Hugo-based circus comes to campus for performance

The heart stopping thrills of a high wire act, death-defying trapeze artists, clowns, jugglers, and other acts will be on display during the Hugo-based circus that will be setting up their "Big Top" on the NEO intramural field located just east of campus.

"This is a new style of tent for the Miami Tent Company, so we want to be able to set the tent up to try out all of the bells and whistles," Gentry said.

According to Lee Gentry, coordinator of advance promotions for Circus Chmeras, they had ordered a new tent from overseas, but was notified the company could not deliver the new tent.

At the last minute, they contacted the Miami Tent Company who agreed to tackle the job of constructing a new circus tent.

"This is a new style of tent for the Miami Tent Company so we want to be able to set the tent up to try out all of the "bells and whistles," Gentry said.

"At the same time, this is a brand new show, so we want to put on a great show, and we want to have several rehearsals," Gentry said.

Gentry stated that the circus will arrive in Miami by the end of the week and begin practicing putting up the tent, setting up rigging, and begin full dress rehearsals.

Barring any unforeseen complications, they hope to be able to hold public performances beginning Friday evening and Saturday.

"Regardless, we're on our way and excited about playing on campus with real, live audiences," said Gentry.
Did you participate in Spring Fling activities?

Debra Spence, freshman

“I thought the Mardi Gras parade was just great.”

Rick Drell, sophomore

“I think I would've had to have been drunk to do it.”

Angela Bernard, freshman

“No, I felt I could get more excitement out of sleeping.”

Van Buren, Ark.

K.K. Barnett, sophomore

“Yes, because it gave me a chance to participate in my last Spring Fling.”

Frederick

Toniene Provence, freshman

“Yes, and its going to take the rest of the week to get the mud out of my hair.”

Cowan

Key to having fun is imagination

Billy Busy

Editorial Editor

Beyond the boundaries of this campus just outside of our safe sanctuary is an eventual place something is going on it's called life.

So for all of you that complain that there is nothing to do around here it's a suggestion. Go out side and join life. Yes, go outside and find life and join it, rather quickly you won't have any time left over.

You see there is always something to do. You just need to go outside and find it. That little box we all seem to be glued to watching South Park and MTV won't help you find things entertaining to do. You see all you have to do is use your imagination, that seldom used part of your brain. In other words use your head. You know that unused lump three feet above your butt.

Hey, I'm not saying it's going to be easy. You may have to get some of your fellow dorm residents to use their imagination and join in. The results could be disastrous, more and more people will join in and soon you're having fun. You see that's the key, a bunch of people and a little imagination and you've got fun.

Some of you complain because the school and the town doesn't give you enough things to do. Why not pick up where they left off and make your own fun, forget their rules and time restrictions. Organize your friends and invent your own rules for your own games, all it takes is a little imagination. Here's a suggestion next time your looking for something to do, get a baseball bat go outside with you friends (keeping it optional) and have a bat race.

You'll laugh your butt off and it's not that hard to do. Opportunities are everywhere, you just have to want to do it.

But be careful. Legal activities are not a smart idea, neither is breaking campus rules. Sure it seems like fun at first, but the fines and consequences won't be fun. Anything involving torturing of another human being or small animals is also a bad idea.

Enroll?
I haven't passed what I'm taking!

Norse Wind

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Electronic transfers approved

Oklahoma public colleges and universities will soon be able to transfer thousands of student records electronically. A proposal to implement within two years a system to electronically transfer student records among Oklahoma colleges and universities was recently approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Also approved was up to $252,000 in a Quality Initiative Grant to implement the system.

"Oklahoma higher education currently mails more than 100,000 transcripts a year, and the process requires a lot of paperwork and time," said Chancellor Hans Brinich. "The new electronic system will enable colleges and universities to transfer student records more quickly and more accurately at a much lower cost," he added.

Students win awards at Leadership meet

Ten NEO students attended the annual Spring Leadership Conference of Phi Beta Lambda at the University of Central Oklahoma April 16-18. PBL is NEO's organization for business students and an extension of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) in high school. Both student groups are sponsored by the Oklahoma Vocational and Business Education divisions of Oklahoma State University.

