Norse Win Crown

Becoming the first junior college from the state of Ohio to earn an invitation to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship the Golden Norse defeated 2,500 Ritchie Gipson's Bluecoats 57-53.

"We had a good season," said Gipson in a major understatement. "It's a tremendous feeling. The culmination of a lot of hard work." Joining Brown on the all-tournament team were Anthony Gable and Clay Johnson, both of Northeast Mississippi; Marshall Barber and Reggie Fidder, both of Polk, Fla.; Elbert Emmett, Okla.; Tim Dungens, Venice, Kos.; Shawn Johnson, Frank.; Willard Marks, Greenville, N.C.; Clifford Martin, Southern Idaho; Darryl Reid, San Jacinto, Texas and Rocky Smith, Eastern Wyoming.

"Gable was a 6-4 center, scored 127 total points for the tournament while scoring 22 points against the Norse in the title game. "Gable was as good a post player as we've seen. We just had to throw fresh bodies at him," Gipson said.

Forrest places fifth during state meeting

Two members of the college business division representing NEO's chapter of the national business student fraternity Phi Beta Lambda attended the State Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City. Richard Kans, a business administration major from Langley, and Dawnie T. Forrest, an accounting major from Okla participated in the conference. During the conference the participants attended meetings, workshops and participated in various events. Forrest was the top placing junior college entrant. She placed fifth in the Accounting Competition being edged out by university accounting majors. Former NEO Phi Beta Lambda member, Curtis Adams, has been elected as the new president of Oklahoma Phi Beta Lambda for 1989-1990.

Students attend national convention

By Elizabeth Noelham

Eleven members of the college attending the Phi Theta Kappa National Convention March 29- April 1 at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Ga. Over 2,000 Phi Theta Kappans are expected to attend the four-day convention.

"The Conventions opening speaker will be Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young who will give Phi Theta Kappans an inside glimpse of "The Character and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers," said Leon Foust, Phi Theta Kappa president.

Foust is a former editor of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Young was also a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement of the 1960's. He went on to become the first black congressional elected from Georgia in the 20th century. He then served as a United States Ambassador to the United Nations in the Jimmy Carter administration. His address is scheduled for the convention's first general session on Thursday.

Award winning diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kab will be bringing 28 years of experience with him as he introduces the 1989-1990 Honors Study Topic, "The Americas: Distant Neighbors Building Bridges." Kab came to NBC in 1984 as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent after 17 years in foreign affairs.

Kab will be the main speaker on Friday. Karen Lawton and Dana Choate, both members of the nursing faculty, serve as co-sponsors for the campus Phi Theta Kappa group.

Foust, a sophomore from Miami, will be joined at the convention by Jill Petti, Miami sophomore; Scott Anderson, Miami sophomore; Lanta Conner, Perry sophomore; Shannia Conner, Perry sophomore; Kim Coppedge, Valley sophomore; Julie Hall, Fairland freshman; Vonda Peters, Sand Springs sophomore; Lisa Cobb, Wynona sophomore; Kenda Grove, Miami freshman; Carrie Schryer, Miami freshman.

The convention will conclude on Saturday with evening event with an awards presentation.

Artists display creative works in the library

A group of invited painters, graphic artists, photographers and sculptors have designed a special exhibition featuring works of 28 artists in the library.

"This is a national exhibit on tour entitled "Visual Individualists United," said Dr. Nicholas Calogian, head of the college art department. The exhibit originated from the Old Bergen Art Guild of Bayonne, N.J.

"The media used are oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, lithography, serigraph, poster, epigraphy, built and mixed media," said Dr. Calogian.

The exhibit is on display in the library located in the Creech Library Administration building through March 22. It is open to the public for viewing from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The exhibit is also available for viewing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

"The works are for sale. Interested parties should contact the art department at extension 263," said Dr. Calogian.

"Our department will receive a 10 percent commission from any sale."
Basketball team establishes new pinnacle for winning

Coach Larry Gibson and the Golden Norseman basketball squad reserve special praise for gaining the first National Basketball Championship in the 42-year history of this institution. Not only did they accomplish this astounding feat, but they also became the first junior college team in the state of Oklahoma to win the championship in the 42-year history of the tournament.

Coach Gibson’s charges rolled off four victories in a row, to achieve the coveted title of National Junior Colleges Athletic Association National Champions for the 1988-89 season. Out of 480 junior colleges participating in the sport of basketball, NBO’s Golden Norseman illustrated to the world that they are the very best junior college basketball team that the nation has to offer.

