Equine judges finish second
During Quarter Horse Congress

By Kyla Hollister
News Editor

Members of the college Horse judging Team recently finished second in the 38th annual Quarter Horse Congress at Columbus, Ohio. After judging four halter classes, eight performance classes, and taking five sets of reasons, the team placed second overall. The team also placed second in the halter and performance categories.

Coach Clay Cavinder was pleased with the team winning first in the halter category. "We did especially well in the halter room," said Cavinder.

All team members placed in the top 10 in the reasons category. Kyla Hollister, a sophomore from Longview, placed first in reasons. Robbie Carpenter, a sophomore from Columbus, placed second in reasons and first overall. Nicki Watkins, a sophomore from Lindsey, placed fourth. Jessica Wolf, a sophomore from Nipomo, Calif., placed seventh. Blake Collier, a sophomore from Delaware, finished ninth.

Matt West, a sophomore from Delaware, also participated. The team will compete today for Albuquerque, N.M., to compete at the Arabian Nationals.

Comming Home

Equine judging coach Clay Cavinder (left) and members of the college team prepare to return to Miami after competing in the 38th annual Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. Team members are: from left, Jessica Wolf, Nicki Watkins, Robbie Carpenter, Blake Collier, Matt West and Kyla Hollister.

Officials seek new home for OWLS

By Kristen Bradley
News Editor

The college has plans for a new center for Older Women Learning Students, according to Dana Johnson, director of the program. The OWLS previously met in the Allied Jobs Program Training Center located in the Bruce Carter Student Union. The group has about 100 members.

The OWLS center will include a computer, sofa, microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot and other items and will provide opportunities for study, relaxation and networking. The location is yet to be determined.

"There will be a wonderful opportunity to create an adult student center," Johnson said. "It will allow OWLS to come in on their breaks and at lunch time and have a quiet place to network with other students who are pursuing an education."

Until the center's completion, services continue to be available for OWLS through NEO's snack bar, the Learning Resource Center and the Academic Support Center.

"The OWLS just temporarily do not have a private room in which everything they are accustomed to having is housed," said Johnson.

She explained that the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education fund the Allied Jobs Program through a grant and that the relocation of OWLS became necessary to comply with grant requirements.

"The emphasis of the Allied Jobs Program has changed since its inception, and it has become necessary to separate the two entities," Johnson said.

The Department of Human Services initially implemented and funded the OWLS program in 1992.

"At the time, DHCP provided a staff and tutors to serve DW's clients referred to NEO. The college, in addition, provided an OWLS coordinator who helped recruit adult students and who was the OWLS Club sponsor. Then, in 1996, as a result of former president Bill Clinton's Welfare Reform Act, the OWLS program became the Allied Jobs Program and the emphasis changed from assisting DW's clients in gaining employment.

The tutoring positions DW provided, as well as the OWLS coordinator position, were eliminated, but the OWLS club remained intact.

The dynamics became employment-based instead of education-based," Johnson said.

"The program now basically puts clients to work. Allied Job Program services are provided through three components or modules. Module one deals with employment. Clients are taught how to write resumes, how to interview and how to get along with co-workers. Module two deals with basic life skills. Instructors are getting a GED and teach them such things as budgeting, conflict resolution and appropriate business dress.

In module three, students are referred to enroll in a one-year college certificate program. The Allied Jobs Program provides follow-up services to clients as well.

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OPINION

Voters make choice

Right-to-work will take time to implement

By Jerry Williams

Editorial Editor

You have the right to work. "Well, duh," you might say, "I've always had the right to work."

This sort of exchange is indicative of the confusion surrounding the recent right-to-work bill that Oklahoma voters passed by a 52 to 48 percent margin.

The amendment does not give you the right to work. No one has a right to work. You have the opportunity to sell your skills to the highest bidder in a free market.

With the passage of the state question, that market became a little bit freer.

No longer will you have to pay for the privilege of working for a unionized company. You now have the right to bargain directly with the company instead of relying on the union to do it for you.

