Water finally recedes

By Kathy Wyrick
Managing Editor

Vicimized by the rampaging waters of Tar Creek and the Neosho River for the second time in seven months, students are trying to get back into a daily routine after four days of flooding conditions.

The city of Miami and surrounding communities were hit hard after as much as seven inches of rain fell over last weekend on the watershed areas in southern Kansas.

The result was massive flooding of the Neosho and Spring Rivers and tributaries like Ti Creek.

The Neosho River crested in Miami at 7 a.m. Wednesday at a height of 2567 feet above flood stage.

Following more than two inches of rain in Miami, the Neosho left its banks on Sunday afternoon and continued to rise through Monday and Tuesday.

While the 2567 foot crest was higher than the 24.5 foot crest reached Sept. 28, 1993, the total was 0.6 feet less than the 26.23 mark reached in 1996.

Experts are predicting the Neosho to be back in its banks by Saturday.

More than 100 volunteers from the college and the community assisted homeowners and businesses in moving from the flood prone area.

Oklahoma Governor David Walters made a visit to the Miami area on Wednesday to assess the devastation.

CAMPUS

General elections of officers for various Student Body Government positions will be held Wednesday, April 24, in the lobby of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

All NEO students with a valid ID card are eligible to vote.

Candidates are competing for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two senators-at-large.

According to the Student Body Constitution the president should be a member of the sophomore class with a total of at least 24 credit hours, 15 of which should be earned at NEO.

The vice president must be a sophomore freshmen with at least 12 hours from NEO.

Polls will open at 9 a.m.

Organization wins awards in state meet

By Tanya Crowell
Assistant Sports Editor

Seven members of the NEO business fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda, competed in various events at the State Leadership Conference held recently in Oklahoma City.

This makes the second year in a row the Phi Beta Lambda competition that a junior college has made it to the final round of competition," said Janis Street, faculty advisor.

The NEO chapter competed with 45 other Oklahoma schools.

Four students placed in five different events out of 11 areas of business-related contests. The NEO team members were up against approximately 400 competitors representing colleges and universities throughout the state.

NEO students that placed were Lori Rappe, sophomore; Maryann Poynter, sophomore; Ashley Boll, sophomore; and Josh Byrd, sophomore.

The business competition is sponsored by the state's largest business organization, the Oklahoma Society of CPAs.

Spring Fling Week has Mardi Gras theme

Appeals to a wide variety of participants.

Students, faculty, staff and administration are invited to participate in the "44th Spring Fling Week," scheduled to begin Monday, according to Brian Blevins, president of the Student Body Government.

The events include: faculty, staff and administration to partake in the best "44th Spring Fling ever," and Barton Springs Activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center, with a return visit by popular hypnotist Dr. R. E. Bellows on Tuesday. The events will be recorded on VHS.

Water...Water... Everywhere!

Flood waters from Tar Creek cascade over an earthen dam near to Homer Thomas Field as it engulfs the home dugout area. The raging water eventually came to within a few inches from the top of the dugout while encompassing the first floor of the baseball press box area. The water also butted the west half diamond and the intramural fields.

Close-up of the damage.

The Student Body Government is hosting its annual Spring Fling event this week.
Fairytails and reality don’t mix

Grunge singer’s death should serve a purpose

Legislature studies book rental bill

Norse Wind
Shakespearean play visits campus
'Much Ado About Hamlet' complex production

By Kathy Wyrick
Managing Editor

Tickets are still available for Sunday afternoon's final performance of the Shakespearean play entitiled 'Much Ado About Hamlet."

Performances by Theatre NEO cast members, the final production starts at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Theatre NEO students are admitted free of charge with a valid ID card. Tickets are $4 for adults and $3 for children and senior citizens.

Theatre NEO's production of a Shakespearean " sampler."
The locale is the stage of the Globe Theatre in the year of 1600, Shakespeare, portrayed by Chet Burgdorf, and his assistant Shakespearean actor Richard Burgdorf, portrayed by Stephen Williams, a freshman from Sand Springs, is holding a call-back to cast his new play, "Hamlet." Some of Shakespeare's most famous speeches are included in the audition pieces. They include: 'Speak the Speech from Hamlet', 'Balcony Scene', from 'Romeo and Juliet', 'To be or Not to Be', from 'Hamlet', and 'The Lovers' from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Those auditioning are John played by David Gustafson, sophomore, Pryor, and his sister, Helen, portrayed by Shannon Alley, sophomore, Grove, who must pretend to be a male in order to audition for a female role. "The idea for doing this play came about when I attended an adult arts instructional conference at Quanary Mountains," said director PattiBeth Abbott.

