**Evaluation team schedules visit**

By Casey Adkins
Managing Editor

**Editor's note:** This is the first in a series of three articles detailing the arrival and visit of a North Central Association of Colleges and School evaluation committee.

Five members of an evaluation panel representing the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will be visiting Dec. 2-4 to complete an evaluation of various college facilities and programs.

The NCA is responsible for making sure NEO has the appropriate programs and activities that the college conducts on a regular basis," said Dr. Jerry Carroll, President.

For two years we have been putting together a self-study of NCA and everything involved with it, now the NCA is coming down to make sure we have done everything we have said in the self-study.

The following is a tentative agenda for the NCA accreditation visit:

**Monday, December 2**
- 7:30 - 8 a.m.: Continental breakfast (NCA team and NEO steering committee)
- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.: NCA team and steering committee meeting
- 8:30 a.m.: Tour of the campus (to include one or more team members)

**Noon:** Team members lunch with students.
- 5:30 p.m.: Dinner at presidents' home with NCA team members and OSU&M Board of Regents

**Tuesday, December 3**
- Noon: Lunch with President's Community Advisory Council
- 1:30 p.m.: Team members meet with faculty
- 2:30 p.m.: Team members meet with staff

**Wednesday, December 4**
- 11 a.m.: Exit interview with NCA team.

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**Spring enrollment starts Monday**

By James O'Neal
Managing Editor

Enrollment for the second semester will begin Monday, Nov. 18, for graduating sophomores with 40 or more hours.

"We want to place emphasis on early enrollment," said Howdy White, director of admissions and records.

White said that students enrolling early can get their schedules to fit their needs.

The spring schedules are available now and can be obtained at the business office or the library, which are located in the Daley Creek Library Administration building.

Currently enrolled students who wish to enroll must obtain a permit to enroll and an advisor's transcript from the office of admissions and records.

Permits will be granted to graduating sophomores with 40 or more hours completed from Nov. 18 through Nov. 22.

Other currently enrolled students will be able to obtain a permit beginning Monday, Nov. 18, during the office hours of 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

New or returning students must present an advisor or a transcript from the office of admissions and records.

Dr. Jerry Carroll, a member of J.R. Riddle's Chili group, serves as a student in the CWEB-sponsored Chili Cook-off held last Friday at the main mall. The chuckwagon team won the Tasters Choice Award among the 14 teams entered.

Photo by Chad Ross

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**United Way drive continues**

Contributions to the local United Way fund drive have reached the halfway point of $1,015 towards the ultimate goal of $2,000 during the first week of collections.

Contributors are reminded that any amount given will remain in the Miami area. These funds are utilized to help more than 50 organizations.

"We would like to encourage everyone from students to faculty, staff and administrators to make a contribution to this worthy cause," said Dr. Jerry Carroll, NEO President.

Representatives are available in each building to accept contributions.
EDITORIAL

Life becomes treacherous with political correctness

I have had it with political correctness. The next time I hear anyone referred to as "challenged" in any way, I will become ill. Everyone is "handicapped" in some way or another. It is not our place to put someone in that category just because they are different. People's judgement of their fellow peers has become very outdated.

We, as individuals, have our own individual aspects of what is right and wrong. We were not born with prejudice or having the capability of judging others.

Throughout the years it has been decided by previous generations before us that as American individuals can fuel our lives and contribute to society only if we look out for ourselves and not our fellow man.

Sensitivity seems to no longer be an issue when it comes to fellowship in our society. My advice to all of you out there is to lighten up.

We can change the norm if we only think about things considered normal.

Listed below are a few guidelines that may be annoying, yet effective in silencing our problems.

1. If it feels good, do it.

2. Drum your fingers on your desk whenever possible.

3. Demand that everyone address you as "high master".

4. Invent words and use them in conversations. See if people play along to avoid appearing ignorant.

5. Viscidy describe how bologna is made when you are sitting next to someone eating a bologna sandwich.

6. Name your dog "Dog!"

7. Look up all the sky constantly, pointing to a cloud, and say, "It's Elvish!"

Answer a question with a question.

Change your name to Aaron Aasamoryouko, insisting that it is a Hawaiian name. Not only will your name be first in the phone book, but you can insist that people pronounce every "a" in your name.

Specify that your drive-through order is "To go".

Dine with the bread in the middle of the table.

