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memories that make a millennium
Looking For Dry Land. Two coeds wade through the mire and the muck after participating in the annual Mud Pit games co-sponsored by the Student Activities department and the Residential Life Council. 

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Tug-of-War. Keith Patterson (center) director of intramural activities, serves as referee during a tug-of-war as part of the Mud Pit games held just east of the Married Student Apartments.

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Good Shot. Another activity during the Mud Pit games was a co-ed volleyball game as Bradley Amon, a freshman from Siloam Springs, Ark., spikes a shot over the net.

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Out of the Mud. Kevin Barski, a freshman from Langley, British Columbia, Canada, gets down in the muck and the mire to return a shot during a Mud Pit volleyball game.

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Life on the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College campus combines both the past and the future. The college is steeped in traditions like homecoming, the children’s Christmas party, Aggie Day, and athletics. But, because it is the largest residential two-year college in the south, it also provides experiences that broadens one’s mind and enriches one’s life. Relationships made on this campus have lasted a lifetime.

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Students at NEO are searching for a professional career and while conducting their search, they were exposed to a variety of curriculums which ranged from Native American studies to mathematics and physics. Students were given the individual attention by faculty that helped them find their academic area.

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Along with a strong curriculum, the college also features several outstanding individuals that rise to the occasion and accept the roles of leaders. They are the students that reflect the diversity of college life offered at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. They attend college with the express purpose of furthering their educational goals.

90 GROUPS

Featuring more than 40 campus clubs and organizations, students had ample opportunity to become involved in various activities which would help them develop their own identity and allow them to socialize with people that shared a common interest.

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Sports became a source of pride and a rallying point for students to display school spirit. Whether as a competitor in intercollegiate competition, or intramural sports, the important thing was for students to become involved.

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NEO is not an island and several historical events took place during the 1998-99 school year. These events became an important part of the memory-making experience on this campus.

Bingo Anyone. Listening intently to numbers called are five coeds participating in a bingo match held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom and sponsored by the Student Activities department.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Friendly Chat. Enjoying a few moments alone in front of the newly-restored fountain are Kimberly Randolph, a freshman from Miami, and Darin Olsen, a freshman from Seattle, Wash.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Come and Get It. Golden Norse assistant football coaches David Deets (left) and Choo Thomas (center) join vice president for student affairs Jim Atkinson (right) in serving students during the all-college cook-out.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Flipping Burgers. Three members of the college cafeteria staff work hard to keep up with the demand for hamburgers during the all-college cook-out held on campus after the first week of regular classes.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Bring on the Food. Students form a long line while waiting to get to the food during the all-college cook-out. More than 600 people participated in the picnic sponsored by the student affairs office.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

This is Good. Finding time to relax on the side of the reflecting pool surrounding the chimes tower is Heather Angle, a freshman from Ottumwa, Iowa, during the all-college cook-out.

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Sharing a hamburger. Taking time to read the dedication plaque located at the south end of the chimes tower while enjoying a hamburger, chips and a drink during the all-college cook-out are three unidentified students.

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Even before the start of the 1998-99 school year, members of the Residential Life Counsel, joined housing director Kathryn Dlabach, Dr. Jim Atkinson, vice president for student affairs, Hazel Miller, coordinator of student activities, and other members of a committee to organize several social events designed to bring the student body together as a group.

The first event was a “Block Party” held in the lobby of Harrill/Dobson dormitory to bring together the more than 700 residents in the six residence halls. More than 300 people participated in the evening of games.

Once the semester got underway, an all-college cook-out was held in the area between the Fine Arts Center and Dyer Hall. Both residential students and commuters were treated to hamburgers, chips, and a drink.

Students were also involved in such events as Monday Night Football gatherings, bowling parties, a Haunted House during Halloween, several pep rallies, and the traditional Children’s Christmas party to end the fall semester.

*Tossing Trash.* Mindy Fleming, a freshman from Chouteau, watches intently as Kari Clift, a freshman from Tishomingo, demonstrates her ability to toss away trash after eating at the all-campus cook-out.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
**Dig it Out.** A member of the Lady Norse intercollegiate volleyball team goes to the floor to dig out a return shot during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse. Coach Jan Stukey's Lady Norse advanced to the Region II playoffs.

*Photo by Susan Lambert*

**Looking for Daylight.** Freshman tailback Josh Scevey (4) looks for an opening as a defender from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College makes the tackle during the Red River Bowl at Bedford, Texas. NEO won 31-0.

*Photo by Mike Hignite*

**Trumpet Master.** Raybon Bewley, director of the Golden Norse Marching Band presents a solo performance during the Red River Bowl halftime in Bedford, Texas.

*Photo by Mike Hignite*

**Driving to the Basket.** Freshman guard Shon Robinson turns away from the defensive pressure of Roy Boone (32) from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*

**Great Performance.** Members of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team do a high kick during their routine at halftime of the Red River Bowl game in Bedford, Texas. The Norse Stars entertained at all home football and basketball games.

*Photo by Mike Hignite*
One of the most appealing aspects of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is the fact that students are exposed to a wide variety of activities to help them make the adjustment to college life.

Not only does the college compete in six inter-collegiate sports, but it also offers students the opportunity to participate in several intramural sports. The college is the only two-year institution in the state of Oklahoma to feature a football team.

Students were admitted free of charge to all athletic events on campus and were allowed to compete in such intramural sports as football, basketball, golf, bowling, sand volleyball and other activities.

The Golden Norseman football team finished the 1998 season ranked ninth in the nation with a 9-3 overall record. Coach Dale Patterson’s Norse won the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship with a 28-25 win over Navarro, Texas before more than 4,000 fans at Robertson Field. NEO went on to defeat Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, 31-0, in the second-annual Red River Bowl at Bedford, Texas.

*It's a Block.* Stacey Barton, a sophomore from Miami, goes up to block a shot by Kelly Lewis, Harrill Hall director, during an intramural co-ed sand volleyball game at the pit located between Harrill and Russell halls.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
**Finishing Touches.** Kelly Durborow, a freshman from Cleveland, Okla., and Sandy Pearson, a freshman from Odessa, Mo., use the lighted mirror in the Harrill/Dobson restroom to dry and comb their hair.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

**Laundry Night.** Sophomores Kim Hartling (left), of Enid, and Lacey Mangum, of Quapaw, use the laundry facilities in the basement of Harrill/Dobson dormitories to do their personal laundries during the week.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

**Ironing Chores.** Jessie Abrams, a sophomore from Pawhuska, uses her personal ironing board to get a blouse ready before heading out on a date after a day of classes.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

**Taking a Break.** Freshman Jennifer West, of Grove, settles into her bean bag chair for an evening of relaxation and watching television with friends in her Harrill Hall dorm room.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

**Calling Home.** Enjoying a break from the hectic pace of daily campus life to take a personal call in her dorm room as she reclines in an oversized bean bag chair is freshman Becky Mauldin of Oklahoma City.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Dorm life is a vital part of college

Since Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is the largest residential two-year institution in the country, life in the six dormitories on campus can be a very important element in the development of a student's overall educational goals.

Not only does living in a dorm give the student a chance to be on their own, but more importantly it allows the student a chance to come into direct contact with people of a diversity of cultural backgrounds. Learning to co-exist with people that are totally different in lifestyle is a very important part of the maturing factor.

Women residing on campus have a chance to live either in Dobson or Harrill Halls. The two dormitories are located at the south end of the main campus. Both dorms have three floors and are connected in the center with a large lobby area that features furniture, a big-screen television and a study area. A laundry facility is located in the basement.

Campus housing and the college security office are both located in the Harrill/Dobson facility. Each dorm houses approximately 178 female occupants.

*Where are My Socks.* Roberta Boren, a freshman from Atoka, looks through her clothes drawer in an attempt to find some socks to wear as she prepares to leave for a day of classes.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Chill'n Out. Several students sit around the lobby of Russell Hall and watch television, read the newspaper, or carry on conversations after a long day of attending classes.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Play Station Foes. Freshmen Anthony Robertson (left), of Checotah, and Mubarak Robertson of Moore, square off against each other on a Nintendo Play Station system in their Russell Hall dorm room.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Slim Pickings. Brad Prater, a freshman from Buffalo, Mo., returns a half-full bottle of Coke to his refrigerator in his dorm room while trying to decide if he wants a sandwich to tide him over until supper in the cafeteria.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Instant Mechanic. Before preparing to go cycling around campus, Aaron Lofton, a sophomore from Tulsa, adjusts the gear ratio on his bike in the lobby of Vann Hall dormitory.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Wisker Removal. Jeremy (Bull) Zinter, a freshman from Claremore, and Brad Prater, a freshman from Buffalo, Mo., use colgate shaving cream to remove facial hair in the Vann Hall bathroom before going out on the town.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
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Many students moved away from home for the first time and began to create their own home-away-from home in their dormitory room.

Students used their creative minds to decorate their new homes and make them something very unique. While women students tended to concentrate on a theme when decorating their room, most male students used posters and other art work to create a unique atmosphere.

Working within the framework of the rules and regulations set down by the housing department, most students spared little expense to create a decorative atmosphere.

Male students had the availability of four dormitories which included 90 members of the Golden Norse football team residing in the east wing of a renovated Dyer Hall. Altogether more than 400 male students resided on campus during the 1998 fall semester.

Some students were afforded the opportunity to reside in one of the 52 campus apartments which were located on the south end of the main campus. These apartments were also available to full-time married students or students with dependent children living with them.

*Important Call.* Making some volume adjustments to his stereo while talking on the telephone, sophomore Justin Sehi of Weatherford has all the comforts of home in his Vann Hall dorm.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Hat Day. Showing school spirit by wearing a hat on "Hat Day" during Homecoming Week were, from left; Michelle Wilcox, Skiatook; Maggie Dillon, Girard, Kan.; Melanie Vieira, Grover Beach, Calif., and Tuny Weishaupt, Fallon, N.Y.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Give Me an "N". Members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad and Norse Stars Drill team try to get the crowd involved during a pep rally as part of Homecoming Week.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Hit it Harder. Students had an opportunity to release some hostilities during the "car bash" held on Tuesday during Homecoming Week. The bash was held between the Fine Arts Center and Dyer Hall.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*

Demolition Time. Using both a baseball bat and a crow bar, two unidentified students tear into what is left of the automobile used during the free "car bash" as part of Homecoming celebration.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*

Louder, Louder. Members of the Pep Club give it everything they have during the "yell-like-hell" contest which was part of the cook-out held on Thursday during Homecoming Week.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Spirit abounds during Homecoming

One of the most intense activities on any college campus is the spirit and emotion generated during homecoming. The college colors of blue and gold were evident everywhere throughout the week as numerous clubs and organizations combined to create Homecoming Week '98.

Centered around the theme of "Norsemen Pound the Puppies", the week started with Monday designated as "come as you are". Students were encouraged to wear pajamas or other sleep wear to class.

Attempting to generate some excitement, students were invited to participate in a free "car bash" on Tuesday.

Around campus on Wednesday were a wide variety of hats during the traditional "Hat Day" festivities which also included a pageant rehearsal for the 29 queen candidates.

"Blue and Gold Day" on Thursday also featured an all-campus cook-out and pep rally in the area between the Fine Arts Center and Dyer Hall. A dance followed the pep rally.

Judging of building decorations and the long-awaited queen pageant were held on Friday.

Creating Spirit. Freshmen Jaimee Baker, of Shawnee, and Christina McWhirt, Council Hill try to generate school spirit for the NEO-Navarro, Texas football game during a pep-rally held during Homecoming Week.

Photo by DeLea Mincher
Scrub Club Decorations. Members of the Scrub Club took time out of their schedules to paint the windows on the second floor of the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building.

_Photo by Lacey Mangum_

Disco Fever. Students jam into the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom to enjoy a Homecoming dance hosted by the Eskimo Joe's Road Crew who gave away free tee-shirts during several drawings.

_Photo by DeLena Mincher_

Swing Dance. Ray Tarren, a member of Eskimo Joe's Road Crew, prepares to give Brandy Clark, a freshman from Ponca City, a spin during the Homecoming dance in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

_Photo by DeLena Mincher_

Pound the Puppies. Part of the decorations by the Pre-Vet Club reflected an opinion on what should happen to the Navarro College Bulldogs during the Homecoming game with the Golden Norsemen.

_Photo by Lacey Mangum_

Line Forms Here. Stephanie Trapani (right), a freshman from Chicago, Ill., displays her technique during the Homecoming dance which featured more than 300 people in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

_Photo by DeLena Mincher_
Decorations reflect school spirit

As Homecoming Week progressed, the campus began to take on a different look as several clubs and organizations went to elaborate lengths to decorate various buildings on campus.

Members of the Masquers Club captured the $100 first place award for building decorations. The group, representing Theatre NEO, decorated an area in the Fine Arts Center.

The Golden Norse Marching Band won the $75 second-place award in building decorations. The band changed the decor of the band room located in Copen Hall.

The Norse Wind student newspaper received the $50 third place cash award. The newspaper decorated the second floor of Dyer Hall.

Honorable mention recognition was awarded to Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for their decorations on the third floor of Shipley Hall.

Another event during the week which caught the attention of the student body was a Homecoming dance. Hosted by the Eskimo Joe’s Road Crew, the dance attracted a crowd of more than 300 students to the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Mean and Lean. Members of the Residential Life Council created this mean-looking Norseman destroying a Navarro player as part of the decorations which appeared in the Student Services area on the first floor of Dyer Hall.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Second Place Float. Earning second place in the Homecoming parade float competition were members of the Older Wiser Learning Students organization which featured several children of OWLS members.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Displaying Spirit. Members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad try to get the crowd into cheering as their track proceeds down Miami’s Main Street during the annual Homecoming parade.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Strike up the Band. Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band perform a number as they proceed south on Miami’s Main Street during the annual Homecoming parade.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Residential Life Float. Kelly Lewis (right) and other members of the Residential Life Council toss candy to the crowd as part of the traditional Homecoming parade down Miami’s Main Street.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Miniature Norse Stars. Trying to get the crowd involved as they walk down main street, members of the Miami grade school cheerleading squad perform a routine along the parade route.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Marching bands, pretty girls and floats were the highlight of the annual Homecoming parade as it made its way down Miami’s Main Street on a warm, sunny Saturday afternoon.

Along with cars and trucks carrying the 29 queen candidates, the 69-unit parade featured the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team, the Golden Norse Marching Band, and several area high school marching bands.

Capturing top honors in the float competition was the Medical Assistant’s organization. Second place honors went to the float from the Older, Wiser Learning Students organization. The pep club float won third place.

During halftime of the NEO/Navarro football game, four former students were recognized as Outstanding Alumni.

Receiving the honors were Steve Turnbo, a 1965 graduate; Colonel Robert Mendell, a 1965 graduate; Kim Jacobs-Tuck, a 1980 graduate and Gary Ward, a 1960 graduate. Ward has served as director of baseball operations at NEO after coaching baseball at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for 20 years.

*Best Float.* Making sure the Navarro Bulldog is down for the count are members of the Medical Assistant’s organization. The float captured top honors during the annual Homecoming parade.  
*Photo by Lacey Mangum*
Royalty. Members of the Homecoming royalty were, from left: Jami Whittaker, Miss Norse Spirit; Mikayla Webb, third runner up; Jonelle Holden, queen; Lisa Walser, first runner up, and Angie Ayres, second runner up.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Queen Salute. Jonelle Holden a freshman from Enid, waves to the crowd during the Homecoming parade. Holden, representing the Foreign Language Club, was crowned queen during halftime of the NEO/Navarro football game.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Queen and her Escort. Queen Jonelle Holden and her escort Danny Duncan display the silver platter and bouquet of roses she received along with her crown during halftime ceremonies at Robertson Field.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

You're Down. Navarro College cornerback Brian Johnson (31) tackles Golden Norse wide receiver Shawn Mills after a 14-yard pass play during the first quarter of the Homecoming game at Robertson Field.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Gotcha. Golden Norseman defensive tackle Ramon Richardson (92) tackles Navarro tailback Adrien Daniels (5) after a short gain late in the fourth quarter of the Homecoming game won by a 30-23 score by NEO.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Norsemen rally to beat Bulldogs

Amid all the gala festivities surrounding the crowning of the 1998 Homecoming queen and her court was the fact that the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norsemen rallied from a 17-14 half-time deficit to gain a 30-23 victory before more than 3,000 fans at Robertson Field.

Prior to the come-from-behind victory, freshman Jonelle Holden of Enid was crowned queen during an elaborate halftime ceremony. Holden, representing the Foreign Language Club, was selected from a field of 29 candidates.

Following the Homecoming activities at halftime, the Golden Norse scored on a 52-yard pass play from Shawn Swindall to Shawn Mills and a 16-yard touchdown pass from Sherard Poteete to Paul Jones to gain a 30-23 victory over the Bulldogs.

The two teams would meet again on Robertson Field as the Norse posted a 28-25 win over the Bulldogs in the finals of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship on Nov. 7.

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*All-American Conference.* Sophomore defensive ends Juqua Thomas (91) and Matt Henson (96) confer prior to making a call in the game with Navarro. Both Thomas and Henson earned All-American honors following the season.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*

*Stay Down.* NEO freshman tailback Josh Scobey is tackled by three Navarro defenders after scoring a touchdown on an 18-yard run late in the second quarter. The Norsemen posted a 30-23 victory.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*
Testing Line. Members of the college maintenance department join students waiting in line to be tested for their ability to give blood during the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Free Tee-Shirt. Ron Balmer (left), a technician for the Red Cross shows freshman Shelley Brotherton of West Plains, Mo., a free tee-shirt she could win during the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

It Doesn't Hurt. Melissa James, a sophomore from Arcadia, smiles as technician Thomas Forbes completes the hook-up during the day-long visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Just a Little Stick. Sophomore Jennifer Keeney of Stockton, Mo., helps Red Cross lab technician Richard Smith undae the tape on the equipment after donating blood.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Answering Questions. Lab technician Ron Balmer fills out a questionnaire as freshman Shelley Brotherton of West Plains, Mo., gives her responses before donating blood to the Red Cross.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Gift of Life benefits Red Cross

One of the ways everyone on campus had a chance to make a difference in someone’s life was to participate in the annual visit by the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in September.

The traveling van made a return visit to the campus during the spring semester to collect donations on campus.

Set up in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom, the bloodmobile was visited by more than 250 members of the college student body, faculty, staff and administration. More than 110 people qualified as donors.

Each prospective donor received juice and cookies and several free tee-shirts were given away during special drawings.

Along with lab technicians from the Red Cross, the bloodmobile was operated by the Miami Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The bloodmobile also makes two annual visits to the Miami community and collects donations at the Civic Center. The donations are very useful during either times of emergencies, natural disasters or during the holiday seasons.

First-time Donor: Sophomore Amy Powell of Pittsburg, Kan., watches intently as technician Richard Smith gets the IV started during the blood donation process as Powell experiences the process for the first time.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Sign-in Please. Angie Billingsly, a freshman from Quapaw, carries on a conversation with a "ghoul" visiting her room in the Commons Hall Haunted House sponsored by the student activities department.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Free Punch. Shelia Howry, a sophomore from Billings, offers a cup of bubbly to Jack Simpson during the Trick-or-Treat night held in the lobby of Harrill/Dobson dorm on the night before Halloween.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Is My Face Straight. Kim Hartling, a sophomore from Enid, adjusts her plastic mask before going out to scare little boys and girls during the Harrill/Dobson Trick-or-Treat night.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Let Me Help You. Witch Anna Poole watches closely as Aaron Blair, a sophomore from Chelsea, puts a candy bar into her kettle during Trick-or-Treat night at Harrill/Dobson dorm.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Trick-or-Treat. Making sure Cinderella (Darcy Carroll) gets enough candy as she goes door-to-door in Harrill-Dobson dorm during Trick-or-Treat night is sophomore Shelia Howry of Billings.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Ghouls make annual campus visit

Ghosts, gobblins and ghouls made their appearance on campus as part of the annual Halloween celebration.

Several hundred area children made a special visit to the Harrill/Dobson dormitory to participate in the Trick-or-Treat night sponsored by the Residence Hall Council. Most of the residents on all three floors of the two women dorms decorated and dressed up to welcome the visiting children.

