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What's Inside:

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National champions
Equine judges capture crown

By Henry Garr
Managing Editor

The NEO A&M Equine
Judging Team finished
its season on an
outstanding
note and was recently
crowned national
champions
for the second straight year.
The team competed recently in the 1996 National Western Stock Show Intercol-
legiate Horse Judging Con-
test in Denver, Colo.
The team won first in all
categories, which included
halter, performance and oral
reasoning.
Wade Cunningham, a
freshman from Jay, received
high individual overall rank-
ings in the contest by scoring
third in halter, second in per-
formance and third in rea-
sons.
Other team members
included: Courtney Crawford,
Hereford, Texas freshman,
who placed eighth overall and
fourth in halter; Nobleville,
Indiana freshman Tony
Morris, who placed fifth in rea-
sions; Jeremy Reno, a fresh-
man also from Jay, placed
fourth overall with a sixth
place finish in halter and third
in performance and reasons.
Along with its recent
national championship, the
Equine Judging Team won
the Reserve World Champion-
ship at the American Quarter
Horse Association World
Championship Contest in
Oklahoma City. The team
competed second place in
halter, performance and oral
reasons division.
Individual scores included
Cunningham with second
place in halter, eighth in per-
formance, sixth in reasons,
fifth overall; Crawford placed
sixth in halter, ninth in rea-
sons and 10th overall Morris
was 10th overall; Reno placed
seventh in performance, fifth
in reasons and sixth overall.

Seniors set visit
next week
for a day

By Casey Adkins
Managing Editor

Approximately 400 high
school seniors from the four
state area will be on campus
Thursday, Feb. 6, for the an-
nual senior day activities.
Senior day is sponsored by the
six academic division chairs.
The event is an oppor-
tunity for high school seniors
to tour the campus, visit with
faculty, and learn more about
the different programs and
clubs offered by the college.
The event begins with reg-
istration at 9 a.m. in the Fine
Arts Center lobby.
A general assembly starts at
9:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts
auditorium. Student Body
Government president
Stanton Ingram will serve as
emcee.
Dr. Jerry Carroll, NEO
president, will issue the wel-
come before Jeanie Shores,
financial aid director, addressed the group concerning
financial aid and application
packets.
Handy White, dean of
records and admissions, will
speak to the students con-
cerning proper enrollment
procedures.
Dr. Jim Atkinson, vice pres-
ident of student services, will
discuss the various clubs and
organizations that are avail-
able to student participation.
Entertainment will be pro-
vided by the NEO Jazz Band.
Guest speaker for the
assembly will be David
Forman, speech and theatre
instructor.
Following the assembly will
be an opportunity for students
to visit with college represen-
tatives. Students will also
have the chance to take cam-
pus tours.

Students receive college degrees

By James O'Neal
Managing Editor

Forty-nine students, who
have had the opportunity
to attend NEO, have com-
pleted their degree require-
ments qualifying them as
prospective gradu-
ates to receive an associate
in arts or applied science
degrees.
In order to receive the
degree, the students must
complete at least 62 credit
hours and have met insti-
tutional requirements toward
their degree plans.
Oklahoma students eligible
for graduation and their home-
towns are as follows:
Alton: Mary Sue Tounklett.
Aulust: Les Zellenig.
Choctaw: Stacey Venable.
Comanche: Brian Forrest
and Dennis Watson.
Eufaula: Mandi Williams.
Farland: Wade Bevill.
Farland: Ellen Wilcox.
Grove: Amanda Aloe and
David Bennett.
Kingfisher: Lame Post.
Manford: Brian Richards.
Miami: Holly Baker,
Kathryn Black, Cindy Landis,
Leanne Butler, Jeffrey Brown,
Tanya Carter, Sonya
Fosseof
Stephen Gillman,
Sonya Miller, Chad Ross,
Lindsay Schnalleberg, Trace
Smith, Kenneth Vaughn,
Pamela White, Robert Wright,
and Steve Madewell.
Picher: Paula McCoy.
Quapaw: Rian Maye and
Jennifer Thomasen.
Weslaco: Amy Green,
Wesley Schaefer and Jackie
Walker.
Wyandotte: Leilie Plant.
Youree: Out of state stu-
dents include
Baxter Springs, Kan.: Sarah
Hamilton.
Booneville, Ark.: Jason
Sorcia.
Columbus, Neb.: Marvin
Grayson.
Gainsville, Fla.: Corey
Greene.
Joplin, Mo.: Tammy Nash.
Leon, Iowa: Darin
Henderson.
Editorial

Regents receive aid changes

Recommendations concerning financial aid for Oklahoma college and university students were presented, recently, to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The recommendations are based on a study, which examines all areas of financial aid—grants, scholarships, work study and loans. The study looks specifically at state and national financial aid policies and legislation, in shift in financial aid from grants to loans, the types and amounts of financial aid awarded, and the number of students who receive financial aid.

