw, and Brittney Smith, freshman, Broken Arrow. Top row: Heather Dunkel, freshman, Oologah; Kandy Beeson, freshman, Owasso; Tiffany Hollingsworth, freshman, Tulsa; Leslee Ogee, freshman, McLoud; Beth Watson, freshman, Springdale, Ark., and Shawnté Washington, freshman, Atoka.
Governed life in the dorms

Serving as officers of the Inter-Residence Hall Council were, bottom row, from left; Pat Jones, sponsor; Bill Quimby, sophomore, Garber, president, and Jennifer Barnes, sophomore, Mountain Grove, Mo., secretary/treasurer. Top row; Jennifer Butcher, sophomore, Yale, reporter; Wilmer Denver, sophomore, Hiawasse, Ark., parliamentarian, and Angie Schermer, sophomore, Latimer, Iowa, student body government representative. Not pictured were, Easy Butler, sophomore, Buffalo, Mo., vice president; Melissa Mitchon, freshman, Holdenville, student body government representative; Trey Stone, freshman, Claremore, Vann Hall representative; Matt Cobb, freshman, Tulsa, Vann Hall representative; Rob Black, freshman, Ardmore, Russell Hall representative; Rachel Pelikan, freshman, Broken Arrow, Harrill Hall reporter; Jodi Blumer, sophomore, Yale, Harrill Hall representative; Rebecca Dean, freshman, Broken Arrow, Harrill Hall representative, and Rebecca Rose, freshman, Durant, Dobson Hall representative.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Under the direction of Jary Douglas and Chad Stine, the college Livestock Judging Team continued to earn national prominence by participating in several contests around the country. Members of the team were, bottom row, from left: Bryan Williams, freshman, Gower, Mo.; Chism Peterson, freshman, Pukwana, S.D.; Aaron Pitts, freshman, Nevada, Mo.; Brian Haljan, freshman, Nevada, Mo.; Brandon Morgan, freshman, Holdenville; Ty Cunningham, freshman, Jay; Jeff Able, freshman, Wyandotte, and Kevin Owen, freshman, Lamar, Mo. Middle row, Leslie Roberts, sophomore, Yukon; Curt Hannon, sophomore, Rensselaer, Ind.; Rya Burns, sophomore, Minco; Brian Durham, freshman, Lawton; Tammy Bridges, freshman, Pendleton, Ind.; Amy Down, sophomore, Wyoming, Ill., and Kelley Deignan, sophomore, Fishers, Ind. Top row, Chadd Flehmer, sophomore, Pierce City, Mo.; Eric Larson, freshman, Windfall, Ind.; Bryan Cline, sophomore, Tipton, Ind.; Brent Kirby, freshman, Tipton, Ind.; Jarrod Gillig, freshman, Grain Valley, Mo.; Greg Baird, sophomore, Oswego, Kan.; Aaric Grant, sophomore, Alberta, Can.; Adam Weston, sophomore, Noblesville, Ind., and Justin Rogers, sophomore, Hennessey.
Presented four productions during the year

Featuring a membership of more than 30 students, the Masquers Club, under the direction of sponsor Brian Hauck, staged four productions. The plays selected were *Brighton Beach Memoirs, The Secret Garden, The Fiddler on the Roof, and The Great Sebastians*. Serving as officers for the organization were, **bottom row, from left**: Roz Palmer, freshman, Jay, vice president; Chet Burgtorf, sophomore, Commerce, president, and Sara Delmone, sophomore, Miami, treasurer. **Top row, Ryan Dannar, sophomore, Sand Springs, student body government representative; Jordan Weeks, freshman, Tulsa, parliamentarian, and Otis Parker, freshman, Picher. Not pictured was Wendy Wilkerson, freshman, Sand Springs, secretary.**
Under the direction of DeMaris Gaines, the college Native American Student Association represented more than 400 students which was 17 percent of the entire student population. Because of these figures, NEO ranked among the top three colleges in the nation in total Native American population. Officers of the association were, bottom row, from left; Wenona Jones, freshman, Broken Bow; Donna Simmons, freshman, Miami, and Cindy Whitebird, freshman, Quapaw, vice president. Back row, Brandi Brock, freshman, Quapaw; Todd McCarty, freshman, Hennessey, secretary/treasurer; Dusty Billy, freshman, Commerce; DeMaris Gaines, sponsor. Not pictured was Christy McKee, freshman, Wyandotte, president.
NORSE STARS
DANCE/DRILL
TEAM

Participated in a variety of events

Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the Norse Stars performed at halftime of all home football and basketball games. The squad also participated in various parades. Members of the team were, first row, from left: Lori Lindquist, sophomore, Tulsa; Dana Paige, freshman, Chouteau; Brandi Witty, freshman, Garber; Kirsten Kalinyen, sophomore, Miami, lieutenant; Jodi Kinion, freshman, Spavinaw, and Tisha Cronister, freshman, Crescent. Second row: Rachelle Tuttle, freshman, Stillwater; April Patrick, sophomore, Mounds; Heather Nance, freshman, Sapulpa; Lisa Walkup, freshman, Tulsa; Stephanie Parnell, freshman, Miami, and Rosalyn Winters, freshman, Midwest City. Third row: Christie McKee, freshman, Wyandotte; Stacy Barton, freshman, Crescent; Brandy Kiesel, freshman, Bentonville, Ark.; Janet Hart, sophomore, Miami, co-captain; Allison Boatman, freshman, Wewoka, captain, and Kristi McCann, freshman, Mt. Vernon, Mo. Fourth row: Christy Stevens, freshman, Owasso; Jennifer Ashley, freshman, Mt. Vernon, Mo.; Tiffany Jordan, freshman, Tulsa; Erin Trivitt, freshman, Stillwater; Erin Sellers, freshman, Broken Arrow; Heather Green, freshman, Neosho, Mo.; Vanessa Fata, sophomore, Hominy, lieutenant, and Amanda Perkins, freshman, Bella Vista, Ark.
Under the direction of Mary Susan Whaley, the college Meistersingers was a small ensemble selected by auditions from the membership of the concert choir. The group presented various shows as "ambassadors of song". Members of the group represented a variety of majors and were involved in many campus activities. Members of the ensemble were, **bottom row, from left:** Shandra Teal, freshman, Grove; Tera Mead, freshman, Jay; Jamie Jo Whisenant, freshman, Hartshorne, and Matt Standlee, freshman, Green Forest, Ark. **Top row:** Deanna Cook, freshman, Duncan; Shannon Davis, freshman, Lamont; BJ Lipscomb, sophomore, Miami, and Dallas Gonzalez, freshman, Wyandotte.
Provided information for campus

Published weekly throughout the school year, the newspaper staff won numerous individual and overall awards in competitions around the state. The student newspaper was totally generated from the efforts of the staff under the direction of advisor Monty Franks. Serving as editors if the newspaper were, kneeling, from left: Byron Beers, freshman, Owasso, sports editor, and Kathy Wyrick, sophomore, managing editor. Top row: Tanya Shepherd, freshman, Ft. Smith, editor-in-chief; Andi Clark, freshman, Siloam Springs, Ark., features editor; Chad Rubbs, sophomore, Fletcher, sports editor; Leslee Ogee, freshman, features editor; Cindy Bear, sophomore, Wyandotte, news editor, and Sara Gann, freshman, Miami, photographic editor.
Under the direction of Donna Hurley, the college Older, Wiser, Learning Students (OWLS) organization served as a total support system for adult students that were attending college, either for the first time, or after a long period of being away from the classroom. The OWLS organization was very active in campus functions while sponsoring several projects that helped make the campus more attractive. The group solicited donations for benches to be placed at key places around the campus for students to sit on while waiting for classes to start. The organization also constructed a float and submitted a queen candidate during the Homecoming parade. Not only were adult students offered a variety of tutorial programs to help the students cope with classroom assignments, but also the organization had a specific area in the Bruce G. Carte Student Union which allowed students an opportunity to either study or just visit.
Promoted business and free enterprise

College level example of Future Business Leaders of America, the college chapter of Phi Beta Lambda national business fraternity promoted business and the free enterprise system. Under the direction of Sharon Johnson and Paul Hart, the organization competed in state and national competitions in business related fields. Serving as members of the group were, bottom row, from left; Loretta Brown, freshman, Miami, president; Maurene Hilliard, sophomore, Welch, vice president, and Laurie Taylor, freshman, Miami, student body government representative. Middle row; Michelle Dunham, freshman, Grove, treasurer; Leonora Clinton, sophomore, Miami; Aaron Johnson, co-sponsor, and Nicole Crawford, sophomore, Tulsa, secretary. Top row; Tim Hart, co-sponsor; Tim Martin, sophomore, Peoria; Chris Davis, freshman, Commerce, irlmentarian, and James Clinton, sophomore, Miami. Not pictured is Angie Catlett, freshman, Forton, historian.
Established as the first chapter in Oklahoma, Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society recognizes the academic achievements of students each semester. The local chapter held induction services during both the fall and spring semesters. More than 40 students were inducted during each service. The purpose of the organization was the promotion of scholarship among the student body. To be eligible for induction, a student had to carry at least 15 college credit hours and must rank in the upper 10 percent of the student body. Serving as co-sponsors of the organization were Carol Smith, English instructor, Roger Fent, agriculture instructor, and Gary Lair, chief accountant. Twenty-four chapters from Oklahoma and Arkansas attended the three-day fall regional convention.
Under the direction of counselor Bill Macauley, the Physically Challenged organization was created to meet the needs of students with certain physical limitations. With a membership of more than 20, the organization also accepted participation by friends and other persons interested in learning more about physically challenged students. Officers for the organization were, bottom row, from left: Lori Spence, freshman, Vinita, president, and Donna Reed, sophomore, Miami, vice president. Top row: Alice Wilbanks, freshman, Miami, secretary; Bill Macauley, counselor, and Cynthia Langley, freshman, Afton, treasurer.
Hosted college rodeo indoors

Under the direction of Lawson Essex, the college Rodeo Team participated in several National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association sanctioned events. Members of the team were, bottom row from left; Tonya Swalley, freshman, Bartlett, Kan.; Missy Wilkinson, freshman, Valliant; Les Hunter, sophomore, Yellville, Ark.; Heidi Stacey, freshman, Omaha, Ark., and Katy Browning, freshman, St. Peters, Mo. Middle row, Joe Bell, sophomore, Salem, N.J.; Jason Steward, sophomore, Hillsboro, Ill.; Teddy Johnson, freshman, Checotah; Scott Daily, sophomore, Nola, and Brian Crace, freshman, Sand Springs. Top row, Greg Davis, sophomore, Merced, Pa.; Jory Levy, sophomore, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Wade Bevill, freshman, Fairfax; Heath Hurble, sophomore, Cherokee, Kan.; Pecos McNiel, sophomore, Yale, and Lawson Essex, sponso
Represented the entire student body

