NEWS BRIEFS

Homecoming entries due
Deadline for entering the residence hall or classroom building decoration contest for the 1994 Homecoming festivities is Monday, Sept. 18, at 4:45 p.m.

Contest entries must be submitted to Shirley Patterson in room 209 of the Wrench Library Administration building.

Each campus club or organization must enter at least one float or decorate a building to be eligible to enter the Homecoming Queen contest.

Float entries are also due by 4 p.m. Monday. Decorations must be completed by noon Wednesday, Sept. 28, judging will take place at that time.

Cash prizes will be awarded with $500 to the first place winner, $250 for second, and $100 for third place.

Queen names due by Monday
Nominations for Homecoming queen representing the various clubs and organizations on campus are due by 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in room 209 of the Wrench Library Administration building.

Pictures of the candidates are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m. in front of the Library Administration building.

The candidates will attend an orientation meeting at noon Friday, Sept. 23, in the Bruce G. Carter Faculty Lounge.

A rehearsal with escort is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The candidates will attend a luncheon at noon Thursday, Sept. 28, before participating in an interview session with the pageant judges from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The traditional Homecoming Queen Pageant will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The pageant is free and open to the public.

Queen candidates will be introduced during a powwow Friday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The candidate receiving the most student votes during the powwow will be named "Miss Norse Spirit" and will be introduced at halftime of the NEO-Ranger home football game.

New criminal justice program scheduled
By Tim Ingram
Park View Extension

Beginning this fall, the college's criminal justice department will become one of the first colleges in the state to offer a new program for immediate employment while helping them attain a college degree.

NEO will be beginning courses in the newly created Collegiate Option Program (COP) starting this semester. COP was designed by the Council in Law Enforcement Education and Training which governs all police training in Oklahoma.

Previously, there were only two ways an individual could get a job working as a police officer within the state.

One way was to be hired by an agency which would in turn send that person to an eight week academy.

The other way was to be a certified law officer from another state and transfer to a police department in Oklahoma.

The COP program creates a third option which allows the student to complete a two-year criminal justice degree and become a certified law officer simultaneously.

In some departments it eliminates the individual from having to attend an academy after completing the program.

According to Leon Manning, NEO criminal justice instructor, the program will benefit potential officers immediately by helping them get training and college hours.

"Most departments today require a new officer to have some extent of college hours before they can be hired," Manning said.

"The number of hours varies from department to department, but nonetheless, if a department does not require college hours presently, they probably will.

Theatrical NEO releases list of productions
By Tara Shepard
News Editor

Four quality productions form the theatrical season of the Theatre NEO group, according to Brian Hack, director.

The first play is "Brighton Beach Memoirs" which has already selected a cast and is in the second week of production. The play is a Neil Simon comedy about a Brooklyn life style and the struggling Jewish family, set in 1937.

Under the direction of Steve Maskrey, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will run Oct. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

The Secret Garden," directed by Hack, will be presented Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 for area grade school children. The play is a popular children's classic, it's story about the growth of both the earth and the human spirit.

One of the truly memorable musical creations of Broadway history, "The Fantasticks" will be presented March 2 through March 5. Hack will serve as director and will be joined by Mary Susan Whaley as musical director.

Two NEO students (Lea Dill and Sydney) will serve as choreographers.

Newest member of the college drama department, David Foreman, will serve as director for "The Great Sebastian," a melodramatic comedy that will take you behind the Iron Curtain during the late '50s.

"The Great Sebastian" will be presented April 28-29.

EVERYBODY CHEER
Members of the Norse Stars Dance Drill team got a warm welcome on the stage of the Fine Arts Auditorium during the annual All-School assembly last week. The team was part of several campus clubs and organizations recognized during the assembly.

Photo by Chad Grubbs

MASTER BLASTERS
Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band respond to drummer Rob Bowley's signals while performing during the All-School assembly last week in the Fine Arts Auditorium. While the band, Norse Stars, and Golden Norse Cheerleaders offered several spirit chants, all of the approximately 300 students attending the hour-long assembly responded.

Photo by Chad Grubbs
Opinion

Street Talk
What changes would you make if you were Student Body Government President?

