Candidates visit campus Tuesday

By Tim Ingram

Four presidential candidates will be making visits to NEO this week for their final round of interviews with the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the A&M Colleges. The OSU/A&M Regents will announce their decision on Oct. 13 and Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The new presidential candidate will become the college's 14th chief executive in the school's 79-year history.

The five-month search process began after former President Dr. Jerry Carroll announced his resignation last May to take a position as vice president for Oklahoma State University and Provost of the OSU-Oklahoma City campus. Carroll had been president of NEO since January 1993. The regents will be giving the opportunity to the finalist to meet with administrative, faculty and student representatives to determine if they are the right fit for the school.

The regents are especially grateful to the members of the search committee who have worked hard to screen the applicants and develop the list of finalists, said OSU/A&M Board Chairman Gary Clark.

Trinity Valley Community College, A&M McComb, Neb., was the first presidential candidate. It is also currently president of Trinity Valley Community College.

On Oct. 14, the second presidential candidate is 81-year-old Dr. Glenn Mayle, who is currently president of Sanibel College, Idaho, and former president of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

The third presidential candidate is 80-year-old Dr. Delores Meyer, current president of instructional services at Connors State College, Warner, and former president of community college at Connors State College.

The public reception for the candidates will be in the Ballroom of the college at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14.

All reception times for each candidate will be held at noon on the campus.

Dr. Delores Meyer, current vice president for instructional services at Redlands Community College, El Reno, Okla., is the third presidential candidate. In addition, she was previously dean of instruction at McComb Community College, McComb, Neb.

The final presidential candidates is Dr. Gary Updyke, current vice president of instructional services at Connors State College, Warner, and former president of academic services at Connors State College.

The public reception for each candidate on Oct. 14, in the Ballroom Lounge will be held at 10 a.m. Dr. Updyke will be at 11 a.m., and Dr. Meyers will be at 11 a.m.
Domestic violence month requires special attention from everyone

By DeLena Mincher

In an attempt to bring the problem to light, October has been declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence is a problem that has long been ignored and is a growing source of embarrassment for our society.

It needs to be realized by men as well as women that they don't have to put up with domestic violence and there are avenues they can follow to alleviate the problem.

There is a place for victims to go to seek help like the Community Crisis Center, Inc. located in Miami, it has outreach offices located in Delaware and Craig counties.

Commentary

Sometimes all that is needed is counseling or legal advice to solve the problem, but sometimes more is needed.

In order for this domestic violence drive to work it needs community support and volunteers.

Volunteers could help the center in a wide variety of positions, everything from advocates to general maintenance.

In a country burdened by violence and brutality change will not be easy but needs to come.

Nobody deserves to be brutalized or terrorized by anyone, certainly not by a loved one.

It needs to be realized that hurting someone is not a sign of love but of control.

That's what domestic violence is all about—control over another human being, control over their life.

National Make A difference Day is also in October, one can show they care and try to help.

More needs to be done to solve the problem than just declaring it a month, steps needed to be taken and stricter laws need to be passed.
CHOIR PRESENTATION  Photo by DeLana Mincher
The NEO Choir won $75 for second place in the annual building decoration contest held during Homecoming week on campus.

BUILDING WINNER  Photo by DeLana Mincher
Child Development Club won third in building decorations.

SECOND PLACE FLOAT  Photo by DeLana Mincher
Members of the Lady Norse volleyball squad ride on the float judged second place during the traditional Homecoming parade down Miami's main street.

JUDGES SELECT DECORATIONS AND FLOATS

James O'Neal
Managing Editor
Hard work and many hours of labor proved to pay off for many of NEO's clubs involved in Homecoming week. One of the major events that culminated Homecoming week was the Homecoming Parade. The parade wound down Main Street, showing the people of Miami and the surrounding areas their school spirit prior to the NEO/Timely Valley homecoming game.

