Santa Claus is coming to town

By Sara Livingston
Managing Editor

Sign-ups are still going on for the 50th annual Adopt A Child Christmas Party, which is being held on December 20th at noon in the Netherlands Student Union Ballroom.

Children need “adoptive parents” for party

Children from the Student Body Government are seeking "adoptive parents" for party children. Parents must be present for the entire party, which will be held on December 20th from 10 a.m. to noon in the Netherlands Student Union Ballroom. Parents will be assigned to children and must stay with their children throughout the event.

The “adoptive parents” will be responsible for ensuring that the children have a safe and enjoyable experience at the party. This includes providing snacks, games, and other activities that will keep the children entertained.

Students interested in being "adoptive parents" are encouraged to contact the Student Body Government for more information. The deadline to sign up is December 15th.

The Student Body Government is hosting the party to bring joy to children in the community and to provide an opportunity for students to make a positive impact on their lives. The party will feature games, crafts, and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Worship service set

Everyone is invited to the third-annual “HeartsBeats” worship service, Sunday, 8:30 p.m. in the college Music Hall. Sponsored by the Christian Student Fellowship, “HeartsBeats” is 75 minutes blending singing, drums, and other elements of worship. To dual purpose of worship—praying in God through music and self-reflection induced by harmony, but guided with skin,” said Lonne Portner, coordinator.

TEST SCHEDULE

Students are reminded that the final exam week begins Monday, Dec. 6, and ends Thursday, Dec. 9.

Exams are to be taken at the time and day outlined below. There are no exceptions from final examinations.

All one-hour courses and any other class times not listed below will hold the final examination for the last class period of the final exam week.

All other course examinations will be held as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 6**

* Exam Hour
  
  MWF 9 a.m.
  
  MWF 11 a.m.
  
  MWF Noon
  
  MWF 2 p.m.

* Monday evening classes at regular time

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**

* Exam Hour
  
  TTH 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
  
  TTH 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
  
  TTH 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.
  
  TTH 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

* Tuesday evening classes at regular time

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

* Exam Hour
  
  MWF 8 a.m.
  
  MWF 10 a.m.
  
  MWF 1 p.m.
  
  TTH 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

* Wednesday evening classes at regular time

**Thursday, Dec. 9**

* Exam Hour
  
  TTH 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.
  
  TTH Noon or 12:30 p.m.
  
  Other Day Times (Prior to 5 p.m.)
  
  * Thursday evening classes at regular time

SOLEMN MOMENT

Approximately 400 students, faculty, staff, administrators, family and friends attended a memorial service last Thursday in honor of students Tim Don, Dan Donay and Matthew Brubaker who were killed Nov. 4 in an auto accident. 

Photo by Randy Patterson
A time for offering thanks

Take a moment to reflect on things

By Mindy Fleming

Many people think of Thanksgiving as a wonderful time of enjoying a long weekend and eating good food. But maybe it is viewed as the start of Christmas shopping. While these aspects may describe Thanksgiving they are not the real meaning behind it.

The American tradition of Thanksgiving can be traced to the year 1621. Having gathered the harvest in November 1621, the governor of the Plymouth Colony, William Bradford, proclaimed: "All ye Pilgrims with your wives and little ones, do gather at the Meeting House, on the hill, there to listen to the pastor, and render Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings." The pilgrims went to demonstrate their gratitude to God for their survival.

They had undergone extreme hardship in their migration to their new homes. After sailing 9 weeks on an open sea, the 102 pioneers arrived in America on Nov. 9, 1620. That first winter was very difficult and they were not entirely prepared for the hardships they were to endure. It was difficult for them to care for the sick because the sick outnumbered those who were healthy. By the end of the winter, many lives had been lost. It has been estimated that as many as one-half of the pilgrims may have died. The years that followed were filled with hard work and uncertainty. Still, they were comforted and encouraged by the Lord and were grateful for His blessing during those difficult times.

Over 150 years later, Nov. 1, 1777, by order of Congress, the first National Thanksgiving was proclaimed and signed by the President of the Continental Congress. The third Thursday of December, 1777 was designated "for solemn thanksgiving and praise.

