Campus plays host to convention

By Jodi McCord
"Challenges for the College" is the theme for the annual convention of the Oklahoma Association of Community and Junior Colleges, according to Dr. Carol Morris, OACJC President and chairperson of the technology division.

The convention will be held on the NIEO campus on Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2.

The event will feature presentations on various aspects of community college education and administration.

Registration and hotel arrangements for attendees are available on the NIEO website.

Non-traditional students do woodworking. See page 4.

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Student leaders discuss crucial issues

By Micky Barron

Student leaders from across the state gathered together last weekend at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City for the annual Oklahoma Student Government Association General Conference.

NIEO was represented by Student Government president, Molly Frazier and secretary, Liz Perry.

Two legislative sessions were held that discussed tuition increases, financial aid policies, child care and establishment of a student/faculty committee at each Oklahoma institution of higher education for the purpose of allocating student activity fees.

The Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA) voted on three issues that would bring it before the Oklahoma Legislature.

"The Oklahoma Student Government Association believes that improved quality of higher education can be only achieved through significant increases in State appropriations and a continued commitment to higher education," said Perry.

"We (OSGA) made the first move last year, they (the Federal Government) need to make the first move this year," Perry said.

A resolution advocating national service as an option for federal student aid, not a replacement of the present system was voted in with 27 yes votes and three abstentions.

"OSGA wishes to go on record supporting programs of national service (or military service) for the purpose of obtaining financial aid, provided such programs expand student's choices, and do not seek to just replace the present system of federal aid," said Frazier.

"These include the Work-Study Program, Pell Grants, and the Stafford Loans," Frazier said.

Recent demographic trends indicate that Oklahoma's student population is getting older and many of the older, so-called "non-traditional students" have small children.

The resolution recommended for child care would establish child care facilities on college campuses.

"The universities could benefit from increased enrollment and growth because the service is offered and the initial investment could be recovered with a reasonable fee for being charged for the service," Perry said.

The way student activities fees are currently allocated involves next to ZERO student input.

"The Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education should modify the way in which student activities fees are currently allocated by allowing each Oklahoma institution of higher education to establish a student faculty committee," said Frazier.

Brief break

Classes will begin again the evening session on Wednesday, March 11 at 8 a.m. Mondays. March 3, according to Dr. Charles Angle, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

White dormitories will remain open the semester schedule will be altered to one-half hour openings for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

LUNCH!

Chuck McGahey, a sophomore from Springfield, Mo., has a small bite to eat during lunch on the first floor of the Fine Arts Center.

BIG, AND STILL GROWING

Maggie Lohman, a freshman from Tulsa, transforms Audrey II into a movable piece of art on the stage of Romeo which started Thursday night in the Fine Arts Center.

FEED-ME!

Daric Howard, a sophomore from Mulhall, brings the world's last surviving Szechuan Tiger to life in a never-ending search for food.

Photo by Jodi McCord

Photo by Holly Barron

Photo by Wes Hall
Sherry's Gems

Sherry Washburn

The rate of suicide, a complex phenomenon, is continually climbing. There has been a sharp increase in the number of suicides among those people between the ages of 15 and 24. Suicide can be influenced by a variety of factors, including those which are religious, psychological and cultural. The overall suicide rate in the United States rose from 14.9 per 100,000 people between 1980 and 1986. In 1980, the suicide rate of 15 to 24 year olds was 15.1 per 100,000. The mental state that prompts self-destruction, depression, is usually treatable. It is a matter of opening up to someone and letting them know how you feel, and getting help. It is important to be able to discuss the problems that are bothering you.

Sometimes, you lose the ability to see all the things you can have of your own chest and in into the open.

The rate of suicide is lower for females than for males. Among males, suicide in America is becoming more frequent by drug and alcohol usage which can lead to the spate of moment deaths. It is true that life can sometimes seem pretty awful. You may think that things are never going to get better. Nothing could be worse than to make one take one's own life. Think about this: If things are so bad now they have to get better. That is reason enough to continue living. If you feel that your life is a mess and that everything is hopeless, talk to someone. Don't hold your feelings inside.

There are plenty of places you can go for advice or just to talk. If you have reason to notice that a friend is feeling down, offer to lend an ear. You'd be surprised how much better people feel when they know someone is there.

