Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

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Twenty-seven students were inducted into the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Honors Society last week in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

In order to be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have at least 15 hours of credit and a 3.5 grade point average.

Those included in the MU Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Society and their hometowns include:

Gina Albo, freshman, Miami; Lori Almond, sophomore, Grove, and Peggy Banta, sophomore, Altus.

Other students inducted into the chapter are: Candice Bammart, freshman, Jay; Amy Barker, freshman, Miami; Sherry Brown, sophomore, Vinita; Howard Clark, freshman, Miami; Melissa Clinton, freshman, Miami; and Martha Cloer, freshman, Vinita.

Additional members inducted into the MU Chapter were:

Melissa Cooper, Grove; Tara Flanagan, freshman, Miami; Regina Gee, freshman, Miami; Julie Hooks, sophomore, Miami; Earlene Ingram, freshman, Miami; and Pamela Johnson, freshman, Altus.

Also inducted into the national honor society were: Adna Light, sophomore, Webb City, Mo.; Peggy Owens, sophomore, Pryor; Richard Rahming, sophomore, Miami; Jennifer Rucker, freshman, Miami; Connie Rughfels, sophomore, Fahs; Linda Sanders, freshman, Ketchum.

Other joining the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa were: Alexis Smith, freshman, Miami; Michelle Taylor, sophomore, Stockton, Mo.; Reese Travis, freshman, Midwest City, Okla.; and Joshua Tudor, sophomore, Miami; Angela Underwood, sophomore, Miami, and Lori West, sophomore, Miami.

Plans for college education center in Grove unveiled

Over 200 people were on hand at the Grove Civic Center last Thursday to celebrate plans and discuss the future opportunities related to the NEO-Grove Higher Education Center.

The celebration was held to begin construction plans for $800,000 facility that is to be built in the Grove Business Park.

The 10,000 square-foot center is to contain a large classroom with theater-type seating, which will be used for interactive television capabilities, a computer lab, and three traditional classrooms.

Karen Rogers captures national teacher award

Math instructor receives Carnegie Foundation honor for classroom excellence

Karen Rogers, mathematics instructor at NEO, has been honored as the recipient of the 1997 Oklahoma Carnegie Professor of the Year, which recognizes her accomplishments.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named Rogers as the top college instructor in Oklahoma. This year, it is the first time an instructor from NEO has received the prestigious award.

Rogers was honored during a reception Thursday on campus.

Along with Rogers, many top professors were recognized for their excellence in dedication to teaching.

Students and innovative mathematic teachers are on the call for the Carnegie Foundation awards at $1,000,000,000 to the winners, who exemplify the outstanding undergraduates in teaching in the country.

The professors who were honored this year embody the spirit of education in their passion for pursuing truth and in their talent to transfer information to students from the classroom and beyond.

"Theirs is the contribution to the education of America," said CASE President Emory Toades.

"Their impact is profound and enduring. We are heartbroken by their stories, as we realize that they represent the many dedicated professors who teach on our nation's campuses."
Halloween doesn't need to involve vandalism

Teams require student support
Northeast Oklahoma has own natural Halloween attraction

Spooklight recognized worldwide

Billy Berry
Ernest Milner

While all of America enjoys the ghouls and goblins during Halloween, residents of Northeastern Oklahoma have their own unique tradition called "Spooklight," a Halloween celebration that has roots in the ancient Celtic festival, Samhain, which is celebrated on November 1. It was a day to honor the dead, as they visited the living on earth for one night.

It was on this night that Celts believed the veil between the worlds was thinnest, allowing the dead to interact with the living. The tradition of dressing up in costumes and masquerade balls is believed to have originated from this Celtic custom.

In Celtic countries, it is often said that the night of Halloween is the time when the dead come back to visit the living, and this is why we celebrate them on this night. It is a time for people to remember and honor their ancestors.

