Classes dismiss at noon for Thanksgiving holiday

All classes will be dismissed at noon Wednesday for the four- day Thanksgiving holiday, according to Dr. Jim Lovell, vice president for academic affairs. The college calendar and all commitments will be closed during the break as well, according to Linda Ogil, director of auxiliary services.

The dorms will be closed at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Residents will be allowed to remain in the dorms at noon on Sunday, Nov. 26.

"We won’t be testing anyone over the holiday. Our people will get a much deserved break," said Ogil.

The only students remaining in dorms will be members of the Golden Norse and Lady Norse basketball teams. Both squads are participating in the Coffeyville, Kan. Classic for three days over the holidays.

We expect a vast majority of our students to make alternative plans regarding living accommodations during the holiday.

All campus offices and facilities will be closed all day Thursday and Friday. The offices will resume normal business hours at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

Classes will also resume normal schedule Monday. Students are reminded that Wednesday is the last day to make $20 small student loans and to cash personal checks.

Both these procedures are handled by the college business office.

Renovations continue

By Shelly Ng

In an effort to keep up with technology, NOC has planned to spend $5.2 million on upgrading its facilities, according to Tim Puleo, vice president for fiscal affairs.

"The funds came from bond issues passed by voters of Oklahoma," said Puleo.

"In addition to the bond issues, we also have an annual allowance of $250,000 for fiscal spending which includes upgrading facilities.

Numerous projects have been done throughout the campus, ranging from installation of air- conditioning systems in the dorms to remodeling of the classrooms.

"We’ve already completed the office area in the Health Science Building. We have created the Wellness Center. We have repaired and replaced heating and chilled water lines in the Fine Art Center."

"We have also replaced all the sashes in the Harrell/Dobson Hall, installed new electronic water make-up controls on boilers at Russell Hall," said Puleo.

"We also have several on-going projects. We are constructing two conference rooms and some study rooms on both floors of the Learning Resource Center. The computer room will be moved to room 108," added Puleo.

One of the biggest projects is the renovation of Russell Hall which is currently not in use.

The college is planning to remodel it to house the Student Services, the Journalistic Department, classrooms, and offices.

The plans are now ready for bids with a completion date set for May of next year.

When the renovation is complete, the Student Services, which is currently on the second floor of the creek Library/administration building, will move to Russell Hall and the LRC will recapture the vacated space.

There are at least $25 projects going on now, and there will be more to come.

Puleo is confident that all these projects will be completed on time and within the budgets.

"We planned our projects before starting them. In fact, many of these were planned in the late year," said Puleo, positive about a satisfactory completion.

"We are now working on a campus master plan that goes on to the year 2000," added Puleo.

Some of the buildings we are working on will be used in the 1990s and they need maintenance. For example, we are removing the asbestos from Dyer Hall because it can cause cancer and is now required. But I have to admit that sometimes funding has a lot to do with how and what to do.

Questionable sign leads to resolution

By Shelly Ng

This year’s homecoming Tuesday was not as smooth as far as building decorations were concerned. An incident involving a faculty member and two clubs led to a violation of the Student Government’s regulations, and probably a violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, according to Chris Davis, president of Student Body Government.

The incident took place over a period of three days. A. E. Rhue, the television club, decorated the second floor of the Fine Arts Center.

"We put up a poster that we thought was funny. It said 'The Top Ten Reasons Why We Hate Phi Theta Kappa.'" said one of the club members.

"We intended it to be light-hearted. It was more of a joke on ourselves," said Brian Rhue, also a member of the television club.

The next day, the student services office received a complaint about the poster and, therefore, Davis went to look at it.

"(I thought it was funny, it was simply an expression of creativity and humor," said Davis."

However, on Wednesday, without a doubt, a faculty member who did not belong to Phi Theta Kappa and who apparently did not appreciate the humor, tore down the poster despite a protest from the television club.

Rhue then informed Davis of the removal of the poster.