George Washington wrote a proclamation in which Thursday, the 9th day of February, 1795 was set aside as a National Day of Thanksgiving.

He said that it is "our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God, and to implore Him to continue and confirm the blessings we experienced..." On Oct. 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln and the United States Congress established the first annual National Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwellsh in the heavens."

It is on Thanksgiving each year, American give thanks to God, acknowledging His blessings toward us as throughout the year.

Our gratitude is not directed toward our jobs, our successes, our material blessings or our health, but rather we give thanks to our God for the grace and mercy He has granted.

Take precautions when shopping

By Mindy Fleming

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Veteran instructor set to retire

Jon Owens

Doug Lee, coordinator of the occupational technology program, has announced his retirement effective in January.

As instructor of welding and metal fabrication, Lee will retire after 20 years as a member of the college faculty.

Introduced to welding as a youngster growing up on a farm, Lee graduated in 1964 from Perkins High School.

"I've had over 40 years of experience working with welding and metal fabrication because of my exposure to it as a kid," said Lee.

After graduation from high school, Lee decided to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He received a bachelor of arts degree in technology education in 1969.

During this time, Lee was drafted and decided to join the Air Force.

While in the Air Force, he served as a public health technician. He was stationed at bases in Topeka, Kan., Langley, Va., and he spent 15 months at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam. He finished his military service as a sergeant.

As part of the boot camp education program for military service, Lee was able to go back to OSU and work on his masters. He completed his masters in 1975 in occupational education.

Because of his experience at OSU with welding and metal fabrication, Lee went to work for Boeing Aircraft, Vossar manufacturing as a machine operator. He worked with various materials.

"I came to NEO because of the opportunity to work with young people and to help them gain a skill that I have tried to accomplish here," Lee said.

"My current teaching responsibilities are metal fabrication, metal machining and welding, engineering drawing, machine trade, and machine tool.

"When I was at that influential age, I was a product of my environment which was the Cold War, space race era," said Lee.

"Machine working: It was what we were encouraged to do. It is a skill and a field that will always have a job opportunity. Somewhere down the road, someone had to build the pair of scissors you use," Lee said.

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Center offers final seminar

Students currently enrolled in cardio activity or cardio-circuit fitness I, II, III or IV are reminded that the final required seminar is Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 3 p.m. in the "O" Club room of the NEO Fieldhouse.

"Students enrolled in any of these courses were required to attend at least one of the five seminars we've held during the semester," said Nancy Bishop, coordinator of the Wellness Center.

"This is their last chance to gain credit for visits to the Wellness Center by attending this seminar." Eric Iversen, head coach of the Lady Norse softball program, will deliver the seminar.

Iversen is also a member of the Wellness Center staff. His seminar topic will be a discussion of the relationship between health and wellness.

"Eric will talk about the combination of physical, emotional, social, and spiritual components of life that can be balanced to produce satisfaction and happiness," Bishop said.

Anyone wanting additional information should contact Bishop at 540-6254.

JUDGING WINNERS

Photo by Tim Irsay

Members of the college's Equine Judging team, which captured the 1999 Quarter Horse Congress trophy recently are, from left, Kevin Paul, coach; Justin Ochs, Michelle Bonsenmayer, Amanda Chance, Josh Reum, and Eric Stronicker.

Regents revise technology policies

By Sara Livingston Managing Editor

Enhancing student skills and making it easier for graduates of higher education's two-year technical occupational programs to pursue a bachelor's degree are the goals of policy changes made recently by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"One of the most important changes is we're lowering the requirements needed to transfer to a four-year institution," said John Aldis, associate secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Regents. "And we're making it easier for students to complete their associate degree in a shorter amount of time."

Specifically, the Regents have changed the policy for students who plan to transfer to another public institution in Oklahoma. Under the new rules, students must complete at least 60 hours of college credit during their first two years of study and must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

"This is a significant change," Aldis said. "We're making it easier for students to complete their associate degree in a shorter amount of time and prepare for their future careers.

