Fun-filled musical opens Wednesday

By Kelli Reid

Combining the talents of both the drama and the music department, Once Upon A Mattress opens Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. All students with a valid ID card are admitted free for the traditional "Student Night" performance.

Once Upon A Mattress is the theatrical topper to that triumphant Carol Burnett's illustrious career.

Based upon the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," the plot is a lighthearted tale of a shrewd kingdom's attempt to wed an attractive princess wanted to the matrimony by Prince Daniel.

Complicating the plot are the many disruptions caused by the Prince's mother, the Queen, her sister-in-law the Wizard. The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on both Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Twenty-three students were selected for their roles. The play is directed by Steve McCarthy, speech instructor, and Mary Susan Whites, music instructor. Appearing in the production as the Prince is Matthew Mayo, sophomore, Homer. Pichers, in playing the role of Princess number 12. Chet Bartjorff, sophomore, Commerce, is portraying the role of the Wizard. Playing the role of Lady Larken is Carla Harrell, sophomore, Miami.

Wendy Wilkinson, sophomore, Sand Springs, will play the role of queen. Jordan Weeks, sophomore, Tulsa, will play the role of Prince Daniel. Portraying the role of King's Extemina will be Ron Piets, sophomore, Commerce. Playing the role of the Jester will be James Ward, freshman, Sand Springs.

Michael Simmons, freshman, Ketchum will portray the role of Sir Bev. Michael Hayes, freshman, Big Cabin will play the role of Sir Bev. Playing the role of Lady Laverne will be Carol Musgrove, freshman.

SPECIAL AWARD

Chris Davis (left), president of the Student Government, presents instructor Douglas Hard the certificate naming him as the "Great Teacher of the Month." Ferret was the first recipient hands on the award which is selected by members of the Student Government.

Phil Theta Kappa regional meeting scheduled

By Carly Dobos

Managing Editor

The Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa students were recently chosen to run for different Oklahoma A&M Regional offices.

Terry Payette, a freshman from Woodward, is a candidate for the position of Oklahoma A&M Regional President. He is majoring in computer science and has been an active provisional member last semester.

"Pipips learned a great deal about the position when he attended the Oklahoma A&M Regional Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City in September," said Carol Smith, co-director of Phi Theta Kappa.

Emily Tyson, a freshman from Miami, is running for the position of Oklahoma A&M Regional Secretary. An accounting major, Tyson has also attended the Oklahoma A&M Regional Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City.

Tynes has been selected to serve as the local MU chapter's secretary for the 1996-97 school year. To be eligible to run for office, members must be in good standing with their local chapters, recommended by their local chapters and advisors, and recommended by their offices.

After recommendations have been made, candidates send their biographical information to the Oklahoma A&M Regional Coordinator. The coordinator then makes the appointments.

After the appointment, candidates then prepare a three minute speech and have the next year's officers meet to be presented at the Oklahoma-Arkansas Regional Conference held March 18.

The national Phi Theta Kappa officers for the 1996-97 school year are available in the financial office located in the basement of the Czech Library Administration Building. Friday, March 1 is the deadline for your application to receive priority status.

"If students need help filling out the application, all they have to do is contact us and we'll help," said Jeanie Sherrod, financial aid director. Scholarship applications are also available upon request.
Rodeo team resumes action

Doni Crae
Editor

Rodeo action has almost two months off, the college rodeo team travel to Minneapolis, Kan., Friday, to compete in the three-day National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo.

Hosted by Kansas State University, the rodeo will be held at the Weber Arena.

The rodeo starts with a slack and performance events on Friday before the slack and night performance on Saturday. The slack and night performance on Saturday.

The top 10 performers in each event are scheduled for Sunday.

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Competing in the calf roping event are Lonny Austin, a sophomore from Ft. Worth, Texas, and Robert Austin, a sophomore from College Station, Texas.

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Lady Norse edge past Cowgirls

Stunning double overtime win

By David Burkholder

Sporst

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By Byron Bays

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When the Golden Norsemen open the baseball season Tuesday by hosting Coffeeville (Kan.) Community College in a 4 p.m. doubleheader at Homa Thomas Field, coach Rick Ritschel will be looking for starting pitching and solid defense.

