Students present one-act productions next week

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Managing Editor
From Five to Five Thirty, The Actor's Nightmare and The Other Side of Heaven are the final theatrical productions of the season and will be presented April 11-19 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Directed by members of the Theatre NPO group, the productions will begin at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee schedule.

Student night will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m. NBO students receive free admission with a valid student ID at all showings.

From Five to Five Thirty will be directed by Adria Liggitt, a sophomore from Wabash City, Mo. Portraying the part of Mrs. Tezwani is Amanda Owens, a sophomore from Desota, Mo. Freshman Erin Blair of Chicago plays the part of Edith. Alice is portrayed by Alene McDonald, a sophomore from Milwaukee. Gertie will be played by Comc Craig a freshman from Miami. LeAnn Mayberry, a freshman from Alton, will be playing the part of Mrs. Boxen.

As Angels Watch will be directed by Yvonne Sophomore Mran Shul. Playing the part of Benjamin will be Jeff Thompson, a freshman from Tifton, Ga. Freshman Bill Schreiber of Miami will play the part of Joe. Mary will be portrayed by Linsey Pape, a freshman from Grove. The Actor’s Nightmare will be directed by Erick Schneider, a sophomore from Cooperburg, Penn.

Ben Stovall, a freshman from Miami, will play the part of George Speckin.

Meg will be portrayed by Amanda freshman Valerie Adair.

Julie Pitts, a freshman from Jay will play the part of Sarah Siddons.

Ellen Terry will be portrayed by Abby Jo Cox, a freshman from Bartlesville. Sophomore Clay Yocum of Lawton, Texas will play the part of Henry Irving and executioner.

Don't Miss the Boat!
Enroll While There's Still Time

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP TIME
Math instructor Karen Rogers (left) and Shirley Patterson, staff assistant for the vice president for student affairs, replace flowers in the planter located in front of the Doyce Creek Library/Administration building during last year's annual Campus Beautification and Clean-up Day. This year's event will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday and everyone is invited to dress appropriately and participate. A free all-school cookout will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the area between Doyce Hall and the Fine Arts Center.
Bunnies, eggs and clothes are small part of Easter

Family ties become important

The name Easter comes from a Saxon mispronunciation of the goddess Eostre’s name in his journal.

It’s been a long time since Easter was celebrated on many days until 325 A.D. when the council of Nicese passed the Easter Rule placing the holiday on Sunday after the first day of spring. Its one of the few holidays with warm weather that you get to spend outdoors with your family.

The modern colored egg comes from when cultures saw the egg as a symbol of rebirth.

When you get to sit around your Sunday best and watch all the children run around.

Modern Easter was formed when Christianity mixed its celebration of the resurrection of Christ with the pagan Easter festival.

A time when you go to church and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

It’s a time to remember a man who died for our sins.

Easter is a quiet time to think about what has been and what the future could hold.

Try to think back to when you were a kid or some of you on this campus (it’s not hard) to when you get to hunt eggs in your Sunday best.

Remember to put all the candy, the chocolate bunnies, the jelly beans, the Cadbury eggs.

How about the Easter Bunny? I know most of you remember him and colored eggs.

What’s better or more important than the look on a child’s face as they run around the yard looking for eggs.

Can any of you think of a better look of satisfaction than on a young ones face as they find a brightly colored egg?

I hope not. It’s a look better than that Elway winning the Super Bowl, or a movie star winning an Oscar.

And as you watch the children hunting for eggs you can help but laugh and hope with them for that next egg.

There is nothing more rewarding than watching them count their eggs and candy that they fought hard to find.

And that’s what Easter or any holiday is all about isn’t it, not just the religious aspect but the look on the faces of the children and the glow in your eye as you remember youth.
State police require compliance with rolling roadblock gimmick

Editor's note: The following article was recently released by the Associated Press concerning the current policy adapted by the Turnpike Authority.

Stop before you pass that Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper on the state's turnpikes, because you will definitely be stopped afterward.

