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IN THE NEWS

Thursday, October 11
Students interested in participating in the Thursday Night Football Break session sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry are invited to the 9:00 p.m. meeting in the building located just north of the main campus.

Open swim hours in the college pool located in the north end of the NEO/Tennis Valley football gym at Robertson Field are from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A valid NEOID card is required.

Friday, October 12
The Lady Norse volleyball team travels to Independence, Kan., for the two-day Independence Invitational Tournament.

Free swim hours in the college pool are from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13
The Golden Norse football team travels to Commerce, Texas, for a 3:00 p.m. game with Navarro College.

The Lady Norse volleyball team concludes play in the Independence, Kan., tournament.

Monday, October 15
Students can enroll in mid-term classes by going to the registrar's office located in the Dole Creek Library/Administration building.

Free swim time in the college pool is from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16
Everyone is invited for a free lunch at noon hosted by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry in the building located just north of the main campus.

Free swim hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the swimming pool.

Members of the Student Body Government will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom Lounge.

The Lady Norse volleyball team will travel to Enid for a Bi-State Athletic Conference match with Redlands College at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17
Because FALL BREAK will be Thursday and Friday, students on either state or federal payroll must turn in their timesheets to their supervisors by 3:00 p.m. Free swim hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the college pool.

Remember! The swim schedule for the campus pool is 533-1243.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...
Give us grace and strength to labor and to preserve.
—Robert Louis Stevenson

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Fall enrollment figures steady
Improvements help retain students

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Fall enrollment at the college stands at 1,908 at the main campus in Miami and 213 at the satellite campus in Grove, according to Linda Oldham Burns, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Records. Credit hours for all students at both campuses total 23,523. Of the 1,908 students, 605 are first-time freshman, 1,353 are full-time students and 1,540 reside on campus. Twenty-nine states as well as 35 countries are represented.

"This is great," said Oldham Burns. "Enrollment figures are leveling out following several years of decline and it shows that we have established a broader reach, especially with international students," Oldham Burns said.

"Enrollment is down only 10 students this fall compared to full enrollment 2000 and overall retention is increasing," said Oldham Burns.

She believes next year's enrollment figures will be even better "because of all the things we've done on campus." Dr. Bill Able, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said improvements in several key areas should create an upward in enrollment over the next few years. "We are trying to do everything we can in or infrastructure to make us more customer oriented," said Dr. Able.

"We have increased course offerings through the use of the Internet and distance learning, added state-of-the-art technology, made significant capital improvements, and adopted a renewed emphasis on customer service," said Dr. Able.

"We are aware of the needs of our studenta and this should tell others what we have known along, that NEO is the best two-year college anyone could choose to attend," Dr. Able said.

READY-SET-GO!
Sir Toby Bitch center, portrayed by Kevin Powlitz, a sophomore from Kansas City, Mo., gets to start a sword fight between Sir Andrew Agamemnon (left), portrayed by freshman Kevin Pollard of Early, Texas, and Viola, portrayed by Kate Laake, a sophomore from Broken Arrow, during a scene from The Twelfth Night. The play will open tonight with a "Stadium Night" at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The play will also be held on Thursday, Friday and a Sunday matinee. (See photos on page 3.)

Watkins wins queen crown
By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Nicki Watkins, sophomore from Lindsey, was crowned Homecoming Queen Saturday night, during halftime of the NEO/Tennis Valley football game at Robertson Field.

Watkins, a pre-med major, was selected from a group of 36 candidates. A record of more than 2,900 fans watched the coronation. Watkins is the daughter of Jeannie and Lynn Watkins.

Selected as first runner-up was Kimberly Lewis, a sophomore from Dallas, who represented the African-American Society.

Lori Nigh, a sophomore from Miami, was chosen second runner-up. Nigh is an English education major and represented the Norse Star Dance/Drama team.

Another Miami sophomore, Heather Hensley, was selected third runner-up. Hensley is an English education major and represented the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Danielle Boyd, a sophomore from Commerce, received the Candidates Choice award. Boyd, a journalism major, represented The Norse Wind student newspaper.

