Renovation projects continue

By Jane Owen

Construction, generated by a $50,000 bond issue and $100,000 section 13 capital improvement funds, is well under way, according to Tom Poole, vice president for fiscal affairs.

"In the new gym, we are remodeling the hallways as well as installing a new gym floor in March. We are also working on fixing the roof. The roof alone is costing us $35,000," said Rolfe Williams, director of the physical plant.

One of the renovation projects, the men's restroom, was completed earlier this week. "A $50,000 project is in the works for the maintenance department to relocate the old wood shop and the maintenance building to become dressing room for athletics," said Williams.

The renovation of the wood working shop is continuing even though the offices for the maintenance department were relocated over fall break. "Future projects this year include adding two rooms to the hall director's apartment in Russell Hall, resurfacing the press box at Robertson Field," Poole said.

"We're also going to install hardware to the fire doors," Poole said. "The last major project in the works is to install 75 additional security lights on the north end of campus," Poole said.

"These renovations are one of 57 capital projects that we have submitted in our long-range plan to the Oklahoma State Regents," said Poole.

"The only project that we are not sure we will undertake this year is to fix the stage lift in the Fine Arts Center. We are still waiting for bids," Poole said.

"Some of the projects many people have asked us about in regards to dorm renovations and a renovated gym. For both projects we have to get permits from the state and the plans have to be completed through the use of Auxiliary money," said Poole.

Musical cast selected

By Jane Owen

The first musical of the school year, "The Sound of Music," was announced by Assistant Director of Fine Arts, Larry Young. The show will be presented by the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Theatre on November 8, 9, and 10.

The cast includes several Northeastern students, including Robb Price as Captain von Trapp, Emily Price as Maria, and Sarah Price as Liesl. The show is directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre, Chuck Wilson.

"The Sound of Music" is a classic musical that has been performed all over the world. The music and lyrics are by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and the book is by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse.

The show opens at 7:30 p.m. and runs through November 10. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. Call the box office at (918) 461-2000 for more information.
Drug Awareness Week ignored

By Jon Owens

National Red Ribbon Week, which started Sunday, Oct. 22, and continued through Saturday, Oct. 28, has been forgotten once again on this campus.

On Feb. 7, 1985 U.S. Drug Agent Enrique Camarena was tortured and brutally murdered in Guadalajara, Mexico, by drug traffickers.

His mission was to hunt down Mexico’s powerful barons. What he found was a systematic conspiracy that involved not only drug cartels, but also high-ranking officials of several government agencies.

The U.S.’s interest in Mexico’s drug business is obvious. Fifteen years later Mexico remains our number one source of heroin and marijuana and is a major supplier of cocaine entering the U.S.

Then there is a group of people who believe that the system that leads to drug addiction is as important to combat as the drug itself.

NURSE WIND

Depression signs require attention

By Kristen Bradley

Depression is sometimes a precursor in many people’s lives today’s society.

This emotional state can happen to anyone, at any time. Some people are able to rise above depression fairly fast, while others may need to seek medical help.

Depression is an emotional state in which there are extreme feelings of sadness, depression, lack of worth, and emptiness.

I know that Red Ribbon Week was a big deal in my hometown of Moore and we even had a parade celebrating this nationwide message against drugs.

History repeats itself to those who aren’t educated and made aware.

Are we going to be a passive body of students. Could we not organize for a service project hang ribbons on the tree? Could our students be lecturers or programs done to show we disapprove of drugs?

People have fought hard and many people die everyday for this worthy cause and war against drugs. Are we that passive?

Well shame on us!

STREET TALK

What characteristics are you looking for in a Presidential candidate?

Caleb Cole, freshman

Miami, Oklahoma

“...I’m looking for a person with honesty and integrity for honesty without a lot of interns.”

Ashley Baroude, freshman

Miami, Oklahoma

“I want to elect a President that can handle our national financial problems.”

Sean McDonald, sophomore

Miami, Oklahoma

“For me to vote for someone, I have to agree with their political platform.”

Melissa Overaker, freshman

Miami, Oklahoma

“My candidate has to be a Christian and have good religious values.”

Aaron Maddox, freshman

Miami, Oklahoma

“I’m voting for anyone that isn’t Bill Clinton’s vice president.”
Religion important to queen

By Tyler Warden
Fellow Editor

She lights up any room the minute she walks in.
She’s a charming woman.
She is active at her school,
works at a Christian book store,
and she loves her God very much.

In her spare time she hunts, fishes, and likes to drive four-wheelers in the mud.

