Livestock judges face busy slate

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Competing in the annual Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair in Fort Smith, Ark., recently, the college livestock judging teams placed second and seventh respectfully.

Brad Frenwich, a sophomore from Remmey, Ind., finished seventh in the individual competition of the pre-distribution.

Gavin Gammler, from Carter, placed first as high individual in the freshman competition.

Lisa Douglas, of Miami, finished second in the freshman individual competition.

Heath Bush, from Chickasha, placed fifth individually as a freshman.

Participating in the Tulsa State Fair, coach Jay Dougherty's teams placed first and third overall.

Erich Ahele, a freshman from El Dorado Springs, Mo., captured first high individual honors at Tulsa.

Heath Bush, freshman, Chickasha, placed third high individual.

Summer Cox, a freshman from Aukel, tied for 10th place in the individual competition.

Both teams traveled to Stevesport, La., last Monday, to compete in the Louisiana State Fair.

No organic materials, no perishable items, and no sharp objects will be allowed to be used.

Chains are not to be used on the chairs.

"I would like to make a special note that participants are not allowed to touch the guests, in any manner," said Harri Miller, coordinator of the haunted house.

"I have decided to make this more worth students while, so I have raised the prize money," Miller said.

First prize in decorating is $150, second prize $100, and third prize is $50," said Miller. Admission to the haunted house is $2 for all those who wish to attend.

Entrance to the haunted house will be on the west side and up the fire escape to the second floor.

Haunted House open

By Sara Livingston
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Celebrating the spirit of "All Hallow's Eve," is the second annual Haunted House which opened Thursday in the vacant Commons Hall dormitory.

Co-sponsored by the office of student activities and the Afro-American Society, the haunted house features individual rooms decorated by campus clubs and organizations.

The house is open from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. today and Saturday.

Each group was allowed to choose their own room.

There was no cost to the clubs and organizations to decorate the rooms.

The first floor of Commons was decorated by student activities and the second floor was used by participating organizations.

AROUND CAMPUS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 2

"Hit Topics and Cold Cuts" is the theme of the light lunch held at noon at the Christian Student Fellowship located at 106 E 10th Street Northeast. The meal is free.

Residents on campus are reminded that room and board payments for the month of November are due in the business office located on the first floor of the Czech Library/Administration building.

TUESDAY: 3

Students are invited to attend the free "Monday" luau starting at 12:15 p.m. at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located just north of the main campus.

More than 25 area high school teams are expected to compete in the day-long Quiz Bowl hosted by Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

The annual meeting of the Student Body Government is at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

WEDNESDAY: 4

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will host a free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Monday at 12:15 p.m., and Night breakfast at 9 p.m.

Christian Student Fellowship will host "Eatin' on the West" at noon at their building located at 106 E 10th Street Northeast. The slam-sponsored lunch is free.

Officers for Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society will meet at 3:30 p.m. in room 209 of Cooper Hall.

THURSDAY: 5

Students are invited to the free "Sunday Night" activities at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry located at 106 E 10th Street Northeast.

Students are invited to visit the "Sugar Shack" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the lobby of the Hardy/Dobson hall. The shack is sponsored by the Afro-American Society.

FRIDAY: 6

Today is the last day to drop a class and still receive a "W" The procedure is stated in the registrar's office located in the Czech Library/Administration building.

Noon activities at 12:15 p.m. in the Baptist Christian Ministry. Meal tickets for the month of November must be validated in the business office.

Student meal cards are due by 4:30 p.m. in the supervisor's office.
Holiday rooted in myth

By Christine Blaylock

Halloween, as we know it today, is truly an American phenomenon, but the holiday did originate in Ireland.

The Celtic peoples of Ireland celebrated the festival of Samhain on October 31. Samhain, meaning "end of summer," was a time to harvest crops and bring bread down from the mountainous pastures.

Samhain was believed to be a magical time. The Celts believed that times of transition, like the interval between night and day, were times when the boundaries between our world and the spirit world were the thinnest.

Since Samhain was the transition between summer and winter, the Celts felt that Samhain was a time to honor the dead and try to communicate with loved ones that had died. In this regard, the holiday was viewed much like Mexico's Dia De Los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead."