Sherry Garrison, a sophomore from Sayre presented at the conference as the state's vice president for the PBL organization for the 1997-98 school year. Taking honors were, left to right, Tanya Hulsey, freshman, Grove, placed first in computer application competition; Richard Ramsing, sophomore, Holdenville, placed sixth in marketing; Tracy Means, sophomore, Aurora, Mo., placed seventh in business law; Gary Grahn, freshman, Quapaw, placed eighth in public speaking; Three 11th place finishes in the statewide competition went to the following: Missy Plant, freshman, Grove, was recognized in the word processing category; Rebeckah Perrell, sophomore, Pryor, placed in computer concepts; Peggy Dwyer, sophomore, Big Cabin, was recognized in the business communications category. The competition included hundreds of college students representing nearly 60 institutions with 27 public colleges and universities in Oklahoma, six private colleges, including Oklahoma Christian University. Over 50 co-techs and technology centers from throughout the state also were on hand to participate in the event. Considering the size of the competition, NEO was able to capture a total of five awards, which was truly extraordinary, considering the hundreds of students competing, according to PBL vice president Abby North, Grove freshman.

First and second place finishers are invited to attend the PBLNL national competition in Orlando, Florida this summer. With so many PBL leaders returning next year, including PBL president Gary Grahn of Quapaw, NEO's business student competition team should be stronger than ever," said Dr. Fred Rock, advisor.
FLOWER POWER
Three members of the Golden Norse football squad and a coed place flowers in a planter next to the fountain between the Creech Library/Administration building and the Fine Arts Center.

Students provide elbow grease

Photos by DeLena Mincher

MAN-MADE RAIN
An unidentified coed applies a generous amount of water to freshly planted flowers along the reflecting chimes tower. More than 100 students, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the campus clean-up last Tuesday.

ALL I WANT ARE CHICKEN WINGS!
Golden Norse head football coach Dale Patterson asks Bernice Grayson and other members of the college food services a question concerning the food after participating in the college clean-up and all-campus cookout sponsored by student services.
Veterans provide depth

By Josh Masson
Sports Editor

With new offensive coordinator Rob Green joining the Golden Norsemen spring drills will be a learning experience for the offense side of the ball.

"We're going to a new offense this spring so our main goal is to get the new offense put in and learn the plays, terminology and schemes," said head football coach Dale Patterson.
The Golden Norsemen are coming off a 5-4 record in 1997 while finishing 3rd in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with a 3-4 record.

Averaging 280.5 yards of total offense per game last season the Norsemen struggled with ineptness at times.

But, looking ahead to the '98 campaign Sherdal Poteete (6-1, 214, Tulsa) looks to fill in well with the new offense and will be No. 1 on the depth chart heading into two-a-days in the fall.

Coming off a season where he took over for an injured Andy Collier early on, Poteete threw for 877 yards while completing 56 percent of his passes. He also connected for four touchdowns and four interceptions.

"Poteete filled in well (with the new offense), our basic philosophy will be to run the option, Poteete hasn't run a lot of option in the past, but he is a good runner as well he is big strong and very physical," Patterson said.

"We are not going to throw the option but looks to throw the football."

"With the option there is a lot of play action pass and three-step drop that fits Poteete well."
The Golden Norsemen are looking forward to having a sophomore quarterback to provide leadership.

So a healthy Poteete will be an important factor in the outlook for the '98 season.

"We are really hoping we can get in this fall with a good solid quarterback in Poteete, who is going to be the man," said Patterson.

Talkback Deshun English (6-1, 192, Pentacost, Fla.) will be returning for his third year in Miami after being red-shirted his first season.

English, who was hobbled by injuries last season rushed for 729 yards on 159 carries for 4.6 per carry average. To go along with seven touchdowns.

"English kind of proved himself last season. He has a broken wrist, so this spring he will just be learning the offense," Patterson said.
The Golden Norsemen are deep at the running back position and will be looking for contributions from Marcus Long (6-1, 195, Perry) and Kevin Prosser (5-11, 182, Aurora, Colo.).

As well Ramon Bates (5-10, 230, Spencer), Scotty Martin (5-4, 148, Tulsa) and Rico Bonner (6-3, 177, Moore) will be looking for playing time.

Terrence Garness joined the team in January, coming from Oklahoma State, the former All-Stater will also be thrown into the mix for the Norsemen.

"We've got a lot of running backs the key is who is going to come to the top," said Patterson.

Depth will be a premium at the wide receiver position as five players return along with a top of the line recruiting class.

Paul Jones (6-3, 185, Wewoka) and Shawn Mills (6-1, 165, Enid) return with experience.

"Jones was a leading receiver last year and is a really good possession receiver. Mills is a burner, those two guys have to be at the top."

Shawn Swindal (5-11, 160, Oklahoma City), Harold Smith (6-2, 185, Oklahoma City) and Chad Newton (6-1, 181, Enid) will red-shirted last season.

At tight end NEO returns one of the best in the country as Brian Blackwood (6-6, 243, Tulsa) will line-up for the Norsemen.

