Business group conducts survey

Local businesses and merchants are seeing a sudden decrease in shoppers who probably did not realize they would still avoid the $2 bill. The reason for this sudden drop in consumerism is a study being performed by the Students in Free Enterprise Organization at NEO.

The group is performing a survey to determine what students and other local businesses make on the local economy. The survey involves students being interviewed and asked about their experiences and activities.

Monday. During this same period, NEO employees will also be asked to attach gold stickers which says NEO dollars to their cash and checks.

At the end of the two-week period, the SIFE students will total how much two-dollar bills and NEO money was distributed throughout the local economy.

The group will also break down the money into which businesses are profiting from student and employee expenditures.

SIFE sponsor Sharron Johnson said the study is designed to serve two purposes:
- Each year SIFE does a project dealing with the economy and complements data throughout the year to compete against other colleges.
- This project is part of our material that SIFE will take to national competition April 17th, said Johnson.

More importantly, we want people in this area to realize that they need to spend their money in local companies to help the local economy grow.

We feel that this study will allow area businesses to identify the market potential that is available to them from the NEO students and staff. Sharron Johnson said.

The SIFE team did a preliminary money study earlier this year which showed 30 percent of the money left Miamis was immediately re-spent with 20 percent going to Joplin and 10 percent going to Neosho.

Each business will be sent a letter asking if they would like to tally the $2 dollar bills they receive.

The results of the study will be published.

Job Fair introduces students to chances of employment

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If you are going to attend, be prepared to interview with resume in hand.

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Participants in Quiz Bowl set to compete

After a brief one-year hiatus, the college has selected participants in the 10th annual College Bowl Regional Tournament, to be held March 31 through April 1 at the National College Bowl Tournament, held in Manhattan, Kansas.

The College Bowl is a game of academic knowledge and quick recall and is usually postponed due to the weather, according to Dr. Dennis Snyder, team sponsor.

By Tonya Croswell

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Opinion

IT'S AN ADDICTION SEE - --- ONCE
SOME PEOPLE START THEY CANT
STOP -- YESTERDAYS SUB FREEZING
COLD FRONT GOT HIM!

Cafeteria workers
go out of their way
to please students

Every year when a new class comes into the college, the students check into their dormitories, wander around for a while, and then go to the cafeteria to eat.
After waiting in the long line they are served their food. No matter how good the food is, people start to complain about it.
This problem occurs year after year. Students are dissatisfied with the cafeteria food and then after awhile they began to be rude to the cafeteria workers and servers, even though none of them ever actually did anything to provoke it.

Editorial

The people who work in the cafeteria are trying their hardest to make the best food for us. We know that the food is not always as good as it should be, but the people working in the cafeteria have to make food for approximately 550 people a day, three times a day, seven days a week.
If you stop and think about it, your mother probably threw a few meals away and we've never cooked for 550 people. The workers in the cafeteria are trying their hardest to make the best food possible and are not making bad food to anger the student body.
Students should also remember that cafeteria workers are people who deserve respect. If for no other reason that the fact that they are simply attempting to please everyone.
So if you have a problem with the food, then the solution is simple: just don't eat it.
Don't go in there and start complaining about how bad the food is in front of the workers. They are human. They have feelings just like any of us.
Tell your friends or keep it to yourself.
The workers in the cafeteria are really nice people who are trying to do the best job of serving the students good meals to eat.
So the next time the food is not up to your standards, just look at it from their point of view and give them a break.

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Chris Franks

Student issues reply

Dear Editor:

People are not happy with our welfare system as it is. However, before we can make radical changes, we must carefully evaluate all the alternatives.
There is no one cause for welfare. It is not just because of "promiscous men telling their wives to go to their desks to suspect innocent women.
So it is because we have a nation of lazy women who want a free ride.
There are many reasons—do you really think that there is enough money, everything and everyone that it all really comes down to.
OURSELVES.
Until we start making ourselves accountable for our own actions, seeing the fault in ourselves and feeling the consequences of our actions.