"With 21 freshmen and only eight sophomores, the key to winning this year's pitching will be extremely young with 19 freshmen pitchers," Ritschel said.

"If the pitchers can put the ball on the plate consistently and not walk anybody, our infielders and outfielders will be able to get out our opponents.

Last year under Ritschel's guidance the Golden Norsemen posted a 24-22 over all record and a 5-0 record in the Eastern Division of the Big State Conference. During Ritschel's five years as head coach the Norse have compiled a 88-38 overall record.

Consisting of four freshmen, prospects at the catching position is Derek Roberts, John Allen, Jason Skowron, Zach Bell, Bobby and Aaron King, Miss.

"We should be pretty solid defensively behind the plate. It's just that none of them have experience catching at the collegiate level, so it will take them time to adjust," Ritschel said.

Sophomore Jimmy Jones of Clinton is the lone experience on the pitching staff. Jones, a right-hander, worked 14 2 innings as a freshman with a 2.1 overall record. Jones tossed eight and recorded eight strikeouts while posting a 3.5 earned run average.

Freshman right-handers challenging for spots include Mike Buckingham, Tulsa, Brandon Earl and Heath Tennerman, both of Stillwater, Maurice Harris, shack, Scott Repet, Mami, Ryan Beckman, Woodward, and Tony Ferguson, Stillwater.

Left-handed freshmen pitchers include Gary Steen, Bobby Jeff Bay, Ender, Jared Carson, Oklahoma City, and John Haskins, Tamp, Fla.

With an outlook of playing in all positions, the Norse should be solid defensively.

Returning first baseman is veteran Zach Dufoe of Grove. As a freshman, Dufoe hit .297 in 29 game appearances. Dufoe collected eight hits including one double and two home runs with nine runs batted in.

Second baseman Wes Swartout of Grove batted .296 in 384 at bats as a freshman. Swartout was second on the team with 11 stolen bases while collecting 36 hits and 18 RBIs.

Also returning at second base is veteran Todd Krones of Moore. Krones batted .265 in 32 games as a freshman with 26 RBIs and scored 12 RBIs.

Returning at first base is veteran Eric Calvillo of Tulsa. Calvillo ranked first in the league as a freshman with a .364 average in 42 games.

Calvillo collected seven doubles, one triple and drove in 38 runs in 83 hits with 14 RBIs and 13 runs scored.

Sophomore Shawn Nading of Miami transferred to NEO after playing one year at Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan. Nading and Shriner Seguin of Nokomis are batting for the starting shortstop position. Seguin transferred to NEO after playing for a freshman at Bacon County Junior College in Jacksonville.

Freshman catcherﻵn the infield is Daniel Edelman, Sapulpa, Matt Bell, Bobby, and Jason Kore, Tulsa.

The Norse sophomores in the outfield for NEO will be centerfielder Eric Sommermeier of Miami. Sommermeier is a transfer from Oklahoma City University.

Freshmen candidates in the outfield are Dustin Streets, Tulsa, Jerry Ballard, Norman, and Ron Hale, Skiatook.

"We've got a lot of speed in the outfield which should not only help defensively, but should also help us manufacture runs," said Ritschel.

After opening the season with Coffeyville, the Golden Norsemen plan to play their first 15 games at home.

The Norse open competition in the Big State Conference in March 24 by hosting Bacon County in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

The 53 game schedule is as follows.

February 24, Coffeyville, Kan.

March 3, Bacon County.

March 6, At Wright State in Maysville.

March 13, At Serenity Junior College.

March 18, Fort Smith.

March 24, At Bacon County.

30, Bee City.

April 4, St. Gregory's College.

April 7, At Commes State in Watertown.

April 11, At Oklahoma Junior College.

April 18, At Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan.

April 25, At St. Gregory's in Shawnee.

May 2, At Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan.

May 9, At St. Gregory's in Shawnee.

May 16, At Serenity Junior College.

