Largest cage tournament continues through Saturday

By Shonda Wilson
Sports Editor

Ten champions were among the field of 72 teams scheduled to participate in the 52nd annual Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College High School Invitational Basketball Tournament, which opened yesterday in seven area gymnasiums.

Known as the world’s largest high school invitational tournament, the extravaganza tipped off at noon on Thursday and continued through 84 games over three days. Title games in the eight brackets will start at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Jim Akkinson, vice president of student affairs, began his first year as tournament director. Akkinson succeeded Dennis Earp, who left NEO to become superintendent of schools at Quapaw.

Almost half of the tournament games will be played in either the NEO Fieldhouse or the Miami Civic Center. Other gymnasiums to be used include the college intramural gym, Miami High School, Will Rogers Middle School, Commerce High School, and Quapaw High School.

Returning champions in the boys brackets are Miami, Commerce, Colcord, Wahs, and Bluejacket. Other boys teams entered include Springfield (Mo.) Central, Siloam Springs, Ark., McDonald County, Mo., East Newton, Mo., West Fork, Ark., Elkana, Ark., Lincoln, Ark., Owasso, Kan., Sheldon, Mo., New Covenant Academy, Everett, Mo., and Owasso, Ark.

NEO students admitted free with ID

OKlahoma teams competing in the boys brackets include the Miami junior varsity, Vinita, Roland, Tulsa Victory Christian, Wyandotte, Tulsa Grace Christian, Quapaw, Oaks, Fairland, Atton, Stillwater Christian School, Picher, Poteau, Poteau, South Coffeyville, and Crosspoint Christian.

Champions returning in the girls brackets include Miami, Wyandotte, Quapaw, Atton, and Bluejacket. The Lady Chiefs are seeking an unprecedented 13th girls title while Bluejacket’s boys have amassed 10 championships.


Contributing some excitement to the tournament will be the return of former Golden Norsemen head basketball coach, Cetus Green, as head coach of the Tulsa Emmanuel Christian School Knights.

Green, NEO’s all-time winningest coach, with an overall record of 325-173 in 16 seasons, is in his first year at Emmanuel Christian.

Green, a Miami High School graduate and former participant in the NEO Tournament, had spent the previous two years as the women’s basketball coach at San Francisco State.

Following his playing career at NEO, Green served 10 years as co-director of the tournament with long-time NEO basketball coach, Homer Thomas. He guided the Golden Norsemen to a 37-3 overall record in the 1980s.

Green has guided the Golden Norsemen to a 15-3 overall record thus far this season.

Who’s Who application forms due Monday

By Casey Atkins
Managing Editor

Nominees who want to be considered for the Who’s Who among American Junior College Students award can pick up an application form from any faculty member or in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, located in the Crouch Library/Administration building.

Applications must be returned to post office box 3856 in the college post office no later than noon, Monday, Jan. 27.

The awards are offered to all second semester sophomores who have 45 credits or more.

A selection committee, comprised of faculty members and administrators, will review the applications for the final selection.

Not only are students selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, loyalty, and character, but also on the following criteria:

Cumulative Grade Point Average - 4.0 is worth 20 points, 3.9 is worth 19 points, 3.8 is worth 18 points and so forth up to 3.0, which is worth 10 points.

N.E.O. Approved Organizations and Activities - a category is worth a maximum of five points. In order to receive the points of the organization part of the award, the application must have a column completed for each organization, and the organization’s faculty advisor must sign for each organization.

Only organizations that meet the requirements of the student affairs office are considered as campus organizations.

Each organization may not count for more than two points.
Students earn honors

By Melissa Dow Rossell
Associate Editor

Ninety-four students were
named to the President's
Honor Roll for the fall semes-
ter, according to Dr. Jerry
Carroll, president. In order to
be selected for this honor roll
students must be carrying no
fewer than 12 credit hours and
have a 4.0 grade point aver-
age.

Alabama students and their
home towns include:

Alton: Alexis M. Sharp,
Crystal R. Douglas, and Mark
A. Miller.
Broken Arrow: Aaron Me-
terson.
Carrizo: Brent M. McCoy
Connie D. Leafler Designs and John Scott
Freeman.