After enjoying a cup of "bubbling gruel" in the lobby, most of the visitors went door-to-door throughout the dorms to collect candy.

While the younger ghosts and gobblins were visiting Harrill/Dobson dorm, more fiendish activities were taking place in the "Haunted House" located in the vacant Commons Hall dorm.

Co-sponsored by the office of student services and the Afro-American Society, the "Haunted House" featured several rooms that were created by various campus clubs and organizations. Cost of the tour was $2 per person and each visitor came away from the house terrified.

The house was open three nights including Halloween.

Don't Cry Pooh Bear. Sophomore Traci Brown of Bixby offers Pooh Bear some candy during his visit to Harrill/Dobson dorm as part of the Trick-or-Treat Night held on Halloween.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
What's That? Christina McWhirt, a freshman from Council Hill, checks to make sure the toy she got for her "adopted twin daughters" is all there during the annual children's Christmas party.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

This Goes Here. Taking the time to make sure the toy is put together properly is "adoptive father" Scott Eisenhart, a freshman from Claremore, as "adopted son" Isaac awaits the results.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Unwrap it this Way. Watching with anticipation as "adoptive son" David unwraps his present from Santa Claus is "adoptive parent" Cassie Scott, a freshman from Quapaw, during the children's Christmas party.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Surprise. Cheryl Butler, director of counseling, helps "adoptive parent" Brian Gensamer, a sophomore from Bray, and Sheva Dressler get a present ready for distribution by Santa Claus.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

What do you Want? Santa Claus listens closely as Tyler Short tells him what he would like for Christmas during the annual children's Christmas party held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Santa brings toys for special party

Perhaps the most rewarding experience a student can have while attending Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was to become an “adoptive parent” during the annual children’s Christmas party held the final week of the fall semester.

The names of more than 250 less than fortunate grade-school age children from Miami and the surrounding area are provided for “adoption” by the Student Body Government.

NEO students “adopt” a child and provide a present or two for the child. The evening began with the adoptive “parent” and “child” taking a tour of the campus.

Following the tour, the “adoptive family” enjoyed a meal of pizza in the college cafeteria before going into the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom for the start of the party.

After singing Christmas caroles and enjoying some punch, the long-awaited arrival of Santa Claus sent the party into an excited frenzy.

Once seated, Santa and Mrs. Claus, distributed presents to all the “adopted children”.

*Have you been a Good Boy?* Santa Claus hands Michael Greenfeather a present and ask him what he wants for Christmas during the gift-exchange portion of the children’s Christmas party.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Prior to the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year, various members of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College made a concentrated effort to increase enrollment at the institution.

The end result was the fact that our enrollment increased 3.5 per cent to 2,132 students.

Also during the 1998-99 academic year several changes had an impact on the college.

The first major change affecting the academic area was the hiring of Dr. Barry Vann as vice president for academic affairs. A native of Tennessee, Dr. Vann had served as associate professor of geography at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

Two promotions occurred within the six academic divisions. James Grover, computer science instructor, was named interim chair of the business, computer and technology division as a replacement for Dr. Fred Patrick. Kathy Blundell, a psychology instructor, replaced Dr. George Largent as head of the social science division.

Four instructors were added to the academic area. Dr. Randy Mogg was hired to teach biological sciences; Sidney Morgan was hired as clinical coordinator of the physical therapist assistant program; Tammy McNeil was hired to teach in the registered nursing program, and Justin Rogers joined the faculty as a agriculture instructor.
Diversity increases with new education center

Offering students a wide range of curriculum on campus, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College continued to attempt to meet the needs of students within its service area by building the Grove Higher Education Center. The Grove facility offers a wide range of college courses, with an emphasis on academic readiness. The center also featured general education courses and core courses for a particular certificate program. Degree program courses, non-credit training and personal interest courses were also available at the Grove center.

The college also had established an educational center in Vinita for area citizens to obtain more information and assistance on courses, training, and other college services.

*Housing Check.* Students line up in the lobby of Harrill/Dobson dorm to check on their housing assignments during the enrollment process for the 1998 fall semester.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
It Looks Right. Antonio Wells, a sophomore from Gulf Port, Miss., double checks his homework while using the computers located in the computer lab in the basement of Copen Hall.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Typing a Term Paper. Kimberly Stevens, a freshman from Miami, works on a term paper for a class while taking advantage of the Academic Support Center located on the first floor of Shipley Hall.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Unit designed to provide total support in all academic areas

Students attending a two-year college can be divided to two distinct groups. The terminal students intend to enter vocation at the end of two years of college work. The transfer student intends to complete four or more years of college work before entering a profession.

Because of these two diverse groups of students, an academic support center was created to provide support for the recruitment and retention of students with a variety of academic needs.

Serving as coordinators of the unit were mathematics instructors Karen Rogers, Jeremy Radebaugh and Greg labach; reading instructor Carla Murphy; reading and English instructor Ruth Ann Maxwell, and science instructor Amy Kirkpatrick.

Located on the first floor of Shipley Hall, the academic support center also featured student tutors in such areas as mathematics, science, English, and political science.

Supplementing the academic support provided by the center were a computerized reading lab located on the first floor of Shipley Hall, a computer lab located in the basement of Copen Hall, and several on-line computers located in the Learning Resources Center in the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building.

Created by fees generated from students, the free computer lab located in the basement of Copen Hall was created to acquaint students with computer usage and provide computer access to students unable to use the computers located in the library. The lab was open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Under the direction of Jary Douglas, chair of the agriculture division, the computer lab featured 21 new IBM computers with Pentium II processors. Each computer contained word processor programs and was connected to the Internet.

“Students needed to have access to the latest computers available, even more than teachers do,” said Douglas. “Not only will we continually update the computers available in this lab, but we will also continue to provide the most modern programs to help students be exposed to the latest technology available.”

“I used the computer lab in between classes because I could get my homework done and sit in a comfortable atmosphere at the same time,” said Misty Franklin, a commuter from Webb City, Mo.

“The computer lab’s location was so convenient and it made it much easier not having to stand in line waiting for a computer to open in the library. The fact that each computer had the newest programs and internet access really helped me with my homework,” said Brittney Green, a freshman from Coweta.

Checking the Net. Debra Clark, a freshman from Girard, Kan., looks up some information on the Internet as she takes advantage of the computer lab located in the basement of Copen Hall.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
One of the largest academic programs on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is the agriculture division.

Under the direction of chair Jary Douglas, the agriculture division features 20 different academic programs and five instructors.

Joining Douglas on the agriculture faculty are Roger Fent, Dr. Pete Smith, Dr. Jim Gleckler, Kevin Pool and Justin Rogers.

Douglas, a 25-year veteran on the NEO faculty also served as head coach of the college livestock judging team. Rogers serves as an assistant coach.

The NEO livestock judging team competed in 10 intercollegiate events ranging from a trip to San Francisco, Calif., to Baton Rouge, La.

Along with a livestock judging team, the agriculture department also features a intercollegiate rodeo team and a equine judging team.

Ben Foreman served as coach of the college rodeo team. A member of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the team competed in 10 sanctioned rodeos in the central district.

Kevin Pool served as coach of the equine judging team. The team captured top honors in the 1998 American Quarterhorse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

The agriculture program also has a farm facility located just east of the main campus and a multi-purpose arena also located just east of campus.

*Award Winner.* Stoney Stamper, a sophomore from Locust Grove, shows equine coach Kevin Pool the techniques he used to win top individual in the All-American Quarterhorse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

Photo by DeLea Mincey
Proper Technique. Coach Jary Douglas (white hat) shows members of the livestock judging team what to look for when evaluating sheep during a practice session at the Ottawa County Free Fair.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Some Sound Advice. Prior to beginning a practice session during the Ottawa County Free Fair, livestock judging coach Jary Douglas (white hat) goes over some last minute instructions.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Checking the Flanks. Brad Hanewich, a sophomore from Rensselaer, Ind., evaluates the hind quarters of a sheep as Lisa Douglas, a freshman from Miami, holds the animal during a practice session.

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Quilt Give-away. Members of the early childhood development club display a quilt they made that was given away during Homecoming week as part of the club's participation in campus activities.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*

Taking a Break. Jessie Kingen, a sophomore from McCordsville, Ind., rests a minute before resuming a workout in the college Wellness Center located in the NEO Fieldhouse.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Wide range of professions covered by behavioral science area

Offering curriculum which ranges from early child-
education to pre-athletic training, the behavioral science
division caters to the needs of students interested in working
with people.

Veteran educator Bob Maxwell serves as chair for the
behavioral science division which features 15 academic
programs. Maxwell, a member of the NEO faculty for 35 years,
joined by 16 faculty members.

Students have an opportunity to select from three sep-
ard childhood education, students could also gain a degree
daycare attendant or earn a certificate in the nanny pro-
n.

Leon Manning coordinated the criminal justice pro-
n.

Considered core courses for most college majors, the
parity courses were taught by Rod Kramer and Alan
Schneider while Dr. George Largent, Dale Patterson, Rob
en and Jeff Bishon taught government classes.

Robert Anderson served as instructor for the philoso-
classes while Randy Gipson and Katherine Blundell
the psychology classes. Diana Collings served as the
ology instructor.

Maxwell served as head of the physical education and
recreation department and was joined by instructors Carol
Calcagno, Nancy Bishop and Charles (Choo) Thomas.

Calcagno coordinated the Red Cross swimming classes
while Bishop also served as coordinator of the wellness
program and director of both the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team
and the Golden Norse Cheerleaders.

Entering the second year of operation was the pre-ath-
etic training program under the coordination of Mike Barlow.
The program provided student trainers for all six intercolle-
giate sports programs along with offering a training facility in
the NEO Fieldhouse.

“Athletic trainers are the people that fill the void at
every level of competition. With literally millions of people
competing in athletics and only 16,000 certified athletic train-
ers in the United States, the need for competent health care
providers is great,” said Barlow.

“An average student athletic trainer puts in an average
of between 1,200 to 1,500 hours of hands-on experience
before they graduate from a two-year program. They have to
take classes like health, first aid, care and prevention of
injuries and nutrition,” Barlow said.

“Most of the hands-on experience comes from them
learning how to tape ankles, treat minor cuts and scrapes and
what to do during an emergency.”

Lights, Camera, Action. Brian Inbody, head of the television
department, gives students attending the college child
care program a tour of the facilities located on the second
floor of the Fine Arts Center.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Diversity featured in business division

Spanning 28 different academic areas, the business, computer science and technology division is the largest program on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

While many students receive an associate of arts degree in a two-year program within the division, the diversity is reflected in the fact that the division also helps students interested in attaining a vocationally-oriented associate in applied science degree.

Veteran computer science instructor Jim Grover assumed the duties of interim division chair, succeeding Dr. Fred Patrick, mid-way through the fall semester.

With a faculty of seven instructors, the business portion of the division featured 13 transfer degree programs, eight two-year occupational programs, and six one-year non-de certificate programs in classes taught in Copen Hall.

Grover, Chip Hammons and Steve Leonard taught the computer science classes which featured two-year occupational programs, transfer programs and one one-year certificate program.

Four instructors taught in the technology department with Doug Lee serving as occupational technology coordinator. Lee was also instructor of welding and metal fabrication.

The division was designed to meet the needs of the area workforce.

Getting Ready. Jonathan Anderson, a freshman from Miami, prepares to work on an accounting assignment during a business class located on the first floor of Copen Hall.

Photo by DeLena McNamee
Class Lecture. Doug Lee (right), metal fabrication and welding instructor, listens to questions during a class lecture in the metal fabrication department located in the east end of Ables Hall.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Finishing Touches. Kevin Barski, a freshman from Langley, British Columbia, Canada, solders a wire to a piece of metal during an electronics class taught by Jeb DeHanas.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

This is the Place. Metal fabrication instructor Doug Lee shows students how to operate a lathe during a machine technology class taught in the machine shop located in the east end of Ables Hall.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton
Extra-curricular activities provide creative outlets for students

Allowing students numerous avenues to explore and develop their creative abilities, the communications and fine arts division provided extra-curricular activities for students to pursue their chosen professions.

Under the guidance of veteran division chair Jack Rucker, the communications and fine arts division featured 14 academic programs. With more than 44 years of experience on the NEO faculty, Rucker coordinated 18 faculty members within the division.

While courses like English, reading, humanities and speech were considered core courses for most college majors, the division also offered programs in art, American Indian studies, journalism, theatre, foreign language, television, and music.

The division also enrolled students in elementary and secondary education and general studies degree programs.

Forms of expression for students interested in communication ranged from a weekly student newspaper, the Norwegian Wind, a literary anthology called Identity, the printed word; two student art shows per year; several television production projects; a photography class, and four student plays presented by Thea NEO throughout the school year.

Students also had an opportunity to participate in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

*Which way to the Wizard.* The cowardly lion (La Mayberry, Vinta), Dorothy (Adria Trombley, Webb Mo.), the Scarecrow (Bill Scribner, Oologah), and (Valarie Adair, Ardmore) are off to see the Wizard.
Trimming Handbooks. Work study student Shelley Blevins, a freshman from Tulsa, trims some student handbooks that were printed in the college print shop located in the east end of Ables Hall.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Listen Up. Raybon Bewley, music instructor and director of the Golden Norse Marching Band, conducts a practice session during a music class in the music hall located in Copen Hall.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Final Run-through. Benn Stovall (left), a sophomore from Picher, and Clay Yocum (seated), a sophomore from Lewisville, Texas, put the finishing touches on their two-man production of Greater Tuna.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Answering Questions. Members of a pre-medical class work with microscopes while asking questions during a lab session. Science majors had the most modern equipment available in labs.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Close Examination. Sheri Bakos, a sophomore from Wyandotte, uses a microscope to examine a specimen during a science lab experiment for a microbiology class.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton
Searching for answers aids science and engineering majors

Trying to find answers to some of life's most perplexing questions, students enrolled in the science and engineering division were provided an opportunity to use modern, up-to-date equipment in their quest for answers.

Under the direction of Dr. Mark Grigsby as division chair, the science and engineering division featured faculty members within three academic departments.

Instructors David Dallas, Betty Spradlin, Dr. Andy Mogg and Dr. Grigsby were responsible for teaching the biological science courses along with anatomy and physiology, microbiology and zoology.

Teaching in the physical science department were Andy Jones, Mary Kirkpatrick, Matt Mayfield and Samells. The physical science curriculum featured general physics, chemistry, organic chemistry, geology and physics.

Students with an academic deficiency in science so had an opportunity to enroll in fundamentals of science which was designed to help the student gain the ability to reach college level science.

John Lomax served as head of the mathematics department. Because college algebra was a general education requirement for most college majors, the math department offered a wide range of classes from basic math to thermodynamics and differential equations for pre-engineering majors.

Joining Lomax on the math faculty were Orland Aldridge, Vickie Berry, Greg Diabach, Robert Miller, Jeremy Radebaugh and Karen Rogers.

Courses included within the mathematics department included basic math, introductory algebra, intermediate algebra, general college math, college algebra, trigonometry, calculus, differential equations and arithmetic for teachers.

Additional academic programs within the division included botany, microbiology, mortuary science, zoology, pre-dental, pre-dental hygiene, pre-medical, pre-optometry, pre-pharmacy, secondary science education, chemistry, geology and physics.

"This was a very exciting, challenging program to participate in because, not only was I challenged by my instructors to find answers to my questions, but the curriculum was very stimulating and challenging," said Christy Autrey, a sophomore pre-dentistry major from Miami.

Along with offering students a variety of courses, the division also featured such recruiting activities as a large science fair that attracted entries from both junior and senior high schools and a math day competition.

Finding Answers. Charles Cunningham, a freshman from Vinita, and Sarah Sorrentino, sophomore from Miami, look for answers under a microscope during a microbiology science class.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton
Combining the theory of classroom experience with the expertise of highly-trained professionals, the health science division featured a curriculum which spanned eight academic programs.

Under the guidance of Bethene Fahnestock as chair, the health science division featured programs in allied health, one-year certificate programs, two-year occupational programs, and two-year associate degree transfer programs.

Serving as instructors in the associate degree nursing program were Elizabeth Follis, Cheryl Hedrick, Patricia McConnell, Julie McFerron, Tammy McNiel, Susan Mudrick, Peggy Wood and Roberta Wood.

The nursing department also offered a perioperative nursing one-year certificate program which was a post-graduate course for registered nurses.

Pam Gelder served as director of the medical assistant program while Barbara Taylor served as director of the physical therapist assistant program.

Veteran instructor Judy Hackock served as director of the surgical technology and perioperative nursing program.

R. Kay Harris served as director of the medical laboratory technician program.

Advisory committees comprised of area business and professional leaders helped correlate the needs of area business, industry and the health professions.

Students gain valuable hands-on experience
Getting Ready. Natalie Morgan, a sophomore from Vinita, places knives and other instruments in their proper positions in setting up a case during a surgical technology rotation at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Valuable Instruction. Shannon Wooldridge (right), a former NEO graduate, teaches current students about orthopedics during a rotation by surgical technology students at Freeman Hospital.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Ying Instruments. Cindi Swearingen, a sophomore from Miami, and Tammy Davis, a sophomore from Miami, study the instruments they will use during a surgery lab.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Final Preparations. Rhonda Couch, a sophomore from Picher, completes a surgical scrub before participating in a case operation as a surgical technology major at Freeman Hospital.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton
Along with regaining national prominence on the football field, several students turned in noteworthy performances in a wide variety of diverse activities.

Sophomore Clay Yocum, of Lewisville, Texas, was one of nine members of the college speech and debate team to win honors at the Northern Oklahoma College speech tournament. Yocum finished first in the prose competition.

Yocum also teamed with sophomore Benn Stovall of Picher to present the two-man production of the play *Greater Tuna*. The comedy featured 20 male and female parts and was also co-produced by the two actors.

Brian Clift, a sophomore from Tishomingo, received the American FFA degree during the annual National Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Four members of the college student nursing program participated in the National Student Nurses Association mid-year convention in Dallas, Texas. Attending the meeting were Melissa Daugherty, Vinita; Jennifer Fountain, Joplin, Mo.; Debbie Hendrix, Grove, and Cindy Mahurin, Fairland. Hendrix was selected as director-at-large during the state convention.

Erin Blair, a sophomore from Chelsea, participated in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association queen competition in Guthrie. Competing against five other contestants, she finished first runner up.
Several students won recognition in various professions

As diverse as the student body at Northeastern A&M College was in 1998-99, several students gained national recognition for both individual and team accomplishments.

Sandy Dowdle, a freshman from Calumet, won high individual honors in the Kansas Junior Livestock Association competition in Wichita.

Stacy Ingram, a freshman from Caney Valley, Kan., and a member of the Golden Norse Marching Band performed at the Future Farmers of America National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Stoney Stamper, a sophomore from Locust Grove, and Melanie Vieira, a freshman from Rio Grande, Calif., won overall honors in the American Quarter-horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.
Abrams, Jessica-sophomore
Pawhuska-Wellness

Adair, Valarie-freshman
Ardmore-Speech

Adams, Steven-freshman
Cleveland-General Studies

Adkins, Julius-freshman
Hugo-General Studies

Allen, Eric-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Allen, Jaiger-sophomore
San Diego, Calif.-Physical Education

Anderson, Antonio-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Andrews, Jason-freshman
Tulsa-History

Angle, Elizabeth-freshman
Houston, Texas-Child Development

Angle, Heather-freshman
Grove-General Studies

Armstrong, Rockwell-freshman
Midwest City-General Studies

Arnall, Brian-freshman
Miami-Agriculture

Asher, Tammy-freshman
Miami-General Studies

Assiter, Bandy-freshman
Okmulgee-Computer Science

Atkinson, David-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Atkinson, Matt-sophomore
Fairland-Pre-Athletic Training

Autry, Stephanie-freshman
Big Cabin-General Studies

Avriett, Eric-freshman
Chickasha-Physical Education

Awe, Elizabeth-freshman
Muskogee-Medical Lab Tech

Bailey, Angie-freshman
Quapaw-Computer Science

Baker, Steven-freshman
Tulsa-Accounting

Barbee, Travis-freshman
Hominy-Agriculture

Barnes, Winston-freshman
Tulsa-Computer Science

Barnett, Brian-freshman
Quapaw-Psychology

Bass, Kyle-sophomore
Geary-Forestry
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Housing Director Kathryn Diabach (right) engages in a game of twister with some coeds during one of several "special events" held throughout the school year. Co-sponsored by the housing department and student services, the events were created to help bring residential students closer together.

