Eight new instructors join college academic departments

Editor’s note: Information for the following article was provided by Tim Ingram, director of public information.

With the start of the 1999 fall semester, eight new employees joined the college faculty.

Katherine Christian will begin her first year at NEO serving as an English instructor.

A native of Commerce, Christian returns to NEO after 23 years of teaching at Quincy High School as a journalism/satirical writing instructor.

She earned her associate degree from NEO in 1974 before completing a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Pittsburg (Kan.) State University.

Christian served as president of the Quapaw Classroom Teachers Association from 1992-93.

James Compton joined the faculty as the director of the physical therapist assistant program.

Compton earned his bachelor’s degree from California State University at Fresno in physical therapy.

After completion of his degree, he began his career as a staff physical therapist at Central California Community Hospital.

He joined the Porterville Development Center in 1993 where he coordinated services with speech and occupational therapy, and the educational departments.

He later joined the staff at the Beverly Healthcare Center in 1992 to become the director of rehabilitation.

Beginning his first year as a full-time faculty member at Barns Grove as instructional technologist and assistant basketball coach, Groves has been at NEO since 1997 serving as the assistant women’s coach and part-time computer science instructor.

He earned his associate degree from NEO in 1992 in computer science before going on to Oklahoma State University and completing a bachelor’s degree in 1995 in engineering.

Serving as the new reading instructor is Dr. Sonar Ha-Birdsong.

Dr. Ha-Birdsong has been previously serving as the NIO English lab assistant since 1996.

She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degree in English language and literature from Kungpok National University in India, where she is currently serving as the assistant professor of English at Oklahoma State University.

She has also served as a reading instructor at the University of Arkansas and the University of Tulsa.

Braden Sheltton joins the fine arts department as a speech, theater and television production instructor.

She has prepared for the broadcast department at the University of Findlay.

Sutton has been serving at NEO since 1996 in a health science capacity in which he guided students in study groups, skills labs, supplemental programs, and practical experiences.

In 1998, Sutton became the coordinator of the JOBS program in which he worked with freshmen and junior-high students to secure employment, training completion, and adult student retraining.

She also helped facilitate workshops, dealing with domestic violence, job searching and safe-acts.

Sutton served as a graduate assistant in music education at Duquesne University.

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College receives notification for Upward Bound program

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was notified recently that it will be the recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to implement an Upward Bound program beginning this fall semester. Upward Bound has been a higher education support program since 1965 through the Department of Education.

The program will benefit students grades 9-12 from high schools in Craig, Delaware, and Ottawa Counties of northeast Oklahoma. Involved students will have eligibility guidelines they must meet to take part in the program.

Students who will be tapped to participate in the program will have completed the 8th grade, are from lower income families, and come from a family where neither parent has completed a bachelor’s degree.

According to Dr. Glen Mayle, NEO president, this program offers limitless opportunities for students to improve their personal and academic growth to pursue them not only for college, but also for life in adults.

“This is an outstanding program that helps reinforce the academic instruction students receive from their high school teachers,” Mayle said.

“The money received from this grant will allow NEO to hire people specifically trained to work with these students.”

Mayle stated those professional staff members will provide taming and supplementary instruction along with career awareness and personal guidance.

Mayle added that instruction will help several doors high school students become more prepared for post secondary education and future careers.

During the school year, participants will receive weekly contact for tutoring and general guidance, with periodic workshops and cultural activities to support their academic personal growth.

In the summer months, students will be involved in a residential component on the NEO campus, including college credit courses for those students who successfully complete high school.

NEO received funding for four years with an estimated grant of $400,000.

The Upward Bound program will begin in September.

Plans for the project officers to be housed in Kah-Ne Hall, one of the two original buildings on campus.

“Kah-Ne Hall offers many direct advantages to this program. Because it is located in the center of campus, it will enhance the interaction of the project staff and participants with our faculty and our academic programs and services,” Mayle said.