"The policy revisions go into effect for students enrolling in a technical occupational program in the fall of 2000. "Projects show that jobs in technical fields such as computer science, computer engineering and computer support are among the fastest growing in Oklahoma," said Chancellor Hans Brixen.

"These policy revisions will help Oklahoma meet the growing demand for graduates in these high tech areas, as well as better enable Oklahoma colleges and universities to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful." A related action, the Regents also reviewed a policy that would enable colleges and universities to award students, including those in technical occupational programs, competency-based college credit based on the demonstration of the student's knowledge, skills and abilities in a specific area.

The Regents are scheduled to vote on the policy revision at their December meeting.

"Today's fast pace marketplace demands that higher education look beyond 'seat time' when determining the successful completion of a degree," said State Regent and Chairman Bill W. Burgess Jr.

"Higher education must become more flexible and begin looking at measuring and certifying student competency in their field of study and, with confidence, our policy will change to do that." Burgess noted that recommendations for making the credentialing process more flexible and taking into account a student's experience in his or her field of study were presented to the Regents in 1997 by a citizens taskforce established to help develop a long range plan for Oklahoma higher education.

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Lady Norse remain unbeaten

Returning home for a brief one-game series, coach B.J. Smith’s Lady Norse square off against the Lady Mountaineers of Eastern Oklahoma College Monday, 6 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

The Lady Norse have opened the season with six straight wins which include a 84-65 victory over the Lady Mountaineers, Nov. 1, in Wilburton.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the Lady Norse will play in the Independent Classic at Independence, Kan. The Lady Norse face Ottawa, Ill., at 2 p.m. Thursday, Snow, Utah at 2 p.m., Friday, and host Independence at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Lady Norse 64-Seminoles 56

Taking advantage of 30 turnovers by the Seminole State College Belles, the Lady Norse gained a 64-56 Bi-State Athletic Conference victory, last Monday, in Seminole.

Joyce Chesney led the Lady Norse with 15 total points while Raven Luns scored 13 points and Kenya White added 10 points.

NED connected on 24 of 46, including 8 of 23 from 3-point range, for 33 per cent from the field and 8 of 16 for 50 per cent at the free throw line.

Terrisha Osborn was the only Belles to reach double figures with 16 total points. SemiNoles hit 18 of 46, including 2 of 6 from the 3-point area, for 38 per cent from the field and 16 of 29 for 62 per cent at the free throw line.

Luns and Ponds grabbed seven rebounds each as the Lady Norse held a 41-37 edge on the boards. Osborn collected 10 rebounds for the Belles.

Receiving points from the entire team, the Lady Norse cruised to a 91-50 victory over the junior varsity Southwest College on Thursday, last Friday, in Winfield, Kan.

We had a real solid team effort against Southwest. We were a little slow starting defensively, but our depth eventually won us and we pulled away,” Smith said.

During the first 5 minutes of the opening half the two teams battled to a 14-14 draw.

Down the stretch Smith substituted freely, and received points from all 11 players on the floor.

Kenya White led the Lady Norse with 22 total points while Ross and Latalia White added 16 points each and Raven Luns led 13 points.

Norse seek to end two-game skid

Seeking to end a two-game losing streak, the Golden Norse return home Monday for a 8 p.m. Bi-State Athletic Conference victory against Eastern Oklahoma College in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Coach Lonnie Spencer’s Norsemen are currently 2-3 in the season. Following the Eastern game, the Norse will not play again until Tuesday, Nov. 30, against Coffeyville, Kan. Community College in the NEO Fieldhouse.

“Our kids are playing hard. I don’t fault their effort. They do a good job with concentration and focus,” said Spencer.

“But, they have to play more intelligent basketball in crucial situations. They have given away three games because they didn’t finish them.”

They are responsible for their times and they know it. Now, it’s up to them to find a way to win.” Spencer said.

Independent 91-Norsemen 87

Continuing to struggle with finishing a basketball game, the Golden Norse dropped a 91-87 decision to Independence (Kan.) Community College, Tuesday night in the Plaza Fieldhouse.

Much like the situation on Monday when the Golden Norse lost 82-78 at Seminole, the Norse had a foul-out lead at 76-52, but then a surge in the last minutes to make it a 78-77 deficit with 4:13 remaining in the game.

