Judging teams sweep fair contests

By A.B. Chavis

Sweeping almost every category in both pro and novice divisions, the college livestock judging team opened the season recently in both the Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair at Fort Smith, Ark., and the Tulsa State Fair.

Opening the season at Fort Smith, the Pro team captured first place in the high team overall. The team also placed first in the four categories of beef, sheep, swine and reasons.

Mike Kelesis, sophomore, Rust Springs, won high individual in the Pro competition.

Adonna Knight, sophomore, Miami, placed second and David Carr, sophomore, Norborne, Mo., took fifth place.

NEG captured first in the high team overall in the novice division. The college novice team placed first in the beef, second in the sheep, first in the swine and first in the reasons category. Kyle Schwabhover, freshman, Wyocena, took first in beef judging, and second in sheep, swine and reasons.

Brian Lane, freshman, Miami, placed first in the swine category and third in the reasons category. Mark Reiter, sophomore, Wyocena, won high individual in the novice division. Fred Slater, freshman, Wyocena, took second and Lane placed fifth.

Winning the Tulsa State Fair, the college Pro team was the high placing overall team. NEG captured six places in the high team overall. NEG captured first in the high reasons category.


Siler placed first and second in swine, sheep and reason categories, while Darren Slater placed second, Fred Slater fourth, Thompson seventh, Jones ninth and Darren Slater 10th.

Siler won top honors in both the novice reasons category, while Siler also finished second. Siler finished second. Lane finished third and Jones placed 10th. Coach Jody Douglas will accompany both teams as they travel to the Seattle, La., on Sunday to compete in the Louisiana State Fair.
Laugh with Lelani
Lelani Smith

This week a large number of local residents witnessed some very strange happenings in the sky.

So far, I don’t think there has been a logical explanation given for the weird lights hovering over Miami. So what are they? I wish I knew. These weird lights have been seen changing colors rapidly from gold to blue to red to white and then to green and moving quickly across the sky.

They have also been spotted moving slowly and remaining one solid color.

The explanation for these lights has caused the reflection of the sun, since we have had such clear skies this past week.

Great, so now we come to the question of why do they move so quickly from one area to another? Oh, let’s say they are shooting stars.

Once these bright lights have moved from one area to another very quickly, they don’t appear and I always thought that shooting stars moved downward very rapidly, then disappeared before reaching earth.

I agree to the fact that I could be wrong.

There have been so many people who have seen the exact same thing and who feel the same way that I do about the explanations given so far.

Few of which believe we could be under observation of an unknown alien life form.

Some of the religious observers have another theory for these unusual lights.

The Bible says that in the last days, before the coming of Christ, there will be signs of his coming in the skies.

There has also been a theory that maybe the unbelieving or some other branch of the armed forces has been testing some new flying equipment.

Then there are those who insist on the sightings and think those who claim they are seeing flying saucers are crazy.

I always think to one of these people, “I observed the colorful sightings and I don’t think I am crazy.”

Concerned, yes.

There has to be a logical explanation for the lights that have been the center of conversation. I just wish I knew what it was.

Brief Break

Midterm exams offer chance of relaxation

Here we are. It’s time for fall break. Midterms are here. Now. It is time to relax for a little while.

Most of us feel we need, or even deserve, a break after all of the intense studying we put in lately. But what should a good fall break consist of?

Just the word break conjures up visions of Padre Island or New Orleans or just plain partying till something comes to function.

But fall break is not spring break. There is not the time to do the worldly things that college students traditionally do to celebrate spring break.

So what is a self-respecting party animal student to do? Maybe it’s time to use some imagination. You might try something very strange for a lot of us.

How about a long weekend visiting with the family at home? You haven’t seen them in a while, have you?

Maybe, if the weather is nice you can all load up the car and go for a nice afternoon drive to one of the state or national parks scattered all over the area.

While you are there you might try having a good old fashioned picnic. I bet you haven’t tried that in a while.

But wait, you may ask. “I’m a commuter at this school. What do I do?”

Sure you see the family every day. But what is the last time you really saw the family?

Did you notice anything different about your brother this morning? What about your sisters this morning?

Dad’s gained a little weight. Mom is wearing new clothes. But then mom’s lost a little weight. So I guess nothing has really changed.

Don’t take your homeless for granted. It is something to be cherished. You might not realize that now, but in the future you’ll look back on it.

Make sure, when the time comes to look back, that you have something to look back on with a smile.

Set aside some time in your busy schedule this weekend to be with your family. Even if it is just for a little while. Make sure that the time you spend together is to each a very warm person expression of quality time.

Editorial

Midterm exams set precedence for study habits

Now that mid-terms are over, there are now only a few weeks left in this semester.

In these few short weeks, it is vital to keep up the pace that has been set for the fall.

If there has been any slack in study habits, now is the time to reignite the efforts and begin doing book harder.

Fun may be the "it" thing right now, so sooner or later grades are going to come into the picture.

A person may excel in his classes in order to excel in his chosen field.