Bates, Ramon-freshman
Oklahoma City-General Studies

Battle, Kiwana-sophomore
Springfield, Ohio-Physical Education

Baumann, Andrew-freshman
Butler, Mo.-Agriculture

Baumgarth, Shelly-sophomore
Lecom, Mo.-Agriculture

Beal, Ruth-sophomore
Wyandotte-Physical Therapy

Bearss, Billee-freshman
Miami-Business Management

Beasley, Bethni-freshman
Afton-Secondary Education

Beets, John-sophomore
Miami-History

Bell, Kristi-freshman
Tulsa-Pre-Law

Belt, Jon-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies
Bennett, James-freshman
Miami-Ranch Management
Bergman, Tim-freshman
Zephyrhills, Fla.-General Studies
Berry, Alex-freshman
Wagoner-Business
Berthiaume, Jaime-freshman
Lakeside, Conn.-Business
Best, Thomas-freshman
Oklahoma City-General Studies

Biggs, Karen-freshman
Commerce-Business
Billingsley, Elizabeth-freshman
Quapaw-General Studies
Billips, Chris-freshman
Lawton-Physical Education
Bishop, Kristin-freshman
Green Forest, Ark.-Physical Therapy
Blair, Lacey-freshman
Enid-General Studies

Blaylock, Christine-sophomore
Jay-Journalism
Blevins, Shelly-freshman
Galena, Kan.-Nursing
Blum, Katie-freshman
Tulsa-Physical Therapy
Boechman, Shelly-sophomore
Enid-Computer Science
Bolles, Crystal-freshman
Commerce-General Studies

Bonaventure, Michele-freshman
Nipomo, Calif.-Agriculture
Bookout, Ryan-freshman
Miami-Agriculture
Boren, Pauline-freshman
Antlers-Elementary Education
Boren, Roberta-freshman
Antlers-Music
Bourland, Leslie-freshman
Harrah-Music

Boyd, Richard-freshman
Oklahoma City-Journalism
Brashers, Karen-freshman
Miami-Medical Office Assistant
Brashear, Travis-sophomore
Ochelata-Equine
Brixe, Amy-freshman
Jay-Business
Brooks, Greg-freshman
Baldwin, Kan.-Business
Brotherton, Shellena-freshman
Pomona, Mo.-Equine
Brown, Evan-freshman
Miami-Criminal Justice

Brown, Jason-sophomore
Claremore-Business
Brown, Traci-sophomore
Bixby-Nursing
Brumbaugh, Vicki-sophomore
Ketchum-Nursing
Bryan, Harmony-freshman
Ozark, Mo.-Pre-Vet Medicine
Buckmaster, Amber-freshman
Oktaha-Nursing

Taking Advantage of slippery conditions created for the second-annual Mud Pit Games, several young men get knee-deep in the action generated in the pit. Sponsored by the intramural sports department, the Mud Pit Games also featured volleyball competition.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Buoy, Billy-sophomore
Bartlesville-Journalism

Butcher, Kristy-freshman
Vinita-General Studies

Burch, Paula-freshman
Wyandotte-Business

Burgess, Ben-sophomore
Vinita-Music

Burkhart, Jeff-freshman
Ozark, Mo.-Agriculture

Butler, Antonio-sophomore
Tulsa-Pre-Athletic Training

Buzzard, Haley-freshman
Eucha-Physical Therapy

Caldwell, Michelle-freshman
Broken Arrow-Business

Callaway, Brandi-freshman
Turley, Mo.-Pre-Athletic Training

Cantrell, Tinia-sophomore
Miami-Nursing

Carter, Nathan-freshman
Davis-General Studies

Cartwright, Chris-freshman
Grove-General Studies

Cassell, Andrew-freshman
Tulsa-Business

Caywood, James-freshman
Woodward-Pre-Athletic Training

Charles, Mandie-freshman
Welch-Child Development

Charles, Shane-freshman
Vinita-Agriculture

Chesney, Joyce-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Christian, Jimmy-freshman
Afton-Criminal Justice

Chung, Charlotte-freshman
Hong Kong-Nursing

Cizerle, Darin-freshman
Girard, Kan.-General Studies

Clark, Sophia-freshman
Nassau, Bahamas-Accounting

Cliff, Bryan-sophomore
Lexington-Animal Science

Cliff, Kari-freshman
Lexington-Journalism

Coachman, Doh-Lee-freshman
Tulsa-Speech

Cochran, Kenny-sophomore
Sapulpa-Accounting
Down Home Cooking was available free of charge at the Christian Student Fellowship for any students interested in sharing fellowship during lunch. The Christian Student Fellowship, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the Wesley Foundation all provided spiritual guidance for students.

Photo by Kari Clift

Combs, Shawn-sophomore
Commerce-Drafting and Design

Condry, Matt-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies

Conkling, Rachel-freshman
Broken Arrow-Pre-Athletic Training

Conn, Cris-freshman
Westville-Physical Education

Conner, Jason-freshman
Fairland-Business Management

Conner, Summer-sophomore
Welch-Drafting and Design

Conrad, Cynthia-sophomore
Miami-Nursing

Cooper, Mickey-sophomore
Oklahoma City-Physical Education

Copeland, Demone-freshman
Oklahoma City-Radio and Television

Cotton, Andre-sophomore
Broken Arrow-General Studies
Cox, Wendy-freshman
  Chouteau-Animal Science

Crawford, Summer-freshman
  Welch-Physical Therapy

Crosby, Kelly-freshman
  Glenpool-Drafting and Design

Croswell, Josh-freshman
  Comanche-Physical Education

Crow, Charles-freshman
  Miami-Medical Lab Tech

Culwell, Angela-sophomore
  Tulsa-Physical Therapy

Curry, Troy-sophomore
  Girard, Kan.-Speech

Dalgarn, Joe-freshman
  Miami-Computer Science

Daniel, Kevin-sophomore
  West Fork, Ark.-Music

Dannall, Jennifer-freshman
  Enid-General Studies

Daugherty, Jane-sophomore
  Miami-Business

Davis, Tim-freshman
  Owasso-General Studies

Deatheridge, Bobby-freshman
  Dewey-Nursing

Deramo, Julie-sophomore
  Talala-General Studies

Diederich, Amy-sophomore
  Grove-Pre-Medicine

Dietlin, Mary-freshman
  Tulsa-Agriculture

Dillon, Kristin-freshman
  Tulsa-Psychology

Dirickson, Landon-sophomore
  Tulsa-Pre-Law

Dixon, Chad-sophomore
  Vinita-Agriculture

Donaldson, Erick-freshman
  Broken Arrow-Drafting and Design

Donohew, Tiffany-freshman
  Gentry, Ark.-Business

Dooley, Courtney-freshman
  Commerce-Pre-Engineering

Doss, Susan-freshman
  Joplin, Mo.-Wellness

Downing, Cicely-sophomore
  Vinita-Physical Education

Drury, Dan-freshman
  Newcastle-Pre-Athletic Training
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Durborow, Kelly-freshman
Cleveland-General Studies
Dutton, Matt-freshman
Oklahoma City-General Studies
Duvall, Denise-freshman
Claremore-Pre-Medicine
Edmondson, Shane-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies
Edwards, Valerie-freshman
Broken Arrow-Secondary Education

Edwards, Wes-sophomore
Enid-Radio and Television
Emert, Adam-sophomore
Bartlesville-Wellness
Epperly, Kelli-freshman
Monet, Mo.-Radio and Television
Edick, Lisa-sophomore
Hominy-Elementary Education
Evans, Anthony-sophomore
Tulsa-Child Development

Lending a Helping Hand is new financial aid director Cyndi Hoyt as freshman Kari Clift, of Lexington, seeks advice. Hoyt joined the college during September as a replacement for former director Jeannie Shore.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Evans, LaQuitta-freshman  
Waukegan, Ill.-Child Development

Farmer, Andrew-sophomore  
Miami-Psychology

Fidler, Cassie-freshman  
Fairland-Biology

Fields, Jonathan-freshman  
Pauls Valley-Physical Education

Flannigan, Tara-sophomore  
Miami-Pre-Optometry

Fleming, Mendi-freshman  
Locust Grove-Journalism

Fletcher, Natalie-freshman  
Tulsa-General Studies

Floyd, Amecia-sophomore  
Tulsa-Zoology

Floyd, Chasity-freshman  
Grove-Pre-Vet Medicine

Floyd, Latrecia-sophomore  
Tulsa-Social Science

Fogel, Justin-freshman  
Caulfield, Mo.-Forestry

Forbes, Tyshaan-freshman  
Tulsa-Child Development

Fore, Jesse-freshman  
Claremore-Criminal Justice

Forester, LaTrisha-freshman  
Miami-Physical Therapy

Fracek, Elizabeth-freshman  
Grove-Psychology

Franklin, Misty-freshman  
Carterville, Mo.-Physical Therapy

Freeland, Kelly-sophomore  
Ava, Mo.-Agriculture

French, Jesse-freshman  
Tulsa-General Studies

Frost, Cynthia-sophomore  
Afton-Nursing

Gardner, Rebecca-freshman  
Claremore-Criminal Justice

Garner, Doug-freshman  
Little Rock, Ark.-Pre-Nursing

Gastel, Angie-sophomore  
Jasper, Mo.-Agriculture

Gattling, Cruz-freshman  
Tulsa-Computer Science

Gault, Prentice-freshman  
Oklahoma City-Psychology

Gee, Brandon-freshman  
Clayton-Equine
Mopping Up after more than six inches of rain fell in less than a 24-hour period one September afternoon to cause minor flooding in the Harrill Hall women’s dormitory is sophomore Sheila Howry of Billings. The dorm roof was repaired and no more leaks occurred during the school year.

Gee, Regina-sophomore
Antlers-Psychology

Geminden, Gavin-freshman
Carrier-Animal Science

Gensamer, Brian-sophomore
Marlow-Forestry

Gerlaugh, Debbie-freshman
Grove-Pre-Nursing

Gibbs, John-sophomore
Verona, Mo.-Pre-Athletic Training

Giddings, Lawson-freshman
McAlester-General Studies

Gilkey, Jennifer-sophomore
Pawhuska-Elementary Education

Gillmore, Jim-freshman
Moundridge, Kan.-Equine

Gitonga, Njari-sophomore
Nairobi, Kenya-Radio and Television

Gitonga, Wamaitha-freshman
Nairobi, Kenya-Business Management
Gonzales, Nathan-freshman
Yale-Art

Gordon, Brenda-freshman
Miami-General Studies

Graff, Keith-sophomore
Chickasha-History

Graham, Heidi-freshman
Copan-Elementary Education

Graham, Kelly-freshman
Miami-Psychology

Grayson, Michael-freshman
Bartlesville-Elementary Education

Green, Diamond-sophomore
Beggs-Business

Green, Erin-freshman
Miami-Medical Lab Technology

Green, Marlon-sophomore
Aurora, Colo.-Biology

Green, Stephan-sophomore
Kansas City, Mo.-General Studies

Grigsby, Derek-freshman
Welch-Biology

Grigsby, Joel-sophomore
Miami-Biology

Griswold, Melanie-freshman
Miami-English

Guthrie, Charles-freshman
Vinita-General Studies

Hale, Mike-sophomore
Midland, Texas-Pre-Engineering

Hall, Eric-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Hall, Taneesa-sophomore
Bradleyville, Mo.-Pre-Vet Medicine

Hall, Valerie-sophomore
Miami-Nursing

Hallett, Clint-sophomore
Delaware-Agriculture

Hanewich, Brad-sophomore
Rensselaer, Ind.-Animal Science

Hardy, Nelda-sophomore
Grove-Legal Assistant

Harlin, Chris-sophomore
Muskogee-Pre-Engineering

Harper, Jerod-sophomore
Oklahoma City-Agriculture

Harris, Becky-sophomore
Welch-Nursing

Harris, Daniel-freshman
Inola-Radio and Television
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Harris, James-freshman
Tulsa-Physical Education
Harris, Jason-sophomore
Tulsa-Physical Education
Harris, Keri-freshman
Grove-General Studies
Hartling, Kim-sophomore
Enid-Social Work
Haskell, Brian-freshman
Moreno Valley, Calif.-Physical Education
Haskins, Nathan-sophomore
Miami-General Studies
Hatter, Mavis-sophomore
Claremore-Pre-Law
Hawthorne, Janet-freshman
Afton-Business
Hayden, Casey-sophomore
Salina-Agriculture
Hayes, Bekki-sophomore
Delaware-Physical Education

Now Let Me Tell You One Thing said Vida Powers, played by Abby Cox, a sophomore from Bolivar, Mo., to Gus Gilbert, played by Ben Stovall, a sophomore from Picher, during a scene from The Night Hank Williams Died presented by Theatre NEO.

Photo by Tim Ingram
Hayward, Danielle-sophomore
  Welch-Pre-Dentistry

Hellwig, Cheyanna-freshman
  Butler, Mo.-Agriculture

Hennesy, Lazarus-freshman
  Oklahoma City-General Studies

Henson, Jonathon-freshman
  Muldrow-Music

Herrin, Debbie-sophomore
  Grove-Psychology

Hicks, Antony-sophomore
  Vinita-Business Management

Hicks, Karen-freshman
  Vinita-Pre-Nursing

Hildebrand, Tisha-sophomore
  Plato, Mo.-General Studies

Hill, Kristy-freshman
  Miami-Pre-Athletic Training

Hinton, Ronald-freshman
  Tulsa-Social Work

Hitchcock, Mandy-sophomore
  Vinita-Business

Hodge, Steven-freshman
  Miami-Physical Therapy

Hodges, Paul-freshman
  Owasso-Pre-Engineering

Holsinger, Jennifer-sophomore
  Gaston, Ind.-Equine

Holt, Dylan-freshman
  Seneca, Mo.-Physical Therapy

Honey, Ruth-freshman
  Miami-Business Management

Hook, John-sophomore
  Purcell-History

Hootman, Tracie-freshman
  Keosauqua, Iowa-Agriculture

Horsley, Anna-Marie-sophomore
  Edmond-General Studies

Houck, April-sophomore
  Jay-General Studies

Housman, Shandrea-sophomore
  Vinita-Child Development

Howe, Jesse-freshman
  Miami-Drafting and Design

Howry, Shelia-sophomore
  Billings-Medical Office Assistant

Hudson, Luke-freshman
  Mountain Home, Ark.-Ranch Management

Hughes, Brian-freshman
  Carthage, Mo.-Computer Science
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Major Name Change was named at the former Baptist Student Union located just north of the main campus. After more than 40 years the organization changed to Baptist Collegiate Ministry under the co-direction of Dr. Debbie and Bobby Lipscomb.

Hughes, Carissa-freshman
Miami-General Studies

Humphrey, Byron-freshman
Haskell-Ranch Management

Ihm, Josey-freshman
Carthage, Mo.-Equine

Ingram, Stacy-freshman
Ochelata-Child Development

Inkelaar, Kelly-sophomore
Afton-Secondary Education

Irvin, Jon-sophomore
Bartleville-Physical Education

Jackson, Jamil-freshman
Oklahoma City-Art

Jackson, Javin-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies

Jackson, Justin-freshman
Sand Springs-Pre-Medicine

Jackson, Roni-sophomore
Broken Arrow-General Studies
Jackson, Shannon-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Jacobson, Melissa-freshman
Afton-Pre-Nursing

James, Lindsay-sophomore
Welch-Social Work

Jameson, Stacey-sophomore
Bluejacket-Medical Lab Tech

Jarvis, Lindsay-sophomore
Grove-General Studies

Jensen, Tim-sophomore
Tonkawa, Agriculture

Jessup, Catey-sophomore
Winchester, Ind.-Accounting

Jimenez, Anthony-freshman
Tampa, Fla.-Business

Jinkens, Travis-freshman
Chester-Agriculture

Johns, James-freshman
McAlester-Agriculture

Johnson, Colin-freshman
Oklahoma City-Pre-Nursing

Johnson, Denise-freshman
Gentry, Ark.-General Studies

Johnson, Scott-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Jones, Brandon-freshman
Quapaw-Pre-Vet Medicine

Jones, Lacameron-freshman
Oklahoma City-Music

Jones, Leslie-freshman
Salem, Mo.-Business

Jones, Nathan-sophomore
Chickasha-Criminal Justice

Jones, Paul-sophomore
Wewoka-Physical Education

Kalamar, Attila-freshman
Budapest, Hungary-Business

Kalamar, Zoltan-freshman
Budapest, Hungary-Business

Kelloher, Sara-sophomore
Sarcoxie, Mo.-Social Science

Kelly, Robert-freshman
Nicoma Park-Agriculture

Kenworthy, Kassi-freshman
Welch-Pre-Vet Medicine

Kihenia, Alvin-freshman
Nairobi, Kenya-Computer Science

Kihenia, Amy-freshman
Nairobi, Kenya-General Studies
Kloeppel, Tyson-freshman
Santa Fe, N.M.-Business

Knight, Katie-sophomore
Picher-Social Work

Kress, Ginger-freshman
Miami-Speech

Kriebiel, Jesse-freshman
Barnsdall-Criminal Justice

Kropp, David-freshman
Quapaw-General Studies

Lambert, Susan-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Lane, Chris-sophomore
Okmulgee-Radio and Television

Lane, Jenny-freshman
Okmulgee-General Studies

Law, Latanna-sophomore
Oklahoma City-Elementary Education

Lee, Stephanie-sophomore
Henryetta-Pre-Engineering

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Water-Water Everywhere even after baseball coach Roger Ward and his squad worked all fall to improve Homa Thomas Field as heavy rains both in late fall and late spring covered the field with murky Tar Creek flood water.
Lewis, Jana-freshman  
Miami-Agriculture
Lindly, Jeff-freshman  
Jay-General Studies
Little, Traci-freshman  
Checotah-General Studies
Littlejohn, Lacresha-sophomore  
Tulsa-Child Development
Livingston, Sara-sophomore  
Miami-Journalism

Lo, Vivi-sophomore  
Wheaton, Mo.-Business
Lockhart, Josh-freshman  
Tulsa-General Studies
Lockman, Dewayne-freshman  
Bartlesville-Drafting and Design
Longan, Melissa-sophomore  
Miami-Secondary Education
Longan, Michael-sophomore  
Miami-Secondary Education

Longshore, Colby-freshman  
Stilwell-Forestry
Lott, Jennifer-freshman  
Pawhuska-General Studies
Lucus, Lee Ann-freshman  
Vinita-Wellness
Lucero, Melissa-freshman  
Hitchita-Criminal Justice
Macrory, Tasha-freshman  
Edmond-Music

Mahan, Charles-freshman  
Tulsa-General Studies
Mahan, Leslie-freshman  
Kansas (Okla.)-Pre-Nursing
Malcom, John-freshman  
Chelsea-Physical Education
Malgarn, Jon-freshman  
Chanute, Kan.-Agriculture
Malham, Jon-sophomore  
Broken Arrow-General Studies

Mangum, Lacey-sophomore  
Quapaw-Journalism
Masters, Bert-sophomore  
Miami-Social Work
Mavengere, Billy-sophomore  
Miami-Electronics
Mayfield, Jennifer-freshman  
Miami-Business
Mayo, Ryan-freshman  
Sallisaw-Psychology
Bring on Mike Tyson was the chant as two unidentified students strap on the “big gloves” during a visit of the Big Toys as part of the Spring Fling week-long activities held in April on campus.

