Livestock team wins first place in Denver meet

Winning first place in both cattle and sheep judging, the college livestock judging team finished second in oral reasons at the Denver Livestock Show recently in Denver, Colo.

Eight members of the team accomplished coaches Amy Douglas and Jeff Bessell to the three-day event.

Joe Patrick, a freshman from Sicamous, Mo., was awarded high individual honors in reasons.

Leslie Robert, a freshman from Yukon, was awarded high individual honors in cattle and placed eighth overall.

Amy Down, a freshman from Wyoming, Ill., placed 10th overall.

Also competing on the team were William Lane, a sophomore from Eucha, Mark Davy, a sophomore from Osawatomie, Kan., alternates Kelly Degman, a freshman from Fiebert, Ind., Ryan Burns, a freshman from Minv, and Curt Hansen, a freshman from Remsber, Ind.

Identification cards require validation

"Students returning from the fall semester need to go to the business office and get their identification cards validated for the spring semester," said Dale Paterson, dean for admissions and records.

Any students or any student that has lost their identification card needs to go to the business office located in the Dale Creek Library Administration building to obtain a card.

The charge for a new identification card is $5 and there is no cost to validate the cards already having cards.

Financial aid for spring semester still available

By Marti Jones

Managing editor

Financial aid for the spring semester is still available in the financial aid office, according to Ray Reid, director of financial aid.

There are several types of financial aid available to students. Grants, loans, work-study and scholarships are the main sources of help offered.

Grants are available to students who have been awarded financial aid.

The Pell Grant, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant, and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant are available to students who have proof of need.

Grants do not have to be paid back.

A Perkins Loan offers a five percent interest rate after graduation.

The earliest applicants will receive the loan.

The Federal "subsidized" Stafford Loan is based on financial need and the interest rate is variable, but not higher than 8.25 percent.

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant is worth approximately $1675 to Nebraska students.

"For a student to receive the best package possible, a student should apply as soon as it is feasible," Reid said.

Students can pick up applications in the financial aid office located in the basement of the Dale Creek Library Administration building from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"The latter student sells to file for financial aid. The application must be complete within 30 days of the Federal Pell Grant," Reid said.

"Applicants for next year should file by Feb. 15 to ensure a better financial aid package," Reid said.

Institutional work-study is available to students who can help pay off their college expenses.

Work-study hours vary from one to 12 hours a week based upon the student need.

Security is not deducted from the work-study checks.

Scholarship information from the college is available through Anita Reisch, scholarship administration.

Reisch is located in the financial aid office.

Departmental, tuition and Dobson scholarships for new year are worth $400 a year or $200 a semester.

All scholarship applications are due on April 15 in the office.

"I cannot stress enough that all applications should be filed as soon as possible," Reid said.

"If you have any questions, feel free to come and talk with us," Reid said.

ICE BRIGADE

Members of the college maintenance department apply a mixture to the sidewalks to try and melt the accumulated ice. During the first full week of classes in an ice storm caused numerous problems, but Mother Nature was expected to bring 50-degree temperatures just in time for the start of the 6th annual NNO School Invitational Basketball Tournament which continues through Saturday in six local gyms.

Photo by Artie Gage
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 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Students were asked the following question:

What has been the toughest part about starting this semester?

Leslie Roberts
Freshman, Hinton

"Coming back to campus in this bad weather."

Ernie Britt
Sophomore, Miami

"Getting back into the swing of things."

Traci Wilks
Freshman, McAlester

"Having to change dorms after getting here."

John Landers
Freshman, Miami

"I was enjoying the time off. Just coming back was tough."

Kelli Woodman
Freshman, Vinita

"The ice and changing dorms were both a pain."

Mother issues special thanks for kindness

Dear Editor: I am writing with regard to the SIG "Winter" Christmas party being held in December. As parent(s) of some of the children who attended, I want to publicly thank them and the young people who adopted the children.

I am the mother of girls who were adopted by young men. I will admit having some reservations about this, however, I can't imagine it having turned out any better.

