Financial aid sponsors annual Christmas party

By Jon Owens Managing Editor

"Use Your Pins and Don't Get Stuck" is the theme for this year's NED Financial Aid Christmas party, according to Tammy Higgins, director of financial aid.

The party will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5-7 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

"The event is open to all students who are wishing to obtain information on scholarships for the 2001-2002 academic year," said Higgins.

"It is a come and go affair, meaning you can come and go as you please. So stop by before or after class," said Higgins.

There will be several lender representatives on campus that will be distributing information and "goodies." Cake and punch will also be served.

"Financial aid officers will be available to answer any questions regarding current or upcoming application process," said Higgins.

U. S. Walts in the 2001-2002 Pell-grant process will be given featuring PIN information.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Attracts large audiences

By Jon Owens Managing Editor

More than 200 area grade school children will descend on the campus Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1, for the maine presentation of Schoolhouse Rock.

Under the co-direction of Sherry McCarthy and Mary Susan Whiley, the production is a children's musical that encourages students to learn the basic concepts of school subjects taught in the classroom.

The play will have three marine performances to accommodate the elementary school children in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

A regular 7:30 p.m. performance for the college audience will be presented Friday, Dec. 1.

Cassie Leman, a sophomore from Vinton, is serving as stage manager for the production.

Schoolhouse Rock was created from a 1970's television series of short topics.

Tom, played by Gregory Arnold, a sophomore from Texarkana, Texas, is a new teacher experiencing his first day of school when he turns on the television and discovers the Schoolhouse Rock segments are still on television.

The Schoolhouse Rock characters come alive to help Tom remember that learning can be fun.

Performing the role of Joe is Matt Meyerdick, a sophomore from Kingsfield.

Tonya Meadows, a sophomore from Vinton, plays the role of Shula.

Portraying the character of Suzie is Julianna Manning, a sophomore from Lowell, Ark.

Melinda Hensey, a freshman from Adair, plays the part of Dot.

The character of George is portrayed by Jason Caywood, a freshman from Woodward.

Jasie Martin, a freshman from Picher, plays Dita.

 Appearing in the role of Deena is Lindsey Londo, a freshman from Miami.

Brandi Milton, a freshman from Houston, Texas, plays the role of Lucy.

Fall enrollment figures released

Overall enrollment for the 2000 fall semester was down 42 students compared to the 1999-2000 fall semester, according to figures released by the office of Admissions and Records.

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OPINION

Holiday centers around giving

By Jan Owens
Managing Editor

Through the years people have often been one holiday after another, but one holiday tends to be forgotten more often.

That holiday is Thanksgiving, celebrated every fourth Thursday of November. There is a history to this holiday that reflects the whole meaning to the word thanksgiving.

It started over one and a half centuries ago. When a ship called the Mayflower sailed over to the New World that we know today as the United States.

They had survived the winter on a ship that had taken over half of the 105 passengers lives. After landing on the cold New England coast in 1620 the Pilgrims had many hardships.

The survivors had built houses and learned to grow corn and turkey with the help of an Pawtuxet Indian named Squanto. The Pilgrims worked hard at planting and farming the fields that spring and summer of 1621.

In the fall their hard work paid off and a rich harvest was gathered in the fall. Governor Bradford proclaimed that day the day of thanksgiving.

However, the first recorded history of Pilgrims Thanksgiving;

the hams returned with lots of turkeys and lobsters, clams, beans, corn, green vegetables, and dried fruits.

To show their gratitude the Pilgrims invited Massasoit, the chief of the Wampanoag, to their feast. Unexpectedly, he brought 90 other companions. The Pilgrims worried that the winter crop would be eaten.

Seeing that Massasoit sent his hunters to bring back food.

They returned with five deer. With that, the feast began and lasted three days.

In the early beginning of the holiday a day was not officially set. In fact, the act of thanksgiving was celebrated several times a year.

Then, President Abraham Lincoln wrote a proclamation on Oct. 3, 1863. The proclamation declared that the last Thursday of November was to be the official Thanksgiving holiday.

He said that specific date was to celebrate the victory of the battle of Gettysburg during the infamous Civil War.