During a membership of more than 50 students, the Student Body Government conducted meetings twice a month on Tuesday night. Members of the organization were, bottom row, from left: Bobbie Dixon, sophomore, Miami, senator-at-large; Dan Shackelford, sophomore, Miami, vice president; Jennifer Buttram, sophomore, Quapaw, president; Kourtney Baldridge, sophomore, Miami, secretary, and Jennifer Kilpatrick, sophomore, Newcastle, senator-at-large. Top row, Chris Davis, freshman, Miami, freshman class representative; Jeff Able, freshman, Joplin; Eric Mariott, sophomore, Miami; Jason Ragsdale, sophomore, Sapulpa; Heather Al, sophomore, Commerce, sophomore class representative, and Nicole Crawford, sophomore, Stillwater. Not pictured was Barbara Potts, sophomore, Grove, treasurer.
Under the direction of Roger Fent, the college Pre-vet Club represented more than 20 students which are interested in the care of animals. The organization was designed for students interested in veterinary medicine and other related fields. Members of the club were, bottom row, from left; Jennifer Barnes, sophomore, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Mandy Lilly, sophomore, Yale; Leslie Hunter, sophomore, Yellville, Ark., and Amy Reed, sophomore, Riverton, Kan. Middle row, Thomas Thorp, sophomore, Yale; Pecos McNeil, sophomore, Yale, vice president; Melissa Diederich, sophomore, Grove, president, and Ben Fizette, freshman, Owensville, Mo. Top row, Roger Fent, sponsor; Janelle Bills, sophomore, Chillicothe, Mo.; Leslie Swank, sophomore, Rogers, Ark.; Lori Ballard, freshman, Oilton, student body government representative; Brie Quimby, sophomore, Garber, and Erick Harp, sophomore, Pea Ridge, Ark. Not pictured were Justin Darphin, sophomore, Sulphur, La.; secretary/treasurer, and Reginald McIntyre, sophomore, Lockwood, Mo.
Under the direction of Roberta Forrest, the Wesley Foundation was an interdenominational campus organization sponsored by United Methodists. The organization met weekly in the building located just west of the Creech Library/Administration Building for Bible study, retreats, special events, and outings. Members of the organization were, *bottom row, from left*: Kristie Doles, sophomore, Chelsea; Jared Hurst, sophomore, Jenks, president, and Jennifer Barnes, sophomore, Mt. Grove, Mo. *Top row*: William Forrest, sophomore, Welch; Kourtney Baldridge, sophomore, Miami, secretary; Jason Murrell, sophomore, Oklahoma City, vice president; Steven Blair, sophomore, Miami, student body government representative; Jennifer Buttram, sophomore, Quapaw, and Roberta Forrest, sponsor.
YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Under the direction of Jeff Birdsong, the college Young Democrats organization had a membership of more than 40 students that were active on campus during elections. The organization also participated in several trips to state and national sites of political interest. Officers of the organization were, bottom row, from left: Holly Bright, sophomore, Bentonville, Ark; secretary; Chris Davis, freshman, Commerce, reporter, and Jennifer Buttram, sophomore, Quapaw. Top row; Jennifer Kilpatrick, sophomore, Miami, president; Sara Gann, freshman, Miami, student body government representative; Jeff Birdsong, sponsor, and Dana Fiel, freshman, Afton. Not pictured were Mike Moore, freshman, Commerce, treasurer; Jam Blaylock, sophomore, Miami, vice president; Jeff Bockholt, sophomore, Bentonville, Ark.; Sharron Starr, freshman, Miami, and Barbara Sasser, freshman, Miami.

Politically-active on campus
Entertained at several functions

An award-winning organization which participated in several social functions throughout the school year. Under the direction of Mary Susan Whaley, the choir also presented a concert just before the end of the fall semester. Members were selected through an audition process and were presented an opportunity to perform with professional musicians. Members of the group are, **bottom row, from left:** Annetta Stanford, sophomore, Miami; Shannon Davis, freshman, Lamont, treasurer; Erin Kempf, freshman, Haskell; Jaime Whisenant, freshman, Hartshorne; Sara Mead, freshman, Jay, and Shandra Teal, freshman, Grove. **Middle row:** Deanne Cooks, freshman, Duncan; Shannon Davis, freshman, Lamont, treasurer; Dallas Gonzalez, freshman, and Sondra, vice president; Carla Harvill, freshman, Miami, and Matt Standlee, freshman, Greenview, Ark. **Top row:** Shellie Rudd, sophomore, Pryor; BJ Lipscomb, sophomore, Miami; Ina Spence, sophomore, Baxter Springs, Kan.; Sonja Teich, freshman, Miami; Denise Partlow, freshman, Fairland, and Mary Susan Whaley, sponsor. Not pictured are Dava Brown, sophomore, Pryor, president, and Emily Clark, freshman, Baxter Springs, Kan., student body council representative.

After more than 20,000 American troops occupied the poverty-stricken island of Haiti, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was returned to power following the removal of coup leader Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras.

WHAT WAS HOT IN SEPTEMBER, 1994

Top 15 Single Records

1. I’ll Make Love To You - Boyz II Men
2. Stay - Lisa Loeb
3. Endless Love - Luther Vandross & Mariah Carey
4. When Can I See You - Babyface
5. Stroke You Up - Changing Faces
6. Wild Night - John Mellencamp
7. All I Wanna Do - Sheryl Crow
8. Can You Feel The Love Tonight - Elton John
9. Fantastic Voyage - Coolio
10. This DJ - Warren G
11. Don’t Turn Around - Ace of Base
12. At Your Best - Aaliyah
13. Shine - Collective Soul
14. 100% Pure Love - Crystal Waters
15. If You Go - Jon Secada

United Nations troops involved around the world

Nelson Mandela, the 76-year old civil rights advocate, won the first all-race election to become the first black president of South Africa. Mandela also won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for leading his country through a peaceful revolution.

More than 500,000 people were massacred during years of fighting between the Hutus and the Tutsi peoples in the African nation of Rwanda. More than one million people fled to Zaire and neighboring countries. Thousands died in the refugee camps because of disease.

Refugees block the roads as they flee the internal wars that plagued the African nation of Rwanda for years.
President Bill Clinton lost his struggle for passage of a National Health Care plan despite the efforts of his wife, Hillary, by campaigning across the country for passage of this difficult issue.

O.J. Simpson, former Heisman Trophy winner and NFL Hall of Famer, was charged with the brutal murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, in the "trial of the century."

**Most Popular Country Singles of 1994**

1. I Swear          John Michael Montgomery
2. Wink              Neal McCoy
3. Third Rock From The Sun  Joe Diffie
4. Dreaming With My Eyes Open  Clay Walker
5. Down On The Farm       Tim McGraw
6. XXX’s and OOO’s        Trisha Yearwood
7. Summertime Blues       Alan Jackson
8. What The Cowgirls Do   Vince Gill
9. Love A Little Stronger Diamond Rio
10. Foolish Pride        Travis Tritt
11. Tougher Than The Rest Chris LaDue
12. Callin’ Baton Rouge   Garth Brooks
13. The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter  Reba McIntyre
14. The Keeper Of The Stars   Tracy Byrd
15. National Woman’s Workin’ Holiday Sammy Kershaw

Alan Jackson hit the charts with a 13-song album *Who I Am* which was his fourth of his career.
Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole saw a major swing in politics as he became Majority Leader following several major upsets by Republican politicians during November's mid-term elections which accounted for the ouster of several ranking Democrats.

President Bill Clinton signs into law a $30 billion national crime bill. The law banned the manufacture, sale, and possession of 19 specific types of assault-style weapons. It also imposed the death penalty for 60 additional federal crimes.

Refugees fleeing the dictatorial regime of Fidel Castro were refused entry into the United States as President Bill Clinton ended 28 years of favored treatment for Cuban refugees.
Enmitt Smith leads the Dallas Cowboys to their second-consecutive NFL National Championship with a victory over the Buffalo Bills. Dallas head coach Jimmy Johnson left the team after the season and was replaced by former Oklahoma University head coach Barry Switzer.

Ken Griffey, Jr., All-star outfielder for Seattle Mariners, was well on his way to breaking Roger Maris' home run record until the baseball season was canceled. Not only did Griffey not earn the record because of the cancellation of the season, but the World Series was also left unfinished.

Notable Newsmaker Deaths

Richard Nixon - The 37th President of the United States died April 22 at the age of 81. Nixon, the only President to resign, suffered a stroke.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis - Beloved wife of former President John F. Kennedy died May 19 of cancer at the age of 64. She taught the nation about poise and dignity after her husband’s assassination in 1964.

Orval Faubus - Former governor of Arkansas died Dec. 14 of cancer at the age of 84. Faubus defied an order to desegregate Little Rock Central High in 1959.

Wilma Rudolph - A sprinter who overcame polio to win three gold medals in the 1960 Olympic Games died Nov. 12 at age 54 of brain cancer.

Virginia Kelly - President Bill Clinton’s mother died Jan. 6 of cancer at the age of 70.

Jeffrey Dahmer - The Milwaukee man who confessed to killing and dismembering 17 men and boys died Nov. 28 at age 34 because of a prison beating.

Notable Artists Deaths

Cesar Romero - Known as the Joker on the 1960’s Batman television series at age 86.

Telly Savalas - Played Kojack on television during the 1970’s at the age of 70.

Joseph Cotton - Noted leading man in film’s in the 1940-50’s at the age of 88.

Dinah Shore - Worked for seven decades in radio, television, records and movies at age 76.

John Candy - Comic actor of SCTV, and movies Uncle Buck and Stripes at age 43.

Walter Lanz - Creator of Woody Woodpecker at age 93.

Kurt Cobain - Singer and guitarist for the rock band Nirvana at age 27.

Henry Mancini - Film composer of the Pink Panther theme at age 70.

Jessica Tandy - Oscar-winning actress at age 85.

Harriet Nelson - TV mom to real-life husband Ozzie and sons Ricky and David at age 85.
Two professional sports hit hard by work stoppage

After leading the Chicago Bulls to three straight NBA Championships, Michael Jordan shocked the sports world by trading in his sneakers for baseball cleats to play professional baseball in the Chicago White Sox minor league organization.

For the first time since 1904, the World Series was cancelled after the players association called a strike at the start of August. The strike centered on the installation of a salary cap instituted by the owners. A labor dispute also caused a delay in professional ice hockey.

