Health Fair scheduled

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Members of the Medical Lab Technology program and the Wellness Center will combine efforts to offer a Health Fair from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 and Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the "O'Club" room of the NEO Fieldhouse.

"Offered during the fair will be a complete chemistry profile, which includes cholesterol, lipid panel, liver profile, and kidney test," said Kay Harris, coordinator of the event.

Reference Laboratory Medical Services Inc. will compile the test results.

Cost will be $50 for the test. Men age 40 and over are encouraged to pay an additional $30 for a prostate exam.

Members of the Wellness Center will take blood pressure and other measurements as desired.

"Before taking any of the health tests it is mandatory that the participant should not eat breakfast until after the testing," Harris said.

The fair is open to all students, faculty, and persons of the community. The results are mailed to the person taking the test to share with their physician.

The students are doing the fair as a community service and class project. If there are any questions please call 540-6315 or 540-6992.

Concert features operatic format

By Jon Owens
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An opera seria, a duet, a trio, a quartet, a sextet, a septet, add a chorus and orchestra and you have a spectacular concert entitled Opera by Number.

The college choir will be part of this event along with 15 professional singers and a community choir from both Miami and Joplin, Mo. The performance will be accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra.

First performance of the concert will be Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium on the Missouri Southern State College campus in Joplin.

The second performance will be Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. in Miami's Coleman Theatre.

Tickets for each concert are $25 for adults and $15 for students. Tickets will be available at the door the day of the concert.

Robert Ensor will perform on the piano to start the concert. The remainder of the program will be performed by the choirs under the direction of conductor Kenneth Messinger.

Mary Susan Whaley, vocal music instructor at NEO, will direct the Miami portion of the choir which will feature college students and local citizens.

An additional choir from the Joplin area will be conducted by Jayme Mathews.

The principle singers for the concert include: Jeff Carney, Springfield, Mo.; Ricardo Field, Carl Junction, Mo.; Cory Gooch, Dallas, Texas; Tony Hickin, Joplin, Mo.; Kaye Kanakis, Joplin, Mo., and Rebecca Luebber, Joplin, Mo.

Other principle singers include: Kelly Mann, Nesboro, Mo.; Catherine Medaniel, Oklahoma City; Terrence Olbrier, Webb City, Mo.; Paula Patterson, Springfield, Mo.; Douglas Raffner, Inola; Loraine Sims, Pittsburg, Kan.; Angela Stanbury, Lamar, Mo.; Brian Steele, Kansas City, Kan.; and Virginia Terry, Carthage, Mo.

"I believe this will be a great educational opportunity for our choir. It gives them a chance to perform repertoire that we would not usually be able to perform," Whaley said.

"It also gives them a chance to be able to be accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra which is an event that our students have not had since NEO had their own orchestra," said Whaley.
Mid-term classes closeout today

By Jan Owen
Managing Editor

Students looking for a mid-term class still have time to enroll even though the eight-week classes started Monday.

Students can enroll in these classes by having their advisor fill out an "add slip," then going by financial aid or the registrar, and finally taking the form to the registrar at the admissions office.

Classes being offered at the mid-term include:

- Accounting procedures I on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 117 of Copen Hall.
- Jay Douglass is teaching agriculture special problems during a trip to New York City.
- Microcomputer applications in business is offered from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.
- Chris Fancher is teaching consumer mathematics on an arranged class.
- Advanced Study Skills is offered from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday in room 206 of Dyer Hall. Tony Thompson is the instructor.
- Don Spencer is teaching both test taking on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in room 107 of Fine Arts, and comprehension skills on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in room 213 of Shipley Hall.
- A micro-course in speed reading is being offered on Monday and Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Students interested in American Indian studies can take a course on Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Dr. Cheryl Jones is teaching literature of the New Testament on Tuesday and Thursday in room 208 of Copen Hall. The course is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- Dr. Jim Gleckler is teaching a course in natural resource field applications by arrangement.
- Douglass is also teaching artifical insemination practice in equine by arrangement.
- Cardio-Activity is offered by Rob Hession in room 118 of the new gym.
- Mary Susan Whaley is teaching music appreciation from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday in Kabler Hall.
- Water aerobics is being offered by Carol Callin in the new gym on Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- James Murphy is teaching scuba diving in room 107 of the new gym on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The last day to add a mid-term class is Tuesday. Students can check class availability on the student information system on the NOE online home page.

Mid-term grades can be viewed on the home page on the test info link.

"Students are encouraged to enroll, especially if they had dropped a class earlier in the semester and need to remain at a full-time status. This is a great opportunity to make up the credits," said Linda Burns, dean of admissions.

Trip set for the Big Apple
Group plans spring break jaunt

By Jan Owen
Managing Editor

Reservations for a trip to New York City over 2001 spring break are now being accepted. The trip is being organized by the college department of Fine Arts.

Cost for the week-long trip is $995 for people under the age of 25 and $1,025 for persons older than 25.

Anyone interested in the trip should contact either Sherry McFadyen at 540-630 or Mary Susan Whaley at 540-632 for further information.