While flipping through the channels on television, I heard the word "Macarena" from Billy Ray Cyrus. I thought it might be interesting to watch the show for building maintenance. I sure wouldn't like to have to throw away someone else's split. As a former custodian I can tell you there is nothing more disgusting than to start emptying a trash can full from a can and have the contents of a split cup run all over your shoes. Or to leave a trail of brown sugar over a freshly waxed floor because someone put a full split cup in the trash without a proper lid.

Establish your own regulations. Let the students know it. This is the free country we are in.

-Bill James O'Neal

NORSE WIND

Dance craze questioned

It is not, however, plausible for all to place a dance on the top of the pedestal of the things we as a society are having problems with today.

A dance is done for entertainment purposes. Just because a dance seems to sweep the world, does not mean that it is evil. In fact, the dance and song originated in Spain, a country well known for their festive attitude.

The part of the dance that Mack stated as "Un-American" is actually very American. The step was added when the musical group, "Los Del Mar" added it to their video of the somewhat translated song, "La Bamba," which happened to be record in Florida.

Yes, I admit that we have problems, but solving a problem by banning a dance done for entertainment is bogus. In fact a refrain from the song "El Cielo Con Corazon" (My Heart) by Macarena" which is said by Brother Mack to be evil, simply translates to "Hey, Macarena, dance with a happy body." Is this evil? I think not.

Let's face the fact that the brilliant people of Wake County have two choices. Either do something about the things that really need attention, such as drug abuse and gangs; or do as the old saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."
Missing plaque returns home

By Josh Maxson
S.A. "Mad" Robertson, but it also symbolized every academic activity we had taking place on our campus," said Jack Rucker, a long-time NEO faculty member and chair of the Communications/Fine Arts division.

"Tradition had it that when everyone saw the Norseman god Odin with his sword raised, then the opposition understood that a battle was about to take place. Regardless of whether it was a speech contest or a football game, that symbol became known around the country as representing NEO," said Rucker.

Dr. Carter had the heavy plaque mounted on the side wall of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union building. "Dr. Carter was so proud of that plaque because he felt that it symbolized the common goal that everyone on the campus was working for. That common goal was to support the institution and the students that were attending NEO," Rucker said.

Although securely anchored to the brick wall, the Odin plaque was destined to begin a long, undocumented trip that would eventually end up back in Miami.

"Last one night in the fall of 1986, some people removed the plaque from the wall and it disappeared. Over the years there has been a lot of speculation on how the plaque disappeared, but never any real proof as to who took it and where it's destination might have been," said Rucker.

The uncertainty was answered in the spring of 1995 when current NEO president Dr. Jerry Carroll received a phone call from Jim Caraway from Chickasha. After having a conversation with Caraway, Dr. Carroll contacted Rucker concerning the missing plaque. Rucker then contacted Caraway, a graduate of NEO in the 1950s, and made arrangements to retrieve the plaque.

"Mr. Caraway told me that he owns a business in Chickasha and that one day a man who was demolishing a house next door with a bulldozer came in and told him he had found something that Caraway should see. He went next door and uncovered the missing plaque in the rubble. Since it says NEO A&M College, Miami, Oklahoma on the bottom, he called, the college to see if we wanted it," Rucker said.

"My wife, daughter and I drove to Chickasha on Memorial Day and retrieved the plaque in the back of our pickup truck. Once we got it back on campus, we have had it stored in the college art department and have attempted to clean up more than 30 years of wear and tear on it. It looks as good as new," said Rucker.

After putting the plaque on display for Family Day/Homecoming visitors, Rucker hopes to erect a permanent resting place for the plaque in the mall area between Shippy Hall and the Carter Student Union.

"We don't want to put it back on the wall. We want to build a permanent resting place in the middle of the campus. After all, this represents the very essence of this institution and is the symbol of our heritage," Rucker said.

Norse Stars battle numerous injuries

By Mally Fronterhouse

Though the Norse Stars dance drill team has suffered some injuries, the squad has handled to have several outstanding performances this football season.

Twisted ankles, pulled hamstrings, and jammed knees are only minor injuries this year.

Nicola Montgomery had to have knee surgery last month due to a twisted knee. She is back on campus, but still has several weeks of physical therapy ahead of her. Montgomery will unfortunately not be dancing for the rest of the year.

Freshman Crystal Scott also received a knee injury at the last performance, while attempting a split fall. The squad will be without her for six weeks.