Mays, Doug-freshman
Miami-Business

McAffery, Chad-sophomore
Welch-Forestry

McBroom, Jennifer-freshman
Mannford-Business

McCormick, Susan-freshman
Anderson, Mo.-Physical Therapy

McCurry, Wes-sophomore
Blackwell-Ranch Management

Martin, Scotty-sophomore
Tulsa-Physical Education

McDonald, Keri-freshman
Afton-Pre-Nursing

McDonald, Reba-freshman
Canby, Oregon-Agriculture

McIntyre, Quinren-freshman
Lockwood, Mo.-Agriculture

McKenzie, Katrina-sophomore
Kasson, Minn.-Equine
McLain, Tara-sophomore
  Welch-Child Development
McNeely, Dustin-freshman
  Gallatin, Mo.-Equine
McReynolds, Justin-freshman
  Siloam Springs, Ark.-Equine
McWhirt, Christina-freshman
  Council Hill, Mo.-Pre-Nursing
Meadows, David-freshman
  Miami-Computer Science

Menifee, Willie-sophomore
  Madill-General Studies
Mickelson, Derek-freshman
  Bartlesville-Speech
Miller, Patrick-freshman
  Sapulpa-Social Work
Million, Heath-sophomore
  Catoosa-Pre-Engineering
Mills, Shawn-sophomore
  Enid-Physical Education

Mincher, DeLena-sophomore
  Seminole-Journalism
Mitchell, Rocky-sophomore
  Duncan-Physical Education
Mitchell, Shawn-freshman
  Oklahoma City-General Studies
Marshall, Jeremy-freshman
  Tahlequah-General Studies
Moon, Brian-sophomore
  Tulsa-Business

Mooney, Andra-sophomore
  Welch-General Studies
Moran, Kaci-sophomore
  Tulsa-Pre-Vet Medicine
Morgan, William-sophomore
  Commerce-Psychology
Morris, Hardy-sophomore
  Edmond-Agriculture
Mothershed, Kokain-freshman
  Oklahoma City-Physical Education

Moxey, Tacara-freshman
  Nassau, Bahamas-Computer Science
Neher, Bambie-sophomore
  Joplin, Mo.-Nursing
Nelson, Andrew-sophomore
  Branson, Mo.-Wellness
Niehus, Nate-sophomore
  Grove-General Studies
Norton, Queena-sophomore
  Ketchum-Computer Science
Change Places  was the order of the day given by Steve Whitesell (far right), coordinator of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, during a meeting of the organization at Robertson Field. More than 170 student-athletes participated in the event.
Page, Lindsay-sophomore
Grove-Music
Page, Shane-sophomore
Commerce-Wellness
Parker, Darnell-freshman
Tulsa-Music
Parker, Justin-freshman
Vinita-Computer Science
Parrish, Leslie-freshman
Miami-Computer Science

Patterson, Micah-freshman
Lindsay-General Studies
Peerson, Sandy-freshman
Odessa, Mo.-Pre-Dentistry
Pendergraft, Tonia-sophomore
Joplin, Mo.-Child Development
Penick, Mary-sophomore
Coffeyville, Kan.-Agriculture
Pereel, Rebekah-sophomore
Pryor-Social Work

Perry, Janna-sophomore
Miami-Nursing
Pettay, Kylie-sophomore
Rogers, Ark.-Ranch Management
Poe, Sandra-freshman
Miami-Pre-Nursing
Pollan, Casey-freshman
Grove-Animal Science
Poteete, Sherard-sophomore
Webbers Falls-General Studies

Powell, Brandon-freshman
Paoli-Physical Education
Prock, Chris-sophomore
Claremore-Criminal Justice
Prosser, Kevin-sophomore
Aurora, Colo.-Physical Education
Provence, Tommie-sophomore
Copan-Elementary Education
Railey, Valarie-freshman
Jay-Criminal Justice

Raley, Brandon-freshman
Oklahoma City-Mathematics
Ramer, Michael-freshman
Nowata-Physical Therapy
Ramey, Rickie-freshman
Afton-General Studies
Ramey, Tammi-sophomore
Miami-Surgical Technology
Rawls, Terri-freshman
Owasso-Art
Finding a Partner was difficult as students crowded into the United Rubber Workers building located on Goodrich Boulevard for a dance during Spring Fling which was put on by Eskimo Joe’s Road Crew.

Rehder, Joe Bill-freshman
Enid-Forestry

Reichmuth, Amanda-freshman
Owasso-General Studies

Reints, Christina-freshman
Sarcoxie, Mo.-Pre-Engineering

Richards, Jake-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Richardson, James-freshman
Wagoner-General Studies

Richardson, Meka-sophomore
Tulsa-Medical Assistant

Richardson, Ramon-sophomore
Broken Arrow-Physical Education

Rickman, Kris-freshman
Purdy, Mo.-Agriculture

Riddles, Darren-sophomore
Mustang-General Studies

Riggen, Darrin-freshman
Aurora, Mo.-Music
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Sanders, T.J.-freshman
Nowata-Criminal Justice

Sarber, Ken-sophomore
Fair Grove, Mo.-Pre-Athletic Training

Bush, Heath-freshman
Chickasha-Agriculture

Scott, Casie-freshman
Quapaw-Physical Education

Scott, Kevin-freshman
Miami-Physical Therapy

Scribner, Bill-sophomore
Miami-Speech

Sears, Kurtis-sophomore
Nowata-Agriculture

Sehi, Justin-freshman
Weatherford-Ranch Management

Selig, Staci-sophomore
Exeter, Mo.-Speech

Shambles, John-sophomore
Bartlesville-Pre-Engineering

Proving a Helping Hand for class enrollment by Aleksandar Ostojic, a foreign exchange student at Viniaa High School from Kosovo, was Keith Sutton, director of the International Student program at the college.

Photo by Tim Ingram
Shapp, Billy-freshman
Afton-Secondary Education

Sharp, Kevin-freshman
Morrison, Colo.-Physical Education

Shaver, Kendrick-freshman
Eufaula-Business

Shaw, LeAnne-freshman
Jay-Psychology

Sheffield, January-freshman
Afton-General Studies

Shelton, Adam-freshman
Claremore-Radio and Television

Shimizu, T.J.-freshman
Toronto, Can.-General Studies

Shreeve, Jennifer-freshman
Eagle, Colo.-Elementary Education

Shrestha, Anup-freshman
Kathmandu, Nepal-Pre-Engineering

Sierks, Brad-freshman
Gentry, Ark.-Pre-Engineering

Smallwood, Brandi-freshman
Antlers-Agriculture

Smiles, Lachelle-freshman
Neosho, Mo.-Physical Therapy

Smith, Dahalia-freshman
Nassau, Bahamas-Speech

Smith, DeAnn-freshman
Miami-General Studies

Smith, Greg-freshman
Midwest City-General Studies

Smith, Hannah-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies

Smith, Harold-sophomore
Midwest City-Radio and Television

Smith, Katrina-sophomore
Pierce City, Mo.-Computer Science

Smith, Kylie-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies

Smith, Sinamon-sophomore
Kansas City, Mo.-Radio and Television

Smith, Tammie-freshman
Miami-Pre-Nursing

Snyder, Bonnie-freshman
Miami-Pre-Nursing

Song, Lisa-freshman
Wars-Secondary Education

Sorensen, Ashley-freshman
Whiting, Iowa-Elementary Education

Sparks, Kim-freshman
Neosho, Mo.-Criminal Justice
Purchasing Textbooks was a very trying situation in the college bookstore whether it was at the start of each semester or after classes had started. Students scrambled to find the money to cover the cost of books.

Spencer, Mary-sophomore
Welch-Secondary Education

Stafford, Greg-sophomore
Miami-General Studies

Steinbrink, Benita-freshman
Plato, Mo.-Business

Stephens, Kimberly-sophomore
Grove-Accounting

Stephens, Leslie-sophomore
Afton-Physical Therapy

Stout, Chris-freshman
Chelsea-Ranch Management

Strider, Rachel-freshman
Miami-Speech

Strong, Justin-freshman
Ava, Mo.-Pre-Vet Medicine

Sturch, John-freshman
Moore-General Studies

Styles, Matt-freshman
Grove-Criminal Justice
Simmermaker, Erin-freshman
Arroyo Grande, Calif.-Agriculture
Sutton, Jacob-freshman
Miami-General Studies
Swalley, Ed-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies
Swindall, Shawn-freshman
Oklahoma City-Physical Education
Taguchi, Satoko-freshman
Tokyo, Japan-Business

Tanner, Lisa-freshman
Jay-Agriculture
Taylor, Edwin Ray-freshman
Miami-Biology
Taylor, Freddy-sophomore
Kansas City, Mo.-General Studies
Teel, Justin-sophomore
Grove-General Studies
Tew, Keith-freshman
Pryor-Pre-Engineering

Teygong, Jotham-freshman
Nairobi, Kenya-Computer Science
Thacker, Janet-freshman
Barnard, Mo.-Equine
Thomas, Juqua-sophomore
Houston, Texas-Physical Education
Thompson, Amanda-freshman
Cincinnati, Ohio-General Studies
Thompson, Jeff-sophomore
Tahlequah-Speech

Thompson, Joseph-freshman
Tulsa-Physical Therapy
Thompson, Linda-freshman
Grove-General Studies
Tiggs, Josh-freshman
Tacoma, Wash.-General Studies
Tillman, Pete-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies
Timchak, John-sophomore
Sperry-Agriculture

Tipton, Matt-freshman
Grove-General Studies
Tittsworth, Carrie-freshman
Reeds Springs, Mo.-Criminal Justice
Toney, Cameo-freshman
Lamoni, Iowa-Equine
Torres, Rene-freshman
Broken Arrow-Criminal Justice
Torres, Steven-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies
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Toulouse, Jesse-freshman  
Bartlesville-General Studies

Trapani, Stephanie-freshman  
Lebanon, Mo.-Music

Trollinger, Brandy-sophomore  
Watts-Child Development

Tucker, Eric-freshman  
Tahlequah-General Studies

Tucker, Jeff-sophomore  
Wagoner-Criminal Justice

Tunnell, Amanda-freshman  
Miami-Psychology

Turner, Jennifer-freshman  
Jay-General Studies

Turner, Mark-sophomore  
Bixby-Agriculture

Turner, Rashad-sophomore  
Hugo-Pre-Medicine

Tyler, Jerry-sophomore  
Vinita-Physical Education

Pow-Wow Drums were sounding during both the fall and spring pow-wows held on campus and sponsored by the Native American Student Association. Both events attracted large crowds.

Photo by Sara Livingston
Vandrell, John-sophomore
Tulsa-General Studies
Van Woudenbery, Michael-freshman
Glenpool-General Studies
Vasey, Diana-freshman
Collinsville-Pre-Nursing
Vieira, Melanie-freshman
Grover Beach, Calif.-Equine
Walker, Cheryl-freshman
Elkins, Ark.-Pre-Vet Medicine
Walker, Kathryn-freshman
Afton-Medical Office
Walkup, Darren-sophomore
Miami-Business
Wallace, Beau-sophomore
Broken Arrow-General Studies
Wallace, Jimmy-freshman
Flippin, Ark.-Ranch Management
Wallace, Kwasi-freshman
Wewoka-General Studies
Walton, Fred-freshman
Tulsa-Secondary Education
Walton, Noleen-freshman
Tulsa-Computer Science
Ware, Dennis-freshman
Vinita-Agriculture
Washington, James-freshman
Hobart-Physical Education
Watkins, Cory-freshman
Carrier-Agriculture
Weaver, Jennifer-sophomore
Vinita-Pre-Pharmacy
Webb, Jason-freshman
Collinsville-Secondary Education
Webb, Keith-freshman
Charleston, S.C.-General Studies
Webb, Mikayla-sophomore
Jay-Secondary Education
Weirick, Carolyn-sophomore
Berea, Ohio-General Studies
Weishaupt, Tandy-freshman
Fallon, Nev.-Agriculture
West, Kattrina-sophomore
Jay-Psychology
West, Mike-sophomore
Stilwell-General Studies
West, Ray-freshman
Sallisaw-General Studies
Wheeler, Brian-freshman
Broken Arrow-General Studies
In Your Face as Kelli Lewis, head resident of Harrill Hall, delivers a cream pie to the face of freshman Roberta Boren of Atoka during a football pep rally and picnic held in the mall area between Dyer Hall and the Fine Arts Center.

Whisenhunt, Chris-freshman
Chelsea-Physical Therapy
White, Latasha-freshman
Chicago, Ill.-Criminal Justice
White, Melody-freshman
Tulsa-Business
Whitley, Garet-freshman
Cassville, Mo.-Agriculture
Wicker, Laurie-sophomore
Bentonville, Ark.-Equine

Wicker, Matt-freshman
Cotter, Ark.-Ranch Management
Wiggins, Christi-freshman
Afton-Medical Office
Williams, Brandon-freshman
Beggs-General Studies
Williams, Katreena-freshman
Tulsa-Pre-Nursing
Williams, Michael-sophomore
Tulsa-Business Management
Williams, Stephen-freshman
Tampa, Fla.-Drafting and Design

Williamson, Dominic-sophomore
Beggs-General Studies

Williamson, Kevin-sophomore
Oklahoma City-Physical Education

Willis, Melissa-freshman
Vinita-Pre-Nursing

Wills, Josh-freshman
Pawnee-Agriculture

Willoughby, Elizabeth-sophomore
Sarcoxie, Mo.-Forestry

Wilson, Marlin-freshman
Tulsa-Radio and Television

Wilson, Melvin-sophomore
Tulsa-Computer Science

Windle, Katherine-sophomore
Bluejacket-Business

Withers, Brent-sophomore
Edmond-General Studies

Wolski, Nicole-freshman
Tuttle-General Studies

Woods, Hunter-sophomore
Hominy-Physical Education

Woods, Osric-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Woods, Whitney-freshman
Eucha-Child Development

Woodworth, Nathan-freshman
Ramona-Pre-Engineering

Wortham, Dorothy-sophomore
Tulsa-Child Development

Wright, Regina-sophomore
Miami-Social Work

Wyatt, Trevor-sophomore
Bartlesville-Computer Science

Wyckoff, Calvin-freshman
Tulsa-General Studies

Yates, Travis-sophomore
Kingsville, Mo.-Agriculture

Yi, Connie-freshman
Miami-Physical Therapy

Yocum, Clay-sophomore
Lewisville, Texas-Speech

Yoder, Eric-freshman
Chouteau-Agriculture

Young, Clint-sophomore
Midlothian, Texas-General Studies

Zinter, Jeremy-freshman
Claremore-Forestry
Who’s Who

Gee

Gitonga

Grigsby

Hallett

Hatter

James

McKenzie

Scribner

Sears

Spencer

Thompson

Willoughby

Clinton Hallett, an agriculture economics major from Delaware, has earned a 3.78 grade point average. He has served as Student Body Government Representative for the Aggie Society, and been a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Equine Club. Hallett is also a member of the Equine judging team. He is the son of Roger and Sandra Hallett of Delaware.

Mavis Hatter, a sophomore from Claremore, has maintained a 3.7 grade point average as a secondary education major. Hatter has served as secretary for the Student Body Government, vice president of fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa, and captain of the Norse Stars Drill Team. She is the daughter of Melody Passmore of Claremore.

Lindsay James is a social work major from Welch, with a 3.85 grade point average. James has served as secretary for the honor fraternity Phi Theta Kappa and treasurer of the Social Work Club. She has helped organize and participated in several campus activities including the annual PTK Quiz Bowl. She is the daughter of Doug and Jane James.

Katrina McKenzie, an animal science major from Kasson, Minn., has earned a 3.83 grade point average while serving as secretary of the Equine Club, a member of the Foreign Language Club, and a student ambassador. She is also a member of the Equine judging team and has place in several national contests. She is the daughter of Don and Darla McKenzie of Kasson.

William Scribner is a theater major from Oologah with a 3.9 grade point average. Scribner has served as the vice president of the Masquers Club and been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the NEO Choir, and the Psychology Club. He is an accomplished actor starring in several Theatre NEO productions and is a member of the NEO Speech Team. He is the son of Beverly Scribner.

Kurtis Sears, an agriculture economics major from Nowata, has earned a 3.69 grade point average. Sears has served as vice president of the Aggie Society, a representative for Student Body Government, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Sears is also a member of the NEO Livestock judging team. He is the son of Dwight and Susan Sears of Nowata.

Mary Spencer of Welch, has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average as an English education major. She has served as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa and has also been instrumental in helping organize campus events such as the High School Quiz Bowl and Junior Quiz Bowl. She is the daughter of Jean Eckles of Welch.

Jeffrey Thompson is a theater major with a 3.7 grade point average. The Tahlequah native has served as president of the Masquers Club and been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the NEO Concert Choir, Meistersingers, and the Psychology Club. Thompson has also appeared in seven main stage theater productions and is a member of the speech team. He is the son of Wade and Donna Thompson of Tahlequah.

Elizabeth Willoughby, an engineering major from Sarcoxie, Mo., has earned a 3.84 grade point average while attending NEO. She has served as secretary and president of the Engineers Club and has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She has helped with many campus events including Aggie Day, Math Day, and the NEO Science Fair. She is the daughter of William and Rayna Willoughby.

Reflecting the academic excellence from six college divisions, 12 students were selected to the 1999 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Now in its 33rd year, this program has annually bestowed this honor on outstanding campus leaders representing over 1,200 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries.

Regina Gee of Antlers is a psychology major with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Gee is active in several campus organizations including the Aggie Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Equine Club, and the Psychology Club. She also is a member of the NEO Equine Judging Team and Rodeo Team. She is the daughter of Wade Gee of Antlers.

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Club.

He is an active member of several campus organizations including the Aggie Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Equine Club, and the Psychology Club. He is the daughter of Melody Passmore of Claremore.

Sears has served as vice president of the Aggie Society, a representative for Student Body Government, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Sears is also a member of the NEO Livestock judging team. He is the son of Dwight and Susan Sears of Nowata.

Mary Spencer of Welch, has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average as an English education major. She has served as vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa and has also been instrumental in helping organize campus events such as the High School Quiz Bowl and Junior Quiz Bowl. She is the daughter of Jean Eckles of Welch.

Jeffrey Thompson is a theater major with a 3.7 grade point average. The Tahlequah native has served as president of the Masquers Club and been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the NEO Concert Choir, Meistersingers, and the Psychology Club. Thompson has also appeared in seven main stage theater productions and is a member of the speech team. He is the son of Wade and Donna Thompson of Tahlequah.

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Dr. Mayle guides Norse ship

Assuming control of the rudder of the great Norse ship on Jan. 1, 1998, Dr. Glenn E. Mayle completed his first year as the 14th president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

During Dr. Mayle’s first year, the college opened an Education Center in Grove, hired a new vice president for academic affairs, completed numerous campus renovations, and completed a restructuring of the academic program.

Prior to coming to NEO, Dr. Mayle served five years as president of Gavilan Community College in Gilroy, Calif.

Before serving as president of Gavilan Community College, Dr. Mayle was president of Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., from 1985 to 1993.

Dr. Mayle also served as chief academic officer and dean of instruction at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Ariz. While at Arizona Western Dr. Mayle also served a brief stint as acting athletic director.

After receiving a bachelor’s degree from Arizona State University in Tempe, Dr. Mayle earned a master of arts degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Dr. Mayle received a doctorate in educational administration from Northern Arizona University.
Dr. Barry Vann, former associate professor of geography at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., assumed the duties of vice president for academic affairs at the start of the 1998-99 fall semester.

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Vann also served as chairman of the political science division at Delta State.

Dr. Vann succeeded Dr. Jim Lovell who retired in May after serving three years as vice president.

Selected from a field of 50 applicants, Dr. Vann assumed the responsibility for coordinating programs in six academic divisions.

During his first year as academic vice president at NEO, Dr. Vann developed a major realignment of the academic programs which created three schools which were headed by three academic deans.

Dr. Vann began his educational career by earning an associate degree from Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn. in 1985, followed by a bachelor’s degree in social science education from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville in 1988.

Dr. Vann earned a master’s degree in geography from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green in 1990, and his doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas in 1993.

Dr. Vann went to Delta State University in 1993 upon earning his doctorate where he taught teacher education courses and helped develop four degree programs and along with administering 11 degree tracks.