The 1994 World Cup soccer competition was played in the United States. The U.S. lost to eventual World Cup Champion Brazil in the second round. An estimated 2 billion people worldwide watched the matches.
Northern Oklahoma A&M College celebrated its 75th year with more than 2,300 students.

Originating from Senate Bill 225 on March 10, 1919, as the Miami School of Mines, the college evolved into one of the most progressive two-year institutions in the nation.

Miami state representative James Mabon introduced the bill and the legislation was pushed through the Oklahoma Senate by Senator J.J. Smith. Under the terms of the legislation a 40-acre tract of land in or around Miami was to be donated as a site for the school. The bill allocated $100,000 for a building and $25,000 for supplies.

NEO opened its doors as the Miami School of Mines when 24 students met in the Mining and Exchange building in downtown Miami.

The institution moved to a new building in 1920 which was located on a 40-acre tract of land donated by some interested Miami citizens.

In 1924 the State Legislature met in special session to change the name of the college from the School of Mines to Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College.

NEO was removed from the control of a special board of regents in 1939 and placed under the control of the Board of Regents for Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

The college enjoyed a steady increase in enrollment through the out-break of World War II. The State Legislature became involved in the future of the college in 1943 by changing the name of the institution to Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Following a name change in the midst of World War II, the college was set to undergo another major change with the employment of Dr. Bruce G. Carter as president to start the 1944-45 school year.

A man of vision, Dr. Carter instituted several major innovations during his 25 years as president.
Political influence leads to establishment of NEO

Known as the Mining and Exchange building on Miami's Main Street, the Robinson Building served as home to the Miami School of Mines until the construction of an administration/classroom building (presently known as Shipley Hall) in 1920.

A student working in the college registrar's office located on the first floor of Shipley Hall uses a voice dictaphone to transcribe some notes into a business letter. When the college opened in 1919, 24 students were attending the Miami School of Mines.

The front of Shipley Hall is decorated for Christmas in 1945. The building began as the administration/classroom facility before switching to strictly a classroom facility in 1966.
Members of the college ROTC program lineup in formation during a drill exercise on Robertson Field. The ROTC program was quite active on campus during the 1950's and early 60's. Cadets were required to complete coursework and participate in various drill practice sessions.

Various objects float out of a closet loci on the first floor of Shipley Hall during 1951 flood. Waters from Tar Creek cov't the entire area which presently sports the NEO campus. The flood waters reached top of the first floor windows in Shipley Hall before receding.

CONSTRUCTION EXPANDS CAMPUS DURING THE 60's

Starting out on a rather auspicious note with a flood in 1951 which covered the entire first floor of Shipley Hall, the college concluded the decade of the 60's with several new buildings and a student body that was continuing to grow.

Not only were there more students attending NEO in the early 50's, but also football coach Red Robertson was gaining national attention by guiding the Norsemen to three trips to the Junior College Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Although the Norse lost all three games, the exposure on national television put NEO in the spotlight.

NEO's football team won the first of six National Junior College Football Association National Championships with a 10-7 win over Texarkana, Ark., in the 1958 Pine Bowl.

The 1950's ended with Dr. Carter developing plans for expansion from Shipley Hall, Commons Hall, Ka-Ne Hall, and the old gymnasium to include several new buildings.

The first building completed in 1961 would later be known as the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Campus expansion continued through 1967 with the construction of Ables Hall, Copen Hall, Dyer Hall, Fine Arts Center, Library/Administration building, Russell Hall, Vann Hall, Harrill/Dobson Halls, and the married student complexes.

Three current NEO faculty members were honored in 1968 by having buildings named in their honor. Woodworking instructor Merrill Chaney and Oran Need, chairman of the mathematics department, had apartment complexes named in their honor.

Joe Ables, chairman of industrial education, had a classroom building named in his honor.

The decade of the 60's ended with a celebration of 50 years by the college and the retirement of Dr. Carter after 25 years.
Head football coach and Dean of Men, S.A. “Red” Robertson addresses the student body during a 1965 pep rally held outside the student union building. Robertson came to NEO in 1945 and established the Golden Norse tradition during a 21-year coaching career.

Students had an opportunity to meet in the student union building, which was constructed in 1960. The building was eventually named the Bruce G. Carter Student Union. The building initially housed a snack bar area, a game room, a bookstore, and the cafeteria.

The front of the Fine Arts Center as it looked upon completion in May of 1966. The building was one of several constructed during the mid-to-late 1960’s which enabled the college to expand.
During the late 70’s and early 80’s, NEO’s enrollment steadily increased before reaching an all-time record of 3,044 in the fall semester of 1982.

Actually, the student population at the college went from 1,300 in 1961 to 2,300 in 1971 as the college increased the number of dorm rooms available.

The decade of the 70’s started the presidency of Dr. Dayle Creech which ushered in a time of fiscal responsibility. Dr. Creech guided the college through a time of financial growth and stability.

With the hiring of Dr. Boyd Converse as athletic director in 1972, the athletic department started to expand to include women’s sports such as basketball, tennis, and track.

During the height of growth, the college athletic program included the intercollegiate sports of football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, wrestling, men’s and women’s track, golf, baseball, softball, and men’s and women’s tennis. The college also fielded a soccer team as a club sport.

A bronze statue of the Norse god Odin was built by Dr. Nick Calcagno in 1982. The statue adorns the northwest corner outside the Library/administration building.

Dr. Creech retired as president in 1982 and was replaced by Dr. Bobby Wright. Dr. Wright’s tenure was plagued by declining enrollments, increasing financial constraints, and ever-increasing employee discontentment.

Success in athletics kept NEO in the national spotlight during the 80’s as football coach Glen Wolfe guided the Golden Norse to NJCAA National Championships in 1980 and 1986.

Golden Norse basketball coach Larry Gipson became the first Oklahoma junior college coach to win a national title as NEO won the championship in 1989.

The decade of the 80’s ended with Wolfe becoming only the second football coach in NEO history to win more than 100 games.
Financial stability assists growth in student population

The light in the chimes tower lights up the campus and the reflecting pool located in the middle of the main mall. The tower was part of the 1969 campus construction and provides music for students walking to class.

Students gather around the fountain located between the Library/Administration building and the Fine Arts Center. Also constructed in 1969, the fountain provides a nice setting for students to congregate.

The cast pauses during rehearsals for the 1971 NEO Theatre production of Camelot in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
Members of the college maintenance department build flower boxes around trees located in the mall area between Shipley Hall and the Carter Student Union as part of a campus beatification project.

Boards temporarily cover the shaft area of an elevator which was installed in the first story Shipley Hall building as part of compliance by the college to the American Disability Act.

While major construction was the norm during the 60's, thus far through the first half of the 90's the college has spent considerable time and money renovating and improving campus facilities.

Dr. Bobby Wright concluded a 10-year reign as president and resigned after the 1992 school year.

After Dr. Clyde Jensen served a seven-month stint as interim president, Dr. Jerry Carroll became the 13th NEO president on Jan. 1, 1993.

Since becoming president, Dr. Carroll has instituted a major renovation project on campus.

Part of the three stages of the project has been the installation of light posts which stretch from the north end of campus to Harrill-Dobson Hall on the southern end. The lights enable students to move from building to building at night under the security of a well-lighted campus.

Construction generated by the $2.4 million bond issue was divided into three phases.

Phase one cost approximately $450,000 and involved the upgrading of air conditioning systems in Ables Hall, Cunningham Hall, Shipley Hall, Copen Hall, the Fine Arts Center, and the Library/Administration building.

Phase two involved renovation within each classroom building to complete compliance with the American Disability Act. Included within this phase was the construction of elevators in each building, remodeling of classrooms and restrooms, and placing automatic exterior doors. Cost of the projects was approximately $760,000.

Phase three of the project involved expansion of the Learning Resources in the Library/Administration building. The computer science department was relocated in Copen Hall to allow for the expansion.

Approximately $484,000 of the bond was used to purchase academic equipment and establish a computer lab in Copen Hall.
Workers from a Fort Scott, Kan. company hoist fellow workers up the side of Shipley Hall while working on restoration of the outside of the building by cleaning and tipping each brick.

Two workers from Crossland Construction company remove the old doors on both sides of Shipley Hall before replacing them with automatic doors to meet the needs of physically challenged students.

A load of cement cinder blocks were used to build the shaft for elevators which were installed in each of the classroom buildings on campus.

Major renovation projects improve building accessibility
Academics
George Weaver
Division Chair
Shirley Coker
Business
James Grover
Computer Science
Edwin (Chip) Hammons
Computer Science

Paul Hart
Business
Joy Hearon
Business
Ava Welch
Business
Sharon Johnson
Business

Steve Leonard
Computer Science
Chuck Levo
Business
Jana Lyn Thompson
Business
Marcia Tynon
Child Care
Virginia Woods
Business
Bob Maxwell
Division Chair
Bob Anderson
Social Science
Jeff Birdsong
Social Science
Nancy Bishop
Physical Education
Carol Calcagno
Physical Education

Randy Gipson
Psychology
Ken Jacks
Social Science
Rod Kramer
Social Science
Dr. George Largent
Head of Social Science
Alan Lauchner
Social Science

Mike Loyd
Physical Education
Leon Manning
Law Enforcement
Dr. Al Moffatt
Social Science
Woody Morrow
Physical Education
Lonnie Spencer
Physical Education
Jack Rucker
Division Chair
Robert Bayse
English
Raybon Bewley
Music
Tony Bickham
English
Carla Brummet
Reading

Betty Caskey
Foreign Language
Dr. Hank Coiner
Humanities
Kirsten Couch
Art
Monty Franks
Journalism
David Froman
Speech and Theatre

DeMaris Gaines
Music
Dr. Rogena Harrison
English
Brian Hauck
Head of Speech and Theatre
Brian Inbody
Television Production
Cheryl Jones
English

Ruth Ann Maxwell
English
Steve McCurley
Technical Theatre
Carol Smith
English
James Webster
English
Mary Sue Whaley
English
Doug Lee
Metal Fabrication
Bethene Fahnestock
Interim Head of Nursing
Leonard Bachman
Drafting
Catherine Cole
Nursing
Ron Combs
Drafting

Diana Downing
Nursing
Connie DuBois
Medical Lab Technology
Jeb DeHaas
Electronics
Liz Follis
Nursing
Judy Hancock
Surgical Technology/Nursing

Kay Harris
Medical Lab Technology Director
David Gilbert
Automotive Technology
Pat McConnell
Nursing
Peggy Wood
Nursing
Bobbie Wood
Nursing