I believe the answer lies in education and the court system. Educate people who need the skills to support themselves. And give them the opportunity of making a living and to understand that they are accountable to themselves and their children for their actions.

AND make some changes in the public laws regarding the support of children in poverty.
There is no doubt that a person's income cannot stretch so far. Only after we support the lives that we have created, not just ourselves.

Kimberly Fox
Miami, Sophomore

Emancipation important

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed all slaves free with the Emancipation Proclamation. Abraham Lincoln understood the meaning of equality. He took the first steps to make America what it is said to be: a free country.
Over 100 years have passed and African Americans are still not receiving the respect and equality they deserve.

African Americans are one of the strongest races to stand up for their rights. More than any other minority. Just because of the color of their skin, they have endured many hardships.
During the time that Lincoln declared this Proclamation, the white people felt they were superior to all other people. The majority of the people were unable to accept Lincoln's decision.

It is terrible that even today, some people still cannot accept that all people have red blood. We all live on the same soil. We are all of the same color: the human race.
Our difference is in our color, culture, and religion. We all need to respect the differences. You can't experience a full filling life by having a closed mind.
Once you can learn to open your mind and learn about other people, then accept them, you will be able to accept people for who they are as well as accept yourself.

Several years before 1863, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People used the motto "Free to '63.

African Americans have contributed to this country just as much as anyone else. They have fought for this country and served in its military to protect the American people. Even the ones who are prejudiced.

Black History Month is time for everyone to remember the past. A lot of people say, 'don't dwell on the past.' We aren't dwelling on the past. We are remembering and reminding the people of this country about the wrongs that have occurred in the past, so it won't happen again.

African Americans and Native Americans are two nationalities that cannot forget American history.

LaShanda Rickman
Co-dependency creates problems
For all parties involved

By Kathy Wyrick
Managing Editor

Addiction means losing control over an activity such as gambling or use of a substance like alcohol or drugs.

It is important that people get help such as counseling and treatment.

But what about the person behind the scenes who takes it all from an addict? The co-dependent.

Co-dependent lives a controlled by the addicted person's behavior. Their thoughts, feelings, and actions are determined by the addicted person.

"Co-dependents can actually cause more harm to themselves and the addict by giving in to them," said Bill McAleary, 1068 program counselor.

Veteran teacher enjoys students

By Tina Spurgeon
Features Writer

Knowing the course and having the ability to teach two very different things.

Jamie Jacks, one of NEO's top instructors, can do both.

"If you really like to help people then you will enjoy it. But if you like to do something different every day, then it's a good job," said Jacks.

For Jacks, along with her husband Ken, a sociology teacher, comes daily from Peoria.

"My husband drives while I grade some papers, so it's not a waste of time," said Jacks.

Even though Jacks already has a bachelors degree in pre-med and sociology, and a masters in mathematics, she attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater during the fall semester on a sabbatical. She gained 2 hours of engineering towards a masters in engineering.

"I just go to school for fun," said Jacks.

The co-dependent becomes someone who burdens the addicts failures. The addict always has someone else to blame for their weakness.

"Some co-dependents don't even realize that they are doing this. It's a real gradual thing that's happening so slowly and natural, they just don't realize it," said McAleary.

The co-dependent needs to learn to take care of their own emotions and work together with the addict.

"The co-dependent needs to cut off the apron strings and allow the addict to take care of himself for his own actions," said McAleary.

The co-dependent becomes a caretaker for the addict.

"After the crisis, the addict gets his new life together and the co-dependent is left feeling resentful," said McAleary.

The co-dependent can feel locked out after the addict gets help or even after the relationship has ended. A co-dependent may want to help the ex-spouse, but it's hard to turn off the love and care.

A co-dependent, even if it's a separate relationship, is a relationship.

Understanding that addicted people often deny their substances, have lost control, and will usually feel lost, is A big step in helping a co-dependent to "break loose."
Who's Who scholars announced

Eighteen sophomores were selected recently as recipients of the Who's Who Among American Junior College Students, according to Fit Grover, chairman of the selection committee.

Selection of these students was made from 363 applicants. The selection committee was comprised of 10 members of faculty and administration.

