NEO Talent Auditions Set

By Casey Sparkling

Auditions for the seventh annual NEO Talent show are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6 and 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Any full-time NEO student with a musical or an unusual talent may try out. There are no regulations, although students are required to fill out a registration form. The initial auditions will be held on Feb. 10 in the student center.

Any talent from singing, dancing, to acting, is welcome. Participants will be judged on creativity, originality, and enthusiasm.

The contest will be divided into three rounds: vocal, instrumental, and dance. Prizes will be awarded for the best performances in each category.

Contestants who win will be notified by phone and will be required to perform at the final show on March 8.

Entries must be submitted by Feb. 24, to the student center.

STUDENTS MAY ENTER in any category including vocal, instrumental, dance, monologue, or any specialty act.

Nurse Wind

Black Heritage Celebration Recognizes Achievements

By Jane Penn

"Go out and live your dreams," is the theme for the second annual Black Heritage Week beginning Feb. 13 and continuing thru Feb. 19.

The activities begin Monday with "Dashiki," the typical African dress. The "Dashiki," can be worn all week by both men and women.

Tuesday is red, white and green day. These colors represent blacks throughout the United States and these colors are worn all week.

Wednesday is a modern day fashion and talent show will be held in the Student Union ballroom starting at 7:30 p.m.

Every voice will sing and the black national anthem, will signal Thursday as friendship day. Blacks will unite in front of the library Administration building in a combined effort for peace and friendship.

Thursday, Harold Ray, producer of the black student body at ORU in Tulsa, ORU's South of Fire and NEO's Children of Fire are all focused on the common goal of racial harmony. The event will be held in the ballroom of the Student Union beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A dance will be held Saturday with the time and place yet to be announced. Sunday brings the week's activities to a close with the black students attending services at a local church.

"I think the observance is an excellent idea. Not many people are aware of the achievements blacks have made and this is an excellent way of bringing about awareness," commented Michael G. Goudie, black student sponsor.

Royce Presents Recital

Rhonda Royce, Tulia sophomore, will present a student piano recital at 2 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

This recital will replace the NEO choral concert originally scheduled. According to Dave Amason, choral director, the postponement of the choral concert is due to "lack of rehearsal time to prepare adequately. People in the chorus are currently involved in other campus activities." Musician assisting Royce will include Sherry Harrison, Joplin, cello, and Dr. Robert Brown, violin, and Dr. Marc Gainer, concert

harp. Gainer will provide the final performance of NEO's new concert harp.

"Rhonda's recital selections will progress from historical early to modern, " said Gainer, her instructor.

"The recital is a requirement for her music degree.

Future student recitals are scheduled for 12 p.m. Feb. 13, 27, and March 6, in the Fine Arts auditorium. A faculty recital is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Chorus-Meistersinger Concert is being scheduled for March 12, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Act may consist of groups of friends. "Music is an integral part of our activities," Wilson explained. "We don't buy . . . you can't score or be a music major. However, every student must participate in some form of music. The talent show is an excellent way to encourage students to participate in music."

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Dr. Converse explained, "we (the college) have no trouble keeping the kids interested in science. It's a matter of time, but a single price cannot be agreed on.

Special Banquet Honors Scholars

Outstanding scholars recently named on the President's and Dean's Honor Roll will be honored in the Carter Student Union Ballroom, 8 p.m., according to Dr. Charles H. Angell, dean of instruction.

Beginning next Tuesday, the student senate members will be chosen.

Dr. Converse said, "the event is open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The featured band for the evening will be 'Freetime.'"

A date for Fraternity to speak on campus will be re-scheduled at a later meeting. Suggestions are welcome to anyone in the senate as to activities for the weekend, such as a pool party or another ping pong tournament.

The event will also be advertised with Ogle concerning lowering meal prices in the cafeteria for those who have guests visit on the weekend.

The Home Economics club will be selling cook books.

"Anyone interested should contact a member of the home economics club. Discounts for students during times of bad weather in the cafeteria is brought up by the Committee on the student's request," said Ogle, who will be interviewed on the news.

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Move Over Nadia
Gymnast Exhibits Olympic Ability

By Becky Porter
Feature Editor

Like a bird poised before taking flight, 9-year-old gymnast Tammy Penley concentrates on her tumbling routine before performing. The tiny, 45-pound first grader is as agile and graceful in her movements as a girl twice her age. Her powerful legs enable her to perform maneuvers she wouldn't expect from her small, four-foot frame. Her determination to perfect and continually improve her moves is an asset to her becoming the next "Nadia."

