Production cast set

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Cast members for The Pajama Game have been selected, according to director Susan McCray.

Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 17 cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well.

Playing the female lead role of Babe is Tonya Meadow, a sophomore from Grove. Cast in the male lead as Sid is Matt Meyerdierk, a sophomore from Kingfisher.

Kinchens: Quenna Brumbaugh, Bethany A. Nicol, Deborah Simmons.

Springfield, Ark.: Debbie Hensley, Debbie Jones, Marla King, Janice L. Schubert, Shawn L. Sherwood.

Norsonna Park: Timothy E. Poffing.

Oklahoma City: Kowalski M. Motherboard, Colin D. Johnson.


Quapaw: Lisa R. Harrison, Jobi W. McKibben, Patrick D. Paterson, Dustin C. Wall.

Sand Springs: Zachary J. Solomon.

Tulsa: Shannon T. Jackson.

Vinita: Francus K. Crawford, Rebecca J. Engasson, Anthony J. Hicks, Mark E. Kight, Diana D. Layman, Dennis Kelly Wade.

Welsh: Brian McAffrey.

Wewoka: Michael E. Thurb.

Yeadonte: Susan A. Wagner.

Out of state graduates include:

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Gallatin, Mo.: Dustin L. McHenry.

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Reno, Nev.: Joshua C. Biglino.

Shefild, Mo.: Charley L. Fowler.

Houston, Texas: Kohna Amoo and Adam Kaisnar.

Hungary: Aliska Kalantar.

Students receive degrees

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

Approximately 65 students have been recognized as prospective fall semester graduates by completing their educational requirements for associate arts or associate applied science degrees. In order to receive an associate degree, a student must have completed at least 62 credit hours and must have passed all required academic program course work.

Oklahoma graduates and their home town include:


Bartlesville: Ryan S. Green.

Broken Arrow: Rachel R. Cingkling, Nicholas J. Gilmore.

Carroll: Jeffrey A. McCoy.

Checotah: Billy R. Victory.


Edmond: Kevin R. Galbraith.

Eufaula: Marlyn R. Bishop.

Fairland: Jennifer K. Boyd, Lisa D. Vanhouse, Shelly R. Ware.

Greer: Chasity D. Floyd, Michael B. Huggins, Traci L. Laverne.

Haskell: Byron J. Humphrey.


Ketchum: Quenna Brumbaugh, Bethany A.

Nicol, Deborah Simmons.

Miami: Jay P. Casey, Mary K. Collins, Meganah D. Hill, Penny King, Gena L. Schnaebel, Shawn L. Sherwood.

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Search for love can be elusive

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

How does it feel to be in love? Are you elated, this, or happy? Does your heart skip a beat, flutter, or your heart tremble?

What is love? Webster’s dictionary defines it as: 1) strong affection for another out of kinship. 2) attraction based on similarity. 3) a form of attachment or devotion. 4) a form of attachment or devotion. 5) a beloved person. 6) unfulfilled, loyal concern for another. 7) an amorous episode. 8) a score of zero in tennis.

A person must be careful when using the word love these days, as the word has many different meanings these days.

These different meanings are derived from the way people are taught while being raised. Fathers teach their kids about love one way and mothers teach another way.

If a father was to catch his daughters calling others in love like they taught their sons they would probably lock their daughter in a closet till they turned 30.

If a mother still feels their son is acting the way they taught their daughter to act, then she would probably spank their daughter that looked twice at her son.

The words “I love you” means completely different things to different people. It might be smart to ask the person means when saying this to you.

A lot of times when I use the word I love you to many of my friends on campus I am using the definitions warm attachment or devotion or unfulfilled loyal concern.

I care about my friends. However none of them are the ones I feel I have true love for.

Try asking such questions as Does this mean you want to date me possibly? Or is the word I love you mean in this relationship with this person? Try it. Maybe you feel find a guy or a girl that is honest and up-front with you on the issue and you know where you stand from the start.

Be more aware of the situation when you hear those powerful words. Don’t bother in the eyes of the person to find the truth, because you’ll never find it them.

Instead of paying to the way you are treated. Does the person seem to have respect for you or like you, know how you feel and cares about you. OR... does the person seem to be having problems keeping their hands off of you... OR... does the person all of a sudden have other things to do, if you push their hands away from you?

I say the truth is their are womanizers out their as well as manis. These people care about one thing and that is what is in their pants.

I say beware of the one night stand. There is nothing like getting burned by what you think is a potential mate.