According to Davis, the Student Body Government was not happy that this faculty member had taken action on his own instead of going through the proper channel, especially when the poster had been approved.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

An unidentified worker gets up into the smoke and fumes of Dyer Hall to remove asbestos that was placed around the pipes when the building was built in the early 60’s. Dyer will serve as the new home for Student Services and the Journalistic Department once the renovation of the former dormitory is completed.

Club schedules pow-wow Saturday

By Calen Doles

Managing Editor

The Native American Student Association (NASA) will hold a Fall Benefit Pow-Wow Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Bruce G. Loyd Student Union Ballroom.

Activities begin with a grand dance, which is a dance that was originally danced by warriors societies with the Kiowa, Cheyenne, Comanche, and Arapaho. The grand dance is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and end at 6 p.m.

A break for dinner will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The ceremonial Grand Entry will begin at 6 p.m.

The close of the pow-wow will begin at 11 p.m.

Sonya Walters is the head singer of the pow-wow, and her son, Ben, is the head dancer. The head lady dancer of the ceremony is Shandria ‘Ono Apa Ahn’ Ing Brooks of Ochelata.

Scot-Scot, native of Miami and member of the Seminole, Caddo, and Creek-Missouri tribes will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Don’t Forget to Enroll Now!

Regarding this incident, the Student Body Government had a discussion during a meeting last Tuesday and a resolution was adopted and approved unanimously.

Three days ago, the Student Government sent out a memorandum to all faculty members to urge them to work with and trust the Student Body Government’s judgment.

Carol Smith, the sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, v. however, "not bothered" by this event.

"There was a lot of misunderstanding," said Smith, who also stated that the poster had been a joke.

"I also thought it a complement because it said we had to know what the card. It wasn’t demeaning," said Smith.

"It might have been the choice of words that prompted that faculty member to tear it down. The word ‘hate’ is a strong word," commented Smith. "I suppose they meant irony. There was also some vulgar language which, as an English teacher, I think is not appropriate. But still I respect their way of expressing.

Smith assured that this did not bear grudges against A. E. Rhue.

"To me, the topic is over," she said with a smile.

Likewise, A. E. Rheue does not "hate Phi Theta Kappa," but he does not have the highest respect for Phi Theta Kappa, either.

He said that the poster had been a joke because he had been pushed up by students who are also members of Phi Theta Kappa.

"All of the A. E. Rheues are members of Phi Theta Kappa," said Smith, "our vice president is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa."
Thanksgiving has special meaning

By Casey Adkins

Thanksgiving is a holiday that blends the traditions, the festive, and the religious in a truly mix of America.

From the Pilgrims and Indian’s feast at Plymouth rock to celebrating at home with family, from the ritual of carving the turkey to watching Thanksgiving Day parades, we all have our perception of Thanksgiving.

Harvest home festivals, celebrations to the gods, are found almost every culture.

In biblical times, Greeks held festivals in honor of Demeter. Hebrews held the Feast of Tabernacles, the Romans held a celebration called the Cerealia.

When European settlers came to the New World in the early 1600s, a number of religious and harvest festivals were still being celebrated on the continent, and all of them were the groundwork for Thanksgiving as we know it today.

The first Thanksgiving harvest ceremonies were the three-day celebration in the fall of 1621 by English settlers at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Plymouth settlers were in search for a new home. Some of them were refugees, known as Separatists, who had rebelled against the rules and discipline of the Church of England.

They believed that the Church had not done enough to reform itself since Henry VIII had divided the Church of England from the Catholic Church in 1534.

In 1607, the Separatists emigrated to Holland to establish a new religious community and stayed there for 12 years. The Separatists then sailed west to the New World.

The Pilgrims, that were on the Mayflower, landed in Plymouth in Dec. 1620. Their supplies were run out of the voyage, and could not plant any crops because of the winter, so many of them died. Out of 102 settlers, there were only 60 that were still alive when spring reached.

