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Long-time employees of the college will be honored during a retirement dinner Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Ballroom. Those honored will be Dr. Charles Angell, Mrs. J.R. Amis, Mrs. Ann Angle, Bob Ashby, Dr. Nick Calagno, Mrs. Wanda Campbell, Bobby Hanes, Rufus Maynard, Raymond Rader, Norma Labdeke and Dr. Bobby Wood. Dr. Angle served as Vice President for Academic Affairs. Mrs. Amis served the college from 1968 to 1989 and served as manager of the NMC bookstore for nine years. Mrs. Campbell has served as an employee of the NMC Fieldhouse since 1979. Mrs. Angle came to the college in 1969 and served as a professor and department head. Mrs. Rader served as an employee of the college since 1968. Mrs. Labdeke became a psychology instructor at NMC in 1968. Mrs. Amis became a member of the college faculty in 1968 and served as a member of the college staff since 1968. Mrs. Labdeke has been a business office clerk since 1968. Mrs. Wood served as a member of the college staff since 1968 and served as a member of the college staff since 1968.

Dr. Calagno joined the faculty in 1980 as a psychology instructor and was later a psychology instructor at NMC. He became a psychology instructor at NMC in 1968. Mrs. Amis was a member of the college staff from 1968. Mrs. Labdeke has been a business office clerk since 1968. Mrs. Wood served as a member of the college staff since 1968 and served as a member of the college staff since 1968.

Former employees honored

By Dianna Berryman

The drama department, Theatre NMC, has recently scheduled a schedule of performances for the 1992-93 season. Starting the season off, the drama department has selected the latest Broadway hit by Neil Simon called Rumors. The play will run Oct. 7-10 and is directed by Pat Beth Abbott. The annual children's theatre production will be Beauty and the Beast. The production will be a stage adaptation of the children's literature classic, and will capture much of the Walt Disney magic. The play is scheduled for Dec. 2-5 and is directed by Brian Hatz. Combining the talents of the theatre and music departments will be the performance of 1986's Radio Hour. Included in this production will be a variety of music, dance, and spoken word. The production will be performed Oct. 10-12 by Steve McCutrey and Mary Stuart Whaley. The Heptet of the theatre department will be directed by Smitty McCarley. The last production for Theatre NMC is to be announced.

Auditions slated for opening play

By Dianna Berryman

Theatre NMC is currently casting for its upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast. Auditions will be held at Thursday, Aug. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Theatre NMC building. The play will be directed by Smitty McCarley and the music direction will be by Steve McCutrey.

Queen candidates due

Academic sponsors for campus clubs and organizations are reminded that Wednesday, Sept. 9 is the deadline for nominations for the 2002-2003 academic year. The election will be held on Friday, Sept. 11.

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President issues letter welcoming student body

Dear Friends,

Twenty-six years ago this month I began my college education at a junior college much like NEO. I vividly remember the anxiety I experienced as I first entered my first college lecture hall. My mouth was dry, my palms were sweaty, and my stomach was wrenched as I sat in the back row. When the professor first looked out across our Algebra class, I remember thinking: "This is just the way it feels when I was about to review the last few weeks of the beginning of the football game." I had no idea that in twenty-six years following my first college lecture I would complete my doctorate in medical pharmacology, serve as the president of three medical schools, and now, solely, welcome you to NEO A&M College.

As was the case with me, your college education can make an enormous difference in your life. It will cause you to learn new things, make new friends, see new horizons, and dream new dreams. Your education here at NEO, and the four year colleges into which you will one day graduate, will help you to make of you a new and better person.

I am pleased to welcome you to NEO, but I hasten to challenge you to make the most of this enriching experience. Cherish your friendships, stay in touch, seize the opportunities to grow, and in the years ahead you will look back upon this week as the first day upon which your college experience will begin.

Clyde B. Johnson, Ph.D. Interim President

Editorial

Major decisions surround choice for president

The 1992 presidential campaign is preparing for the November election. People of the United States go to the polls and decide who will lead the nation for the next four years.

Not all citizens will exercise their right to vote. Election officials said that in the 1992 election only 53 percent of Americans who are eligible to vote actually voted. Nearly half of the people who can, in fact, didn't think deciding on the next leader of the free world was worth the time it takes to cast a ballot. There may be several reasons for this apathy. Perhaps people don't think their vote will count along with millions of other votes. Some people may have lost interest in the system as they see those who do not vote or do not vote as much.