Darrin Kirby
Freshman, Okla.

"I would tell the security guards to lighten up a little."

Kara Clark
Freshman, Wyandotte

"I didn’t hear anything about the class elections earlier this week."

Buddy Gilbreath
Freshman, Skiatook

"I would turn the fountain on and let everyone see how pretty it is."

Angela Dewey
Sophomore, Chouteau

"I would try to create more parking so that everyone would have better access."

Thomas Ewing
Freshman, Albino

"I would make sure the temperature level is set in each classroom."

Dormitory life life
Stress builds over time
unpredictable

To most of us, going to college means moving away from home and living in the dorms. Most people are pretty excited about living in the dorms at first, and some really like it, but some really hate it. Some students say that there is no good thing about living in the dorms. I am sure most students would agree that they don’t like the “community showering.” They don’t like having to use the bathroom with all the other students. But I guess unless you came from a family of 30 people, you’re not used to sharing a bathroom with that many people. But living in the dorms is not all that bad. One of the best things is that you’re not at home! You’re not there for all the things that are available on campus. Another good thing about living in the dorms is that you get to meet new people that you wouldn’t normally even talk to. But, you also have to live with all those people. Well, if you like living on campus, continue to have fun, and if you don’t, grin and bear it, because you’re gonna be there till the end of the semester at least.

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A little common courtesy
becomes endangered species

It happens to the very best of people. The disease known as CCD or common courtesy disorder. A disease which knows no age, sex, or race, and is so common that it can be spread from one person to another. Millions are afflicted everyday and make life miserable for others around. The biggest outward symptoms occur at supermarkets. People have a long hard day at work and the last place they want to go is the supermarket. Most people dislike the supermarket and after a hard day it is even worse. People are rude and ugly. Old ladies fight over the last box of fish sticks, and you get caught in the middle of it. Then there is the person who has 12 items in the express lane which takes 20 items or less. As if the rude customers were not bad enough, the store personnel often contracts the illness also. If a lucky customer is the lone employee and must cut a shopping list (which causes the entire line of shoppers to get a longer checkout time and puts the entire line on edge) the manager must first call the police for the ticket which is involved in the checkout process. Even worse, someone has left the toilet seat up. The CCD affected one may flip through every channel or four times before finally deciding to watch a program. While the other people in the room are patiently waiting for the batteries in the remote to run down. Friends and family explain the infected one becomes oblivious, self-centered, humorless, and altogether nasty.

At the end of the college semester near the CCD spreads very rapidly. Students are ready to go home. They are very helpful toward fellow students and teachers. They often begin to fight over books, copies, machines, and sometimes eat out of the student union. Others are so preoccupied with CCD that they don’t even notice the other person even存在的疾病，即“习礼障碍症”（Common Courtesies Disorder, CCD）。这种疾病对所有人都是平等的，不分年龄、性别或种族，且极易传染。数以百万计的人们每天都在经历这种痛苦，使他人生活变得极其痛苦。症状最严重的地方发生在超市中。人们在漫长而艰辛的工作日结束后，最不想去的地方就是超市。大多数人都厌恶超市，更何况在漫长的一天之后。更糟糕的是，人们在超市中变得非常计较和粗鲁。老妇人为了最后一盒鱼条而争吵，你被夹在中间。更有甚者，有些人甚至会把厕所的座垫掀起来。那些受到影响的人会变得盲目、自私、无趣，甚至会变得极其不可理喻。

到学期末时，这种疾病传播得非常迅速。学生们已经准备好回家了。他们对同学和老师都很友好。他们经常为书籍、复印机和机器而争斗，甚至有时还会吃起来。然而，那些患病者似乎完全没有注意到其他人的存在。
ACT scoring faces changes

By Andi Clark

The policy's aim is to help the students not restrict them. The ACT has been the standard examination for colleges across the nation for many years. It's given by the American College Testing Group. The ACT's were designed to measure a student's basic knowledge of the three fields. The test is also designed to help both the strong and weak academically. A student that scores high on the test can earn varied scholarship offers.

For a student that scores low, it means that they are deficient in that area. In this, the student should take a college placement test to help raise the score. The test provides the student another chance to earn a 19 or above on a section that they may have scored poorly on.