It was the assistance of the Wampanoag Indians that the colonists survived. Squanto, also known as Squatato, one of the first Indians to make peace with the settlers, showed them how to plant corn and squash and how to hunt fish in the uninhabited territory.

In the autumn of 1621, the settlers harvested their first crops. The Pilgrims owe the native American staple a lot because they would have starved to death without their help.

To celebrate the bounty, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a three-day feast and celebration, and invited the Indians to join in the festivities.

This is the feast known to most of us as the first Thanksgiving in America. It was a joyous occasion, featuring games, displays of arms, a bountiful table, and a unity between the Native Americans and the English settlers.

Other early Thanksgiving celebrations included a prayer service that took place in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1619 and a celebration in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630.

While those celebrations were offerings of thanksgiving they did not lead to the declaration of an annual holiday.

Over the decades that followed, days of thanksgiving became more frequent in Puritan New England, and debate about making the celebration a civil holiday grew.

Many early colonists believed in the strict division of social and ecclesiastical powers, that authority to declare days of thanksgiving should lie with the church, not the state.

Gradually, the boundary between religious and civil services grew less strict, and by the eighteenth century the governors of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire were proclaiming an annual Thanksgiving celebration of prayer and fasting.

With the end of the semester less than five weeks away, it is time for all of us to pause and give thanks for the things we take for granted everyday.

Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.
Smokeout pledge is important

By Casey Adkins
Lifestyles Editor
If you participated in the Great American Smokeout on Nov. 16, you joined millions of Americans who pledged to remain smokefree for 24 hours. It was natural to be worried you wouldn't stick to your pledge. "Nicotine is a powerful addiction," But the desire to lead a longer, healthier life often wins, says Brent Saunders, tobacco control coordinator of the New York City Division of the American Cancer Society, sponsor of the annual smokeout.

Quitting smoking takes a lot of determination and hard work, it can be a positive experience if you focus on what you’re gaining, not on what you are giving up: "Reward yourself with interesting new pastimes and opportunities," Saunders says.

Here is a morning-to-evening plan to help you make your first smoke-free day a successful one:

IN THE MORNING
Get your morning off with a good start.

Instead of smoking that first cigarette, treat yourself to something tasty and refreshing—a glass of orange juice or water with a lemon wedge.

Avoid old cravings by ignoring your normal routine. If you usually read the paper first, feed the dog instead. Switch stations if you always listen to the radio.

Give your teeth a vigorous brushing.

Hop into the shower to wash the smell of yesterday’s smoke from your skin and hair. Wear perfume or cologne.

Wear a fresh outfit.

Wear something new, newly washed or dry-cleaned.

Have breakfast.

Drink a cup of flavored herbal tea instead of coffee.

Pack some snacks.

Carrot sticks, pretzels or rice cakes, for example to eat during the day.

DURING YOUR COMMUTE
Take a new route to work. It will give you something else to think about. Find another ride if you usually car pool with smokers.

In the car, entertain yourself. Listen to a book on tape or sing, which will fill your lungs with fresh air.

AT WORK OR SCHOOL
Reorganize your desk.

Get rid of ashtrays and anything else that reminds you of smoking.

Add up the time you usually spend smoking (about five minutes per cigarette).

Plan a pleasant and productive way to spend the extra time and schedule it into your worldline.

Move your phone. Put it in a spot where it will be harder to use and take calls standing up. Switch the receiver to your "cigarette hand."

Have some paper and pencil or markers handy so you can doodle instead of lighting up.

If stretches at your desk to relieve nervous tension.

Have hard candy, gum or a glass of water if you get the urge to smoke.

AT LUNCH
Sit in the restaurant’s non-smoking section. Notice how much clearer it looks and smells. Eat a light lunch. Drink juice, mineral water or juice instead of alcohol.

Don’t linger at the table. Take a walk instead of eating dessert and drinking coffee.