Halloween history: Students looking for a little Halloween fun in Miami can visit the famous Spooklight exhibit located at the Jaycee Park. The display is open from dusk until midnight and features a variety of scary characters and creatures, including ghosts, goblins, and other spooky creatures.

The exhibit is open every day from October 26 to November 1, and admission is free. Visitors can also take part in a scavenger hunt through the park, where they can collect clues and solve puzzles related to Halloween history.

In addition to the Spooklight exhibit, there are many other Halloween events taking place in and around Miami. The annual Miami Halloween Parade is held on October 31, and the city hosts a number of other events, such as haunted houses, trick-or-treating, and movie screenings.

The Spooklight exhibit is one of the many reasons why Miami is a popular destination for Halloween lovers. So, whether you're looking for a fun and spooky night out, or just want to celebrate the holiday in style, Miami has something for everyone.

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SIGN OF THE SEASON
The window for the college bookstore located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union is decorated to advertise the coming of Halloween on the NEO campus as the Trick-or-Treat day arrives today.

Campus celebrates Neewollah

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK
Visitors must pause before they enter this doorway because they have been warned.

Photos by DeLena Mincher

DOBSON DOLL
Glenda the Good Witch adorns the door of a coed in Dobson Hall.
Norse cagers open Saturday

Several changes will be apparent when the Golden Norsemen tipoff the 1997-98 basketball season Saturday, at West Plains, Mo., in a 7:30 p.m. contest with Southwest Missouri State/West Plains.

"We're a different basketball team than we've been in the past," said coach Lonnie Spencer as he begins his seventh season at the Norse helm.

Last year under Spencer the Golden Norsemen posted a 19-11 overall record and a 6-4 mark in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference. During Spencer's tenure the Norsemen have compiled a 117-72 overall record.

"The thing that makes us different from years past is that we have more athleticism than we've had. In the past we were pretty skilled and shot the ball well, passed the ball well, but maybe weren't always as good of defenders as we thought they should be," said Spencer.

"This basketball team is athletic, we've got depth, and I think that's the major difference between this team and some that we've had in the past," Spencer said.

Although the Golden Norsemen return six sophomores, none of them were full-time starters and point guard Kevin Porter and power forward Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker appeared in all 30 games last year.

Porter (6-2 from Tulsa East Central) and Parker (6-7 from Coweta) will miss the first five games of the regular season because of disciplinary reasons.

Porter averaged 7.7 points and 2.2 rebounds with 15 assists and 31 steals. Parker averaged 6.6 points and 6.5 rebounds with 19 blocked shots.

"Anytime you have to start the season without the services of two veteran players, it's going to have an effect on your team," said Spencer.

"But if our shooting comes around which will only take time and experience, we could be a very good basketball team," said Spencer.

"We have a large learning curve, that, if we will learn and grow with our experience, then we will get better as the season goes along," Spencer said.

Freshmen Jerome Callison (6-0 from Kechum), Beau Wallace (6-1 from Broken Arrow) and Rashid Turner (6-2 from Hugo) are all expected to alternate at point-guard until Porter's return.

"All three of these freshmen can combine at either point or shooting guard. We think all of them will step up and be major contributors," Spencer said.

Along with the three freshmen at point, the Golden Norse will rely on the talents of sophomores Rod Sooser and Todd Green along with freshman Marlon Green at shooting guard.

Sooser (6-3 from Miami) averaged 3.3 points with 27 assists and 10 steals as a freshman.

Todd Green (6-4 from Cleveland, Okla.) averaged 2.2 points and 2.4 rebounds in 15 games as a freshman.

Marlon Green (6-4 from Denver, Colo.) could also see action as a small forward.

"Rod gives us the 3-point shooter we need while Marlon is a conversion from a post player in high school," Spencer said.