The tests are given on campus in room 209 of the Fine Arts building. A series of questions are given according to the area that they are required to take. When the student is finished, the computer grades the test and a score is printed out. Either of two things can happen. The student could pass the test and be placed in college level courses or they could fail and be placed in a 19 level course.

The remedial courses are designed to help the student reach entry level. It gives them a chance to grasp the subject that they have failed. These 19 level courses do not result in any college credit. In addition, the course the student will receive computer-assisted instruction.

Scores indicate that many high school students are taking corresponding college courses during their senior year. In Oklahoma, a 15 percent increase in the number of concurrent students taking college courses during their senior year occurs each year.

Owls organization offers several options

By Sara Gans

More leaving their families to go back to school.

"It's scary. I have been out of school for 20 years. Coming back to school is scary, yet exciting because you want to learn and do well," said Jo Ann Bergman, a freshman from Vinita.

"Going to college was just a second thought, now we need the knowledge to deal with the new technology." The college Owls program is not only for women, but also for men. Like I said everyone has the right to learn. No matter whether you are, or how old they are.

"I applaud the effort of everyone who wants to better their life. It's never too late to receive an education. I wish everyone could have a second chance at learning," Maters said.

"Because failure, and places to study are available through the Owls program, if you can do it so can you."
Spooklight myth draws attention

By Leslie Ogge

The well known "Spooklight" is an unexplained phenomenon that has been appearing since approximately 1880. The "Spooklight" has always been a favorite attraction for people of all ages. During the 1960's there would be as many as 1000 cars a week visit the area.

The mysterious form of entertainment has many different legends and stories about why it keeps reappearing. One is that a handsome young Indian brave fell in love with the beautiful Indian maiden of the Osage tribe. The old Chief, father of the maiden, tried to take advantage of the situation by asking for an unusually large payment for his daughter's hand.

When the couple decided to marry, they had secretly reached the outside of the camp area when their absence was discovered. The Chief became angry and sent out a group of warriors to capture the couple. Knowing they were going to be captured, the young couple committed suicide by leaping from a high rocky cliff overlooking a geyser. It is believed that the spirits of the young couple return nightly to form the phenomenon which we view as a Spooklight.

Another legend consists of a miner whose cabin was seized by the Indians while he was working in the mines. His children were kidnapped and never seen again. It is said that he sat off with his lantern to look for them, but was never seen again.

The light that is viewed down the dirt road is believed to be the miner returning right after night with his lantern in search of his lost children.

Although there must be an explanation for the light, no one has been successful in finding one. The U.S. Corp of Army Engineers spent several weeks in the area in the 1960's testing caves, mineral deposits, streams, and highway routes.

Years ago trees lined the road at times forming a canopy over the woods filled some areas, there were no bright yard lights which provided a great "spooky" setting to view the Spooklight.

Now, horses live parts of the road and the rest of the area is open field.

Whatever the reason, explanations, or legend, Spooklight attracts one of the involved wonders of the world.

If you want to view the Spooklight go five miles north of Seneca, Mo. on highway 43. Turn west and go as far as you can go (approximately 2½ miles) then turn north.

Proceed to the second road that turns west. At this point, turn west a short distance, park, turn off your lights and watch as the "light" will appear.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE VISITS

Second district congressman Mike Synar, D-Muskogee, was on the campus last week to visit with members of the college and the Young Democrats organization. Synar will be in the Oklahoma run-off next Tuesday, Sept. 20. While on campus Synar covered several legislative topics including health care reform.

Military personnel request mail from college students

By Leslie Ogge

People's Forum

Many schools around the country now take part in the "Mail for Our Military" mail campaign. Student E-Mail Government center at-large, Bobbie Dixon believes this unique program would be a great idea for NEO students.

"I would like for the program to put into action and I would volunteer to sponsor the event," Dixon said.

"Mail for our military" is a program where mail from participants in every part of the United States will be combined and then separated into more than 1000 packages of varying size and sent to units, bases, and support agencies all across the U.S. and around the world.

Many of the participants writing letters and sending care packages have heard from almost every continent.