All this, and she’s trying to balance getting a nursing degree on top of that.
Her name is Denise Cunningham, a 20-year-old sophomore from Skiatook.

Cunningham became a part of history recently when she was crowned Homecoming Queen during halftime of the NEO-Norton football game at Robertson Field.
Representing the Baptist College Ministry, she won the title of a field of 35 contestants.

“I was really shocked and excited. I thought someone else would win,” said Cunningham.

Along with supporting the Baptist College Ministry, she sits on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes council and represents them in the Student Body Government.

But above all else, she is extremely religious.

“God’s just done a lot in my life,” she said. “He gives me hope because of what I stand for, believe in, and how I present myself. I love Christ and I try my hardest to build everything in my life around that.

Her commitment to her ideals gives her a grace and a bewitching sense of delicacy that the judges must have noticed when making their decision.

“I am who I am,” Cunningham said.

Drum major keeps band in cadence

By Jon Owen
Managing Editor

“Marching on the field gives you a rush when you hear the crowd cheer after you have completed a show. That is what makes band worth the time and effort,” said freshman drum major, Georgiana Butler.
Butler was raised and graduated from Cushing. In high school she was a drum major. She is also known for her ability to play the flute.

“In high school, I could remember going to the band competitions. Those were such a big deal. It gives you so much pride when you place at those events. I remember when I took first at state with a flute solo and the experience was worth a million,” Butler said.

In high school Butler was apart of Tomorrow Leaders, FFA, FHA, band and the Spanish Club.
“I came to NEO because it is really known for its agricultural program. I decided forestry was what I wanted to be apart of and I knew NEO had one of the best programs,” said Butler.

“Forestry is my interest because in high school when I took horticulture and won third place at OSU in a FFA competition it stuck with me and I ended up liking it,” Butler said.

As a student in college, Butler is currently active in the marching band, Forestry Club, and a Student Body Government Representative.

“The job of a drum major is to learn quickly what the band director wants and to be able to teach that to the members,” said Butler. “I think people look up to you. You are supposed to be the next responsible person under the director. It’s a leadership role.”
LIFESTYLES

Halloween contains religious undertones

Chance to dress up and become anyone or “thing” you want to be

Brenda Alford          Editorial Editor
Most people know Halloween has been around for a long time. But how many know where it originated?
The Celtic people of Ireland celebrated the festival of Samhain on Oct. 31. Samhain meaning “end of summer,” was a time to harvest crops and bring herds down from the mountainous pastures.

Samhain was believed to be a magical time. The Celtic’s believed that times of transition, like the interval between night and day, were
devils in their religion, however, they did believe that fairies existed. These fairies were
considered short-tempered, hostile, and dangerous.

The Celts believed that any food left on the vines, or in the fields, would be tasted by the fairies.

Due to the thought of the fairies and the dead wandering the earth on Samhain, the families would put food on their doorsteps for deceased family members to ensure good fortune for the next year.

Vagrants usually ate this food, leaving the families to believe they were visited by the spirits of their beloved

All Saints Day became known as All Hallows day. The Catholic Church abandoned its disapproval of the traditions of the Samhain. In the 1800’s when Ireland suffered many potato famines, over 100,000 Irish Catholics came to America and brought with them All Saints Day.

This tradition soon changed into what we call Halloween.

Halloween is the second most popular holiday in America, leaving Christmas first.

Battle over “free” internet

music reaches the courts

Brenda Alford          Editorial Editor

Some people around campus
know what Napster is. But for
those that do not I will tell you.
Napster is a free server
where you can download all kinds of music onto your computer.

Napster is most common on
campus with a T3 connection.
Which is the fastest
connection speed for those who do not
know.

The recording industry has sued
Napster, confusing the music sharing
site violates intellectual property
rights.

A federal district judge had ordered the music sharing service
to stop sharing music on its site. However, the appeals court
allowed Napster to continue operations pending the hearing the beginning of October.

Napster caused a revolution by allowing people to download
music files to their computer.

The RIAA is asking the appeals
court judges to reinstate a lower
court ban prohibiting Napster from
allowing copyrighted songs to appear on its Web site.

A move that would eventually
stop the service and anger its 10 million users.

Napster, for its part, says it
simply is a song swapping service
that has run afoul of recording
industry attempts to maintain a
“closed hold” on the music
distribution.

In a recent speech at the
University of Michigan, Napster
Chief Executive Officer Hank
Barry said the company had tried
to appease the record companies.