You could save some one's life. And you would feel much better knowing that you helped to help someone through a rough time in life.

Counseling Center offers help

If you are contemplating suicide, or know of someone who is, it's important to get help. The following people in the Library Administration building are available to counsel and listen to you:

Donnell Alexander room 208

Abortion issue remains hot

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Sherry Washburn

I think that the merits of this country are pretty simple when it comes to the abortion issue. Some women seem to think that having an abortion is a quick and sure way to get rid of an unwanted pregnancy.

Editorial

They seem to have no regard whatsoever for the fetus. No matter how much you argue the point, life does begin at conception.

In my opinion, if a woman goes out and gets a baby, she should keep her hormones under control.

A baby is a precious gift from God and should be treated as such. What if Albert Einstein's mother had had an abortion or Michael Jordan's? The world would have missed out on two very special and talented people.

I don't understand how a woman could deny her unborn baby the right to live and become someone very special. Simply because she doesn't want the added responsibility.

Abortion is not an answer. If the mother can't handle the child, she should put it up for adoption. There are plenty of couples who would love to have a baby but can't have one of their own.

I can see how abortion might be okay in cases of rape or incest when the life of the mother is in jeopardy.

In the end, abortion is morally wrong and is in all actuality, murder.

Letter

Instructor responds to article

Dear Editor:

A recent column in the Norse Wind stated that required instruction in biology classes is animal cruelty. Let me respond to this.

Is instruction in biology classes animal cruelty? One might ask a response--is the killing and "dissection" of livestock, fish, ducks, crabs, etc. for human consumption animal cruelty? Or is it the death of the animal, which occurs previous to the instruction, animal cruelty? If the answer to these last questions is yes, then nature itself is full of animal cruelty.

Our ecosystems are composed of complex food webs which contain animals killing and eating other animals. This is necessary to supply food for animals and energy for our world ecosystems (biophere).

Furthermore, our survival as humans is dependent upon the functioning and balance of our biosphere. The functioning involves death and eating (carnivores) of animals by other animals.

Perhaps part of our problem is that we perceive our concepts of death and instruction in dissection as animal cruelty.

Before concluding, I'd like to address the encouragement to write letters to the letter editor and administration at NED urging the use of alternative methods in place of dissection.

While a biology class should include students with wonderment, I do not believe its major purpose is to teach respect for animal life.

What it should teach is an understanding of nature (life) and how we fit into this complex and marvelous system.

If one understands that a healthy respect for animal life will follow. But so will an understanding that death and the unpleasantness associated with it is a necessary part of life.

If dissection is seen in this context and in purpose is understood, it is neither demeaning nor pointless exercise.

Before concluding, I'd like to address the encouragement to write letters to the letter editor and administration at NED urging the use of alternative methods in place of dissection.

This encouragement illustrates the need for thorough research before adoringly adopting. Dissection at NED is basically restricted to our classes for science majors. Various alternatives are used in the non-science major biology classes.

The editorial expressed a valid concern about experimentation on live animals. There are some experiments that may be done which could be done without animals with less cruelty or none at all.

But, in this reality, one needs to research thoroughly the purpose of any experimentation as well as its benefits to us before rendering a judgment. It is not an area of simple answers.

Hopefully, this response will cause additional thought to occur around this academic community.

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Who's Who selection complete

Students earn prestigious honor

By Donald Easter

Sixteen sophomore applicants were named in the 1990 Who's Who in American Colleges. The applicants and their profiles are as follows:

Deborah Brodrick
Brodrick, a Miami music education major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.8. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Erica George
George, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Carrie Sherri
Sherri, a Miami art education major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.7. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Jana Martin
Martin, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Lynette Keely
Keely, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Jill Staton
Staton, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Suzanne Sartwell
Sartwell, a computer science major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Rachel Carver
Carver, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Jo Hatfield
Hatfield, a chemistry major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Jann Moore
Moore, a computer science major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Heather Spears
Spears, a computer science major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.

