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Contemporary musician presents free concert

By Shelly Ng

Chris Rhoads, a young and talented Christian musician, will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, at the Wesley Foundation located just east of the college Library/Administration building. Robert Foreman, director of the Christian organization, invites students to attend the concert.

"People are going to hear great music. Rhoads is a very talented singer and composer. He gives concerts at campus houses and churches to share his Christian faith with others," said Foreman.

Chris Rhoads, from Glen Rose, Texas, is in his late 20's, married, and has a baby son. He writes his own music and has had three CDs on the market.

"He writes and speaks from his own experiences. He's gone through struggles that are typical of young people. Before he found Jesus, he had not felt accepted by society. But when he found Jesus, he found himself," Foreman said.

"I'm sure the students here will enjoy sharing with him for one hour and learn something out of it," said Foreman.

Rhoads not only sings well, but also plays the guitar, keyboard, and other instruments. He tape his own background music too.

"Admission is free so I really hope students will not miss this opportunity to see Chris in concert," Foreman said.

"Everyone will be glad and students are invited to come and relax and listen to some quality music.

College athletes join DARE

What do three northeastern Oklahoma A&M football players and a young police officer have in common?

A love for children and a hatred for drugs and alcohol, for starters.

Newly appointed Okanawa County DARE officer Darren Croun, making his weekly rounds throughout the seven county schools, was in Wynadote Thursday morning to teach sixth graders about the evils of alcohol and other substance abuse.

According to Croun, for the first time ever, Scott Condit, Braden Brown and Rico Cooper NED's star quarterback, center and running back respectively, and their own warnings and personal stories about the darker sides of " speak to them about drugs and alcohol.

Having the football players attend this week's session was just one of the many fun activities the school principal employed in his daily lecture to get across his important message to the young children of Okanawa County. You don't want to hear them drink beer, smoke cigarettes or get involved with drugs to have a good time.

"Athletes make perfect role models, and these three men are drug-free, good students and good role models," Croun said minutes before the three talked to the children-cracking jokes and fielding questions from the audience. Later, the three would sign autographs from more than 40 students, three of which had played football in some form or fashion. "By seeing these three meet and hear what they have to say, it'll turn around means of education in the right direction," Croun said.

The DARE program is a drug awareness program designed to educate elementary students about the evils of drugs and other harmful substances, before the children reach the age where peer pressure and other urges become a major factor in their lives.

It was created in 1982 in California, and in the past 13 years it has not only spread throughout the United States but also the Atlantic Ocean to the European Community as well.

The Miami tribe recently selected Croun to tackle the formidable task of teaching fifth and sixth graders about drug and alcohol prevention techniques to nearly 600 students, in all. Croun has been conducting operations since the school year began.

Through the use of $50,000 grant from the State Department to Justice and a $20,000 grant from the Oklahoma Department's Attorney Office, Croun has divided the county into four "sectors." He takes Commerce and Monette, Quapaw, Firight and Fish Creek in the eastern, and parlies and Atalissa in the southern sections of the county.

"I'll admit, it's a great feeling when I walk into a room and you have 40 kids suddenly listening to you," Croun said with a grin. "It almost feels like that!"

After graduating from Missouri Southern State College, Croun served time as a police officer in Nevada, Joplin and Springfield, Mo., protecting the public during the graveyard shift-the slot at " s eyes blinded him, Croun said. Ultimately it meant little time off with friends and family but many hours of worry for his wife and children.

"It was no wonder that Croun jumped at the chance.

 "It's good for me because it is all of my time in law enforcement. I was in the 'harrying' dealing with the negatives of the job. At the same time, it was a good thing. I didn't like them and they didn't like me. Attending a DARE school has helped a lot. It's changed my life and person and made me a much better person.

Mother, daughter receive scholarship

Women's group makes award for students

A mother and daughter duo who are both students, have been named the recipients of a scholarship fund established by the NEA Women's Organization.

Carol Pallisard and Trisha George, both of Welch, were the first recipients of the newly formed scholarship.