So remember, before we start putting up the Christmas lights, or even before the turkey is put on the table and family and loved ones have gathered round, stop and pay tribute to the real meaning of Thanksgiving.

Birth control needs attention

By Tyler Warden
Editorial Editor

As a representative of the Norse Wind newspaper, let me welcome the student body, the faculty, and the administration of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College to the 21st century.

I know what everyone is saying, that doesn’t officially begin until New Year’s, but that’s hardly the point.

We live in a post-modern world already, which is busy challenging and changing a lot of the old conventional values of the past half-century.

One of the values that is quickly dying is the tendency of people and organizations to be polite and proper.

It’s giving way to the realization that honesty really is the best policy, whether it is polite or not.

In the spirit of this change, let’s be honest here, folks.

Young adults, students, even teenagers are experimenting with sex in record numbers.

And not only that, but this becoming a very dangerous time to be having sex.

What with the advent of AIDS, rampant homosexuality, and a whole galaxy of lethal, but still discouraging sexually transmitted diseases.

We’re talking chlamydia, “the Clap” (Non-descript Urethritis), syphilis, herpes, gonorrhea, the list just goes on and on.

And whether we want to admit it or not, whether or not it’s proper, these kids are still having sex, despite the raging probability that it can kill you or mark you for life.

To make a long story short, the school needs to implement a program to distribute condoms to students.

The distribution could occur from a number of sources such as the school nurse, or dispensers located in men’s restrooms across campus.

Admit it, we’re going to be having sex anyway, but the school can take measures to increase the safety of this activity, whether it agrees with it or not.

A lot more harm can take place if we blind ourselves to the facts, and pretend like it’s not going on.

Lives could potentially be saved and a lot of personal humiliation can be prevented if the administration would simply wake up and look around at what’s going on.

We stand to gain nothing by living in the past.
New instructor wears many hats

By Tyler Warden
Features Editor

The new speech and theater instructor this semester is Tiffany Dawn Patrick, a 27-year-old blonde from Vinita.

In addition to teaching speech and acting classes, Patrick also serves as host of NEO Spotlight and Off Location with Dr. Brian Inbody, for the television studio.

She also does some choreography for the cheerleaders, and will be directing God’s Favorite for the theater this spring.

After receiving her bachelor’s degree from Northern State University in Tchoutlaq, Patrick went on to receive her master’s in acting degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

“I like acting. It’s what I’m trained to do,” said Patrick.

After graduating from OSU, she toured for a year with the Missoula, Montana Children’s Theatre.

“Sometimes I direct 40 or 50 different children each week,” Patrick said.

Returning to Vinita after her experience with the children’s theatre, Patrick learned there was a job listing as speech, television and theatre instructor at NEO.

Over all, she says, she likes it here. “I think my fellow faculty members are really easy to work with. I like working with the students.”

Internet instruction growing

Editor’s note: The following article was written by Tim Ingram, director of public information at the college.

Tired of going to class and hearing those long boring lectures from your instructors? Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to just hop on the computer and work at your own pace for a humanities credit?

Often times we don’t have enough hours in the day to fit certain classes into our schedule. There is not much in the way of night courses around campus.

NEO has solved that problem with a new type of class that lets students work at their own pace and set their own schedule of when they want to “attend class.”

NEO will have its first Internet Delivered Course beginning in the spring semester. History of Film, taught by Dr. Brain Inbody, will be available totally online.

What that means is a student can enroll in the course and then listen to lectures or do coursework at whatever time of the day or night they wish.

New advances in technology and internet availability make the course possible. Combining several technologies such as power point, visual presenter, and video clips, Inbody’s lectures will be taped and available to download.

“This is the first course NEO has offered via the internet,” Inbody said. “It has been both exciting and challenging to combine all of the steps necessary to put this delivery system together.

“I think this first initial course will make it much easier for other instructors to offer more programs through this avenue,” said Inbody.

All of Inbody’s lectures are video taped and then placed on college’s internet web site. Since the information is recorded and stored, a student can do their work and view the material anytime of the day and week.

Inbody noted that the instructor will still be available though e-mail correspondence for questions.

“Recent studies of similar classes at other colleges has shown that students rate the interaction with instructors higher because they receive a more personalized response from the e-mail,” Inbody said.