Along with his teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Vann has done several research projects and had been published in over seven journals over the last few years.
Agriculture

Jary Douglas
Division Chair
Lawson Essex
College Farm Manager
Roger Fent
Agriculture Instructor

Dr. Jim Gleckler
Forestry Instructor
Kevin Pool
Equine Instructor
Dr. Pete Smith
Agriculture Instructor

Listening to Reasons for swine evaluation during a practice session by the college Livestock Judging Team at the Ottawa County Free Fair were Jary Douglas (left), head coach and chair of the agriculture division, and Roger Fent (seated on fence), agriculture instructor.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
School Spirit was on display as the student body erupts during the Southwest Junior College Football Championship game played at Robertson Field.
Free Fans were offered by members of Phi Beta Lambda, National Business Fraternity, to students visiting their booth during a campus-wide orientation day sponsored by the student affairs department.

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Dr. Fred Patrick
Division Chair
Jeff Aldridge
Electronics/Physics/Mathematics
Shirley Coker
Business
Ronald Combs
Plastics Technology/Drafting

Pat Creech
Accounting
Jeb DeHanas
Technology/Electronics
Chris Fancher
Business
Jim Grover
Computer Science
Edwin “Chip” Hammons
Computer Science

Joy Heron
Business
Douglas Lee
Welding
Steven Leonard
Computer Science
Chuck Levo
Business
Jan Stukey
Business
Offering Advice was the Wizard of Oz, played by Justin Trombly of Webb City, Mo., to the Cowardly Lion, played by LeAnn Mayberry of Vinita.
Studying Specimens  by several members of the Medical Lab Technology program during a lab class held in the Health Science building located in the southeast corner of the main campus.

Bethene Fahnestock  
Division Chair  
Elizabeth Follis  
Nursing  
Judy Hancock  
Surgical Technology

Kay Harris  
Medical Lab Technology  
Pat McConnell  
Nursing  
Barbara Taylor  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Peggy Wood  
Nursing

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Health Science Faculty
Dr. Mark Grigsby  
Division Chair  
Orland Aldridge  
Mathematics  
Vickie Berry  
Mathematics  
David Dallas  
Biological Science

Greg Dlabach  
Mathematics  
Randy Jones  
Chemistry  
Mary Kirkpatrick  
Chemistry  
John Lomax  
Mathematics  
Matt Mayfield  
Physics and Mathematics

Robert Miller  
Mathematics  
Jeremy Radebaugh  
Developmental Mathematics  
Karen Rogers  
Mathematics  
Betty Spradlin  
Biological Science/Microbiology  
Sam Wells  
Physical Science/Geology

Discussing Career Opportunities in the field of engineering, science and mathematics during the Freshman Orientation Day on the main mall were co-sponsor's of the Engineers Club Mary Kirkpatrick and Randy Jones.

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Support Staff

Carolyn Anderson
Library Assistant
Dennis Atkinson
Student Union Building Attendant

Flo Atkinson
Staff Nurse
Brad Ballard
Dyer Hall Assistant Head Resident
Verna Bass
Recruitment Office Secretary
Carolyn Berry
Data Control Payroll Clerk

Geneva Blair
Food Services
Shirley Blair
Computer Center Support Technician
Bert Bland
Food Services
Darrel Blevins
Shipley Hall Building Attendant

Sandy Blevins
Assistant Head Cashier
Nancy Brady
Learning Resource Center Secretary
Frances Burleson
Harrill Hall Building Attendant
Pamela Bushyhead
Post Office Clerk

Cheryl Butler
Director of Counseling
Catherine Capansky
Food Services
Ron Capansky
Food Services
Jerry Cavin
Food Services
Support Staff

Joan Clapp  
Bookstore Manager
Grace Ann Combs  
Assistant Bookstore Manager

Janice Coppock  
Library Assistant
Bob Cover  
Food Services
Kathy Crownover  
Business, Computers & Technology Secretary
David Deets  
Dyer Hall Assistant Head Resident

Kathryn Dlabach  
Coordinator of Resident Life/Discipline
Elizabeth Durborow  
Food Services
Pauline Edwards  
Basic Skills Specialist
Kevin Eifert  
Print Shop Manager

Terry Eifert  
Print Shop Composition Coordinator
Carolyn Ellington  
Dyer Hall West Building Attendant
Marcia Enyart  
Data Control Coordinator
Donald Fields  
Building Equipment Mechanic

Jerry Fields  
Library/Administration Building Attendant
Todd Fletcher  
Food Services
P.J. Frost  
Food Services
Kaye Graves  
Food Services
Support Staff

Bernice Grayson  
Food Services

Betty Griffith  
Food Services

Sharon Grigsby  
Business Office Purchasing Assistant

Kim Grimes  
Business Office Head Cashier

Steve Grimes  
Heating and Air Conditioning Mechanic

Darin Grover  
Vann Hall Head Resident

Kenda Grover  
Academic Counselor

Wanda Hawkins  
Copen Hall Custodian

Joyce Hayworth  
Food Services

Dianne Headlee  
Bookstore Sales Clerk

Gary Hodge  
Russell Hall Building Attendant

Leutisha Hogan  
Food Services

Ronald Howerton  
Food Services

Cyndi Hoyt  
Financial Aid Director

Sandra Hudson  
Food Services

Clifford Hulsey  
Food Services

Kathie Hulsey  
Athletics/Behavioral Science Secretary

Alberta Hutchings  
Library Assistant
Support Staff

Eric Iverson
Women’s Softball Coach
Dana Johnston
Off-Campus Coordinator/Grove Center

Alfreda Kelly
Food Services
Karen Key
Assistant Financial Aid Director
Helen King
Food Services
Julius Kline
Vending Machines Attendant

Mary Largent
Learning Resource Center Assistant Director
Gale Lee
Business Office Clerk
Kelli Lewis
Harrill Hall Head Resident
Glenda Longan
Office Assistant for Continuing Education

Lloyd Mahurin
Food Services
Rosemary Maloney
Postmistress
Jerry Marshall
Maintenance Department Painter
Jan Mathis
Maintenance Department Clerk

Jackie Matthews
Computer Center Programmer
Tamara McCarver
Food Services
Hazel McCoy
Food Services
Billie Minson
Engineering/Science Division Secretary
Support Staff

Connie Molder
College Recruiter
Michael Neal
Water Treatment Specialist

Barbara Orcutt
Auxiliary Services Office Manager
Matt Parker
Dyer Hall Assistant Head Resident
Donna Patterson
Vice President for Academic Affairs Staff Assistant
Mary Patterson
Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Staff Assistant

Shirley Patterson
Vice President for Student Affairs Staff Assistant
Bill Pfannenstiel
Reference Librarian
Jack Phillips
Food Services
Judy Poole
Testing and Assessment Director

Shirley Preston
Food Services
Stephanie Rapp
Computer Center Computer Operator
Rayma Redden
Bookstore Clerk
Karen Reil
Food Services

Peggy Rhine
Executive Assistant to the President
Tom Robertson
Campus Safety Officer
Sherri Rogers
Food Services
Jo Rooney
Switchboard Operator

People
Support Staff

Wendell Rooney
Maintenance Department Electrician
Ruby Saenz
Cunningham Hall Building Attendant
Geraldine Sherwood
Food Services

Sandhya Shresta-sophomore
Kathmandu, Nepal-Pre-Engineering
Melvin Simmons
Parking Control Officer
Lonnie Spencer
Academic Counselor
Donna Stephens
Food Services
Lisa Stovall
Reading Lab Assistant

Keith Sutton
International Student Coordinator
Pam Templin
Food Services
Teresa Thompson
Academic Counselor
Eula Tindell
Food Services
Patricia Todd
Food Services

Bonnie Tyler
Food Services
Luis Vasquez
Food Services
Chris Wains
Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach
Dolores White
Food Services
Rollie Williams
Maintenance Department Supervisor

Sue Williams
Auxiliary Services Secretary
Toby Woodworth
Maintenance Department Plumber
Bobby York
Food Services
Chris York
Food Services
Marsha York
Food Services

Support Staff
Memories were generated by Involvement

One of the key ingredients to retaining students on any college campus is the ability to offer a wide variety of social activities for students to participate in.

Students had an opportunity to become involved in any number of extracurricular campus clubs and organizations. Through the creation of a director of student activities and a coordinator of intramurals, Dr. Jim Atkinson, vice president of student affairs, served as the administrator responsible for the numerous activities on campus.

The governing body that coordinated these activities was the Student Body Government which featured representatives from the various organizations. The Student Body Government met every first and third Tuesday of each month.

Students living in the residence halls banded together to form the Resident Life Council. The council generated such activities as a block party, a trick-or-treat night, a ginger bread house building contest and other events.

Adult students could become members of the Older Wiser Learning Students group. The OWLS offered a total support system for the adult student.

NEO offered an organization for everyone. Students could join religious organizations like the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, the Christian Student Fellowship, the Wesley Foundation, Chi Alpha or the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Involvement in campus organizations creates active social life

More than 40 campus clubs and organizations offered students an opportunity to become involved in extracurricular activities throughout the school year. These activities were created to bring students together and mix the melting pot that comprises the NEO campus.

Under coordination of the Student Affairs Office, the Student Body Government generated several activities which involved campus clubs and organizations. Activities like Homecoming, the Haunted House, the Children’s Christmas party and other events attracted several clubs and organizations.

Pass the Banana. Two lines of members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes compete in a banana race during a weekly meeting at Robertson Field.

Photo by Susan Lambert
The Student Ambassadors Club was designed to provide campus-wide tours for prospective students and their parents throughout the entire year. Members of the club were, standing, from left: DeLena Mincher, sophomore, Seminole; Kari Clift, freshman, Tishomingo; Elizabeth Angle, freshman, Houston, Texas, and Darnell Parker, freshman, Tulsa. Seated, Mindy Fleming, freshman, Locust Grove; Josh Roten, freshman, Branson, Mo.; Pauline Boren, freshman, Antlers, and Ronnie Hopkins, sponsor and director of high school and college relations.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Athletic Training

Serving as certified trainers for six intercollegiate sports and numerous other athletic activities on campus were, kneeling from left: Kristi Hill, freshman, Wyandotte; Angela Culwell, sophomore, Tulsa; Rachelle Conn, sophomore, Tulsa; Michelle Rowe, freshman, Sand Springs, and Rachel Conkling, freshman, Broken Arrow. Seated in the center, Mike Barlow, head athletic trainer. Standing, Jon Haworth, sophomore, Enid; Jeremy Buzzard, freshman, Grove; Sam Wilson, freshman, Marlow; Dan Drury, sophomore, Newcastle; Ken Sarban, sophomore, Springfield, Mo.; John Saltzgiver, freshman, Hollister, Mo.; John Gibbs, freshman, Verona, Mo., and Antonio Butler, sophomore, Tulsa.
One of the largest organizations on campus, the Aggie Society was created to allow students majoring either in agriculture or related fields to have an opportunity to gather and socialize as a group. Featuring more than 150 active members, the Aggie Society was involved in such campus events as Homecoming and other social activities. Members of the group also helped coordinate the traditional Aggie Day festivities which annually attracted more than 500 area junior high and high school students.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
These are a portion of the students that were involved in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry organization for the 1998-99 school year. Formerly known as the Baptist Student Union, the organization was sponsored and supported by Southern Baptist churches. Dr. Debbie and Bobby Lipscomb served as co-directors of the organization which featured daily “Noon-day” activities in a building located just north of the main campus. The organization also featured such activities as Bible studies, numerous retreats and fellowships, and mission trips during the Christmas and spring breaks.

Submitted photo
Child Development Club

Created to offer students interested in Early Childhood education an opportunity to gather and socialize with students that share a common interest, the Child Development Club included members, standing, from left; Rita Sanders, sophomore, Ketchum; Lori Knight, sophomore, Commerce; Andi Boston, sophomore, Adel, Iowa; Lisa Ealick, sophomore, Hominy; Rachel Manion, sophomore, Miami, and Marcia Tynon, sponsor. Seated are, Angie Sandoval, freshman, Grove; Brandy Trollinger, sophomore, Grove; Stacy Miller, freshman, Beaver, Okla.; Robin Tyner, sophomore, Miami, and Ruth Beal, sophomore, Wyandotte.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Christian Student Fellowship

A campus ministry supported by the Christian Church, the Christian Student Fellowship held daily meetings at noon which provided numerous activities for members to grow and serve. Some of the members in the organization were, kneeling, from left; Marcelo Salazar, freshman, Quito, Ecuador; Brian Hughes, freshman, Carl Junction, Mo.; Jessica Ditty, sophomore, Miami; Natasha Portenier, co-director; Mary Swearingen, co-director; Vivi Lo, freshman, Wheaton, Mo.; Connie Yi, freshman, Miami, and Andrea Frazier, freshman, Wyandotte. Back row, Joe Dalgarn, freshman, Miami; Lonnie Portenier, director; Marcie Pitman, freshman, Miami; Michael Ramer, freshman, Nowata; Leanne Gitonga, freshman, Nairobi, Kenya; Chris Williamson, sophomore, Miami; Julie Wilson, freshman, Miami, and Vickie McCosh, sophomore, Welch.

Photo by DeLea Mincher
Engineering
Club

Offering students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the various fields contained within the engineering profession, the Engineering Club was comprised of the following members, standing, from left: Elizabeth Willoughby, sophomore, Sarcoxie, Mo.; Tiffany Ball, freshman, Wyandotte, and Christina Reints, freshman, Sarcoxie, Mo. Seated are, Heath Millon, sophomore, Catoosa; John Shambles, sophomore, Bartlesville, and Amy Diedrich, sophomore, Grove.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Friendship International

Created to provide students from a wide variety of nationalities an opportunity to share cultural differences, the Friendship International Club held monthly meetings in Dyer Hall. Members of the organization were, front row, from left; Sandhya Shrestha, freshman, Kathmandu, Nepal; Tacara Moxey, freshman, Nassau, Bahamas; Chia Yub (Vivi) Lo, freshman, Wheaton, Mo.; Dahalia Smith, freshman, Nassau, Bahamas; Hui (Connie) Yi, freshman, Miami, and Satoko Taguchi, freshman, Tokyo, Japan. Second row, Hiu Yan (Charlotte) Chung, freshman, Hong Kong; Marcelo Salazar, freshman, Quito, Equador; Attila Kalamar, freshman, Budapest, Hungary; Zoltan Kalamar, freshman, Budapest, Hungary; Bornface Kumbani, sophomore, Nairobi, Kenya; Anup Shrestha, freshman, Kim, Nepal, and Christine Njue, freshman, Nairobi, Kenya. Third row, Alvin Kihenia, freshman, Nairobi, Kenya; Keith Sutton, sponsor; Jotham Teygong, freshman, Nairobi, Kenya; Eric Mwaura, freshman, Nairobi, Kenya, and Huing Pail Poon, sophomore, Hong Kong.
The Golden Norse Marching Band, under the direction of Raybon Bewley, consisted of qualified marching and auxiliary personnel who attempted to achieve the highest standards as both musicians and a precision marching unit. The band performed at all home football games while also participating in the Red River Bowl game at Bedford, Texas. The band also participated in several local homecoming and Christmas parades.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Members of the 1998-99 Golden Norse Cheerleading Squad were, seated, from left; Jenni Atkinson, freshman, Broken Arrow; (captain) Angie Ayres, sophomore, Welch, and Cindy Remy, freshman, Poteau. Second row; Traci Little, freshman, Checotah; Benita Steinbrink, freshman, Plato, Mo.; Jonelle Holden, freshman, Enid; Lee Ann Lucas, freshman, Vinita, and Christina McWhirt, freshman, Council Hill. Third row; Jaimee Baker, freshman, Shawnee; Jennifer West, freshman, Grove; Lacey Blair, freshman, Enid; Tisha Hildebrand, freshman, Plato, Mo., and Roni Jackson, sophomore, Liberty Mounds. Top row; Mondo McJunkins, sophomore, Muskogee, and Nate Jones, sophomore, Amber, Okla.
Members of the college Livestock Judging Team were, front row, from left; Erica Abele, freshman, El Dorado Springs, Mo.; Tandy Weishaupt, freshman, Fallon, Nev.; Sommer Cox, freshman, Atoka; Lisa Douglas, freshman, Miami, and Racheal Schultz, freshman, Carney, Neb. Second row, Gavin Geminden, freshman, Carrier; John Riley, freshman, Quitman, Miss.; Jacob Tusa, freshman, Reagan, Texas; Toby Wood, freshman, Salina; Sandy Dowdle, freshman, Calumet, and Travis Jinkens, freshman, Chester. Back row, Matt Landwehr, freshman, Enid; Eric Choate, freshman, Enid; Kurtis Sears, sophomore, Nowata; Buck Massey, freshman, Cabool, Mo.; Shaun Fritchey, freshman, Wyandotte; Heath Bush, freshman, Chickasha, and Brad Hanewich, sophomore, Rensselaer, Ind.
The Masquers Club was an organization created for students with an interest in theatre or drama. Members of the club were standing, from left: Steve McCurley, co-sponsor; Valerie Adair, sophomore, Ardmore; Jonelle Holden, freshman, Enid; Jessica Wright, freshman, Drumright, and Shirley McCurley, co-sponsor. Seated are, Denise Duvall, freshman, Claremore; Clay Yocum, sophomore, Lewisville, Texas; Jeffrey Thompson, sophomore, Tahlequah, and Bill Scribner, sophomore, Miami.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Medical Assistant Bumper Stickers

Created to bring sophomore students majoring in the medical assistant program together in a social setting, members of the Medical Assistant Bumper Stickers organization were, from left; Malissa Clinton, Miami; Danielle Evans, Miami; Meka Richardson, Tulsa; Madonna Hartman, Miami, and Michelle Hafle, Wyandotte. Under the coordination of sponsor Pam Gelder, the organization met once a month.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Members of the Medical Lab Technology Club were, bottom row, from left: Kim Huong Thi Nguyen, sophomore, Miami; Sarah Sorrentino, sophomore, Miami; Kaci Moran, sophomore, Tulsa; Stacy Jameson, sophomore, Bluejacket, and Jessica Spence, lab instructor. Second row, Leatha Greenfeather, sophomore, Miami; Bill Wivel, sophomore, Pittsburg, Kan.; Amber Davis, freshman, Grove; Susan Engstrom, sophomore, Grove, and Erin Green, freshman, Miami. Top row is Charles Crow, sophomore, Miami.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Meistersingers Club