Since Samhain was thought to be a time when the dead roamed the earth, huge bonfires were set atop cliffs to scare away unwanted or evil spirits.

There is no evidence that cauldrons or any animals were thrown into these fires as sacrificial offerings. Canes were not even indigenous to Ireland at that time. The only animals that were killed around the time of Samhain were animals deemed unfit for breeding throughout the winter.

There is no deity, demon or spirit named Samhain. Samhain is simply the name of the festival that celebrates the end of summer. The Celts had no demons or devils in their religion, however, they did believe that fairies existed. These fairies were considered short-sighted, bossy and dangerous.

The Celts believed that any food left on vines, trees, or in the ground after Samhain would be tainted by the fairies.

Due to the belief that these fairies and the dead wandered the earth on Samhain, many households put out food for their deceased family members or the fairies to ensure good fortune for the new year.

Vagrants usually esto food, leaving the inhabitants of the house to belled them or they had been visited by their beloved dead.

Vagrants and pranksters became such a problem that ol雳ers began wearing horrific masks to scare away the unwant ed. The contained individuals often carried lollipops. During the period when the Catholic Church controlled the Celts into Christianity, much changed with Samhain.

Soon, the Celts' festivities were combined into All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1. The Church did not want to upset the Celts and cause them to denounce Christianity, but still wanted to end their Pagan celebrations.

All Saints Day became known as Hallows Day. The Catholic Church abandoned its diavol of the traditions of the Teanban.

In the 1800s when Ireland suffered from potato failures, over 700,000 Irish Catholics came to America and brought with them many traditions of Halloween. These traditions soon changed to accommodate their new land.

The wearing of terrifying masks to scare away food scavengers or pranksters and the custom of leaving food for visitors eventually became "Trick or Treating."

American Irish were influenced by Native American stories of ghosts and American Colonial stories of witchcraft.

Halloween gained a lot of popularity in the 1920s when American cities began sponsoring parades and costumed parties. By the 1930s the radio programs united all the different Halloween traditions across America.

After World War II ended, the population exploded and the "Baby Boom" parents saw Halloween as a unique, fun holiday to include their children in.

Halloween decreased in popularity in the 1960's and the 1970's. Now the "Baby Boom" children have become parents themselves, embracing Halloween again.

Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in America, second only to Christmas.

Red Ribbon Week ignored on campus

Christine Blaylock

Did you know that this week is "Red Ribbon Week?" If you are asking yourself, "What is Red Ribbon Week, you are probably not alone. It is to show support for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

Since 1988 the National Red Ribbon Celebration sponsored by the National Family Partnership, has been held every year from October 23 to 31 to honor the memory of DEA agent Kiki Camarena, who was assassinated in Mexico by a drug cartel in 1985. He believed that one person can make a difference. Inspired by Camarena, his family began wearing red ribbons to commemorate his commitment against drugs.

Now individuals, communities and especially students throughout the country have taken up the banner of the red ribbon, continuing his tradition to prevent America's youth from ever using illegal drugs.

In years past, faculty members and students were encouraged to wear red ribbons to show their support for responsible behavior, here on campus.

There are no activities planned for the students to honor this week. There is no mention of "Red Ribbon Week" anywhere on this campus.

The students here need to get more involved. Educate yourself and let your voice be heard!
Resident life changes visitation

By DeAnna Mincher
Assisted Managing Editor

After more than two years of consideration and thought, the visitation hours in the five residential dorms have been changed, according to Kathy Dibach, coordinator of resident life.

The change will go into effect Sunday, Nov. 1.

Presently the visiting hours are 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 p.m. to midnight both Friday and Saturday.

New visiting hours will be 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

“We are very excited about being able to bring this change in visitation hours to the residents. I know the students were looking for a more significant increase, but when it comes to policy revisions, you sometimes have to take baby steps,” said Dibach.

“Efforts to change visitation hours has not been easy for someone who’s afraid if this policy is ever going to see a noticeable change, it is going to take a lot of students to get behind it,” Dibach said.