Ranked 15th going into the tourney, and seeded 35th, the Norse shot their way through the best teams that American junior colleges could throw at them. No little amount of praise and congratulations is deserved by the fighting Norsemen and coach Gibson for overcoming this monumental task.

Norseman Terry Brown was named the season’s Most Valuable Player. Brown was a member of the 15-man tournament team. Brown was the tournament’s second leading scorer with 19 points in the competition. Brown averaged 29.3 points per game.

NBO’s Larry Heath received the Rod Obee outstanding small forward award. Heath is a 6’4” sophomore from Sapulpa. “We had a good season,” said Norse Coach Larry Gibson.

Senator attacks lagging system

Editor’s Note: The following article appeared in the Ead News and Eagle and appeared as a reprint in the Tulsa World.

U.S. Sen. David Boren (D-Okla.) has introduced a proposal that could help keep the American educational system from lagging behind other nations.

The Boren proposal would set up a scholarship fund for academically qualified students who would commit to teaching in a public school after graduation. The measure would also create the National Foundation for Excellence and provide a $200 million endowment and authorize additional $200 million to be matched with private gifts to the fund.

The foundation would award scholarships to college students who meet a number of qualifications.

The scholarships would provide tuition, fees and housing for four years of undergraduate work and two years of graduate study. If the United States hopes to maintain its edge in a fast changing and increasingly complex world, it clearly must give its young people the best education possible.

The intent of the Boren bill is to help make that possible by bringing the top-ranked students into the teaching profession.

Congress should approve the proposal and provide the incentives that will be needed to produce more top-quality classroom teachers.

President Bush continues legacy

It has been somewhere in this neighborhood of sixty days since President Bush took office. What he begins to do in that office is, as yet, unclear. President Bush is not, and is not, an especially dynamic individual.

It is somewhat doubtful if the new President even knows what is happening in the next street. Yet, some journalists have seem-

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Instructor handles responsibilities in classroom and on the gridiron with a caring personality

Football might be his game, but providing a sound education remains his aim. Whether on the sideline, or in the classroom, Dale Patterson tries to put people first on his list of priorities.

Patterson, who has been with NEO since 1981, is the defensive coordinator for the Golden Norsemen football team. "I enjoy the thrill of victory."

"What is probably even more important is the relationship that I have with the players," said Patterson.

"I think good coach/player relationships are important to a team," said Patterson.

Patterson tries to carry that philosophy over to his roles as teacher and social science department head.

"My job as department head encompasses several things," Patterson said.

"I supervise 13 social science faculty members and evaluate their classroom performance," said Patterson.

"I also form the link between our department and the Behavioral Science Division that oversees us," Patterson said.

"I try to keep everybody in good fellowship with each other," said Patterson.

"That helps avoid major disputes among ourselves," said Patterson.

"I also help figure out schedules and work out our budget," Patterson said.

"This is another area where good relationships with the people around you are important," said Patterson.

Patterson also has a full teaching load. He teaches American Federal Government and introduction courses in government and history.

"Telecourses are courses designed for people who have difficulty coming to class," said Patterson.

I send lectures in Channel II, and they send them to the student at home," said Patterson.

"They also have study guides to help them," said Patterson.

Patterson doesn't mind having three duties at NEO.

"I have always enjoyed having some sort of responsibility," said Patterson.

"It allows me to be involved in academics as well as athletics."

Patterson said.

Patterson has a bachelor's degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and a master's degree from Pinnacol State University.

Patterson is also a full-time husband and father. His wife Donna is a staff assistant to Dr. Charles Angle, vice president of academic affairs.

His son, Steve, is a junior at OSU, and his daughter, Becca, is a senior at Miami High School. When he is not working, Patterson takes time out for his hobbies. Crappie fishing, quail hunting, and renting movies are at the top of his list of favorite pastimes.

"I feel that if I can get along with people, I can make my job easier."

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Members of the machine woodworking class apply theory learned in the classroom while working to complete furniture projects. Using the laboratory equipment are, from left: Rich Garrett, North Miami, David Wilmot, Plantation, Galby Juby, Sperry, Ron Bradford, Grove and instructor Ron Cappy. Photo by Tim Nagem

LATECOMERS

Most thoughtful people wouldn’t think of picking up a novel and turning to page 25 to start reading.

