Equine judges capture prestigious national quarterhorse competition

By Karl Clift

Two members of the college were judging some capped top honors as the NDO team won the overall honors during the All-American Quarterhorse Congress, recently in Columbus, Ohio. Competing against a field of eight other two-year schools, this marks the first team championship won in the All-American Quarterhorse Congress in the five-year history of the NDO program.

"This contest was important to me because it is the only contest that I haven't won in my five years as a coach," said coach Kevin Poel.

"It was also the sophomores last competition. They have been working extra hard and deserved to win," Poel said.

The All-American Quarterhorse Congress is the most prestigious single breed horse show in the world. The NDO team finished first in halter, second in overall and third in performance.

Stony Stamper, a sophomore from Logan Grove, captured first overall, first in halter, and first in halter competition. Poel also placed third in performance.

Melanie Viera, a freshman from Rio Grande, Calif., finished second in individual competition. Viera placed first in performance and second in both overall and reserve and third in halter.

"This year the congress split the junior college and the university division into separate judging groups. The scores show that if they would have left the colleges together that NDO would have still come on top," said Poel.

Throughout his high school career, Stamper has competed in several national contests. Last year Stamper won the world competition in Oklahoma City. The All-American Quarterhorse Congress competed the first time a junior college student has won the individual competition.

"I was excited to win the individual competition," Stamper said.

Along with the prestige of winning the individual title, Stamper also earned a $50 scholarship, a pair of top-the-line boots and shoes, $252 in gift certificates and medals.

"Winning this type of honor opens the eyes of university coaches and gives me more choices to continue my education," Stamper said.

"I have my heart set on Oklahoma State University," said Stamper.

Not only was this the biggest win in Stamper's career, but it was also his first as a member of the NDO team. His eligibility ran out after this competition.

"Not only did NDO have the high individual, but we had the second-high individual as well," Poel said.

Viera judged in high school and won the national judging contest in Florida.

"I believe that NDO has the best judging program in the nation. I am always learning because judging is a mental game. The contests are very challenging," Viera said.

"We practice five days a week and then we travel on weekends. We work very hard," Poel said.

GRAZING PRACTICE

Stony Stamper, a sophomore from Logan Grove, demonstrates to equine coach Kevin Poel the techniques he used to capture top individual honors in the All-American Quarterhorse Congress in Columbus, Ohio recently.

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY
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"Hot Topics and Cold Cuts" is the theme of the light luncheon held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Christian Student Fellowship located at 108 E Street Northeast. The meal is free.

TUESDAY
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Students are reminded that time cards for the two-week period ending Oct. 25, are due by 1 p.m. in the data entry office located in the basement of the Dugan. Library/Administration building.

WEDNESDAY
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The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will host a free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 21 at 12:5 p.m. at theImage of the World. The students are sponsored by the church. The al components of the assembly are free.

THURSDAY
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Students living in the residence halls will play host to Miami area children for the annual Trick-or-Treat experience from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dugan, Harrall, Russell and Main Halls.

FRIDAY
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Don't forget! Fall Back at Midnight Saturday...
New legislation effects education

Christine Blaylock
Assistant Editor

The legislation also raises the maximum authorized amount for Pell Grants from the current $3,500 to $4,500 a year in 1999-2000 and to $5,500 in 2000-2001. Congress has yet to decide how much money the Clinton administration proposed spending. President Clinton said that tuition and fees were up four percent this year. Students starting to repay their loans through the Direct Loan and Government-Guaranteed Loan, or FFEL, programs.

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Newspaper career requires considerable time, effort, and dedication to people

By Mindy Fleming

Lifestyles Editor

Being a journalist on the Norse Wind can be a pretty hectic job.

On the busiest days in the newsroom, one can hear the hammering of keyboards which come to the beginning of each week. Students trying to get the much needed information from sources and then try to interpret the information into the finishing product and not as easy as it sounds.

Many long and hard hours are put into creating this weekly newspaper. In combination with the long hours, determination is also needed to finish the paper on time.

Being on the staff is also a great opportunity to gain hands on experience working in the journalism profession.

D e l e e Mincher is a sophomore from Seminole.

Mincher is the executive editor for the paper. "I’m excited about Southwestern’s first year of journalism and the format it offers," Mincher said. "We’re all very excited that we can take a job and work hard to get it done.

"I enjoy working with the staff. They have worked really hard to get things done," Mincher said. "I am proud of the way we have worked this year."

A sophomore from Miami, Sara Livingston, is the managing editor.

"I have really enjoyed working at the newspaper. I have been able to get involved with other organizations on campus and have made some great friends," said Livingston.