Receiving the Miss Norse Spirit award was sophomore Rebecca Johnson of Pacific Junction, Iowa. Johnson, an animal science major, represented the college rodeo team.

Members of the Native American Student Association won the Norse Spirit trophy during the traditional all-college cookout and pre-party held on the NEO campus Thursday.

Winners in the Homecoming Parade float building contest were: $100 for first place, the Pre-Vet Club; $75 for second, Chi Alpha; $50 for third place, Native American Student Association.

Awarded cash prizes for building decorations were: first place $100, Studio 13; second place $75; and $50 for third place, Norse Stars and Cheer leaders, and $30 for third, College Choir and Men's singers.

Three organizations, Psychology Club, Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity received honorable mention recognition in building decoration.

More than 62 units participated in the parade Saturday afternoon down Miami's Main Street.

"We care about the needs of our students and this should tell others what we have known along, that NEO is the best two-year college anyone could choose to attend," Dr. Able said.
Moving Wall an emotional site

By Jerry Williams

Fifty eight thousand dead. Fifty eight thousand sons and daughters and mothers and fathers didn’t come home.

Most died in pain. Some didn’t know what hit them. All died in the service of their country in a sanity, a country, a country called Vietnam.

This war, that no one would call a war, polarized America more than any other event besides the Civil War.

The conflict in Asia led to fighting on the streets of our hometown. The fighting on the streets led to hatred and this hatred was turned against our soldiers.

It was a sod day for our country when our returning GIs were jeered and spat upon. As the years passed and the hatred dwindled and cooler heads prevailed, the idea for a memorial for those who died in Vietnam was conceived.

A splendid granite monument. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, with the names of all those dead or missing in Vietnam, was created in the nation’s capital.

Because of the popularity of the monument, a half dozen replicas, The Moving Wall, was created and is made available to communities all across the country.

During the Pelican Festival in Grove last week, the Moving Wall was on display at the Grove Sports Complex.

Family, loved ones, friends and the merely curious came to view the display and left with a better understanding of the war’s cost in human lives.

In light of recent events and with the aspect looming of additional sacrifices, it seems a good time to pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

For those who missed the Moving Wall display in Grove, there is an excellent website, The Virtual Wall, that is well worth looking at.

The website for the Virtual Wall is www.virtualwall.org.

Term limits cause problems

By Jerry Williams

Term limits seemed like an idea whose time had come.

All over the country, in local, county and state elections, voters are increasingly opting for laws limiting the number of terms a politician can serve.

Several reasons are cited by term limit proponents for their stand. This issue is not so secret, for instance, that incumbent politicians have a big advantage over newcomers in an election campaign.

Arguments are made that the country needs new blood or the country should get back to the tradition of citizen, rather than career, representatives.

Whatever the public reasons offered in favor of term limits, Good citizens can stomach only so much posturing and pompous demagoguery from career politicians.

In times of peace and prosperity, those sentiments make a lot of sense. Unstoppable times tend to render political experimentation less risky.

Under term limits, if we threw one rascal out and put someone in his place who happens to also be a rascal, we won’t have to put up with him very long.

No harm is done. Our cumbersome system lumber along. Not much right is done, neither is much wrong.

All of a sudden, though, our times are not untroubled and our prosperity is falling fast.

Times like these demand more than part time leaders.

What our country needs now are leaders with the courage, the commitment and the time to make tough, sometimes politically unpopular decisions.

Our nation might look very different today if Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been limited to two terms.

New Yorkers, even now, are questioning their term limits, laws that will force Mayor Rudolph Giuliani from office right in the middle of the grace period to face our country since the Civil War.

I was a term limit advocate before the terrorist attack and I believe I still am. But perhaps there should be a mechanism put in place that would allow for a certain continuity in our leadership in a time of crisis.

Reporting internships available

By Danielle Boyd

The 2002 Summer Internship Program in Business Reporting for Minority College Sophomores is taking application.