Tackle a task you enjoy when you return to work.

AFTER SCHOOL
Take a walk to relieve the stress. Eat dinner with friends or family.

Leave the table as quickly as possible.

Instead of watching television, keep busy with an activity. In which you use your hands, such as putting together aigsaw puzzle or playing cards or computer games.

AT BEDTIME
Start winding down at least an hour before bedtime. Read, listen to music or take a hot bath.

Pipe into clean pajamas and put fresh sheets and pillowscases on your bed.

"You’ve come a long way if you have remained smoke free all day," Saunders says.

"Your body is becoming free of nicotine and is already starting to heal itself. Your momentum will now be in favor of health.

Not only is a smoke-free environment more healthy for you, but it also is more healthy for those around you. NEO is a smoke-free campus with only the outside of buildings designated as smoking areas. Smokers should have their rights too.

Local walkers participate in Heart Association event

"Everyone was entertained by the Miami Jump Rope For Heart Walk even before the walk started," said Nancy Bishop, chairperson of the Healthy Choice Americans Walk For Heart held last weekend.

"We had 48 participants representing the college among the near 80 walkers. The entire group raised more than $4,000 in donations," Bishop said.

The group representing NEO raised more than $900 in pledges. "Not only did we walk, we held a raffle to promote awareness of heart disease, it stressed the need of exercise in the prevention of heart disease."

The money raised in the walk will be directed back into the Miami community for education and information to promote healthy living for a healthier Miami.

Shirley Clark, a participant in the walk, spent the last year hosting fund-raising projects which she donated to the fund. Dr. Marion Goffredo, another participant, made quick work of the free ride walk before heading to work at the Baptist Regional Hospital.

Bob Maxwell, chairman of the behavioral science division, was a red and white hat that was provided by the American Heart Association to walkers that had survived a heart attack. Maxwell was joined in the walk by Tom Poole, vice president for financial affairs.

What started as a small tourist ended in an overwhelming show of support for the area walk, says Bishop.

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Tom Poole (left) and Bob Maxwell join the Heart Association walk. NEU插图 Bishop

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Pбавнм'аро кет с распространение, American Heart Association to walkers that had served a heart attack. Maxwell was joined in the walk by Tom Poole, vice president for financial affairs. What started as a small tourist ended in an overwhelming show of support for the area walk, says Bishop. Serving as team captain during
Local theatre hosts entertainers

By Jerold Graham
Columbia Tribune Manager

"Solely, he's hard to categorize, psychologically complex, a bit of a loner," said a fellow musician. "But mostly mesmerizing, easy to work with. He and the piano become one," said another.

A "tremendous pianist. He possesses an innate sense of musicality and expression which produces a lyrical singing sound from the piano." -Shelagh Paul

The unique combination of technical expertise along with an ability to improvise and "Play by ear" sets his performances apart from all the rest. From "Nun A Few Bars" or "Sangri La" or "November, November" or "Four Hands," the music he is playing with his accompanist is truly outstanding. The music he plays is always appropriate to suit the time of year.

The Dead of the Night Times

There's something special about sitting in a theatre and enjoying the music of a pianist who has been playing for over 50 years. Jerry, who has been playing for over 50 years, is a true master of his craft. His fingers move effortlessly over the keys, creating beautiful melodies that fill the room.

When playing the piano, Jerry wears a special outfit that he made himself. The outfit is a combination of black and white stripes and a bow tie. It's a unique look that sets him apart from other pianists.

Jerry's music is especially enjoyed by the audience during the holiday season. His performance at the Christmas concert is always a highlight of the year.

Camp provides training

By Kellle Bland

Approximately 60 nursing students and members of the nursing faculty traveled to the Nurses Association Camp Band on the campus of the University of Miami. The event was designed to give the students an opportunity to work hand-in-hand with children in the surrounding area. The nurses Fathamhusi, chairperson of the health sciences division, said Fathamhusi, chairperson of the health sciences division, said Fathamhusi, chairperson of the health sciences division, said Fathamhusi, chairperson of the health sciences division.