But some people think nothing of strolling into a movie theater five, 10 or 15 minutes after the film has started. Is this a symptom of TV channel juggling?

In most movies, crucial plot points are revealed in those first minutes. Without those details, the rest of the storyline can be comprehensible.

Besides being a stupid way to watch a movie, arriving after the show starts is also disruptive to other filmgoers. Latecomers usually fumble around in the dark to find a seat, rustle their seats to get settled and generally intrude on the good graces of those who had the courtesy to arrive on time.

TALKERS

It’s one thing to sit in front of your TV and chirp with family members about Johnny Carson’s latest guest or speculate aloud on the juicy plot twists of “Dynasty.” But growing in a crowded movie house is the height of rudeness.

It’s amazing how many people plunk down $5 or more at the box office just to sit in a dark theater and talk to their friends. Whispering is one thing, but these people talk.

Worse are those rubes who feel compelled to comment aloud on everything that happens. They don’t even make intelligent comments. One: It’s something like “Oh, I see somebody behind that door,” or “Look, he’s got a gun.” And why is it that those people get heroically out and seemed insulted when other moviegoers shush them or ask them to be quiet? It’s as if the rude people think it’s rude of others to call attention to their rudeness.

SLOBS AND LITTERBUGS

Fellow who spits large amounts of tobacco plowed down in the old La-Boy in front of your TV or sits talking while you drink your coffee and read the newspaper.

Look around at any theater and you’ll see litterbugs who pretend their big bag on the theater seats in front of them isn’t occupied by folks who don’t appreciate sneakers dangling at their shoulders. It’s not only rude, it’s crueel. Not to mention hard on the upholstery.

These same folks think nothing of kicking the backs of seats or prop- ping their knees on seats in front. Very distracting to the person oc- cupying that seat.

Theater goers can only hope to encourage patrons to toss their pop- corn boxes and soda tops cups in to trashcans after the show. But what do some thoughtless people do? They scatter their litter on the floor around their seats and simply leave it there. Ever shuffle out of the theater after a show and accidentally kick over a half-full soft-drink cup? That can take the shine off your shoes.

PARENTS WITH KIDS

This is not to suggest that parents don’t have the right to take their young children to movies. But it seems that some parents don’t have any common sense about it.

Parents, who bring very young children to the latest “Rambo” bloodbath or to some sword-and-sandal drama ought to be spanked.

Not only are such movies highly inappropriate for youngsters, but the children invariably get bored and wiggy and whiny and disturb everyone around them.

Finally, it’s rough for people with kids to afford a babysitter and a night out at the movies. Drag- ging the toddlers along to an adult- oriented film is not the answer. It’s irresponsible.

MINOR TRANSGRESSIONS

Even in a nearly vac- cant theater and just before the movie starts some very tall guy walks in and chooses the seat directly in front of you. In the movies. It’s astounding how many times things like this happen.

Next time this happens to you, try this. Get up, walk around the row in front of these interlopers and sit down directly in front of them. See if they get the message.

Certainly, every regular moviegoer has pet peeves about the behavior of others in theaters. Whether it’s one of the above or some other, like the noise of crink- ling candy wrappers, there’s always the obvious reason why managers are very good, when in- formed, about humane rude patrons to mend their ways. But this re- quires interrogating your movie viewing to go to the lobby to seek relief.

Wouldn’t it be better if people just acted civilized and showed a little consideration?

Movinging is a communal ac- tivity. A good movie is best en- joyed in the company of others, for in almost all, but not every case, of a small group of people.

April, March 28

Event-Hey big city, March 29

Event-Weekly meeting of Phi Theta Kappa in Shalby Hall room 32 at noon.

Monday, March 25

Event-Preparations for the American Student Association (In- ternational Student) and American Student Association (Busi- ness) will meet at Peoria Tribe Building, 18 S. Eight Tribes Trail at 7 p.m.

April, March 29

Event-Last day to drop classes without evaluation.

Event-National campaign celebration will be held in Center Student Union Union Union at 11 a.m., starting at 6 p.m. A film of the game will be shown and refreshments will be served.

Friday, March 26

Event-The National Music Technology Festival will be held starting at 6 a.m. in the old gym.

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Track teams capture firsts

Opening the outdoor portion of their track season, 11 members of the Golden Norse track squad finished first last Monday during a triangular meet at Southeast Missouri State University Relay Field, Paducah, Ky. Coach Don Shurman's team turned in its best showing in the Ralph Tate Invitational at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Coaching the Norsemen were Ted Morris, Jerry Nunn, Paul Trail, and Steve Hines. The Norsemen finished first in both the 880 and 1,600 meter relay events and topped the field in the 440 relay.