No one is being denied the opportunity of joining a union or, short of that, paying money to the union to bargain for you. You just can't be forced to any longer.

Whether or not the right-to-work amendment will have the economic impact its supporters claimed remains to be seen.

A study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis states that "manufacturing activity increases abruptly when creating the right-to-work border into a right-to-work state."

Governor Frank Keating predicts that the towns in Oklahoma across the Red River from the Sherman-Dennison area will show remarkable growth as a result of the passage of the measure.

Opponents of the amendment contend that the right-to-work law is un-American. They claim it is a union busting path to more poverty-level wage jobs.

Whatever right-to-work is or is not, we won't see any effects for some time. New Companies don't start up in a day.

We'll have to wait for existing unionized companies to renegotiate contracts before any proof of the union busting claim emerges.

With our freedoms being slowly eroded at the federal, state and local levels, it's refreshing to latch on to a new one.

Like the old saying goes, and the voters of Oklahoma proved, if ya want something done right, ya gotta do it yourself.

Williams' Wonders

I'm beginning to get the impression that no one on the NEO campus has any taste whatsoever when it comes to music.

No one has an inkling of what good music is. This must be so. Good music is never heard on this campus.

I spend a lot of time in the student union and all I hear emanating from the television sets are sounds that most closely resemble the death rattle of a Brontosaurus than music.

What passes for lyrics should probably be kept in the private files of a psychiatrist. The angst is thick enough to cut with a knife.

I don't recall anybody ever asking for my vote on which channel the sets should be tuned to. I wonder who decides that.

I know there are students out there who appreciate good country music. There must be some Vince Gill fans. Dixie Chicks?

I've never heard Bach or the Beatles, Carrie King or R.B. King. I must have missed The Eagles and the Byrds, Willie Nelson and Willie Dixon.

Older students have been seen in the Union, though not often. Befuddled faculty members stumble in occasionally, but they don't usually stay long.

I don't blame you. I know you can't stand the cacophony. I've seen the ear plugs and the grinches. Or maybe those were hearing aids and hemorrhoids.

In any case, older students, so-called non-traditional students, now have a majority on this campus.

We have the numbers now to do something about it. We finally have the power to rise up and wear the symbol of authority, the remote control, away from the oppressive hands that wield it.

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street talk

What did you do during Fall Break?

"I helped with a hayride put on by my youth group in Fairland."

"I spent my whole fall break working for a little extra money."

"Most of the break I spent resting, but I did do a little bit of work."

"After I went to Tulsa a couple of days, I came back to cheer at the Kilgore game."

"All I did was get lots of rest and then I cheered at the NEO/Kilgore game."

Brendan Schmidt, sophomore

Miami, Oklahoma

Jackie Forrest, freshman

Fairland, Oklahoma

T. J. Thalas, freshman

Fairland, Oklahoma

Lindsay Moeller, freshman

Campbell, Mo.

Mike Weatherby, sophomore

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PEOPLE

teachers of the week

ROGER FENT
Roger Fent, a member of the college agriculture department, received the coveted teaching award for the week of Oct. 15-19. Fent has been a member of the college faculty since 1981. He has both a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

ETHEL HAYS
Entering her second year as a full-time faculty member, Ethel Hays was recognized for her teaching ability during the week of Oct. 8-12. Hays is a member of the business faculty and has an associate’s degree from NEO and a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

PAM GELDER
Director of the Medical Assistant Program, Pam Gelder was recognized as “Teacher of the Week” from Oct. 15-19. Gelder joined the college faculty in 1997. She has a bachelor’s degree from George Washington University and a master’s degree from Oklahoma State University.

Terrorism indiscriminate

By Danielle Boyd
Managing Editor

Although the terrorist attacks on September 11 were intended for the United States, over 50 countries around the world were affected.

In Argentina, there are four people missing.
Australia has twenty people missing, and three dead.
In Austria, forty people are missing.
Fifty people are missing in Bangladesh.
Belgium has one person missing.
Brazil is missing 55 people.
In Cambodia, there are twenty people missing.
Canada is missing fifty people, and has three dead.
Three people are missing from Chile.
One person is missing from China.
There are twenty people missing.