Drummond: Dannon R.
Kimball.
Fairhope: Daniel E.
Perennoud, Janett Lynn Hoyt,
Tara L. Mont, Connie
Rutherford, and Annelle Kay
Vera.
Grove: Karl L. Medlin,
Leela F. Hovell, Liburn M.
Rosier, and Howard L. Smiley.
Huntsville: Christopher
H. Sasser, Carl R. Helms,
Jay Gayle Craig.
Merrimack: Bryan L.
Rogers.
Miami: Justin T. Glenn
Miami: Aaron F. Abigail
Dy: Catherine B. Daniel,
M. Berger, Frederick J. Bills,
Russell W. Fent, Keith L.
Gleen, Carrie A. Lindsey,
Gary M. Mayfield, Karen E.
Rhine, Emily J. Tow, Jill R.
Zimmerman, Evelyn Cooper.
Eric A. Williams, James W.
Burnum, Sonja Floessy,
Brian D. Hodge, Troy S.
Johnson, Alisa K. Joseph.
Lise Mayer, David B.
Puscas, David C. Toomey,
Daryl B. Wynn, and Daniel
Yoast.
Piper: Paula McCoy,
John R. Smith, and Susan
R. Yoast.
Prator: Elizabeth Gibson,
Quayle: Jeffrey T. Fawcett,
Michael O. Craven,
Francis Richards and Donna
White.
Sand Springs: Tia Nickel.
Fleming.
Spring: Lacinda Bengston.

Dean's honor roll announced

By James O'Neal
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According to Dr. Jim Levell, vice president for academic affairs, 209 students were
named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. In order to qualify for the
Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, while main-
taining no fewer than 12 credit hours.

Alabama students and their
home towns include:

Alton: Dawn Anderson,
Sara Helm, Novella Tatey,
Jason Littlefield, William
Manhing, Sandis Wadley,
Heath Wood, and Brandon
Dye.

Ark: Shawn Smith
Bak: Jamie Caldwell,
Fort Payne: Joe Cades.
Broken Arrow: Shawn
Williams.
Carrizo: Marcus Hunter and
Nena Bruce.
Ches: Amy Hagebuch.
Chocow: Stacy Venard.
Clarendon: Barbie Kirk and
Donny Ray Lester
Cleveland: Todd Green.
Comm: Greta Howard,
Ferris An Hooper and
Deyo: Osborne.
Copan: Chad Jason
Coweta: Steven Farmer.
Davenport: Jason Mitchell,
Drew: Shonda Wilson
Disney: Ashley Thomson.
Edmond: Tracy Slocum
Edwards: Chad Beckman.
Eufaula: Darice Bollman,
Jackie Fitzgibbon, Tiffany
Anderson, Stacey Ann
Creak: Becky Griffin,
Fletcher: Lisa Mahurin,
and James L.制成.
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College receives accreditation

By James O’Neil
Editorial Editor

Two years of preparation and hard work proved to be beneficial to NEO when it was host to the North Central Accreditation Association. The NCA team granted NEO with a 10-year accreditation with no stipulations, future visits or liabilities.

The accreditation team is a regional accreditation body that makes site visits to institutions across a total of 18 other states besides Oklahoma. Their duty is to review the quality of academic services and programs at colleges and universities.

They are responsible for evaluating more than 1,200 schools in their region. NEO was notified of their visit with the NCA since 1995. The NCA makes a comprehensive review of all the activities and programs offered by colleges and universities. They ensure that programs meet the needs of students and the educational areas they serve. Along with visits colleges must provide a detailed array of documentation to provide evidence of programs and how the institution manages in those areas.

"This was a campus-wide effort, in which every single area was involved in some form or fashion. An accreditation visit takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to prepare for, which began for us two years prior to the scheduled visit," stated Dr. Jerry Carroll, president.

The team’s findings will be forwarded to the National Office, where the data will be made an official report this month.

The accreditation team met with faculty, staff, and administration in a general session to review peer findings. In the report, the team made several suggestions of strengths it observed while visiting the college.

The accreditation team will meet with the board of trustees to discuss the plans for the future.

Team chairman, Dr. Robert Reibling of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich., stated that his team found NEO to be strong in several areas. These included the creation of a local citizen’s advisory board, the agriculture program, the history and architecture program within the college planning process, a lack of general education requirements in the certificate programs, and a lack of gender diversity in the college’s administrative ranks.

Dr. Grigsby selected as chairman

By Melissa Rose Rozell
Features Editor

Dr. Manley Grigsby, biology instructor at NEO, was recently appointed as new chairman for the Science and Engineering Division.

Grigsby has a varied background, which has qualified him for his current appointment. He has been a faculty member at NEO since 1987. Before this he was a herdsman with Palliser Cattle Co. in Welch. Grigsby has had teaching experience in the community.

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Lady Norse continue conference preparation

By Zach Hoffman

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The Lady Norse guard Blaek Sonne attempts to drive towards the basket as Golden Norse guard Shawn Williams (4) and center, Rod Smith (40), provide defensive pressure. The Golden Norse defeated the Mavericks, 90-77, last Monday night in Tornado.