"I think we have the best tight end in junior college football, not the best one of the best," said Patterson.

Richard Jackson (6-2, 200, Paula Valley) a walk-on has also impressed coaches this spring working at tight end.

"We're real excited about next year. We think we will have an all sophomore offensive line," Patterson said.

Along the offensive front NEO returns John Vandrell (6-2, 264, Tulsa), Josh Brown (6-5, 264, Skiatook), Hunter Woods (6-2, 285, Hominy), Josh Kay (6-3, 274, Wynnewood), Carmen Riddles (6-3, 292, Mustang), and Rocky Mitchell (6-4, 303, Duncan).

As well redshirt Simeon Cobert (6-6, 265, El Reno) was moved from defensive line to offensive line.

"These are all guys with experience who has been through the wars and know what to expect in practice," said Patterson.

"That going to be a key to us next year, how well our offensive line blocks those big Texas defensive linemen."

"I feel pretty good if our offensive line comes through and stays healthy we can have that sophomore offensive line, I really feel good about our offense."

"Another key is how well we adjust to this new offense and getting it down those first few games."

"We have a lot of experience coming back, many times last season we had nine freshmen on the field on offense."
**SPRINTS**

**Ladies construct conference streak**

By Josh Mason

With a key Bi-State Conference battle on the horizon with Connors State the Lady Norse continue to improve.

Head coach Eric Ivery's team improved to 10-10 on the season and 11-5 in conference play.

Following the Connors State game in Warner, on Saturday the Lady Norse traveled to Northern Oklahoma College to finish up the regular season play.

Lady Norse 11-5, Western 1-3

Mae Phillips pitched both games of a double-header as the Lady Norse cruised past Western in Bi-State action.

Phillips allowed only two hits in the first game as the Lady Norse pounded the Lady Pioneers 11-1.

The three-run Lady Norse first inning was set up with consecutive walks to Shara Sullivan, Lindsay Janis and Karl Stanton.

Another walk to Lorinda Littlefield scored Sullivan. Traci Brown was then hit by a pitch scoring another run. Kayla Webb drove in the third run when she reached on an error allowing Stanton to score.

The five-run second inning was highlighted by a three-run double off the bat of pinch hitter Jesse Adams. Littlefield's RBI single along with a two-run double by Brown closed out the Lady Norse scoring.

Webb paced the seven-hit attack with two singles. NED put it away quickly in the top of the first inning as 13 Lady Norse went to the plate and eight scored.

Western tallied their three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Stanton, Janis, Webb and Ayres all collected two hits each to pace the 12-6 Lady Norse attack.

**Lady Norse 11-4, Western 1-4**

A two-run double by Brown and a two-run single by Webb highlighted the nine-run inning as NED sent 16 better to the plate.

Janis led the 13-hit attack with three singles while Brown and Webb added a double and single each. Prince added a two-run double.

Taking advantage of five Lady Norse errors the Lady Pioneers but a 2-1 lead after the first inning.

Western added a run in the bottom of the third inning and two in the fourth against NED starter James Prince.

Trailing 6-2 the Lady Norse scored nine runs in the top of the sixth inning and one in the seventh.

Although Prince suffered the loss to fall to 4-6 on the year, she collected three singles. Jennifer Harms added two for the Lady Norse.

**Lady Norse 9-4, Carl Albert 1-3**

Solid pitching from starters Phillips and Prince enabled the Lady Norse to sweep a conference double-header from Carl Albert.

The Lady Norse jumped out of the gates against the Lady Ravens, scoring nine runs on a two-run single by Janis, a three-run double by Webb and a two-run single by Ayres.

Rivers paced the offense attack with three singles.

**Baseball enters final week**

By Josh Mason

Making their longest road trip of the season the Golden Norsemen travel to Centerville, Iowa over the weekend to try and stop a 4-1 game losing skid.

Coach Kirk Zicron's team fell to 10-25 on the season and 4-14 in the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

The Norsemen finish the 11-game road trip with a conference double-header on Tuesday against Connors State and a single game with Ft. Scott Community College on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Colleague 13-17, NED 5-16

Freshman pitcher Jason Brown subdued four runs in the first and five in the second innings as the Red Ravens cruised to a 12-5 victory in the first game.

The 10-hit Norse attack was led by Stewart with a double and two singles. Baker and Trice both added two singles.

In the nightcap the Golden Norsemen built a 11-2 lead in the first two innings.

But, these falters from their 11-game losing skid.

**STOLEN BASE**

Freshman Jesse Abrams (22) slides into second base ahead of the tag by shortstop Carla Hubbard of Carl Albert State College. The Lady Norse have won five of the last six games.

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