Columbia has 295 people missing, and two Columbian natives were aboard a hijacked plane.

There are 66 people missing from the Czech Republic.
Denmark is missing five people.
The Dominican Republic is missing seven people, and one person is dead.
Ecuador has seven dead and twenty people missing.
There are four people missing from Egypt.
There are approximately 150 people missing, and four citizens are dead from Germany.
Ghana is missing four citizens.
There are 35 people missing from Guatemala.
Hong Kong is missing 19.
One citizen is dead from Honduras.
India is missing 91 people.
One person was aboard a hijacked plane.
One person is missing from Indonesia.
Ireland is missing twenty people, and four citizens are dead.

Two citizens of Israel were aboard a hijacked plane.
There are ten people missing from Italy.

Two citizens of Japan were aboard a hijacked plane.

The country of Jordan is missing one person.
The country of Kuwait is missing one person.
The country of Lebanon is missing four people.

There are 19 citizens of Malaysia missing.
There are three dead from the Netherlands.
One person is missing from Norway.

Pakistan is missing twenty people, and one citizen is dead.
Two citizens are missing from Paraguay.
Peru is missing five citizens, and one person is dead.

There are 155 citizens missing from the Philippines, and two are dead.
Five citizens of Portugal are dead.

There are 117 people of Russia missing.
Eight citizens of Spain are missing.

South Africa is missing five.

One citizen was aboard a hijacked plane.

15 people are missing from South Korea.
One person is missing from Sweden.

Switzerland is missing two citizens, and four people were aboard a hijacked plane.

Thailand is missing two citizens.

Turkey is missing 131 people.

Nine people are missing from Taiwan.

One person is missing from the Ukraine.

the United Kingdom is missing 250 people, 100 people are dead.

One Uruguayan citizen was aboard a hijacked plane.

Venezuela is missing three people.

Zimbabwe is missing twenty people.

Loan defaults continue fall

By Danielle Boyd
Managing Editor

The 1999 default rate for student loans guaranteed by the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program is the lowest in nine years.

In 1999 the default rate dropped to 6.5 percent, down 1.0 percentage points from the 1998 default rate of 7.9 percent and down from 9.8 percent in 1992, the first year the US Department of Education calculated a guarantee agency default rate.

Operating as part of the State Regents, OGSLOP guarantees many of the federal loans that private or public lending institutions make available to Oklahoma students.

Some think the decline in the student loan default rate is a result of a team effort, because schools and lending institutions are cooperating more than ever before to prevent defaults on student loans.

In addition to adding more toll-free borrower hotlines and continually updating consumer information, OGSLOP has also catalyzed schools’ implementation of online loan counseling.

As a result of these default prevention efforts, OGSLOP assessed nearly $47,250 million in potential defaults in 2000, compared to nearly $238 million, or 0.6 percent, from 1995.

Thousands of student borrowers have also been spared the harsh consequences of going into default such as damaged credit histories and aggressive collection of the student loan debt, which can include litigation.

The 1999 UDE default rate calculation covers a specified period of time, reflecting the percent of student borrowers who entered into repayment during the 1999 federal fiscal year and the percentage of those borrowers who defaulted on their loans during that fiscal year or the next one.
Business organization builds future leaders

By Kateryna Bakay
Feature Editor

Business Leaders of Tomorrow is dedicated to developing student leadership, communication, and team work abilities. "Our main goal is to prepare students for the future and to enhance their college experience as well," said Elieb Hayes, advisor.

The club relies on teamwork and the development of leadership abilities to unlock the doors to success. We provide the student with tools and resources essential in meeting their goals in fields of study they pursue," Hayes said.

"BLT participants in all campus activities and frequently have guest speakers from various business areas. We do different field trips, which provide students with university experience," said Ron Lawson, co-advisor.

"We serve all students, regardless of major, because every field of study has business involved in it," Hayes said.

"We take anyone who desires to work together. They can’t just come and do the fun thing, participation is the key. There is also a $10 membership fee," Hayes said.