Heather Wilson
Wilson, a business administration major, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.6. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has served as president of the Student Senate and as a member of the Student Government Association. In 1989, she was named a member of the National Honor Society.
Convention welcomes educators from OACIC

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1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
Annual Business Session - Convention Hall 116

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Convention Luncheon - Convention Hall 116

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Specific Interest Groups sell programs open to everyone

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
OACIC Festival - Convention Hall 116

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Editorial Board Meeting - Convention Hall 116

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Nursing Faculty Meeting - Health Science 154

Registration, Bowling for 1990 Officers, Exhibit - Brent G. Carter Student Union

AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1990

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Convention Breakfast (open to everyone)

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Registration, Bowling for 1990 Officers

11:30 - 12:15 p.m.
Convention Lunch (open to everyone)

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
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6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Editorial Board Meeting - Convention Hall 116

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Nursing Faculty Meeting - Health Science 154
Older students enjoy woodworking

By Wes Hale

A special story

When it comes to making As in class, Kenneth "Windy" Price and his cohorts should be a shoe-in. But one woodworking class at NEI is made up of students who for the most part don't really care about grades.

The work tables in the workshop are a group of men who are obviously enjoying themselves.

"We’re like a family," said Bill Nance, who has taken woodworking classes at NEI intermittently since 1981.

"It’s like a ‘family’," said Kenneth Price.

This would be a pretty accurate description of Ron Clapp’s mornings woodworking class.

The class is made up mostly of men who are retired.

But to be retired from work does not mean to be retired from life for these guys.

Some of them treat their woodworking class like a job. They are here from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, working on various projects.

"It’s made me like a job," said Kenneth Price.

"I like the fact that my classmates call me, has been taking woodworking here for the past ten years. I went to clarify myself.

"I’ve built everything but a chair," said Windy. Windy expressed the views of everyone in the class when it comes to their projects.

Windy’s wife, who also takes woodworking classes, said she has built a chair. She also mentioned that she has built a chair, which is now her favorite project.

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Every morning at 10 a.m. the class can be found hanging out on the Student Union snack bar.

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An additional mention of Kenneth’s Wood’s. Price checks the fit of a piece during a woodworking class. Price is one of several retired men taking the morning class.
Women stay undefeated

Remaining undefeated in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference, the Lady Norse soundly defeated Eastern State College, 64-48, in Wilberforce last Monday night.

With the win, Coach Randy Gibson's Lady Norse improved their record to 8-4 in conference play and 16-3 overall.

Eastern dropped to 3-5 in conference action and 10-8 overall with the loss.

NEG played host to Beavin Junior College of Muskegon last night to finish the home portion of their schedule before traveling to Warren to face Cozmans State on Feb 26 for their final game of the regular season.

After consecutive field goals by Ruby Richardson, Andrea Smythe, Mary Ann Burden, Anissa Book and Sylvia Cummings, the Lady Norse jumped out to a 10-0 lead with 3:23 left until the half.

Rallying behind the shooting of Belinda Davis, Carmen Brown and Cami Clark, Eastern cut the Lady Norse lead to 18-17 with 7:05 before halftime.

Four points by Burden along with baskets by Cummings, Smythe and Debbie Carson lifted the Lady Norse to a 22-17 lead with 3:37 remaining before intermission.

Richardson nailed a three-pointer to give NEG a 30-22 lead at halftime.

During the first five minutes of the second half the Lady Norse maintained an eight-point lead as the score stood 39-31 after Book and two baskets and Burden and Richardson added two points each.

The only dim moment came at the 12:45 mark when Warren was forced to the sidelines with a sprained ankle.

Now, in the fourth the Lady Norse players were sidelined after the loss of Kelly Walten, braced knee; Diana Popkorn, sprained ankle and Martin McWhorter, broken hand.

Over the final 11 minutes the Lady Norse outscored the Lady Mountaineers 15-6 and Book and Cummings scored eight points each.

Lady Norse 73-Crowder 58

Tenacious defense and accurate shooting from the field lifted the Lady Norse to a 73-58 victory over Crowder Community College last Saturday night in the NEO Fieldhouse.

During the first 12 minutes the Lady Norse held onto a 16-9 lead.

NEG jumped ahead to 24-16 after Richardson hit a three-pointer and a free throw and Book and Smythe each added a basket with 5:35 left in the first half.

NEG took a 32-27 lead into the lockerroom after Richardson scored four points and Carson and Ringer each added field goals.