Money for the scholarship has been donated by members of the organization or raised through various activities sponsored by the membership.

Pallisard is pursuing a nursing degree while her daughter is taking a degree in education. The $250 award can be used to offset any educational expense while attending NEA.

"While a mother-daughter combination is not extremely common, one can see how many people show that NEA does not have an even split in enrollment between traditional students and adults who are pursuing education to enhance their career opportunities," said Jim Gerend, NEA foundation director.

"We are very appreciative of the commitment the NEA Women have made to help develop this award and use it to assist students," Gerend said.

The NEA Women's organization is comprised of women who are employed or married to employees of the college or women who are interested in the college.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts students

The mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappaducted students on Monday, November 22. The inductees were chosen based on academic achievement.

By Calen Dobbs

Managing Editor

Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society which promotes the outstanding academic and leadership qualities of junior college students recently inducted 21 new students.

In order to be inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and completed at least 12 hours. Each member of Phi Theta Kappa will receive a membership card, a certificate, and a Phi Theta Kappa pin for their participation.

The induction ceremony was held in the Carver Student Union Ballroom.

The event was attended by faculty, staff, and students.

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Street Talk

Should we continue the tradition of Homecoming?

Christina Campbell
Freshman, Corpus Christi
“I think we should because it is apart of our tradition.”

Derek Roberts
Freshman, Janis
“I think they should continue it, but students should get to select the queen.”

Maka Richardson
Freshman, Tulsa
“I think it’s a waste of time because nobody gets involved.”

Steve Ridgley
Sophomore, Plainview, Texas
“I think they should continue it and also have one for basketball.”

Eric Thompson
Freshman, Raleigh, N.C.

Student enjoys college

Having been at NEO for three semesters, I have learned to appreciate the school for what it is. I have realized that for the money I pay, NEO is indeed an excellent bargain with its advanced facilities and high-quality academic programs.

However, during all these months I have heard numerous criticisms about the school. While many of them are well-founded and irresponsible, some not only damage NEO’s reputation but also affect students and staff who truly care about the school.

Commentary

One of the most common complaints is targeted at the cafeteria. Many students complain about the food — some are unhappy about the meal hours; others dislike the service.

Again, while some statements are genuine and well-meaning, many are unreasonable. Actually, the school has been aware of the dissatisfaction voiced by students and has been trying to improve the food quality and service.

For instance, new health drinks have been added to the variety; so has new food such as mushrooms. However, one ought to realize that cooking for 1,700 people is no easy task, let alone satisfying their tastes. The cafeteria changes its menu and recipes frequently so as to add more variation.

In spite of their efforts, it is expected that for every recipe, there are bound to be dissatisfied consumers as people have different tastes.

Doubtlessly, the cafeteria appreciates feedback from students; however, before complaining, the students ought to come up with their own suggestions for improvement.

Manya saying the “The food sucks” will not help. Only if they tell the cafeteria what exactly they want to eat will there be a solution.

Another type of complaint is about the school facilities, with the dormitories bearing the most attacks.

Problems with cleanliness, for example, has been continuously pointed out. Most students have spoken to both boys and girls, reporting that they are tried by the “biffy” in the bathrooms.

At Vern Hall, a “biffy” has already been spotted. While students can be assured that the college is looking into these matters, they should also learn to share the responsibility.

First of all, residents should realize that the school officials do not use the dormitories; only the students do. If the dorms are “filthy,” it must be the result of the student’s own irresponsibility.

Sadly, whenever problems arise, they are quick to point fingers at the mismanagement of the college. Little do the students know that their responsibilities range from actively keeping the place clean to reporting to the school about any abuses.

Besides these two areas, there are countless other complaints that I will not go into detail.

As the news editor, I strongly encourage students to take matters into their own hands: write to the Norse Wind, which is the voice of the NEO student. And as an NEO student, I sincerely hope that we all share our responsibility in building a school that we will always be proud of.

Shelly Ng

State colleges effect economic development

The connection between Oklahoma higher education and economic development is direct and substantial, said three state business leaders who see the positive economic impact of Oklahoma colleges and universities in their businesses and communities.