Suggesting a compromise
under which it would charge users
a $4.95 monthly membership fee
for music companies and musicians.

But the offer was rebuffed by an industry determined to resolve the issue in court.
In one way, I understand the music industry did not accept the offer because I really do not want to pay
for a service that I have got for free all this time.

In the other hand, by going to court, we instead the chance of having Napster for ever.

It clear the music industry’s efforts are to keep a “closed hold” on music distribution.

Napster is a great site for music lovers, it’s fun, simple, and best of all free.

The battle has not only tarnished the recording industry on its head, but has become an issue on university campuses, where the service is popular, and in Congress.

The battle is far from over and Napster is still in the threat of being closed down.

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Norsemen move into first place tie

By J.R. Ross
Sports Editor

With a 42-28 victory at Kilgore, Texas last Saturday, the Golden Norsemen moved into a tie for first place in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference.

Trinity Valley’s 24-21 victory at Blinn and the Norsemen victory put two teams at 4-1 in the conference. The Norsemen are 5-2 on the campaign while the Cardinals are 5-3 on the year.

“We’re right where we want to be at this point and that is in control of our own destiny,” said Norse head coach Dale Patterson.

“If we can beat Cisco and then go to Blinn and win, we would have a great shot at winning the number one seed in the conference playoffs, which means we would host the semifinal game.”

In Kilgore, the Norsemen broke out of the gate to score 21 straight points to start the fourth quarter.

“In defense of our kids, it’s tough to get up for a game week in and week out. They knew Kilgore was a ranked team and they just did not concentrate in the first half.”

TOUCHDOWN RUN

Freshman fullback Johnny Bizzell (40) scores on a five-yard run in a 42-28 win at Kilgore, Texas.

By J.R. Ross
Sports Editor

Concluding the home portion of the regular season, the Golden Norsemen host Cisco, Texas, Saturday, 6 p.m. at Robertson Field.

Coach Dale Patterson’s Norsemen enter the contest tied with Trinity Valley, Texas for the lead in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with a 4-1 record.

The Norse stand 5-2 on the season.

Students are reminded that the college cafeteria will be closed for the Saturday evening meal. A “Tear Party” will be held in the north end zone at Robertson Field starting at 4:30 p.m.

Students with a valid meal ticket can eat free at the party which features two hamburgers with all the trimmings, baked beans, cole slaw, potato chips, fruit cobblers and a drink.

Five minutes prior to the opening kickoff, a special ceremony to recognize the 32 sophomore members of the Golden Norse squad will be held.

First-year head coach Kurt Nicholas has guided the Norse Wranglers to a 0-5 record in the conference and a 1-7 overall record. Last weekend Cisco dropped a 30-0 decision at Navarro.

“We know we’re in control of our own destiny. If we beat Cisco and then go down and beat Blinn in Brenham, then we win the conference and will host the semifinal round of the playoffs,” said Patterson.

“So we’re not looking past Cisco. We know they have some good players and they could beat us if you don’t take care of business.”

Expected to start in the Golden Norse offensive backfield will be sophomores Matt Dutton at quarterback and Kevin Garbrecht at tailback, with freshman Johnny Bizzell at fullback.

Garbrecht has rushed for 392 yards on 74 carries with five touchdowns. Bizzell has added 361 yards on 83 carries and five touchdowns.

Dutton has completed 76 of 167 passes for 988 yards and five touchdowns with six interceptions.

“Our main focus will be the establishment of our running game. We’ll use the pass to keep them honest.”

Lady Norse cagers feature experience

After guiding the Lady Norse to a fourth-place finish in the 9th Region’s Junior College Athletic Association National Basketball Tournament in his first year as head coach, B.J. Smith’s squad starts the regular season Wednesday with five returning sophomores.

The Lady Norse entertain the junior varsity from Oklahoma Baptist University in a 6 p.m. contest at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Last year the Lady Norse compiled a 33-4 overall record while advancing to the NJCAA quarterfinals in Salina, Kan. The Lady Norse won the Bi-State Athletic Conference title for the second straight year earning the No. 2 seed in the Region II tournament for a 93-88 overtime victory over Bacon College.

Youth movement strikes Norse cagers

Caught up in a major youth movement, the Golden Norse basketball team-open for regular season No. 4, against Independence, Kan., with only one returning starter among the three seniors.

After finishing last season with a 17-16 overall record and an impressive 3-5 mark in the conference, the Norsemen have four returning sophomores available to return.

Golden Norse head coach Lonnie Spencer decided to only invite three back. The Golden Norsemen finished fourth in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 5-5 record.

