Hill leaving for East Central

By Josh Masson
Sports Editor

Who says you can't go home again, that's what Travis Hill has done. A 1960 graduate of Tulsa East Central High School, Hill has left his offensive coordinator post at NEO to become the head football coach and athletic director for the Cardinals.

"This is a good opportunity," said Hill, who spent the past nine years with the Golden Norsemen. "It's a good deal. They've got a new facility that is pretty sharp."

Hill played his college football at Northwestern State University. His coaching career began at Stillwater High School, where he spent four years. He joined the Golden Norse staff when Glenn Wolfe took over for the departed Mack Butler, who left for the University of Tulsa.

"He was in charge of the secondary. After his arrival at NEO, Hill was in charge of the secondary.

Soon after Hill was promoted to defensive coordinator, he became coordinator for the defense for five seasons. During his last two seasons with the Golden Norsemen, Hill was named the offensive coordinator for the Cardinals.

"Travis Hill has been a major factor in the success we've had," said NEOS head football coach Dale Patterson.

"He's done an outstanding job recruiting and an outstanding job of working with the athletes. He will be missed."

"We wish him the best and will do anything we can to help him," Patterson said.

During the 1997 campaign the Cardinals went 7-7 under former head coach Jess Adams. Although, the Cardinals did reach the playoffs three times under Adams including a trip to the Class 5A semifinals.

"We've got a lot of team speed and a lot of skill people," said Hill.

"We don't have a lot of big people, but we have some speed," said Hill.

East Central will return seven starters on offense and six on defense.

"That's a place to start, we'll be young," said Hill. "We've got a lot of young kids who played a lot. There is a heck of a freshman class, they went undefeated and are real high-talent."

Hill will continue to handle the offensive duties.

"We've got a real good defensive coordinator right now in Joe Jones. He does a good job," said Hill.

Hill will be able to hire three assistants to fill his seven-man staff.

He will also be in charge of the athletic department that is making waves across the state.

East Central's wrestling squad won the Miami Invitational last month and is ranked No. 1 in 5A. It's boys basketball team, is improving, and its baseball program hasn't been as competitive.

"Hopefully the guy they hired as football coach will do the same," Hill said.

Scholarship deadlines are approaching soon

James O'Neal
Managing Editor

Deadline for numerous scholarships at NEO are rapidly approaching, according to Karen Key, scholarship coordinator.

Students interested in applying for the $1,200 Oklahoman Presidential Scholarship must be enrolled at the end of May 15.

Freshman need to have a 24 or above ACT composite score, and be in the top 25 percent of their class.

 Sophomore who wish to apply must have at least a 3.5 high school grade point average, above average ACT scores, and demonstrate leadership skills.

Both freshman and sophomore must meet a 3.5 high school grade point average, above average ACT scores, and demonstrate leadership skills.

Freshman students interested in applying for the $800 Merit Residential Scholarship need to have an ACT score of 23 and must live on campus to be eligible for the scholarship.
How do you feel about all the commotion that comes with this weekend's high school tournament?

I think it's good for the kids to be involved & to see a college setting.  

These kids can show leadership in this setting.  

It will be good for the kids to come and tour the campus.  

I know it will be kind of frustrating trying to get where we need to go.  

The cafeteria line will be longer and the panicking on campus will be terrible.

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**OPINION**

**STREET TALK**

by Lacey Mangum

Pope visit has hidden meaning

Billy Bush
College Editor

Since the announcement of Pope John Paul II's visit to Cuba renewed opposition towards the U.S. embargo and political policies concerning Cuba and Fidel Castro. Castro's allowing of the Pope to visit is merely window dressing and an attempt to sway political favor with world powers.

Since the collapse of the Iron Curtain Union Castro has been forced to look in strange places for help for his improved nation. Don't think that it is a coincidence that now in the worst shape the country has been in in years that Pope, a man who has spoken out against the U.S. policies concerning Cuba, is invited to visit when Castro and the country needs economic help the most.

In a country where just five percent of the population is Catholic, Cuba has long repressed Catholicism as a religion stemming from disputes dating back to the 60's when the Catholic church criticized Castro for his change to communism. Protestant churches on the other hand have nearly twice as many members and have enjoyed a more relaxed relationship with Castro after they supported Castro and his fight.

Santarias is another cuban religion that part catholicism practices but recognized by the Roman Catholic church. In a country where Catholicism is not a widely celebrated practice it is being shoved to the fore ground in an attempt to gain favor with the Pope and his entourage.