First-year nursing students teach the children how to make bandages for cuts and how to make slings for arms. Second-year students taught the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) using a "heart attack" on a volunteer. The "heart attack" was done with the cooperation of the volunteer and the nurses.

The children also received a variety of different activities including making goody bags, playing games, and creating art projects. The children were very happy and enjoyed the experience.

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ENTERTAINER RETURNS HOME

Terry Jordan returns to Miami for a special performance Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Coleman Theatre. He will be joined by fellow NEOA speech instructor, Pati Beth Abbott for the multimedia performance for a $5 donation.
Lady Norse snap two-game losing skid

By Byron Beers

Fighting back from a nine-point deficit, head coach Randy Gip- son's Lady Norse picked up their first victory of the season defeating Crowder Community College, 63-59, Monday night at Rodeheaver Fieldhouse in Norsa, Mo.

"Our girls hung in there and played a great defense the last five minutes of the game. That shows a lot of courage and determination on the part of our people," said Gibson.

The Lady Norse return home Saturday for an 8 p.m. Big Eight Conference clash with Rose State College of Midwest City.

The Lady Norse travel to Seminole. Monday to face the Lady Trojans at 6 p.m. before traveling to Coffeyville, Kan. to play in the Coffeyville Classic over Thanksgiving break.

With the win, the Lady Norse now stand 12-2 on the season while Crowder fell to 3-3.

In the game's first six minutes, the Lady Norse built a 10-4 lead on six points by sophomore Chevette Walter and field goals by freshman Tasha Barnett and seniors Veronica Reed.

Baskets by Barnett, Reed, and sophomore Jessica Burchard increased the Lady Norse lead to 16-6 with 8.46 left until halftime.

The Lady Riders tied the game at the 6:46 mark with a three throw from Rachel Bliss and a field goal by Megan Williams.

Field goals by Nikki Hay and Barnett along with a three pointer by sophomore Kellie Bland gave the Lady Norse a 23-20 advantage with 4:03 remaining before halftime.

Four free throws by Jenni Cole along with two by Kim Glenn, Carmen McGirt and Williams gave Crowder a 30-29 advantage at halftime.

Six points each by Glenn and McGirt fueled the Lady Riders in the opening seven minutes of the second half as Crowder outscored the Lady Norse 17 to increase the Crowder lead to 43-34.

Four points each by Walter and Hay rallied the Lady Norse to a 43-42 deficit with 9:50 left in the contest.

After two free throws by B.J. Cook of Crowder, Hay nailed a three and Barnett scored on a put-back to give NEO a 47-46 lead with 8:41 remaining in the game. Five straight points by Jan Hannah players and a basket by Kim Marty tilted Crowder to a 53-47 advantage with 6:38 left.

Burchard hit a 3-pointer along with three points from Hay and baskets by Walter, Reed, and Barnett rallied the Lady Norse to a 59-53 lead at the 2:25 juncture.

Burchard hit a short jump shot and Hay hit two free throws down the stretch to seal the Lady Norse win.

Hay, who finished with a game-high 19 points, scored 14 in the second half to lead the Lady Norse.

Walter contributed with 13 total points, Reed added 12, and Burchard 10 points.

Williams and McGirt led the Lady Riders with 12 total points each while Cole and Glenn added 10 points each.

Independence's Lady Norse 63

Unable to overcome an eight-point deficit at halftime, the Lady Norse dropped a 66-63 decision to Independence.

Kan., last week at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Burchard led NEO with 13 total points while both Walter and Reed added 12 points.

Sarah Palmer tallied all of Crowder's 10 points while Sally Bartrey added 12 points and Tina Wells scored 10 points.

Rodeo team competes in Alva

By Dusti Glenn

The NEO Rodeo team traveled to Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva to compete in the weekend at the second event of the season last weekend.