“Anyone interested with access to a computer that is linked to the internet can take one of these courses. However, those with faster connections will get optimal viewing of the video material. If someone doesn’t have a fast connection, they can view lectures from any public library.”

History of film studiesmotion pictures from the earliest examples to modern cinema masterpieces.

The course which counts as a humanities credit required for graduation, covers the film industry itself, film as a modern art form, and the advances in motion pictures such as cinematography, special effects, and editing.

“The reason we call a film a modern art form is because it has only been around about 100 years. So, it enables a person to see how it has advanced in such a short period of time,” Inbody said.

Inbody said his history of film internet class is a good one for students to begin with because it uses material that most everyone can appreciate.

Inbody said the class is designed so students can see several aspects in their learning. Students will view the lectures over the internet and then get an assignment on a particular film to view.

The movies are available on video cassette from the NEO Learning Resource Center or in most video rental stores.

“Students can watch the movies at their own leisure time or view the film with the on-campus class at the scheduled time,” said Inbody.

After watching the movie, students will then be required to write short papers evaluating the films. The papers can be submitted via e-mail or a fax machine.


Inbody, who has been instructing television and film at NEO since 1992 and has over 12 years of experience in the industry, said:

“This type of course takes the kind of student that had a great deal of self-motivation. Each student is totally responsible for doing their assignments and there is no teacher to stand over their shoulder to push them to the deadline,” said Inbody.

“One thing NEO is doing different with our internet classes which some schools are not, is charging the same tuition rate,” Inbody said.

“Some colleges charge extra fees or higher tuition for the classes they are offering on the internet, but we decided to help enrollment of these courses by not making it too expensive for the working person which these courses really benefit.”

Anyone who is interested in taking history of film over the internet or who has questions regarding the class can contact inbody at 540-6300 or can view the NEO distance learning web site at www.neoucc.ck.ac.us and click on the distance education link.

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Editor’s note: Because The Norse Wind had to be published on Monday, results of the National Volleyball Tournament will be published in the Dec. 1 issue.

Continuing the tag-to-riches saga written thus far this season, the 15th-ranked Northeastern As a Lady Norse squad qualified for the fifth-ranked Nebraska Nebraska Athletic Association Women’s Division I National Volleyball Tournament in the Bailey Allen okla. Activity Center in Overland Park, Kan.

Competing with 15 other teams in the three-day double-elimination tournament for the first time in the five-year history of the NCAA program, the Lady Norse are seeded 12th with a 33-3 overall record. The tournament featured a best 3-out-of-5 game format.

“I expect us to go and compete very hard against Utah Valley,” said first-year Lady Norse head coach Rick Karr. “When you get to the level, competition is very, very good and we’ll have to be ready every play of every game.”

Utah Valley entered the tournament as the fifth seed with a 30-7 overall record. The Lady Wolverines won the Mountain Western Conference and currently have a seven-match winning streak. Starting along the front line for the Lady Norse will be the Brazilian connection of freshmen Paula Carro (5-7), Pincola De Souza (5-11) and Cristine Carne (6-1) along with sophomore Torres Rito (5-7) and freshmen Johnny Wornack (5-8) and Amy Harris (5-7).

“We’re not putting six inexperienced players on the court, we’re putting six players out there that will do what it takes to win. Our four Brazilian players have played in tournaments a lot bigger than this one, so they won’t be intimidated by where we are,” Karr said.

“Me, I really don’t have the words to describe what these girls have accomplished in just one year. It is nothing short of a miracle when you stop to consider that this program had only won three matches the past three years and then all of a sudden, here we are competing for a national championship.”

“Going into the tournament these kids have the goal of keeping the ball off of the floor. They will do whatever it takes to make sure the ball doesn’t hit the floor.”

“Regardless of what happens, our goal is to compete hard and get a chance to play for the national title,” said Karr.

Golf team places eighth in Edmond

Closing out the fall portion of their schedule, the Golden Norse golf team finished eighth recently in the Oklahoma Christian University Invitational tournament at Coffey Creek Golf Course in Edmond.

Oklahoma Christian University A-team won the team title with a 600 score during the two days.