“Many high school students who are eligible for these programs lack confidence in what they can accomplish,” Mayle said.

“So, we will be working to strengthen their confidence as well as their basic educational skills.”

Several area businesses provided support for the NEO project during the grant writing phase, including direct assistance with scholarships for participants who complete the program and graduate from high school.

The business community has also been given support to help provide job shadowing, internships, supplies, and related assistance.

“We would not have received this grant if we were not for the strong support we received from area high schools and their superintendents, from our own faculty and administration, and from area businesses in our community,” Mayle said.

“All of these entities realize that we are all making an investment in our future, and we all gain when these young people have confidence and academic ability.”

Regents increase funding for higher education projects

Research, public service projects and training contracts on Oklahoma college and university campuses received a strong funding boost this year with the approval of a $287.6 million budget.

The 1999-2000 sponsored budget approved today by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is a $21.9 million or 8.3 percent increase over the $265.7 million budget for 1998-99 and a 36.0 percent increase over the 1987-88 budget.

It is comprised of revenue from external sources, such as the federal government, state agencies, businesses and industries, and private foundations.

Research in traditional and high tech areas is essential to moving Oklahoma forward and stimulating the growth of our state’s economy, said Chancellor Hans Brisch.

“Oklahoma higher education is making targeted efforts to ensure that growth occurs by improving levels of research funding,” Brisch said.

State regents’ Chairman John Massey noted that investments in research matching programs such as the Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and the Regents’ Research Matching Grant Program are helping Oklahoma realize its research potential.

In 1999-2000, these programs will provide an additional $7.0 million in matching funds for federal and other sponsored research at Oklahoma colleges and universities.
NOT A MOSH PIT
More than 150 students attended the Jamaican Me Krazy dance held last Thursday in an outside area between Harrill/Dubose dorms. Sponsored by the Student Body Government, the dance was conducted by the Eskimo Joe's touring group.

JAMAICAN ME KRAZY
Photos by Kelli Lewis and Mindy Fleming

TOUGH DECISION
An unidentified student tries to decide whether to play with a hula-loop or pay attention to his bingo card on the floor during an evening of bingo held last week in the Harrill/Dubose dorm lobby.

SERVE THE BALL
Cheryl Butler (center), director of counseling, waits for a serve during a beach volleyball game held last week.

WHAT WAS THAT LETTER?
Three cards from among the form letters are called out during the Student Body Government Bingo Night held last week.
New director discusses agenda

By Marye Fleming

The Baptist Collegiate Monticello is a student orientation and support program sponsored and supported by Southern Baptist Churches. Students of many different faiths and denominations may participate.

Many activities have been planned weekly and various activities will continue throughout the school term.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: weekly from noon to 12:50 will be Mondon. Monday is a lunch provides the free of charge for any student at the BCM building.

On Wednesdays at 12:30 a weekly discussion meeting at the BCM building and Thursday night at 9 p.m. a programming will held that.

Point 12:15 to 12:30 on Friday is the body. The BCM building is located at 105 St. NC. The building is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and all students.

The BCM is under the director for this year, outskirts. Students attending are made to.

The vice president includes the director of counseling.

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Teresa Thompson serves as an academic advisor. She can be reached at ext. 6230.

Lorraine Spencer serves as an academic advisor. She can be reached at ext. 6230. She is located in room 106 in the student center.

Malvin Simmons serves as an academic advisor. She can be reached at ext. 6230.

Jason Owens serves as the president of the Student Body Government. His office is located in the Student Center. Student Body Government.

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Injuries plague Norse football team

Despite the fact that graduation decreed both the offense and defense, Northwestern A&M’s Golden Norse football squad opened defense of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference championship with a solid nucleus of returning veterans.

Under the guidance of third-year head coach Dale Paterson, the Golden Norsemen not only won their first conference title last year, but also posted a 33-1 shutout over arch-rival Coffeyville (Kansas) Community College in the River Bowl. The Norsemen finished ranked 11th in the nation with a 9-3 record, the most competitive conference in the country and a real accomplishment for the team.