TAMMY'S PARENTS, KEN and Shirley Penley of Miami, are very involved with Tammy and her sport. They are well-informed about the sport of gymnastics and are enthusiastic about it as Tammy is.

"When Tammy was three, she watched her two cousins practice their cheerleading routines and Tammy wanted desperately to learn cheerleading too," Ken said. "We tried to enroll her in the gymnastics class here at NEO when she was four, but they said that she was too young. I worked with her at home instead," Ken adds.

At five, TAMMY joined the gymnastics class and progressed rapidly. "We could see she was talented from the beginning. When she first started, she already knew how to do a cartwheel, roundoff and the basic rolls. We showed her how to do front and back walkovers one week and the next week, Tammy had mastered these翻s and was ready to learn a back hand springs," commented Melinda Owens, chief instructor of the gymnastics class.

"Tammy is our best student because she's remarkably coordinated, she has patience in mind the teachers and she's not afraid to try anything. Younger kids have great confidence in their parents and coaches," Melinda said.

Tammy has an excellent memory and this trait is a must for a young gymnast. "We had to make her memorize her routines for her first competition because she was a younger and couldn't read," the coach explains of their only child.

TAMMY TRAVELS TO JOPLIN twice a week and works out with the Joplin YWCA gymnastics club there. She's been to many competitions where she usually places first or second in the 10 years and under age bracket and she has accumulated various medals, trophies, ribbons and certificates from competition.

Tammy is also a member of the Amarillo Athletic Union and plans to participate in their junior olympics if she qualifies for regionals and nationals.

"Tryouts for regionals are in February and Tammy must place first or second to qualify for regionals. To qualify for nationals, she must place first or second at regionals. We're definitely hoping she'll win nationals and head for the junior olympics," Shirley said.

At a gymnastics camp this summer in Kansas City, the Penley's met Al Fong, head coach of the Flyers, a private olympic sports club. "Al Fong worked with Tammy and said that she has a lot of natural ability. He also said her greatest asset was that she's very coachable. She would do anything she was told," Ken comments.

"KEN AND I were offered jobs at the camp if we would move there and put Tammy on the team. If we did move, it would benefit Tammy because she could work out every day. We don't want to push her or deprive her of her childhood by making her devote all of her time to gymnastics," Shirley explained. "Also if Tammy is not a national contender by the age of 16, all that effort would be wasted.," Ken adds.

Before each competition, Tammy listens to her music and gets it in her mind before making up a routine. By watching television and other gymnasts, Tammy picks up ideas and her parents contribute theirs. "The floor exercise is an expression of music, so we let Tammy have the freedom to create, but we change and modify her ideas to make the routine look more polished. She likes perfection and definitely wants to be the best," Ken stated. "Her dad and I see her work ethic."

Tammy is also a mascot for the Miami High School cheerleaders and being associated with older girls, Tammy gets to wear a little makeup for special occasions. "We don't want her to show off in cheerleading. She's pretty conscious of what she's doing, but sometimes she gets overemotional. She's a hard, she loves to perform," Shirley said.

IN HER GREEN shorts, Tammy's blond pig-tailed hair is wet with perspiration as she struggles to master two consecutive back flips using no hands. Her parents criticize her bad form and praise the height of her flip. Tiredly, Tammy redo's the flips, trying to achieve her goal. The 1984 olympic games in Los Angeles is a big goal in a little girl's mind.

Persons interested in enrolling in NEO's gymnastics class are invited to sign up Sat., Feb. 4. Students learn floor exercises and how to do the balance beam, uneven bars, vault and trampoline. The cost is $15 for four weeks and children must be at least three years of age to enroll.

Fluid Movement

Young gymnast Tammy Penley concentrates on her many moves prior to the start of her gymnastic routine. Tammy exhibites more of than 30 exercises which highlighted her exercises.

-Photo by Teresa Cline

Pre-Marital Sessions
Plan to Help Answer Marriage Difficulties

Pre-marital sessions will be held on the NEO campus for the fourth consecutive year, according to child development department head, Maxine Edwards.

Students are encouraged to attend the sessions which are open to the public. There will be no admission charge for the sessions.

The sessions will begin Feb. 24th, and the 7th, 20th, and 28th of March at 7:30 p.m. The sessions will be held in Cunningham Little Theatre, Cunningham Hall room 106.

"We feel that marriage is one of the most important decisions that a person makes and we want to help the students in deciding what they want out of a marriage," explained Edwards.

Edwards stated that topics for the sessions have not been chosen yet but will be picked from the survey taken among the students.