The girls had a great time and I've heard descriptions of the guys as being "amazing, cool, radical, and fun."

This was a terrific idea and these are all truly special people. I cannot thank them enough for the kindness and patience they have shown in this effort.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Bloom

Student wants algebra hotline

Why is algebra sooooo important? Do people really use it in life? If you are not an algebra major or an algebra teacher, do you ever actually use it in everyday life?

If it was invented to make mathematics simple, then why do so many people hate it or have such trouble learning it?

Why is it required for almost every college major? What is a journal, child care, or criminal justice major going to use it for?

Who made this requirement? Had it to be someone who just enjoys seeing students suffer at the point of severe headaches?

Regular math or basic algebra should be enough for most students. There doesn't seem to be enough time for it to sink in between each class meeting.

Many adult students have had no algebra in high school. Some of us have to take three math classes just to try and catch up to what high schoolers know when they get here.

Is anyone else going through any of this? Is there a helpful 1-800-ALGEBRA hotline, like there is a 1-800-RUN-4JIBIZ?

Kathy Wyrick

Barlow discusses accomplishments

Dear Editor: On behalf of the 1994 Student Body Government, we welcome everyone to the spring semester of Northeastern A&M. If you are a new student or you just feel like starting fresh, we welcome you and hope that everything goes well.

The Student Body Government is here for you. We are the governing body of students, clubs and organizations on the NEO campus. Any problems, concerns, suggestions, complaints or enhancements that you may have as a student needs to be brought to our attention. So, please stop by our office between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are across from the Bookstore in the Carter Student Union building.

Our first semester was a success. We had a large turnout to all of our Student Government meetings. A majority of our dances were a success with a turnout of over 400 people at each dance.

The year began with a hamburger cookout and Jamaican Me Crazy party. We watched 26 new lights go up on our campus to make it a brighter, safer place at night.

We bought two school directories that were placed on campus.

The annual All School Assembly was the best in years at a full house in the Fine Arts auditorium.

Homecoming this year could have been a disaster, but turned out great with a smashing victory at the football game.

A downpour came when the student Body Government tried to pass the 0 Hour variation resolution that had been talked about all semester. It failed. However, it is still on our agenda this semester.

The Food Service Committee in conjunction with SIG has converted the cafeteria to serve nales four to five times a week.

The SIG has also supported a fifty cent intangible fee for next semester which will enhance our intramural program.

Most of all, many of the SIG officers are in attendance at Administrative meetings to represent, support and defend students.

BrianKeep, Jamaican Me Crazy and elections for SIG officers will also happen later this semester.

We encourage everyone to get involved with SIG this semester. It is a fun, life learning experience.

Sincerely,
Brian Barlow
SIG President

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President releases academic honor roll

By Chad Grooms

Approximately 109 students achieved academic excellence for the fall semester and were named to the president's honor roll, according to Dr. Jerry Carroll.

Students making the list were recognized for achieving a 4.0 grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

A list of the students was included, along with their hometowns and majors.

Lifestyles

Dean announces fall academic honor roll

By Kathy Wyrick

More than 175 students were named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester, according to Dr. James Lowell, vice president for academic affairs.

Students were selected on the basis of maintaining a 3.5 or more grade point average or 12 or more credit hours.

A list of the students and their hometowns was included.

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Genandt handles development duties

James Genandt, former director of continuing education at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark., has been serving the past three months as the fund development specialist for the college.

Genandt is working in various areas including building an endowment and developing planned giving by employees and supporters of the college.

"These efforts," said Genandt, "are designed to give NEO a greater financial base enabling the institution to provide student scholarships and needed academic equipment."

After obtaining a bachelor's degree in public administration from Hamlin College, Hamlin, S.D., Genandt went to work as a member of South Dakota Senator George McGovern's staff.

"As a member of the McGovern staff, I helped with political fundraising, constituent casework, media relations, legislative research, and planning," said Genandt.