NORSE WIN

Golden Norse extend streak

By Josh Nasson

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Riding a three-game winning streak, the Golden Norsemen travel to Tornado tonight for an 8 p.m. game with Murray State.

Golden Norsemen have compiled an 12-5 record on the season. The Norsemen open play in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference on Monday by hosting Carl Albert followed by对立 ranked Connors State on Thursday. Both games are set for an 8 p.m. tipoff in the NEO Fieldhouse.

NEO 81-North Ark 70
Four Norsemen scored in double figures, led by Johnny Mitchell with 20 points, followed by Rod Smith, who added 15 points, while Reuben Turner and Punchy Parker chipped in with 14 points.

NEO jumped out to a quick 12-7 lead at the 4:15 mark of the first half, behind the inside scoring of Mitchell.

Jacob Warren and Heath Wilmore got the Pioneers back in the game with six each while North Ark scored four more to cut the halftime deficit to 21-17.

Smith started the second half hot, scoring 12 points in the low post while Smith added nine points for the Norsemen.

Parker, Mitchell and Williams each scored 12 points the second half, to hold off North Ark.

NEO 84-West Plains 78

Shawn Tavares scored nine points and Steely Martin added eight to fuel the Lady Norse outburst.

Tavares scored three points and Holly Higgins added three as the Lady Norsemen trail 21-20 at halftime.

Semifinal 74-NEO 43

Despite a 14-point performance by Ray, the Lady Norsemen suffered an 81-49 loss to the Seminole Belles in Seminole last week.

NEO 63-Rose State 50

Seminole State scored a two-point margin in the Lady Norse to victory over Rose State College in Midwest City.

Neil Castell an led the Lady Norse with 20 total points. Ray led the Lady Norse with 22 total points, while Clark scored 14 and Dee Dee Holmes added 13 points.

North Ark 66 - NEO 56

North Ark jumped out to an early lead and never gave the Lady Norse a chance. The Lady Norsemen ended the half with a 17-9 margin.

Shawn Tavares scored 24 points for North Ark.

Clark led NEO with 11 points while Dee Dee Holmes finished with 10 points.

NEO 66 - St. Gregory's 56

Kwame Clark led the Lady Norse with 20 total points while Dee Dee Holmes contributed 13 points as NEO won 86-58 in Miami.

Fernanda Souza paced St. Gregory's with 20 points.

Seminole 74-NEO 63

A 21-point, 11 rebound performance from Seminole State center Casey Cartwright doomed the Golden Norse in this Bi-State Conference road trip.

NEO held a 35-21 halftime lead behind Johnny Mitchell's 11 points and 8 first half rebounds.

Two trays from Reuben Turner and a bucket from Mitchell gave the Norsemen a 47-30 lead at 15 minutes left in the game.

Seminole fought back with 17 second half points from Cartwright and made their free throws down the stretch to hold off the Norsemen.

Rose State 92-NEO 71

The Golden Norse, playing their first game after a 33-day layoff, suffered a 62-21 loss at the hands of the Rose State Raiders.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Rose State guard Kyle Crawford and a basket and a free throw from former Norseman Rodney Foster, helped the Raiders to an early 13-2 advantage.

The Golden Norse's only lead came at the ten minute mark on baskets by Nathan Binam and Johnny Mitchell, along with six points from Rod Smith, for a 23-20 lead.

The lead was short-lived when Rose State's Corrie Galloway and Carlos Adamson connected on 3-pointers that helped the Raiders to an 11-2 run to end the half.

Rose State closed out the Norsemen with a 22-12 run over the next 11 minutes for a convincing 70-21 victory.

North Ark 59-NEO 57

Playing the last game of the fall schedule, the Golden Norsemen suffered a 69-60 loss at the hands of the North Arkansas Pioneers.

North Ark was led in the first half by Tim Dishon with 10 points and Jacob Warren with 8 points that gave the Pioneers a 34-24 halftime lead.

Nathan Binam scored 21 second half and 27 for the game to bring the Norsemen back.

A free throw by Heath Wilmore with nine seconds remaining gave the Pioneers a 38-2 point victory.

NEO 98-St. Gregory's 86

NORSE WIND

NEO shot 60% from the field, led by veteran center Johnny Mitchell with 20 points and 11 rebounds, along with 18 points from Reuben Turner and 16 points from Nathan Binam.

Turner scored 10 points down the stretch to hold off a comeback bid by St. Gregory's to give the Golden Norse a 98-86 victory.

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