ROW OVER THE WRANGLERS

Homecoming 2003

by staff writers

Homecoming week is fast approaching and SBG has several fun activities planned for the student body.

This Sunday, September 28, Waylans KuKu will be handing out free ice cream sundaes from 6 to 9 pm to those who present their NEO student ID cards.

Tuesday the 30th, SBG will be giving out free snow cones all day in front of Dyer Hall.

On Wednesday the theme is “Who’s Wearing the Wranglers in Your House?” for our first dress-up day. Students are encouraged to dress in cowboy or cowgirl apparel. If you represent a club, stop by Mrs. Shirley Patterson’s office in Dyer Hall to sign up for points. There will also be several blow up toys located on campus this day. These will be a great way to enjoy the day outside.

Thursday is Spirit Day. All students are encouraged to wear blue and gold this day and again, sign up for points with Shirley Patterson. Also, there will be a cookout and pep rally held in front of Dobson and Harrill Halls at 5 pm. There will be drawings for prizes, and the queen candidates will be announced. You will have your chance to vote for Miss Norse Spirit also.

Saturday the Homecoming Parade will be at 1 pm through downtown Miami. All clubs are invited to participate in the parade by making a float. Points will also be awarded to clubs with the best floats.

The Homecoming kick-off will be at 3 pm at Robertson Field against Cisco. The Queen will be crowned at halftime and awarded her trophy.

Homecoming Queen candidates attending a reception in their honor on September 23: (front) Kate Keilty, Christen Matthews, Cheilee Cole; (back) Shawna Wright, Crystal Parker, Kim Johnson, Nicolle Renshaw, Pam Brown, and Callie Kays

include an obstacle course, a boxing ring, a sumo wrestling ring, and a VELcro wall. They are available for the students’ enjoyment so try them out; you’re welcome to play on them as much as you’d like.

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NOMINATE your favorite Calendar Guy or Gal

must be an NEO student who embodies the Norse spirit
e-mail your nominations to:
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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Student Support Services
by Edna Alsbury, beat reporter

Student Support Services is an organization on campus that began in the fall of 2001. The program is open to everyone that is working toward a baccalaureate degree and is either: low income, first generation college student, disabled, or a combination of these. Over 200 students have been served by SSS in these two years with 92% attaining a 2.0 GPA or better. At present 78% of the members are non-traditional students. SSS provides workshops designed to help students with their academics here at NEO, as well as helping to prepare them for life after they leave for another institution of higher learning, or simply go out into the real world.

“Yo can’t always find everything in a book,” said Linda Wilson, director of the program. “You have to have some interaction with other people.”

Members enjoy trips to cultural events, such as going to the Tulsa Ballet performance of The Three Musketeers. Tutoring is also available in specific subjects through SSS. Some members just find the SSS office a comfortable atmosphere in which to study.

“We are all individuals with strengths and weaknesses,” said Wilson, “and we just all help each other become better people.”

Career Counselor Bobbie Pennington says, “One of the wonderful things about Student Support Services that I’ve noticed is how people with similar interests come together and form friendships, develop study groups and form bonds.”

Jenny Rice, the Learning Specialist, can help with tutoring needs. She says, “We’re here to serve the students and help. The students are what are important here. Maybe we can encourage someone to stay in school by giving them the confidence to go on.”

Students and faculty alike can serve as mentors, be available resources for the staff and students, serve on the task force to advise staff, notify them of opportunities for service in the community, provide workshops in their area of expertise, refer students to the program, and furnish information about the program to other community members.

“I like it a lot,” said student member Brandy Summers. “I like the support you get when you have problems.”

Ruthanne Crum said, “Student Support Services helped me do better in my studies. It has made certain classes easier for me. They have been there when I needed them.”

Power Lunches are scheduled twice a month in Ables 205 where workshops are provided by experts.

Success for students
by Edna Alsbury, beat reporter

There will be a two-day workshop for members of Student Support Services on October 1 and 2 in Cunningham 106 from 3 to 5 pm.