People need to look into what the candidates stand for, information and education are an important part of preserving a democracy. People don't understand that if they don't exercise their rights their rights will weaken. Apathy on the part of the majority could lead to tyranny on the part of a select few. When people start sampling that it's easier not to think about issues a dangerous situation can arise.

This is very true for young voters since the number of people between the ages of 18 and 21 that participate in elections is not very high. Also this group has only had suffrage since the passage of the twenty-sixth amendment on July 1, 1971. Some politicians and lawmakers believe that 18-year-olds are not yet old enough to vote. This may be because more young and college age people vote it may make serious changes in issues such as censorship, and environmental protection. Americans between the ages of 18 and 21 need to start wearing because right now more than ever people in power need to realize that the common people are still in charge of the country.

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Responses

Editor's Note: The response section on this page is not to be mistaken as an opinion poll or any other instrument used to reflect a general consensus of the student body or faculty at Oklahoma A&M College. Students were asked the following question:

Do you feel that it is important to participate in the Democratic process by voting?

John Penalosa
Freshman, Commerce

"I really do because it keeps people's interests in order and represents the beliefs of the people."

Felisha Dorsey
Freshman, Oklahoma City

"Yes, because my opinion will be valued and it will count as something."

Joe Brooks
Soph. Memphis, Tn.

"I don't feel it is too important if people don't have the intelligence to go with the responsibility."

Stacie Nickell
Freshman, Farmington, Ar.

"Because we have the right to vote, we all should, even though we all don't."

Ralph Strickland
Sophomore, Chicago, Ill.

"Yes, because everybody should be heard."

Russell Cox
American Fidelity offers new program to benefit health of college personnel

By Carol Dodd

American News Editor

For all NEO employees this year, there was a Wellness Program sponsored by the American Fidelity Insurance Company.

This program is designed wholly people we choose not to have any health risks and if they choose to do so they can be a doctor concerning these problems.

The Wellness Program is a part of another program at Baptist Regional Health Center called an Optimum of Prevention. By providing preventive medicine, the insurance company hopes to reduce insurance claims which in turn reduces premium costs.

The tests include blood pressure, pulse, height, weight, health risk appraisal, and cholesterol, triglycerides, and glucose tests.

With this profile build, the nurse can determine a target age. This is a combination of one’s physical age and well-being and where one should be.

The nurse can determine black areas and recommend whether the person should see a doctor. With this determination, NEO can find out what kind of health classes to offer people.

When looking at scores from different people’s analysis, the college can find out whether a student smoking, exercise, nutritional, or various other courses should be offered.

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Questions require immediate attention

By Carol Dewd
Assistant Features Editor

Editor’s note: The following is a list of common questions that students generally ask when beginning their first week of classes. I am going to be absent from class for a while. Inform all your instructors beforehand.