Day one of the trip will include a walking tour of Midtown and some history of New York City. Later that day observation of the city will be made from the Empire State Building.

Day two will consist of a guided tour of New York City. Lunch will be at South Street Seafood in one of many historical building restaurants. Later that day a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be provided.

At night when the city is all lit up it will be time to hit a Broadway show.

The last day of the tour the tourists will be taking tours of Radio City Music Hall and then the United Nations.

STREET TALK

What will you do during the four-day fall break?

Jeff Smith: sophmore
Miami, Oklahoma

"I am going to kick back and go to the Grand Isle." 

Teresa Cornish: sophomore
Vienna, Oklahoma

"I am going to go to Branson to see all my old buddies."

James Sharp: sophomore
 Grove, Oklahoma

"What break, I am going to spend my time working for money."

Dwayne Osbourn: sophomore
 Miami, Oklahoma

"My plans are to try and recover from nursing classes and sleep."

Jamie Shelton: sophomore
Vienna, Oklahoma

"I am going to stay at home and take care of my kids during the break."
HOMECOMING

Week of Winners

(Top) DOG-ON-A-SPIF --- A Navajo Building mant over a fire in the first place display for building decorations created by the Norse Stars/Cherleleaders in the lobby of the Library/Administration building.

(Center) POUNDING THE DOG --- The Chi Alpha organization captured first place in float construction with a football player bearing on a Bulldog.

(Bottom) TELL ME A STORY --- Members of the Child Development Club won second place in float construction with their bedtime story entry.

(Right) KNOCKING OUT THE DOG --- The Medical Assistants organization finished third in float building by creating a boxing ring to beat the Bulldogs.

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Cunningham earns crown at Homecoming

By Kristen Bradley

Denise Cunningham, a sophomore from Shiloh, was crowned the first Homecoming queen of the new millennium last Saturday during halftime activities at the Olden-Now-Nunnar, Texas football game on Robertson Field.

Representing the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Cunningham was selected from a field of 35 candidates. A nursing major, Cunningham is the daughter of Tony and Paula Cunningham.

Matt Floyd, president of the Student Body Government, presented the crown along with the 1999 queen Amy Khemia.

Serving as members of the queen's court were Melissa Yar, a Drumright sophomore, first runner-up, Katie Tippett, Commerce sophomore, second runner-up, and Jenny McCool, a Miami sophomore, third runner-up. Yar represented the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is a pre-nursing major. Tippett represented the Christian Student Fellowship and is a nursing major. McCool represented the Technology Club and is a computer aided drafting major.

The Candidate's Choice award winner was Lyndsey Harris, a sophomore from Tabor. Harris was representing the Concert Choir and is a music major.

Denise Isbom, a sophomore from Tabor, was selected Miss Norse Spirit. Isbom represented the African-American Society and is a social work major.

Winner of the traveling trophy for the Norse Spirit Award was the Medical Assistant Club. The club has won the trophy two straight years.

Earning the $100 for first place in the float competition was Chi Alpha while the Child Development Club won the $75 second place and the Medical Assistant Club won $50 for third place. The Native American Student Association received honorable mention for float competition.

The combined organizations of the Norse Stars and Cheerleaders won the $100 first place prize for building decorations. The groups decorated the lobby of the Creeks Library/Administration building.

Locked in a tie for second place in building decorations were the Psychology Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletics. Both organizations received $60.50 each. The Baptist Collegiate Ministries earned honorable mention recognition.

High school bands earning first place during the parade were Fairfield in Class A, Wyanadotte in Class 2A, and Miami in Class 3A. The Wyanadotte band also was selected Outstanding Band.
Golden Norse Maul Navarro Bulldogs

By J.R. Ross  
Sport Editor

Benefiting from a balanced attack on both sides of the football, the Golden Norsemen upset sixth-ranked Navarro College, 11-7, last Saturday, before a large Homecoming crowd at Robertson Field.

"I was extremely proud of my coaching staff for the way they kept our kids prepared to play such an important game," said NEO head coach Dale Patterson.

"It was unfortunate that Navarro's bus broke down and they were two hours late. But our kids were sitting around the fieldhouse during those two hours and it would have been very easy for them to lose sight of playing the game if our coaches hadn't worked hard to keep them focused."

Coach Chuck Lawrence's Navarro Bulldogs became stranded between Enid and Muskogee at approximately 4 p.m. Saturday with a flat tire. After struggling with a faulty jack trying to change the tire, the team finally got back on the road at 6 p.m. and arrived for the 7 p.m. game at 7:25 p.m. which pushed kickoff back to 8 p.m.

End result of the long delay was an above-average performance by the Norsemen and a lackluster performance by the Bulldogs.

After the interception by Julius Allen, the Golden Norse covered 39 yards in three plays. A 25-yard touchdown pass from Matt Dutton to wideout Romy Bryant with 12:22 left in the first quarter put NEO ahead to stay.

Jonathan Knott added the extra point.