Members of the Resident Life Council attended a meeting at Oklahoma State University in 1997 concerning OSU’s attempt to increase their visitation.

“At that time we discovered exactly how much time was going to be involved in revising this policy,” said Dibach.

“We have considered all the options for extending the hours and communicated with other colleges of similar size regarding their policy. What we found is that it really varies,” said Dibach.

If anyone is interested in changing visitation hours, they can contact the Resident Life Council in the office located in the lobby of Hardt/Dobens dormitory or by calling Dibach at ext. 3091.

Wizard of Oz cast selected

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Cast members for the annual children’s production by Theatre NEO have been announced, according to director Steve McCarty.

The Wizard of Oz begins a four-day run Dec. 2 with productions at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

“Approximately 3,500 area elementary students will be invited to see the play,” said McCarty.

In charge of costume and makeup will be Sherry McCarty.

The stage manager will be Tiffany Denvir.

The lighting and design will be done by David Freeman.

The cast consists of 13 characters.

Scarecrow is portrayed by Adrienne Trenchbery, sophomore, Webb City, Mo.

Toto is portrayed by Valerie Adair, a freshman from Ardmore.

The Good Witch of the North is played by Jessica Wright, a freshman from Dorrington.

Munchkin 1 will be portrayed by Anna Sells.

Munchkin 2 will be played by Amber Phillips, a Commerce freshman.

Munchkin 3 will be Troy Carey, a freshman from Girard, Kan.

The Scarecrow is being portrayed by sophomore Bill Scrheimer, from Oskaloosa.

Playing the Tin Woodman is Jeff Thompson, a sophomore from Tahlequah.

The Cowardly Lion is portrayed by Lathan Mayberry, a sophomore from Altus.

Guardian of the Gates will be Brian Adley, a sophomore from Fairfield.

The Wicked Witch of the West will be portrayed by Lindsey Page, a Grove sophomore.

The Wizard of Oz is being portrayed by Justin Trenchbery, a sophomore from Webb City, Mo.

Glenda, the Good Witch is played by Julie Pitts, a freshman from Joplin.

The general public is invited to the production at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 and for a special matinee performance on Saturday, Dec. 5.

The cost of admission is $4 for adults and $3 for senior citizens.

Students and employees are admitted free with a valid ID card.

The play is based on the book The Wizard Of Oz by L Frank Baum written in 1928. Several scenes have been made based on the book including the 1938 version featuring Judy Garland.

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Pre-athletic training program growing

By Keri Cift
Sports Editor

The pre-athletic training program is still going strong after the introduction of the program in the NEO curriculum last year. The program is designed to teach students prevention and care of athletic injuries.

The need to stay in shape and rehabilitate injuries has become increasingly more important in today's society where sports have come to the forefront. The need for athletic trainers is no longer just for professional athletes anymore. Middie schools, high schools and colleges are starting to keep a training staff.

Heading up the program is NEO head trainer Mike Barlow. "Athletic trainers are the people that fill this void at every level of competition," said Barlow.

"There is a need for health care providers to care for those athletes that get injured," Barlow said.

With their only being 16,000 certified athletic trainers in the United States there are literally millions of athletes that compete on teams, and individually.

Currently there are 25-30 students at NEO who consider pre-athletic training their major.

Students that follow this major gain hands-on experience along with a knowledge of the curriculum.

This program gives the students an opportunity to have hands-on experience. They are at every home sporting event on the field or court and even at some practices.

An average athletic trainer puts in 1200-1500 hours of funds or time before they graduate the two-year program.

These students have to take classes like health, first aide, care and prevention, and nutrition.

"They also learn to tape ankles and learn what to do during an emergency," Barlow said.

The degree you receive at NEO in this area is an associate in arts, which is a two-year degree.
Norse conclude regular season

By Billy Buoy

Hunting for a conference-play-off spot, the Golden Norsemen will travel to Boshim Texas Saturday to take on the Blinn Buccaneers in Southwest Junior College Football Conference action.

Coach Dale Paterson's Norsemen are currently 5-3 on the season and 4-2 in conference play after a 48-10 victory over Cisco last Saturday at Robertson Field.