Sponsored by the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, the internship has up to 12 positions available. Business reporters at daily U.S. newspapers and news service

OPINION
TWELFTH NIGHT ARRIVES...

PHOTOS BY DANIELLE BOYD
QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS
Nicki Watkins (center) wears the queen's crown while surrounded by her court, from left: Danielle Boyd, Heather Hensley, Kimberly Lewis and Lori Nigh. Not pictured is Rebecca Johnson.

LOYAL BEARERS
The crown girl and crown bearer approach the queen.

FRESH FLOWERS
The queen receives fresh roses.

Royal Court
PHOTOS BY GARY CROW

ROYAL LINEUP
Some of the 36 queen candidates and their escorts face the crowd at Robertson Field during the start of coronation activities at halftime of the NEOPacity Valley football game.

PUCKER UP!
Student Body Government president Michael Deering applies a kiss to the queen's cheek.
LIFESTYLES

Group attends regional meet

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Members of Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society attended a regional leadership/honors conference Sept. 21-22 in Oklahoma City. On Friday evening, Susie Groves, president of Positive Tomorrow's, a school for homeless children in Oklahoma City was the speaker. "She enlightened us about the challenges these children face as students at the school and when trying to re-enter the public schools," said Pat Crech, Mu Chapter sponsor.

Mu Chapter was one of many chapters who donated various items for use in the school.

After her talk, Groves brought the children to the hotel for a carnival put on by Phi Theta Kappa.

"Working directly with the children served as a hands-on method of demonstrating leadership skills for the members of Phi Theta Kappa," Crech said.

Another highlight of the conference occurred on Saturday morning when the speaker was the State Senator Enoch Kelly Haney. Senator Haney is the Native American artist whose sculpture was selected to sit above the capitol dome.

"His talk revolved around how we use the abilities we have been given to develop into the person we were meant to be," said Groves.

In addition to the speakers, members participated in Mock Chapter Events. "This is a process whereby students practice developing an award-winning Hallmark entry," said Crech.

Angie Phillips, a sophomore from Picher, was a member of the mock chapter which won first place. Also, Megan Sladey, a sophomore from Weleetka, was a member of the mock which was awarded third place.

"Our entire group walked away from this conference with leadership experiences that will be of great value," said Phillips.

"We acquired many leadership skills by attending this conference," Phillips said. Mu Chapter plans to share what was learned at the conference with other campus organizations. They are hosting workshops on campus for officers of campus groups.

If your club would be interested in attending one of these workshops, contact Crech at 540-6294.

BALLOON FUN

Members of the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society clown around with children from Positive Tomorrow's during a carnival in Oklahoma City.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Nomination Form

Date __________________________

Who would you like to nominate? __________________________

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

Course _______________ Time _______________

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

Your name __________________________

Signature __________________________

By writing the names on this form, I agree to sign a statement to the effect that I: am an employee of the College; am not an employee of the College, but am recommending a candidate for Teacher of the Week; or the person being recommended is my student or sibling.

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NORSE WIND

English lab offers help to students

By Kateryna Bukay
News Editor

Students faced with troubles in English classes can raise their grade by attending the new English lab.

Jan Williams is the lab instructor. Her service hours are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The lab is located on the first floor in the east wing of the Shipley Hall.

"Students are not required to have any qualifications for the English lab. They can come here to get help with proof-reading or composing the essays," said Williams.

"Our lab is equipped with computer technology so students may get on internet and do some research as well," said Williams.

"We do have different programs on the disks to help students with grammar, spelling, punctuation, and mechanics errors."

"My tutoring also includes doing some papers for the English classes. I do not give my students any homework or test them in any way," Williams said.

"I am always more than glad to assist those who are in need.

Volunteers still needed for scouts

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

Assistance is greatly needed helping current Miami Girl Scout troops.

"A few good women are wanted and needed to assist current Miami Girl Scout troops and their leaders," said Girl Scout Leader, Sherry McCarthy.