Created to serve as “ambassadors” of the college as an entertainment group, the college Meistersingers traveled around the area presenting musical programs throughout the school year. Members of the musical group were, kneeling, from left: Darnell Parker, freshman, Tulsa; Kevin Daniel, freshman, West Fork, Ark., and Justin Trombley, sophomore, Webb City, Mo. Second row, James Caywood, freshman, Woodward; Adria Trombley, sophomore, Webb City, Mo.; Tammy Davis, sophomore, Miami; Lindsay Page, sophomore, Grove, and Michael Sullivan, sophomore, Chelsea. Top row, Valerie Edwards, freshman, Broken Arrow; Andrew Baumann, freshman, Butler, Mo., and Stephanie Trapani, freshman, Lebanon, Mo.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, members of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill Team were, bottom row, from left; Paige Nichols, freshman, Picher; Amanda Deckard, freshman, Wagoner; Shelly Braden, sophomore, Afton; Adrea Stratton, freshman, Tahlequah; Susanne Riggas, freshman, Tulsa; Kristin Dillon, freshman, Tulsa; Izzy Billingsley, freshman, Quapaw; Brandi Clark, freshman, Ponca City; Beecca Giles, freshman, Fairland; Tara Taylor, freshman, Tulsa; Jana Lewis, freshman, Miami, and Heidi Graham, freshman, Copan. Top row, Carissa Hughes, sophomore, Miami; Abby Rose, freshman, Tulsa; Rachelle Conn, sophomore, Tulsa; Jennifer Pannell, freshman, Miami; Jessi Howe, freshman, Miami; Kim Bass, freshman, Vinita; Stacie Arthur, freshman, Cardin; Kelli Epperly, freshman, Monett, Mo.; Becky Mauldin, freshman, Oklahoma City; Susan Doss, freshman, Joplin, Mo.; Jennie Lane, freshman, Okmulgee; (captain) Chrissy Carter, sophomore, Gore; (captain) Mavis Hatter, sophomore, Claremore; and Michelle Caldwell, freshman, Broken Arrow.
Participating in the 1998-99 Norse Concert Choir under the direction of Mary Susan Whaley were, bottom row, from left; Adria Trombley, sophomore, Webb City, Mo.; Abby Jo Cox, sophomore, Bolivar, Mo.; Lindsay Page, sophomore, Grove; Elizabeth Fracek, freshman, Grove; Jennifer Shaffer, sophomore, Bluejacket; Mary Frayser, freshman, Miami; Jessica Wright, freshman, Drumright; Tammie Davis, sophomore, Miami, and Tasha Macrory, freshman, Edmond. Middle row, Tiffany Donohew, freshman, Gentry, Ark.; Angela Hughes, freshman, Norman; Lisa Tanner, freshman, Jay; Valerie Edwards, freshman, Broken Arrow; Summer Conner, freshman, Welch; Leslie Bourland, freshman, Harrah; Sabrina Myers, sophomore, Miami, and Pauline Boren, freshman, Anidus. Top row, Robert Scott, sophomore, Miami; Jason Conner, freshman, Fairland; Darnell Parker, freshman, Tulsa; Kevin Daniel, sophomore, West Fork, Ark.; Benjamin Burgess, sophomore, Vinita; Greg Williams, sophomore, Stillwater; James Caywood, freshman, Woodward; Michael Sullivan, sophomore, Chelsea, and Justin Trombley, sophomore, Webb City, Mo.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Created to fulfill the needs of the Older, Wiser, Learning Students, the OWLS Club met every Friday in the OWLS Center located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union. Some of the more than 80 members of the club were, front row, from left: Krista Foster, sponsor; Kim Stephens, sophomore, Grove; Tammy Smith, sophomore, Commerce; Jane Steele, sophomore, Wyandotte; Judy Valverde, sophomore, Miami; and Katrina West, sophomore, Jay. Middle row, Roy Johnson, freshman, Grove; Kay Crawford, sophomore, Vinita; Terry Rotman, sophomore, Miami; Cindy Swiatkowski, freshman, Vinita; Pattie Bluejacket, sophomore, Vinita; Willie Fields, freshman, Grove; and William Morgan, sophomore, Commerce. Top row, Jane Daugherty, sophomore, Vinita; Shawn Hildebrand, freshman, Miami, and Pauline Edwards, tutor and basic skills instructor.
Members of the Phi Beta Lambda National business fraternity were, standing, from left: LaChelle Smiles, freshman, Neosho, Mo.; Denise Johnson, freshman, Gentry, Ark.; Jaime Berthiaume, freshman, Lakeside, Conn.; Annette Denham, freshman, Jay, and Amy Brixey, freshman, Jay. Seated are, Marilyn Bishop, freshman, Jay; Gary Graham, sophomore, Quapaw; Ian Boyles, freshman, Grove; Abby North, sophomore, Grove, and Ian Maberry, freshman, Grove.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Serving as sponsors and officers for the 1998-99 MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society were, bottom row, from left: Mavis Hatter, vice president of fellowship; Tara Flannigan, vice president of leadership; Mary Spencer, vice president of scholarship; Lindsey James, secretary; Abby North, treasurer, and Kenda Grover, academic advisor. Top row, Jeremy Radebaugh, academic advisor; Kelley Inkelaar, president; Kenny Cochran, vice president of communications; Joel Grigsby, vice president of service; Ronnie Hopkins, academic advisor, and Pat Creech, academic advisor.
Serving as members of the Resident Life Council over the dormitory system on campus were, kneeling, from left; DeLena Mincher, Matt Parker and David Deets. Second row, Joe Gardert; Jacinda Watson; Kelli Lewis; Coney Jessup; Shelly Baumgart; Katie Knight; Sheila Howry; Chris Wians, and Scott Harvell. Third row, David Burkard; Darin Grover; Brian Ginesmires; Wes McCurry; Justin Sehl, and Kathryn Dlabach, housing director. Top row, Darrell Struble; Antonio Wells; Julius Atkins and Bruce Taylor.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Although we couldn’t count all of the participants, each of the students was eager to stand out and show their skills. The Rodeo Club is made up of students from various backgrounds and experiences, each contributing their unique talents and perspectives to the team. The members are from across the state, ranging from small towns to urban centers, each bringing their own story to the club. They are not only learning the ropes of rodeo but also learning about one another and becoming stronger as a team. Despite the challenges, the club continues to grow and flourish, creating a tight-knit community of individuals who share a love for the sport and the culture that surrounds it.

Photo by DeLena Mischer
Student Association

Under the guidance of sponsor social science instructor Diana Collings, the Social Work Student Association was created to offer an opportunity for social science majors interested in social work to meet on a regular basis and experience such activities as field trips, guest lecturers and other events. Members of the association were, standing, from left; Collings, Lori Almond, sophomore, Grove; Jody Terwilliger, freshman, Vinita, and Erin Morgan, freshman, Vinita. Seated are, Ronald Hinton, freshman, Miami; Darrell Wofford, freshman, Kansas, and Willie Fields, freshman, Southwest City, Mo.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Student Body Government

Serving as officers of the 1998-99 Student Body Government were, standing, from left: Katie Knight, sophomore, Picher; Kelley Inkelaar, sophomore, Afton, and Carey Jessup, sophomore, Winchester, Ind. Seated are, Mike Truitt, sophomore, Claremore; Mavis Hatter, sophomore, Claremore; Brian Gensamer, sophomore, Marlow; Wes McKinney, sophomore, Grove, and Shelly Baumgarth, sophomore, Lecoma, Mo. Standing are, Apollo Russell, freshman, Nersho, Mo., and Julius Adkins, freshman, Hugo.

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Participating as members of the Student Psychology Association were, standing, from left: Amanda Tunnell, freshman, Miami; Kathy Blundell, sponsor; Debbie Herrin, sophomore, Grove; Kelly Graham, freshman, Miami; Rachel Manion, sophomore, Miami; Katrina West, sophomore, Jay, and Cynthia Conrad, freshman, Miami. Seated are, William Morgan, sophomore, Commerce; Andrew Farmer, freshman, Miami; Roy Johnson, sophomore, Jay, and Derek Grigsby, freshman, Welch.
Studio B Broadcasting Club

Designed to meet the needs of students majoring either in radio or television broadcasting, members of the Studio B Club were, kneeling, from left: Chris Lund, freshman, Grove; Len Cornius, freshman, Picher, and Adam Shelton, freshman, Grove. Standing are, Njari Gitonga, sophomore, Kenya; Marcelo Salazar, freshman, Quito, Equador; Kelli Epperly, Purdy, Mo., and Brian Inbody, sponsor. Seated are, Harold Fresh, freshman, Lawton; Daniel Harris, freshman, Inola; Martin Wilson, freshman, Tulsa, and Demone Copeland, freshman, Oklahoma City.

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Members of the Surgical Technology Club were, bottom row, from left: Dianna Dinsmore, sophomore, Fairland; Angel Johnson, freshman, Joplin, Mo.; Cindy Mount, sophomore, Grove; Linda Riggins, sophomore, Miami; Carla Stogsdill, sophomore, Grove; Tammi Smith, sophomore, Commerce; Lauren DeFelice, freshman, Tulsa, and Marion Pink, freshman, Joplin, Mo. Top row, Sherry McKeel, sophomore, Miami; Ginny Malone, freshman, Miami; Olivia Simmons, freshman, Miami; Esmeralda Carrillo, sophomore, Commerce; Sherry McDougle, sophomore, Wyandotte; Mollie Shearer, sophomore, Miami, and Terri Passley, freshman, Oronogo, Mo.
Members of the Technology Club were, standing, from left; Doug Lee, co-sponsor; Brad Prater, freshman, Buffalo, Mo.; Kelly Crosby, freshman, Glenpool; (kneeling) Roger, Redington, freshman, Miami; Jeremiah Kichtler, freshman, Lawrence, Kan.; DeWayne Lockman, freshman, Bartlesville, and Ron Combs, co-sponsor. Second row, Steven Frizzell, sophomore, Miami; Micah Patterson, freshman, Lindsay; Nick Gaston, freshman, Lebanon, Mo.; J. D. Hillstad, freshman, Miami; J. W. McPhail, sophomore, Inola, and Bert Masters, freshman, Miami. Back row, Brian Banks, freshman, Oklahoma City; Mary Frayser, freshman, Miami; Shane Wells, freshman, Miami, and Shawn Combs, sophomore, Commerce.

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Sponsored by the United Methodist, the Wesley Foundation held daily meetings in a building located just west of the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building. Members of the organization were, kneeling, from left: Wayne Martin, freshman, Thomas, Okla.; Stephen Stimson, freshman, Chelsea; Amber Olson, sophomore, Miami; Brian O'Daniel, freshman, Miami; Robert Forrest, director, and William Forrest. Standing are, Chris Lane, sophomore, Okmulgee; Chris Whisenhunt, freshman, Chelsea; Michael Karnen, freshman, Miami; Michael Sullivan, sophomore, Chelsea; Kevin Henderson, sophomore, Miami; Lindsay Page, sophomore, Grove; Josh Baser, freshman, Miami, and Jeremiah Kichler, freshman, Lawrence, Kan.

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Representing 29 campus clubs and organizations for the 1998 Homecoming queen title were, bottom row, from left: Andrea Boston, sophomore, Adel, Iowa; Erin Blair, freshman, Claremore; Lindsey Page, sophomore, Grove; Jules Pitts, freshman, Sallisaw; Mary Spencer, sophomore, Welch; Kayla Webb, sophomore, Grove; Jannel Whittaker, freshman, Tulsa; Lori West, sophomore, Tulsa and Stephanie Beggerly, sophomore, Miami. Middle row, Melody White, freshman, Tulsa; Jennifer Lott, freshman, Pawhuska; Roberta Boren, freshman, Atoka; DeLena Mincher, sophomore, Seminole; Janelle Holden, freshman, Enid; Amy Diedrich, sophomore, Grove; Shelly Baumgart, sophomore, Rolla, Mo.; Chrissy Carver, freshman, Gore and LaChelle Smiles, freshman, Neosho, Mo. Top row, Mindy Fleming, freshman, Chouteau; Kelli Epperly, freshman, Purdy, Mo.; Tammi Smith, sophomore, Commerce; Angie Ayres, sophomore, Welch; Jessi Howe, freshman, Miami; Lisa Walser, freshman, Miami; Kelly Graham, freshman, Miami; Michelle Haife, sophomore, Wyandotte; Stevie Arthur, freshman, Cardin, and Jessica Ditty, sophomore, Vinita.

Photo by Tim Ingram
On the Field

Fulfilling a prediction made two years before, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College head football coach Dale Patterson achieved a major goal by guiding the Golden Norsemen to a 31-0 victory over Coffeyville, Kan., in the second annual Red River Bowl in Bedford, Texas.

The bowl victory culminated a 9-3 season for the ninth ranked Norsemen and lifted NEO back to the national prominence it enjoyed over the past 30 years. Along with the bowl victory the Norsemen also won their first Southwest Junior College Football Conference title with a 28-25 win over Navarro College at Robertson Field.

Success in intercollegiate athletics wasn’t limited to football as the Lady Norse basketball team won 11 of their first 13 games and were ranked 17th nationally.

NEO’s Golden Norse men’s basketball team had won 10 of the first 13 games played during the fall semester.

While the Lady Norse softball team awaited the start of their schedule in the spring, the Golden Norse baseball program was adjusting to a new structure.

Former NEO All-American and longtime head baseball coach at Oklahoma State University, Gary Ward, returned to serve as director of baseball operations.

Ward’s son, Roger, assumed the baseball head coach responsibilities after serving two years as head coach at Western State College in Altus.
Sports became a rallying point for students to enjoy either participating with each other or serving as interested spectators. They also help rejuvenate the Golden Norse spirit and pride with which this institution was molded. Because NEO is the only junior college in the state of Oklahoma to have a intercollegiate football team, students had a chance to get caught up in the Norse drive toward the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship and the Red River Bowl crown. Students also had the opportunity to watch women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, softball and baseball. Those students who want to could participate in intramural activities.
Nowhere to Run. Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College quarterback Colwin Henderson (17) tries to escape the rush of Golden Norse All-American defensive end Juqua Thomas (91) during the Red River Bowl in Bedford, Texas.

*Photo by Mike Hignite*

*We are the Champions.* Members of the Golden Norse football team hoist the winning trophy high after gaining a 31-0 shutout over Coffeyville, Kan., in the second annual Red River Bowl at Bedford, Texas.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Despite the fact that both teams were located less than 50 miles apart geographically, they both wound up traveling more than 350 miles to square off in the second annual Red River Bowl at Bedford, Texas.

Coach Dale Patterson’s Golden Norsemen held coach Skip Foster’s Coffeyville, Kan., Red Ravens to only 160 yards in total offense while gaining a 31-0 shutout.

With the victory the Norsemen concluded the year ranked ninth nationally with a 9-3 overall record. The Red Ravens finished 6-4 on the season.

Golden Norse freshman tailback Josh Scobey earned Offensive Most Valuable Player honors after gaining 104 yards on 21 carries with three touchdowns.

All-American defensive end Juqua Thomas captured the Defensive Most Valuable Player award after recording 12 unassisted tackles and three quarterback sacks.

Touchdown runs of 16 and 32 yards by Scobey gave NEO a 14-0 lead at halftime. A 1-yard touchdown run by Sherard Poteete along with a 30-yard field goal by Nick Blackman and a 1-yard TD burst by Scobey closed out the scoring in the second half.

The Norse represented the Southwest Junior College Football Conference as home team.
Trapped. Unable to avoid the sack by Blinn College linebacker Columbus Wooley (51), Golden Norse quarterback Sherard Poteete (11) goes down. Poteete completed 11 of 18 passes in guiding NEO to a 41-10 win at Blinn to end the regular season.  
*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

*Strong Defense.* NEO defensive end Matt Henson (99) jumps up to deflect a pass by Tyler, Texas quarterback Kasey Nonette during a 24-13 victory by the Norsemen in the first round of the conference playoffs at Tyler.  
*Photo by Lacey Mangum*
Making their first appearance in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference playoffs in the three-year history of the league, coach Dale Patterson’s Norsemen won the title with victories over Tyler, Texas and Navarro, Texas.

Playing before more than 5,000 fans at Robertson Field, the Golden Norsemen fought off a fourth quarter rally by the Navarro Bulldogs to earn a 28-25 win in the championship game.

Scobey rushed for 177 yards while Poteete completed 18 of 28 passes for 229 yards and three touchdowns to pace the Norse offense.

Linebackers Collis Jones and Pete Tillman led the NEO defense with 11 tackles each.

Traveling to Tyler, Texas to open the conference playoffs, the Golden Norse received 184 yards on 35 carries by Scobey to gain a 24-13 win over the Apaches. The game was played in a steady rain.

Closing out the regular season in Brenham, Texas, the Golden Norsemen cruised to a 41-10 victory over the Blinn Buccaneers.

Veteran return specialist Marcus Long scored on a 78-yard punt return and a 10-yard run while playing tailback for the Norsemen.
Grab Hold. Sophomore linebacker Ennis Robinson (54) grabs onto Cisco Junior College tailback Jammal Ward (31) after a two-yard gain during a 48-10 victory by the Norsemen at Robertson Field.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Straight up the Middle. Kilgore Junior College quarterback Johnny McHenry (11) is stopped after a short gain by NEO linebacker Ennis Robinson and strong safety Brent Withers (27).

Photo by DeLena Mincher
A change in philosophy by first-year offensive coordinator Rob Green ignited the Golden Norse offense to reel off seven straight victories starting with the fifth game of the season.

After back-to-back losses to Tyler, Texas and Trinity Valley, Texas, Green decided that freshman tailback Josh Scobey should carry the ball more each game.

Although Scobey recorded only 16 carries for 54 yards, the Norsemen electrified a partisan Homecoming crowd with a come-from-behind 30-23 win over Navarro on Oct. 10.

Poteete connected with wide receiver Paul Jones on a 16-yard TD pass with 1:26 left to give the Norse the win.

Traveling to Kilgore, Texas the next week, Scobey gained 111 yards on 24 carries as the Norsemen cruised to a 40-19 win over the Rangers.

The tandem of Paul Jones and Marcus Long collaborated for a 53-yard TD pass from Long to Jones while Long scored on a 76-yard punt return and Jones added a 77-yard punt return for a TD.

Returning home to face the Cisco Wranglers, Poteete completed 12 of 18 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns as the Norsemen rolled a 48-10 win.

Freshman linebacker James Washington recorded 15 tackles as the Norse held Cisco to only 138 yards in total offense.
We’ve Got You. Tyler Junior College tailback George Fisher (3) is brought to a halt by NEO defenders Rhoshod Browning, Greg Smith (21) and James Washington (40) during a 35-7 win by the Apaches at Robertson Field.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Stay Down. Golden Norse cornerback Kerry Byers lays on top of Tyler fullback Dominic Rhodes (33) while help comes from linebackers James Washington (40) and Bandy Assiter (49).

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Opening action at home in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference, the Golden Norsemen defeated Ranger College before suffering back-to-back losses in the league.

Traveling to Athens, Texas, the Golden Norse offense was almost non-existent as the defending national champion Trinity Valley Cardinals gained a 13-2 victory. NEO's only points came midway through the fourth quarter as Brent Withers blocked a punt out of the endzone for a safety.

Despite generating 318 total yards to only 212 for Trinity Valley, the Norsemen were shutout for three quarters by the Cardinals.

Suffering their only loss of the season at Robertson Field, the Norsemen sustained a 35-7 loss to Tyler, Texas the week before the Trinity Valley loss.

 Ranked seventh in the nation, Tyler scored in every quarter while NEO's only points came on a 8-yard touchdown run by Scobey.

Facing Ranger in the conference opener, the Norsemen held Ranger to minus 49 total yards rushing while gaining a 42-7 win.

Poteete, Scobey and Scott Martin each scored two touchdowns.
A Brick Wall. All-conference defensive end Matt Henson (99) puts the stop to the forward progress of Kemper College tailback James Foster (25) as quarterback Jimmy Layne (14) watches the action.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Conference Champions. Members of the Golden Norse football team pose after winning the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship for the first time in NEO history.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
After welcoming more than 150 prospects to pre-season drills in August, coach Dale Patterson began his third season with a new offensive coordinator and some uncertainty concerning the durability of the offensive line.

The end result was a 9-3 season record, ranked ninth nationally, the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship and three first-team All-Americans.

Opening the home portion of the schedule, the Golden Norse generated 308 yards in total offense enroute to a 39-7 victory over the Kemper College Yellowjackets.

Traveling to El Dorado, Kan., the Golden Norse opened the regular season by facing the Butler County Community College Grizzlies.

Butler County, the eventual 1998 national champions, scored 23 points in the second half to gain a 23-14 win over the Norsemen.

Post-season honors for the Golden Norsemen included 14 members being selected to the All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference team, coach Patterson named Conference Coach of the Year and sophomores tight end Brian Blackwood, defensive ends Juqua Thomas and Matt Henson earning All-American honors.

*Hot Pursuit.* Butler County Grizzlies wide receiver Brandon Foust (15) uses a stiff arm to elude the tackle of Golden Norse cornerback Eric Allen (12) as the Grizzlies pulled off a 23-14 upset in the season opener at El Dorado, Kan. Photo by DeLena Mincher

*Listen Up.* Defensive secondary coach Choo Thomas (right) gives instructions on the sidelines during a pre-season scrimmage at Robertson Field with Haskell (Kan.) Community College. Photo by DeLena Mincher

*Scrum.* Combining to make the stop of Kemper College fullback Stanley Louie are Golden Norse linebacker Collis Jones (45), cornerback Jason Harris (17) and strong safety Willie Menifee (8). Photo by DeLena Mincher
Time Out. Head coach Jan Stakey and assistant coach Stephanie Gockley meet with Anna Horsley, Amanda Reichmuth (11) and Dahalia Smith (15) during a time out of a match in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Return Shot. Making a return volley against Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College are Lady Norse Ruth Beal (8), Amanda Reichmuth (11), Anna Horsley (3), and Jennifer Shreve (12).