Castro has long avoided the issue of his religion preventing it to say it is a personal matter and changing the Cuban constitution to make atheist an official part of the Cuban culture and law.

Yet as a former after boy Castro says he will attend the final mass given by the Pope.

Fidel Castro, who once bragged of beating a Marxist priest once while attending school, will be given the opportunity to meet the highest ranking religious figure in the world.

In an attempt to kiss more world and Pope but, Castro will abandon his traditional green fatigues in favor of business suits during the pope's visit. Attempting to take heat off of himself, Castro and his regime have been making nonstop to make changes and repairs to desalinated cities and towns. Also in attempts to curry favor, Castro has allowed outdoor masses and processions, allowed more than 100 foreign priests and nuns to move to Cuba.

Cubans were also allowed to celebrate Christmas as a national holiday for the first time since 1969.

Anyone wishing to attend the masses from the Pope will be given time off with to pay, a historic move in Cuba.

All of this is coming from the same man who expelled priests or sent them to work camps and scoured church property in the 60's after the churches denounced Castro's change to communism.

Castro also harshly represses anyone who champions political reform.

He has sworn that despite the Pope's visit that the ideals and principals of the revolution will stand.

The people still insist that the reason for the visit is not political but to bring light to the suffering in Cuba.

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Dr. Mayle is working for the students

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In a time of renewal for NEO, Dr. Mayle is talking on the ever-expanding technological and educational aspects of the college as he enters his reign of president. Mayle is impressed with the outreach and long-distance education programs that work towards expanding the education of students who are unable to attend regular classes at NEO.

"I'm absolutely convinced that education will change in the way we provide it, making the time and place more convenient for the students," said Mayle.

"The program will allow a student to work toward a degree when they will be able to start at any time," Mayle added.

"Education is lifelong and technology is changing rapidly. Students can complete their degrees and come back to learn, becoming part of a cycle," Mayle said.

With the usage of long-distance learning, there are some questions raised, about classroom activities such as relating one-on-one with teachers and peers, and being able to effectively collect enough information to really know the subject matter.

"A faculty member's role in educating students is different, but just as important as the alternative," Mayle believes that interchanging ideas and problems with the student body is a vital link with the overall experience while attending NEO.

"I plan to work closely with the student body to administer work, need and desires of the students," Mayle said.

"I urge students to become actively involved with various student activities on campus, while they have the opportunity," Mayle said.

Several times, the students of NEO feel the need for certain aspects of the institution to change, helping them if possible, as a whole to gain a better learning experience. This perhaps was best exemplified in last week's Street Talk. The subject matter involved advice for Mayle as new acting president.

One of the two basic questions concerning students at NEO was the idea of changing various aspects of the school's cafeteria.

A possible idea that was brought up was to change the charge of

"When you begin to charge per meal, cost is increased. The role of the cafeteria is to provide quality food at the lowest cost possible," said Mayle.

Mayle also has plans to improve the dormitories, helping the students to immerse themselves in a pool of information by providing access to the Dayton Creech Library information files and the internet through fiber optics.

As for extending visitation hours in the dormitories, Mayle believes that the safety and security of the students should be thought of before deciding to change current policy.

Overall Mayle believes that NEO should "provide a university atmosphere with activities and opportunities so that students are more prepared for their next step in life."

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For those students looking for a quiet place to study, a place to get advice, or to just have a chance to visit the OWLS center.

The OWLS center began as a support system for the adult students who are attending NEO. However, the center is now open to anyone who is interested.

The OWLS center has various activities sponsored each semester by its members. Various activities, like the near future range from getting oriented with various aspects of college life to social dinner with Dr. Mayle as the guest of honor.

Deena Johnston, sponsor of the Owls club stated that today’s meeting was focused on special services for NS students.

"During the meeting, student activities will be discussed, as well as a speakerperson of the cafeteria will discuss summer meal tickets," said Johnston.

Other activities include a member of campus safety discussing parking at NEO, and the school nurse will discuss her role in helping the students.

In addition to the everyday activities the OWLS recognizes several important individuals that deal with various aspects of NEO’s educational outlook.

"On the 30th we will be having a pot luck dinner with Dr. Mayle as our guest of honor," Johnston added.

Johnston added that if you wish to be a part of the OWLS organization, the student has to only pay a $1 entry fee.