Lady Norse 63-Westark 46

Sophomore guard Kelly Walten sank a short jump shot and Andrea Smythe hit a free throw in the final minute of play as the Lady Norse edged past Westark Community College, 63-46 in the NEO Fieldhouse, Feb 3.

Westark had taken a 64-60 lead with 1:14 left in the game on a shot by guard Kathy Wilson inside the key.

Walten responded by driving down the left side of the free throw circle to put up a jump shot with just 55 seconds left on the clock.

Walten's shot gave the Lady Norse a 62-61 lead.

A personal foul by Smythe sent Westark's Nathaniel Brown to the free throw line to shoot a one and-one with 18 seconds left.

After missing the second shot, Book grabbed the rebound and NEG ran out the clock.

Intramural Highlights

Basketball

Wrapping up the regular season portion of intramural basketball, only one team, Big D & the Boys, remained undefeated going into the post season tournament, which starts Tuesday.

The following are the scores from the last two weeks of action and tournament parings:

**Pairings**

**Men**

4 p.m.-Big D vs Running White Boys
5 p.m.-In Fire vs Cutting Edge
6 p.m.-Kab Ne Express vs Sky Guys

6 p.m.-B U S Light Brigade vs Flaming Caucasians

**Women**

4 p.m.-Lucky 7 vs The Pose
5 p.m.-The Bra Pak vs Shake N Bakers

Women's playoff games will be played Monday, March 5.

Scores

Feb. 20
Big D & the Boys 53-BUS 42
Running White Boys 58 Public Enemy 27
Shake N Bakers 35-Pose 39
In Flight 56-BUS Light Brigade 53
Young Guns Inlet to Kab Ne Express

Feb. 19
Young Guns vs Public Enemy 48
In Flight 80-Running White Boys 41

Kab Ne Express 94-Cutting Edge 46
Bruce Pak 35-Pose 27
Sky Guys 70-Express 88-Public Enemy 32
Flaming Caucasians 58 Running White Boys 44
Pink Periut 10 to Young Guns Lucky 7 30-Bra Pak 27

Sky Guys 74-Flaming Caucasians 49
In Flight 53-Cutting Edge 43
Young Guns Inlet to Big D & the Boys
Pink Periut 10 to Sky Guys

Sky Guys 69-Running White Boys 23
B U S Light Brigade 80 Young Guns 41

**Other Activities**

Upcoming activities scheduled for action starting after basketball are a ping pong tournament, a doubles pool tournament and a wrestling tournament. Dates are still unavailable.
Wrestlers win All-American honors

Three Golden Norse wrestlers earned All-American honors during the recent NCAA College Athletic Association National Tournament last Tuesday at Bismarck Junior College in Bismarck, N.D. Northern Idaho captured the overall team title with 152.2 points followed by Garden City, Kan., 99; Lincoln, Ill., 72 and Rapid City, S.D., 69.

Coach Alan Lachter's seven-man squad captured 36 points with 20½ points.

Freeman Clinic Grumwald earned All-American honors while finishing fifth in the heavyweight division. Grumwald, from Sperry, pinned Dan Booth of Cape Girardeau, Mo., 2:2, in the consolation quarterfinal.

After entering the tournament with a perfect Grumwald decisioned Steve Bobinski of Harper, Ill., 3-2 in the opening round, Grumwald downed 5-2 decision to Rohn Gardner of Rapid City in the second round. After gaining a 5-0 decision over Jeff Fricke of Wilmar, Minn., Grumwald decisioned Zain Cummins of Grand Rapids, Mich., 2:5.

Grumwald dropped a 4-2 decision to Todd Greco of Northern Idaho before facing Bobinski. Grumwald finished the year with an 8-2 record.

Freeman Robert Washington of Moore earned All-American honors by placing eighth in the 160-pound class. Washington was pinned by Jamie Kambriel of North Iowa at 5:00 to finish eighth.

Washington opened the tournament by dropping a 7-5 decision over Matt Gorman of Washington, Ill., before gaining a 14-2 superior decision over Brian Lake of Savoy, Ill. Washington pinned Dan Morgan of Lake County, Ill., at 2:4.

Washington advanced through the consolation round by gaining a 15-5 decision to Paul Mckelson of Fargo Falls.