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Young Consumers Seek Credit

Example: Walter Gavenagh is reportedly the most avid credit card collector in the country. Earlier this year, Gavenagh, a peripatetic shopper who earns about $27,000 a year, claimed to own approximately 800 credit cards. Gavenagh apparently collects them for fun and regularly stores more then a few in a safe deposit box. If Gavenagh actually used his 800 plus cards, however, he would have an estimated line of credit approaching $9.3 million in a single month.

In some ways, to avoid buying on credit seems somehow more American. Certainly, if we bought goods and services strictly with cash, the economy would be slowed down considerably. But it is not at all the patriotism and consumer conditioning that leads us to buy on credit. Indifference, coupled with recession in recent years, has made tough times for everyone. No wonder young married couples are scrambling to buy homes — not because homes are a bargain. Far from it. They're scrambling because the $50,000 home they admired this year will cost an estimated $75,000 by 1982.

The conditions and statistics speak clearly. Time magazine reported in February that the U.S. population has grown 44 percent since 1950, but the total amount of outstanding consumer installment debt multiplied more than 12 times to roughly $377 billion this year, by the way, does not even include home mortgage debt. We are truly a credit society and young adults are the people who depend on credit most. "Their wants and needs exceed their income," says Ronald McCaslin of the Chicago Federal Trade Commission regional office. "For the first half of a person's life, he has more time than money. And in the second half, it's the opposite." Then there is legislation among young consumers. They watch their parents buy on credit, so they tend to do the same. They have more money than their parents did thirty years ago and they choose to spend it at last count, about half of all 16 to 21 year old Americans had jobs. Modern jobs like baby sitting and cutting lawns, are too small, jobs just the same. The jobs plant up to $20 a week in the pockets of typical 17 year old. With money like that to spend, young people are equally divided between the credit cards and cash.

There are junior charge accounts and student charge accounts of the major credit cards. But there can be credit problems, but by law, 18 year olds, or 19 year olds, are turned down for a credit card because they are already "overburdened with debt." A College student who had been using his father's oil company credit card by agreement ran it up a $200 debt and was forced to sell his car. Critics of young consumer credit say that we must look at the schools to see if the credit card practice is right or wrong. But really we must look back at the student loans that are in default. The 10 percent of all student loans issued. By next year it is estimated that an additional 145,000 student default claims worth $12.7 million will be filed.

After studying the success of the youth credit card test program for 18 months, Master Charge in Florida reports that they credit the youthful applicants with a new co-signer, 80 percent of the group who were approved, the average line of credit is $301 per person and the average balance for young people with Master Charge cards turns out to be a respectable $18.41.
Head Coach Anticipates Exciting Year for NEO

By Kevin Radford

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Driving Layup

Norse Forward Gerald White drives in for a layup during action against Southeast. White finished the game with ten points while the Norsemen defeated the Tigers, 84-69. — Photo by Mike Hignite

Dual Matches Norse

First dual matches remain for the Golden Norse grapplers before preparations for the Regional II Tournament in Coffey, KS.

NOR has collected a 1-2 dual match record thus far this season under the direction of first year head coach Bill Yocum. The Norsemen will face Fort Scott, Kansas, tonight in the Nebraska Fieldhouse. Fort Scott earlier this season, 58-62, at Norseman.

TRAVELING TO NEBRASKA, Mo., Feb. 8, the Norsemen will attempt to reverse a, 21-15, loss to Grand View College, Dec. 13, in the Fieldhouse. Fort Scott, Feb. 9, for a dual with the Thunderbirds of Clinton Junior College. Coffey will also feature the Norsemen in earlier action, 33-11, at Grand View.

"Our toughest match comes as we will face..."
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Sports

Boehs Makes Coaches Debut Season Success

By Ron Waymire
American Sports Editor

Lady Norse freshmen forward, Renee Boehs, has helped coach Carol Calcganos through the rigors of first year coaching. Boehs, who hails from Ringwood, enjoys playing college basketball more than high school.

"I like five man alot better. It's also faster game than high school. Boehs evidently knows what she likes, as she is helping the Lady Norse in scoring that far.

COACH CALCAGNOS has nothing but praise for the 5'9" Boehs, "She's a fine girl," exclaimed Calcaganos who feels Renee has helped the team a great deal with her hustle and good shooting ability. Renee is a "very solid player" according to Calcaganos, "and she performs admirably on both offense and defense.

The last fact is attested to by Boehs season statistics.