The study was conducted by the Council on Student Affairs in cooperation with the Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Presenting the recommendations were Pauolette Woods and Pam McConhay. Woods is vice president for student services at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and chair of the Council on Student Affairs, which is comprised of student affairs vice presidents from Oklahoma colleges and universities.

McConhay is the assistant director of compliance for financial aid services at the University of Oklahoma and the president of the Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Recommendations include: evaluating the effectiveness of Oklahoma's student aid programs; informing current and future students about the short- and long-term impact of borrowing to pay for their college educations; and finding alternatives to loans for students who do not have money for college and for students who have borrowed to moderate income careers.

Other recommendations presented during the study were that incentives would encourage students to complete their degrees more quickly, and, as a result, reduce their college costs; and, making sure programs currently offered by the State Regents in cooperation with ACT—a program that helps eighth and 10th grade students assess their educational progress and provides a program that helps seventh, ninth and 11th grade students and their families plan early for college costs.

Also recommended was expanding higher education's online student information network so students can access financial information through personal computers or campus kiosks that are similar to automated teller machines, and utilizing Oklahoma's telecommunications and information network for education and government, and creating a database that collects financial aid information so trends can be tracked and analyzed.

The report also recommends that further study on how student's access to financial aid affects their ability to access higher education, why students borrow money for college, whether loan volume should be controlled, who borrows money for college, and how student loan debt affects Oklahoma.

"By studying changes in financial aid, we can better address the financial needs of our students," said Chancellor Hans Brisch. "We want to ensure that financial aid is available for students who lack the resources to pay for college, while holding down student loan debt."

"College costs at Oklahoma colleges and universities are among the lowest in the nation, but we are sensitive to the financial stress that the costs may place on some students," said State Regents' Chairman Ann H. Morgan. "We continue to look for ways to help students and their families manage the cost of college."

—Henry Gann

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The issue is that the product we receive is in the best condition possible. When it is feasible to choose a product that can make you ill or in some cases, can be fatal? I hope that, as a consumer, not to let myself at peril edge unaware of the bias of faulty inspections.

In response to the allowing of more than 178,000 metric tons of meat to be imported to the U.S. from Canada, only one of 50 truckloads is prior to inspection by the USDA.

The USDA grants early leave to employee

I have never heard of such a thing as doing your job so well that you are forced to retire. But, that was not the case with Bill Lehman.

Lehman was employed as a U.S. Department of Agriculture meat inspector at a Sikeston, Mo., border crossing between the U.S. and Canada for the past decade.

As a result of his rejecting up to 2.5 million pounds of tainted or misleading meat, the USDA and Canadian beef processors forced him into tough decisions of facing either an unwanted transfer, retirement, or dismissal.

Lehman stated that the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement, which took place in 1989, thwarted inspection efforts.

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YOU DON'T SAY?
Hypnotist Dr. R.E. Bellows, tries to get a co-ed to make strange sounds.

GOOD CLEAN FUN
Three NEO students react to a suggestion made by Dr. R.E. Bellows, during a program in the Fine Arts auditorium last Tuesday.

IT'S FOR YOU
Several students use their shoes as phones and other items during a skit by Dr. R.E. Bellows, as part of his program, sponsored by the Student Body Government.

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HEADS UP!
Sophmore forward Mershia Burgle (32) looks for an open player along the baseline as Michelle Brown of Carl Albert State College goes inside against Murry State. The Lady Norse won 62-61 against the Lady Vikings.

Ladies visit league foes
By Zach Hoffman

Following two tough games at home against opponents in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference, coach Randy Gibson's Lady Norse take the road for two straight games.

The Lady Lions of Westark Community College will host the Lady Norse at 6 p.m. Saturday in Fort Smith, Ark.

The Lady Norse will visit Wentworth Thursday for a 6 p.m. conference showdown with Eastern Oklahoma College.

Before hosting third-ranked Connors State College last night, the Lady Norse stood 11-10 on the season and 1-0 in the Bi-State East.

NEO 70-Murray State 26
Out-rebounding the Lady Aggies 45-25, the Lady Norse handed Murray State a devastating 70-26 loss in Tishomingo last weekend.

Good defense for the Lady Norse helped hold the Lady Aggies to nine total points in the first half. The Lady Norse jumped out to an early 5-0 lead with a bucket and free throw by sophomore forward Tasha Barnett and two free throws from freshman center Tina Clendening.

Shamika Wilburn responded with a basket for the Lady Aggies. The Lady Norse then went on a 7-0 run with baskets from Deidra Ray, Brooke Carter and a 3-pointer by Dee Dee Holmes to put them ahead 12-0 with 9:34 left in the first half.

Heather Porter tried to spark up the Lady Aggies offense with a pair of free throws to pull them within eight.