The business leaders told their stories during a recent state Capitol meeting of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Education.

Nancy Kirby, a managing director at SABRE Computer Services in Tulsa, which performs computer reservation services for AMR Corp., parent company of American Airlines, said AMR Corp., owns of Oklahoma’s largest private employers with 7,420 workers.

But rather than point to numbers, Kirby preferred to talk about how area colleges responded to business needs.

For the last 10 years, TCC has provided SABRE employees with a program to complete a Transferable Processing Facility (TPF) certificate of achievement.

Kirby said TCC has also customized an applied associate of science degree.

TCC also provided on-site computer training at SABRE.
THE KISS
Queen Kellie Bland receives a well-deserved kiss from her escort Jeff Able as Student Body Government president Chris Davis steps aside after presenting Bland with a crown as flower girl Kayla Berry watches in wonderment.

I'VE GOT A SECRET
Crowd favorite Depp Muck makes flower girl Kayla Berry giggle as Homecoming Queen Kellie Bland poses with Student Body Government president Chris Davis (left) and her escort Jeff Davis.

Photos by Tiffany Zgabay

AWARD WINNING FLOAT
Members of the OWLA (Oldest, Wiser, Learning Students) organization sit atop the first float as queen candidate Donna Robballe rides in front.

GOING IN STYLE
Representing Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, queen Kellie Bland receives a lift during the Homecoming parade from advisor Carol Smith and her husband Andy.

SECOND PLACE TIE
Members of the Afro-American Society pilot their ship down main street after receiving the second place trophy for best float in a tie with the Child Development Club.

RUNNERS UP
The Child Development Club sailed a Norse vessel into a second place tie with the Afro-American Club in the annual float competition.
**PEOPLE**

**Queen coronation highlights Homecoming week activities**

By Calee Dole
 Managing Editor

Katie Bland, a sophomore from Waukesha, was crowned Homecoming queen during halftime activities last weekend. She was named Homecoming queen during halftime activities last weekend. She was named Homecoming queen for her contributions to the swimming team and for her leadership in the Student Council.

Three runners-up were also named: Erin O'Connell, a freshman from Madison, was named Homecoming princess; and Sarah Johnson, a senior from Hartland, was named Homecoming queen of the court.

**Child development program features hands-on experience**

By Casey Adkins
 Libbey Oak Editor

Little children are laughing and playing in the playground located between Commons and Dyer halls during the day.

They smile as the bright, shiny faces light up their mornings with the memories of our past.

The playground is a lab for the students as well as a Daycare Center. The playground is designed for children ages three and four during the morning and afternoon hours.

The child development department is housed by Wisco Tuyn.

The classes in the playground lab are set up to help advance the knowledge of learning to the students who are interested in early childhood education, social work, psychology, and pre-school education.

The Childhood Development Program is a product of the child development department. The club plans activities, speakers, and conferences that deal with children and associated subjects.

The club offers the 1995-96 school year, Wendy Andrews, president; Joy Jorgensen, co-president; Shelly Dowd-Olhen, co-president; Jennifer Kilchering, vice-president; Heather Dunkel, secretary; Crystal Chute, treasurer, and Amanda Abel, student body representative.

A group of members recently attended the Oklahoma Early Childhood Association Fall Conference in Oklahoma City.

Members who attended were Lori Sanders, Angela Whitney, Heather Dunkel, Shelly Dowd-Olhen, Joy Jorgensen, Amanda Abel, Serina Browning, and Wendy Andrews.

"The Child Development Club is open to anyone interested in child care," said Tuyn. For more information contact Tuyn at ext. 6285.

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**CLUB OFFICERS**

Serving as officers of the Child Development Club are, seated, from left, Wendy Andrews, sophomore, Miami; president; Joy Jorgensen, freshman, Joplin, Mo.; co-president; and Amanda Abel, freshman, Miami.

Standing, from left, are: Lori Sanders, Angela Whitney, Heather Dunkel, Shelly Dowd-Olhen, Joy Jorgensen, Amanda Abel, Serina Browning, and Wendy Andrews.