On the defensive side of the game, Boehs brought down 35 rebounds, which is third best on the team and also was second in offensive rebounds with 35. Boehs FEELS she helps the team with her offensive abilities. In high school she played on the offensive end of the court and in doing so, she acquired all-conference honors over the past several years.

In her senior year, consisting of being selected to the all-star team along with playing in the Northern All-Star Classic, a game in which she took home high points honors.

"Independence has been my best point this year because I believe the team more. I feel I can also score more and the team on defense more." In addition to her defensive performance, Boehs also sparked on offense. She grabbed five offensive rebounds and got six steals, but her biggest contribution came in the scoring department. She poured in a

Intramural Highlights

By Kevin Radford

Ping-Pong
NEO's Intramural Council sponsored a ping pong tournament called "Snowball." About 60 students participated in the tournament held in the lounge area of Dobson Hall.

Winners included Kathy Hull and Susan Smith, towels for their doubles; Alix Stern and Barrie Hiltz, female singles; Susan Kray, Clemons's men singles; Rochelle Robinson, Ross's male doubles; and Cindy Hoffman, mixed doubles.

Tournament directors were Stan Merritt, tutors, and Providence.

Men's Basketball

Superior wins entered in the basketball competition have been split into two leagues: BLUE LEAGUE—Commons 2, Harrill 3, Russell 3, Russell 3B, Dyer 3, Dyer 2, Russell 3; and GOLD LEAGUE—Commons 1, Harrill 1, Russell 3A, Dyer 1, Russell 2 North, Men's Hall.

In first round action, Dyer 1 downed Russell 3A, 36-34 in a game that went right down to the wire. The late game was won by Dyer 3 by a score of 49-31 over Russell 3B.

Volleyball

The Intramural Council will sponsor a volleyball tournament starting March 19. Eleven of the sixteen categories will be men's, women's, and coed. Sign up sheets will be placed in the Harrill Dobson lounge.

Freshman Standout

By Chris Fitcher
Sports Editor

Two road trips and three home stands highlight the Golden Norsemen and Lady Norse schedules for the next two weeks. While moving into the last portion of the season, the Norsemen face important Big State Conference games which are vital in determining berth in the Region II Tournament.

NEO WILL TRAVEL to Shawnee to play the Cavaliers of St. Gregory's Junior College, Feb. 7. This will be the first meeting between the two teams this year. Last season, the Norse defeated St. Gregory's, 63-62, and 86-67.

The Lady Norse will travel to St. Gregory's for their first meeting of the season with the Cavaliers. Last season the Lady Norse won both games from St. Gregory's by scores of 68-67 and 56-45.

NEO will return home, Feb. 9, to host Oklahoma City Southwestern. This is also the first meeting of these two schools. The Norse split with the Eagles in action last year. NEO fell short of victory at Oklahoma City, losing, 86-85. The Norse returned home and won a decisive, 110-90, victory over the Eagles. This will be the first meeting at home between the two teams.

ALSO HOSTING OKLAHOMA City S.W. will be the Lady Norse. The two teams did not meet in action last season.

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Redshirt quarterback and Coral Norsemen, 5-6 and Elizabeth Gae, 5-6, will be probable starters at guards. Starting center will be Terry Pyle, 6-1.

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Metric Conversion Halts Conversion

By Paul Clark

Dr. Nicholas Calcagno, head of the M.I.T. in Physics, recently announced that the school has decided to halt its use of the metric system in all courses. This decision was made after a two-year study of the advantages and disadvantages of the metric system. The study, conducted by a team of professors, has concluded that the metric system is not as efficient as the American system in certain areas, such as measuring length and temperature. The decision will be implemented in the fall of the current academic year.

Q: Why do you feel humans are not as efficient as the metric system?
A: The metric system is based on the decimal system, which is more intuitive and easier to learn than the American system. The metric system also has a better ability to handle very large or very small numbers, which is important in many scientific fields.

Q: Do you feel the American system is more intuitive than the metric system?
A: Yes, the American system is more intuitive for everyday use. However, it is not as efficient for scientific calculations and measurements.

Q: What changes will the decision have on students?
A: Students will no longer need to use the metric system in their coursework. However, they will still need to be familiar with both systems for future use in their careers.

Q: What is your opinion on the decision?
A: I believe the decision is a good one. The metric system is not as efficient as the American system for many scientific calculations and measurements. The decision will help improve the effectiveness of our students in the sciences.

Q: What is the next step in the decision-making process?
A: The decision has been made and will be implemented in the fall of the current academic year. The faculty will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the decision and make any necessary changes in the future.
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