IN THE NEWS

Monday, September 25
Students are reminded that workday and state payroll time cards are due by 10 a.m. in the Data Entry office located in the basement of the Greek Library/Administration building.

All students are invited to Hat Toppers & Cost Cut at the Christian Student Fellowship located at 106 H Northeast starting at noon.

Tuesday, September 26
All students are invited to participate in Monday activities which start at 12:15 p.m. at the Baptist College Ministry located at 106 H Street Northeast. Everyone is invited to the traditional noon activities at the Baptist College Ministry starting at 12:10 p.m. in the building just north of the main campus.

Wednesday, September 27
All students are invited to the Fraternity In The Word luncheon at noon sponsored by the Christian Student Fellowship located at 106 H Street Northeast.

Everyone is invited to the traditional noon activities at the Baptist College Ministry starting at 12:10 p.m. in the building just north of the main campus.

Thursday, September 28
The college bookstore will be closed all day for inventory. The Baptist College Ministry will host Thursday Night Break at 9 p.m. in the BCM located just north of the main campus.

Friday, September 29
All campus clubs and organizations are reminded that names of their Homecoming Queen candidates must be turned into Shirley Patterson by 4:30 p.m. in the office of Student Affairs located in the west wing of the first floor of the Dyer Hall.

Anyone is invited to participate in "Happy Hour" during noon at the Christian Student Fellowship house located at 106 H Northeast.

The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) group will meet at noon in the OWSL Center located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Saturday, September 30
The Golden Norse football team will conclude a three-game homestand by hosting Tyler, Texas in a 7 p.m. game at Robertson Field. Students are admitted free with a valid ID card. A Tailgate Party will start at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per person.

Play cast selected

By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor

Cast members for Dancing at Lakehuach which will open Oct. 8, have been announced according to director David Friesen.

"Student Nite" for the college will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Any NEO student with a valid ID card will be admitted free of charge. Performances for the general public will be Oct. 5-6 and 1. Tickets cost $4 for adults and $3 for students and senior citizens.

Matt Meyers, a sophomore from Kingfisher, will play the part of Michael. Liz King, a freshman from Miami, will play the part of Kate.

Portraying Maggie will be Julie Martin, a freshman from Picher.

Andie Hayes, a sophomore from Muskogee, will play the part of Agnes.

Cast in the role of Rose is Carolyn Ross, a sophomore from Spingradle, Ark.

Dawne Friesen, a freshman from Miami, will play the part of Chris.

Assuming the role of Gerry is Joshua Miller, a sophomore from Grove.

Kevin Prewitt, a freshman from Kansas City, Mo., will play the part of Jack.

MARCHING BAND SET

Perform during halftime

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

"Mark time march," shouted drum major Georgina Baker, a sophomore from Cushing.

Under the direction of Brian Smith, the Golden Norse Band is preparing for football halftime shows, parades and numerous other activities.

Performing on the color guard are Junie Johnsen, Roma Keesee and Amy Keesee.

Sophomores Lorn Hill of Miami and Mary Lou of Tahlequin are members of the color guard.

The band members are: Mandy Wilcox, junior, center; Marci Allen, senior, center; Mike Jackson, junior, center; Jude Kildrick, junior, center; Mimi, senior, center; Jon Johnsen, junior, center; Rome Reeves, junior, center; and Matt Anderson, junior, center.

Additional members are: Michelle Burton, sophomore, center; Travis Martin, senior, center; and Matt Johnsen, senior, center.

The freshmen are: Tim Webster, junior, center; and Matt Kennedy, senior, center.

The band's schedule includes: Oct. 8, vs. Kingfisher; Oct. 15, vs. Bristow; Oct. 22, vs. Ada; Oct. 29, vs. Stillwater; Nov. 5, vs. McAlester; Nov. 12, vs. Enid; and Nov. 19, vs. Yukon.

Phil Theta Kappa holds initiation for new members next Thursday

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

While the college features the oldest chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society in the state, members of the MU Chapter have started their annual membership drive.

The drive will conclude on Thursday, Sept. 28, with the traditional induction ceremony starting at 3:30 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. Rebecca Jim, a Miami High School counselor, will be the featured speaker. Jim will discuss the clearance requirements under the federal government on Tar Creek.

Under the guidance of Pat Creech, Phi Theta Kappa recruits students that have completed 12 hours and have maintained a 3.45 overall grade point average.