Academics
Don Caskey
Division Chair
Mathematics

Orland Aldridge
Mathematics

Vickie Berry
Mathematics

Chester Campbell
Chemistry

David Dallas
Biological Science

Dr. Mark Grigsby
Biological Science

Janie Jacks
Mathematics

Randy Jones
Chemistry

Mary Kirkpatrick
Chemistry

John Lomax
Head of Mathematics

Matt Mayfield
Physics/Mathematics

Karen Rogers
Mathematics

Betty Spradlin
Biological Science

Sam Wells
Geology
Dr. Jerry Carroll (left), president of NEO, receives a statue from Alan Lauchner (right), director of the National Youth Sports Program as participants of the summer program look on. Under Dr. Carroll’s guidance, NEO is one of only four colleges in the state of Oklahoma to offer this activity program sponsored by the National College Athletic Association.
Dr. James Lovell
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tom Poole
Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

Tom Bain
Director of Learning Resources Center
Sherry Clayton
Director of Financial Aid
Larry Dunn
Director of High School/College Relations
Dennis Earp
Dean of Student Affairs
Lloyd Ogle
Director of Auxiliary Services

Dale Patterson
Dean for Admissions and Records
Dr. Gary Rogers
Business Manager
Dr. Doris Snyder
Director of Title III and Special Programs
Dr. Sue Stidham
Director of Continuing Education
Mike Watson
Director of Campus Safety
SUPPORT STAFF

Jeff Alexander
Counselor
Carolyn Anderson
Library Assistant
Flo Atkinson
Staff Nurse
Verna Bass
Business Office Clerk
Carolyn Berry
Data Entry Clerk

Shirley Blair
Computer Support Technician
Tammie Bland
Bookstore Clerk
Sandra Blevins
Business Office Clerk
Jeffery Boyd
Printer
Susan Carrigan
Business Office Clerk

Joan Clapp
Bookstore Manager
Elaine Collard
Reading Lab Assistant
Grace Ann Combs
Assistant Bookstore Manager
Tammy Corntessel
Admissions Clerk
Kathy Crownover
JOBS Records Supervisor
Shirley Patterson
Staff Assistant to Dean of Student Affairs
William Pfannenstiel
Reference Librarian
Judy Poole
Testing and Assessment Secretary
Stephanie Rapp
Computer Operator
Rayma Redden
Bookstore Clerk

Anita Reisch
Scholarship Administrator
Peggy Rhine
Secretary to the President
Susan Rhude
High School/College Relations Secretary
Rick Ritschel
Counselor
Teri Rogers
JOBS Science Tutor

Jo Rooney
Switchboard Operator
Melvin Simmons
Campus Safety Officer
Keith Sutton
Coordinator of Testing and Assessment
Brian Thompson
Coordinator of Student Activities
Leah Vaughn
Library Assistant
Bonnie Tyler
Cafeteria Worker
Doug Walls
Groundskeeper
Delores White
Snack Bar Worker
Richard Willis
Cafeteria Worker
Marcia York
Cafeteria Worker

Rollie Williams
Supervisor of Maintenance Department
Darrell Blevins
Custodian
Francis Burleson
Custodian
Veronon Clark
Maintenance Worker
Ted Damann
Custodian

Bessie Diveley
Head Resident Harrill/Dobson Hall
Dale Diveley
Maintenance Worker
Mike Duffell
Groundskeeper
Donald Fields
Mechanic
Steve Grimes
Mechanic
Sports
Golden Norsemen compete for National Championship

Compile 18-game winning streak before losing in Texas Shrine Bowl

After compiling an 18-game winning streak and earning their third chance to play for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship in the last four years, coach Mike Loyd’s Golden Norsemen sustained a 24-17 overtime loss to Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Texas, in the Texas Shrine Bowl in Tyler.

Playing before a crowd of more than 5,000 fans and a national television audience, the Norsemen saw their chance for an eighth national title disappear as quarterback Ben Rutz was tackled at the 6-yard line on a 4th-and-goal pass play.

Trinity Valley, ranked number one the entire regular season, had taken the lead on a 2-yard touchdown run by halfback Derrick Johnson on the first possession of the overtime period. Matt Bryant kicked the extra point.

Using the shootout formula which allows each team to take the ball at the 20-yard line and run four plays to score, the Golden Norsemen deferred to Trinity Valley after winning the coin toss.

The Cardinals score came after a 25-yard pass play by quarterback David Sellers to wide receiver Albert Connell on a third down play.

Trinity Valley opened the game with an 88-yard touchdown drive on the second series of the first quarter. Sellers ended the drive with a 38-yard TD run with 1:49 left in the quarter.

NEO came right back and moved 70 yards in 12 plays to create a 7-7 tie with 11:12 left in the second quarter using a trick play.

Freshman tight end Jeremy Banks hauled in an 8-yard TD pass from reserve quarterback Scott Condict on a fake field goal attempt by the Golden Norse.

The Golden Norsemen carried a 10-7 lead into the locker-room at halftime following a 29-yard field goal by sophomore Andy Manning with 1:09 left in the second quarter.

Following an exchange of punts to start the third quarter, the Cardinals built a 14-10 lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by halfback Jurome Lee. Bryant hit the extra point.

Neither team’s offense could sustain a drive the remainder of the third quarter.

Mounting a sustained drive late in the fourth quarter to grab the lead, sophomore tailback Len Sexton broke loose on a 52-yard touchdown run to put the Norse ahead 17-14 with 6:06 left in the game.

Trinity Valley responded by producing a 22-yard field goal by Bryant with 3:08 left on the clock to tie the score.

The Cardinals missed an opportunity to win the game in regulation as Bryant missed a 54-yard field goal attempt with two seconds left in regulation play.

Entering the game averaging 444 yards in total offense, the Cardinals were held to 358 total yards. Lee led the Cardinal ground game with 83 yards on 11 carries. Cecil Perry added 48 yards on six carries.

Sexton led the Golden Norse ground game with 86 yards on nine carries. Carl Sanders rushed for 46 yards on 10 carries.

Sellers completed 9 of 22 passes for 100 yards with one interception. Connell led the receivers with three catches for 45 yards.

Rutz completed 12 of 30 passes for 130 yards with one interception. Wide receiver Steve Sayles caught five passes for 72 yards.

"I was very proud of our kids. There were no losers in this game. Both teams played as hard as they could."

---NEO coach Mike Loyd
Trinity Valley defensive tackle Kyle Williams (75) and linebacker Coece Roy sandwich NEO quarterback Ben Rutz for a sack on the final play of the Texas Shrine Bowl.

Freshman quarterback Scott Condict (14) lets fly an 8-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jeremy Banks off of a fake field goal play by the Golden Norsemen.
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Winning streak reaches 18 games in season finale

Sophomore tailback Carl Sanders scored four touchdowns and rushed for 166 yards on 26 carries to lead the Golden Norse to a 49-14 victory over Cisco, Texas before a partisan crowd at Robertson Field in the final game of the regular season.

Coach Mike Loyd's Norsemen concluded the year ranked number two by the NJCAA with a perfect 9-0 record. The Norsemen built an 18-game winning streak which included a 52-50 victory over Butler County, Kan., in the 1993 Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Sanders ripped off touchdown runs of 5, 64, 7, and 3 yards against the Wranglers to wrestle the rushing leadership away from veteran fullback Zack Leonard.

Golden Norsemen 22-Kilgore, Texas 9

Veteran quarterback Ben Rutz threw two touchdown passes and rushed for a TD as the Norsemen crossed the Red River and gained a 22-9 win over the Kilgore Rangers.

Rutz connected on a 2-yard touchdown pass to Harold Jones before connecting with wide receiver Chucky Aiken on a 64-yard TD pass play. Rutz also scored on a 1-yard plunge in the fourth quarter.

Freshman defensive end William Buxton opened the scoring by recording a two-point safety for the Norsemen after tackling quarterback Shawn Stanley in the end zone.

Sanders rushed for 56 yards on 19 carries as NEO gained 144 yards on 47 carries.

The Golden Norse defense limited the Rangers to 34 total yards rushing on 28 carries and 143 yards passing.

All-American defensive tackle Donnie Embra led NEO with seven solo tackles and two assists.

Golden Norsemen 32-Air Force Junior Varsity 16

Making the trek to Colorado Springs, Colo., the Golden Norse rallied from a 16-12 deficit in the fourth quarter to earn a 32-16 win.

Touchdown runs of 59 and 2 yards by sophomore tailback Len Sexton along with a 25-yard interception return by Sexton fueled the Norseman rally in the final quarter.

Sexton led the Norse with 72 yards rushing on six carries while Sanders gained 70 yards on 20 carries.
Defensive line coach Travis Hill tells the defensive front that they have to make better penetration when rushing the Air Force quarterback.

Golden Norse wide receiver Steve Sayles picks up additional yardage after making the catch between two Kilgore, Texas defenders.
Norse defense continues domination of opponents

Golden Norse 43-Pittsburg State JV 7
Following a 7-6 scare at halftime, Golden Norse quarterback Ben Rutz put 37 points on the scoreboard in the second half as the Norsemen cruised to a 43-7 victory over Pittsburg State University's Junior Varsity.

A sparse crowd at Robertson Field saw the Golden Norse defense limit Pitt State to 39 yards in total offense the entire second half and 154 yards total.

Rutz scored on two 1-yard plunges while throwing touchdown passes of 24 and 46 yards to Chucky Aiken.

Freshman strong safety Steve Ridley returned a punt 50 yards for a TD and recorded a two-point safety.

Golden Norse 26-Ranger, Texas 7
Playing before a large Homecoming crowd, the Golden Norse offense generated 552 yards in total offense enroute to a 26-7 victory over Ranger, Texas at Robertson Field.

The Golden Norsemen amassed 274 yards on 51 carries while accumulating 278 yards via the pass.

Sanders paced the ground game with 163 yards on 16 carries and one TD. Zack Leonard added 66 yards on 16 carries with one TD.

Rutz completed 15 of 29 passes for 278 yards including a 69-yard TD pass to Steve Sayles and a 47-yard TD pass to Brandon Rader.

NEO's defense recorded two interceptions and four fumble recoveries to thwart the Ranger offense.

Sophomore linebacker Greg Dothard made 10 tackles.

Sayles caught five passes for 131 yards while Rader made two receptions for 64 yards.

Golden Norse 30-Hutchinson, Kansas 8
Jerome “Suger Pop” Burroughs scored on runs of 5 and 2 yards as the Norse rolled to a 30-5 win over the Blue Dragons in Hutchinson.

While the NEO offense was amassing 378 total yards, the Golden Norse defense held the 10th-ranked Blue Dragons to minus 39 yards on the ground and 171 yards through the air.

Leonard led the NEO ground game with 62 yards on 20 carries.