"I am very excited about this year and the new staff," said Mincher. "We are all very excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for the Norse Wind and the journalism program at Southwestern."

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The paper is printed by the Norse printing department.

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Operator answers all types of questions

By Mindy Fleming

Lifestyles Editor

"I know my job, but I never knew it was anything," said Mincher. "I am a student at Southwestern and I am in charge of running the newspaper."

Mincher is a freshman from the Texas Tech student newspaper.

"I enjoy my job because I get to make a lot of people happy," Mincher said. "I enjoy working with all the students and making sure that they have a good time at Southwestern.

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The Norse Wind has been upgraded in the past few years.

"On the old switchboard, I had to tell the caller to hang up and that the call was not going through," said Mincher. "The new switchboard is much easier to use and the calls go through much faster."

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Queen enjoys representing the college

By Kari Clift
People Editor

"It was one of the best experiences of my life and I will never forget the rush of excitement that I felt," said Holden.

Holden, a senior at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, recently returned from the Western Regional Women's Basketball Tournament in Seattle, Washington. The tournament, which featured some of the top women's basketball teams in the country, was an opportunity for Holden to showcase her skills and represent her school on the national stage.

Holden, who is majoring in business administration, has been involved in numerous activities on campus, including serving as a member of the Student Government Association and participating in the campus newspaper. Her dedication to her studies and extracurricular activities earned her a place on the Dean's List.

"I have always been a hard worker and I believe that it paid off," said Holden. "I am proud of everything that I have accomplished so far, and I look forward to what the future holds for me."
**Sports**

**Wranglers visit Norse corral**

By Billy Burry  
Sports Editor

Playing the final home game of the season, the Golden Norsemen returned home to host the Cisco Junior College Wranglers, Saturday, 6 p.m. at Robertson Field. Being honored before the game will be all sophomores who will play their last game at Robertson field.

"It means a lot to the sophomores, they know that this is their last game on Robertson field, and they will want to go out and do the best that they can," Patterson said.

"We may not be the best offense in the conference and we may not be the best defense or special teams, but when you put it all together we may have the best package in the conference," said Patterson.

Last week both Paul Jones and Jazin Thomas were named offensive and defensive players of the week. This marks the third time this year and the win in a row for Thomas to receive this honor while this marks the first time for Jones.

Head coach Dale Patterson’s Norsemen stand 4-3 on the season and 3-2 in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference after a 40-29 victory over Elgin Community College last Saturday in Kilgore, Texas.

"We’ve got to work on being a better football team this week, we’ve got to stop when we get the ball in the red zone and that’s something we’ve got to improve on," said Patterson.

The Wranglers are 0-7 on the season and 0-5 in the conference after a 13-2 loss to Navarro Community College this past weekend.

NED holds a commanding 14-3 lead in the series dating back to 1975. Cisco walked away with a 37-21 victory over the Golden Norseman last year in route to amassing 435 yards.

Prior to the loss the Norseman had won the previous six games in the series.

NED ranks second in the conference in total offense while ranking seventh in defense.

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**Lady Norse open on road**

By Billy Burry  
Sports Editor

Competing in one of the toughest junior college women’s basketball conferences in the country, the Lady Norse 28-game schedule features several national-ranked teams.

"Parity has finally come to women’s junior college basketball," said Lady Norse head coach June Spence.

"In the past there were few or no teams in the area that you could schedule and just about every team was getting a win. Now, our schedule is full of teams that have the ability and talent to beat anybody, right in front of us and at night." 

"We don’t have a breather in our 28-game schedule. Our non-conference schedule features teams like Coffeyville, Kan., Independence, Kan., and Crowder, Mo., all of which are expected to challenge for their regional titles," Gipson said.

"We’re in the thick of things," Gipson said.

"The chick is going to be one of our goals at a time and see what happens," Gipson said.

1996-97 Schedule

November 4-4 Rose State, 6-7 Bartin County (Kan.) Community College, Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College, Butler County Community College and Baca College all on the 30-game schedule.

"Early on, we meet Barton County who is always tough and then see Butler County Community College who ranked in the top 25," said Spence.

"Later on, we will meet Three Rivers and Indian Hills, who is the two-time defending national champion with a 75-game winning streak."

"The key to the whole season will be if we can pull off some early upset and get some momentum," Spence said.

"If we follow that up by just taking the season one game at a time, we’ll be able to put together some wins," said Spence.

"The conference season looks spotless, with Coffeyville expected to finish first. Last year we were predicted to finish fifth, but finished second with only one game separating us from first and just one game separating us from fifth," Spence said.

