Student activities coordinator plans upcoming student competitions

By Lacey Mangum
Managing Editor

With a new semester comes more ways to get students involved in the Norsemen spot. The Wacky Games will be held on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse. A plethora of games, such as synchronized swimming and tug of war, have been planned to provide entertainment to spectators as well as competitors. Teams will consist of residents living in campus dormitories. Hazel Miller, Student Activities Coordinator, encourages teams to participate and have fun with the event. She feels that this is an opportunity to meet people, have fun, and become familiar with activities for future involvement.

After the completion of the games, a pool party will take place. For further information, contact Hazel Miller at 540-6497.

Sign-ups for the NEO Intramural Powwow Competition are also in effect. The event will take place on March 7 and anyone interested in testing their strength can sign up in Oyer Hall by March 3.

Competitors will be classed with the Fine Arts auditions will close in the Fine Arts building. Rooms 112 and 224 will be closed in the Music Hall. Rooms 202 and 203 will be unavailable in Sheepy Hall.

Several area students to participate in vocal and music festival on Wednesday

By Lacey Mangum
Managing Editor

The Bruce Carter Student Union Balcony and lounge will be closed, being used for festival headquarters. In addition, the faculty lounge and Intramural Gym will be closed for the day.

Several area students will participate in Voca and the music festival on Tuesday.

Students on campus for Tech fest

By Lacey Mangum
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Many area students will participate in NEO's annual Technology Festival on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The festival gives opportunity to students who wish to compete with other area students in the field.

The following classrooms and buildings will be closed from 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- Ables Hall 117, 119, 122, 133, 139, 149, and 154.
- Other rooms closed in the building will be 203, 204, 218, 219, and 223.
- Cunningham Hall 106.
- The Intramural Gym will be closed Feb. 16 and 17 at 5 p.m.

Students with classes in the following rooms need to contact their instructors for room changes or cancellations.

Higher Education Day

Several members of the Student Body Government visited the state capital recently for the annual Higher Education Day. Students, administrations and state officials participated in the day-long events.
U.S. President is no saint

Billy Busc, Editorial Editor

Once again a problem fac-
ing this country has reared its ugly head, the sheep syn-
drome.

For those of you who don’t know what the sheep syn-
drome is I’ll tell you people will follow the person at the
head of the line no matter what or where he might lead.

This is the case with the
recent allegations surround-
ing the President and his sex
scandal.

His public popularity has
never been more favorable, How is that possible? some-
one tell me please.

How can the man be
caught with his hand in the
cookie jar yet it was alright for
him to get that cookie. Not the republicans, they get
At Gore if Clinton leaves, that’s worse than Clinton
times two.

I find it hard to believe that
there are people out there try-
ing to frame the President, this isn’t X-Files real life.

What do they think those
people look like, fed, bald old
men all sitting around a bar.

I’m going to set something
straight, there is no right-wing
conspiracy to frame the presi-
dent.

Not the republicans, they get
At Gore if Clinton leaves.

Let face it without the
Clinton fumbles, the first 15 min-
utes of Leno would be pretty
boring.

Women after women come
forward accuse the President
and they are all making it up?

More women would probably
have come forward by now but
they avoid the national
attention.

He keeps getting away 
with all of his legal activities
because he’s the President
and our judicial has a hard
enough time convicting every
day criminals.

When are we going to
wake up and decide that we
want something for our coun-
try.

When are we going to say
that we choose to expect
more from our leaders and
public officials.

Are we going to let the rest
of the world laugh at us on a
daily basis? are we going to
let these people make world
wide fools out of us?

How did we get to the point
where we elect the lowest
people on the food chain to
represent us in national mat-
ters?

How did we get to the point
where people no longer respect the President, but
laugh at him and his fools?

I say lets start taking back
our country and our dignity,
our pride and self respect.
Regents plan future of economic growth for Oklahoma colleges and universities

James O’Neal
Editor

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education believes that future economic growth relies on the quality of the workforce and on its research opportunities.

In this state, the Regents approved a comprehensive economic development plan for higher education.

The plan will provide incentive funding for economic development activities on Oklahoma College and University campuses in the areas of work force development, intellectual excellence and research.

Local environmental corporation encourages less pollution and more recycling in Oklahoma

James O’Neal
Managing Editor

The environmental problems our society faces tirelessly can be described as a "Looming Cloud.

Oklahomans are taking part in making the future a cleaner one by participating in various local environmental improvement agencies.

The most known agency of the state, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, is a non-profit statewide organization whose mission is to encourage, promote and assist Oklahoma groups and individuals to beautify, enhance, and preserve Oklahoma’s environment.

The group publishes a quarterly report that describes and appraises environmental improvement efforts in the state. 

KOB’s 8th annual statewide environmental competition and awards recognition competition will be held in September in Oklahoma City.