"If you have and Girl Scout experience you could be of great value to younger girls," McCarthy said.

Miami currently has troops for all ages of girls. Daisies, Brownes, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors.

Three NEO employees are Girl Scout Leaders: Pam Bushby, campus post office, Sherry McCarthy, fine arts department; and Mollie Mayfield, physics and math.

"Help is needed for regular meetings, ideas, service unit events as well as council wide events," McCarthy said.

For more information contact Sherry McCarthy at 540-6305 or 540-2145.
Golden Norse deck Cardinals

By Kent Witten

Three field goals by freshman Tyler Wilkey and two rushing touchdowns by sophomore fullback Johnny Bizzell carried the Golden Norsemen to a 37-7 victory over Trinity Valley Community College last Saturday, as part of Homecoming celebrations at Robertson Field.

Karr resigns position

Rick Karr, head volleyball coach at Northeastern A&M, has resigned effective immediately, according to Jon Lantz, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Karr midway through his second season as the Lady Norse head coach, resigned for personal reasons after guiding NEO to a 25-2 season record and a 14th ranking in the National Junior College Athletic Association weekly poll.

Last year under Karr’s guidance the Lady Norse won the Bi-State Athletic Conference and the Region II post-season tournament. The Lady Norse advanced to the second round of the NJCAA National Tournament and finished ranked 19th in the nation with a 32-5 overall mark.

With 12 regular season matches and a tournament remaining on the schedule, Mike Barlow, NEO athletic director, will serve as Lady Norse interim head coach.

Karr will remain as a volunteer assistant with the women’s basketball team.

Wilkey, a 6-2, 227, freshman from Jenks, got the Norsemen on the scoreboard with a 47-yard field goal. Wilkey’s kick concluded a 49-yard, eight-play drive by the Norsemen with 12:22 left in the second quarter.

Mounting an 80-yard drive in 10 plays on their next possession, the Golden Norse received a 41-yard field goal by Wilkey with 5:44 before halftime to build a 6-0 lead.

Following a 17-yard punt by Trinity Valley’s Stephen Smith, the Norsemen moved 50 yards in three plays to score the first touchdown of the game.

Bizzell, a 6-1, 240, sophomore from Midwest City, scored on a 9-yard run with 3:13 until half. Wilkey’s extra point gave the Norse a 13-0 lead to take to the lockerroom at halftime.

Wilkey’s second field goal, a 42-yarder on NEO’s third possession in the third quarter gave the Golden Norse a 16-0 cushion with 10:41 showing on the clock. A 46-yard run by Bizzell highlighted NEO’s 75-yard drive in five plays.

A fumble recovery by NEO comeback Richard Prince gave the Norsemen a scoring chance from the Trinity Valley 46-yard line. Quarterback Justin Southernland connected with wide receiver Rommy Bryant on a 42-yard pass to start NEO’s possession.

Bizzell scored from the 4-yard line on the next play and Wilkey’s extra point extended the Norse lead to 23-0 with 6:42 left in the third quarter.

Sophomore fullback Tabth Humphrey entered the game on NEO’s next possession and after gaining 20 yards on his first carry, Humphrey capped right down the middle of the Cardinal defense for a 45-yard touchdown run. Wilkey hit the point-after to create a 30-0 lead with 3:40 left in the third quarter.

After Trinity Valley’s eighth punt of the game, the Golden Norsemen drove 57 yards in 6 plays for their final touchdown. Southernland found wide receiver Demarcus Matthews streaking down the sidelines for a 39-yard touchdown pass. Wilkey’s extra point with 1:49 left in the third quarter increased NEO’s lead to a 37-0 score.

Trinity Valley drove 65 yards in nine plays for their only score of the game. Tailback Darnell Sims scored on a 10-yard run and Stephen Smith added the extra point with 11:59 remaining in the game.

Bizzell rushed for 90 yards on 11 carries while Humphrey added 76 yards on eight carries, as NEO generated 235 yards on 32 carries.