Ladies finish second

Four members of the Lady Norse softball squad were named to the All-Tournament team during the Fort Scott Classic last weekend in Fort Scott, Kan. After nearly getting off its schedule in the opening game, the Lady Norse retired to Allen County, Kan., in the finals of the two-day tournament.

Golfers debut in Joplin tournament

Freshman Rich Lillard paced the Golden Norse golf squad to a 20th-place finish in the Crossroads America Golf Tournament Tuesday in Joplin, Mo. Lillard, of Miami, shot a score of 71 during the two-day tournament played at both Loma Linda Country Club and Brunet Golf and Country Club. Lillard carded an 83 at Loma Linda and an 88 at Brunet.

Scores of other members of the Golden Norse squad included Jeff Ramseur, 79-78; 157; Steve Long, 98-85-184; and Mitch Jones, 88-91-189.

Baseball squad remains at home

Concluding a 13-game home-and-away schedule, coach Bill Breyer's baseball squad prepared to open play in the Eastern Division of the Big Eight Conference by hosting Rose State College, Saturday, on double-header at Homer Field. Prior to a twist with Boone Iowa Community College on Wednesday the Golden Norse had constructed a 9-6 season record. Taking to the road the Norsemen journey to Tishomingo, Tuesday, to face Murray State College. The Norse return home on Thursday with a double-header with Labron, Kan. Nunn and Trail were named the 3/1 doubles for the Norsemen.

Brown leads Norse to title

Brown continued his assault in the second half with six straight points as NECO built a 56-52 lead with 1:27 seconds left in the game. Four additional free throws by Adkins allowed Northeast Mississippi in rally to a 76-68 margin with three minutes left. Three free throws by Brown and Davis Plante along with one by Larry Hasty closed out the scoring for NECO. Plante contributed 14 points. Hasty hit 1, and both Banks and Brian Beasley added 10 points each. "I don't know if people realize how much effort we put into this season," said Gibson. "We were up running at 6:30 a.m. every morning and when we started practice Sept. 7, we were going twice a day."

Central State University of Edmond won the title game with a 62-44 win over the Lady Norse in the final two games. University of Missouri-Rolla and Central Missouri State University were tied at 59-59 after regulation.

Sandy Goodhart and Brandi Rogers collected three wins each as the Lady Norse moved to 10-7. Freshman Carol Dawson earned her sixth victory on the season. Lady Norse 8-Highlands, Kan. 1

Pearson won the 400 with a time of 50.23 seconds. Reburn won the 100 in 10.6 seconds.

Coates won the 200 with a time of 22.54 seconds. The 1,600 relay team won the 4:40 relay in 3:22.56 time. Nicole Beckman and Patty Avila both recorded first place finishes for the Lady Norse.

Bracken won first in the 400 at 57.28. Avila finished first in the 800 with a 2:29.13 time. Avila also won the 3,000 mile event in a time of 10:49.34.

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Angie Huddle tossed a one-hitter and both H. and Lisa Williams added three hits each to pace the Lady Norse. Lady Norse 8-Highlands, Kan. 0

Dawson limited Highlands to only two hits and Goodhart collected two singles as the Lady Norse opened the tournament.

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COVETED TROPHY
Coach Larry Gipson's Golden Norsemen became the first basketball team from the State of Oklahoma to capture the prestigious National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championship trophy. While the Golden Norse athletic program won seven such trophies for football, this marks the first time in the 42-year history of the NJCAA that such a trophy has returned to Oklahoma.

SURPRISE!
Head coach Larry Gipson accepts the trophy for being selected "Outstanding Coach of the National Tournament."

CAA BASKETBALL

SMALLEST PLAYER AWARD
Sophomore guard Larry Heath accepts the "Bud Oher Most Outstanding Small Player Award" from Jaki Johnson (left) and Christi Denman, both cheerleaders from Hutchinson Community College.

NJCAA BASKETBALL

OUTSTANDING PLAYER
Veteran guard Larry Brown (right) displays a plaque he received as a member of the All-Tournament Team while Sally Farr (left) and Dona Carroll, both of Hutchinson Community College, struggle with the trophy Brown received for "Most Valuable Player of the Tournament."

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