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**Golden Norse cage schedule features variety**

By Billy Burry  
Sports Editor

Featuring several teams ranked in the National Junior College Athletic Association pre-season basketball polls, the 1995-96 Golden Norseman basketball season should showcase junior college basketball talent.

"This is the toughest schedule that the basketball team has seen since I’ve been the head coach," said Coach Jornite Harris.

The Golden Norseman basketball season consists of a big of top teams with Conestoga State College, Indian Hills (Iowa) Community College, Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College, Butler County Community College and Baca College all on the 30-game schedule.

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**GOING TO THE HOOP**

Photo by Debra Michelle

Senior point guard Beau Wallace drives past a defender during a game last season.
Norse rain on Kilgore

By Billy Busby
Sports Editor

Struggling in the rain, the Golden Norseman took advantage of the special teams play to make a 40-19 conference victory over the Kilgore Rangers last Saturday in Kilgore.

"This game just goes to show how important it is to play opportune defense and get the big play from your special teams," said head coach Dale Patterson. "We scored 22 points in the span of just over eight minutes by just playing heads up and covering well both defensively and on special teams."

Taking the ball on their own two-yard line, NED traveled to the Kilgore 32-yard line in 14 plays before a fumble by tailback Josh Scooby. Failing to score on their next two possessions the NED defense held the Ranger offenses net of the end zone on their final three possessions to keep the game scoreless in the first quarter.

"I thought the rain has some impact on the game because not only did we lose the fumble on our opening drive, but we were having difficulty with containment and tackling especially on the sweeps. The field was in pretty good shape, except right in the middle, it was a little wet," Patterson said.

On the Golden Norseman's first possession of the second quarter they traveled 62 yards in 13 plays behind a 45-yard pass to Shawn Mills plus play. Scooby found the end zone from five yards out to give NED the lead 7-0 after a Nick Blackman point after.

Cutting the lead to 7-6, Kilgore covered 77 yards in 14 plays before tailback Johnny McHenry scored on a 20-yard pass after penalties moved the ball back to the point after attempt failed with 6:13 in the second quarter.

Special teams made the impact in the third quarter as Norsemen returned a Kilgore punt 77 yards to add to the NED lead 20-13.

Defensive end Jesse Thomas knocked the Norse lead to 26-13 after returning 65 yards on a fumble recovery in the third quarter. NED's next score came after Long returned a Kilgore punt 76 yards to make the score 33-13 heading into the third quarter.

Breaking on a kick play, NED tailback Marcus Long took a hand off from Presco and rolled out to find wide receiver Paul Jones on a 55-yard pass play for a touchdown. The fast receiver converted attempt failed to make the score 43-13 with 6:22 left in the half.

A dropped punt return by Long allowed Kilgore to tie the score at 43 with 12 seconds left in the third quarter. Kilgore's final drive of the night came after tailback Regina Thomas scored from one yard out. The conversion failed leaving the score 43-19 at the game's end.

Scooby lead the Norsemen with 111 yards on 24 carries. Jaqua Thomas set the NED career sack record after receiving nine tackles, four assists, two sacks, two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, one fumble return for a touchdown and one blocked punt.

Ladies suffer three conference loses in home quad match finale

By Billy Busby
Sports Editor

Playing in their final home match of the season the Lady Norse dropped three in conference play last week in the NED fieldhouse.

The losses drop the Lady Norse to 6-16 on the season. The Lady Norse conclude the regular season next Thursday with a tri-match at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

"We had some really good games this week, but it really showed that some of our kids have been off for four or five days after all, we lost the first game to Westark 15-7 and then came back to win 15-11 in the second game. That took a lot of heart to accomplish that," said head coach Jan Stuey.

In the opening duel of the quad match, Westark defeated the Lady Norse 15-1 before losing the next set 15-13 and coming back to win the last game 15-13 to claim the victory.

NED continued by losing the next match with Cowans State 8-15, and 15-13 in two straight games. In the final match of the night the Lady Norse saw Redlands walk away with 16-14 and 15-6 victories.

"We seem to have lost both our confidence and our leadership on the court. We've had a hard time getting any quality practice time in because we've had six players sidelined for two weeks with either injuries or sickness. That takes the consistency away from your game," Stuey said.

"It's hard to get them to understand that they are not staying focused. They had two solid games against Westark and then came back and played real flat in the last two matches. They know they have this problem and they're working on it."

"The same four teams will meet in the regional in three weeks and it will be anybody's game. It will be who is playing best at that time. This region is very even," said Stuey.
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