Whether the military are receiving Christmas cards or weekly letters, it is comforting to receive correspondence from home.

"The mail from our military" is a great opportunity for the students of NEO to help the men and women serving for the U.S. military forces.

Any student that becomes involved with this project will undoubtedly be rewarded when their letters are answered and new friendships are built.

Not only is this a great opportunity for a student to help out a military person, but it could also create some long-lasting friendships that otherwise wouldn't exist," Dixon said.

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Sports

Southwestern College sends Junior Varsity to Robertson Stadium

By Chad Grubbs

Hoping to extend their 27 game home winning streak at Robertson Field, the second-ranked Golden Norsemen open the home portion of their schedule against Southwestern Kansas Junior Varsity, Monday, Sept. 19. Kick-off time 7:30 p.m.

The Golden Norse are coming off a 34-12 thrashing of Coffeyville in Border Bowl '91.

"We scheduled this game mainly for our freshman and the out of state sophomores who were hurt by the limits of the first two games," said Golden Norse head coach Mike Loyd.

"Everyone is excited about getting a shot at the championship and working towards a title.

"We will get some good evaluation and see who is second and third teamers are at this point because they really haven't played the starting line," Loyd said.

The Golden Norse will start senior Scott Carlin at quarterback while Darin Harris will see plenty of action as well.

"Scott is our number two quarterback right now, but Darin will get a chance to play. He is really different from the other two quarterbacks in that he is more of an option quarterback. He is a really good athlete," said Loyd.

"This will be a chance for quite a few young men to get a chance to play in their first college game," Loyd said.

Loyd expects to keep things pretty basic. He thinks Southwestern Kansas will come out in a 4-3 defense and be very basic as well.

"We are not going to get very complicated. I just want to give the guys a chance to play in a game situation to see how they perform under pressure," said Loyd.

The Norsemen ranked number two in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Poll will play a lot of freshmen on defense as well.

"We are going to give guys like Darin Harris, Matthew Jordan, and Michael Scalion some playing time on the defensive line.

"Some of those guys need a chance to play because they are good athletes who haven't got a lot of game time.

This game also offers a chance for some of the freshmen to get a chance to be evaluated in a game situation and may be game time as starters later on down the road.

"We know we have a good defense and that we need to focus on our offense," Loyd said.

Defensively the Norse will keep it simple and see what Southwestern Kansas can do against their basic patterns.

"This is a game that puts the kids in game situations while there are fans in the stands, and I hope there are fans in the stands, to see how these kids perform and that is one of the reasons we scheduled this game," Loyd said.

"Another reason for this game is that it is at home and gives the NEO students a chance to attend the game.

All students in free of charge with a valid ID.

"We hope to see a lot of the student body out there. It makes the kids play harder," said Loyd.

Chad Grubbs

"Once a Norseman...always a Norseman. That is the motto that our school is based upon.

Sports gives a long way in carrying on a tradition. Spirit is one of the things the students need to learn. School spirit goes hand in hand with the success of our athletic and academic programs.

We have different organizations across campus that promote spirit. The first group is the cheerleaders. They show their support in pumping up the crowd before and during games.

The second group that leads spirit is the Norsemen. They promote spirit during halftime and support the cheerleaders in their chants.

The third organization that promotes spirit is the pep band. They are the ones that play the fight song.

However, the most important group for school spirit is the student body because they represent a lot more people.

As an athlete, the support of the crowd gives you the highest highs when you know you went out there and performed to your best.

The next chance you at the student body has to perform your school spirit is Monday, Sept. 29 at Robertson Field. The Golden Norse will entertain the Southwestern College of Wayfield, Kan. in hopes of continuing their 27 game home winning streak.

Their last loss at home was against Cisco Junior College a 35-71 defeat in 1992.

NEO's football team is the only remaining junior college to play football in Oklahoma so that proves we have stood the test of time.

That tradition that the Golden Norse have on has produced six National Junior College national football championships.

So, you can see the football team put pride in themselves winning in front of the home crowd.

There will be a pre-game cookout beginning at 5:30 between the camera and Robertson Field. The game will kick off at 7:30.