I want to drop or add a course.
Check with the Registrar’s Office in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
My address has changed.
Contact the Admissions and Records office in the Library/Admissions office and the Financial Aid office in the basement of the same building.
I would like advice on courses offered.
Contact the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210. Someone needs an ambulance.
Notify security at extension 355 or call the switchboard by dialing 5 or 542-1521.
I need information on a degree at N.E.O.
Contact the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210. Someone needs an ambulance.
Notify security at extension 355 or call the switchboard by dialing 5 or 542-1521.
I need information on a career opportunity.
Contact the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
I want a career program change.
Notify the Business Office in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
I want to buy books and supplies.
The bookstore is located inside the Student Union. When do I check with post items on bulletin boards.
Check with the Student Affairs Office in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
How will I know if classes have been cancelled due to an emergency or bad weather?
The college will remain open as scheduled whenever possible. Should weather conditions necessitate class cancellations, students will be notified by announcements over local television and radio stations.
My car will not start in the parking lot. Who can help?
Contact security in the basement of the Library/Admissions building or call extension 355.
I want to know more about career opportunities.
Contact the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
I want to change my major.
Contact the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
I have a complaint. Where do I go for action?
Notify the Vice President for Student Affairs in the Library/Admissions building, room 206, or call extension 210.
I would like to know more about the Child Development Center and its services.
Contact Maxine Edwards in Allen Hall, room 108 or call extension 206.
I want to form a new club or student organization.
Contact the Student Affairs Office in the Library/Admissions building, room 206, or call extension 210.
I would like some personal counseling.
Contact the Counseling Center located on the second floor of the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
Where can I find out about cultural programs and tours sponsored by the college?
Try the High School and College Relations Office in the Library/Admissions building, room 206.
I need an appointment with a doctor.
Contact the Health Center in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I want to know more about the college catalog.
Try the High School and College Relations Office in the Library/Admissions building, room 206.
I need to check in on my registration status.
Contact the Registrar’s office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I am a transfer student. What should I do first?
Contact the Registrar’s office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I need assistance with my financial aid.
Contact the Financial Aid Office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I want to transfer to another college.
Contact the Registrar’s office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I need information on financial aid.
The Financial Aid Office is located in the basement of the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I need to make a change or contract an incomplete.
See your instructor.
I need to apply for graduation.
Contact the Registrar’s Office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
How do I find out what is happening on campus?
Read the student newspaper, The Norse Word, or check with Student Activities in the Student Union.
When does the semester end, and what is the college closed for?
Check the academic calendar in the N.E.O. catalog or the Student Calendar Handbook.
I want to work in a student job.
Notify the Counseling Center in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I want to participate in intramurals.
Contact the director of intramurals in the Student Union.
I need to find a part-time or full-time job.
Visit the director of placement in the Fine Arts Center.
When may I use the library?
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Where may I obtain information on loans to attend N.E.O.?
Contact the Financial Aid Office in the basement of the Library/Admissions building or call extension 210.
Where may I obtain information about $2000 emergency loan?
Contact the Student Affairs Office in the Library/Admissions building, or call extension 210.
I have lost or found something.
Notify the switchboard by dialing 0.
I need to schedule a meeting or activity at the Student Union.
Contact the Vice President for Student Affairs in the Library/Admissions building, room 206, or call extension 210.
My name has changed.
Continued next week.

BOOKS FOR CLASS
Aaron Thomasen, a freshman from Quakow, helps Tasha Conner, a sophomore from Columbus, get her books for the first day of class Monday. Thomasen works as a clerk in the bookstore located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

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Scrimmage provides positive evaluation for Norse coaches

"After watching the film on Sunday morning, we really didn’t play as bad as I thought we did," said Golden Norse head coach Mike Lord following a scrimmage last Saturday night with Independence (Kan.) Community College at Robertson Field.

"Our defense did a great job. They were flying to the football and doing a great job all night of containing Independence," Lord said.

While the Golden Norse defense was containing the first three offensive units of the Pirates, NEO’s offensive units were moving the ball. Lord got an opportunity to look at a lot of young people including some wide receivers.

Sophomore Joey Arnold and Kyle Behrsland did a good job of running crisp routes and catching the ball initially," said Lord.

Another thing that impressed the offensive coaches was the running of sophomore fullback Matt Honey.

"We’re looking for Matt to be an impact player on offense. He did some good things, but we need him to be more consistent and physical in his running style," Lord said.

"As a coaching staff we saw a lot more good things than bad in this first scrimmage. But it remains evident that we still have a long way to go before we are ready to scrimmage Coffeyville in two weeks.

"Our intensity level quite wasn’t what I expected it to be. After we took part in the film on one-on-one drills and the seven-on-seven I don’t think our kids were challenged by Independence. That had a definite effect on our intensity level," said Lord.

Even though Independence wasn’t the caliber of Coffeyville, there were some things we saw that were good.

Another thing we want to work on is hitting people we didn’t know.

TOSS SWEEP

Sophomore fullback Joe Jefferson attempts to take the tackle of an Independence Community College defender during a pre-season scrimmage at Robertson Field last Saturday. The Golden Norse traveled to Fort Scott, Kan. Saturday to conclude the pre-season drills with a scrimmage starting at 7:30 p.m.

Softball players earn all-American honors

By Chris Franks

Twelve members of the Lady Norse softball squad were selected to All-American teams during the summer according to coach Woody Morrow.

The Lady Norse finished the season ranked 12th in the National Junior College Athletic Association with a 35-15 overall record.

Simpson assumes line duties

Rick Simpson, assistant football coach at Miami High School, has been selected offensive line coach and physical education instructor at Northeastern A&M according to James Reecer, athletic director.

Simpson’s appointment was approved by the OSE and NSCC College Board of Regents during their last meeting in Stullwater.

Simpson replaces Mitch McGehee, who resigned after one year to become an assistant at Broken Arrow High School.

Over the past nine years Simpson has served as a defensive coordinator and physical education instructor at Miami High School.

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