Norse Wind

Norse Wind. by Tyler Warden

It’s a show that’s got it all: comedy, drama, big song and dance numbers, love, betrayal, sacrifice, and redemption. Pretty much fun for anybody.

There’s another theater production at NEO, and this one promises to be somewhat, it’s say, “different.” It’s called The Pajama Game.

It’s a comedy. Well, a farce really. It’s a love story with some Romeo-and-Juliet-like under-the-scenes. And it’s got musical numbers, like “Steam Heat,” “Hurry Up,” and “Once a Year Day.” Different is one way of putting it.

The cast is slightly bigger than the other few productions the NEO Theater group has performed this year. According to the director, Steve McCarty, the cast is around 20 or 25 people.

Student Night is Feb 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the theater in the Fine Arts Center. Other performances are at 7:30 p.m. on March 1 through 3. A 2 p.m. Sunday matinee is set for March 4.

“I’m very excited about doing the show,” McCarty said.

Commentary

It’s set in the not-so-recent past somewhere in the Midwest (Cedar Rapids, Iowa to be exact) against the backdrop of a pajama factory that is having some labor troubles.

“I think my cast is [exhaled] also,” McCarty said.

There’s a love story turn by the labor dispute. Two people mean for each other are on opposite sides of a bitter struggle - all for a seven-and-a-half cent raise.

“I hope that the student body and the general public will enjoy the show,” McCarty added.

STREET TALK

Do you feel safe on campus after dark?

Jennille Plehner, sophomore
Pittsford, Missouri

“No, I don’t feel safe after dark because campus security isn’t very visible.”

Justin Guy, freshman
Wyandotte, Oklahoma

“Yes, I do because I always travel around campus with my friends.”

Shawn Ragas, sophomore
Monet, Missouri

“No, because the whole campus isn’t lighted and there are some dark spots.”

Jordan Jackson, freshman
Grove, Oklahoma

“Yes, because random acts of violence aren’t going to happen to everybody.”

Cole Vitterton, freshman
Wyandotte, Oklahoma

“No, because there are some people that can be pretty scary at times.”
Dehart returns to the classroom

Head of Surg Tech program is NEO graduate

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

"I always admired people in the healthcare profession. When you are a parent, it is important to have a good job to raise a child," said Nancy Dehart, director of the surgical technology program. Dehart is native of Dora, N.M.

While attending Dora High School, she was active in basketball, track, speech and drama. "After high school, I decided that I would take my chances as an elementary teacher at Panhandle State College in Goodwell, Okla. I liked Panhandle because it had that agriculture atmosphere," Dehart said.

"College, for me, started off rough. I was stuck at the college with a car, so I could not help but to be active in school. So I became active in the rodeo club and drama." As most college students, Dehart decided teaching was not her lifelong dream and switched majors and schools.

"I came to NEO in 1980 to become a nurse. NEO was heavily recognized for it's nursing program," said Dehart.

"While I was here I had a job as a respiratory therapy technician. It really allowed me to see that the healthcare field was what I wanted."

Upon graduation in 1983, Dehart went to work as a registered nurse for Craig General Hospital in Vinita.

"I decided I wanted to go further in my career. So in 1992 I went for my bachelor's degrees in nursing at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah," Dehart said.

"While at NSU, I was able to be apart of Sigma Theta Tau.

"I continued to work at Craig General and later I transferred to Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo., where I worked in emergency room," said Dehart.

"The profession is very rewarding. One of the neatest things I was able to do in my career was to work as a medical missionary for Feed the Children, when they went to Honduras and Thailand."

"I came to NEO as an adjunct faculty member. My job was to take nurses into the operating room. It felt like it might be good to change jobs and become a teacher."

As an instructor, Dehart has set out to receive her master's degree in nursing education at the University of Oklahoma Medical Sciences in Tulsa.

"My theory for learning for my students is pleasurable and fun. I had worked in most areas in nursing and I wanted to pass on my experiences," said Dehart.

"On my free time away from work I enjoy doing black and white photography, fly fishing, and I can't wait to hike the Grand Canyon."

"All the instructors that were there when I was are gone, but it feels like coming home working at NEO. This is a good school. This is the kind of school where students get a good start," Dehart said.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK
Nomination Form

Date ____________________________

Who would you like to nominate? ___________________________________________

Can you name a class in which this instructor seems to be particularly effective? 

Course __________________________ Days ________ Time ________ Room _________

Can you cite a specific example of at least one of the following: this instructor's devotion to duty, care for students, professional advancement, or service to the College or community?