A committee was appointed to select the best representations of school spirit in the parade. The Owl's Club had the honor of placing first in the competition. The club was awarded a cash prize of $100. Placing second in the float contest was the Volleyball Team. They were awarded a $75 cash prize.

Receiving third place in the competition is the Aggie Society Pre-Vet and Equine Club. They received the $50 dollar cash prize.

Receiving honorable mention in the contest was the Surgical Technology Club. During Homecoming week, a committee was selected to judge numerous entries in the Building Decoration Contest. Many of the Clubs selected a building to decorate for further show their school spirit. Receiving first place in the contest is the Masquers Club. They received a $100 cash prize.

Receiving the $75 second place position in the contest was the NEO Choir. The third place award went to the Child Development Club. They received a $50 cash award.

Honorable mention went to the Norse Stars/Cherleaders and the Physical Therapy Assistant Student Association. The Aggie Society had the honor of winning the Norse Spirit Award (traveling trophy). The award was given to the club with the most participation in the in all of the homecoming week activities.
HAT DAY OBSERVANCE
Members of the college food services area display the various hats they wore in observance of Hat Day last Friday. Participants were, kneeling, Cathy Capansom; Leasha Hogan; Pat Todd; Patsey Fred; and Shirley Preston.

ACTIVITIES
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HOMECOMING

HIPPIE DAY
Mike Prewitt, a sophomore from Fairland, displays his headband.

FIRE!
A sparse crowd visited the bonfire on Thursday night as part of homecoming week.

PAJAMA DAY
Abby Cox, a freshman from Bolivar, Mo., wears her night clothes to class during Monday's Pajama Day.

BLUE AND GOLD DAY
Showing off their blue-and-gold faces during Thursday's observance of Blue and Gold Day are, from left, Nathan Jones, J.W. Stanley, Ryan Parker, and Rhea Shields.

Photos by DeLena Mincher
Cardinals fly past Norsemen

Offensive woes cause problems

By Josh Marson
Sports Editor

The Golden Norse offensive woes continued in a 24-6 defeat at the hands of fifth-ranked Trinity Valley Community College. The Cardinals are the top-ranked offensive team in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference.

The Norsemen held Trinity Valley 150-yards below their season average. "I don't know if Trinity Valley will beat Tyler, but I do know they are a better team than Tyler," said Norse coach Dave Patterson.

"They are bigger and faster on defense and they throw a lot more weapons at you offensively," said NEC head football coach Mike Patterson.

Entering the game, Trinity Valley was averaging 409 yards of total offense, as well as featuring league-leading rushing sophomore tailback Carlon Bower. The Golden Norse defense bottled up the Cardinals allowing only 36 yards rushing and 11 yards passing as the played to a 0-0 halftime tie. Coming into the game, Boice had rushed for 505 yards in the four previous games, while the Norsemen held Boice to only 25 yards on 10 carries in the first half. The NEC offense had an even worse time. Starting quarterback Andy Collier only playing a series and starting backfield Dallin English losing only three snaps before removing himself from the game with a bruised shoulder. "Andy is going to have his knee scoped Tuesday and he could either be out a couple of weeks or miss the rest of the season, depending on what they find when they get in there," Patterson said. "DeShaun has a deep bruise on his shoulder and any kind of hit only causes him pain, so we're not sure how long he'll be sidelined," said Patterson.

"We dodged a couple of big pass plays in the first half when (Tarrant) Bennett overthrew an open receiver and then the receiver bobbled and dropped another pass," said Patterson. "I knew that they had an explosive offense and that it would just be a matter of time before they scored. With the inconsistency of our offense in the first half we knew we couldn't let up for one play on defense, or they would capitalize on it," Patterson said.

Trinity Valley took the second-half kickoff and moved 54 yards in eight plays. Bennett found fullback Gunn Neathum open on a 20-yard touchdown pass with 11:20 left in the third quarter. Ted Woodford's extra point added a 7-0 lead.