The workshop will be given by Jenny Rice, Linda Wilson, and Bobbie Pennington and will consist of tapes, activities, and workbooks (for SSS members who sign up in advance). Planned are memory techniques, time management, goal setting, and reading speeds among other subjects.

Members/participants who complete all activities and workbooks will earn points toward cash which can be applied to their student loans (for those who have a Pell Grant and an unmet financial need) or toward prizes.

Power Lunch Schedule 2003
October 1
Larry Roberts

October 15
Derek Skaggs - MSSU

November 5
Frank Spinden overview of free computer classes thru Cont Ed

November 19
David Peterish EOC budgets

December 3
Tom Hale

December 17
Kim Ellick sign language

October 1

State Representative Larry Roberts will speak on a variety of legislative issues at the October 1 Power Lunch, co-sponsored by SSS and Phi Theta Kappa.
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Phi Theta Kappa starts new year with new members

by Edna Alsbury, beat reporter, and Cora Miller, staff reporter

Induction ceremonies for new members of Phi Theta Kappa were held September 18 in the Ballroom. Faculty, friends, and family attended to see the leadership, fellowship, sponsorship, and service. Students inducted were: James Robert Adams, Carol Anne Andersen, Ashley Renea Bechler, Robin Dianne Chamberlain, Melanie Dawn Cunningham, Chad Marshall, Nathan Zachary Manion, Heather Loolta Moore, Tonia Michelle Nash-Chowning, Charles Casey Newton, Elesha Marie Pledger, Kristina Robin Price, Rachel Leann Ramones, Julia Anne

Psych Club ready for fall activities

by Edna Alsbury, beat reporter

The Psychology Club met on September 18 to elect Julie Reece, Jon

Psychology Club officers: (front) Tammye Harding, Secretary; Ashley Simmons, SBG Rep; sponsor; Dr. Leslie Deichman; sponsor; Kathy Blundell; (back) Marcie Tunnell, Ambassador; Carlos Sanchez, Ambassador; Gwynavere Roberts, President; Cassie Mayfield, Vice President; Marshall Green, Vice President understudy (photo provided)

officers, choose a Homecoming Queen candidate, and form a Homecoming Float committee. Their candidate for queen is sophomore Cassandria Mayfield. Ashley Simmons was chosen as alternate. Keith, Carlos Sanchez, Gwynavere Roberts, Ashley Simmons, and Brandon Anderson. The club’s sponsors and new officers for 2003-04 are listed and pictured in the box above.

International student dies following traffic accident

International student, Mwaniki Kiguthara “Bruce” Murigu from Kenya, East Africa died on August 3 in Joplin, MO following a car accident. He is survived by four sisters and parents Yassuf and Nancy Murigu, all of Nairobi, Kenya.

A funeral service in Miami was organized and held on August 23 at the First Christian Church to allow Murigu’s family members in the United States and the NEO family an opportunity to pay their last respects. The Rev. Dr. Leon Weece presided over the service.

Murigu held a 4.0 GPA and was scheduled to graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration in December 2003.
An accountant, a lawyer, and an Aggie were standing side by side using the urinal. The accountant finished, zipped up and started washing and literally scrubbing his hands all the way up to the elbows. He used about 20 paper towels before he finished.

He turned to the other two men and commented, "I graduated from the University of Michigan, and they taught us to be clean."

The lawyer finished, zipped up and quickly wet the tips of his fingers, grabbed one paper towel and commented, "I graduated from Colorado State and they taught us to be environmentally conscious."

The Aggie zipped up and as he was walking out the door said, "I graduated from NEO, and they taught us not to pee on our hands."

A lawyer returns to his parked BMW to find the headlights broken and considerable damage to the hood. There was no sign of the offending vehicle, but he was relieved to see that there was a note stuck under the windshield wiper.