________________________________________________________________________

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Your name ________________________ Signature ____________________________

Bring this nomination to SH 316 by Friday at 2:00 p.m. or leave all of the above information on voice mail (918-659-0180) or e-mail (blowars@neomc.cc.ok.us).
Tax code changes require thought

By Jon Owens
Managing Editor

With continuing tax changes it is making it more possible for
taxpayers to file an even more
complicated return.

This year in the mail a student
may receive the same kind of tax
form that he or she filed last year.
A student should review their
tax situation to find out if
they need to file a different form.
Students generally use the
green "EZ" form (1040EZ) a
student may use these forms if
their filing status is single: a stu-
dent is under 65; a student is not
blind; a student claims no depen-
dents; a student's taxable income
is less than $3,000; and it is only
from wages, salaries, tips, tax-
able scholarships and fellow-
ship grants, and certain interest of
$400 or less; and a student does
not itemize deductions, claim
any adjustments or credits or owe
any other taxes that are
from the tax table.

If a student does not qualify to
use the Form 1040EZ a student
may use the pink "short form" (1040A), if a student's income is
only from wages, salaries, tips,
taxable scholarships, and fellow-
gress, certain interest, div-
dends, pensions, annuities, social
security and unemployment
compensation, a student's taxable
income is less than $5,000; a
student does not itemize ded-
uctions; a student's only adjust-
ment to income is for certain contributions to an IRA; a stu-
dent's only credits are the credit
for the child and dependent care
expenses, credit for the elderly or
disabled, and the only other tax if
for advanced earned income
credit payments.

From a more tax savings
standpoint a student can use the
blue "long form" (1040) if a stu-
dent has itemized deductions
that exceed a student's standard
deduction and have adjustments
to income or credits that a stu-
dent cannot take on Form
1040A or Form 1040EZ.

A student must use Form
1040 if a student's taxable
income is $5,000 or more; a
student had a certain type of
income such as capital gains,
self-employment earnings, rents
or royalties; a student itemize
deductions or claim certain tax
credits or adjustments to income,
and a student owes other taxes or
claim certain additional pay-
ments.

If a student chooses the sim-
plest tax form that fits their tax
situation it may save them time
if a student is able to use one of
the shorter forms.

Using the shorter forms also
reduce the possibility of errors,
and also can get a student's tax
return faster if a student can file
the Form 1040EZ.

By filing the tax Form
1040EZ it can put a student's tax
dollar out just by filing the sim-
plest return.

If a student has not received a
tax package in the mail, a student
may order forms and instruc-
tions by calling 1-800-829-3676.

For more information call the
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Tax service at 1-800-829-
4477.

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how to file and common ques-
tions can be found on the internet
at www.irs.gov or for state tax
information at www.oktax-
state.ok.us.
Norseman snap streak in Poteau

By J. R. Ross
Sports Editor

Three crucial Bi-State Athletic Conference games face the Golden Norsemen as they enter the final one-third of the regular season.

Coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norsemen are at home Monday for a 8 p.m. conference clash with Westark Community College.

The Norsemen will travel to Muskogee on Thursday for a 8 p.m. rematch with Bacon College.

Arch-rival Connors State College comes to Miami, Saturday, Feb. 3, for a 8 p.m. conference clash.

Prior to a game with 24th-ranked Eastern on Thursday, the Norse are 7-12 on the season and 4-5 in the conference.

North 88-Carl Albert 80 (2007)

Sophomore point-guard Jamar Love scored a career-high 27 total points to lead the Norsemen to a 81-80 victory in double overtime against Carl Albert State College, last Monday in Poteau.

Love, a 6-0 veteran from Johnson City, Tenn., broke a 80-80 tie with five seconds left in the second overtime by hitting the first of a two-shot free throw.

Love was sent to the line of a foul by Carl Albert forward Cedrick Parker. Love scored four of the six points scored in the second overtime while freshman forward George West added a basket.

During the first five-minute overtime period the Golden Norse grabbed a 75-72 lead with 2:10 left on a field goal by West, two free throws by Love and a solo free throw by Mark Elzaier.

Carl Albert tied the score at 75-75 to create the second extra period on a field goal by Irving Roland and one free by Ron Mickel.

With the Golden Norsemen clinging to a 86-81 lead with 2:48 left in regulation play, the Vikings mounted a comeback with seven straight points. Two field goals by Keon Blanks plus one by Mickel and a free throw by Roland completed the rally which ended regulation play with a 86-88 tie.