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Golden Norsemen outduel Cavaliers

By Byron Beers

Scoring 35 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, veteran guard Mike Jones led the bench coach Lonnie Spencer’s Golden Norsemen to an 80-60 victory over St. Gregory’s College Monday night at W.P. Fieldhouse in Shawnee.

Jumping out to an early 9-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game, the Norse received points from J.R. Cunningham, Utri Kelly, Jarag Gwarahic and Jason Swearston along with a free throw by Randy Kelly.

Six straight points by Utri Kelly along with six points by Stewart and a field goal by Chris Green gave the Cavaliers a 23-17 cushion with 11:48 left in the first half.

Going on a 21-0 run, the Golden Norse received six points from Jones, and five points from freshman Rod Smith. Freshman Nathan Brown chipped in with five points on the run.

"It was very much of the fact that the kids came from being seven points down. They just really tightened up their defense and attacked St. Gregory’s," Spencer said.

Brown connected on a three-pointer and Johnny Mitchell added two straight baskets as the Norse built a 43-25 advantage with 3:20 remaining in the half.

Jones scored the final eight points of the half as the Golden Norse carried a 58-30 lead into the half.

St. Gregory’s mounted a rally during the first five minutes of the second half to trim the Norse lead to 62-52 with 9:30 remaining in the contest.

"Our kids played hard and stayed focused all game and never let up from buzzer to buzzer," said Utri Kelly.

Ladies sustain overtime loss

By David Burkhalter

NEO’s Lady Norse battled to the end but came up a point short as they narrowly defeated 81-80 in overtime of their first outing of the season against St. Gregory’s Monday night in Shawnee.

The Lady Norse traveled to Neosho, Mo., Monday for a 7 p.m. contest with Crowder College before visiting Shawnee Tuesday for a 7 p.m. game with Northern Oklahoma College.

After a nine-run battle throughout, the game came down to the wire with the Lady Cavs up by three, 70-67, as NEO’s Jessica Burkhalter sunk a three-pointer with one second remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime.

In the extra frame, St. Gregory’s, for the most part held the upper hand, never allowing the Lady Norse to overtake the score.

NEO came within one point when Veronica Reed scored with 2:30 left, but the Lady Cavs immediately took the ball up the court and increased their lead to three, 77-74.

After being fouled, Burkhalter hit one of two free throws to make the score 77-75, but once again St. Gregory’s took the ball and scored, which gave them a four point lead, 79-75, with 1:36 remaining.

With NEO down by four, they pounded the ball inside to Tasha Barnett, who cut the lead to two, 76-77, with 1:08 left to play. After a couple of ineffective series by both teams, the Lady Cavs’ Anges Chatterton was fouled and sent to the charity stripe. She hit both free throws to bring the Cavs to within 1 point of tying the game.

The Lady Norse took the ball up the court and Gina Puez entered a three-pointer with one second remaining to create the final score, 80-80.

After grabbing the opening tip of the game, St. Gregory’s wasted no time as Angie Jaeger canned a 3-pointer to give them a 2-0 advantage to begin the contest. NEO then went on a 9-0 run as Reid hit his six points. Sophomore Chevee Walker made a field goal, and freshman Tasha Barnett hit a free throw in the first four minutes of the opening.

With consecutive field goals by Perica, Nikki Hes, Diana Hubbard, Burkhalter and Barnett, the Lady Norse increased their lead to 29-22, with 4:01 remaining in the first quarter.

St. Gregory’s Darius Daily dropped in a 3-pointer and was fouled. Daily hit both free throw attempts to close the gap to 33-30.

Defensively, the Norse limited the Lady Cavs to only 29 percent shooting, while the Lady Norse shot 46 percent.

The Norse women’s basketball team traveled to Shawnee Wednesday night to face the Lady Patriots.

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Bucs scuttle Norse vessel

By Byron Boers

Playing the number one ranked junior college team in the nation last weekend, head coach Mike Loy's Golden Norse dropped a 24-17 decision to Blinn College in the season finale at Robertson Field.