Oustanding the Bulldogs 17-7 during the second quarter, the Golden Norse built a 24-13 lead at halftime. Fullbacks Jesse Childers and Johnny Bizual scored on runs of 15 yards and 2 yards respectively and Knott added a 36-yard field goal to spark the Norse offensive explosion.

Taking the second half kickoff on the 38-yard line, the Norsemen drove down the field and Knott put the exclamation point on NEO's 31-13 win with a 37-yard field goal with 11:57 left in the third quarter.

A 24-yard field goal by Knott with 3:46 left in the first quarter increased NEO's lead to a 34-13 margin.

Dutton, who finished completing 12 of 26 for a season-high 226 yards, connected with wide receiver Michael Thrash on a 55-yard touchdown pass with 10:45 left in the game. Knott's extra point closed out the scoring for NEO.

First place at stake during fall break trip

By J.R. Ross  
Sport Editor

Locked in a four-way tie for the lead in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference, the trip to Kilgore, Texas, Saturday, by the Golden Norsemen should make the big game.

Kickoff time will be 7 p.m.

While the rest of the NEO football body is on fall break, the Norsemen make the 450-mile trip to Kilgore looking to stay with Trinity Valley and add to a 3-1 league record. The Golden Norse are 4-2 overall.

Kilgore enters the contest under first-year head coach R. J. Hoss with a 5-2 overall record last week the Rangers suffered a 45-3 loss at Trinity Valley.

"We're coming off our biggest win against a ranked opponent that we've had in several years and definitely the biggest conference win since we went the league title in 1998," said NEO head coach Dale Patterson.

"If we can play well down the stretch, we've got a real good chance of getting home field advantage during the playoffs. So these games are very crucial."

Average 246 yards per game in total offense, Kilgore is led by freshman Graham Goosen (4-4, 199) at quarterback with freshman Craig Fulk (54, 185) at halfback and senior Lathan Edwards (5-11, 190) at fullback.

Goosen has completed 32 of 77 passes for 465 yards and one TD with two interceptions.

Fulk has rushed for 186 yards on 63 carries with four touchdowns.
Ladies loose in finals match

After sweeping through pool play and the semifinals of the Independence Community College Volleyball Classic last Saturday, the Lady Norse suffered a loss to 17th-ranked Neosho County Community College in the tournament.

Coach Rick Karr’s Lady Norse returned home Monday for a rematch with Labette Community College in the NEO Fieldhouse. The Lady Norse entered the best 3-out-of-5 match with a 25-2 overall record.

Remaining at home tonight, the Lady Norse will conclude the conference portion of the schedule by hosting Westark at 6 o’clock. The Lady Norse won the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a perfect 5-0 record.

Against Neosho County in the tournament finals, the Lady Norse held a 14-13 lead before three errors in a row cost NEO a 16-14 loss. In the second game, the Lady Norse built a 9-7 lead but failed to convert on the final four serve opportunities to drop a 15-13 decision.

“Our team played with a lot of heart and determination. These kids gave a tremendous effort all day and never gave in. They showed a lot of pride and fought like champions,” Karr said.

Facing host Independence in the first match of pool play the Lady Norse earned a 15-4 and 15-8 victory over Cowley County, Kan., in the second match the Lady Norse rolled to a 15-5 and 15-7 win.

Squaring off against archrival Westark Community College in the third pool match the Lady Norse gained a 15-8 and 15-6 win.

Advancing to the semifinals against Hutchinson, Kan., the Lady Norse lost the first game 15-9 before rallying for a 15-8 and 15-4 victory.

“As tough as tournament was, it will help us get to where we want to be entering the regional tournament. This prepared us for big games down the road,” Karr said.

Washburn wins golf tournament

Washburn University captured team honors in the 36-hole Golden Norse Invitational Golf Tournament held last Thursday at the Peoria Ridge Golf Course.

Competing in a field of 11 teams, Washburn, from Topeka, Kan., finished with a 526 team score. Southwest Baptist University of Springfield, Mo., placed second at 529, Seminole State College of 521; Missouri Southern State College at 534, NEO 662, Haskell College of Lawrence, Kan., 671; and Bacon College, team number one 685 and Bacon College team number two 717.

Three teams representing NEO Golf, Missouri Southern number two and Northwest Arkansas did not have enough players to qualify for team scores.

“Not only did we have a very competitive field with all of the four-year schools, but our players really got a good idea of the level of competition they will seek in the near future with the spring schedule,” said NEO golf coach John Lomax.

Individuals, the tournament featured a four-hole playoff for the medalist title. Kyle Long of Missouri Southern won medalist after Justin Turgarot of Washburn tipped out a par putt. Both players finished the 36-hole regulation play with a 151 score.

Fencing the Golden Norse was freshman Danny Taylor with a 50-83 for 165, followed by Phil Brady 55-82-167, Tom Arnold 88-79-167, Josh Shobisky 81-88-169, and Ryan Wieland 84-86-170.

Freshmen Jordan Whitford turned in a 85-86-169 and Josh Harris 82-91-173 while playing for the NEO Gold team.
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