The Baccaroons stood 4-4 on the season and 3-3 in conference play after suffering a 16-10 loss at the hands of Kilgore College last weekend.

"This is a big game for us this week, with winning this week we can finish 6-3 which is the best we've ever finished in this conference and make the playoffs which will be a first for us in this conference," said Paterson.

Leading the Norse offensive will be quarterbacks Sheared Ponte (6-2, 214), Ponte garnered Co-Offensive Player of the week honors last week while ranking second in the conference in passing with 1,160 yards on 119 completions and one touchdown.

Controlling the Norse off-line will be sophomore Derrick Walker (6-3, 211). Walker is eighth in the conference in passing with 272 yards on 66 of 21 passing with four interceptions and one touchdown.

Also figuring in the mix at quarterback for the Norsemen will be freshman Brant Cerrone (6-2, 212) and Brant Null (6-1, 191).

In the backfield the Golden Norse will start freshman Josh Scooby (5-10, 342) and sophomore Dejuan Welsh (5-1, 210). Scooby is fifth in the conference in rushing with 949 yards on 115 rushes and eight touchdowns. Welsh has been hampered by injuries for part of the season.

At tackles for Blinn will be in sophomore Will Rogers (5-9, 190) and sophomore Karim Johnson (6-3, 238) at fullback.

Rogers is 10th in the conference in rushing with 341 yards on 49 carries with two touchdowns while Johnson is 15th with 224 yards on 35 carries.

At wideouts for Blinn will be in sophomore Matt Puckett (6-2, 250) and Paul Jones (6-3, 183). Jones is third in the conference in receiving with 75 catches on 29 receptions and four touchdowns.

Junior Null in Mills is fifth with 289 yards on 20 receptions and one touchdown.

Blinn will start freshman Shafique Coleman (5-10, 250) and Brant Null (6-1, 191) at wide receiver.

Null is sixth in the conference in receiving with 205 yards on 21 receptions with one touchdown while Coleman is eighth in the conference with 208 yards on 15 receptions.

At tight end for the Norse will be sophomore Brian Blackwood (6-2, 245). Blackwood is tied for fourth in the conference in receiving with 170 yards on 15 receptions and one touchdown.

Starting at right end for Blinn will be sophomore Travis Finch (6-3, 225) along with sophomore Jason Weaver (6-2, 226).

Along the defensive front for the Norseman will be defensive ends Ethan Henson (6-3, 235) left end, Karen Richardson (6-2, 205) tackle, Josh Irvin (6-2, 240) right tackle, and Jaqua Thomas (6-3, 240) right tackle, Thomas leads the conference in sacks with 18 while also recording 58 tackles and 32 assists with six tackles for a loss and one blocked punt. Henson contributes 32 tackles with 41 assists and two sacks while Richardson has 19 tackles and 33 assists with one sack.

The Baccaroons will be in junior lineman Willie Ott (6-2, 240) and junior lineman Charles Winters (6-3, 218) at defensive tackle.

"Their defense is a typical Texas defense, they're big and strong and they're like to run, they've played pretty good defense all year long," said Paterson.

In the Baccaroons defensive back unit will be freshman Jean Puckett (5-6, 200) and Marc Allen (6-1, 240) at defensive tackle, with Danny Nephew (5-6, 220) and Jonathan Field (6-3, 275) at defensive end.

Finch leads the Norse with 41 tackles and four sacks and Nephew contributes 24 tackles and one sack.

Starting in the backfield for Blinn will be in sophomores Corey Mathis (6-1, 220), Nathan Woodruff (6-2, 220), Columbus Waddy (6-2, 223) along with sophomore Bobby Jordan (5-10, 176).

Woodard leads the Baccaroons in tackles with 20 tackles and one assist while contributing 53 tackles and one sack.

In the secondary for the Norse will be sophomores Eric Allen (5-10, 165), and trenchers Browning (5-6, 180) at cornerback with Willie Monefield (6-1, 210) and Brent Withers (6-0, 190) at safety.

Withers leads the Norse secondary with 32 tackles and 22 assists. Browning has 24 tackles and six assists.