Rutz hit 17 of 28 passes for 236 yards and one TD.
Sophomore tight end Brandon Rader (80) waits for a block while returning a kickoff against Butler County, Kan.

Veteran fullback Zack Leonard circles the end for a long gain as Hutchinson defensive tackle Maurice Harris (70) pursues the play.
Kansas opponents give Golden Norse early tests

Golden Norse 41-Southwestern Kansas JV 7

Providing the Golden Norsemen with a game after Iowa Central backed out of their commitment, Southwestern Kansas College of Winfield brought a junior varsity team to Miami and sustained a 41-7 loss.

Senior tailback Brian McManus rushed for 149 yards on six carries and scored on runs of 46 and 86 yards as the Norse cruised.

Junior fullback Darrin Pearson added 99 yards on five carries with one TD.

Freshman quarterback Scott Condit completed 3 of 4 passes for 37 yards and one touchdown.

Golden Norse 34-Coffeyville, Kansas 12

Traveling to Union/Tuttle Stadium in Tulsa, the Golden Norsemen gained a 34-12 victory over the Coffeyville Red Ravens in the sixth-annual Border Battle.

While the Norsemen entered this bitter rivalry ranked number two in the nation, coach Skip Foster’s Red Ravens were ranked sixth despite being upset 16-13 by Hutchinson the week before.

Sophomore fullback Zack Leonard rushed for a career-high 166 yards on 15 carries while scoring on a 70-yard run on NEO’s first possession.

Quarterback Ben Rutz added two 1-yard touchdown runs.

Golden Norse 35-Butler County, Kansas 28

Picking up right where they left off at the end of the 1993 campaign, the Norsemen traveled to El Dorado, Kansas to open the 1994 campaign against the 12th-ranked Butler County Grizzlies.

The 1993 season ended for these teams with NEO rallying for a 52-50 win in the Mineral Water Bowl.

After battling to a 28-28 tie after three quarters, the Golden Norsemen received a 14-yard touchdown run by fullback Jerome “Sugar Pop” Burroughs with 2:40 left in the game to pick up the win.

Leonard led the NEO ground game with 94 yards on 14 carries and two TDs. Burroughs added 77 yards on 24 carries with two TDs.

Rutz completed 13 of 22 passes for 197 yards while sophomore wide receiver Harold Jones had three receptions for 86 total yards.
Jerome "Sugar Pop" Burroughs plows up the middle for a touchdown run against the Butler County Grizzlies.

Golden Norse offensive center Brent Young (50) helps create a seam for a touchdown by quarterback Ben Rutz as Coffeyville linebacker Poncho Sales (45) tries to stop the surge.
Two veteran players earn All-American recognition

Following their fourth consecutive 9-1 season, Northeastern A&M's Golden Norse football team had two sophomores recognized for their play and selected to All-American football teams.

Veteran defensive tackle Donnie Embra, 6-4, 275, Houston, Texas, was selected to the first teams of both the National Junior College Athletic Association and the J.G. Grid-Wire publication from Santa Ana, Calif.

As a sophomore Embra moved from defensive end to the tackle position and recorded 42 unassisted tackles, 32 assists, five quarterback sacks for minus 27 yards, two deflected passes and one fumble recovery.

During his freshman campaign at defensive end, Embra recorded eight quarterback sacks for a minus 47 yards while making 25 solo tackles and 26 assists.

Embra finished ranked fourth in NEO school history with 13 total quarterback sacks.

Chucky Aiken, 5-8, 161, Eden, S.C., received honorable mention recognition from the NJCAA as a sophomore wide receiver.

Aiken led the Golden Norse receiving corps with 42 catches for 578 yards which is an average of 13.8 yards per catch. Aiken scored four touchdowns.

The versatile Aiken also returned eight kickoffs for 137 yards for a 17.1 average.

During his freshman season, Aiken averaged 14.2 yards per catch with 12 receptions for 170 yards.

Aiken finished ranked eighth in school history with 42 receptions in one year while ranking ninth with 59 career catches for 748 total yards.

The 1994 season marked the fourth consecutive year the Golden Norsemen have posted a 9-1 record under the direction of head coach Mike Loyd. During his tenure as head coach, Loyd has guided the Norse to the National Championship game three times.

NEO won the 1991 National Championship in Loyd's first year.

The 1994 edition of the Golden Norse finished ranked eighth in total team offense by averaging 392 yards per game. The NEO defense ranked fourth in total defense defense by allowing an average of 202 yards per game.
The 72 members of the 1994 Golden Norse football team which finished ranked third in the nation after suffering a 24-17 overtime loss to Trinity Valley, Texas in the Texas Shrine Bowl at Tyler.

Members of the Golden Norse training staff are, front row from left: Justin Severs, freshman, Miami; Penny Butterfield, freshman, Wyandotte; Kenna Sutton, sophomore, Stillwater; Brian Underwood, sophomore, Tulsa; Lanie Post, freshman, Kingfisher. Back row, Cheynne Enyart, sophomore, Wyandotte; Sean Corbit, sophomore, Miami; Brandon Fowell, freshman, Healdton; Lizz Wilkinson, freshman, Valiant, Eri; Crabtree, freshman, Pea Ridge, Ark.; and Mike Barlow, head trainer (ATC).
Men battle injuries and illness during first 16 games before reaching .500

Five sophomores provided a solid nucleus for coach Lonnie Spencer as the Golden Norsemen headed into the 1994-95 basketball season.

But even before the opening tipoff of the first game, freshmen Anthony Davis and Jason Sims left the team and freshman guard Jay Jay Swartz suffered knee problems which required surgery and kept Swartz sidelined the entire first half of the season.

So instead of starting the campaign with a 13-man roster, the Norsemen played the first 18 games with a 10-man roster some of the times. There were games, however, where the Norse bench was reduced to as few as eight players because of injuries.

Despite all these obstacles, the Golden Norsemen won three of their last four games to compile an 8-8 record going into the month-long Christmas break.

Opening the season on rather an ominous note, the Golden Norse suffered a 64-58 loss to Cowley County, Kan., in the first round of the Golden Norse Classic.

Coming within three points of the century mark, the Norsemen earned a 97-81 victory over West Plains, Mo., in the final round of the Golden Norse Classic.

Remaining at home for their third consecutive game, the Golden Norsemen rolled to a 94-68 victory over Coffeyville, Kan. to stand 2-1 on the young season.

Traveling to Tonkawa for the next game, the Golden Norse lost a slim 27-26 halftime lead as the Northern Oklahoma College Mavericks rallied for a 61-53 victory.

Returning home for one brief game, the Golden Norsemen dropped an 89-79 decision to Independence, Kan., as Rueben Patterson led the Pirates with 27 total points.

Taking to the road for three games, the Golden Norse saw their losing streak expand to five games as sophomore forward Brian Morgan missed four games with an ankle injury and veteran center Seant Reid missed two games with a shoulder injury.

Traveling to El Dorado, Kan., the Norsemen dropped a 75-69 decision to Butler County before sustaining a 68-66 loss to Labette College in Parsons, Kan. The losing streak reached five games as NEO dropped a 75-64 verdict to Cowley County in Arkansas City, Kan.

Returning home for one game, the Norse snapped the streak with a 79-71 win over Seminole.

Visiting Coffeyville, Kan., over the three-day Thanksgiving break, the Golden Norsemen won two of three games. Freshman center Steffen Sheekles scored 25 points to lead the Norse to an 87-77 win over Kaskaskia, Ill., in the first game of the Thanksgiving Classic.

Number one ranked Trinity Valley, Texas, pinned an 81-68 loss on the Norse in the second game before Sheekles scored 22 points in an 85-74 win over host Coffeyville in the final game.

Playing three straight games in the NEO Fieldhouse, the Golden Norse defeated Northern Oklahoma 78-67 before suffering a 62-51 loss to Butler County. NEO beat Forest Park, Mo., 83-55 in the final home game of the first half.

The Norse won 95-80 at Independence, Kan.
Veteran guard Cody Hopson (10) attempts to gain control on an alley-oop pass as three Forest Park, Mo., defenders close in to stop the play.

Sophomore forward Chris Scott (24) looks inside for an outlet pass as a Coffeyville, Kan., defender applies pressure.
Returning veterans provide solid foundation for Norsemen

With five sophomores returning from a team which posted a 25-6 overall record during the 1993-94 season, coach Lonnie Spencer and assistant coach Jay Herkelman entered the 1994-95 campaign with guarded optimism.

Although the Norsemen had no true guards returning to their backcourt, three of the five returning sophomores saw split duty at both guard and forward.

Handling both responsibilities was veteran Chris Scott, 6-3 from Hugo. As a freshman, Scott ranked second in scoring with a 13.3 average while leading the Golden Norse with an 8.3 rebounding mark.

Through the first 16 games of his sophomore season, Scott led the Norsemen with a 6.1 rebounding average while scoring 13.6 points per game.

Joining Scott at the forward spot was Brian Morgan, 6-3 from Tulsa Webster. Morgan averaged 3.2 points and 2.8 rebounds as a freshman.

Hobbled by a sore ankle, Morgan averaged 2.2 points and 2.1 rebounds through the first half of the year.

Transferring to NEO after his freshman season at Independence, Kan., was sophomore Cody Hopson, 6-4 from Sapulpa. Hopson averaged 13.2 points and 11.2 assists as an off-guard for the Independence Pirates.

Through the first half of the season, Hopson ranked third in scoring with a 12.1 average while grabbing 4.9 rebounds per game. Hopson had also recorded 40 assists, 25 steals, and seven blocked shots.

Bolstering the Golden Norse lineup in the post position were the return of veterans Seante Reed and Jacob Smith.

During his freshman season, Reed, 6-4 from Trotwood, Ohio, averaged 6.6 points and 3.9 rebounds.

Reed was bothered by a shoulder injury early in the season, but rebounded to average 5.4 points and 4.8 rebounds in 14 games as both a power forward or center.

Smith, 6-9 from Miami, came off the bench to make a real contribution in the first half by averaging 2.9 points and 2.1 rebounds in 13 games. Smith appeared in 21 games as a freshman.

"Our sophomores finally understood that we had to play together, sustain our effort, and sustain our concentration."

---NEO coach Lonnie Spencer
Veteran power forward Seante Reed starts to make a move to the basket as three Coffeyville, Kan. defenders try to stop his drive.

Sophomore Chris Scott (24) grabs a rebound in front of Forest Park's Herman Clay. Scott grabbed 11 rebounds as NEO cruised to an 83-55 victory.
Freshmen make immediate impact on starting lineup

After graduation depleted the Golden Norse starting lineup, coach Spencer experienced one of his most successful freshman recruiting years in his four years as head coach. But because of unforeseen injuries and a definite lack of height, the freshmen recruits got an early taste of “basketball in the juke’s.”

