Ambassadors offer tours

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Travis Hill director

A member of the college ambassadors offers directions during the pre-school get-acquainted party on campus.

By Tommy Flanagan

Making the initial contact with visiting prospective students, the college ambassadors serve a vital function for the institution. "The college ambassadors are current students who are involved in every facet of campus life," said Travis Hill, coordinator of the group. "They are assigned for a certain time each day to give prospective students a closer look at life on the NEO campus."

"The tour focuses on the many highlights of the campus, and also lets you talk to the faculty or coach in your major area of interest and tells about 45 minutes," Hill said.

Sophomore volunteers are Lisa McCaslin from Tulsa; Greg Lipe from Nyack; Amy Cox from Tulsa, and Christie Cassey from Chicago. Freshmen volunteers are Katherine Duran from Central Point, Oregon; Matthew Higgson, Montreal, MT; Carrie Short, Guthrie; John Russell, Neosho, MO; Shelley Baumgarten, Locust Grove, MO; Dustin Stokes, Locust Grove, and Ducku Mincher from Seminole.

Cast selected for first play

By Tommy Flanagan

For all those students who think math is impossible, there is some hope and free help. The college math department is offering tutorials primarily for algebra students, according to John Lomax, head of the math department.

"These are paid out of the math department's work study budget, so it's free of charge to any NED student. They are available to help anyone that might have a problem dealing with math," Lomax said.

The program is provided to help the student if they can't meet with their instructor during regularly scheduled conference hours. Any student can use this service as many times as they like," said Lomax.

The tutoring hours are from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday on the south end of the first floor in the college library building and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the second floor conference room three of the Davee Library Library Administration building.

If anyone has any questions or would like additional information they should contact Lomax in room 108 of the college library, or the college library building.

Local Red Cross holds celebration

The Ottawa County Red Cross will host an 80th anniversary celebration during their annual meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. During the meeting the organization will welcome new members and elect a board of directors. Cost is $7 for the meal and $5 for membership fees.
Student/athlete issues response

Dear Editor:

Far treatment?

You say that student-athletes deserve far treatment, I agree.

In a perfect world everyone would be treated equally, well, Billy, this isn't a perfect world, and everyone, regardless of age, race, color, athlete, or student, isn't treated equally.

For example, if so athletes is for a team meeting they have to run. If they are late for 7:30 a.m. breakfast, they have to run. If they are late for 11 p.m. curfew, they have to run. If they miss a practice, they have to run and probably will be removed from their position pending the situation.

If they miss a class, they have to run, and if an athlete violates any rules of school policy they are dealt with. How many other students, besides athletes, are subjected to a drug test when someone gets an urge to test them. Athletes are put on a pedestal. This pedestal is subject to congratulations and criticism from everyone from every walk of life. If an athlete excels in his or her sport, then they are put on top of the world. But, if they are not the reason or even contributed for the loss, they are shun from society.

I myself, have never seen a silver platter, much less had the red carpet handed to me on one.

I think I speak for all athletes, when I say that the stereotype has been played out. There is no longer the "dumb jock" outlook. Athletes have a certain grade point average to even practice, much less play in a game.

There is no longer a "dumb jock" outlook. Athletes have a certain grade point average to even practice, much less play in a game. Yes, there are a few athletes that seem to keep themselves out of trouble. But there are 75 student-athletes on a football team. I apologize for the one or two bad apples that have bound themselves in the headlines.

In every family there is at least one black sheep. The same goes for a football team. As for the payment of an athletes education, Athletes are here for a reason. They have an ability, whether it be football, baseball, basketball, softball, rodeo, or judging.

This ability is what pays for our school. Take the time to figure it out.

Officer extends congratulations to student body

Dear Editor:

SGS would like to thank everyone for attending the Pep rally and tailgate party Thursday.

There were an estimated 600 people that attended and the cafeteria served 266 people. We also would like to thank all the student for providin the food.

The Norse Stars and the Cheerleaders did a fabulous job with their band chant, rousing, and fight song, which was so graciously provided by Raydon Bevley and the Golden Norse Band.

Student attendance at the pep rally and football games truly gave the Norsemen athletes a home field advantage.

SGS would appreciate further student participation in all student activities. SGS welcomes any ideas or suggestions on activities that will improve involvement.