The squad "kicked off" the season with a high-kick routine to "That's My Man!" at the first home game against Ranger, Texas. Their pom-pom routine was performed to the song "Get Ready for This!" at homecoming against the Navarro Bulldogs. Both of these songs were played by the Norse band.

As well as dancing at all home games, the squad traveled to perform at two away games.

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"We'll keep you coming back"
Norse suffer first defeat

By Josh Masson

The Golden Norsemen opened the season with two straight wins and return home Saturday night to face Rose State at 8:00 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Coach Lonnie Spencer’s Norsemen got off to a quick start, losing 2 over 30 points with wins over Coffeyville Community College and Olathe College.

The Norsemen jumped out to an early lead and were up 46-20 in the first half. In the second half, they were up 78-66 and held on for the win.

The Golden Norse suffered a tough loss at Coffeyville.

Norse still battling

Golden Norse center Rod Smith (40) blocks a shot by Coffeyville’s Greg Stevens (24) as NEO teammate Jody Parker (20) ties to keep Smith from the hole. The Golden Norseman became the Rose State College Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Ladies struggle through initial basketball games

By Josch Masson

In the opening game of the Independence Community College Classic, the Lady Norse battled the Coffeyville County College Lady Tusks in a 70-40 loss.

The Lady Norse lead the opening tip, but had trouble holding it. Tasha Rytz led the Lady Norse with 17 points.

Ruttsy Smith led the Coffeyville County Lady Tusks with 21 points.

The Norse Lady Norsemen used 43 points by Ray Davis and 42 points by Torre Park to give the Norsemen a 119-79 lead in the first nine minutes of the opening half.

With 4:49 remaining in the first half, the Lady Norsemen had the deficit to 25-23 with four points each by Nick Alston, John Grabaric and Dennis Cooper.

The Norse Lady Norsemen used 31 points by Nathan Brown, Todd Green, and 31 points by Johnny Mitchell, Punch Parker and Turner to give them a 41-30 halftime lead.

Brantley Jebb led the Lady Norsemen with 16 points, and Tasha Rytz led the Coffeyville Lady Tusks with 12 points.

With 1:07 left in the first half, the Lady Norsemen had a 47-17 lead in the second half.

Sophomore Deanna Hall and Deanna Hall led the Lady Norsemen with 18 points each.

Coffeyville Coach said the lady Norsemen have a long road to travel.

Buccaneers scuttle Golden Norse ship

By Zach Hoffman

Unable to generate a sustained ground game in the second half, the Golden Norsemen closed out their regular season recently with a 14-7 loss to defending national champion Blinn College at Spencer Stadium in Brenham, Texas.

"We lost the game at halftime," said Norse head coach Dave Patterson.

With the loss that snapped a three-game winning streak, the Golden Norsemen ended the season with a 5-4 overall mark and a 4-3 record in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference. The Norse lost to TMI and Trinity Valley for third place in the first year of conference play.

Blinn, winners of seven consecutive games and currently ranked number one in the nation, finishes the regular season with a perfect 9-0 record and 7-0 mark in league play.

The Golden Norseman scored on their second possession of the game by covering 88 yards in 13 plays.

NCE football Andy Cotter, being harassed all day by the Buccaneers pass rush, found veteran wide receiver Rodney Smith open on an 11-yard touchdown pass. In the first quarter Matt Reeves added the extra point for a 7-0 Norse lead.

Blinn took advantage of a fumbled punt return by NCE sophomore Dennis Caldwell to set up their first scoring change. Caldwell’s fumble return was recovered by Michael James at the Blinn 37-yard line.

Sophomore halfback Vaught-Lewis carried the ball five times for 38 yards as the Buccaneers covered 63 yards in nine plays for the tying touchdown. Harrison’s kick set up a 7-7 tie.

Another fumbled punt return by NCE’s Cory Ivey was recovered by Jeremiah Manning at the Golden Norse 46-yard line. Green’s 2-yard touchdown run on the 11th play of the drive put the Bucs ahead with just 12 seconds remaining.

Courtney’s extra point made the final margin.

The road scoring opportunity in the second half came when Courtney missed a 46-yard field goal attempt wide left with 2:47 left in the third quarter.

After gaining 32 yards on 15 carries in the first half, the Golden Norsemen finished with just two yards on 27 carries. Reggie Skinner led the Norse with 10 carries for 48 yards.

Cotter completed 14 of 21 passes for 162 yards and one touchdown with three interceptions. Kansas Givey recorded eight receptions for 82 yards, while Smith added three catches for 53 yards.
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