“We made the selections based on three main criteria,” Grover said.

“We looked at their scholarship, leadership, service to the college, and loyalty and character as one criteria,” Grover said.

“Their involvement in campus organizations and their involvement in areas which represent the college,” said Grover.

“This is a very prestigious award presented to top students in over 1,400 colleges in the country,” Grover said.

These students will appear in the 1994 edition of Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

The following students received the honor:

Shannon Alley, a sophomore from Grove, was chosen while maintaining a 3.92 grade point average over three semesters. Alley performed in fine- and stage productions of NEO Theatre. She is the lead in the musical South Pacific. As a theatre major she represented the Musical Theatre organization in the 1993 Homecoming Queen contest, was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mark and Larry Higginbotham.

Richard Blake, a sophomore from Southwest City, Mo., is an agriculture economics major with a 3.72 grade point average over three semesters. He is a member of the College Quiz Bowl Team. Blake is also a Student of the Bodyguard. He works for three semesters with the Aggie Day festivities. He is the son of Donna and Rick Blake.

Amy Brunner, a sophomore from Fairfield, was selected as Who's Who after maintaining a 3.91 grade point average over three semesters as an accounting major.

She served as president of the Students in Free Enterprise and was a member of their competitive teams. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society, Phi Beta Lambda, National Business Honor Society, and Gentleman's Club.

She is the daughter of Neo College Lecturer Carla and Bill Brunner.

Kristine Creame, a sophomore from Hesston, Nebraska, was an nursing major with a 3.52 grade point average over three semesters. She served as vice president and a member of the Friendship International Club while also serving as a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the College Relations Ambassador's organization.

She is the daughter of NTEI College instructor Carla and Bill Brunner.

Heather Dakota, a sophomore from Grove, was chosen while maintaining a 3.92 grade point average over three semesters. She was nominated for the Academic All-American. Dakota is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Monique and Jan Creame.

Vicki Crowder, a sophomore from Grove, maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average over three semesters in the Agricultural Education major with an emphasis in animal science.

She is a member of the Zoology and Animal Science Club and the Zeta Eta Chapter of the National FFA Organization. As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society, she helped promote Religious Emphasis Week.

She is the daughter of Michael and Dennis Crowder.

Samantha Delgado, a sophomore from Grove, maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average over three semesters in the Animal Science major. She was awarded a perfect 4.0 grade point average over three semesters in the Agriculture Education major.

She is the daughter of Karen and Stephen Crowley. Mark Davy, a sophomore from Owasso, Okla., maintained a 3.68 grade point average over three semesters in the animal science major.

He is the son of Linda and Glenn Kiefer.

Julie Plankton, a sophomore from Locust Grove, was selected as Who's Who after maintaining a 3.75 grade point average over three semesters as an agricultural education major.

She served as vice president of the Student Body and as a member of the Aggie Society and the Pre-Vet Club.

Plankton is also a member of both the Student Government and the Equine Judging Team.

She is the daughter of Barbara and Larry Cross and the father of Ron Plankton.

Kareem Jackson, a sophomore from Grove, is very active in the Child Development Club while maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average over three semesters. He served as treasurer of the Child Development Club.

He is the son of Mary Lou and Gordon Davy.

Shamie Frishh, a sophomore from Miami, was selected as Who's Who after maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average over three semesters as a pharmacology major.

She served as treasurer of the Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Steven and Dennis Frishh.

She was also a member of the Child Development Club, while also serving as a member of the Older, Wiser, Learning Students (OWL) organization.

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She is the daughter of Lou and Cliff Hicks and the sister of Kayla.

Kelsey Crowley, a sophomore from Wyandotte, was very active in the Student Student Union while maintaining a 3.95 grade point average over three semesters as an agriculture education major.

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Sports

Pitching bolsters baseball squad
Norse open season today in Texarkana

By Chad Grobman
Sports Editor

After guiding them to the Southern Collegiate World Series last year, the Golden Norse baseball squad will have the benefit of 10 returning sophomores as they open the 0994 campaign today in the Texarkana, Texas Round Robin Tournament.