May 23, At Oklahoma Junior College.

May 30, At Bacon County.

June 6, At Labette Community College in Parsons, Kan.

"The Norse have a great opportunity to advance in the conference."
Connors hands Norse a loss in division

By Byron Boers
Sports Editor

Concluding the regular season, the Golden Norsemen will travel to Wilburton to battle Eastern Oklahoma College on Monday, before playing their final home game on Thursday at 1 p.m. by entertaining Bacone College.

Shooting woes hurt the Golden Norse last Monday night as they dropped a crucial Big State Conference Eastern Division game, 75-68 to Connors State at the NEO Fieldhouse.

With the loss, head coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norse fell to 11-5 on the season and 2-5 in league play. The Norsemen traveled to Fort Smith, Ark., Thursday, for a division game with Western Community College.

Connors 75-Golden Norse 49

Twice NEO led in the first four minutes of the contest on a basket by David Jones for a 2-0 lead and on consecutive field goals by Nathan Boorer and Billy Byr for a 6-4 lead with 8:28 still on the clock.

All American forward Horatio Webster scored 18 of his 24 total points in the first half as the Norsemen constructed a 20-4 midway through the half.

Trailing 30-24, the Golden Norse received field goals from Rod Smith and Rubin Turner to cut the margin to 30-28 at intermission.

Over the final seven minutes, the Golden Norse were held to four points by Cliffon Thompson and three points by Turner in their lowest-point-production of 21 points in a half all season.

Turner led NEO with 12 total points while Jones was limited to just 10 points.

Webster led both in scoring with 24 total points and rebounds with nine. Byr contributed 13 points, while Woods added 12 points.

Golden Norse 89-Carl Albert 77

Good free-throw shooting along with a strong defense, the Golden Norsemen produced an 89-77 spurt of Carl Albert's last Thursday night at the NEO Fieldhouse.

The Golden Norse connected on 37 of 47 free throws for 86 percent which included 24 of 27 during the second half.

Along with 28 total points from Jones, the Golden Norse received a career-high 20 points from Michael White. Byr scored 18.

Justin Jeffress led Carl Albert with 30 total points.

By David Burkhart
Sports Editor

According to Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, "There's no place like home." And if you don't believe that, just ask Lady Norse guard Jessica Burkholder. She's certainly one to agree with the old cliché.

The Miami native, though recruited by top four-year programs out of high school, found it hard to bypass the winning tradition of her Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Lady Norse program.

Top-prospects of Burkholder included Southern Nazarene University, which is presently a NAIA powerhouse, Kansas State University, which is a top NCAA Division I program, along with NAIA rival Seminole Junior College.

"I chose to stay here because I knew it would be very good for me to play for one of the best junior colleges in the nation, and it definitely has been," said Burkholder.

During high school, under the tutelage of coach Bob Green, Burkholder averaged 23 points and three rebounds as a senior. She led the Lady Wolves to a regional championship, a district title, and the state tournament finals.

Burkholder led the Six Lakes Conference in scoring three consecutive seasons while earning All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State recognition.

At the conclusion of her senior year, she was named Offensive Player of the Year, as well as the Lady Wolves' Most Valuable Player.

Entering her first year as a member of the Lady Norse, Burkholder had a stellar season when she averaged 18 points per game, along with 7 assists and 6 steals. Burkholder became a sophomore for coach Randy Gibson's squad, as she appeared in all 35 games as a freshman.

"Jessica's just what you'd want a sophomore player to be. She's a name who just works hard, never complains, and does the right thing. When the game's on the line she's the one who's going to step up and play hard," said Gibson.

On a team that has four players averaging double digits in scoring, Burkholder is quick to point out the fact that there is no lack of leadership in the Lady Norse squad.

"I feel that there are a lot of leaders on the team because we have so many playmakers, but I would like to consider myself a primary leader," explained Gibson.

"The chemistry of this team goes well. Everyone on the team has that extra edge, and everyone has something different they specialize in," said Burkholder. "My goal for the team is for us to keep playing together for the rest of the season so we can make it to the Nationals and win it all."
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