That warning will soon be on patrol cruisers on the turnpike as soon as part of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's public safety effort. The Authority is concerned by the rising number of traffic fatalities on the highways where Oklahomans are allowed to drive the fastest.

The speed limit on turnpikes outside of urban areas is 75 mph. Neal McCall, the state transportation director, said Thursday that limit is high enough and nobody needs to drive faster.

The Turnpike Authority voted to erect "Zero Tolerance" signs along the turnpikes to let motorists know that the limit shouldn't be broken. McCall said he didn't want anybody to be surprised if they get stopped for exceeding the speed limit by 1 mph.

Highway Patrol cars on the turnpike will carry a message that any vehicle passing the cruiser will be stopped. Law enforcement authorities call that a "rolling roadblock.

The Turnpike Authority also is beefing up its aerial watch for speeders. Bids are being sought on the purchase or lease of an airplane to use for traffic enforcement solely on turnpikes.

McCall said the airplane and signs are part of an "across the board safety campaign.

The number of turnpike fatalities rose from 18 in 1995 to 30 in 1996 and 46 in 1997.

The three major causes of accidents on the turnpikes are crossing the median, running off the right side of the road and speeding, McCall said.

Gary Adams, chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, said a zero tolerance policy has been in effect on all roads for at least three years. Whether the motorist gets a ticket or a warning is up to the trooper.

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LIFESTYLES

Business fraternity hosts students

Approximately 100 area high schools business students are expected to compete in eight business-related skill contest areas during the Ninth Annual Business Day Contest at NEO on Friday, April 17, 1998.

The purpose of the event, according to Dr. Fred Patrick, chairman of the business, computer & industrial sciences division, is to recognize superior student achievement in a number of business content areas. Areas of competition include accounting, typewriting, I and II, business mathematics, microcomputer concepts, general business, word processing, and writing skills. Awards will be presented to the top three contestants in each area. First place winners will receive a plaque and scholarship to attend NEO.

Business and computer science faculty members will conduct the competitions for the students. Rounding out the activities will be an award assembly to be held in the Fine Arts Building at 1:30 p.m.

Journalist capture several awards during state-wide convention

Three members of the NEO student newspaper staff captured individual awards during the 54th annual Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association Spring Convention Friday at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

More than 250 students representing nine four-year universities and seven two-year colleges participated in the day-long activities. Lois Renier, regional correspondent for the Washington Post based in Tulsa, was the keynote speaker for the 1998 Paul Miller Lecture Series. Sophomore Josh Mason, sports editor of The Norse Wind student newspaper at NEO, won first place in the sports writing category for two-year colleges. Mason, from Miami, received 34 of a possible 45 total points.

Freshman sports editor John Fennell of Tulsa finished third in sports writing behind Chris Martin of Rose State College in Midwest City.

Veteran managing editor James O’Neal of Fairland placed third in the news writing competition with 34 total points.

BIG TOYS COMING TO TOWN

Students enjoy the Big Toys during the annual Spring Fling. The toys are scheduled to be on campus April 23 as part of Spring Fling Week April 20-24 sponsored by the student activities association.
Former coach succumbs

By Jack Maxson

Rube Berry guided Golden Norsemen to the Mid-America Bowl in Hutchinson

By Jack Maxson

Rube Berry, 63, died Monday, April 2, 1986, at his home in Hutchinson. He was a former head football coach of the Kansas State University football team.

The Norsemen faced Iowa Central in the 1972 Mid-America Bowl in Hutchinson, Kan., and battled to a 14-14 tie and finish ranked sixth nationally.


Mr. Berry served as assistant football coach at NED in 1971 before becoming head coach for four years. During his tenure, the Norsemen posted a 36-13-1 overall record.

Mr. Berry was an area coaching veteran and director of teams in Great Falls, Mont., Mount Vernon, Mo., and City College of Philadelphia.