"Phi Theta Kappa is the international Honor Society for two-year colleges. The organization started in 1920 and now has over 1,200 chapters around the world," said Creech.

"NEO is one of the top 100 chapters internationally and number one in this region."

Students who have received a letter and want to join should have their dues paid by Monday, Sept. 25.

The benefits of joining Phi Theta Kappa include millions of dollars in transfer scholarships, designation at graduation which also appears on the members' transcripts, trips, workshops, seminars, conventions, and a 10 percent discount in the college bookstore.

Voter registration slated

Trying to get the word out on the coming national Presidential election, members of the Young Democrats have set up voter registration booths at the booths in the foyer of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Statewide registration for the Nov. 3 general election is Oct. 13. Students should register at NEO's designated office address.
Dorm visitation hours need restructuring to fit residents

Brenda Alford
Editorial Editor

Many of us have been to the floor meetings and we all pretty much have heard the same story. Do we want visitation hours to change? YES! We had the floor meetings, signed the paper and took a vote. But what is going on with it? Why haven’t we heard anything about it? Why is it we are being treated like we are in high school? The hours are right now are 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This is from Monday to Thursday. Friday and Saturday we get to have guests in our rooms from 7 p.m. to midnight. We pay for the rooms and as long as no one is having a party, or making a lot of noise. I think this is a good idea to have visitors when we want them. Okay, I know we will never have open visitation. Let’s face it. We live in a dormitory community, not one wants to live in the year 2000 but in college students. So early we can change the hours a little. In the beginning the administration asked if we wanted to do away with the 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We were informed they are putting it to a vote. Well what happened with the vote? Nothing yet. Will something happen? Maybe, let’s not give up. I say we have open visitation. Or at least have it from 2 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday through Saturday, and Sunday noon to midnight.

I mean really most of us hear are adults and we are being treated like we are in some private school. What would we like to see happen? Why don’t you tell me and together we will try to make it happen. All you have to do is write your thoughts (what ever they are) down on paper. Put your name on it and bring it to The Norse Wind office located on the second floor of Dyer Hall.

Turnpikes are out-dated

Brenda Alford
Editorial Editor

Most all of us who are residents of the dorms go home for the weekend. Do we really have the money to leave all the time? Do we really care if we do have the money? I know I don’t care if I have the money to leave or not, I want to go home and enjoy my weekend to the fullest. But why does it cost so much for that trip home?

Do we really do three dollars worth of damage driving on the turnpikes for a hour? These people are making a killing of off money we don’t really have spare. What do we do about it? Complain until the people that can do something.

What can they do? They can start a Oklahoma Lotto package to help get the money if we closed the turnpike down. We can legalize gambling like Vegas. Hey, if they did that here we would get rid of the State tax and turnpikes. Sounds good to me how about you? It makes me $32 to go home on the weekends. And a few people a lot more. Most of this is because gas prices are so high. If we get rid of the turnpikes it would cost only $40.

So, we need to lobby our legislators to do away with the turnpike system in Oklahoma.

In your opinion, should the United States have more strict laws on drug consumption?

Holly Batchelor-sophomore
Tulsa, Oklahoma

“‘Yes, because there are so many people that get hurt by drugs and kids don’t know what they’re doing’"

Bryan Gore-freshman
Stigler, Oklahoma

“‘Yes, because drug usage is getting more and more out of control’"

Lori Hudson-sophomore
Venita, Oklahoma

“‘Yes, because the laws we have now on the national level aren’t very effective’"

Blake Nash-freshman
Raleigh, N.C.

“‘Yes, drug usage needs to be prohibited and out of the public eye’"

Tonya Moore-freshman
Quapaw, Oklahoma

“‘Yes on some drugs, no on others. I think drug usage should be pro-choice’"
Polluted stream needs attention

By Tyler Warden

There’s poison within 1,000 yards of the NRO campus and no one seems to be able to make it go away.

Tar Creek, which trickles right behind the tree line just past the baseball, softball, and intramural fields, is one of the most polluted bodies of water in America.

Commentary

As it turns out, Miami, Commerce, Picher, and Carlin were all once good size mining boom towns when a vein of lead, zinc, and iron ore was discovered at the turn of the 20th century.

“You could drive from Miami to Joplin totally underground,” said Rebecca Jim, a counselor for Miami High School and activist on Tar Creek pollution cleanup.

These mines were actually on top of an artesian water table, and the water had to be pumped out to work could be done during the day.

But then at night, the mines would fill back up and overflow, spilling toxic powder and lead and other toxins into Tar Creek.