Although the weather was not the best for NEO, they showed their competitive spirit in one of the nation's top events.

Among the top individuals from NEO was sophomore Jory Levy of Sweet Springs, Mo., competing in the steer wrestling event. Placed second in the long go, second in the short go, and second in the average.

In the team roping competition, seniors Kenny Harris of Rogers, Ark., and freshman De- wayne Stovall of Bridgeport, Iowa, placed third in the long go, third in the short go, and third in the average.

In the bareback riding event of John Stockley of Springfield, Ark., placed sixth in the long go, and eighth in the short go, finishing eighth in the average.

In the women's events, sophomore Tonya Swallow of Bartlesville, Okla., placed fourth in the long go, and fifth in the Barrel Racing competition, and third in the goat tying in the long go. Members of the men's team were.

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Independence hands NEO first season loss

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

Billed as the pre-season number one player in the nation at the junior college level, sophomore forward Rodders Paterson scored 24 points to lead number one ranked Independence (Kan.) Community College to a 68-58 victory over the Golden Norsemen, last Thursday night in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Coach Ronnie Spencer’s squad evened their season record to 14-1 while Independence improved to 24-0 on the year.

NEO is scheduled to play Rose State Community College at 8 p.m. Saturday in the NEO Fieldhouse. The Norsemen travel to Seminole to take on the Trojans Monday, at 8 p.m. before beginning competition in the Curryville (Kan.) Thanksgiving Classic starting next Thursday.

“We played pretty well against a very tough team,” said Spencer. “We received all the credit we deserved. I was very pleased with the effort and intensity our kids showed. They gave everything they had and just came up short.”

Despite losing without striking distance most of the game, NEO’s only lead came early with 17:01 left in the first half as field goals by Mike Jones and Billy Poe, along with a free throw each by Nathan Beem and Johnny Mitchell gave the Norse a 6-3 advantage.

Paterson and Kelvin Wilford each scored two baskets and Marcus Glenn hit three pointers to put the Pirates in a 39-15 lead with 13:58 left before halftime.

Independence jumped to an 11 point lead with four points each by Wilford and Mike Parks to give them a 11-20 advantage with 4:12 remaining in the half.

A three-pointer by Beem along with two free throws by Jones and a three-pointer by Lance Oneill rallied the Norsemen to a 36-28 deficit with 2:05 left until halftime.

Rhodes Jones scored a pair of back and forth and Wilford added a basket as Independence extended to a seven point halftime lead, 35-28.

Paterson, from Cleveland, Ohio, scored 17 of his 24 points in the second half. Twelve of those 17 came in the final three minutes of the second half as the Pirates rallied to a 54-38 margin.

With 7:41 left in regulation, freshman center Bud Smith scored six points and Beem added five as the Norsemen cut the lead to six.

Smith and Jones each scored two more baskets with 3:46 remaining to trim the margin to 59-56.

In the final three minutes of the game, Paterson and Charles Sellers each made one free throw. Beem continued by sinking two from the line, thus culminating in the contest’s final score.

NEO had one last chance to send the game into overtime as Rhoden Turner hoisted a 30-footer which narrowly missed; with four seconds remaining.

Jones led the Norsemen with 18 points while Beem added 17 and Smith netted 12 points.

The Norse shot 34 percent from the field on 21 of 59 and connected on 14 percent of 3-point attempts with 6 of 18 shots.

NEO also sank 6 of 18 from the free line for 44 percent.

Along with Paterson’s game high, the Pirates had contributions from Wilford, who had 12, and Parks with 10 points.

WAIT A MINUTE

Senior point guard Tracy Anderson (11) hits the dishes before going out of bounds after stealing the ball from Cortez McElroy of Crowder Community College. Anderson helped lead the Lady Norse to their first victory of the season with a 63-59 win over Crowder last Monday night in Neebo, Mo.

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