Genandt moved to Wichita, Kan., in 1981 to become a high school social science instructor.

"After teaching in the public schools for two years, I became the assistant director for those grant programs at Emporia State University in Kansas," said Genandt.

Genandt helped manage grants for upward bound students, student support services, and telecommunications development.

He was also responsible for promotion of graduate education programs.

State director supports NAFTA

Terry Peach, state executive director of the USDA Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, believes that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a golden opportunity for Oklahoma and its college graduates.

"By creating the largest market in the world, this agreement will provide college graduates with a much larger job market and enormous opportunities."

We will have 300 million consumers with an overall spending level of $6.5 trillion.

Mexico alone has a population of 90 million people.

As the overall economy of Mexico improves and their per capita income increases, they will strive to provide a better diet for themselves and their families.

This will bring an immense positive effect on agriculture industry development and marketing of products in Oklahoma.

"Oklahoma will also benefit due to its location in respect with Mexico and its relatively low transportation costs."

The time has come for the American people to realize that to maintain the high standard of living that we have, we must actively work and create new markets for our products in the global market place.

"NAFTA will not only create markets for our raw agriculture products, but it will also open new markets for value-added products that may be developed in the future."

"This agreement should have a positive impact on Oklahoma."

CRITICAL NEED

Jason Floyd, a sophomore from Cushing, checks his notes while donating blood during the fall visit of the Bloodmobile. Because of an unusual demand placed for donated blood over the holidays, the Bloodmobile will be on campus, Thursday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballrooms. Everyone is invited to make a donation and Give the Gift of Life.

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Sports

High school teams invade campus
Worls largest tournament started yesterday

By Chad Grubb
Sports Editor
Returning to defending champions, the 46th annual NEO High School Basketball Tournament started a three-day run yesterday in six area gymnasiums.

Long recognized as the nation's largest high school basketball tournament, this year's tournament includes 74 teams from three states battling for championships in 11 different divisions. NEO students are admitted free of charge to any games with a valid student ID.

In the Round Robin Girls bracket defending champion Tula McCall in joined by Oklahoma City Douglas, Bartlesville, and Joplin, Mo. in the 5-on-5 round-robin format.

Defending champion Oaks returns in the girls 6-on-6 division to defend their crown against Colcord, Locust Grove, and Sallisaw Central.

Teams competing in the Girls White division are returning champions Miami, Weatherford, Tulsa Hale, Tulsa Rogers, Wynadote, McAlester, and West Fork, Ark.

In the Girls Red bracket defending champions Lincoln, Ark., along with Bluejacket, Tulsa Memorial, Commerce, Roland, Oklahoma City Heritage Hall, Tulsa Wright Christian, and Plato, Mo.

Afton returns to defend their title in the Girls Blue division. Joining the Lady Eagles are Gwogow, Picher, White Oak, Delaware, Tulsa Memo Christian, Shellrock, Mo., and New Covenant of Lamar, Mo.

The Girls Gold bracket includes Welch, Ft. Smith, Oak, Joplin College Heights, Greater Tulsa Christian, and Window, Ark.

In the Boys White bracket Siloam Springs will return to defend their title against Wagoner, Oklahoma City Douglas, Locust Grove, Springfield, McAlester, McAlester, Mo., West Fork, Ark., and McDonald County, Mo.

With Bluejacket's win last year in the Black Division the Chieftains move to second on the all-time tournament win list with 121. They are tied with Chisholm while Welch holds the all-time record with 123.

This year the Chieftains are in the Blue bracket and are joined by Sapulpa, Delaware, Welch, White Oak, Exeter, Mo., New Covenant of Lamar, Mo., and Shellrock, Mo.

Sallisaw Central returns to defend their Gold bracket crown against Afton, Picher, Oaks, Fort Smith, Tulsa Greater Christian, and Window, Ark.

Competing in the Boys Red bracket will be Wynadotte, Colcord, Commerce, Afton, Tulsa Wright Christian, Joplin College Heights, Lincoln, Ark., and Window, Ark.