Photo by Susan Lambert
Injuries Inflict Losses

Despite starting the regular season with five sophomores, Lady Norse head coach Jan Stukey battled numerous injuries to key players which had a direct influence on the outcome of NEO's third season of intercollegiate basketball.

While the Bi-State Athletic Conference expanded to include Connors State College of Warner, Redlands College of El Reno, and Westark Community College of Fort Smith, Ark., the Lady Norse continued to compete in tournaments at Cowley County in Arkansas City, Kan., Kansas City (Kan.) Community College, and Longview Community College in Kansas City, Mo.

The Lady Norse battled through a long, injury-prone season to finish 6-16 on the year.

NEO was eliminated by Westark 15-11, 15-2 and 15-4 in the opening round of the Region II Tournament played at Redlands College in El Reno.

Freshman off-hitter Katie Blum, 5-8 from Tulsa Bishop Kelley, was selected to the Region II All-Tournament team. Blum recorded 24 kills in the three games the Lady Norse played against Westark in the regional tournament.

Coaching Point. Lady Norse head coach Jan Stukey makes a point about net play during a practice session in the NEO Fieldhouse as sophomore setter Anna Horsley listens.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Lady Norse Squad. Members of the 1998 Lady Norse volleyball team pose for a picture of the steps in front of the NEO Fieldhouse prior to one of five home matches during the regular season.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Good Return. Freshman off-hitter Amanda Reichmuth of Owasso, puts up a shot against the defensive pressure of Kristy Bailey of Connors State College during a Bi-State Athletic Conference match in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Volleyball 133
Staff Shot. Freshman off-hitter Katie Blum (14), of Tulsa, goes up to get a shot by Challah Coker of Westark Community College that dribbled over the net as Lady Norse teammates Dahalia Smith (15) and Summer Crawford watch the results.  

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Combined Effort. Freshman Dahalia Smith, 5-6 from Nassau, the Bahamas, and sophomore Anna Horsley, 5-4 from Edmond, double-team a shot by Jenny Strimple of Grayson County (Texas) Community College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum
Sophomore server Anna Horsley, 5-4 from Edmond, and freshman Katherine Blum, 5-8 from Tulsa Bishop Kelly, became the first two members of the Lady Norse volleyball team to be selected to the first team of the All-Region II squad.

During the Region II Tournament at Redlands College in El Reno, Horsley recorded 100 percent in serving for the Lady Norse. Horsley also had three kills as an off-hitter.

Blum recorded 24 kills during three region games by the Lady Norse against Westark Community College.

"Because of injuries, we only had seven players when we went to the regional tournament," said head coach Jan Stukey.

"That severely limited us in our substitutions and the lineups for each game. Our girls played hard, even though the scores didn't reflect their play," Stukey said.

Redlands College won the Region II title after eliminating Connors State 15-6, 15-7, and 15-2 in the first round. The Cougars defeated Westark 15-6, 15-11 and 15-12 in the championship match to advance to the District C Tournament against the winner of the Texas regional.
Stopping a Drive. Freshman guard Amanda Thompson (22) tries to stop the penetration of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College guard Tamara Bratton (32) during a 67-58 Lady Norse victory in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Blocked Shot. Sophomore point-guard Cicely Downing (14) applies pressure as Coffeyville’s Kendra Romain (23) puts up a shot as Lady Norse defenders Carolyn Weirick (44) and Joyce Chesney (11) look on.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Seven returning sophomores provided a solid nucleus for coach Randy Gipson’s Lady Norse basketball squad at the start of the 1998-99 season.

Nationally ranked 17th at the end of the fall semester portion of the schedule, Gipson’s Lady Norse went into the month-long Christmas break with an 11-2 overall record.

During the 1997-98 campaign, the Lady Norse finished fourth in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 6-4 record. The Lady Norse finished 16-15 overall.

Gipson had compiled a 267-67 overall record during 10 seasons as head of the Lady Norse program.

“Our overall team speed and quickness coupled with the experience we had coming back, made us a well-rounded basketball team,” said Gipson.

“Another positive aspect of this group of young ladies was their hard work, both in practice and during games. They worked hard to become a cohesive group that wanted to play together.”

“We didn’t drop off a lot when we had to make substitutions. If we had a weakness, it might have been our lack of size inside,” Gipson said.
Swarming Defense. Northern Oklahoma College guard Chenise Robinson (23) is swarmed by the defensive pressure of NEO's Kiwana Battle, Kierra Robinson and Joyce Chesney.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Finding a Lane. Sophomore guard Amecia Floyd (32) applies defensive pressure to Murray State College point-guard Terri Reimer (21) during a 54-47 victory by the Lady Norse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Without the benefit of a bonafide post player, the Lady Norse started the campaign with seven sophomores providing leadership, both on and off the court.

Returning to guide the Lady Norse offense at point was Cicely Downing (5-6 from Vinita). Downing was averaging 5.7 points with 60 assists and 29 steals through 13 games.

Bolstering the guard spot were veterans Amecia Floyd (5-7 from Tulsa East Central) and Kiera Robinson (5-7 from Miami.)

Returning on the perimeter at the forward spots were sophomores Carolyn Weirick and Latrecia Floyd. Weirick (5-11 from Berea, Ohio) led the team in rebounding with a 7.4 average while scoring 10.1 points.

Latrecia Floyd (5-7 from Tulsa East Central) averaged 3.1 points in 13 games.

Switching from forward to center was veteran Kiwana Battle (5-11 from Springfield, Ohio). Battle averaged 10.6 points and 6.8 rebounds in the first half.

Sophomore Sara Kellhofer (5-11 from Sarcoxie, Mo.) returned to action for three games after being bothered by a knee problem.
Going to the Basket. Freshman shooting guard Amanda Thompson (22) drives around the defensive pressure of Ritha Moro (42) and Jennifer Williams (32), both of Northern Oklahoma College.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Breaking the Press. After getting a defensive rebound, freshman forward Rosalind Ross (33) battles Delice Downing (40) of Independence (Kan.) Community College down the court in transition.

*Photo by Lacey Mangum*
Filling the void created by a lack of height, six freshmen stepped in and had an immediate impact on the early success of the Lady Norse basketball program.

Stepping in to fill the shooting guard spot was freshman Rosalind Ross (5-8 from Milwaukee, Wis.). Ross led the team in scoring with a 13.6 average despite missing five games with a knee problem.

Joyce Chesney (5-6 from Catoosa) and Lisa Song (5-5 from Wann) alternated as replacements for Ross.

Freshman Stephanie Autry (5-7 from Ketchum) saw action in four games as a point guard.

Starting at forward for the Lady Norse was first-year player Amanda Thompson (5-8 from Cincinnati, Ohio). Thompson averaged 13.5 points and 3.5 rebounds through the first 13 games of the season.

Freshman Latasha White (5-11 from Chicago, Ill.) averaged 6.3 points and 4.2 rebounds in the first half at the post position.

Before the start of the regular season, freshman recruit Laquialta Evans (5-3 from Waukegan, Ill.) sustained a knee injury and received a red-shirt for the season.
Pump Fake. Sophomore forward Carolyn Weirick tries to pull off a pump fake while driving the baseline as Northern Oklahoma College forward Jennifer Williams (32) comes over to try and stop the play.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Inside Shot. Trying to decide whether to drive the baseline or kick the ball back out to the perimeter, sophomore center Kiwana Battle (40) holds the ball as Murray State College center Josie Anderson (33) defends.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
Playing only five games in the friendly confines of the NEO Fieldhouse during the fall semester portion of the 1998-99 schedule, the Lady Norse won all five contests en route to a 11-2 overall record.

"We played all non-conference opponents during the fall semester and the first two weeks of the spring semester before we got into competition in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference," said head coach Randy Gipson.

"Not only did we face five teams from the Western Division of the Bi-State, but we also played three of the top teams in Kansas, Crowder, Mo., and Olney, Ill. So we faced some of the best teams in the country," Gipson said.

NEO’s only losses during the fall semester was a 77-73 decision to Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and a 75-72 loss at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

The Lady Norse started their quest for the Bi-State East crown on Jan. 25 by hosting Carl Albert Community College. The five other teams in the Bi-State East schedule played a home-and-home situation.
Driving the Lane. Sophomore point-guard Beau Wallace (20) makes a move to get past Jason Busch (14) of Murray State College during a 75-56 victory by the Golden Norsemen in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Come to the Ball. Stopping out front to set up the Golden Norse offense is veteran point-guard Beau Wallace (20) as teammate freshman shooting guard Shon Robinson (21) waits for a pass against Murray State College.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Building a team around the nucleus of five returning sophomores, coach Lonnie Spencer started the 1998-99 season looking for solid, consistent play from the perimeter.

The end result was a 10-4 record at the start of the month-long Christmas break.

“We started the year with a lot more athleticism on the perimeter than we had during the 1997-98 season. If our shooting accuracy caught up with our athletic ability, then we were going to be pretty good,” Spencer said.

During the 1997-98 campaign, the Golden Norsemen finished second in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 6-4 record while posting a 17-13 overall mark.

“Another strong point of our team was our depth. We were two and sometimes three deep at every position except for low post. We were a little thin at true low post, but we were trying to develop a couple of kids to play that position, Spencer said.

“I don’t think we had a real glaring weakness on this team because the kids had great work ethic and they tried to get better with every game,” said Spencer.
Dunk You Very Much. Sophomore center Stephan Green (43) goes up for the stuff as Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College forward Brad Manley (22) watches helplessly during a 66-54 Golden Norse victory in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Half-court Trap. Forcing a turnover near half-court by Murray State College point-guard Horatio Potter (3) are Golden Norse players freshman David Atkinson (5) and red-shirt freshman Jon Malham (4).

Photo by Lacey Mangum
With only one bonifide starter returning among five returning sophomores, Golden Norse head coach Lonnie Spencer started the season looking for some leadership both on and off the court.

Returning to serve as “quarterback” of the Golden Norse offense was point-guard Beau Wallace (6-1 from Broken Arrow). Wallace was a full-time starter as a freshman and was averaging 7.1 points midway through the 1998 season.

Veteran guard/forward Marlon Green (6-4 from Denver, Colo.) and Jaiger Allen (6-3 from San Diego, Calif.) saw considerable playing time on the perimeter of the Golden Norse scheme. Marlon Green was averaging 5.5 points while Allen was scoring 3.4 points per game midway through the year.

Sophomore Stephan Green (6-7 from Kansas City, Mo.) returned in the post position and shared playing time with veteran Nate Niehus (6-9 from Grove).

Stephan Green was leading the team with a 6.2 rebounding average while scoring 9.8 points per game and making 19 blocked shots.

Niehus was grabbing 2.3 rebounds and averaging 2.1 points per game midway through the year.
Out for a Drive. Freshman shooting guard Shon Robinson (21) drives around the defensive pressure of Brad Manley (22) of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Loose Ball. Trying to prevent the ball from going out of bounds, freshman forward Jon Belt (54), dives over Northern Oklahoma College players Phillip Rogers on the floor and Sherman Rochell.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Called upon to fill several voids because of injuries and inexperience, six freshmen rotated in and out of the starting lineup in the first half of the season.

Guards Josh Tiggs (6-1 from Tacoma, Wash.) and Shon Robinson (6-2 from Baton Rouge, La.) stepped in and became the team’s top two scorers. Tiggs was averaging 15.8 points while Robinson averaged 10.8 points per game. Robinson also ranked second on the team with a 5.4 rebounding average, 58 assists and 45 steals.

Also seeing considerable playing time as a shooting guard was Antonio Anderson (6-2 from Tulsa East Central).

With a thigh injury to Marlon Green, freshmen Michael Van Woudenberg (6-4 from Glenpool), David Atkinson (6-5 from Tulsa Central) and Jon Belt (6-5 from Broken Arrow) were rotating into the starting small forward position.

Van Woudenberg led the Golden Norse with 28 3-point field goals midway through the season while Atkinson ranked third in rebounding with a 5.1 mark.

“We knew going into the season that our freshmen would have to step up and make an immediate impact,” said Spencer.
Stop Right There. Seminole State College forward Kevin Overton (44) cannot find a place to go after grabbing a rebound as NEO's Jon Belt and Nate Niehus (00) surround the ball.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Push Off. Getting a push off with his left hand on NEO defender Beau Wallace (20), Seminole State College guard Estell Laster (25) tries to drive the base line for a layup.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Season Split Equally

Conference play tough

After playing such nationally-ranked teams as Indian Hills, Iowa, Three Rivers, Mo., and Southwest Missouri State University/West Plains in non-conference games, the Golden Norsemen tackled such teams as Bacone College and Connors State College in divisional play.

Coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen entered the month-long Christmas break with a 10-3 overall record against national powers Barton County, Kan., Northeast Mississippi and Three Rivers, Mo.

The Norsemen had less than a week to prepare for a game with two-time defending national champion Indian Hills, Iowa in the opening round of the West Plains Classic. Even though Indian Hills extended their winning streak to 89 games with a 90-67 victory over the Norsemen, NEO responded by defeating Penn Valley, Mo., 75-72 the next night.

Opening competition in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference the last week of January, the Golden Norse faced Carl Albert and Connors State at home before playing Westark and Northark on the road.

Number five-ranked Bacone College visited Miami in early February.
Safe at Second. Bacone College shortstop Amber Cunningham comes over to take a throw at second base as Lady Norse outfielder Jamie Prince (20) steals second base in a game on the NEO diamond.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Beats the Throw. Kerri Hasselbar (12) of Eastern Oklahoma College gets back to first base ahead of the tag by Lady Norse second baseman Kim Hartling during a pick-off play.

Photo by DeLena Mincher
Season late Tough

Traveling to Florida over spring break and competing in a conference which continued to expand from the original three teams, the Lady Norse opened the 1999 campaign with nine sophomores returning.

Under the guidance of fourth-year head coach Eric Iverson, the Lady Norse opened the season March 5-6 in the annual Midwest Junior College Tournament at Sand Springs.

Following a trip to Muskogee to start March for a Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header with Bacone College, the Lady Norse traveled to Florida to play in the four-day Sunshine State Classic at Tallahassee.

Returning home for a 12-game homestand against teams in the Bi-State Conference, the Lady Norse faced Western Oklahoma, Seminole State College, Northern Oklahoma College and Murray State College before playing Crowder College in a non-conference twinbill.

A six-game road trip to Connors, Eastern and Carl Albert during the first week of April was sandwiched around a double-header with Bacone. The Lady Norse then visited Tishomingo, Seminole, Tonkawa and Neosho, Mo., for a eight-game swing.

Play started May 7 in McAlester for the Region II Tournament.

No Chance. Jennifer Hammon, outfielder from Bacone College, is thrown out at first base as NEO's Jamie Prince (20) stretches to take the throw during a game on the NEO diamond.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Pick-off Play. Lady Norse second baseman Kim Hartling comes across the bag at second to take a throw during a pick-off play as shortstop Lindsay Jarvis (12) anticipates the out.

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Between Innings Warmup. Lady Norse head coach Eric Iverson grabs a glove and warms up the pitcher between innings as Lady Norse catcher Kristi Bell puts on the equipment.

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You're Out. Lady Norse second baseman Kim Hartling (33) applies the tag as Kim Garrison of Northern Oklahoma College tries to get back to the bag during a force out.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Base Hit. Veteran outfielder Jesse Abrams (22) hits a line drive single back up the middle during a game with Northern Oklahoma College on the dirt infield of the NEO diamond.

*Photo by DeLena Mincher*
With nine sophomores returning from a team that posted a 20-17 overall record in 1998, head coach Eric Iverson started the 1999 campaign with high expectations.

Expected to see considerable playing time as a starting pitcher was Stephanie Lee of Henryetta. Lee joined the Lady Norse after spending her freshman season at Strattonberg Methodist College in Spartanburg, S.C.

All-conference performer Lindsay Jarvis of Grove returned to start at shortstop for the Lady Norse. Jarvis hit .407 as a freshman.

Sharing duties at third base for the Lady Norse were Enid sophomores Kim Hartling and Jodi Rivers. Hartling hit .276 while Rivers managed a .263 average as freshmen.

Experience was in abundance in the Lady Norse outfield as five sophomores shared playing time.

Veterans Kayla Webb of Grove and Jamie Prince of Miami shared time in left.

All-conference centerfielder Angie Ayers of Welch returned to patrol the middle of the NEO outfield.

Sophomores Traci Brown of Bixby and Jesse Abrams of Pawhuska shared duties in right field.
Meeting of the Minds. Lady Norse head coach Eric Iverson (left) holds a meeting on the mound with catcher Kristi Bell (9), first baseman Casie Scott (13), second baseman Kim Hartling and shortstop Lindsay Jarvis.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Base hit. Freshman outfielder Kristy Brandon (17) lines a RBI single to left as teammate Nicole Wolski leads off third base before crossing home plate in a game on the NEO diamond.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Relying on seven freshmen to fill key positions, coach Eric Iverson’s Lady Norse played the entire season with a young starting lineup.

Three freshmen saw duty on the mound for the Lady Norse. Keri Harris of Grove posted a 24-9 overall record with a 1.09 earned run average in 205 innings of work.

Also seeing action on the mound were freshmen Katie Kimbrough of Enid and Kristy Brandon of Quapaw. Kimbrough worked 23 innings and posted a 1-1 record while Brandon pitched only two innings.

Slowed by a knee injury, Brandon hit .290 in 124 at-bats with five doubles, three triples and two home runs while starting in left field.

Author: Mike Capshaw
Looking for her Pitch. Freshman rightfielder Genie Schnackenberg (14) waits for her pitch during a Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header with Connors State College on the NEO diamond.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Clutch Hitter. Sophomore centerfielder Angie Ayres lines a pitch down the line for a double as teammate Kim Hartling waits on deck for her turn at bat during a game with Bacone College.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Selected laccolades

Completely dominating the post-season Region II All-Region selections, the Lady Norse placed five starters on the first team and two on the second team.

Veteran shortstop Lindsay Jarvis earned All-American recognition along with Amanda Cave of Seminole and Paula Baker of Eastern.

Joining Jarvis on the Region II first team were Lady Norse pitcher Keri Harris, second baseman Jodi Rivers, outfielder Angie Ayres and utility player Kim Hartling.

Freshmen first baseman Nicole Wolski and third baseman Casie Scott represented the Lady Norse on the All-Region II second team.

Seminole captured the Region II Tournament in McAlester with a 1-0 victory over the Lady Norse in the second championship game. The Lady Norse earned a 2-0 shutout in the first title game.

NEO finished 44-13 on the year.

The Lady Norse opened the double-elimination tournament with a 15-0 shutout over Bacone College before defeating Connors State 14-1 in the second round.

NEO lost 1-0 to Seminole in the winner’s bracket finals before defeating Eastern 5-0 in the loser’s bracket finals.

Can’t Beat It. All Region II third baseman Casie Scott (13) takes a throw to put out Stephanie Lofton of Eastern Oklahoma College on a close play following a base hit to left field.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Winning Run. Sophomore All Region II shortstop Lindsay Jarvis crosses home plate on a double by Angie Ayres as Bacone College catcher Connie Moser (32) awaits the throw.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Concentration. All Region II pitcher Keri Harris delivers a pitch during a game on the NEO diamond. Harris posted a 24-9 overall record in 205.1 innings of work with a 1.09 earned run average.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Leg out a Hit. Freshman outfielder Steve Williams (23) streaks across first base for an infield hit as Rob Sprague of Maplewoods (Mo.) Community College waits for the throw on the play.

*Photo by Mike Capshaw*

Making a Point. First-year head coach Roger Ward (center) delivers some instructions to his team in a meeting between innings during a game at Homa Thomas Field. Ward guided the Norse to a 24-23 overall record.

*Photo by Mike Capshaw*
Ward’s Work Wonders

Former Oklahoma State University head baseball coach Gary Ward returned to his alma-mater as director of baseball operations to help rebuild the Golden Norse program.

After guiding the OSU Cowboys to a record 19 appearances in the NCAA College World Series, Ward retired following the 1996 season.

Upon the request by Golden Norse athletic director Bob Maxwell, coach Ward returned to NEO where he had earned All-American honors as a sophomore in 1958.

Joining coach Ward’s staff was his son, Roger, who was responsible for the on-the-field performance of the Golden Norse baseball squad.