"We have regular meetings twice a month, every other Tuesday. Meetings are held on the second floor of Copen Hall in either room 209 or 211."

"The times and dates are posted on the marquee as well as the club bulletin board on the second floor in Copen Hall," said Hayes.

New program offers student support

By Kateryna Bakay
Feature Editor

This year a new program is offering to NEO students an opportunity to improve their academic skills with individualized educational plan and personalized instruction. Student Support Services is a federally funded program committed to meeting the needs of targeted degree seeking students.

"Student Support Service is a new program that NEO never had before, and this is my sixth week on campus to be in charge of it," said the director Linda Wilson.

"It is going to be a great program because our job is to help the students in any way we can to give them an associate degree and to encourage them in further education."

"We offer free tutoring services in various fields of study depending on students’ needs. We both have teachers and other support to help with that," Wilson said.

"I think everybody has their strengths. So those of us who are good in math can help those who are not. I am paying $5.6 per hour to students who do the tutoring services," Wilson said.

"Mainly most of us need help in math and computer technology, even though we have great teachers on campus. So I do need students to come and offer their assistance in whatever they are good at," said Linda Wilson.

"Besides tutoring, we are also going to have some computer programs for internet guidance assessment to match students’ career choices because a lot of people don’t know for sure what they want to do."

"Therefore, students will be able to view some career sites to see if the profession they chose is really something they want to pursue in life," Wilson said.

"We are also going to do a community project. Another thing is to attend a cultural event. We pay students to go to a variety of cultural events that they would be interested in.

"There will be some money available not to pay students directly in the pocket other than tutoring, but also to help them with financial costs to come to the college. Such students must be getting a Pell Grant," said Linda Wilson.

"We will focus on 150 students and those are required to meet the following criteria. We expect the first generation college students, which means that neither parent has a four-year college degree, financially disadvantaged students, those with documented disability."

"All that students have to do is apply to come to my office and fill out an application or get some more information. There are a lot of services we are going to have available."

"This way NEO students will be involved in the process of defining the qualities they need to pursue to be successful," said Wilson.

"Our goal is to do whatever it takes to help the NEO students to be better academically," Wilson said.

Linda Wilson’s office is located in Ables Hall, room 208. Director Wilson has been teaching sciences for over 13 years and she encourages the students to participate in the Student Support Services Program.
Dominating every phase of the game, the Lady Norse swept three games to win a match against the Lady Cardinals of Labette Community College, last week in the NEO Fieldhouse. Solid play around the net carried the Lady Norse to a 30-18 victory in the first game. A definite height advantage enabled the Lady Norse to post a 30-9 win in the second game against the Lady Cardinals. NEO completed the sweep with a 30-12 victory in the third game.

**Lady Norse vs Redlands**
Remaining undefeated in the Bi-State Athletic Conference, the 12th-ranked Lady Norse swept three straight games from the Redlands Community College Lady Cougars in a volleyball match last week in El Reno.

Against Redlands the Lady Norse captured the first game by a 30-17 score before winning 30-21 in the second game and 30-16 in the final of a best three-out-of-five match.

**Independence Tournament**
Winning their second tournament out of three chances, the Lady Norse captured the title by 30-14 and 15-9 scores.

**Lady Norse vs West Plains**

Snapping a 16-game winning streak, the Lady Norse dropped three straight games to fifth-ranked Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains, recently in West Plains, Mo.

Unable to slow down the pin-point serving of the Lady Grizzlies, the Lady Norse lost the first game by a 30-21 score. The Lady Grizzlies won 30-23 in the second game and won the match with a 30-24 victory in the third game.

**Lady Norse vs Westark**

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

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 three-out-of-five match. NEO 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 final game.

**Lady Norse vs Cotter**

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

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SPORTS

Wranglers entertain Norsemen

By Kurt Witton

With the playoffs still a possibility, the Norsemen will take on the 1-8 Wranglers who are still looking for their first Southwest Junior College Football Conference win of the season.