Come out and support YOUR team.
Sports

Dothard family fills Norse roster

By Chad Groholski
Sports Editor

Knowing how close the Norse were to being winless last season, Greg, Fred and Kenny Dothard (left to right) have been added to the Norse coaching staff.

"We have always been tight-knit," said Fred. "We have always pulled for each other in tight situations," said Kenny.

Greg and Kenny are brothers and sons of coach Bob Dothard. They were a team again in the fourth quarter.

"We were always on the same team in high school," said Kenny. "We want to continue competing at home in basketball and football and track."

"We all three started on the football and basketball teams," said Greg. Each of them agrees that they excelled at their respective positions.

"When we look at it, Greg was the best at basketball where I was probably the best at guard," said Fred.

Fred played linebacker for the Golden Norse football team.

Fred started at defensive tackle against Butler County and had three solo tackles and was an on three others before injuring his shoulder. He is listed as day-to-day.

Kenny, a wide receiver, is a victim of the Kansas rule that allows the Golden Norse to only carry 10 out of state players on their roster.

He would have sat on the field in the fourth quarter and he wanted to follow brother Greg to NCC.

Kenny kept the family together by coming to NCC at the start of pre-season drills.

Turnovers lead to Border Battle win

Golden Norse pluck Red Ravens feathers

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

Taking advantage of three costly mistakes by the sixth-ranked Coffeyville Red Ravens, the second-rated Golden Norsemen came away with a 34-12 victory last weekend in the sixth annual Border Battle at Tuls'a Union/Tulane Stadium.

With the victory, the Norsemen improved to 2-0 on the young season. Approximately 4,900 fans watched the Norsemen win their third consecutive game.

The Norsemen averaged their only defeat of a year ago which was a 27-6 decision to Coffeyville in Border Battle V. With the defeat Coffeyville dropped to 0-2 on the season.

With the wind blowing from the south at about 30 miles per hour, the Golden Norse took the wind in the first quarter.

"This was a typical NEO-Coffeyville game where when a team made a mistake, the other one capitalized on it. Luckily, we made fewer mistakes," said Leel.

"We knew going into that Coffeyville would be bigger and we were prepared to break their play. We are a good football team, but they took too many chances with their defense and we were able to take advantage of that," said Leel.

Moving into the wind, the Red Ravens scored 57 yards in 11 plays on the opening possession. Stopped at the NEO 25-yard line, the Red Ravens attempted a 40-yard field goal. The kick landed well short of the end zone as the wind knocked the attempted kick down.

Sophomore Jermaine Trimpi picked up the football and returned it to the NEO 24-yard line where the Norse would start their first possession of the game.

Plunker Chucky Atkins caught a 6-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Ben Ratz to start NEO's first drive. Fullback Zack Leonard, with amazing effort, powered into the center of the line before breaking free on a 30-yard touchdown run.

Kicker Andy Manning made it 7-0 with his successful extra point.

After shutting down the Coffeyville offense inside their own territory on the next series, the Norse defense caused punter Travis Courat to fumble the snap and threw an incomplete pass on a 4th-and-5 play.

On the Norsemen's second possession, Leonard ran for a 6-yard and sophomore tailback Jerome Bourne then carried for 5 yards to set things up at the Coffeyville one-yard line.

From there, Ratz ran it in on a quarterback sneak. Manning's point after made it 14-0 Norse lead with 4:08 remaining in the first quarter.

Coffeyville then spoiled another opportunity to get on the scoreboard by missing a 38-yard field goal when the attempt sailed wide right with only 3:37 left until halftime.

The Red Ravens then held the Norsemen three downs and out on the next possession and Manning punting for the injured Bobby Crawford, punter toRavens return man Travis Courat. Crawford frustrated a Norseman in his punting form against Butler County last week.

Corner earned the punt at the Coffeyville 40-yard line but caught up the football and freshman Adam McKellips recovered for the Norsemen.

Sophomore Carl Sanders, replacing Jerome Bourne who left the game with an ankle injury, returned the ball to the Coffeyville 9-yard line. The Norsemen scored on a 4-yard pass from Ratz to redshirt senior Brandon Green in the corner of the end zone.

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