Freeman Alan Karstetter of Sand Springs placed eighth at 138 pounds. Karstetter lost an 8-2 decision to Tony Johnson of Moorhead, N.Y. to finish eighth.

Opening the tournament with a 9-5 decision over Bill Terry of Southeast Michigan, Karstetter lost a 9-3 decision to Terry Johnson of Wilmar, Minn., before pinning Tom Mangan of Middlesex, N.J. at 1:40.

Karstetter also pinned Matt Bruch of Alfred State at 3:04 before gaining a 3:57 decision over Trent Little of Lincoln, Ill. Jeff Seal of Luverne, Minn., decided Karstetter 9-3 to set up the eighth place match.

Two other members of the Golden Norse squad advanced to the consolation round while another two were eliminated in the first round.

Sophomores Heath Hooper and Kevin Bussel Binder were eliminated in the first round.

Hooper, of Concra, lost on overtime to Jeff Ditter of Forest Park, Mo. He finished ninth at 134. The next battle was a 3-3 draw before Ditter gained a 3:0 decision to overtake.

Ditter opened the tournament with a 5-2 decision over Grand Schmidt of Worthington, Minn. Hooper dropped a 6-4 decision to Sam Parker of Northern Idaho before gaining a 4-3 decision over Terry Boselli of Middlesex, N.J. Hooper gained a 4-3 decision over Bob Dow of Des Moines before losing to Ditter.

Booster, a defending All-American, dropped an 8-5 decision to Tony Ferraro of Alfred, N.Y. to finish ninth.

Booster, from Del City, opened the tournament against Art Donofrio of Middlesex. Booster dropped a 10-7 decision to John Finucane of Harper, Ill., in the second round.

Freemans Sharon Noll and Brad Jeand were eliminated in the first round.

Trackstars compete in Oklahoma City meet as indoor schedule draws to a conclusion

During The Daily Oklahoman Track Classic, which was recently held in the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City, both the Golden Norse and the Lady Norse competed in the high jump, long jump, and the triple jump.

Cheryl Fossnell recorded a distance of 4.44 in the shot put competition.

Ethony Smith, Bridgette Davis, Manish Sirdar and Corinna Fossnell turned in a time of 4:00.1 in the 800-meter relay.

Corinna Fossnell recorded a time of 58.7 in the 400-meter dash to finish fifth in the preliminary heat.

Manish Sirdar posted a time of 1:05.75 for fourth place in the 400-meter dash.

Ethony Smith's 1:03.1 in the 400-meter preliminary was good enough for fourth place in her heat.

In the 200-meter dash preliminaries, Bridgette Davis finished fourth in her heat with a time of 26.55, while Yvette Slimey was disqualified.

In the finals of the mile run, two Golden Norsemen placed. John Wilks ran the mile in 4:2.22 for third place with John Wilks finishing in the number five spot with a time of 4:2:50.

Jerry Buggs finished a number five in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.24. Buggs recorded preliminary times of 22.71 in the 200-meter and 46.06 in the 55-meter dash.

Darryl Morgan finished second in the high jump with a height of 6-9. Morgan also recorded a time of 3:05 in the 15-meter hurdle preliminary.

Toby Luey posted a mark of 13-9 in the shot put and Brian Fleck went 4-10 in the pole vault.

Donnell Rossen finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.82 in the 220-meter dash with a time of 23.52.

Cleveland Phillies, David Gov, John Testers and Tylor posted a time of 3:27.90 in the 800-meter relay finals.

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Sleeping giant awakes at Wilburton

By Bruce Morgan
Sports Editor

Behind Vin Bennett's career-high 32 points, the Golden Norse defeated Eastern State College, 82-72, Monday night in Wilburton.

With the win, NEO snapped a two-game losing streak and clinched their record in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference to 6-4 and 16-11 overall.

Coach Larry Gipson's Golden Norse entertained Bacon Junior College of Muskogee last night in their final home game of the season.

NEO will travel to Warner to face Common State College in their final regular season contest.

"Anytime you can go and win on the road in this league, it's a big win for your program," said Gipson.

"With this victory we've almost assured ourselves of the number-three seed from the upcoming state tournament (March 5-7)."

"If we continue to play like we did against Eastern, we could even be looking at the number-one seed on our side," Gipson said.