With 24 sophomores returning, only three were full-time on offense and three on defense.

“Our primary strength on offense this year will be our ground game. With (Sophomore) Scooby and (Senior) Bates coming back, we should have a very explosive running game. We will bring in some new faces and assume the leadership at quarterback,” Paterson said.

“(Defensive) Dutton comes through and takes control at quarterback, then we’ll also have a very potent passing attack because of our speed on receivers.”

“Another factor in the success of our offense will be the fact that we’ve got seven sophomores coming back along the interior line. Even though most of them didn’t start, they did get a lot of experience which should help,” Paterson said.

“We’ve also got six veteran sophomores returning along our defense front which should make a big difference in our ability to stop the run. Even though we’re a little thin at linebacker, we have some real letters at two of the three spots. Our secondary may be the most talented we’ve had in my four years as head coach.”

Quarterback

Before settling on a season-ending broken leg at the scrimmage with Independence, Kansas last Saturday, red-shirt freshman Kieran Molesher (6-2, 195, Oklahoma City) and Dutton (6-2, 205, Oklahoma City) were locked in a battle for starting quarterback.

Dutton has been sidelined for a week with a sprained ankle, but is expected to be ready for the season opener on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Freshman Josh Groshe (6-5, 220, Ogala) Eric Stone (6-2, 208, Seminole) and Zach Gardner (6-6, 165, Miami) provide depth at quarterback.

Offensive Line

Senior Daryn Armstrong (6-3, 202, Tulsa) is the lone returning starter along the interior front line.

Freshman prospects at guards are Cristot Ladd (5-11, 265, Tulsia), Nick Geppert (6-2, 261, Broken Arrow), Robert Stewart (6-2, 270, Broken Arrow, and Jarvis Close (6-2, 275, Tulsa).

Veteran Josh Brown (6-5, 280, Skiatook) returns at a tackle position after missing last season with a knee injury. Also returning at tackle is Bostick (6-5, 280, Fort Worth, Texas), and Chris Bills (6-2, 220, Lawton) return at the end positions.

Freshmen prospects at ends are DeWayne McMillan (6-4, 235, Tulsa), Eric Aceto (6-4, 232, Seminole), Cody Croup (6-5, 195, Lawrence), and Joshua Gillum (5-11, 234, Houston, Texas).

Linemen

Two sophomores return at the linemen positions led by Rodrick Pitchett (6-6, 300, Oklahoma City) and Randy Auster (5-10, 207, Morris).

Freshman candidates at line-backer are Tyler Meier (6-2, 235, Alva), Tyler Williams (6-0, 225, Cleveladn), Josh Ehler (5-11, 180, Farland), Adrian Harris (6-0, 216, Lawton), Roderick Johnson (5-11, 254, North Little Rock, Ark.) and Javon James (6-6, 190, Holdenville).

Cornerbacks

Veterans Michael Cooper (5-10, 175, Oklahoma City) and Charles Malin (5-10, 167, Tulsa) return at corner.

Freshmen Rodolfo Amin (5-10, 180, Spring Valley, N.Y.), Julius Allen (5-11, 175, Tulsa), Bryon Jones (5-8, 130, Midwest City) and Kyle Hill (5-8, 150, Oklahoma City) will challenge at corners.

Safeties

Sophomore Kendrick Shaver (6-0, 170, Tulsa) returns at free safety. Shaver recorded 24 tackles and 11 assists with four deflected passes in nine games.

Freshman Prince Andrews (5-9, 179, Muskogee) and James Harris (6-1, 178) provide depth at free safety.

Sophomore Jason Harris (5-10, 187, Tulsa) returns at strong safety along with freshman Colin Johnson (5-8, 170, Oklahoma City).