Coach Rick Riche's Norsemen open the season at 10 a.m. against Crowder College of Neosho, Mo. The Golden Norse will square off against host Texarkana Junior College at 1 p.m. Second round of the tournament on Saturday will pit the Golden Norsemen against Mississippi Delta College at 10:30 a.m. before playing Bossier City, La. at 1:30 p.m.

The Golden Norsemen are on the road next Friday by facing Western Oklahoma College in a 1 p.m. double header at Altus.

Last year the Norsemen won 12 of their final 14 games while advancing to the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. The Norse were eliminated in the semi-finals while compiling a 30-27 overall record.

Prior to the start of the season the Golden Norse were ranked third by the NCJAA.

Four sophomores return to the 15-man pitching staff. "I feel we have three pitchers that probably will be drafted in June by the major leagues," said Riche.

"Jeremy Blaylock, Jason Dickson, and Efren Vina each have exceptional velocity and control," said Riche.

Blakely, a 6-5 righthander from Caro, MI, transferred to NEO after one season at Central Michigan University.

Dickson, a 6-6 righthander from Chatham, Neb., pitched 17 innings as a freshman while posting a 1.37 earned run average. Vina, a 6-1 righthander from East Orange, N.J., has a good selection of pitches for a freshman.

Also returning to the pitching staff are sophomores Righthanders Ben Shiflett and Clay Parney. Shiflett, a 6-6 from Clarksdale, appeared in 13 innings as a freshman with a 1.88 earned run average. Parney, 6-2 from Broken Arrow, saw last season out with a shoulder problem after appearing in two games last season.

Challenging for a spot in the starting rotation are freshmen Jason Whitmon, Bartlettville, Brian Bagley, Altus, Steve Irby, Muldrow, Okla., and Efren Vina each have exceptional velocity and control," said Riche.

"That will have a bearing on us as early because we're so young. We need some game time to help our freshmen along," said Riche.

Returning sophomore Blaine Phillips, 6-6 from Shawnee, OK, returns to anchor the catching position. Phillips hit .260 in 44 games as a freshman. Freesman batting for playing time at catcher are Brent Clifford, 6-1, Oklahoma City, and Jarrett Lutz, 6-6, Salina.

Freesman Jackie Barnett, 6-5, Commerce, and David Dale, 6-2, Tulsa Rogers, are batting for the first base position.

Vetrad Chad Kirkhart, 5'10" from Fort Gibson, will play shortstop for the Norse. Kirkhart hit .307 in 57 games as a freshman. He also scored 40 runs and stole seven bases.

Transfer Jacob Schum 5-11, Rosemont, Ill., will be the second baseman for the Golden Norse. Shuman spent one semester at Oklahoma City University before, coming to NEO.

Freshman Dayton Coach, 5'10 from Commerce, will provide back up at either second or short.

Veterans Jake Russell and J.D. Oller" will share the third base spot.

Russell, 5'11 from Salina, played in 53 games as a freshman while posting a .342 batting average. He also collected 16 doubles and three home runs.

Oller, 5'6 from Commerce, totaled 21 of 25 bases as a layup runner last year.

"We'll just have to learn as we go. We will be more disciplined at the plate than we were last year. We'll also have more power with Brandon Rader and (David) Lawler," Riche told.

Sophomore Brandon Rader and David Lawler will occupy the center and right field positions while freshmen Gino Testinis and Matt Smittle will share the left field spot.

Rader, 6'3 from Keiter, played right end for coach Mike Law's Golden Norse football team and will move from right to center. As a freshman Rader collected six hits and six runs batted in as a spot starter.

Lawley, 6'1 from Pine Bluff, Ark., collected seven hits in 12 games as a freshman.

Smittle, 6'4 from Tulsa, transferred to NEO after one semester at Eastern Oklahoma College.

Testinis, 6'1 from Waimanalo, Hawaii, joined the Golden Norse after one season at Hawaii Pacific University.