SGS Reporter

Lauren McCauley

An athlete on a full scholarship makes about 80 cents to a dollar an hour. How many students would take a part-time job making a dollar an hour to pay for their school.

Athletes shouldn't have to thank everyone since we are the ones putting ourselves through hell to get a better education.

Donavan Laviness

Capitan, 960 defense

Binge drinking is bad

Now that the school year is underway and everybody is settled in it is now the time to discuss one of the major problems facing college students, alcohol.

According to a recent study, nearly half of all college students binge drink. With most of NED's student body too young to buy alcohol, or legally drink, it shouldn't be an issue with the majority.

However, an endless road that will lead you to misery and personal destruction. It appears that young adults leave home and lose any of the common sense and intelligence that their parents instilled in them.

Can you honestly say that you are better off because you got drunk?

How many of you sophomores are trying to overcome the effects of a wasted freshman year from binging it up with your friends. How many of your drinking buddies are here now?

Freshman how about your drinking buddies from high school, how many are in college now?

What is it you get from drinking? STD's and pregnancy from unprotected sex because you were drunk to use protection? DUI's from driving home drunk after the party, absences and low grades because you didn't go to class because of a hangover? Liver problems! How about a path to harder drugs? Don't kid yourself, alcohol is a gateway.

One day when you become adults, you'll have to give it all up and go on with your life. If you are going to have to give it all up why not give it all up now and find a more constructive way to spend your time.

When your out of college years from now are you going to be able to look back and say I focused on my future and education and did the things that had to be done, or are you going to say that I wasted my time on booze and acting like a juvenile.

Billy Buzy

Norse Wind
Baptist Student Union hosts nondenominational students

On Tuesday at 7 p.m., BSU has "Salt & Light," a singing and drama program that features music and skills. "Everyone is invited to come," Tilghman said.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., the BSU has a special time of praise and worship. Students are invited to attend a "Retreat" on Sept. 28-29. Cost is $7 per person.

Members of the BSU will be involved in "Work-a-thon" Oct. 11 in which students take pledges to raise funds for summer missions. Students can also win prizes as they work.

As part of Halloween the BSU will attend "Nightmare" in Tulsa Oct. 30. The cost will be $6.

"The BSU is a sort of youth group for college students," Tilghman said. "We like to do fun things in addition to bible study and other things."

For more information, stop by the BSU and talk to the directors, Bobbie and Debbie Lipscomb or intern Tammy Tilghman.

Gelder selected as coordinator of medical program

Students learn to work in clinics with doctors

Pamela Gelder, former instructor at Platt College in Tulsa, and retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, has been hired by NEO as coordinator of the new medical assistant program.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved the medical assistant program in January 1997. Students who enrolled in the program will be able to complete a one-year certificate or a two-year associate in applied science degree.

The medical assistant program helps graduates prepare for work in physicians offices and clinics. Students learn reception skills, office administration, insurance billing and coding, along with procedures in the exam room, giving medication, performing EKG's and other exam skills.

Gelder began her military career in Jan. 1961 as an advanced hospital corpsman. She later went on to work as a patient administrator and managed intake patient records, medical transcription, admissions and statistical compilation in a multi-departmental facility.

Gelder later became a clinic administrator for the Navy and provided guidance and control for facilities with physicians and support staff before becoming a personnel manager for civilian and military staffing.

She has a bachelor of science degree in management from the University of New York and another bachelor's degree in health science from George Washington University.

GOOD DEED

The college chef relaxes and give blood during the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile last week in the Bruce G. Center Student Union Ballroom.
LIFESTYLES

Three veteran nursing students receive awards

Three sophomore nursing students were recently notified they will be the first recipients of the Rosetta Seat Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Wendy Beets, Viecht, Teresa Dubois, Miami, and Kathy Coodery, Joplin, were awarded the memorial scholarships based on their ability, previous performance, and academic endeavors.

SPECIAL REWARD

Freshman DeLena Mincher, left, from Seminole examines a tee-shirt which blood donors received during last week's blood drive by the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Alcohol and drug abuse problems must be addressed

Henry Gann
Feature Editor

NEO recognizes its responsibility to educate the college community about drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse. In meeting this responsibility, NEO provides not only educational opportunities, but also assistance through support services. Disciplinary actions will be taken against any student found to be possessing, using or distributing illicit drugs or possessing on college property or as part of any college activity.