New coaches assume duties

Following a productive fall schedule, the Golden Norsemen opened a 55-game regular season schedule against Northeast Texas in Denison.

The Norsemen opened competition in the Bi-State Athletic Conference with four consecutive games against Bacone College.

After finishing 22-9 against non-conference opponents, the Norse received the fourth seed in the Region II Tournament at Fort Smith, Ark., after posting a 12-12 league mark.

The Golden Norsemen lost the first two games in the regional to finish with a 34-23 overall record after winning only 10 games during the entire 1998 season.

Healthy Cut. Freshman rightfielder Bryan Haskell takes a cut at a ball and sends it over the leftfield fence for one of his six home runs during the year in a game against Connors State at Homer Thomas Field.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Rock-and-Fire. Shooting a fast ball towards home plate is freshman righthander Josh Willis of Pawnee during a game with Bacone College at Homer Thomas Field. Willis posted a 2-6 overall record.

Photo by Jim Ellis

Patience Pays. Left-handed hitter Steve Williams (23) waits for his pitch during a non-conference game with Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College at Homer Thomas Field.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Let's Talk. Pitching coach Ryan Graves holds a conversation on the mound with Golden Norse sophomore righthander Brian Garcia of Albuquerque, N.M., during a game at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Jim Ellis

Line Shot. Veteran shortstop Chris Brooks of Plano, Texas, lines a double down the left-field line during a game with Maplewoods (Mo.) Community College at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Jim Ellis
As with any rebuilding program, the Golden Norse baseball team started the season with 17 sophomores among the 40-man roster.

Most of the sophomores were transfers from other programs.

Right-handed transfers Mike Hale (6-4 from Midland, Texas) and Brian Garcia (6-1 from Albuquerque, N.M.) led the 19-man pitching staff. Hale finished with a 7-1 record and a 2.97 earned run average while Garcia posted a 4-3 mark with a 5.67 ERA.

Other veteran right-handers were Kris Oakes (6-2 from Taloga); Adam Cole (6-3 from Pauls Valley); Leland Hanson (6-3, from Miami); Travis Tyner (6-3 from Stillwater), and Kendall Prather (6-5 from Eric).

Sophomore left-handed hurlers were Chris Lengefield (6-2 from Houston); Tyson Kloeppe (6-0 from Santa Fe, N.M.), and Jason Brown (6-2 from Claremore).

Veteran infielders were Chris Brooks (5-11 from Plano, Texas); Mickey Cooper (6-0 from Oklahoma City); Josh Shafer (6-3 from Ponca City); Clint Young, (6-1 from Dallas, Texas); John Munneke (5-10 from Oklahoma City), and Doug Garner (6-1 from Little Rock, Ark.).

Zack Rogers (5-8 from Owasso) was the lone returnee to the Golden Norse outfield.
Diving back In. Freshman second baseman Rob Watson dives back into first base ahead of the tag on an attempted pick off move as Seminole State College first baseman John Marks (9) takes the throw.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Power Hitter. Freshman outfielder Jesse French (28) gets full turn on his home run cut as he hits one of five round-trippers at Homa Thomas Field during a game with Southeastern Iowa.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Providing solid defense up the middle and in the outfield, five freshmen were in the starting lineup throughout the regular season for the Golden Norsemen.

Freshman Rob Watson (5-10 from Riverside, Calif.) not only bolstered the Norse defense at second base, but the hard-throwing righthander posted eight saves as a relief pitcher. Watson hit .432 and led the team with seven home runs and 23 doubles.

Joining Watson around the infield were freshmen starters Steve Williams (6-1 from Tampa, Fla.); Chris Harlin (5-6 from Muskogee); TJ. Shimizu (5-7 from Ontario, Canada); Ryan Kenning (5-11 from British Columbia); J. B. Roman (5-11 from Tampa, Fla.); Jay Brooks (6-5 from Baldwin, Kan.); Anthony Jiminez (6-0 from Tampa, Fla.); Matt Condry (6-2 from Broken Arrow); Drew Stasila (5-11 from Ontario), and Nick Zodrow (6-2 from Owasso).

Freshmen outfielders were Bryan Haskell (6-2 from Moreno Valley, Calif.); Jason Mostek (6-0 from Bolder, Colo.); Jesse French (6-4 from Jenks); Kevin Barski (6-1 from Canada), and Eric Donaldson (6-1 from Tulsa).

Joining Watson and Haskell on the pitching staff were Darin Olsen (6-3 from Seattle, Wash.); Stewart Swayse (5-8 from Jenks); Adam Hawthorne (6-2 from Altus); Josh Wills (5-10 from Pawnee); Spencer Skipworth (6-3 from Riverside, Calif.).
Foul-tip Problems. Athletic trainer Jon Haworth (right) tries to give some relief to Golden Norse catcher Mickey Cooper (8) after a foul ball bounced off his face mask during a game at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Mike Capshaw

Run-scoring Single. Freshman outfielder Kevin Barski (29) lines an RBI single to left-center as teammate Eric Donaldson watches the flight of the ball from third base before scoring.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
Honors accolades

After returning to the Region II post-season tournament following a one-year absence, three members of the Golden Norse baseball squad earned All-Region II honors.

Freshman outfielder Brian Haskell (6-2 from Moreno Valley, Calif.) earned first team recognition. Haskell led the Norsemen in hitting with a .448 average in 116 at-bats. Haskell collected 20 doubles, six home runs, 39 runs scored and 44 runs batted in.

Haskell also posted a 4-3 record in 46.1 innings with a 5.14 earned run average.

Freshman second baseman Rob Watson (5-10 from Riverside, Calif.) was named to the All-Region II second team. Watson hit .432 in 155 at-bats with 23 doubles, seven home runs, 46 runs scored and 39 RBI. Watson also led the team with 12 stolen bases.

Watson posted a 2-3 record with eight saves in 14 appearances. He had a 2.04 earned run average in 34.1 innings.

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Pick-off Move. Taking a throw at first base on a pick-off move from pitcher Mike Hale is freshman first baseman Ryan Kenning (10) as Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College base runner Josh Cleveland gets back to the bag.

Dead Duck. Golden Norse shortstop Doug Garner looks for a play at home after tagging out Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College base runner Jaime Cleveland on a delayed steal attempt.
World events impacted students

Memories

Students on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College were subjected to a wide-range of emotional happenings throughout the 1998-99 school year which had a direct impact on their lives.

Locally, students used a variety of activities and social events to help keep their minds off the significant happenings that were going on in the United States and abroad.

President Bill Clinton spent most of 1998 fighting off charges of sexual misconduct with White House intern Monica Lewinski which eventually led to President Clinton being impeached on two counts by the House of Representatives. President Clinton’s fate wasn’t determined until mid-January 1999.

While dealing with domestic problems, President Clinton also ordered three days of air strikes on strategic positions in Iraq just before the Christmas holidays to punish Saddam Hussein for expelling members of the United Nations nuclear weapons inspectors and breaking his agreement to allow inspections.

One of the most positive events during 1998 was the re-emergence of baseball as the national pastime after St. Louis Cardinal first baseman Mark McGwire shattered the home run record of Roger Maris with 70 homers. McGwire was locked in a friendly battle with Chicago Cub outfielder Sammy Sosa who finished with 66 home runs.
For more than a year, the American public became embroiled in a historic impeachment process generated against President William Jefferson Clinton. Just before the 1998 Christmas holiday, Clinton became only the second President in United States history to be impeached by the U. S. House of Representatives. He was impeached on two of four counts brought against him. Although more than 60 percent of the American public did not want Clinton removed from office, the United States Senate was gearing up for a long, heated debate scheduled to begin in mid-January 1999 concerning a trial for the President. The trial would determine whether Clinton would be removed as President.

Offering an Explanation. President Bill Clinton addresses the American public concerning his impeachment as Vice President Al Gore listens intently.

Associated Press Photo
While classes went on as usual on campus, tensions continued to grow throughout the world. Under the direction of president Slobodan Milosevic, the former country of Yugoslavia invaded the province of Kosovo and committed numerous human rights violations. These criminal acts led to the involvement of NATO. After months of negotiations to try and protect the people of Kosovo, NATO began an eight-week bombing campaign which eventually led to the withdrawal of Serbian troops. Elsewhere in the world, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was voted out of office.
Making a Point  during a meeting with members of NATO, United States Secretary of State Madeline Albright used shuttle diplomacy between New York and Kosovo to try and help bring an end to the war between the Serbs and Albanians.

Up in Smoke  as a refugee from Kosovo watches her house destroyed by bombs dropped from NATO planes during an intensive bombing campaign to try and bring an end to the conflict between Serbia and the province of Kosovo.

Cutting a Rug  with a visiting rock-n-roll band, Russian President Boris Yeltsin was a key figure in the negotiations between Serbia and Kosovo as Russian troops joined NATO forces in occupying the province of Kosovo following an intense bombing campaign by NATO forces which included a large group of American forces. Yeltsin continued to suffer numerous health problems.
Politics and weather captured most of the national attention during the 1998-99 school year as President William Jefferson Clinton became only the third president in the history of the United States to face impeachment proceedings. Even though President Clinton was found guilty on one of four impeachment allegations, he remained in office. At the end of 1998 and the beginning of 1999, vice president Al Gore prepared to face off against Republican front-runner George W. Bush for the 2000 Presidential race. First Lady Hillary Clinton announced she would run for the Senate while La Nina contributed to some fierce storms.
Madam Senator could be the title First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton would assume should she choose to run for a United States Senate seat from the state of New York following her husband's tenure as president which ends in 2001.

Looking for Help were the survivors of a deadly tornado that completely destroyed a small Texas town south of Dallas during a late-fall storm outbreak. Severe storms and tornadoes were reported throughout the midwest.

Restoring Power following a late-winter snow storm that totally buried the midwest with more than a foot of snow from Oklahoma to Illinois. Although the El Nino weather phenomenon ended prior to the start of 1998, most weather observers were blaming the unusual weather happenings of 1999 on the La Nina weather phenomenon.
The nation’s National Pastime made a major comeback during the 1998 season as everyone’s attention was drawn to the home runs race between Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs. When the dust settled, not only had McGwire passed Babe Ruth and Roger Maris as home run king with 70 round-trippers, but Sosa finished with an amazing 66 home runs and captured the National League Most Valuable Player award. The final weekend of the regular season was filled with enough drama, excitement and emotional turmoil as McGwire hit two home runs in Busch Stadium on the final day.

Locked In on a pitch as it crosses home plate, St. Louis Cardinal first baseman Mark McGwire re-energized baseball by hitting a remarkable 70 home runs during the 1998 season. McGwire was locked in a battle with Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa to the delight of baseball fans throughout the world. Sosa finished with 66 homers. McGwire’s 70 home runs traveled a combined distance of 29,508 feet which is higher than Mount Everest.
Slammin' Sammy launches a rocket over the stands and onto Waverly Avenue outside Wrigley Field in Chicago while leading the Cubs to a wild-card playoff game during the magical 1998 season. Sosa finished with 66 home runs and 158 runs batted in.

There She Goes as St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire steps into one of his record-setting 70 home runs during the 1998 Major League Baseball season. McGwire hit four homers in his last three games.

Power Surge as Chicago Cub outfielder Sammy Sosa set a major league record with 20 home runs during the month of June en route to hitting 66 home runs during the 1998 season. Sosa also led the major leagues with 158 runs batted in while collecting 134 runs scored and batting .308 overall. Sosa led the Cubs to a wild-card berth in the playoffs.
Along with the excitement generated by the McGwire-Sosa duel, baseball fans observed other milestones such as the record-setting performance of 2,632 straight games played over 16 years by Baltimore Iron Man Cal Ripken or the first time in history that a player hit 400 home runs and had 400 stolen bases like San Francisco’s Barry Bonds. But the accomplishments by the New York Yankees also ignited the baseball world. Joe Torre guided the Yankees to a record 114 wins and their 24th World Series title. Yankee pitcher David Wells threw the 13th perfect game in major league history on May 7.
Professional Basketball gained the services of a former Northeastern A&M Lady Norse head coach as Brian Agler became the head coach of the Minnesota entry into the Women’s National Basketball Association league.

Solid Ground Game as running back Terrell Davis (30) joined veteran quarterback John Elway in leading the Denver Broncos to a Super Bowl victory over the Green Bay Packers. Following the game Elway retired from football.

World Champions were the title captured by the New York Yankees after the Bronx Bombers set a major-league record with 114 victories in 162 games. The Yankees also received a perfect-game pitched by David Wells and the American League’s batting champion in outfielder Bernie Williams.
Death hit the arts and entertainment professions especially hard during 1998 as such superstars as singer Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, singing cowboys Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, and Beatle Paul McCartney's wife Linda, left the world. Other notable actors to die during the year included country comedy favorites Grandpa Jones and Jerry Clower; Roddy McDowall; "Buffalo Bob" Smith; Shari Lewis; Lloyd Bridges; Robert Young; Eddie Rabbitt, and Helen Carter. More than 100 artists and entertainers were stricken by death, but their legacies live on in films, music and museums.

Breast Cancer Victim Linda McCartney, American-born wife of Beatle Paul McCartney, died April 17, 1998, at the age of 56. Linda collaborated with her husband on several songs and also was actively involved with the marketing of vegetarian products. She also performed as a singer with Paul's group Wings during the mid-70's and early 80's.
Ole Blue Eyes  Frank Sinatra died of a heart attack on May 14 at the age of 82. Known as “Chairman of the Board,” Sinatra was the idol of millions and a singer among singers. Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford formed the Rat Pack.

Back in the Saddle Again made Gene Autry Hollywood’s first singing cowboy. He died Oct. 2 at age 91 while fellow singing cowboy Roy Rogers died July 6 at age 86. Another cowboy actor, Montie Montana, died May 27 at age 87.

Veteran Actor  Lloyd Bridges (center) is shown with his sons Beau and Jeff, died March 10 at the age of 85. Bridges overcame the blacklist during the McCarthy-era of the 1950’s to build a five-decade acting career highlighted by the early TV series “Sea Hunt” and movies such as “Airplane!”.
A threat of rain forced the 1999 graduation ceremonies to be moved from the outdoor arena of Robertson Field to the close quarters of the NEO Fieldhouse. More than 3,000 family, friends and other relatives crowded into the NEO Fieldhouse to hear former NEO graduate Barry Reynolds deliver the commencement address. Reynolds, a 1984 graduate of NEO, is a lawyer in the Titus, Hillis, and Reynolds Law Firm in Tulsa. While at NEO, Reynolds served as national president of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Approximately 378 sophomores received either an associate of arts or associate of applied science degree.
A Special Greeting by Dr. Glenn E. Mayle, president of NEO, was one of several speeches delivered during the two-hour graduation ceremony held in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Finding a Seat was made more difficult during the 1999 graduation ceremony as the threat of rain forced the activity to be moved indoors to the NEO Fieldhouse from Robertson Field.

Informal Meeting as retiring divisional chair Jack Rucker (left) and Bob Maxwell talk with NEO president Dr. Glenn Mayle prior to the start of the 1999 graduation ceremonies. Rucker retired as chair of the Communications/Fine Arts division while Maxwell retired as chair of the Behavioral Science division.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
With the completion of all the requirements for either an associate of arts degree or an associate of applied science degree, more than 378 sophomores participated in graduation ceremonies held May 6 in the NEO Fieldhouse. Following a graduation address by alumnus Barry Reynolds, Dr. Glenn E. Mayle, NEO president, and Dr. Barry Vann, vice president for academic affairs, presented degrees to the graduating sophomores. The ceremony also included the presentation of several special academic awards to top students in the six academic divisions along with the Carl Rigney sports awards.

Congratulations from Dr. Glenn E. Mayle, president of NEO, were extended to sophomore Angie Ayres from Welch during graduation ceremonies held in the NEO Fieldhouse. The last graduation ceremony of the millennium honored more than 378 sophomores and featured former alumnus Barry Reynolds as keynote speaker.

Photo by Mike Capshaw
It's Final thought sophomore Beau Wallace of Broken Arrow after he received his associate of arts degree from vice president of academic affairs Barry Vann during the 1999 graduation ceremonies. Photo by Mike Capshaw

Ready to Go just before entering the gymnasium to begin the 1999 graduation ceremonies are faculty members, from left; Mac McAdams, Tom Bain and Doug Lee. Photo by Mike Capshaw

Having Some Fun with members of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society prior to the start of graduation ceremonies are co-sponsors Pat Creech (left) and Kenda Grover. Members of the MU Chapter received special ribbons to signify their participation in Phi Theta Kappa. More than 40 members participated in graduation. Photo by Mike Capshaw
Memories were strengthened by Students

From the first day a student set foot on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, to the last time they entered a classroom or participated in graduation ceremonies, the "college experience" left a lasting impression on that person.

The melting pot which became the NEO campus featured students ranging in age of 17 years for some concurrent students to 84-years of age for a student taking a specific class. Also adding to the mix were the nationality of students ranging from hometown kids from Miami to several students from Hong Kong, Japan, Bahamas, Equador, Nepal, Hungary, and Kenya, Africa.

This diverse mixture of cultures contributed to the formation of memories and friendships that will endure a lifetime. Students received a vast amount of education blended with social events designed to create a better understanding between the different cultures represented on campus.

Participation in campus events assured students of an opportunity to become acquainted with other people who had similar interests.

Over the years, students have grown to understand the traditional saying, "Once A Norseman...Always A Norseman."

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Following a fall which featured several activities and events to bring the student body together, and a winter which made studying in the dorm or library more attractive than going outside, or going to basketball games on campus, students saw the end of the school year come on the fresh breath of spring. Returning to the outdoors for such activities as the Spring Fling, or baseball and softball games, days were becoming warmer and the temptation to do things outdoors grew stronger. Despite the temptations, students worked hard in classes while preparing for the last round of final exams that occur each May. Once these exams were done, students got on with building a summer of memories to match the ones they had created at NEO.

*Watermelon Feed,* Steven Torres and Scott Smith, both freshmen from Broken Arrow, enjoy a piece of watermelon during a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. *Photo by Susan Lambert*
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Reaching the Electorate was the reason freshman Roberta Boren of Atoka wrote signs on the sidewalk to attract voters for the Student Body Government elections held late in the spring semester.

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In Tribute...

Veteran instructors retire

Along with the re-alignment of the academic area to start the 1999-2000 school year, the college will be without the services of three veteran faculty members that have announced their retirement.

Concluding 45 years of service to the institution will be Jack Rucker who is currently re-cooperating from surgery in March. Rucker joined the college faculty as an English instructor in 1954. During his long and illustrious career, Rucker has served in numerous faculty and administrative positions, but all three of their daughters graduated from NEO.

Ruth Ann Maxwell, a reading and English instructor, has been on a medical leave of absence since January. Ruth Ann came to NEO in 1965 after a brief teaching career at her alma-mater Miami High School.

While a student at NEO in the mid-50's, Ruth Ann Maxwell was a member of the Norsemen dance team and served as editor of the Viking yearbook.

Once she returned to NEO as an instructor in the manpower program, Ruth Ann became a instructor of English in 1968. She also served six years as dean of women and director of the Norse Stars.

She served 10 years as sponsor of the women's group Order of Freya before establishing the reading program in 1981.

Ruth Ann Maxwell was co-recipient of the 1998 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

After earning All-State honors in football and baseball at Miami High School, Bob Maxwell became a four-sport letterman and all-american at NEO.

Bob Maxwell returned to teach and coach at Miami High School before coming to NEO in 1966 as an assistant football and head baseball coach.

During his 28-year career as defensive secondary coach for the Golden Norsemen, Bob Maxwell produced 26 junior college All-Americans and eight players that competed in the National Football League.

He served as head coach of the NEO baseball team from 1966 through 1979. During his tenure the Norsemen won 223 games and made 11 trips to the Region II tournament. He coached Johnny Ray, the 1978 National League Rookie of the Year.

As Lady Norse softball coach from 1986 to 1988, Bob Maxwell compiled a 75-47 overall record.

Bob Maxwell assumed the duties as chair of the Behavioral Science division in 1989 and became director of athletics in 1994.

Collectively, the three totaled 114 years of teaching experience.
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