“We only brought back Jack. That’s a very young basketball team with only one returning starter and two players that played in most of our games last year. Even though we’re young and inexperienced, like our work ethic. This team has a very positive attitude and are working hard to learn what we’re trying to teach them,” said Spencer.

Junior guard Joel Mason (6-1 from Tuba City) is the lone returning starter after appearing in 21 games as a sophomore. Nicked led the team with 76 assists while ranking second in scoring with 47 points and averaging 2.1 points per game.

Also returning at guard is Junior Love (6-0 from Johnson City, Tenn.) who played in 10 games last year and averaged 4.7 points with 26 assists and 30 steals.

Sophomore Mark Eaton (6-5, from Denver, Colo.) returns at a forward position. Eaton averaged 39 points and 2.1 rebounds in 23 games last year. “Mark really came on strong in the last seven or eight games as a freshman and he has developed into a leader,” Spencer said.

Freshman prospects at the guard positions are Troy Elliott (6-2 from Texas), Greg Nash (6-6 from Tahoka), and Mark Duker (6-5 from Ohio).

Rickey Burren (5-9 from Sapulpa)

Freshman guard at the guard-forward combo positions are Chris Byrnes (6-4 from Charlotte, N.C.), Zahiru Tame (6-6 from Mal, West Africa), and Vydnie Otte (6-5 from San Paulo, Brazil).

Challenging for the starting positions at either power forward or post for the Golden Norsemen are freshmen Rafael Franco (6-8 from San Paulo, Brazil) and Diego Mals (6-9 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). Mals has been slowed by an ankle injury.

Freshman candidates at power forwards are George West (6-9 from Humbleville, Ala.), Brandon Quinn (6-8 from Tuba Island Hall), Shish Shons (6-5 from Tahoka), Blake Nash (6-4 from Poteau, Okla.,) and Hank Dacky (6-5 from Yale).
Ladies host volleyball regionals

By J. R. Ross

Two-time defending champion Rodland's College is among the field of four teams scheduled to compete in the Region II Women's Division I Volleyball Tournament scheduled to begin Friday, Nov. 3, in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Last year Rodland's rallied to defeat Westark College in the regional finals. Along with the top-seeded Lady Norse, the Rodland's Lady Panthers are joined by the Westark Lady Lions and the Connors State Cowgirls. The single-elimination playoffs will be the best 2-out-of-3 games. Games on Friday will start at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. with the finals match scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Pairings for the tournament will be set following the end of the regional season on Monday, Oct. 30.

Winner of the regional tournament advances to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament, Nov. 20-22, in Kansas City, Mo.

Prior to a triangular match in Fort Scott, Kan., on Monday, the Lady Norse stood 26-2 on the season and are expected to perform well in the Bi-State Athletic Conference. The Lady Norse faced Neosho County, Kan., and host Fort Scott on Monday.

NEO traveled to Independence, Kan., on Thursday before concluding the regular season against Neosho County in Chanute, Kan., on Monday.

Westark College

Completing competition in the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a perfect 6-0 record, the Lady Norse volleyball team defeated Westark Community College in three straight games last Wednesday in the NEO Fieldhouse.

With the victory the conference champion Lady Norse stand 26-2 on the season. The loss dropped the Westark Lady Lions to 4-2 in the conference and 11-11 on the season.

Led by freshmen Crisstie Cusba with seven kills and Priscilla De Souza with four kills, the Lady Norse won three straight games 15-10, 15-6 and 15-4 against the Lady Lions.

"We just got stronger as the match progressed. Both Souza and Shannon Sharp did an excellent job serving and Cusba was solid on setting the ball. We also got great defense around the net from Veronica Wade and Johanna Womack," said assistant coach Sara Potocki.

Labette, Kansas

Rebounding from a tough loss in the finals of the Independence, Kan., tournament, the Lady Norse won three straight games over the Labette Community College Lady Cardinals last week in the NEO Fieldhouse.

"Our girls showed a lot of character and grit by coming out and taking care of business against Labette. They suffered a very tough loss to Neosho County in the Independence finals and I was curious to see how they would respond. And they responded like the champions they are," said Kurt.

Strong serving and excellent net play carried the Lady Norse to a 15-3, 15-2 and 15-4 sweep of the Lady Cardinals. "We had kind of a hang over from the tournament in that we weren't very crisp in the things we did, but we were methodical and put them away. Our reserves stepped up and filled in for a couple of our starters because we wanted them to be ready for Westark," Kurt said.
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