Cast Selected for musical comedy

CRAZY FOR EACH OTHER

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What's Goin' On...

Monday, March 2
On-campus students need to be aware that the next installment of the Room and Board payment is due. Payments may be turned in at the business office in the Library/Administration building.

Hot Topic and Cold Cases will be presented on the topic of the Student Fellowship noontime meeting. The meeting is held on the 2nd floor of the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Tuesday, March 3
Noonday activities will be held in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Phi Beta Kappa will hold a meeting in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Wednesday, March 4
Noonday activities will be held in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Phi Beta Kappa will hold a meeting in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Feasting on the Word will be held in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

The opening night of the musical theater production Crazy for You will be held in the Fire Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. Students are admitted free with a valid ID.

Thursday, March 5
Noonday activities will be held in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Students need to have meal tickets validated for the second half of the semester in the business office.

Lunch Plus will be the topic of the Christian Student Fellowship noontime meeting.

The second production of Crazy for You will be held in the Fire Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. Students are admitted free with a valid ID.

Friday, March 6
Noonday activities will be held in the Student Union located north of the main campus.

Crazy for You will be shown in the Fire Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. Students are allowed to see the musical comedy free of charge.

The musical will be presented on Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee at 3 p.m. as well.
Would you recommend anyone to attend NEO?

- Adriane Randall, freshman Miamisburg, Oh: "The classes are small and you can get individual help."
- Krysta Golen, freshman Weaverville, Ok: "Yes, it's a great location for being away from home."
- Anita Bird, sophomore Quapaw, Ok: "Yes, it's cheap, the campus is small, and faculty is friendly and helpful."
- Doug Fisk, sophomore Lawton, Ok: "No, because there is nothing to do on campus or in town."
- Tenessa Hall, freshman Bradleyville, Mo: "Yes, the classes are small, the teachers are great, and the students are friendly."

DUI's need stronger punishment

Billy Burgo
Editorial Editor
In an effort to curb drinking and driving, a new phase of sentencing has come about, its being called alternative sentencing.

Alternative sentencing is an attempt by prosecutors and judges to try and limit drunk driving.

Just last week a Bartlesville, Ok man was given this type of sentence after killing a college student in a drunk driving incident.

The man was ordered to travel to New York along with the boys mother on the boys birthday every year for the next seven years.

He was also ordered to pay 50 dollars a month to a scholarship fund for the next seven years, spend one year in a county jail with seven years probation, and complete an extensive hospital alcohol rehabilitation program.

These punishments were the suggestion of the victim's mother, who also got the judge to order the man to visit the grave site whenever the family orders or face a long jail term.

If standing at the boys grave site every year with a grieving family is not enough to make this individual truly sorry, nothing will.

Nearly 17,000 people are killed in the U.S. in drunk driving accidents in a typical year.

That's 17,000 avoidable deaths and countless avoidable grieving families each year.

It is estimated that there will be a drunk driving accident every 30 minutes in the U.S. daily.

In the few weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, 1,800 Americans will die in accidents involving drunk drivers.

The average cost of a driving under the influence arrest in the state of Oklahoma is $4,500 in fines, bail and court fees.

You would think that the cost alone would be enough to keep drunks off the road but that is not the case.

A lot of the drunk drivers on the road are repeat offenders, and that's a huge chunk of change to be dishing out every time one is arrested.

The average blood alcohol level of a drunk driver is .17, with half being as high as .30.

The legal limit in Oklahoma is .10 and a lot of states are .08, you have to be drinking a lot or a career driver to keep your blood alcohol level as high as .30.

Why do we seem to tolerate drinking and driving more than we tolerate other crimes?

Is it because it's been happening so long that we tend to let it slip by with not saying anything?

Some people seem to wear their drinking and driving as a badge of honor bragging to their friends about bawdy making it home.

And we seem to listen hanging on every word and giving a pat on the back for a well made trip home.

We should instead tell them how crazy they were and shaming them instead of congratulating them.

We must find better ways to stop the needless deaths and accidents caused by drunk drivers every year.

Perhaps the answer is for us to watch each other more closely during parties or at bars.

Could be the answer is peer-pressure, its certainly strong enough to get us to use drugs and smoke, it could be strong enough to stop us from getting behind the wheel of a car while intoxicated.

Maybe the answer is harsher punishments and fines, or maybe the answer is alternative sentencing.