Along with the 27 point performance by Love, the Norsemen received 13 points from West and 12 from Elzaier.

Parker paced the Vikings with 25 total points while Blanks scored 16, Nahide 12 and Mickel 11 points each.

Northern 75-Norse 70

Dismal shooting from the field cost the Golden Norsemen 75-70 Bi-State Athletic Conference loss to Northern Oklahoma College last Saturday in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Managing only 4 of 21 from 2-point range in the first half, the Golden Norsemen improved to only 6 of 18 in the second half. The Norse actually sank more from 3-point range with 11 of 25 to help them remain in the game.

Both Love and Nolan scored 16 points each to lead the Golden Norse in scoring. Greg Nash added 12 points while Shores contributed 10 points.

Derek Myers led all scorers with 19 points while Kevin Prater tallied 14 and David Andrews added 10 points.

North Arkansas 95-Norse 79

Coach Spencer's Golden Norsemen saw a 49-45 halftime lead evaporate against North Arkansas in the second half as the Pioneers gained a 85-79 win last week in Harrison, Ark.

Pioneer guard Michael Russell scored 20 of his 32 total points in the second half to rally North Arkansas.

Sophomore guard Joji Nolan paced the Golden Norse with 15 total points while Greg Nash and Mark Elzaier added 14 points each.

Chris Minor led all scorers with 23 total points while Russell and LuePetty combined for 15 points each.

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Ladies receive national attention

By J. B. Ross
Sport Editor

Winners of 14 consecutive games, the second-ranked Lady Norse remain at home Monday to host Westark Community College at 6 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Coach B. J. Smith's Lady Norse remained in second place in the weekly National Junior College Athletic Association poll with a 18-1 record and a perfect 9-0 mark in the Bi-State Athletic Association.

Following the Wreckers contest, the Lady Norse travel to Muskogee on Thursday for a 6 p.m. rematch with the Buccaneers.

The Lady Norse will entertain arch-rival Comos State College next Saturday at 6 p.m. in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Lady Norse 94-Carl Albert 72

Despite trailing 12-2 in the first five minutes of the opening half, the second-ranked Lady Norse cruised to a 94-72 victory over Carl Albert State College, last Monday in Poteau.

Five players scored in double figures to lead the Lady Norse to victory over Carl Albert.

Freshman Lucimara Silva, Corina Sousa, Brandi Russia and veteran Charlotte Nelson combined for 12 points each while sophomores April Pond and Kacee Amann added 10 points.

Carl Albert constructed a 12-2 lead in the first five minutes on six points by Laura Hamilton and four points by Kim Lewis along with two free throws by Dayna Boswell.

Four points by Rachel Porter along with three points by Nelson and Silva created a 12-12 tie at the 13:10 juncture of the first half.

Over the next eight minutes the lead changed hands six times before 3-point field goals by Russia and Raven Lee gave the Lady Norse a 29-24 cushion with 5:20 left before intermission.

Eight points by Sousa and six points by Tia Blevins along with a basket by Kaitara McPhayden and two free throws by Jade Lamb lifted the Lady Norse to a 47-30 margin with 1:25 until half.

Field goals by Silva and Kacee Amann enabled the Lady Norse to carry a 52-34 margin to the lockerroom at halftime.

During the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Lady Norse maintained a 72-55 lead on four points each from Lee, Sousa, Silva, McPhayden and Pond.

With the Lady Norse maintaining a 99-62 lead, the Lady Vikings received four points by Hamilton and baskets by Deanna Cries for Ribbs and Boswell to close out their scoring.

Hamilton led all scorers with 20 total points for the Lady Vikings while Cries for Ribbs added 13 and Lewis scored 10 points.

Lady Norse 81-Northern 53

After trailing only once in the entire game, the second-ranked Lady Norse assumed leadership of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 81-53 victory over 20th-ranked Northern Oklahoma College, last Saturday in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Brandi Russia led all scorers with 20 total points while April Pond contributed 14 and Crystal Bennett 12 points.

Becki Hewitt paced the Lady Norse with 13 points while Staci Goss scored 12.

Tori Homer II and LaQuetta Dickinson added 10 points.

Veteran forward Raven Lee tallied eight points in the second half as the Lady Norse sank 17 of 22 from the free throw line to seal the victory.

Raven Lee led the Lady Norse with 17 total points while Kelli Donovan contributed 14, and both Sousa and Brandi Russia tallied 11 points each.
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