Barnett added two baskets and another free throw to give NEO a 17-4 advantage with 5:48 left in the first half.

The Lady Norse went up 24-7 with less than a minute remaining in the first half with baskets from Mershia Burgle and Barnett.

Wilburn added two more for Murray State and a last second shot by Carter gave the Lady Norse a 26-9 lead to end the first half.

The Lady Norse started the second half on a 12-6 run with baskets by Barnett, Burgle and free throws by Clendening and Shamika Smith, which gave NEO a 38-15 lead with 14:04 left in the game.

The Lady Norse would then go on a 22-4 run, which included two by Dawn Holmes and two 3-pointers by Dee Dee Holmes.

Barnett, Clendening and Ray each added four points, while Carter added two.

Barnett led the Lady Norse with 23 total points, while Clendening pulled down 15 rebounds.

Wilburn led Murray State with eight total points.

Northern 72-NEO 46
In previous meeting, the Lady Norse traveled to Tishomingo to face the Lady Mavericks of Northern Junior College.

The Lady Mavericks shot 60% from the field and forced 18 turnovers for NEO.

The Lady Norse were down 31-25 at the half.

Ray led NEO with 17 total points, while Barnett added 11.

Lynitta Geter led all scorers with 29 total points, going 14 of 16 from the field.

Michelle Brown had 11 points for the Lady Mavericks.

Grizzlies maul Norsemen
By Josh Maxon

After opening competition in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Conference with a win over Carl Albert State College last Monday, coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norse hit the road for two games next week.

Prior to Thursday night's clash with third-ranked Connors State College in the NED Fieldhouse, the Golden Norse stood 14-6 on the season and 1-1 in league play. Connors came to Miami with a 17-3 season record and an 0-1 conference mark.

West Plains 96-NEO 88
Unable to overcome 22 turnovers, the Norsemen suffered a 39-88 setback to the West Plains Grizzlies, in the final non-conference game of the season.

West Plains held a 12-8 lead four minutes into the game, before freshman guard Brent Porter led the Norsemen back with four points, while center Johnny Mitchell added three and Rod Smith chipped in with two points.

Back-to-back treys from Porter and Rodney Sooster gave the Norse a 23-13 lead, with 12:21 before half.

The Grizzlies went on a 15-3 run over the next three minutes to regain a 28-26 advantage with 9:03 until intermission.

With the lead changing hands several times over the next few minutes, the Golden Norse tied the game at 44-44 with 1:34 until half on two Porter jumper shots and a Mitchell dunk.

West Plains went on a 5-0 run to end the half for a 49-44 lead.

The Norse started the second half strong behind five points from Nathan Binam and buckets from Mitchell, Porter and Smith, to give the Norse a 54-53 lead.

The Grizzlies went on a 17-5 run to give them a 70-59 lead. Brian Bunch led the charge with seven points, along with three points from Goss, Judi and Robert Guste.

The Norsemen's first run came up short when Rollin scored three points and a bucket each from Judi and Jackson to give West Plains the win.

Porter led the Norse with 22 points while Rollin led the Grizzlies with 17.

NEO 85-Murray State 91
With four players scoring in double figures, the Golden Norse were able to hold off a Murray run by the Aggies to preserve a 96-63 victory in Tishomingo.

NEO went on a 15-8 run over the last 5:20 of the first half, to give the Norse a 52-42 halftime lead.

Reidun Turner scored 17 first half points and Nathan Binam added 11 points to pace the Norse.

A basket from Rod Smith at the 15:01 mark of the second half gave NEO a 61-52 advantage.

Murray State then went on a 96-63 run over the next seven minutes to trim the Golden Norse lead to just one.

The two teams traded baskets until Shawna Lang scored six points and Christi Supersad added a 3-pointer to give the Aggies their first lead since the 5:50 mark of the first half.

With the game tied at 63 and 58 seconds left on the clock, Binam hit a high arching 3-pointer to seal the win for the Golden Norse.

Two free throws from Shawn Williams and one from Brent Porter created the final margin.

Binam led all scorers with 24 points, Turner scored 22 points, while Williams added 18 points and a career high 13 and Mitchell chipped in with 14 points.

NEO 90-Northern 77
The Norse cruised to a 90-77 Bi-State conference victory over Northern behind Nathan Binam's 23 points and 21 points from Johnny Mitchell.

NEO jumped out to an early 11-6 lead, receiving six points from Brent Porter, four from Punchy Parker and two from Rod Smith.

At the 5:29 mark of the first half, a bucket from DeShawn Denison gave the Mavericks a 35-30 lead.

The Norse went on a 11-4 run, led by Mitchell's six points, to tie the game at 41-41 at the intermission. Also scoring in double figures for the Norse were Porter, with 14 points, and Parker. 11 points. Smith led all rebounders with 14.
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