"I studied Shakespeare and one of my instructors was Michael Toluga, the author of this production." "This show is written in modern language, but it is actual Shakespearean words," said Abbott. The audience can join the cast for a visit to a typical Elizabethan tavern, complete with music, minstrels, merry makers, and street entertainers, following each performance.

The NEO Magic Square players will be taking the show on tour to several area high schools.

"In the past we have targeted elementary age students with our Magic Square productions. This time, after the show, we will take the show on the road and give area high school students a taste of Shakespearean theater," said Abbott.

LEND ME YOUR EAR!
William Shakespeare (right), played by Chet Burgdorf, a freshman from Sand Springs, tries to make a point to his peers during a scene from 'Much Ado About Hamlet.' The final production of the season for Theatre NEO will conclude a three-day run Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

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LISTEN TO THE MASTER
Helen, played by Shannon Alley, a sophomore from Grove, listens intently to master thespian William Shakespeare, portrayed by Chet Burgdorf, a freshman from Sand Springs, during a scene from 'Much Ado About Hamlet' which is playing in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The play is set in the year 1600 on the stage of London's Globe Theatre.
Annual pow-wow draws crowd

More than 1,000 participants were not bothered by rainy weather during the annual Native American Student Association pow-wow last Saturday in the intramural gym.

After heavy rains forced the event to be moved from the college football field to the intramural gym, participants were treated to Indian turns before the opening ceremonies.

Photos by Arlo Griggs

Head Lady Dancer
Victoria Brown, a Osage from Virgil, served as Head Lady Dancer during the pow-wow.

HEAD MAN DANCER
Thorpe Sinc, a Winnetu-Okeechobee from Tulsa, served as Head Man Dancer.

GOURD DANCE
Members of the Quapaw Inn Tribal Gourd Dance Society gathered together to start the proceedings for the Gourd Dance during the pow-wow.
Receiving corps has inexperience

After losing their top two receivers the Golden Norse hope that some returning sophomores can come in and fill the void.

"We lost some good receivers but we still have some depth at wideout," said wide receiver coach Brian Thompson.

"We compared real good with the receivers last year. I feel if we can keep some guys healthy then we will be real solid at receiver," Thompson said.

Receivers going through spring drills are Chucky Aiken (5-8, 165), Edens, N.C.; Harold Jones (5-9, 170, Tulsa, Washington); Tancy Evans (5-11, 173, Blythe); and Laron Maclin (5-7, 152, Lawton).

Others include: Kevin Johnson (6-2, 218, Athens, Ga.); Tom Cris-tendes (5-9, 150, Edmond); Cameron Vrada (6-3 218 South Lyon, Mich) and Dave Sales (5-9, 189, Bartlesville).

Returning, at tight end are Jeremy Banks (6-3, 212, Tulsa Washington), Bradon Baker (6-3, 221, Keller), and Frank Smith (6-4, 240, Tulsa).

Ranger lost all four receivers with 12 catches for 182 yards and nine touchdowns.

Aiken caught 10 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown. Evans caught five for 57 yards.

Banks had two catches for 21 yards. Jones caught one pass for eight yards.

"We are optimistic with the players we have so we have made big strides since last season," Thompson said.

"If we can keep healthy especially Chucky who would have played more last season if it not been for injuries we will have a real successful passing game," said Thompson.

Another area that the Norsemen have several returns in the kicking game is punting.

Punter Bobby Crawford (6-2, 185, Commerce) will return to handle the punting chores. He averaged 32.6 yards per punt last season.

"Bobby has worked real hard on his punting he is kicking the ball real well right now. He may even do some kickoff this season," Thompson said.

The placekicker will be Andy Manning (5-10, 185, Bartlesville). Manning red-shirted as a freshman last season and will handle all of the placekicking chores.