"Sorry, I just backed into your Beemer. The witnesses who saw the accident are nodding and smiling at me because they think I'm leaving my name, address, and other particulars. But I'm not. C'ya!"

A man decides to paint the toilet seat while his wife is out of town, but she comes home sooner than expected, sits, and gets stuck. She is understandably distraught and asks her husband to drive her to the hospital. She puts on a large overcoat to cover up the stuck toilet seat, and they go.

When they get to the hospital, the man lifts his wife's coat to show the doctor their predicament. The man asks, "Doc, have you ever seen anything like this before?"

"Well, yes," replies the doctor, "but not framed like that."
Ag department kicks off a new year

The Norse Wind welcomes its new Aggie News Editor, Katie True.

As the new school year starts, the many teams and clubs within the Ag Department also enter into the new season of activities and competitions. As one of the most dynamic departments on campus, there is always news to report. This page is dedicated to keeping abreast of the activities and events that take place within the department. If anyone has ideas for stories or knows of events that you would like us to cover, please e-mail me at katietrue@msn.com.

On this page you can look for the travel schedules of the judging teams, rodeo team, and fire dogs. We’ll keep you updated with contest results, aggie news, upcoming meetings, entertaining pictures, and words of wisdom from the faculty at Ables Hall. Roger Fent is featured this week with some good advice for all college students as they begin to contemplate college and career choices.

The Livestock Judging Team and the Rodeo Team begin their competitive seasons in the month of September, while the Horse Judging Team will first compete in October.

The Rodeo Club will be hosting one of the fall rodeos here in Miami, so students can look forward to attending and seeing our NEO cowboys and cowgirls in collegiate rodeo action. Look for NEO rodeo performance dates and times in future issues, as well as special rates for NEO students to attend the performances.

The thousand mile journey
by Roger Fent

In the words of the Chinese philosopher, Lao tsu, “The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.” Life was certainly very different in Ancient China, so what parallel or symbolic meaning can we draw from the ancient philosopher’s words?

This quote may be appropriately applied to all of our lives, both young and old, but has particular significance for you students, who are just now beginning your college journey. Congratulations to you for beginning college here at NEO! This action on your part represents the “first step” in striving for a college degree. Your goal should, of course, include some idea of self fulfillment, not only in your personal lives but also in your professional careers.

All of this talk sounds pretty serious and deep, but if you think of life as a journey, you’ve certainly made an important step by choosing college. In general, surveys show that most Americans include “a college education or degree” on their list of things most important in achieving success and fulfillment in life. Certainly college is not the only factor in achieving happiness - there are many success stories and happy people in the world who don’t have college educations - but it is an important factor in our increasingly complex world.

A college degree or certificate, which should be your ultimate goal, represents for many “the journey of a thousand miles.” You face many required courses, some of which you will love, and others which you may not like as well. You face many different instructors with different teaching styles and personalities, some of which you may actually like. You face regulations and requirements of which you may not even be aware. Many of you face a transition to the university level after NEO to reach your degree goals. Many of you have families, jobs, and other personal commitments. While this journey sometimes seems overwhelming, it is best accomplished one step at a time, one challenge at a time, with strategies to achieve your very best along the way.

Once again, congratulations for taking that “one step,” that all important first step of entering college.

You can achieve much in your lifetime, but only by setting goals, and designing personal strategies to reach these goals. Remember, no two students do college exactly the same way, some carry 12 hours per semester, some carry 19 hours. Some finish their Associates Degree here at NEO in two years, some take three or more years. It is not important that you get caught up in the overwhelming task of completing all those courses, just take things “one step” at a time. You can’t let the daunting task of any of life’s challenges overwhelm you in the short run. Set goals, take one step after another, and you’ll be amazed at how well you will proceed toward that college degree that you seek and that (see Journey, pg. 6).
The Norse Wind is proud to present its candidate for Homecoming Queen, Miss Shawna Wright, freshman, Sports Editor, Mass Communication major, and cheerleader.

Good luck, Shawna!

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