Right now we don't know how to stop drunk driving, or ever already have done it.
Recent study shows fewer students in need of remediation

Regional institutions provided 18 percent of remedial courses, while comprehensive universities showed a 7 percent rate of remediation. "We would expect the remediation rate to be higher at two-year colleges because one of their functions is to work with students who need to strengthen their academic skills and knowledge," said State Regents Chairman Robert L. McCormick. "In carrying out this responsibility, our two-year colleges are providing opportunities for all students to succeed." The level of student remediation appears to be on track, and we expect to see similar results in years ahead as we continue our efforts to help our Oklahomans better prepare for college and the world of work," McCormick said.
VOCAL DAY

NEO Vocal Competition

Photos by Tim Ingram

Warm Up.
Competitors warm up during the recent NEO vocal competition.

Solo Act
Amy Woester, Nevada, Mo. performs a solo part during the recent NEO Senior High Vocal Music Festival.

Performance Time.
Wesville High School's choir performs a song during the recent vocal festival, the competition lasted all day and included many schools.
By Josh Masse
Sports Editor

With ten NEO players getting on the scoreboard, the Golden Norse used a balanced scoring attack to upend Northark 78-65 in a Bi-State East showdown.

The win head coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen improved to 16-12 on the season and 5-4 in the Bi-State Eastern Division.

The Golden Norse will start post-season play next Saturday when they travel to Shawnee for the Region II tournament.

The winner will then move on to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

NEO 76-Northark 65

A strong defensive effort helped the Golden Norse overcome Northark 76-65.

Freshman point-guard Beau Wallace scored five straight points along with a block from Corey Crisp, Marlon Green, LaCleese Lee and Todd Green to create a 13-13 tie with 12:10 remaining in the first half.

The Golden Norse opened up a 24-19 lead behind a Brent Porter trey and two points apiece from Pachoud, Crisp, Marlon Green and Wallace.

Marlon Green then exploded for four consecutive points along with four more points from Stephen Green and Porter to give Northark a 37-29 halftime lead.

Get it outta here! Photo by Lacey Mangum
Golden Norsemen swarm around Westark's (44) Kelvin Howell during recent Bi-State East action.

Ladies struggle down the stretch

By John Pennell
Sports Editor

Unable to score effectively in the second half against Northark Area Community College, the Lady Norse suffered their third straight loss to a nationally ranked team.

With the loss the Lady Norse fall to 3-6 in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference and are at 15-14 on the season.

The Lady Norse, led by the season 0-6 in games against second-ranked Connors State College, ninth-ranked Westark Community College, and 22nd-ranked Northark, Northark 72-Lady Norse 66

In the opening four minutes of the game, the Lady Pioneers built a 4-4 lead before the Lady Norse received four points from veteran center Tim Clendening, along with a 3-point field goal from Tracy Floyd and a basket by Brooke Carter.

The run gave the Lady Norse a 14-2 lead with 1:21 remaining before the half.

Freshman forward Kwaana Battle scored eight points, Carter, Clendening, and CarolynWelsh added field goals as the Lady Norse maintained a 28-23 margin with 4:29 before intermission.

Four free throws by Welsh gave the Lady Norse a 38-30 cushion at the break.

After the Lady Pioneers came back within one of the Lady Norse, 40-39, at the 15:14 juncture of the second half, the Lady Norse outscored Northark 14-1 over the next three minutes.

Freshman guard Kewa Everett drained two 3-pointers with a field goal and, along with five points from Carter, helped the Lady Norse to a 54-40 lead.

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Questions surround baseball

As pitching develops

Inexperience could be a double-edged sword for the Golden Norsemen baseball squad as it opened the 1998 season Saturday by hosting the Coffeyville (Kan.) Red Ravens in a 1 p.m. double-header at Horne Thomas Field.

Last year the Norsemen posted a 7-9 record in the Eastern Division of the Kansas High School Activities Association and a 22-24 overall record.

"Once we came back from Christmas break our kids have really worked hard at developing a solid work ethic," said coach Kirk Pakso.

"They have done everything we've asked of them in pre-season and I think we're going to pay off once the season gets underway," Pakso said.

The Golden Norsemen start the season with five returning starters out of 10 sophomores on the 36-man roster.

"Even though we're pretty young and inexperienced at the college level, I believe we've got a bit of talent," Pakso said.