A celebration of the life of Coach Rube L. Berry was held at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Miami on Wednesday. The Rev. Noel Doherty officiated.

John Kramer, the Golden Norseman's assistant coach at NED College, attended the funeral.

Baseball skid hits five games

By Jack Maxson

Continuing struggles to score runs the Golden Norsemen dropped both games to Connors State College 9-0 and 2-1.

The Norsemen got out four singles starting with a Chris Littlefield to open the inning.

Following a T.J. McFarland ground out, a runner on second sophomore Mike Shimpke singled. A RBI single from Matt Keller followed that scored Littlefield.

A Zach Rogers strike out brought Jeff Dorsey to the plate where he singled to fill the bases. Freshman Chris Marks was unable to capitalize on the opportunity as he went down on strikes to end the inning.

The Norsemen finally got to Norsemen ace Ansgar Roy in the top of the seventh inning. Matt Bates singled and stole second. He then advanced to third on a passed ball. With two out, Brian Sargent singled to score Bates with the tying run.

Wes Edwards relieved Roy in the eighth as the teams went into extra innings. Adam Cole scored Edwards for a solo home run on his 0.1 inning. The Golden Norsemen had an all-time high in the bottom of the eighth inning when Beller singled with one out. He then advanced all the way to third when Connors catcher Josh Newland threw it into centerfield.

But the Norsemen squandered their chance when Dorsey struck out and Marks flied to center to end the game.

Dominating from the opening pitch the Cowboys cruised to a 9-0 win in five innings as the game ended on the eighth-inning run. A two-run double from Cole gave Connors a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Norsemen extended their lead in the second innings when Chase Ackerman hit a two-run home run.

Sending 10 batters to the plate in the top of the third inning, the Norsemen came to a 10-8 lead, highlighted by two-run single from Casey Littlefield. Leading the Norsemen on offense was St. Cyp, Rogers and Traylor each had two hits.

McFarland, Dorsey, Beller and Littlefield each scored a run.

Sam Brittain earned the victory only giving up four hits in six innings. Jeremy Malotzick finished up for the Norsemen.

The Golden Norseman bats were as cold in the second game as they were hot in the first, falling 10-1.

Crowder erupted for five runs in the third inning, three runs in the fourth and two more runs in the sixth inning.

Three singles by Beller along with singles by Balle and McFarland was the total offensive output for the Golden Norsemen.

SAFE!

An unidentified Golden Norseman lines out a base hit in a game versus Western University College on Hornsby Field on Tuesday.
GOTCHA!

Freshman first baseman Steven Bible takes a throw to beat Greg Johnson of Westark Community College out of a base hit during a double-header Tuesday at Horner Thomas Field.

Ladies sweep pair at Bacone

By Josh Messen
Sports Editor

Cruising to a double-head-er sweep of Bacone College behind freshman Jamie Prince's one-hitter, The Lady Norse will play host to Eastern Oklahoma State College on Saturday with a 2 p.m. first pitch.

The following Tuesday, April 14, NEO will finish a 6-game homestand when Carl Albert State College visits Miami at 2 p.m. After erasing for 17 runs on 21 hits in a 17-7 victory in the first game against the Lady Warriors, Prince retired 19 batters in a 12-0 five-inning affair in the second game against Bacone.

Striking out three and only walking two Prince improved to 3-3 on the season and the Lady Norse evened the third straight game.

NEO now stands 4-8 on the season and 3-3 in the Bi-State Conference.

The 11-hit Lady Norse attack was led by Stanton who collected a triple and two doubles, Ayres and Littlefield added two singles each.

Defensive was the underlying theme of the first game as the Lady Norse pounded out a 17-7 win.

Lindsay Jarvis collected two triples and two singles to lead the Lady Norse.

Prince who played first base during the first game added three singles along with three base hits from Webb, Vicki Young, Littlefield, Brown and Harling added two hits apiece.

Freshman Mae Phillips earned her first victory by pitching four innings and surrendering two runs on two hits.

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