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Defending champions visit Robertson Field in NEO season debut

Revenge will be a major factor as the Golden Norsemen open the 1999 football season Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. on Robertson Field.

Fourth-year head coach Dale Paterson's Norsemen start the season by hosting defending National Junior College Athletic Association National Champion Butler County Community College of El Dorado, Kan. Last year the Norsemen finished 11th in the nation with a 9-3 overall record. The Norsemen have won seven straight games since dropping a 13-2 decision to Trinity Valley, Texan in Athens.

Coach James Shbefa guided the Butler County Grizzlies to a perfect 12-0 record and their second NJCAA national championship last year. Despite winning the national title, the Grizzlies enter the 1999 campaign ranked 12th by the NJCAA.

“Our kids are chomping at the bit to get the game underway. They have had 12 months to think about how close we came to defeating Butler County on their own field. They have something to prove,” said Paterson.

When the two teams opened the 1998 season at El Dorado, the Norsemen built a 14-3 lead midway through the third quarter. A 97-yard kickoff return by Carl Neimeh along with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Josh Allen to Kaylon Price and a one-yard TD run by Marcus Childs rallied Butler to a 23-14 win.

Entering the game the Golden Norse will rely on the running of tailback Josh Scooby and fullback Rameon Bates.

Red-shirt freshman Matt Dutton and freshman Josh Grubbs should see action at quarterback for the Norsemen.

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Norse lose quarterback

Although the scrimmage with Independence (Kan.) Community College last Saturday at Robertson Field produced some positive results for the Golden Norsemen, the red-white could prove catastrophic.

Red-shirt freshman quarterback Kekai Matherhood (8-2, 200, Oklahoma City) sustained a broken leg on the eighth play of the scrimmage. Matherhood had a steel rod placed in the leg during surgery Sunday and will miss the entire season.

“We feel so bad for Kekai because he was really coming into his own as a starter. Coach Rob-Green had worked very hard with him and he was showing a lot of promise until the accident,” said Golden Norse head coach Dale Paterson.

Another red-shirt freshman quarterback, Matt Dutton (6-2, 204, Oklahoma City) tossed the scrimmage with a severely sprained ankle. “Matt wasn’t able to practice all week because of his ankle,” Paterson said.

“Overall, I was very pleased with what we were able to accomplish offensively. We scored five times and moved the ball real well. Our passing game is coming along and our running game was very effective,” said Paterson.

Following the injury to Matherhood, freshman Josh Grubbs (6-1, 206, Oklahogna) and Eric Sinner (6-2, 208, Seminole) alternated at quarterback.

“Josh did a great job of throwing the ball. He kind of throws it as a fullback, but he did a great job of reading the defense and finding the open receiver,” said Paterson.

“Eric was just thrown into the situation without having had many reps during practice. Even though he had a couple of exceptions returned for touchdowns, once he got his feet on the ground, he moved the ball effectively.”

“Someone is going to have to step up and this was a big blow for us,” Paterson said. “We knew going into the scrimmage that our pass rush wasn’t in as good a shape as it has been the last couple of years and it showed. We’re going to have to start putting a lot more pressure on the quarterback. We didn’t do a good job of that,” said Paterson.

“Our secondary didn’t play very well either. They didn’t stay with their coverage until the play was over. They just weren’t concentrating through the entire play.”

The Golden Norse also lost the services of starting tailback Josh Scooby and fullback Rameon Bates during the scrimmage. Scooby (6-1, 215, Mt. City) suffered a slight hamstring pull while Bates (6-1, 220, Oklahoma City) sustained a groin pull. Both players are expected to be ready for the season opener.

Other players that missed the scrimmage because of injuries were offensive tackle Seth Adams with a knee and ankle problem, defensive ends D’Wayne McIntosh with a knee injury, offensive tackle Josh Brown, deep safety, receiver Lawson Goldings, knees, tight end Jason Cook, knee, defensive tackle Brad Ware, lower back.
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