"We're the type of team that's always going to hit the long ball too often, but we can hit the gap and get some runs," said Pakso.

Pakso is looking to bolster the Golden Norsemen pitching staff as 16 players return for the 1998 season.

None of the four veterans returned from last year's team.

Freshmen candidates on the pitching staff include left-handers Jason Brown of Claremore, Ryan Mayne, Janks, Jeremy Shellton, Choate and Justin Teel, Grove.

Freshmen righthanders are Brad Abell, Manc; Sam Brittian, Bieby; Wes Edwards, Ams; Ivens; John Finkel, Tuba; Jeff Gray, Homney; Jeremy Malicoft, Sand Springs; Darrell Powl, Napoleon, Minn.; and Cor Ryan, Littleton-Colo. and Daniel Torro, Wyanocke.

"We're going to have to try and work on as many of these kids as we can. We want to see the first four or five games to see who steps up and becomes our starting rotation and who will be our relief corps," Pakso said.

While the Norsemen pitching corps is inexperienced, veteran John Chedwick of Brantaka, Ontario, Canada returns to handle the catching duties.

Chedwick collected 22 hits, including six doubles and three home runs in 92 at-bats last year. Chedwick recorded 16 runs batted in and scored 17 runs.

"John gives us the stability of someone that knows how to handle a pitching staff. Not only is he a sound defensive catcher, but he also produces at the plate," said Pakso.

Returning starter Jeff Dorney of Janks anchors the third base spot. Dorney collected six doubles, one triple and two home runs in 82 at-bats to go along with 14 runs scored and 13 RBI.

"Jeff did a good job for us last year, but it took him a little time to mature. He has done that and given us a very solid defender on the corner," Pakso said.

Sophomore Shaun St. Cyr and Mike Stempke, both of Moore, provide solid depth at third base.

St. Cyr collected 11 hits in 27 games while Stempke was a member of the golden Norsemen football team.

Five freshmen will challenge for the three starting outfield jobs.

Reynolds Tynor of Stillwater is expected to start in leftfield while Zach Rogers of Oswego and Jason Stewart of Napoleon, Minn. are challenging in centerfield and utility outfielder of Grove and Ryan Kenney of Miami are batting in right.

"Batter makes us very sound defensively up the middle," said Pakso.

"We have good range and a solid gold," said Pakso.

Transfer T.J. McFarland joined the Norsemen after starting as a freshman at Eastern Oklahoma College in Wilburton.

Gold Norsemen Baseball

Spring 1998

Feb. 28 Coffeyville Miami 1:00
Mar. 28 Mar. 28 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 07 Coffeyville Muskego 1:00
Mar. 14 Seminole Miami 1:00
Mar. 15 Seminole Miami 1:00
Mar. 25 Seminole Miami 1:00
Mar. 16 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 17 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 18 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 25 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 26 Central Missouri 1:00
Mar. 28 Central Missouri 1:00
April 02 Central Missouri 1:00
April 04 Central Missouri 1:00
April 07 Central Missouri 1:00
April 11 Central Missouri 1:00
April 14 Central Missouri 1:00
April 18 Central Missouri 1:00
April 19 Central Missouri 1:00
April 24 Central Missouri 1:00
April 25 Central Missouri 1:00
April 28 Central Missouri 1:00
April 30 Central Missouri 1:00
May 01 Central Missouri 1:00
May 02 Central Missouri 1:00
May 03 Central Missouri 1:00
May 07-10 Region II Tourney 1:00
May 15-16 Central District 1:00
May 23-30 World Series-Grand Junction, Co.

"Granted we're very young and talented, but we're counting on our sophomores to step up and use the experience they gained last year to be the leaders of our staff," Pakso said.

Lifethander Aaron Pressley of Moore returns after earning low saves in 19 innings of work and 13 relief appearances.

Lifethanderees Sean Collins of Kansas City, Mo., Jeff Garwood of Oswego, and Leander Hanson of Miami are all expected to see considerable playing time.

"Our main weakness as a team is on the mound because of our lack of experience. It's not like I don't think we've got guys that can do each level from high school to junior college to pro ball. You've got to understand that you're facing better players and more of them," Pakso said.

"We're trying to explain to our pitching staff that it's going to take more than what they gave in high school to have success. Because one through nine in the lineup features a quality athlete rather than the one or two you might face in each high school game," said Pakso.
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