Southernland completed 6 of 10 passes for 110 yards and one touchdown while Darren Swiggart hit 2 of 3 passes for 13 yards.

NEO’s staunch defense limited the Cardinals to 172 total yards. Jarrod Maney led the Cardinals with 55 yards on 18 carries while Sims added 51 yards on 13 carries.

Linebacker Dan Jefferson led the Norse defense with eight unassisted tackles and 10 assists.
Tyler captures third straight win

By Kurt Witten
Sports Editor
Second place in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference is on the line as the Golden Norsemen travel to Corsicana, Texas, Saturday, for a 3 p.m. showdown with the Bulldogs of Navarro College. Both teams along with Tyler and Trinity Valley are deadlock in second place in the conference with a 2-1 record.

Coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen are 4-2 on the season while coach Chuck Lawrence has guided the Bulldogs to a 3-3 season mark.

Last weekend Navarro upset Tyler, 49-42, in Corsicana.

Last year Navarro finished second in the conference with a 5-2 record while posting a 6-3 overall mark. The Bulldogs suffered a 37-28 loss to Tyler in the conference semifinals last year.

"It will be a real challenge to go back to Texas and play an afternoon game against a team as tough as Navarro. Coach Lawrence does a good job of getting his kids ready to play and they'll be fired up after we beat them 41-23 last year in Miami," said Patterson.

"Just like in years past, Navarro is predominately a passing team. They average more than 200 yards a game through the air, so our biggest challenge will be to try and contain their passing game." Sophomore Erik Riekis (6-3, 230) returns to handle the quarterback chores for the Bulldogs. Riekis has completed 67 of 163 passes for 1,077 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions.

"Their running game compliments their passing. They have a big, bruising running back and a huge offensive line for him to run behind," Patterson said.

Veteran Gideon Leonard (6-0, 230) leads the Bulldog ground game with 322 yards on 52 carries and two touchdowns.

"Traditionally, this game has been filled with big plays and I think it will be that way this time around."

"We finally put all three phases of our game together last week against Trinity Valley. Our offense was solid, our defense took them out of their game and our specialty teams get some points on the board."

"We're going to have to have that kind of concentration and execution because Navarro will be ready to play. We'll probably see eight or nine-man fronts from Navarro trying to take away our running game."

Although slowed last week with a slight twisted ankle, tailback Terrell Harris leads the Norse ground game with 582 yards on 77 carries and six touchdowns.

Senior fullback Johnny Bizzell has added 221 yards on 53 carries and eight TDs. Quarterback Justin Southwell has completed 62 of 107 passes for 769 yards and two touchdowns with three interceptions.

"We need to continue to improve and refine our passing game. We're averaging over 200 yards on the ground and we need to be right at 200 yards passing every game," said Patterson.

Defensively, the Golden-Norse are led by veteran linebackers Koryee Wyatt and Dan Jefferson.

Wyatt leads the team with 36 unassisted tackles and 31 assists.

Jefferson has recorded 31 solo tackles and 41 assists.

Volleyball team defeats Westark to extend streak

Gaining a 15-10 victory in the fifth game, the 14th-ranked Lady Norse volleyball team rallied to win a match with the Westark Community College Lady Lions last week in Fort Smith, Ark.

While winning their 16th consecutive match the Lady Norse are 26-2 on the season. NED leads the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a perfect 40 record.

The Lady Norse traveled to Fort Scott, Kan., Monday for a triangular match with Fort Scott and Butler County Community College.

Against Westark the Lady Norse gained a 31-29 victory in the first game before the Lady Lions rallied to claim a 30-25 win in the second game of the best 3-out-of-5 match. NED posted a 30-21 win in the third game while Westark earned a 30-26 victory in the fourth game. The Lady Norse captured the match by a 15-10 score in the fifth game.

Recently the Lady Norse traveled to Nevada, Mo., and posted a 30-14, 30-14 and 30-18 victory over Cotey College.
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