If you have any further information, call Deena Johnston at 540-6390 or visit the Owls Center in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Identity deadline nearing on Feb. 13

Friday the 13th can be your lucky day. That is unless you submit to this year’s spring issue of Identity! an anthology of creative writing. The anthology includes stories, poems, short stories, and other works written by students and staff. The anthology provides students with opportunity to get their work published. In contrast, a student at a university may find the competition more difficult.

"Producing the identity has been a learning experience. Every issue, we figure out how to do a better job of displaying student’s work," said Middleton.

The anthology is a non-profit publication with the ultimate purpose of preserving artistic work and as an outlet for student talent. It is preferred that a photo copy of the writing be submitted for the Identity. It is also preferred that copy be typewritten, so that it can be easily read.

Middleton stated that if possible, original artwork be presented, so that a better image could be produced.

When submitting work for the anthology, you must include your name, address, and phone number, so you may be contacted if any questions arise. Persons interested in their work being published should place copies in box 3984 of the campus post office, located in the basement of the Library/Administration building.

Copies may also be submitted to Jack Rucker in the English department, located in the third floor office complex in Shipley Hall.

If there are any other questions, students may contact Jonathan Middleton at 540-6240.

Get your work into print! Submissions are now being accepted from students, staff & the local community for the spring issue of the college anthology.

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Drop off photocopies with your name, address & phone number with Jon Middleton at Box 3984 or Jack Rucker in the English Department. Deadline, Feb. 13, 1998.

If you have any questions, please call Jon Middleton at 540-6240.
Golden Norsemen still struggling

By Josh Maxson
Sports Editor

In the midst of a three game losing streak the Golden Norseman will be looking to put an end to that streak when they travel to Carl Albert to tip off the Bi-State Athletic Conference Eastern division play.

Head coach Lonnie Spencer’s Golden Norsemen now stand 8-4 on the season and 7-2 against the Bi-State Western division.

The Norsemen will then conclude their 5-game road trip with a visit to Connors State on Jan. 29 for a 8 p.m. start.

Northern 77 - NEO 56

Missing starters Rod Sooter and Corey Crist with the flu for the second straight game the Golden Norseman suffered another difficult defeat at the hands of 20th ranked Northern in Tontowa.

The Mavericks moved their record 16-3 on the season under head coach D.A. Weilberg.

Opening the game with a Brent Porter trey and a field goal from Mahcoe Parker the Norse held an early 5-0 lead at the 18:46 mark.

Only to see the Mavericks go on an 18-0 run over the next 5:51 of the first half for an 18-5 lead at 12:25 remaining in the first half.

Trading buckets over the next few minutes, two free throws from Stephan Green with 6:24 left in the first created a 28-14 deficit.

Once again Northern went on a run, 10-2 this time sparked by five points from Doshawn Damron and two points each from Marion Towns, Josh Regner and Jared Weilberg.

NEO closed the first half with a trey and a field goal from Porter. While Denson hit two free throws with 01.11 second to give Northern left for a 45-25 halftime lead.

At the end of the third quarter Northern led 53-31.

NEO went on a 20-4 run to open the second half and closed the Mavericks lead to 48-45 with 10:43 remaining in the game.

It was all Northern the rest of the way when they went on a 29-10 run to close out the game.

Porter lead the Norse scoring with 19 points while Parker added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Denson led the way for the Mavericks with 13 points while Towns chipped in with 14 points.

Eastern 100 - NEO 77

Once again the Golden Norse fell behind early and never were able to recover.

Eastern hit 4 of their first 5 3-pointers to help open a 10-4 lead with 16:21 remaining in the half.

NEO made a charge late in the half to draw within 7 points at 52-45 with a 10-2 run.

Fueled by five points from Brent Porter while Denson, Wallace and Jaeger Allen added two points each and Stephan Green chipped in with one point.

NEO got as close as a five at 59-54 when Porter nailed a 3-pointer with 15:22 remaining in the game.

Mahcoe Parker and Todd Green led the way for the Norse with 12 points each while Marion Green added 9 points.

Aaron Noel led the Eastern charge with 23 points.

West Plains 82 - NEO 78

West Plains held off a late Golden Norsemen charge to hold a 85-78 win.

Leading scorer for NEO was Mahcoe Parker with 20 points, Todd Green with 19 points and Marion Green chipped in with 15 points.

Bryce Bonche lead a balanced attack for West Plains with 19 points while Allen Phillips added 13 points.

NEO outrebounded West Plains 45-38.

Going up!