"Our overall team speed should be as good as we had last year. These guys can cover some ground and go get the ball," said Riche.
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**Ladies earn second place in conference**

Capturing second place in the Bi-State East Conference the Lady Norse await the pairings for next Saturday’s opening round of the Region II Tournament at Tulsa’s Fairgrounds Pavilion.

Coach Randy Gipson’s Lady Norse finished the regular season with a 25-3 overall record and an 8-2 mark in the Bi-State East. Westark won the conference with a 24-4 record and a 2-2 season mark.

Pairings for the eight-team, single elimination tournament were decided today at the coaches meeting in Tulsa.

**Lady Norse 87-Carl Albert 75**

Traveling to Ponca in the regular season finale last Monday, the Lady Norse cruised to an 87-75 victory. The Lady Norse jumped out to a 12-6 lead behind Lori “Pablito” Jamison’s seven points. With 11:44 to go in the half, Carl Albert did fight back behind back-to-back 3-point goals by Angie Maxwell to take a 27-23 lead with 4:52 to go in the half. However, two buckets by Latasha Byars and seven points by Jamison and two by Tonya Williams gave the Lady Norse a 40-35 halftime lead.

Byars led all scorers with 20 points, Jamison had 17, Myers 11 and Tonya Williams 10 points for the Lady Norse.

**Rocky Clain led the Lady Vikings with 15 while Rachel Brown added 13 points.**

**Lady Norse 70-Westark 67**

NEO’s Lady Norse averaged an earlier loss to the Westark by knocking the Lady Lions out of the undulation ranks with a 70-67 victory in Fort Smith, Ark., last Thursday.

Sophomore Lisa Guster canned two free throws with 6.5 seconds to go in the game to complete the upset of the Lady Lions.

The Lady Norse trailed 65-64 with 58 seconds to go in the game when sophomore Nikki Edwards hit a layup to give the Lady Norse the lead.

Neither team led by more than six points the entire game and the Lady Norse were the more balanced team on this night.

Byars, who had 48 points, was the first-time two teams played, led the Lady Norse attack with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Edwards also managed a double-double as she had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Kim Williams led all scorers with 31 points and Marie Scott, who upset the Lady Norse with a last second shot last time, had 30 total points.

**Norsemen snap three-game slide to finish second**

Waiting until the final game of the regular season the 19th-ranked Golden Norse snapped a three-game losing streak with a 99-87 victory over Carl Albert in Ponca.

Coach Lennie Spencer’s Norse finished the regular season with a 24-5 overall record and a 6-4 mark in the Bi-State East.

NEO finished in a three-way tie for second place with Eastern and Westark. The Norsemen were awarded second place because of a better overall record.

The Norseman return to action on Saturday, March 6 in the Region II Tournament at the Tulsa Fairgrounds Pavilion.

**Norsemen 99-Carl Albert 87**

After falling behind 8-8 with 15:06 to go in the first half the Golden Norse went on a 35-8 to take a 30-16 lead with 8:30 to go in the half.

The Norseman, playing without center Ray Pendexter, used great defense and a high percentage of long-range threes to take a 53-33 halftime lead.

Pendexter sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

“Our kids wanted to end the regular season on a positive note and they did a good job of that,” said Spencer.

Kevin Luceford led five Golden Norsemen in double figures with 23 total points. Chris Scott added 20 points, Scythe Reid and Shaw Williams produced 14 points each and Chad Knowles netted 11 points.

Germaine Wade led the Vikings with 27 points. Patrick Lee, Henry Felix, Red Walton, and Kevin Quarad added 13 points each, respectively.

**Westark 85-Golden Norse 78**

NEO added to its losing streak with a 85-73 win over Westark last Tuesday in Fort Smith, Ark.

NEO jumped out to a 12-3 lead with 4:01 to go in the first half backed by 10 points by Kevin Luceford.

With a balanced scoring attack and great support from the substitutes the Golden Norse took a 42-30 lead into the half.

A big 14-0 run is what really put the Norsemen under the Lions draped a nine-point lead with 4:21 to go in the game at 79-33.

Luceford led the Golden Norsemen with 23 points.