It may not seem important for a physical education major or a journalism major to study hard and do his best in his classes, but it is.

Imagine having appendicitis and finding out that the doctor did NOT graduate anywhere near the top of his class.

In fact, he was at the very bottom. This is sad. This is sad that this is so important to study hard and do your best possible job when assignments. If a person doesn’t put forth any effort, he can’t expect to do well.

If a person doesn’t put his best foot forward in class work, he won’t do well in society as a whole.

Success takes a lot of hard work. But it is worth it to have the satisfaction of knowing that what ever comes his way, he can handle it.

Hard work always pays off for the long run. Starting working now, and in just a little while you will be reaping the results.

Many people think that grades are unimportant. However, good grades are important factors when transferring to a four year college.

College observes fall break

Fall break will be observed Thursday and Friday of this week.

All college offices, including the post office and the business office will be closed Thursday.

The dormitories and the cafeteria will remain open during the period. Snack bar turnover number one will be closed.

The Learning Resource Center will remain open until 1 p.m. Wednesday. It is scheduled to be closed on Sunday and closed until 9 p.m. Monday at 9 a.m.

Classes resume on Monday.

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Norse Stars Drill team schedules reunion

Former members of the nationally-known Norse Stars Drill team will gather Oct. 20-21 for a reunion. "We are holding the meeting in conjunction with the college's 50th anniversary," said Connie Molder, activities director and reunion organizer. "The get-together is a social event designed for former Norse Stars," Molder said. "It will be more or less a time of fellowship and a chance for the current girls to meet some of the members of past drill teams."

During the reunion, there will be a talent show with local refreshments by the NEO Foundation. The Norse Stars were created under the guidance of their college president Dr. Bruce G. Carter in 1950. Dr. Carter had seen the Kilgore, Texas, Rangerettes dance team perform and decided that NEO needed a similar group. He returned and summoned the expertise of dance instructor Virginia Wilson, who became the first director of the Norse Stars.

At one time there were close to 75 girls on the team," said Molder. "Currently, there are around 52 ladies representing the school at the games and at other functions they are called upon to do."

There have been five Norse Star directors since their establishment: Virginia Wilson was the first and served the longest, 25 years. Ruth Ann Maxwell, currently a reading instructor at NEO, Carol Calkins, presently a physical education instructor, and Linda Bratny, have also served as directors. The present director is physical education instructor Nancy Bledsoe, now in her fifth year with the Norse Stars. "Probably the one routine that hasn't changed much since they were formed is the high kick that is done at the football games," Molder said. "There have been changes in the overall choreography, but the kick is still around."

Efforts are being made to contact as many of the former drill team members as possible. "We have contacted around 150 people, but that isn't anywhere near the total number we would like to contact," Molder said. "We don't have a lot of them, we just haven't heard from them."

The Norse Stars will be honored at the Holiday Inn dance this Saturday night.

Spooklight remains natural

By Justin Albert

With images in the minds of strange lights and UFOs flying around the nighttime skies over northeastern Oklahoma the memory of another strange, lighted phenomenon the spooklight is brought to mind.

By now most students have either seen the spooklight or they have heard one of the exciting stories about the light and the mystery surrounding it.

In these times of microcomputers, compact discs and laser surgery it seems that technology could surely offer a simple explanation for the mysterious light. Yet the origin of the illuminated being escapes scientific knowledge and the mystery remains unsolved.

During World War II, the United States Corps of Engineers spent several weeks in the woods surrounding the spooklight with the latest scientific equipment. They tested mineral deposits, caves, highway routes, and every other possible explanation for its existence. They could not find a logical reason and they went away empty handed.

Before searching the area, most people believe the light is merely a reflection of car lights from route 66. Many old timers dismiss this theory saying the light was there long before route 66 cut through the area.

Others believe the illumination is nothing more than a gas density. Opponents of this theory claim that a gas density would have burned out after all these years. Others believe the spooklight has nothing to do with science. The light is a supernatural phenomenon with its origin being that of a ghastly background.

One of the ghastly legends claims that the spooklight is an eternal flame, burning brightly for two Indian lovers who committed suicide in the great tradition of Romeo and Juliet. Another legend states that the light is actually the lantern of a headless soldier, on huntsmaning for its head. Still others believe the light is that of a distraught father's lantern as he searches for his abducted children.

Whatever the explanation may be for it, the light does exist. It is located on a deserted county road which is actually the state line of Oklahoma and Missouri. However the light never crosses into Missouri; it resides in Oklahoma exclusively.

When the light first appears, most people believe it to be car lights. This belief is forgotten when one light becomes visible, surrounded by a halo-like glow. It will materialize at the end of the road for a short time, disappear and light up in another place. The light may appear more brightly, one night than another and it is known to change color. Its distance appears infinite like that of a rainbow and it always looks to remain relatively the same size.

The light, which was first discovered in 1900 by a young Quapaw Indian girl, is truly one of the unsolved mysteries in the world today.
Norse corral Kilgore Rangers

By Errol Morgan
Nord News

Two second half touchdowns by freshman fullback Leshon Johnson sparked the Norse to a 28-20 victory over Kilgore Junior College last weekend at Kilgore, Texas.