Freshman quarterback Jared Poteete rallied the Norsemen for what appeared to be the tying score. Poteete pulled NEC 60 yards in 13 plays only to have the drive stall on the Trinity Valley 3-yard line. Kevin Prosser was stopped cold on two straight carries to end the drive.

Sophomore placekicker Matt Reeves missed a 20-yard field goal wide left with 4:44 remaining in the third quarter. "With the missed field goal and the extra point attempt later, we have failed to convert on the kicking opportunities. We can't afford to let scoring chances go by the boards," said Patterson.

The Cardinals soon took advantage, covering 80 yards in eight plays taking a 10-0 lead when Woodard nailed a 40-yard field goal with 2:34 to go in the third quarter. Trinity Valley linebacker Michael Hunter sacked Poteete for a 12-yard loss. Hunter jammed the ball loose and scooped up the ball and ran 33 yards for a touchdown. Woodard's extra point created a 17-0 cushion with 12:58 remaining in the game.

"You aren't going to win any football games with just 60 yards in total offense. We are all perplexed as to what to do to get some consistency in our offense," Patterson said.

"We've still not doing the little things you have to do to win," said Patterson.

Leading the defensive attack for the Norsemen was freshman linebacker Reggie Holland with seven unassisted tackles and five assists. Strong safety Robert Carter added six tackles and two assists.

Hunter led the Cardinal defense with seven tackles, nine assists and two quarterback sacks for minus 14 NEC to 5-2 on the season entering this conference game. The fifth-ranked Trinity Valley moved to 5-0 and 3-0 in league play.
Bulldogs entertain Norse in Texas

By Josh Maxson

After losing the past two conference games the Golden Norsemen are putting their football team back to back wins. The Norsemen are coming off a win against Navarro College, and this week they will face the Navarro College Norsemen. The Norsemen are looking to continue their winning streak against the Lady Norse Volleyball squad.

Anchoring the tight end for the Norsemen will be Brian Davis (6-4, 235, Moon). The Norsemen offensive line will consist of Josh Kay (6-3, 274, Wymawood) and Kendall Zehl (6-3, 262, Bethany) starting at the tackles.

Starting at the guards for the Norsemen will be Bill Sagle (6-4, 210) and John Vandell (6-2, 264, Tulia). Returning at center will be Ben Boelter (6-0, 266, Jenks).

Setting the tone for the Norsemen Defense will be Jim Pitman (6-1, 200). Pitman has 45 completions for 518 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Also in the backfield with Pitman will be Fred Wallace (6-3, 245) at fullback. Wallace is a freshman who has rushed for 227 yards on 29 carries and has 2 touchdowns.

"Navarro does a good job with their offense. The haven't scored many times in the past couple of games, but they do have a decent offense," Patterson said.

Navarro has an offensive tackle Stocker McCooledge (6-7, 274). "They possibly have the biggest football player in the country in McCooledge. Being on the offensive line with their size they will definitely give us a challenge," said Patterson.

The Norsemen defensive line will consist of Jesse Del Rio (6-0, 253), Dustin Piper (6-2, 223), Omar High (6-1, 240), and Brian Rayders (6-0, 230).

Starting at the corners for Navarro will be Shawn Carr (5-11, 190) and Anthony Johnson (6-2, 177).

Playing at the safeties for the Bulldogs will be Kendra Gibson (6-2, 210) and Yoshua Green (5-9, 203).

"Navarro will have a rough defense. They held their own to only five points, and Tyler to only 21 points. They will be a good defense that we will have to deal with," Patterson said.

"I still think we have a chance to win the conference, we just have to start off again with a win this weekend against Navarro," said Patterson.

Volleyball team continues road trip

By Josh Maxson

The season continued for the Lady Norse Volleyball squad as they traveled to Lubbock (Kid). Community College and suffered a 15-7, 15-12 and 15-3 loss. "We still have two starters sidelined. The other girls have to realize that they may not be back for regions," said head coach Jim Stiley.

"We just didn't play very well, we came out flat and didn't have any teamwork," said Stiley.

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