Starting in the Blinn secondary will be freshmen Rod Green (5-11, 182) and Jean Duque (5-11, 183) at corners and sophomore Mike Pinette (5-10, 185) at safety.

Pinette leads the Blinn secondary in tackles with 31 tackles. Green adds four interceptions.

Norsemen coral Wranglers

By Billy Buoy

Playing at home for the final time this season, the Golden Norsemen crushed Cisco (Texas) 48-10 in a lopsided victory last Saturday at Robertson Field.

With the win NED improved to 5-3 on the season and 4-2 in the conference while Cisco falls to 0-8 in the season.

"We weren't emotionally into the game with Cisco, but I expected that. After all, they came in here without in seven games and we were running off two very emotional victories over Navarro and Kilgore, so I expected us to be a little flat," said Paterson.

The Norsemen grabbed an early 7-0 lead after an 11 play 77 yard drive. Josh Scooby scored from five yards out and Nick Blackman added the extra point with a 2-2-2 left in the first quarter.

"I think we're starting to feel more comfortable running our offense. Not only is DeShawn doing a better job at fullback and looking at tackle, but our offensive line play has really improved. It was a good effort," said Paterson.

On their following possession, the Norsemen covered 75 yards on 10 plays as tackle Jameel Ward scored from 10 yards out. Rabbi Rajuni's point after made the score 7-0 with 12:24 left in the second quarter.

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Offensive tackle Julian Johnson brings him down..."
Golden Norse cage team opens season on the road

By Billy Burns
Sport Editor

Improvement in play from the perimeter will be the cornerstone of the Golden Norsemen start the 1996-97 season on Tuesday with an 8 p.m. contest against Rose State College in Midwest City.

Coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen begin the season with five returning players from a team which finished 13-15 last year and second in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 6-4 record.

"We have a lot more athleticism on the perimeter this year than we did last year. If our shooting accuracy catches up with our athletic ability, then we should be pretty good," said Spencer.

"I think the kids have worked hard in these pre-season scrimmages to improve their shooting ability and it seems to be paying off." 

"Another strong point of our team is the depth we have at every position. We are a little taller at the low post. But we have two players that are working hard to become legitimate low-post players," Spencer said.

Returning at the guard positions for the Norseman are seniors Beau Wallace and Marlon Green.

Wallace (6-1 from Broken Arrow) will anchor the point guard spot after averaging 30.3 minutes as a freshman. Wallace led the team with 138 assists and 54 steals while averaging 7.4 points per game.

Marlon Green (6-4 from Denver, Colo.) averaged 6.2 points and 3.3 rebounds while playing both shooting guard and small forward last year.

Red-shirt freshman challenging at the guard positions are Jon Malham (6-3 from Broken Arrow) and Andre Cotton (5-9 from Broken Arrow).

Freshmen candidates at guards are Anthony Anderson (6-2 from Tulsa), Shon Robinson (6-2 from Baton Rouge, La.); Josh Tiggs (6-1 from Tacoma, Wash.), and Jerome Watkins (5-4 from Baton Rouge, La.).

Vorranja Jaiger Allen (6-3 from San Diego, Calif.) returns at a forward position. Allen averaged 2.1 points and 2.1 rebounds per game as a freshman.

Freshman David Atkinson (6-8 from Tulsa), Michael Stawnowski (6-4 from Glenpool) and Jon Bell (5-8 from Broken Arrow) are battling for the other forward spot.

Returning at the center position are sophomores Stephen Green (6-5 from Kansas City, Mo.) and Nate Nelson (6-9 from Glenpool).

Stephen Green averaged 8.6 points and 5.1 rebounds in 30 games as a freshman.

Nelson averaged 2.2 points and 2.8 rebounds in 20 games last year.

"We've lost David (Atkinson) for a few weeks with an ankle injury and that has caused us some difficulty in establishing consistent rotations," Spencer said.

"I don't think we have any glaring weaknesses as a team. Even though Beau is our only true returning starter, Stephan and Marlon both got a lot of playing time," said Spencer.

"Our sophomores have come in and are really working hard at being leaders, both on and off the floor. They know what to expect and they are trying to teach our freshmen what to expect."
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