When the vein of minerals ran out, the mining companies packed up most of their equipment and moved on.

They couldn’t get some of their tracks out of the mines, and they are still there to this day.

Also, some of the pillars that kept the mines from falling in were torn out, but no one knows how many because it was illegal to take them out, so it wasn’t documented, Jim said.

Those pillars are keeping town like Picher and Carlin from sinking more than 20 feet lower.

As a matter of fact, according to a recently released study by the Tar Creek committee, a recommendation has been made to relocate those two towns.

The recommendation was one of several presented by the committee which estimated that as much as $50 billion additional money would be needed to complete the Tar Creek project.

The $30 billion would be top of the already $26 million the Environmental Protection Agency has already spent attempting to clean up the problem.

That could mean a lot of extra trouble for some NEO students. Relocating an entire community is not something that is done everyday.

It’s no good fishing in Tar creek, either. In November of 1979, on a day like any other, all the fish in the creek died from all the chemicals. Nothing can survive in that creek.

“While there has yet to be any efforts to study the toxic level of Tar creek, Harvard University is planning to send a scientific team to Miami to study the stream in April,” Jim said.

One of the residual effects of the polluted stream seems to have along the area on either side of the creek could be unusually high levels of toxic chemicals that can cause prolonged health risks.

Further scientific study is needed to determine the long-term health risks to not only Miami residents, but more importantly to the people who live and work at NRO.

Another reason for wanting Tar Creek cleaned up is the unusual amount of money spent by individuals living along the creek for clean up after a flood.

During the decade of the 90’s, the college alone spent more than $100,000 to restore the football field, the baseball and softball diamonds and the intramural field because of the overgrown silt left by the high waters of Tar Creek. Just two years ago the high waters washed out the fence around the baseball field and forced evacuation by the college maintenance department.

Twice during the 90’s, waters from Tar Creek invaded Robertson Field and once the Miami Fire Department was asked to come out and hose down the intramural field to wash away the residue.
LIFESTYLES
Fellowship sponsors fun activities

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor
Heartburn is more than just a physical attribute some people get annoyed with. The Christian Student Fellowship has a program that they put together the third Sunday of every month at 8:30 p.m.

Heartburn features singing, skits, testimonies from students. The September program was held last Sunday in front of Harrill Debohn Hall. Approximately 60 students were in attendance.

"Heartburn is an excellent way of making new friends and getting in touch with God. I encourage students to participate in one of these," said sophomore Shawn Ragan.

"It's good to be able to gather in fellowship with other students," sophomore Cato Perez said.

"Heartburn, I think, brings a lot of people of different denominations together. You see people from CSI, Wesley Foundation, Baptist Collegiate Ministry and other students coming together to worship," said sophomore John Anderson.

"Heartburn is a program that is set up a place of grace God and stimulate thought through fellowship. It's an overview of a heart that has more love that we can imagine," Lonnie Portman, sponsor of Christian Student Fellowship said.

"My heart was hot within me, while I was missing the fire burned. Psalm 39:3a"

First production offers several lessons in life

By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor
NEO's theatre department is putting on a new play entitled, Dancing at Lughnasa.

It focuses on the main character, Michael, played by Matt Meyerlik, as he thinks back on a summer in 1936.

With the loss of jobs, and his five sisters and him to endure.

The five sisters are all unmarried, and years to break the bonds of daily life and the responsibilities they must keep.

Dancing is the only means of fun and excitement the five sisters have. But as soon as the radio is turned off, they are suddenly brought back to the reality of their lives.

With the loss of jobs, and their family years even more for something better to come along, but not never will.

New math instructor

By Kristen Bradley
Features Editor
The best laid plans of mice and men always go astray, according to an old saying.

If you don't believe that, just ask first-year mathematics instructor Alan Batt.

Born in Coventry, England, the birthplace of Lady Godiva, Batt earned a mathematics degree before crossing the ocean to America. Batt received a masters of science in computer engineering from the University of South Florida. Over the years Batt has worked as an engineer in develop:

David Froman, head of speech and theatre depart

Norse bury Greyhounds

By J.R. Ron

Sports Editor

Generating a balanced offensive attack that accounted for 422 total yards, Northeastern A&M's Golden Norsemen defeated Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College 33-18 Saturday night in nearly 2,500 fans at Richey Field.

With the victory coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen are 4-1 on the season while the Greyhounds slip to 1-2 in the year.