Returning at the swing forward position are sophomores LaCross Lee and Corry Crisp. Lee (6-5 from San Diego, Calif.) averaged 2.3 points and 1.3 rebounds in 23 games last year. Crisp (6-2 from Tulsa Central) averaged 3.2 points and 2.1 rebounds as a freshman.

"LaCross, Corry and Todd Green have all worked hard over the summer to make themselves better players," Spencer said.

Wranglers lasso Golden Norsemen

By Josh Maxson

Pleasanton, Kan.

A stagnant running game and missed opportunity led to a 79-76 homecoming defeat at the hands of the 9th ranked Santa Fe College in Texas.

"I feel like in the three conference games we have lost, we have beat ourselves, we weren't ready to play," said NEC head coach Dale Patterson.

With the win Cisco improved their record to 9-5 overall and 3-3 in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference.

"All three of our turnovers lead to Cisco touchdowns, that really hurt us," Patterson said.

Cisco's first score was set up when Sherald Potelle was intercepted by Jason Bluedorf.

Garald Harris capped the drive with a 10 yard touchdown run with 6:20 remaining in the first quarter.

Rudy Bagnato extra point was good for a 7-0 Wranglers lead.

Another Golden Norse turnover lead to Cisco's second score.

Barry Comer's 14 yard return of a fumble setup Harris second touchdown on a 1-yard run. Bagnato kick was good for a 14-0 Cisco lead with 14:48 remaining in the half.

A holding penalty erased a 79-yard kickoff return by Alkman.

The Golden Norse offense was lead by Potelle who threw for 248 yards while completing 16 of 29 passes for two touchdowns.

The Golden Norse used a 11 yard 69 yard drive ending in a 9 yard run by Potelle.

The Golden Norse kicked loose to close the Wranglers lead to 14-7 with 9:37 remaining in the second quarter.

The first half scoring concluded when Bagnato connected on a 25-yard field goal with 9 seconds remaining in the first half.

Cisco extended their lead to the 10-33 mark of the third quarter when Courtney Boyce ran it in from the 1 yard line.

The kick failed for the Cisco.

The second quarter needed a 23-7 Cisco lead.

Robert Carter's 41 yard fumble return setup the Norsemen's next drive.

The 22 yard live play drive ended when Potelle found Brian Blackwood from 8 yards out for the touchdown with 3:20 left in the third quarter.

Reeves extra point attempt was blocked.

On the Golden Norse next possession a 10 yard 73 yard drive ended when a Reeves field goal was blocked.

"We thought we had our kick game problems corrected, but we had an extra point blocked and a critical field goal blocked," said Patterson.

That field goal would have put us down by seven at the end of the third quarter, at that time I thought we had a chance to win the ball game."

The Wranglers extended the lead to 37-13 when Dennisus Benjamin picked up a fumble a raced 24 yards for a 70. Bagnato's extra point try sailed through the uprights and Cisco had their largest lead of the day.

NED answered late with a 10 yard pass from Potelle to freshman Paul Jones with 00 seconds showing on the clock.

Deshawn English converted on the two-point conversion to draw the Norse within 37-21.

English, who came into the game second in the conference in rushing, had only 42 yards on 15 carries as NEC managed only 74 yards.

Sophomore wide receiver Shawn Mills (7) returns his head and tales of Cisco linebacker Terence Small (38) during a 54-yard pass play.

LONG PASS PLAY

Photo by Delana Wincher
Buccaneers visit Robertson Field for season finale

By John Finnell

Looking to finish the season off with a win, the Golden Norse will be hosting the Blinn, Texas Buccaneers Saturday at 6 p.m. on Robertson Field. After losing their last game to Cisco, Texas the Golden Norse's record fell to 5-3 overall and 3-3 in conference play.

"By far Blinn will be the most talented football team we've played all year. The thing that makes them such a good team is their defense. They are very quick, aggressive and very intimidating," said Golden Norse head football coach Dan Patterson.