Newman University finished second at 609; Northwood (Texas) University third at 611; Southern Nazarene University fourth at 616; Cameron University Junior Varsity fifth at 619; and Seminole State College sixth at 625; St. Gregory’s University seventh at 637; and Nazarene eighth at 656.

Jason Wood of Southern Nazarene won individual medalist honors with a 72-70 for a 142 score; Danny Lovett of the OCCU team finished with a 72-71 for a 143 score. Representing the Golden Norsemen were Eric Hill with a 79-76 for 155; Jordan Wharton 78-86 for 164; Phil Embree 79-87 for 167; Danny Taylor 80-83-163; and Casey Harris 84-84-170.

Lady Pirates snap streak

After traveling to Fort Smith, Ark., on Monday to open play in the Big-State Athletic Conference against Westark, coach B J. Smith’s Lady Norse travel to Coffeyville, Kan., Friday and Saturday, for the Thanksgiving Classic.

Pace was set to the Women’s game as the Lady Norse stand 3-1 on the season.

The Lady Norse will travel to Warner, next Thursday, for a 6 p.m. showdown with Comanche State.

Lady Norse 116 Southern Nazarene 79

With the entire lineup making major contributions, the Lady Norse cruised to a 116-79 win over the junior varsity of Southern Nazarene University, last Thursday, in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Against the out-manned Southern Nazarene Junior Varsity, the Lady Norse didn’t allow a point until the free throw by Tammy Reddell with 12:22 left in the first half.

Raven Lee led the Lady Norse with 22 total points while Brandi Roesler contributed 21 points. Charlotte Nelson, April Ponds and Luciana Silva each scored 14 points while Carina Sousa added 10 points.

Janice Cowan led Southern Nazarene with 11 total points.

Independence 77 - Lady Norse 71

Being outscored 135-9 in the final four minutes, the Lady Norse suffered a 78-71 loss to Independence Community College, last Tuesday, in the Pirate Fieldhouse.

With the score against Independence tied at 65-65, the Lady Pirates received field goals from Marta Villarreal and Oli Syntu along with three free throws by Carolee Baule to build a 73-67 cushion with 2:10 remaining in the game.

After a field goal by Corina Souza and a free throw by Crystal Bennett cut the deficit to 74-71, the Lady Pirates received two free throws each by Ana Stomescu and Villarreal in the final 19 seconds to seal the victory.

Crystal Bennett paced the Lady Norse with 15 total points while Souza contributed 12 points.

Stomescu and Villarreal both scored 20 points to lead the Lady Pirates while Syntu added 11 points.

Golden Norsemen to halt six-game skid

Following a game at Fort Smith, Ark., on Monday, the Golden Norsemen will have 10 days to rest and regroup before returning to the hardwoods.

The Norsemen were 1-6 on the season before visiting Westark in Fort Smith on Monday.

After the Thanksgiving holiday, the Norsemen will visit Commen State in Warner on Nov. 30.

Fieldhouse. At Coffeyville, Kan.

Coffeyville, Kan. 63 - Norsemen 59

Two free throws by Willard Autman with 13 seconds left carried the Coffeyville Red Ravens to a 65-59 win over the Norsemen last Saturday in the finals of the Coffeyville Classic. Sophomore Joy Noles missed a three-point free at the buzzer in an attempt to tie for NEO.

Brandon Queen led the Norsemen with 18 points.

Steve Smith tallied 13 points for the Ravens.

LaBette, Kan. 94 - Norsemen 81

After trailing by 14 points at halftime, the Golden Norsemen dropped a 93-81 decision to LaBette (Kansas) Community College last Friday in the opening round of the Coffeyville Classic in the Nellis Fieldhouse.

At Coffeyville, Kan.

Nolos, Mark Elzuber and贝壳 were each scored 10 points to lead the Golden Norsemen in scoring.

Daniel Towns paced the Cardinals in scoring with 16 points while both Quinn Samuels and Derrell Shon scored 13 points each.

Independence 77 - Norsemen 68

Unable to overcome a three-point halftime deficit, the Norsemen dropped a 77-68 decision to Independence Community College, last Tuesday.

Noles led the Norsemen with 14 points while Elzuber scored 12 and Greg Nash added 10 points.

Oscar Roner jumped the Pirates with 19 total points.
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