"This is one of those games where we want to make sure we're ready mentally," said Norse coach Dale Patterson. "We can't be looking forward to Blinn. We've got to focus on the task at hand and take care ofCisco."

Cisco brings in one of the conference's top passers in Chad Lee. Lee has hit 80 of 153 passes for 1,156 yards and four touchdowns. His primary target is Brian Fry, who has 19 catches for 375 yards. Lee will also look to Nathaniel Harris with 14 catches for 101 yards.

Douglas Sherman leads the Wranglers rushing attack with 253 yards on 63 carries, including four touchdowns. The Wranglers boast a stingy defense which allows only 278 yards of total offense per game. The defense has allowed 166 yards per game on the ground, which is third-worst in the conference.

Norse will try to exploit the weakness in the run defense with its strong running offense. The Norse boast the league's third-best rushing offense with 192 yards per game.

Terrell Harris is the leading rusher for Norse, and is third in the conference with 652 yards on 107 carries and six touchdowns.

Fullback Johnny Bizzell leads the Norsemen in scoring with nine touchdowns. He has rushed for 271 yards on 64 carries.

Quarterback Justin South- erland will face a tight Cisco passing defense which allows more 312 yards per game.

Bulldogs maul Golden Norse

By Kurt Witton

Failing to finish off drives and score deep inside Navarro territory cost the Norsemen a 40-22 decision at the Bulldogs recently at Corsicana, Texas.

"This was a game of missed opportunities," said Norse head coach Dale Patterson. Navarro struck first on its first possession, marching 59 yards on eight plays before quarterback Eric Rekota hit wide receiver Anthony Lumpkin for a 12-yard score.

The Bulldogs extended their lead two minutes later when cornerback Ahmad Rhodes intercepted a pass from Norseman John Doolin and ran it back 20 yards for a touchdown.

Norse cut the lead in half early in the second quarter when Southland connected with sophomore receiver Romby Bryant on a 68-yard pass play.

Navarro responded with a seven-play, 63-yard drive that ended with a 15-yard pass from Rekota to Lumpkin, extending the lead to 20-7.

The Bulldogs put the nail in the coffin with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Norseman Shemar Page scored from 6 yards out, and Rekota connected on a 2-yard pass to Matt Ruckel.

Norseman John Doolin caught a 3-yard pass from Lumpkin, and the Norsemen scored on a 1-yard pass from Lumpkin to Lumpkin.

Norseman John Doolin scored from 6 yards out, and the Norsemen scored on a 2-yard pass from Lumpkin to Lumpkin.

Bulldogs running game mows down Norsemen

By Kurt Witton

Unable to contain the running of sophomore tailback Brandon Warfield, the Golden Norsemen suffered a 25-7 loss to Killeen College, before a partisan crowd in the fourth quarter.

The Norseman's defense was unable to contain the running of sophomore tailback Brandon Warfield, the Golden Norsemen suffered a 25-7 loss to Killeen College, before a partisan crowd in the fourth quarter.

While combining their second consecutive loss for the Norsemen dip to 2-3 in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference and 0-4 on the season. The Kilgore Norsemen ran on the league with a perfect 4-0 record and a 4-0 record in the conference.

Warfield, 5-11, 204 from Crockett, Texas, came into the game with the Norsemen leading the conference both in rushing (472 yards and 25 rushing for 24 rushing) total points.

The bulldozed finished with 142 yards and 17 carries including Richard Doolin's 64-yard touchdown run and Ruckel's 3-yard touchdown run.

The game started off with 1-1 and 10-0 barkdowns to a 1-1 and 10-0 game with Ohio State left in the first quarter.

After a 1-yard run by Tabb, the Norsemen scored their only points of the game with 2:13 left in the first quarter.

Quarterback Graham Goetsch, with wide receiver Justin Southland down, the Norsemen scored their only points of the game with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

Even though Kilgore missed two field goals opportunities during the first quarter, the Norsemen saved the advantage of a fumble by Norseman Ruckel's 20-yard Hail Mary pass on the first play of the second quarter. The Norseman's extra point brought the score to 2-1.
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