Roland defends their Round Robin division crown against Miami, Tulsa Metro Christian, and Oklahoma City Heritage Hall.

Games will begin at noon on Friday in the NEO Fieldhouse, NEO Gymnastics Center, and Will Rogers Middle School gym. Tipoff times for the three are set for 1:00 p.m. at Miami High School and at 3:00 p.m. at the Commerce gym.

Tournamnet finals will be played at noon, Saturday, in the college gym and civic center.

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Record holder returns to provide solid catalyst

By Chad Grubb
Sports Editor

After missing the NEO scoring record books in her freshman season, sophomore Lataisha Byars has returned for an even more productive sophomore year.

Byars, 5-9 from Millington, Tenn., is averaging 25 points and 21 rebounds per game for the 1-1 and third-ranked Lady Norse.

Byars was named second-team All-American last year, but she feels that her return has not been easy, either.

"No, there was a lot of pressure on me to score because of the talented players we have," said Byars.

"Last year, I would get a lot of double and triple teams. But this year with Allison (Marro), Paddle (Larry Jamerson), and Norris (Willa) hitting the three way I feel that we have been that the defense has spread the defense even more," Byars said.

The Lady Norse head into Bi-State Conference play with two games next week.

"We have won two in a row which gives us some momentum heading into conference play," Byars said.

"We are starting to come together as a unit and coach Randy (Gipson) has worked hard in this heading into conference," said Byars.

With the balance that the Lady Norse have been showing some of the pressure to score has been taken off Byars.

This has allowed her to pick up other areas of her game.

"We have been getting a lot of production from a lot of different people," Byars said.

"This way I get to work on other areas of my game like defense and rebounding. I really enjoy passinas and getting my teammates involved," Byars said.

"I would like to get that scoring record to go along with my scoring record," Byars said.

Byars set new school records during her freshman year.

The records are: most total points (851), highest scoring average in a season (23.6 points per game), highest field goal percentage in a season from 2 point field goal range 51 percent, most field goals in a game (17), most points in a game (43), most free throws in a game (16), and most free throws in a season (80).

She also averaged 9.9 rebounds and had 57 steals 25 assists and 25 blocked shots to garner All-Conference, All-Region, and All-American honors as a freshman.

With all of her ability she obviously has a lot of scouts looking after her.

"I am not going to worry about that right now. I will announce my decision when the time is right for Lataisha Byars," said Byars.

"Right now I am concerned with wanting a National Championship. I feel like we have a solid shot at winning a national crown," Byars said.

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**Sports**

**Men perched atop NJCAA rankings**

By Chad Grabbs

The NEO men's basketball team picked right up where they left off before Christmas break by winning their first two games of the spring semester.

Ranked number one by the National Junior College Athletic Association, coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen carried a 12-game winning streak into Wednesday night's conference opener with Bacon. The Norse were 26-1 on the year.

The Norse remain at home Monday to host Eastern Oklahoma College in an 8 p.m. contest before traveling to Warner for a conference game with arch-rival Connors State on Thursday.

"We need to play as a team and not as a group," said Spencer following the rout over Seminole.

The Golden Norse were for the first time in their history.

The Norse held the Trojans to 14-4.

**Ladies ring Seminole's Belles**

By Chad Grabbs

Three-point field goals by Allison Marrs and Nondra Willis and five points by Lacea Byars ignited the Norse.

"It's been a week from today (Saturday) since the girls have been back and I think they are responding very well. We're playing the tough of basketball we need to compete in our league," said Gipson.

The Lady Norse jumped on the Belles early in the second half led by 12 points by Byars and two points from Marrs and the Lady Norse had the game in control.

Byars led NEO with 28 points and Marrs added 13. Vanessa Isley added 10 points.

The Lady Norse were led by Natasha Dockter with 18 total points.

The Norse shot 45 percent from the field while holding the Belles to 23 percent.

Byars led the Lady Norse with 11 rebounds as NEO held a commanding 37-20 edge on the boards.

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