Bennett, a 6-9 post player from Stillwater, had the proverbial season scoring high-point game with 25 points against Murray State College on Nov. 25.

Against the Mountaineers Bennett maneuvered inside by connecting on 13 of 18 from the field while turning in a perfect six-for-six performance at the free throw line.

"He had a very good game both offensively and defensively. He exhibited the type of player that be capable of being. It's just that we haven't seen him like this very often," Gipson said.

Following Bennett in scoring were Phil Luckadoo with 18 points and Milton Brown with 16.

During the first 12 minutes, NEO and Eastern traded baskets. Bennett accounted for 12 of the first 21 NEO points and the score remained tied at 23-23 with 8:40 left until intermission.

Bennett added five free throws and one field goal along with a basket by Brown to give the Norse a 28-23 lead with 5:40 left in the half.

A free throw and basket by Eastern's Fred McCoy and a field goal by Mike McCoy cut the Norse lead to 31-28 with 3:20 left until halftime.

The Norse went into the locker room with a 35-34 lead after Gary Lepper scored four points and Luckadoo nailed a three-pointer. Bennett and Luckadoo both scored eight points each in the first eight minutes of the second half to give the Norsemen a 58-43 lead with 12:54 left in the game.

Scoring seven points at the free throw line boosted the Norse to an 65-54 advantage with 6:28 left in the game.

Two three-point baskets each by McCoy and A.B. Lenzen called the Mountaineers 75-65 deficit with 2:12 left on the clock.

Northeast 84 Three Rivers 88

After opening up a nine-point lead within the first three minutes of the second half, Three Rivers offense went on a seven-for-seven three point shooting streak in the last 15 minutes of the contest to drop NEO 88-84 in the NEO Fieldhouse, last Saturday.

"We just simply refuse to be down and pay attention," said Golden Norse coach Larry Gipson.

"It's a problem that we've had all year," said Gipson.

"We discussed continually who we are good at and not good at and continually didn't do the job.

"Freshmen guards Eric Schumacher and Brian Bosi provided the three-point fireworks for the Norsemen.

Schumacher connected on five of seven including five of five in the second half while Bosi hit four of five three-pointers.

During the first half the Golden Norse controlled the tempo and built an early 9-4 lead. Brian Beauford scored six points and baskets by Jack Franklin and Milton Brown provided the Norse lead.

With the Norse leading 25-7, sophomore center Vin Bennett was ejected from the game for a flagrant personal foul.

A three-pointer by Schumacher and two throws by Jason McCon nell rallied the Raiders to a 27-22 deficit with 2:20 left in the first half.

Following baskets by Phil Luckadoo and Judy Huffman gave NEO a 29-24 cushion, McConnell sank two free throws and Howard Eaton added a basket to cut the margin to 29-27 with 4:02 before intermission.

Three points by Huffman and two each by Gary Lepper and Jack Franklin. Lamar Williams gave the Norsemen a 39-36 lead at halftime.

Four points each by Tom Grimes and Foreman enabled the Norsemen to construct a 43-35 margin with 17:35 left in the game before Schumacher and Bosi began to rally the Raiders.

"Overall, I wasn't disappointed a lot of places of our game. But, we had the balligame in hand and couldn't lose the momentum for the taking and we didn't," said Gipson.

Foreman paced the Golden Norse offense with 18 points while Brown added 14. Gary Lepper and Tom Grimes each contributed 10 points.

Norsemen 74-Westark 65

Falling prey to a 35-point onslaught in the second half, the Golden Norse suffered a 95-74 loss to Westark Community College at Fort Smith, Ark. last Monday.

Westark grabbed an early 5-0 lead on a field goal by Kris Taylor and a three-point basket by Jonathan Triplett with 14:40 left until halftime.

A field goal and a free throw by Jack Franklin added to the Norsemen's deficit 5-5 with 17:40 before the half.

NEO's only lead of the game occurred after consecutive baskets by Milton Brown and Foreman created a 1-0 Norsemen lead with 14:40 left before intermission.

Taking advantage poor ball handling by the Norsemen, the Lions went on a 16-3 run to construct a 24.5 margin with 8:29 until half.

Foreman led the Golden Norse in scoring with 24 points.

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