At any one time as few as two and as many as four were on the court for the Norsemen. Handling the guard responsibilities were Rod Thompson, 6-2 from Beggs, and Mike Jones, 6-3 from Oklahoma City Cassady High School.

Through the first half of the season, Thompson averaged 11.8 points with 77 assists and 18 steals.

Mike Jones averaged 10.1 points with 62 assists and 27 steals.

Freshman guard Jay Jay Swartz, 6-2 from Johnson City, Tenn., missed the first half with knee problems.

Filling in at the forward spots were freshmen Damon Jones, 6-7 from Fort Wayne, Ind., and Sean Hampton, 6-5 from Louisville, Ky. Damon Jones averaged 3.4 points and 3.7 rebounds through 18 games. Jones also recorded 23 blocked shots.

Hampton contributed 4.6 points and 1.7 rebounds through the first half.

Perhaps the biggest impact made by a freshman was the production by Steffon Scheckles, 6-4 from Louisville, Ky. Through the first 18 games, Scheckles contributed 15.6 points to lead the team in scoring while grabbing 5.7 rebounds per game to rank second and recording six blocked shots.

"Our freshmen really came on towards the end of the first half of the season and made major contributions."

---NEO coach Lonnie Spencer
Freshman center Steffon Sheckles (40) breaks out on a fast-break opportunity as Cowley County, Kan., scrambles back on defense.

Applying defensive pressure is Golden Norse guard Rod Thompson (22) as Forest Park, Mo., point guard Elliot Bobo looks for an open man.
Chris Scott makes an outlet pass off a dribble as Cowley County's Terence Davis guards the basket.
Freshman guard Mike Jones (32) outrebounds Butler County guard David Carey (3).

Guards Jay Jay Swartz and Rod Thompson shot around before going in to get ready for practice.

Veteran center Seante Reed (45) takes Northern’s Scott McMillin to the hoop.
Proper blend of experience and talent highlight first half

Ladies win 15 of first 17 games before sustaining two key injuries

Opening the season ranked 11th in the pre-season, coach Randy Gipson's Lady Norse reeled off five straight wins before sustaining their first loss.

Not to be bothered with a loss, the Lady Norse compiled a six-game winning streak before losing again. Following the loss to number-one ranked Trinity Valley, Texas, the seventh-ranked Lady Norse reeled off four more wins before the month-long Christmas break brought a halt to the first half of the season.

With their success the Lady Norse entered the break with a 15-2 overall record. During the 1993-94 season, the Lady Norse had a 74-game home winning streak snapped in a 90-88 loss to Westark, Ark. The Lady Norse entered Christmas break 6-0 at home.

Starting the season on their home court, the Lady Norse received points from all 11 players in a 66-49 victory over Coffeyville, Kan.

Traveling to Tonkawa, the Lady Norse received 15 points from freshman Veronica Reed to earn a 67-60 win over the Northern Oklahoma Lady Mavericks.

Returning home, the Lady Norse held Independence, Kan., to 17 points in the first half on the way to a 62-59 victory.

Making the trip to El Dorado, Kan., NEO gained a 60-48 victory over Butler County Community College.

Visiting Denison, Texas for the two-day Lady Viking Classic, the Lady Norse gained a 99-69 win over Western Texas before suffering their first loss on the year by a 62-57 score to host Grayson County Community College.

Seminole Junior College came to Miami the following week and the Lady Norse posted a 73-52 decision over the Belles. Remaining on campus over the Thanksgiving holiday, the Lady Norse participated in the three-day Coffeyville, Kan. Classic.

Playing without the services of freshman forward Veronica Reed, the Lady Norse received 26 points while defeating Seward County, Kan., 72-68 in the first game. Reed was lost for the remainder of the first semester with an ankle injury.

NEO defeated Clarendon, Texas, 72-39, and host Coffeyville 81-63 to sweep the classic.

Returning home, the Lady Norse gained a 75-54 win over Northern Oklahoma.

Playing in the Southwest Challenge Classic at Warner, the Lady Norse defeated Kilgore, Texas 77-72 before sustaining an 81-72 loss to Trinity Valley. The Lady Norse concluded the three-day classic with a 95-52 victory over Tyler, Texas.

The friendly confines of the NEO Fieldhouse welcomed the Lady Norse back for two games. Facing Butler County, the Lady Norse completed the series sweep with a 60-52 victory.

Establishing a new NEO school record for the fewest points allowed in a half, the Lady Norse held Forest Park, Mo., to only nine first-half points enroute to a 103-33 drubbing.

Closing out the first half, the Lady Norse traveled to Independence, Kan., and gained a 65-55 win over the Lady Pirates. The victory was bitter-sweet because NEO lost the services of freshman guard Kelly Winfrey to a knee injury.
Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson walks the sideline as he watches the play on the floor before making his next coaching move.

Making a quick move to avoid being hit with the ball is veteran guard Misty Potteet (11) as sophomore center Trese Hickey (32) tries to set a pick on Latisha Rhymes of Forest Park, Mo.
Veterans provide leadership at both ends of the court

Graduation took a major toll on the Lady Norse with the departure of All-American standout Latasha Byears along with forwards Lisa Gaitor and Nikki Edwards and guard Allison Marrs.

But with the return of three players which appeared in most of the 31 games played during the 1993-94 season, and the addition of a transfer, head coach Randy Gipson entered the 1994-95 campaign with eagerness.

While Byears took with her 10 NEO school records, most of them in the scoring category, veteran Trese Hickey returns in the post position.

Hickey, 5-11 from Cleveland, Tenn., averaged 7.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. Entering the month-long Christmas break, Hickey led the Lady Norse, both in scoring with a 12.8 average and in rebounding with a 9.8 mark.

Joining Hickey in the front court for the Lady Norse was veteran Amy Chamberlain and transfer Jaime Wahlert at forwards.

Chamberlain, 5-10 from Bluejacket, averaged 2.1 points and 1.1 rebounds as a freshman. Through the first 17 games as a sophomore, Chamberlain was averaging 2.7 points and 4.9 rebounds.

Wahlert, 5-8 from St. Joseph, Mo., joined the Lady Norse after one season at University of Missouri/Kansas City. Wahlert averaged 8.5 points and 4.1 rebounds the first half.

Serving as quarterback of the offense was veteran Misty Potteet, 5-3 from Grove. Potteet recorded 108 assists and 46 steals as a freshman. She averaged 3.4 points at break.

"We've had a lot of different people step up and make plays which was a contributing factor in our early success."

---NEO coach Randy Gipson
Sophomore center Trese Hickey (32) puts up a shot over Michelle Parker of Cowley County, Kan.

Veteran forward Amy Chamberlain looks to make an outlet pass.

Point guard Misty Potteet (11) sets up the offense as Amy Goodwin of Butler County, Kan. applies pressure.
Because of the major drain created by graduation, all seven freshmen recruits were called upon to contribute from the opening tipoff.

Not only did they accept the challenge to step up, but also all of them became role players for coach Randy Gipson and his assistants, Woody Morrow and Jay Herkelman.

Perhaps the biggest impact by a freshman was the play of forward Veronica Reed, 5-9 from Pine Bluff, Ark. Reed averaged 11.1 points and 7.5 rebounds before an ankle injury sidelined her for the last six games of the first semester.

Freshmen guards Nikki Hay and Jessica Burkholder also made an immediate impact. Hay, 5-7 from Henderson, Ky., averaged 11 points and 6.2 rebounds with 45 assists and 48 steals. Burkholder, 5-7 from Miami, averaged 9.4 points with 34 assists and 27 steals through the first 17 games.

Coming off the bench, freshmen Chevette Waller, 5-10 from Richmond, Va., and Kellie Bland, 5-7 from Wyandotte, more than adequately filled in for Reed while she was injured. Waller averaged 6.5 points and 3.4 rebounds while Bland averaged 4.6 points and 2.1 rebounds per game.

Also contributing by coming off the bench to play guards were Kelli Winfrey and Traci Anderson.

Before suffering a season-ending knee injury in the last game of the first half, Winfrey, 5-6 from Bluejacket, was averaging 3.6 points with 51 assists and 35 steals.

Anderson, 5-5 from Tulsa Edison, averaged 5.8 points with 44 assists and 33 steals while playing the point-guard position during the first half.

"Our freshmen came in here and were very competitive from the outset which helped make us a good team." -- NEO coach Randy Gipson
Guard Nikki Hay loses her footing while attempting to drive around Megan Spencer of Butler County, Kan.

Looking for an open player, Jessica Burkholder tries to avoid the pressure applied by Jenni Cole of Butler County, Kan.

Freshman guard Traci Anderson (15) takes a shot outside while forward Kellie Bland elephant walks to get out of the way as Butler County's Deedra Pyle (25), Shanin Busack (44), and Nicole Heinz (33) wait for the outcome.
Sophomore center Amy Chamberlain (52) dribbles along the baseline on the way to a basket. Chamberlain alternated at both center and forward for the Lady Norse.

After taking a bounce pass in the low post position, veteran Lady Norse center Trese Hickey attempts to penetrate the defense applied by Shelly Huggins of Cowley County Community College, Arkansas City, Kan.

Veteran forward Jaime Wahlert (44) executes a two-handed chest pass to a guard cutting down the middle on a give-and-go play.
Freshman guard Jessica Burkholder (25) tries to keep the ball away from Jenni Cole of Butler County, Kan., while attempting to find an open teammate.

Niki Hay (23) sets up for a 3-point field goal as Lena Panek of Butler County, Kan., makes a rush at her in an attempt to block the shot. Hay proved to be the most effective 3-pointer shooter for the Lady Norse by hitting 35 percent during the first half of the season.

Freshman forward Chevette Waller snatches the ball away from Butler County’s Shelly Huggans to gain possession for the Lady Norse.
Following a season which was plagued by injuries and ineffectiveness, coach Rick Ritschel and his coaching staff entered the 1995 campaign with reserved optimism.

Several factors contributed to a 19-29 performance during the 1994 season which ended with the Golden Norse being eliminated in the third round of the Region II Tournament.

The Norsemen opened the 1995 season March 4 at Homa Thomas Field with a doubleheader against Coffeyville Community College. The two teams played a twin bill in Coffeyville on March 7.

Over the next six days, the Golden Norsemen played 12 games.

Traveling to Altus on March 8, the Norsemen tangled with Western State College in a twinbill.

Returning home on March 9-10, the Norse entertained Fort Scott, Kan., and Forest Park, Mo., in back-to-back doubleheaders.