With the loss the Norse finished the season with a record of 7-3 while Blinn improved their undefeated season to 9-4. Blinn faced Trinity Valley, Texas Saturday in the final round of the Texas Junior College Football Conference playoffs in Brethren.

"We played very well on both sides of the ball. We were very proud of the effort the kids put out and the way they never quit," said Loy.

"They showed us an offensive that had been averaging close to four hundred yards per game, and except for a couple of crucial mistakes, could have won the game."

Blinn, winners of the Texas Junior College Football Conference and ranked number one by the National Junior College Athletic Association, scored on their first two possessions of the game.

Freshman quarterback Michael Bishop connected with wide receiver Aden Dalladay on a 49-yard touchdown pass with 8:35 left in the first quarter to cap an 85-yard, 6-play drive.

Blinn's second possession resulted in a 42-yard touchdown pass to Chris Branch with 4:40 left in the opening quarter.

After Golden Norse quarterback Scott Condit suffered a broken right hand to start the second quarter, freshman Danteus Ridley replaced Condit and guided the Norse 48 yards for a touchdown. freshman halfback Reggie Skinner ended the six-play drive with a four-yard TD run with 6:12 before halftime.

A 20-yard field goal by Andy Manning with just 10 seconds left pulled the Golden Norse to a 16-12 deficit at intermission.

A 30-yard field goal by Blinn's Current Countrey gave the Buccaneers a 17-12 lead with 11:30 left in the fourth quarter.

Golden Norse free safety Damon Harris stopped a Blinn drive by intercepting an errant Bishop pass at the NED six-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Ridley dropped back into the endzone and was hit and fumbled.

Blinn defensive tackle Carlos Austin recovered the ball for a touchdown with 11:32 left in the game to give the Buccaneers a 24-12 advantage.

NED mounted a 74-yard drive in six plays as Ridley found wide receiver Carlton Dewberry open on a 22-yard touch-down pass with 8:51 left in the game.

Skinner led the Norse ground game with 53 yards on 3 carries while Ridley added 43 yards on 13 carries.

Condit left the game after the first quarter completing four of five passes for 66 yards. Ridley finished out of four of six passes for 73 yards.

Vaughn Intessa led the Buccaneers with 80 yards on 8 carries while Don Williams added 24 yards on seven carries.

Veteran linebacker Fred Perry led the Norse defense with 12 unassisted tackles and 4 assists while freshman Courtney Green added 7 tackles and 3 assists.

Rodeo teams place during NIRA event

By Dusty Glenn

Members of the college rodeo team traveled to Pratt (Kan.) Community College recently for competition in the first sanctioned National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event of the season.

Freshman Angie Andrews of Twin Oaks finished third in the long go and third in the short go of the goat tying competition.

The NIRA team led by sophomore Scott Dalladay of India and sophomore Justin Turner of Quapaw, finished first in the long go of team roping.

Freshman Jason Croucement of Purcell, finished in a three-way tie for 10th place in bull riding longgo which allowed him to compete in the short go.

Under the direction of Lawson Ikone, other members of the mens team are, Jody Levy, sophomore, Sweet Springs, Mo.; Blake Meridith, sophomore, Stillwater; Cody Brockschmidt, sophomore, Wynford, and Shane Wells, sophomore, Collinsville.

Members of the womens team are, Tana Swally, sophomore, Bartlett, Kan.; Dusty Dean Glenn, freshman, Jay, and Dusty Debolt, freshman, Coucil Bluff, Iowa.

Sophomores members of the team are, Missy Threabold, Harris, Ark., and Justin Bish of Fayette.

Students from NED that competed as individuals in the Pratt rodeo were, Chad Stewart, freshman, Hibshorn, Iowa; Ryan Stew ley, freshman, Viola, Ark.; John Paul Foster, freshman, Paducah, Mo.; Warren Wintzheim, freshman, Watts, John Shockley, freshman, Springfield, Ark.; Kevin Sturctcher, freshman, Shady, Ohio; and Heath Harrington, freshman, Tecumseh, Ok.
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