NEO policy concerning penalties of on-campus use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco may be found in the Student Handbook.

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Norse take the sting out of Yellowjackets

By John Finnell

The Golden Norsemen took advantage of the great fan support to help them over the top against the Aggies.

Having a home field advantage in sports means you can do with the fans what you were able to do with the Aggies.

Starting the 1997 season on their home turf, the Norseman took advantage of the great fan support to help them over the top against the Aggies.

The thing that made the fan support great was the school spirit and enthusiasm as the Aggies did in the season opener. The players might be motivated to play better.

All school sports events are pre-pared by every student to attend when the student pays for their tuition.

If everyone is trying to save money and not waste it, then why do we just let the money go for the school activities if we are not going to the games and performances?

The only thing the students have to do is to get into the game is present their student I.D. at the gate.

Football is not the only sport that needs support; all of the other sports need fans too.

Just think, besides going to the games to cheer the players on, the games are a great way to interact with other NEO students.

You will never know just how many romances and marriages will be started by people that met at a Golden Norse football, basketball, baseball games.

Most students seem to forget they would rather go home on the weekend and party with some friends, but they really need to be here participating in school events.

By John Finnell

Freshman placekicker Nick Blackman made a spectacular debut for the Golden Norsemen by connecting on a 29-yard field goal with 1:08 left in the game to give NEO a 10-7 victory over Kemper Military Junior College.

Opening the season before approximately 3,800 fans, Blackman kicked the field goal after neither team had mounted much offensive threat all night.

A walk-off from Booker T. Washington high school in Tulsa, Blackman was handling the punting and kicking chores as a replacement for sophomore Matt Reaves.

Reaves, a Grove native, was forced to sit out the first game of the season after having a medical red-shirt by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Reeves played one game in 1995 before an injury sidelined him.

"With Matt not being able to kick the game, Nick stepped up and did a great job of punting, using the squash kick and even scattering to get a punt off after a bad snap. He just kept his cool and composed," said Golden Norse coach Dale Patterson.

"I can't say enough about the whole team. We talked about being a team and staying together the entire game and not getting down. When adversity came we rose to the occasion and overcame it," Patterson said.

After exchanging punts on the first series, the Yellowjackets covered 65 yards in four plays to grab the lead.

Sophomore tailback Jason Brookingas weaved his way through the NEO defense for a 40-yard touchdown run.

Chris Thompson added the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 10:23 left in the first quarter.

The Golden Norse responded with a 16-play drive which covered 69 yards for the tying touchdown. The Key play of the drive was a 15-yard personal foul penalty on a Golden Norse punt.

The penalty gave the Norsemen a 14-yard advantage near midfield and kept the drive alive.

Sophomore tailback DeShawn English culminated the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Blackman's extra point created a 7-7 tie with 3:22 left in the first quarter.

During the drive English carried the ball 10 times for 45 total yards.

Kemper missed two scoring opportunities in the first half as placekicker Chris Thompson missed on field goals of 45 yards and 24 yards.

Twice during the third quarter the Yellowjackets penetrated the Golden Norse territory only to have both drives stall on failed fourth down plays.

"Kemper is an excellent team. I don't think we'll play a more talented team all year. I know we won't play a better defensive team than they are," said Patterson.

During six possessions of the second half, the Golden Norsemen's five times and Kemper was forced to kick a 44-yard field goal after a bad snap on the sixth punt attempt.

A 28-yard run by English aided the 55-yard drive which led to Blackman's game-winning kick.

Kemper gained 274 yards in total offense which included 192 yards on the ground. Brookingas [6-2, 218] gained 139 yards on 24 carries which included 114 yards in the first half.

English out rushed the entire Golden Norse defense in the second half with 128 yards on 28 carries. The Golden Norse were limited to 91 total yards.

Sophomore quarterback Andy Collier struggled connecting on only 4 of 16 passes for 31 yards with one interception. Collier also caught the pass for 19 yards.

While the Golden Norse defense scattered in the 10-7 victory, the NEO defense received stellar performances from their defense.