After traveling to Arkansas City, Kan., on March 11 for a twinbill with Cowley County Community College, the Golden Norsemen returned home to face Butler County, Kan., in a doubleheader on March 12.

Visiting Oklahoma City, the Norsemen squared off against Western State College on March 13 in a twinbill.

While the entire campus celebrated spring break, the Golden Norsemen opened competition in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference. Last year the Norse posted a 6-8 record in the Bi-State East.

The Norsemen traveled to Muskogee to face Bacone College March 16 in a nine-inning single conference game.

Returning to the friendly confines of Homa Thomas Field on March 18, the Golden Norse hosted Westark College in a Bi-State Conference doubleheader.

Two teams from the state of Iowa came to Miami on March 19 and March 21. The Norse hosted Boone Community College in a doubleheader before facing Kirkwood Community College in a nine-inning single game.

Seminole Junior College came to Miami on March 22-23 for single nine-inning games on each day.

Continuing an 11-game home stand, the Golden Norsemen entertained Eastern Oklahoma College on March 25 for a Bi-State doubleheader.

The long home stand concluded March 29 with a twinbill against Iowa Western Community College.

After playing a doubleheader with Rose State in Midwest City on April 1, the Norse returned home for four consecutive conference games with Bacone and Connors State.

Traveling to Neosho, Mo., on April 13, the Norse played a twinbill with Crowder College before visiting Parsons, Kan., on April 15 for a nine-inning single game with Labette Community College.

The road trip concluded April 18 with a doubleheader in Wilburton against Eastern Oklahoma College.

After hosting Labette April 20 in a single game, the Golden Norse traveled to Fort Smith, Ark., April 22 for a conference twinbill with Westark.

The Golden Norse returned home on April 25 to play Rose State in a doubleheader before visiting Muskogee for a single conference game with Bacone on April 29.

Games with Cowley County, Connors State, Crowder and Seminole closed out the regular season before NEO traveled to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa for the Region II Tournament.
Veteran righthander Jason Dickson cuts loose with a fast ball during a game at Horra Thomas Field. Dickson posted a 3.38 earned run average with a 4-6 record as a sophomore.

Freshman catcher Steve Rudser drives to make the tag on Shannon Stevens of Coffeyville, Kan., during a game at Horra Thomas Field.
Veterans return to provide solid foundation for baseball

Twelve sophomores returned to provide Ritchel and his coaching staff with a sound foundation to start the 1995 season.

Six sophomores comprised the nucleus of the Golden Norse pitching staff.

Lefthander Kevin Needham, 5-11 from Burlington, Ontario, Canada, returned to anchor the bullpen after recording a 1-1 record and four saves in 18 innings of work as a freshman. Needham posted a 3.44 earned run average with 18 strike outs and eight walks.

Righthanders Elvin Nina and Jeremy Blaylock returned to anchor the starting lineup. Nina, 6-1 from East Orange, N.J., posted a 5-3 record in 47 innings as a freshman. Nina struck out 39 and walked 35 with a 4.56 ERA.

Blaylock, 6-5 from Caro, Mich., finished with a 1-6 record in 44 innings of work. Blaylock recorded 22 strike outs as a freshman.

Lefthander David Hatch, 6-1 from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, returned after appearing in 16 innings as a freshman with 13 strike outs.

Righthander Derek Masse, 6-2 from Zurich, Ontario, Canada, provided stability to the mound staff after working 18 innings as a freshman. Masse recorded 17 strike outs.

Joining the Norsemen after one year at Dallas Baptist University was righthander John Browden, 6-1 from Arlington, Texas.

Returning to handle the catching chores were veterans Jack Burnett, 6-0 from Commerce, and Justin Batson, 6-0 from Arlington, Texas. Burnett hit .205 in 29 games as a freshman while Batson transferred from Dallas Baptist.

Anchoring first base for NEO was David Dale, 6-2 from Tulsa Rogers. Dale hit .268 in 45 games as a freshman.

Returning at shortstop was veteran Jake Schumann, 5-11 from Rosemount, Minn. Schumann recorded 10 stolen bases as a utility player.

Outfielders Gino Teixiera, 6-1 from Waimanalo, Hawaii, and Matt Smittle, 6-0 from Tulsa Rogers, returned as starters. Teixiera hit .266 with 11 doubles while Smittle hit .287 with four homeruns as freshmen.

"Our sophomores gave us the kind of leadership we needed for our younger players both on and off the field."

---NEO coach Rick Ritschel
Outfielder Matt Smittle slides safely under the tag of Seminole Junior College third baseman Eric Stoltz during a game on Homa Thomas Field.

Jake Schumann (l) rounds second and picks up the flight of the ball after stroking a double against Westark Community College.
Quality freshmen bolster several key infield spots

While sophomores comprised the majority of the pitching staff and a couple of infield positions, 12 freshmen recruits provided the depth, speed, and power to fill other important areas for the Golden Norsemen.

Challenging for a spot in the starting rotation was freshman righthander Matt Harvey, 6-0 from Enid. Harvey worked out of the bullpen during fall practice sessions, but was expected to see considerable playing time.

Another freshman right-hander expected to considerable playing time was Shane Kirby, 6-1 from Jay. Kirby improved his mechanics during fall ball.

Freshman Steve Rudser, 6-2 from Bismarck, N.D., handled most of the catching duties during fall ball and was expected to play in most doubleheaders.

Battling for a starting shot at first base was Zach Duffield, 6-4 from Grove. Because of his power, Duffield was also expected to be used as a designated hitter.

Freshmen candidates at second base were Wes Swarthout, 6-0 from Grove and Remy Murphy, 5-11 from Waimanalo, Hawaii. Murphy had attended a community college in Hawaii, but did not play baseball as a freshman.

Todd Kenmore, 5-11 from Oklahoma City, was expected to see considerable playing time at either second base or shortstop.

Brad Minnick, 6-2 from Checotah, and Eric Calton, 6-1 from Tulsa, battled for playing time at third base during the fall.

Vying for the starting nod at one of the outfield positions were freshmen Terrell Moreland, 6-0 from Tallapoosa, Ga.; Nick McDowell, 6-4 from Miami, and Matt George, 6-2 from Dunnbrough, Ontario, Canada. McDowell attended Eastern Oklahoma College in Wilburton during the fall while George transferred to NEO after one semester at a community college in Canada.

Most of the freshmen received considerable playing time during the rigorous fall season. The Golden Norsemen played several scrimmage games which allowed the coaching staff an adequate opportunity to evaluate the talent that existed on the team.
Freshman catcher Steve Rudser tags a Crowder College runner out at the plate and turns to make a play on a runner going from second to third.

Zach Duffield rounds second on his way to third during a perfectly executed hit-and-run play by the Golden Norsemen at Homa Thomas Field.
Sophomore shortstop Jake Schumann (l) slides safely into first base to beat out an infield hit as Kirkwood, Iowa, first baseman Dean Howell waits for a call.

Veteran designated hitter Jack Burnett (20) touches home plate after hitting a three-run homer in a game with Bacone Junior College at Home Thomas Field. Burnett hit two homers as a freshman.

Coming in out of the bullpen, sophomore Kevin Needham completes his warmup tosses before completing his role as a stopper. Needham became a starter in his second season with the Norsemen.
Veteran first baseman David Dale (9) puts on the stretch to take a throw and put out Greg Jackson of Eastern Oklahoma College. Dale hit .268 as a freshman while appearing in 45 games.

Outfielder Gino Texieria takes some warmup cuts in the on-deck circle before stepping into the batter’s box. Texieria led the Golden Norsemen with 11 doubles as a freshman.
Opening the 1995 season in the annual Tulsa Shootout, the defending Region II champion Lady Norse were scheduled to play several four-year colleges in the first half of a 53-game season.

During the 1994 campaign, coach Woody Morrow’s Lady Norse captured the Region II title with a 6-1 victory over Eastern Oklahoma College. The third-ranked Lady Norse missed a chance to play in the national tournament after dropping a 3-2 decision to Ranger, Texas in the District C finals. NEO finished with a 48-10 overall record.

Hosted by both NEO and Connors State, the Tulsa Shootout tournament was played March 3-4 in Tulsa and featured six four-year colleges.

Traveling to Ada on March 7, the Lady Norse played a doubleheader with East Central State University.

Remaining on the road, the Lady Norse traveled to Den- ton, Texas, March 10, for a twinbill with North Texas State University.

During the week-long Spring Break on campus, the Lady Norse traveled to Pensacola, Fla., to play in the Lady Argonaut Classic at Pensacola Junior College. The Lady Norse won the classic in 1994 while playing 14 games in a five-day period.

Returning home after the mammoth road trip, the Lady Norse opened competition in the Bi-State Conference by hosting Bacone Junior College in a doubleheader.

A new team was added to the Bi-State after Northern Oklahoma College revived its program. Other teams in the conference included Bacone, Connors, Carl Albert and Eastern.

The Lady Norse traveled to Neosho, Mo., March 25-26, to compete in the Crowder Community College Classic. The classic featured junior college teams from Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Following a Bi-State Conference doubleheader with Eastern Oklahoma College, the Lady Norse hosted Waldorf, Iowa and Connors State in twinbills to conclude the month of March.

Traveling to Overland Park, Kan., the Lady Norse played in the two-day Johnson County Community College Classic on April 1-2.

Back-to-back conference doubleheaders with Eastern and Connors started a 12-game conference road trip which also included twinbills at Northern, Bacone, and two doubleheaders with Carl Albert.

Returning home on April 24, the Lady Norse entertained Crowder College in a twinbill.

The Lady Norse started defense of their Region II crown April 28-29 in the regional tournament.

Competition in the District C Tournament, which pitted the Oklahoma regional winner against the Texas regional winner began May 1 in Ardmore.

The women’s softball national tournament started May 11 in Hutchinson, Kan.

Three members of the 1994 squad earned National Junior College Athletic Association All-American honors. Cheri Fish, a pitcher from Copan, was named to the first team. Fish led the team in hitting with a .489 average while posting a 22-8 record with a .883 earned run average.

Catcher Tonya Killman from Tuttle earned second team recognition after hitting .395 in 51 games.

Third baseman Regina Attebury of Claremore was named honorable mention after hitting .330.
Sophomore Nicki Boulanger of Pawhuska lines a single up the middle during a game on the NEO diamond.

Jessica Crawford of Adair slides safely into home as Eastern Oklahoma catcher Christy Waddle tries to make the tag.
Veterans return to provide solid foundation for softball

Seven sophomores returned to provide coach Woody Morrow and his coaching staff with a sound foundation to start the 1995 season.