Once again the Golden Norse offense will be anchored by freshman Sherard Poole (6-1, 214, Tulsa). Poole, against Cisco, passed for 246 yards on 16 completions and 33 attempts. Also in the backfield with Poole will be sophomore tailback DeShawn English (6-1, 192, Pensacola, Fla.), and freshman full back Cory Hensley (6-2, 215, Edmond). The Buccaneer offensive will be led by freshman quarterback Derrick Walker (6-3, 215).

Joining Walker in the backfield will be sophomore Mike Green (6-5, 230) at tail back and freshman Keeve Johnson (6-0, 220) at full back. Anchoring the defense for the Golden Norsemen will be linebackers J.C. Thomas (6-1, 235, Idaho), Jeremy Howell (6-2, 203, Collinwood) and Donovan Laviness (6-0, 215, Midwest City).

Laviness is the Southwest Junior College Football Conference leader in tackles with 93 and three sacks. "Our thing defensively is to play sound, fundamental defense. We'll do some stunting and give them some different looks because that's our kind of game. But we need to not make any mistakes and be sure with our tackles. We have to stress not to bust an assignment or some coverages because they have the type of athlete that can beat you in a hurry. We just want to remain simple, sound and aggressive. This will just come down to how well we execute compared to how well we execute," Patterson said.

The Blinn defense will be held down by linebackers Lynn Haddox (6-0, 235), Benjie Mayes (6-0, 235) and Michael James (6-1, 205).

Overall Blinn is second defensively in the conference. Only allowing a total of 1,754 yards in offense to their opponents.

"For us to be successful against their defense we're going to have to take advantage of their man coverage in the secondary. We'll use some motion and put our backs out in coverage to try to confuse them," said Patterson.

Leading Blinn in tackles is hadtack with 62 and two sacks.

Southwest Junior College Football Conference Standings

Team W L W L
Trinity Valley 6 0 6 0
Blinn College 4 2 6 2
Tyler College 4 2 6 2
NEO 3 3 3 3
Cisco 3 3 3 3
Wigmore 4 4 4 4
Navarro 2 4 3 5
Ranger 0 6 2 6

Lady Norse host regionals

By John Finnell

Closing out the regular season on the road, the Lady Norse volleyball team suffered a 15-13 and 5-4 loss to Kansas City Community College. Monday night in Kansas City, Mo.

With the loss the Lady Norse finish the season with a 7-16 overall record. Kansas City Community College is currently ranked second in the Kansas Jayhawk conference.

Sagely anchors interior line

By John Finnell

Anchoring the Golden Norsemen interior offensive line is first team All-Conference offensive tackle Bill Sagely.

"When I found out that I made All-Conference offensive guard last year I was real surprised," said Sagely.

At a whopping 6-4, 300 pounds Sagely hopes to receive a degree in computer science. Sagely, who showed interest in larger division one schools, chose to attend NEO before furthering his education.

"I talked to several other bigger schools, but I called NEO and they came to talk to me and we made it a done deal," said Sagely.

"Playing football at NEO has been good. I had never been a part of a program that I had to work as hard as I do here. I really like it," Sagely said.

Originally from Gans, Oklahoma, Sagely moved to Muldrow to play football in the sixth grade.

"The coaches told me that I had the potential to be good, but it wasn't until my sophomore and junior years that they told that I was going to be able to go on to the next level of play," said Sagely.

While in high school Sagely played both offense and defense. Receiving many awards in high school such as defensive lineman of the year, and District four All-conference All-Star, Sagely has motivated himself well.

"I won second and third place in state competitions in weightlifting," Sagely said.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM

By John Finnell

Members of the Lady Norse volleyball team that will compete for the Region II Tournament title next week in the NEO Fieldhouse are, from bottom, Leslie Berumen, Ruth Beal, Tandi McCracken, Latasha Pierce, Amy Plunkett, Anna Horder, Katrina Smith, Michelle Horisco, Lisa Evis and Emily Thornburg.
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