"Andy is kicking the ball great right now. He kicked well last year it was a situation where we had Eric Jackson now kicking for Missouri Southern who was a little, better but Andy can kick good," said Thompson.

Return men for the Golden Norsemen should be Wallace Clay (5-9, 180, Lawton Eisenhower), Marvin Blades (5-8, 180, Tulsa Washington), Jermaine Brown (5-8, 190, Bartlesville) and Harold Jones.

Clay handled most of the punt returning chores for the Norsemen last season returning 11 for 182 yards.

Blades returned three for 28 yards and Blades one for 42 yards.

Brown returned six kickoffs for 77 yards.

Clay returned two kickoffs for 17 yards and Jones had one for 18 yards.

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Sports

Baseball team gains split with Cowboys

By Chad Grubbs

Despite the flooding conditions on Tar Creek earlier this week, NEO's Golden Norseman baseball team earned two wins before the rains hit.

Coach Rick Rutschel's Norsemen split with number one ranked Canton State College last Saturday in Warren. The Norse defeated Bacon Junior College last Friday at Home Thomas Field.

Following a trip to Muskogee on Thursday for a game with Bacon, the Golden Norsemen travel to Kansas City Mo. Saturday, for a 2 p.m. double-header with Maplewood Community College.

"Because of the high water, we're just trying to line up some fields at normal sites, so that we can finish the year," said Rutschel.

“One things for sure, we won't be playing here."

The Golden Norsemen went 10-8 on the season and 4-2 in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference.

Norsemen 6, Canton 7, 4

After being shut out in the first game to number one ranked Canton the Golden Norsemen came back to win the second game of the double-header 4-5 Saturday in Warren.

In the first game against Canton the Golden Norsemen could only manage three hits off ace Doug Simon during a 10-0 defeat.

Matt Smitley, Chad Kirkpatrick, and Brian Phillips had the only hits for the Golden Norsemen all singles.

In the second game Elvin Nunez allowed only three runs on three hits as he ran his record to 2-2 on the season.

Kevin Needham came on in relief of the sixth inning to earn his second save.

Smitley paced the Golden Norsemen with three of the eight hits and Dale had two hits.

Norsemen 11, Bacon 3

On Friday Jason Dickens the ace of the staff moved his record to 5-2 with a one-hitter.

Bacon scored three unearned runs as Dickens struck out seven. David Lady provided the offensive spark with two home runs. The first came as part of a key two-three home run as Smile hit his fourth home run of the season prior to Lady's.

J.D. Other had two hits to lead the offensive charge for the Golden Norsemen.

HOME RUN SWING

David Lasley takes a healthy cut and launches one of his two home runs he hit last Friday at Home Thomas Field against Bacon Junior College.

Lady Mountaineers divide double-header

Coach Woody Morrow's Lady Norse softball team split a pair of games with Bi-State East foe Eastern Oklahoma College at Wilburton last Friday.

The Lady Norse improved to 14-17 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

The Lady Norse will play at Crowder College in Neosho, Mo., Monday and in Ponca against Carl Albert on Thursday.

NEO will conclude the regular season with a round robin competition April 23 in Tulsa.

In the games with Eastern, the Lady Norse moved ahead in the top of the fifth inning as Cheri Fish booted and Tonna Killman singled to left scoring Fish.

After a Heath Moore sacrifice, Regina Atchley tripled to score Killman and give the Lady Norse a 4-2 lead.

Fish led the six-hit attack with a single and a double. She also earned her 10th of the season by allowing three runs on 10 hits.

In the second game the Lady Norse dropped a 4-3 decision as Eastern rallied to score single runs in the fourth, fifth, and seventh inning.

A walk to Connie Mobera, a sacrifice by Lisa Hecker and a single by Debbie Ceravolo scored the winter run in the bottom of the seventh for the Lady Norse.

Singer Chinn took the loss for the Lady Norse to fall to 16-2 on the season.

Heather Moore led the Lady Norse hitting attack with two singles and two RBIs as the Lady Norse pounded out 12 hits.

"We didn't play well either game with Eastern. In the first game we didn't hit well, and we stranded too many runners in scoring position," said Morrow.

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