Returning to anchor the Lady Norse pitching staff was righthander Ginger Chinn of Copan. During her freshman season, Chinn set an NEO school record by winning 26 of 28 games she pitched. Chinn recorded 97 strike outs and 32 walks in 183.1 innings of work. She surrendered 132 hits and 29 earned runs while compiling a 1.11 earned run average.

During her freshman season, Chinn was selected to the All-Region team and earned Academic All-American honors with a 3.42 grade point average.

Two sophomores returned to infield positions for the Lady Norse.

Jessica Crawford from Adair returned at first base after splitting duties as catcher and first base as a freshman. Crawford hit .354 in 48 games as a freshman. She collected 40 hits and 35 RBI in her first year while earning All-Region recognition.

Returning at second base was Sharon Elliott of Fort Dodge, Iowa. During her freshman year, Elliott hit .423 while splitting time between second and shortstop. She collected 11 hits which included three doubles in 21 games.

Four sophomores returned to anchor the outfield positions. All-Region player Heather Moore of Bethany returned to start in left field after hitting .426 in 56 games as a freshman. Moore tied for the lead with 69 hits which included 11 doubles, five triples, and two homeruns. She posted 53 runs batted in.

Sharing time in left field was veteran Kimee Wind of Liberty. During her freshman year, Wind hit .316 with 12 hits and three doubles in 21 games.

Returning to the centerfield position was Jeana Williams of Westville. As a freshman, Williams hit .316 with 12 hits and 14 RBI in 32 games.

Veteran Wendy Deaton of Wyandotte returned in right field after appearing in 42 games as a freshman. Deaton hit .377 which included 20 hits and 22 runs batted in. She also stole six bases.
Outfielder Wendy Deaton slides safely under the tag of Eastern Oklahoma College third baseman Jennifer Green during a game on the NEO diamond.

All-Region II pitcher Ginger Chinn winds up to throw a fast ball in a game against Crowder College on the NEO diamond.
Freshmen fill several key infield positions for NEO

Because graduation wiped out most of the Lady Norse infield, as many as seven freshmen were expected to be in the starting lineup at any one time once the 1995 season started.

Coach Morrow and his staff began pre-season with 14 freshmen vying for starting positions.

Freshmen Leanne Tyler of Brisbane, Australia earned a spot in the starting pitching rotation while Chandy Conner of Commerce was going to be used in relief situations. Tyler was a member of the Australian national team and threw two perfect games in fall scrimmages. Conner earned All-State honors while leading the Commerce Tigers to the Class 2A title.

Battling for the catching responsibilities were freshmen Christy Briley, Vinita; Dana Carlton, Oklahoma City Grant High School, and Sunny Frost, Quapaw.

Vying for the starting nod at first base were freshmen Andrea Albury of Commerce and Ruth Seubold of Roland. Alsbury also had the ability to play third base while Seubold came from the slow-pitch ranks at Roland.

Freshman Mandy Eddings of Commerce had an inside tract on the starting second base spot. Eddings earned All-State recognition after guiding Commerce to the Class 2A championship.

Challenging for the starting job at shortstop were freshmen Wendy Gugello of Muskogee Hilldale High School and Julie Maddrell of Edmond. Gugello sustained a knee injury playing high school basketball which hampered her development in fall ball. Maddrell earned All-State honors in high school.

Freshman Sherri McGuire of Ponca City was expected to battle Alsbury for the starting nod at third base. She was an All-Stater for the Ponca City Rebels.

The only freshman candidate in the outfield was Heather Swinford of Choctaw.

Expected to handle designated hitter responsibilities were freshmen Jennifer Medlin of Muskogee Hilldale and Julie Parke of Carrollton, Texas. Medlin played slow pitch in high school, but was a proven power hitter while Parke played at Newman-Smith High School in Carrollton.

"We had an outstanding freshman recruiting season and they knew that they would have to step in and play right away."

---NEO coach Woody Morrow
Veteran shortstop Allison Marrs slides safely under the tag of Lincoln, Ill., shortstop Jill Davis.

Sophomore Misty Deaton lays down a slap bunt to advance the runner and gain a base hit for herself.
All-American first baseman Cheri Fish stretches to take a throw as Eastern's Kathy Thompson tries to beat the play. Fish earned first team NJCAA All-American recognition as a designated player after hitting .489 to lead the Lady Norse.

All-American catcher Sonya Killman makes sure the base runners hold before returning the ball to the pitcher. Killman earned NJCAA All-American honors after hitting .395 in 51 games as a sophomore in 1984.

Rounding third headed for home was All-American third baseman Regina Attebury. She hit .330 in 1994 as a sophomore and was a member of the NJCAA All-Star team which competed for the Canada Cup.
Making sure the ball goes through before trying to score was veteran leftfielder Heather Moore.

Academic All-American Misty Deaton fires the ball back into the infield after making the catch in right-centerfield. Deaton was the older sister of starting rightfielder Wendy Deaton.

All-American second baseman Nikki Boulanger lines a single to center and takes off first base. Boulanger was also an Academic All-American.
Southwestern State University of Weatherford captured the overall team title in the first-ever NIRA sanctioned rodeo hosted by the NEO Rodeo team in the Multi-Purpose Arena.

More than 400 participants competed in the three-day rodeo during November.

Southwestern won the overall team title with 382.5 total points followed by Fort Scott, Kan. Community College with 200 points and NEO with 165 total points.

Sophomore Jory Levy from Cape Girardeau, Mo., won the steer wrestling event with a time of 3.8 on the long go and 4.8 on the short go.

Greg Davis, a sophomore from Mercer, Pa., placed third in bull riding.

Joe Bell, a sophomore from Salem, N.J., placed sixth in steer wrestling.

Sophomore Justin Turner of Quapaw teamed with Jeff Baker of Connors State to place fourth in team roping.

Competing in the calf roping event for NEO were Justin Bush and Wade Bevill, both freshmen from Fairfax.

Justin Staver, a freshman from Afton, Iowa, was NEO's lone entry in the saddle bronc riding category.

Freshmen Wade Cantrell of McAlester and Mike Burgess of Vian represented the Golden Norse in both steer wrestling and team roping.

Steven Meridith, a freshman from Stilwell, competed in the bareback riding event.

Competing in the calf roping was Jason Stewart, a sophomore from Hillsboro, Ill., and Kenny Richardson, a sophomore from Carthage, Mo.

Both Stewart and Richardson also competed in the steer wrestling event.

Members of the Lady Norse rodeo team were Katie Browning, a freshman from St. Peters, Mo., and Tonya Swalley, a freshman from Bartlett, Kan., both competing in goat tying.

Swalley, Browning, Heidi Stacy, a freshman from Harrison, Ark., and Jamie Mead, a freshman from Hume, Mo., all represented NEO in the barrel racing competition.

Earlier in the season the rodeo team competed in the Central Plains Regional Rodeo sponsored by Northwestern State University in Alva.

NEO placed fourth in the two-day rodeo behind Southwestern, Fort Scott, Kan., and Cameron University.

Competing in the women's goat tying event, Swalley placed 13th.

Meridith placed 11th in bareback riding while Bell placed third and Levy fourth in steer wrestling.

Sophomore Heath Humble of Cherokee, Kan., placed 12th in calf roping while Davis finished 11th in bull riding.

The rodeo team competed in 10 intercollegiate rodeos throughout the school year. The team participated in three rodeos during the fall semester and seven in the spring.

Following the regular season, the rodeo team competed in the Central Regional rodeo to determine qualifiers for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo in Bismarck, N.D.

Lawson Essex served as coach of the rodeo team after returning to NEO following a year absence.
Searching for the eight-second buzzer in bull riding is Greg Davis, a sophomore from Mercer, Pa. Davis placed third in the event.

Justin Staver, a freshman from Afton, Iowa, tries his hand at saddle bronc riding.
Sports of all kinds were offered to every student on campus.

Despite being free for everyone, intramural program revolved around amount of student participation.

From the first week of classes to the last week of the school year, all NEO students were offered the opportunity to participate in a wide range of intramural sports activities from card games and tennis matches to full-court team basketball and softball.

Not only was there a variety of sporting activities for the student body, but all of the functions were free of charge. All students needed was a valid student ID card to participate.

The intramural season started with a men's and coed volleyball tournament held on the sand court located between Russell Hall and Harrill Hall. The Cross Trainer's team won the tournament title.

A singles tennis tournament was held the third week of school. Jason Ragsdale, a sophomore from Sapulpa, won the championship.

Following tennis, an intramural horseshoe tournament was held and Greg Wilmot, a sophomore from Siloam Springs, Ark., won the title.

The Miami Golf and Country Club played host to a 12-man golf tournament. Bill Patterson, a sophomore from Belleview, Neb., captured the championship.

Eight teams signed up to compete in the flag football league. Games were played on the intramural field located just southeast of Robertson Field.

After several practice sessions, the teams participated in a two-week round-robin playoff system.

Following two losses early in pool play, The Regulators battled their way back to reach the tournament finals.

The Regulators carried a 6-2 record into the semi-finals against The Clique. The Regulators gained a berth in the finals with a 13-0 shutout over The Clique.

Despite finishing 3-3 in pool play and receiving the fourth seed for the playoffs, The Cross Trainers advanced to the finals with a 20-0 shutout over The Moffia in the semi-finals. The Moffia had won the regular season before the start of pool play.

After battling to a 6-6 tie at halftime, The Regulators took the lead for good on a 22-yard interception return by Kerry Ferrell, a freshman from North Little Rock, Ark.

Another Cross Trainer mistake accounted for the final Regulator touchdown late in the game.

With the 19-6 victory, The Regulators dethroned the defending intramural champions.

Members of The Regulators were Richard Davis, freshman, Grandfield; Karri Kinders, freshman, McAlester; Timmy Wright, freshman, Grandfield; Brandon Hough, freshman, Bartlesville; John West, freshman, Bache; Kerry Ferrell, freshman, McAlester, and Brad Knee, freshman, Springboard, Ohio.

Other team members were Jason Davis, freshman, Alcoa, Tenn.; Justin Wilson, sophomore, Hominy; Jason Ragsdale, sophomore, Sapulpa; Patrick Smith, freshman, Malvern, Ark.; Xavier Reaves, freshman, Bradenton, Fla.; Jacob Hymer, freshman, Jasper, Wyo.; Cecil Clackler, freshman, Tulsa; Ryan McDougal, freshman, Bristow, and Kevin Thomas, freshman, Hammond, Ind.

Just before Christmas break, the 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held with The Cajun Creation winning the title.
Members of The Regulators celebrate after winning the intramural flag football championship with a 19-6 win over The Cross Trainers.

Members of The Cajun Creation display the tee-shirts they won after winning the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.
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