"Leshon did a great job of giving us some scoring opportunities," said Norse coach Glen Wolfe. "He stepped in and was able to give us the yards when we needed them." 

Johnson ran 17, 176, and 176 yards for touchdowns, and finished with 127 yards rushing on 32 carries while scoring on runs of 1 and 6 yards. Playing before a partisan home crowd, the Norse topped the Kilgore Norsemen in St. John Memorial Stadium, the Golden Norse score tied 7-7.

Jackie Hood finished off a 7-yard drive with a 3-yard run. Jack Sells added the point after. The Norse then added the point after after a 2-yard pass to give the Norse a 7-0 lead.

Kilgore retaliated with a 55-yard drive as fullback John Davis scored from two yards out. Donald Heard missed the extra point, and the Rangers trailed 26-13 in the second quarter.

After holding the Norse to three downs and a punt, sophomore quarterback Joe Valentine hit wide receiver Charlie Smith with a 35-yard touchdown pass. Fullback Willie Monroe scored the two-point conversion to give the Norse a 14-0 lead with 14:27 left in the half.

On their next possession, the Rangers got on the scoreboard again as fullback Darrell Riggs led the Norse up the middle on a 40-yard touchdown run. Heed lacked in the extra point to give Kilgore a 22-7 lead with 8:44 left in the half.

A fumbled punt by Willie Monroe gave the Norse new life and another scoring opportunity at the Ranger 20-yard line.

Freshman fullback Terry Riggs circled out of the backfield for a 15-yard touchdown on a 75-yard drive and two play calls. The point after tied Kilgore's margin to 25-14 with 4:13 before intermission.

"Going into the game we knew that they could throw against Kilgore. Our passing game has really come into its own in the last few weeks, so we felt confident that we could pass," Wolfe said.

"Basically we just kept what the defense gave us and most of the time we had people open," Wolfe said.

NED's defense came alive and cornerback Cleveland Phillips blocked a 42-yard field goal attempt by Rodney Batherman.

Freshman quarterback Joe Potter replaced Hood and moved the Norse 74 yards in seven plays. Two plays later, as passes found the end zone only to have the plays nullified.

The first pass to Dennis Ross resulted in a pass interference call against Kilgore after Ross dropped the pass. The second pass was dropped by the end zone.

The Norse then connected on their first field goal of the season with a 21-yard boot to pull the Norse within four points to trail 21-17 at halftime.

Kilgore lost a chance to add three points to their lead on their first possession of the second half when Dewayne Simmons and Cleveland Phillips tipped a 25-yard Ranger field goal attempt.

Ross continued to enjoy success by hitting a 30-yard field goal as the Golden Norsemen pulled to a 25-21 deficit with 4:31 left in the third quarter.

An interception of a Joe Potter pass allowed Kilgore a chance to score their only touchdowns of the second half.

Fullback Willie Monroe ran 67 yards through the middle of the Norse defense as Kilgore built a 28-20 lead with 2:04 left in the third quarter.

"This touchdown wasn't really the fault of the defense because the offensive turned the ball over to them in the first place," said Wolfe.

Johnson then scored his first of two touchdowns from 1 yard out with just five seconds left in the quarter to drop the deficit to two points.

Hood had Tommy Lewis create a 28-23 tie.

After a fumble lost their defense with some long pass plays, the Norse were able to hang on after the loss.

Wolfe said: "Covering 74 yards on six plays the Golden Norsemen took the lead with 7:21 left in the game. Johnson swept around the right side to score from 6 yards out and Sells added the point after.

NED had a chance to pull their lead with 2:43 showing on the clock. Leshon Johnson's field goal attempt was blocked in the end zone for a touchback.

"The block wasn't anything fancy did because we was dead center. Kilgore's defensive man ran right up out center's back, which is highly illegal," Wolfe said.

Johnson accumulated 127 yards rushing on 32 carries to lead the Norse ground game. "We knew Leshon was a great runner when we recruited him. He hasn't been playing much because he has problems blocking."

"Our skill people on the offensive side of the ball did an exceptional job also. We had over 430 yards in total offense which is quite an accomplishment when you consider the hole he took on," said Wolfe.

Hood completed 17 of 25 passes for 220 yards and one TD while Potter completed 1 of 5 passes for 34 yards.

Vetern wide receiver Dennis Ross made six receptions for 170 yards to lead the Norse. "We had a couple of patterns where if we hadn't been overthrown, we would've had six points," said Wolfe.

While blocking for a field goal attempt, the Golden Norse defense tackled six passes and sacked Valentine four times for minus 29 yards.

Linebacker Kevin Keith recorded seven solo tackles, seven assists and one quarterback sack for minus 8 yards.

Cornerback Cleveland Phillips made seven solo tackles while deflecting a pass and a field goal for the Golden Norsemen against the Rangers.
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