A 3-point field goal by Uwini Nzimanzi with 1:43 left tied the game. Nzimanzi went on to sink a rush of 2’s and 3’s, taking the Norsemen to a 91-87 advantage.

Two field goals by Robinson along with a basket by Mitchell and two free throws by David Robinson lifted the Norse to a 75-72 deficit with 4:13 remaining in the game.

A 3-point field goal by Nzimanzi then tied the game at 80-75. Nzimanzi then tied the game at 91-87.

Two Norsemen fouled Nzimanzi and he hit two free throws.

Robinson paced the Golden Norse with 16 points while Mitchell scored 15, Anderson 13 and Robinson 10 points.

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UP AND IN

Freshman guard Kenya White (12) goes up for a shot over two Northern Oklahoma College defenders in a game at the NEO Fieldhouse last week.

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CARDINALS ELIMINATE NORSE

Allowing 35 points in the final 26 minutes, the Golden Norsemen saw an opportunity to repeat as Southwest Junior College Football Conference champions slip through their fingers last Saturday as Trinity Valley College gained a 49-26 victory in a semifinal game at Robinson Field.

With the victory, coach Scott Colley's Cardinals advance to the conference championship game in the Red River Bowl. Dec. 4, at 1 p.m., in Bedford, Texas. The Cardinals will face Navarro College. The Bulldogs swept regular-season champion and seventh-ranked Briar College, 54-17, last Saturday night in Brenham, Texas. Trinity Valley is 8-3 on the season while Navarro stands 8-2 on the year.

Coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen finish with a 6-4 overall record while the Briar Buccaneers finish with a 8-2 mark.

"We haven't been playing well on defense in recent games and it showed against Trinity Valley. In both losses to them, we weren't able to stop the run. And in this league you can't win games if you can't stop the run," said Patterson.

"It's a tough loss. Even with Matt (Dutton) in there, we still would have had to stop their running game in the fourth quarter and I'm not so sure we could have done that."

Dutton, a 6-3, 204 freshman from Oklahoma City, had guided the Norsemen to a 26-21 lead with just 30 seconds left in the third quarter. But, while being forced out of bounds on a handoff play, Dutton suffered a sprained ankle and was listed to leave the game. Freshman Eric Strickland (2, 203) replaced Dutton and on the first play had a 23-yard touchdown pass to tight end Kenny Shockey recovered by Trinity Valley linebacker David Oliver.

"Losing Matt probably took the life out of us. It all arrows to Eric, he hadn't taken a snap with the first team all year," Patterson said.

The Cardinals moved 50 yards in eight plays with quarterback Blake Yancey scoring on a 1-yard plunge to create a 28-28 tie with 11:56 left in the game. A 15-yard interception return by defensive tackle Josh Emery on NEJC's next possession gave Trinity Valley a 35-28 lead with 10:14 showing on the clock.

Another return from pass was returned 20 yards to the 50-yard line before the Cardinals received a 41-yard touchdown run by tailback Chavis McCollister with 6:22 remaining in the game.

Trinity Valley tailback Jerome Picknett scored on a 45-yard run with 1:45 left to seal the win.

Scoby scored on runs of 21 and 31 yards while Dutton added a 1-yard plunge and a 7-yard touchdown pass to tight end Kenny Shockey for account for NEJC's only 29 yards. McCollister led all rushers with 174 yards and two touchdowns while Picknett added 94 yards.

The Cardinals amassed 321 yards on 52 carries while Yancey completed 4 of 8 passes for 39 yards.

Scoby paced the Norse ground game with 170 yards on 27 carries as NEJC generated 197 yards rushing and 264 yards passing.

Four NEJC turnovers, three interceptions and one lost fumble, resulted in 21 points for the Cardinals.

Sophomore linebacker Rod Picknett led the Golden Norse defense with 11 unassisted tackles and seven assists. Senior linebacker Buddy Asister recorded five solo tackles, 10 assists and two fumble recoveries.

Linebacker Brian Starn led the Cardinal defense with five solo tackles and eight assists.
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