Co-captain Donavon Laviness and J.C. Thomas paced the Norse defensive unit. Laviness made 12 unassisted tackles, nine assists and two tackles for minus yards. Thomas recorded eight tackles and nine assists.

"Our defense rose to the occasion," said Laviness. "We didn't even allow them inside the 30 after they scored on the second drive," said Patterson.

WHAT A HIT

Golden Norse defenders Ito Akkonon (22), Michael Stamps (8) and Donavon Laviness struggle to bring down Kemper Military College tight end Khary Jackson (88) after an 8-yard pass play during a 10-7 NEO victory last Thursday.

Photo by Larry Mangum
Greyhounds race into Miami
Fort Scott seeks second victory
Josh Mazon
Sports Editor
Following a dramatic 10-7 victory over Kemper Military, the Golden Norsemen remain home to take on Fort Scott Community College Saturdays. 7 p.m. at Robertson Field.
Head coach Del Patterson's Norsemen used a 29-yard Nick Blackman field goal with 1:06 remaining to secure to victory. Fort Scott and first year head coach Kevin Gundy come to Kansas with a 1-1 record.
The Greyhounds opened the season with a 59-0 defeat at the hands of Garden City (Kan.) then followed that up with a 16-12 home win over Dodge City (Kan.). The Golden Norse backfield is led by veteran quarterback Andy Collier (8-0, 195, Midwest City) who went 4-16 with 31 yards and one interception. Sophomore DeShaun English (8-1, 190, Pensacola, Fla.) anchors the backfield position following a 28 carry 120 yard one touchdown performance against Kemper. Starting at fullback is Chris Odson (6-0, 236, Vinita) who had six carries on two attempts. The wide receiver position is anchored by Allen Carroll (5-10, 165, Tulia) while Shawn Mills (5-9, 165) and Chris Miller (5-9, 180, Westville, Okla.) are the starting wide receivers. Brian Davis (6-4, 235, Moore) returns as the starting tight end with 1 catch for 22 yards.
A veteran offensive line returns with Josh Kay (6-3, 274, Wyandotte) and Kendall Zwiebel (6-3, 232, Bethany) starting at the tackles. All-Conference guard Bill Seger (6-4, 310, Mulvane) and John Vandell (6-2, 264, Tulia) will start at the guards while sophomores Ben Bester (6-0, 205, Jenks) starts at center.
Anchoring the defensive line at end will be sophomores Edrick Brooks (6-4, 247, Houston, Texas) and freshman Joura Thomas (9-3, 212, Houston, Texas) or Matt Henson (8-2, 212, Tuttle). The Greyhound Defensive line is led Paul Coulter III (8-0, 215, Nonterville, Kan.) and Raymond Carter (6-4, 200, Topka, Kan.) Ryan Lonergan (6-3, 220, Villa, Kan.) and Angelo Banks 6-5, 285, Garysburg, N.C.).
Starting at linebacker for Fort Scott is Chad Ulepich (5-11, 235, Frontier, Kan.) and Cory Wright (5-11, 214, Okemah, Texas). The defensive backfield is anchored by Trenor Porter (6-1, 180, Birmingham, Ala.) Sidney Butcher (5-10, 179, Okla., Kan.), Mark Denny (5-10, 180, Independence, Kan.), Chris Miller (5-9, 180, Westville, Okla.) and Derek Coleman (5-10, 170, Okla., Kan.).
Intramural sports activities kickoff with flag football
By John Finnell
Sports Editor
With the start of the 1997 school year, intramural sports are about to start. Different intramural sports that students can take place in are flag football, co-ed volleyball, and a pool tournament that will be going on all semester.
"In the future, floor hockey is a possible sport," said Rick Williams director of intramurals. The co-ed intramural sports, which include male and females students, may be made up of any ratio. "Teams can be made up of five guys and one girl or five girls and one guy, that is up to us," Williams said.
"We have an eight page rule book, which is the same one that Oklahoma state University uses for their intramural athletics, that we are going to use for our sports," Williams said.
"We are hoping to get the students who are commuting as well as international involved in the athletics," said Williams.
"Students that are interested in the intramural sports can sign up in Dyer Hall. All they need to do is come in and fill out a card with their personal information," Williams said.

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