Freshman Marion Green going way up for a monster dunk.
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Lady Norse on Winning Streak

By John Fennell

Returning from the Christmas break the Lady Norse used their inspired effort to hand the 16th ranked Seminole Lady Belles a 54-53 defeat at the NEO Fieldhouse.

With the win the Lady Norse have won four of their last five games to improve their record to 7-1 in the bi-State Athletic Conference and 9-2 overall. The Lady Norse will be hitting the road to start a five game road trip starting January 17. The Lady Norse will be facing the Eastern Oklahoma College who is ranked 23 in the nation.

Leading the way for the Lady Norse in the huge win over Seminole was Kwana Battle who scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Along with her was dual digit scoring by Adrienne Everett who scored 11 and Brooke Carter who scored 10. The Lady Norse weathered away the win for the second time since returning from the break.

The Lady Norse defense held the Lady Belles offense scoreless for nine minutes during the first half to put together a 24 point run. Also holding an edge on the rebounding was the Lady Norse who out rebounded Seminole 46-36.

The Lady Norse 54 - Western Oklahoma State 29

Overcoming a sluggish offensive performance in the first half, the Lady Norse polish a win over Western Oklahoma College 54-29 Friday night in the Neo Fieldhouse.

During the first five minutes of play the Lady Norse pulled out an 11-0 lead on five points by Brooke Carter, four by Kwana Battle and a basket by Tina Clendening. The Lady Norse maintained their lead going into the half with a 23-11 cushion.

After an attempt come back by the Lady Pioneers that brought the score to 37-25 with 7:06 left to play, the Lady Norse put the game out of reach. Outscoring Western 17-2 through the last seven minutes, Carter scored eight points and Everett and Kiera Robinson added three points each to fuel the outburst.

Carter led all scorers with 15 total points while Everett came off the bench to contribute 14 points for the Lady Norse.

The Lady Norse, led by Battle, who pulled 13 rebounds, out rebounded the Lady Pioneers 54-22.

The Lady Norse 70 - Rose State 51

Closing out the fall portion of their schedule the Lady Norse defeated Rose State 70-51.

Sophomore guard Brooke Carter led the scoring for the Lady Norse by connecting on 5 of 7 from 3-point range to lead all scorers with 19 total points. Veteran center Tina Clendening added 14 points and freshman Camryn Weick contributed 13.

Kim Henderson was the only Lady Raider to score in the double digits with 10 total points.

The Lady Norse 53 - Cowley County 62

Suffering an ugly loss to Cowley County 66-63 the Lady Norse committed 35 turnovers and only managed seven offensive rebounds.

Taking the opening tip off the Lady Tigers led 16-10 for the first 12 minutes of play. The Lady Norse turned the ball over 21 times in the first half alone, as the were held to a season low 14 points as Cowley built a 31-14 cushion.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Norse was Carter, Clendening and Weick who scored eight points each.

Girls Performing Well Since Break

By John Fennell

Returning from the Christmas break, the Lady Norse basketball team has put a five game winning streak together including several upsets.

With the vast improvement in play, the Lady Norse have not played all of their opponents offensively and defensively which has contributed to the team's success.

Much of the teams improvement play is credited to the way they are playing as a unit.

Their defense is still as showing off their skills the Lady Norse, have out rebounded and their opponents on defensive side of the ball as well as the offensive.

Offensively the girls are all pulling their weight. With Brooke Carter hitting three's consistently and having Tina Clendening, Camryn Weick and Kwana Battle down low the ladies are getting the offensive support that they need to win.

With the combined offensive and defensive power the girls have they are looking like a whole new team on the floor.

It seems that they are a completely different team than they were back in the Coffeyville Classic Tournament.

They are playing more intense and they look like they have a cause.

Sophomores on the team are looking like leaders. Carter, Clendening, and Carla Rogers are all second year players that I feel can really help the freshmen players.

Since the return from the break, and the winning streak they have put together, the Lady Norse are 5-1 in the bi-State Athletic Conference.

To this point our girls have been one of the best teams in the 12 team conference, with several of the 12 teams nationally ranked.

The ladies have put up a record of three victories against top 25 ranked teams in the nation.

With a tough schedule in games ahead the ladies will certainly have to keep doing the job they have been maintaining the level of play they have achieved.

I think if the ladies keep their heads in the game and dont lose the drive that has gotten them the success they have now, they could be a nationally ranked team by the end of the season.

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Kwana Battle (40) attempts to drive to the basket in recent conference action.
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