"We really benefited from last week's open date and it showed against Fort Scott. I thought our guys were ready to play, but I don't know what to do on every play we ran. They concentrated and we focused and played with a lot of emotion," said Patterson.

During the first quarter the Golden Norse built a 6-0 lead on an 8-yard touchdown run by freshman tailback Mike McConnell. NED scored on an 18-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Matt Maton to wide receiver Jeff McDaniels. Maton's extra point extended the margin to two points, 12-0 in the third quarter.

"I was a little concerned when they pulled to within two points because they had beaten us with the big play. But at the same time, we responded with a 50-yard drive in seven plays and that caused my mind some," said Patterson.

A 58-yard pass play from quarterback Matt Maton to wide receiver Jeff McCoy gave the Norse a scoring chance. McConnell capped the drive with a 21-yard touchdown run with 3:56 left in the third quarter. The extra point by Jonathan Klue振 gave NED a 19-10 lead.

Burrill scored on a 4-yard run to cap a 49-yard, five-play drive by the Norsemen with 12:14 left in the fourth quarter. Klue振 increased the lead to 26-10.

"We gave up a couple big plays, but we forced three interceptions and a fumble. Three of those mistakes led to scores for us, so I was pleased with our defensive effort," said Patterson.

Freshman linebacker Korey Wyatt led the Norse defense with nine unassisted tackles and five assists. Freshman cornerback Colon Johnson recorded eight solos and five assists while veteran linebacker Josh Glenn made seven solos and four assists.

Along with the four turnovers, the Norse defense recorded four quarterback sacks and sacked the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage six additional times.

NO WHERE TO GO

Veteran tight end Clay Patterson (87) struggles to break the grasp of Fort Scott defenders Patrick Riley and James Balay (13).

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Lady Norse continue winning

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Spikers win tournament

By J. R. Ross
Sport Editor

Despite dropping the first game of pool play, the Lady Norse rallied to win the Cowley County Tiger Volleyball Classic last Saturday in Arkansas City, Kan.

After winning five of six matches during the two-day tournament, coach Rick Kerr's Lady Norse stand 12-1 on the season.

Following a match in Broken Arrow on Tuesday, the Lady Norse host Allen County, Kan., on Monday at 6 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

The Lady Norse travel to Parsons, Kan., on Tuesday for a 6 p.m. match with Labette Community College before returning home on Thursday for a 6 p.m. Bi-State Athletic Conference match with Redlands College.

Cowley Tournament

Opening pool play in the tournament on Friday against host Cowley County, the lady Norse lost two out of three games. After winning 15-12 in the first game, the Lady Norse dropped a 8-15 decision and a 6-15 game to the Lady Tigers.

"We weren't ready to play when we got there. This was our first tournament and we're such a young team that we're still learning to travel. But, once we get our feet on the ground, we blew right through the rest of the field," said Kerr.

Facing Hutchinson Community College in the second pool match, the Lady Norse posted two straight victories by 15-13 and 15-4 scores. Hanging up against Coffey College of Nevada, Mo., the Lady Norse won two games by 15-12 and 15-5 scores.

Playing Highland Community College in the third pool match, the Lady Norse won 15-11 and 15-6 before winning the pool portion of the tournament by defeating Allen County Community College by 15-7 and 15-6 scores.

Meeting arch-rival Coffeyville Community College in the semifinal match, the Lady Norse posted 15-12 and 15-11 victories.

A rematch with Hutchinson occurred in the finals as the Lady Norse captured the title with a 15-4 and 15-6 wins.

Cassie Custer, a 6'1" freshman from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was selected Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Teammate Paula Castro, a 5'7" freshman also from Rio de Janeiro, was named to the All-Tournament team.

"Not only did these two girls really shine for us, but this was a total team effort. Everybody contributed and if we continue to get better as the season goes along, there's no telling how far we're going to go," Kerr said.

Coffeyville, Kan.

Extending their winning streak to six matches, the Lady Norse volleyball team swept three games from the Coffeyville Community College Lady Ravens last week in Coffeyville, Kan.

"We're playing very well right now as a team. Everything seems to be coming together and the more we're on the court, the more confidence we gain in each other," said Kerr.

Making the most of a strong rotation system the Lady Norse defeated the Lady Ravens by 15-11, 15-6 and 15-11 scores.

"Not only are we improving with our net play with every game, but the girls are working real hard and coming up with some spectacular digs. We're also getting more service aces as we go along," Kerr said.
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