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**Ladies earn second place in conference**

Capturing second place in the Bi-State East Conference the Lady Norse await the pairings for next Saturday’s opening round of the Region II Tournament at Tulsa’s Fairgrounds Pavilion.

Coach Randy Gipson’s Lady Norse finished the regular season with a 25-3 overall record and an 8-2 mark in the Bi-State East. Westark won the conference with a 24-4 record and a 2-2 season mark.

Pairings for the eight-team, single elimination tournament were decided today at the coaches meeting in Tulsa.

**Lady Norse 87-Carl Albert 75**

Traveling to Ponca in the regular season finale last Monday, the Lady Norse cruised to an 87-75 victory. The Lady Norse jumped out to a 12-6 lead behind Lori “Pablito” Jamison’s seven points. With 11:44 to go in the half, Carl Albert did fight back behind back-to-back 3-point goals by Angie Maxwell to take a 27-23 lead with 4:52 to go in the half. However, two buckets by Latasha Byars and seven points by Jamison and two by Tonya Williams gave the Lady Norse a 40-35 halftime lead.

Byars led all scorers with 20 points, Jamison had 17, Myers 11 and Tonya Williams 10 points for the Lady Norse.

**Rocky Clain led the Lady Vikings with 15 while Rachel Brown added 13 points.**

**Lady Norse 70-Westark 67**

NEO’s Lady Norse averaged an earlier loss to the Westark by knocking the Lady Lions out of the undulation ranks with a 70-67 victory in Fort Smith, Ark., last Thursday.

Sophomore Lisa Guster canned two free throws with 6.5 seconds to go in the game to complete the upset of the Lady Lions.

The Lady Norse trailed 65-64 with 58 seconds to go in the game when sophomore Nikki Edwards hit a layup to give the Lady Norse the lead.

Neither team led by more than six points the entire game and the Lady Norse were the more balanced team on this night.

Byars, who had 48 points, was the first-time two teams played, led the Lady Norse attack with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Edwards also managed a double-double as she had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Kim Williams led all scorers with 31 points and Marie Scott, who upset the Lady Norse with a last second shot last time, had 30 total points.

**Norsemen snap three-game slide to finish second**

Waiting until the final game of the regular season the 19th-ranked Golden Norse snapped a three-game losing streak with a 99-87 victory over Carl Albert in Ponca.

Coach Lennie Spencer’s Norse finished the regular season with a 24-5 overall record and a 6-4 mark in the Bi-State East.

NEO finished in a three-way tie for second place with Eastern and Westark. The Norsemen were awarded second place because of a better overall record.

The Norseman return to action on Saturday, March 6 in the Region II Tournament at the Tulsa Fairgrounds Pavilion.

**Norsemen 99-Carl Albert 87**

After falling behind 8-8 with 15:06 to go in the first half the Golden Norse went on a 35-8 to take a 30-16 lead with 8:30 to go in the half.

The Norseman, playing without center Ray Pendexter, used great defense and a high percentage of long-range threes to take a 53-33 halftime lead.

Pendexter sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

“Our kids wanted to end the regular season on a positive note and they did a good job of that,” said Spencer.

Kevin Luceford led five Golden Norsemen in double figures with 23 total points. Chris Scott added 20 points, Scythe Reid and Shaw Williams produced 14 points each and Chad Knowles netted 11 points.

Germaine Wade led the Vikings with 27 points. Patrick Lee, Henry Felix, Red Walton, and Kevin Quarad added 13 points each, respectively.

**Westark 85-Golden Norse 78**

NEO added to its losing streak with a 85-73 win over Westark last Tuesday in Fort Smith, Ark.

NEO jumped out to a 12-3 lead with 4:01 to go in the first half backed by 10 points by Kevin Luceford.

With a balanced scoring attack and great support from the substitutes the Golden Norse took a 42-30 lead into the half.

A big 14-0 run is what really put the Norsemen under the Lions draped a nine-point lead with 4:21 to go in the game at 79-33.

Luceford led the Golden Norsemen with 23 points.
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