The KOB awards competition selects the most recognizable environmental programs.

Categories are open to businesses, individuals, schools, nonprofit organizations, and government entities in the areas of beautification, landscaping, and environmental improvement and education.

Entry forms for the contest will be distributed in March.

To request an entry application, students may ask for an application by writing to KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL 808 Brett - Edmond, OK 73013. Or call (405) 844-6643 for more information.

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Sign Up
Verna Bass, High School Relations Department, registers area high school seniors.

Working the crowd
Math Instructor, Greg Diabach, informs a prospective student about the benefits of the Science and Engineering division at NEO.

Metal Fabrication
Doug Lee, Metal Fabrication instructor, explains to perspective students the advantages and disadvantages of the NEO Metal Fabrication Program.
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SPORTS

Ladies suffer tough Bi-State losses

By Josh Masson

The Lady Norse had a tough day as they suffered a 47-70 loss at the hands of the Lady Texans. The game was a tough battle for the Norse, but they were able to come back in the second half to make it a close game. The Norse were able to outscore the Lady Texans in the second half, but the gap was too wide to overcome.

Goldie Norsemen stub toe at Bacone

By John Finnell

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Parker dominant down low

Billy Berry

Punchy coming out of high school, maybe more than he saw in himself," said Coach Lonnie Spencer. Parker has averaged 6.6 points while grabbing 6.5 rebounds and swatting 1.9 blocks a game. "With the playing time I got last year, I knew what to expect coming into this year," Parker said.

Parker has put himself in position to become the first Norce in 20 years to average double figures scoring and rebounding.

"That's good, but it really doesn't matter if we have a bad season, I just want to win," Parker said.

Midway through the season Parker is averaging 15.7 points and 11.5 rebounds and 4.5 blocked shots a game.

Parker excels in the paint, throwing his body around to get position, and using his athletic ability to its fullest.

"You've got to be physical in the paint and not let anyone push you around, you've got to hold your ground," Parker said.

With a rare mental attitude, Parker has the ability to play tough physical basketball, at a constant level, with no lapses in his game.

"It's a rare game in the post, you've got to be ready to get physical with somebody in order to play the inside," Parker said.

Working hard in the off-season to improve his game and strength, Parker spent hours lifting weights and playing basketball.

"Coach told me to come back at 90 percent or better, and I decided to come back," Parker said.

The off-season training Parker went through is in his game this year allowing him to play longer and tougher the whole game.

"I can get out a lot quicker, jump better, and I'm more physical now than before," Parker said.

One of the areas most affected by the weight change was his defensive averaging nearly nine points a game more than last season.

"The more I get in shape, the easier it was for me to get to the basket, and the easier it was for me to score," Parker said.

Parker is currently being recruited by several NCAA division I schools, including New Mexico, Minnesota, Tulsa, St. Louis, and ORU.

"I'm not focusing on any recruiting this year until the seasons over, because if I do it might affect my game," Parker said.

With the aspects of Parker's game such as scoring ability and as his body has changed making him a more effective player.

"I expect my game to change a lot next year at the next level because I won't be playing with my back to the basket, I'll be more of a power forward," Parker said.

With his NCAA career coming to an end, Parker will have his name etched in the NCAA record books.

"I hope when I leave here coach Spencer will say that I was not only a good basketball player but a good person as well," Parker said.

Looking for a shot!

Punchy Parker (54) first Golden Norsemen in 20-years to average a double figure in scoring and rebounds.

Sophomores sign football letters across country

By Josh Masson

Sophomores have now signed and will be playing football next season at a four-year college.

"Out of that, 10 or 12 have gone Division I," said Norse head coach Dale Patterson.

"Every sophomore we had this year except one has signed."

"I was real happy about that."

The Golden Norsemen are coming off of a 5-4 season while going 4-4 in the Southwestern Junior College Football Conference.

At the top of the list is a defensive back Michael Stamps (5-11, 185, Houston, Texas) who recorded 18 tackles and 16 assists, signed with Louisiana State University.

Linebacker Donavan Laviness (6-2, 215, Midwestern State) who led the SWJC's with 44 tackles 72 unassisted tackles and 54 assists along with three quarterback sacks, signed with the University of Tulsa.

Linebacker J.C. Thomas (6-0, 235, Vinita), defensive back Josh Robinson (5-7, 176, Muskogee) and linebacker Cody Bennett (6-0, 196, Sand Springs) all signed with Missouri Southern State College.

Kendal Zener (5-9, 262, Bethany) signed with Pittsburg State University to help anchor the offensive line.

Other Norse players will be playing closer to home. Center Ben Bost (6-0, 286) and linebacker Chris Dobson (6-0, 236, Vinita), defensive back Josh Robinson (5-7, 176, Muskogee) and linebacker Cody Bennett (6-0, 196, Sand Springs) all signed with Missouri Southern State College.

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