Preparing for the future

Thoughts for successful semester end

by Cody Weston

Are you ready for the end...the final conclusion that will dawn upon our fate? The semester is closing, slowly but surely. To help you finish the semester without bombing the final, think about what choices you should and shouldn’t make, and what you should consider doing about next semester.

There are several ways to prepare for finals and help find balance in your life.

Parties and other similar environments can lead a person astray into the foggy realm of less profitable engagements.

"Alcohol is the number one problem on this campus" said Cheryl Butler, Head of Counseling Services. "Statistics show a negative correlation between amount of alcohol consumed and grades. In other words, the more students drink, the lower their grades are."

A person with a sober mind can sustain information longer and is a more efficient learner.

During a lecture presented by Butler she suggested some "do’s and don’ts" for successful study habits including:
- Choose a quiet place to study,
- Learn to manage time,
- Take breaks,
- Make limitations,
- Don’t giving into peer pressure,
- Don’t skip classes,
- Don’t rely on cramming,
- Do not hesitate to seek help.

If you’re having academic trouble or just need someone to talk to, Butler’s office is always open.

One way or another students always tend to do what’s not intended, but college is the time to tighten the grip on the iron hammer of will.

“The good news is that we can each control our own attitude,” said Tom Hale, Academic Resource Center Basic Skills Specialist. “We can surrender that control to other people and be at the mercy of whatever they do or don’t do. We can let our attitudes spin in neutral, waiting to react to whatever someone else does, but a wiser choice is to take control of our own thoughts.”

Students planning on finishing an associate’s degree and moving on to a major university may want to consider re-testing with the ACT and SAT before applying.

“At NEO, we have classes that are designed to aid your success. (see END, pg. 7)"
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Club’s work is social
by Beth Blalock

The Social Work Club met in September to elect officers and share pizza. They decided to order club t-shirts and choose fund raising activities of selling candles, shower gel and body spray from Home and Garden to raise money for their activities, and hopefully to attend a Social Work related workshop this year. They also voted to take part in the Norse Road Brick Campaign and bought a brick, the first NEO club to do so. The club would like to challenge other clubs and organizations to follow suit and buy a brick.

The Social Work Club elected Molly Moore as their homecoming queen candidate and participated in homecoming activities with a building decoration and collecting donations for the door prizes that were given during the Pep Rally. They also participated in the Designs of Autumn Chili Cook-Off as the NEO team. They were joined by representatives from NASA and the cheerleaders. Although they didn’t win any prizes during that contest, they said they had a great time.

This year’s officers are Molly Moore, president; Michelle Jones, vice president; Lee Sils, SHG rep; and Sabine Wise, SHG rep alternate.

Did you miss us?
by Jennifer Feary

Have you been sitting around, being angry because there’s no newspaper? Did you miss the Norse Wind with its Smiles’ section and Aggie News? Well, be angry no more; the paper is back!

You may have wondered why we haven’t had a paper in so long. That’s due in large part to our machine completely breaking down. By machine, I mean the one that actually prints the paper. After many attempts to fix it, it was finally replaced.

“We had the repair man here more than it was running,” Tom Poole, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, said.

Zuly Ware, who runs the print shop, said, “It was actually cheaper to get a new machine, because the parts needed were too expensive.”

Dr. Mayle was notified and the process of ordering a new machine began. After finding a machine that was a little more expensive, but much needed, the process hit a snag.

“The machine we actually ordered wasn’t compatible with the colater or the ink drums.” Peggy Rhine, Mayle’s secretary, said.

In the end, a new version of the same machine was ordered: an Orisograph. It was delivered November 19. You can look forward to weekly Norse Winds during the spring semester.

Psych Club shrinks competition
by John Nobies

The Psychology Club won the Homecoming Spirit Award for 2004 on the strength of a great decorating job on the third floor of Shipley Hall and an unbeatable activity: a free concert featuring the band Mellowfront while club members offered free personality tests for those attending.

“It’s just awesome,” Adam Bolander, former club president, said of winning the spirit award. “We worked really hard, so it’s nice to be rewarded like that.”

The psychology faculty was equally impressed.

“I’m thrilled,” said Dr. Lesli Deichman, the club’s co-sponsor. “I’m so proud of the students because they did all the work and they did a great job.”

The club’s queen candidate, Jill Hopkins, was also the first runner-up in the queen competition.

The Psychology Club offers students interested in psychology the chance to meet and discuss it. The other goals of the club are to raise awareness of psychology and to participate in community projects. They welcome non-psych majors to join.

“Our club is especially good for those not majoring in psychology.” (see SHRINKS pg 5)
NEO helps Girl Scouts earn badge

by Jennifer Rainey

On Tuesday, November 16, Girl Scout members of Miami Troop 6134 visited the Norsewind newspaper department to learn about desktop publishing and how to create a newspaper.

“I wanted to learn about how to set a newspaper up,” said Ashley Mayfield.

The girls each had something they wanted to learn.

“From this experience I have learned why newspapers are always in columns, why pictures are important to the pages, and how to put pictures on the pages,” said Cassandra Mundy.

This is the first year the troop was able to achieve a badge in desktop publishing. They came up with the idea after creating troop t-shirts on the computer.

“We make troop t-shirts every year, however, this is the first year we’ve done this on computer. This gave us an idea to offer the chance to earn a badge in desktop publishing. From there, we were able to learn about how newspapers work,” said troop leader Matt Mayfield. “So, Ms. Kirk allowed us to come to campus and learn how to build our own mock newspaper.”

Mayfield said the troop has been very busy this year. They recently spent a day at Kids World in Tulsa and attended the Moscow ballet in Joplin, MO on Friday, November 19.

Looking for a Ride?

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540-1525
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$2.75 per ride short distance out of Miami
Monday - Friday, 8am - 3:30pm

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$6 for 2 riders to Walmart

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POET’S CORNER

The Way I See It Now

by Jennifer Rainey

The way I see it now,
Everything happens for a reason
And not only the weather can change
From season to season.

The way I see it now,
Real friends are one of the hardest
In this world to find
Another is a straight and level mind.

The way I see it now,
There’s no need to impress other people
You’ve just got to be true,
True to you.

The way I see it now,
Even if you want something bad enough,
You’ll only get it if it’s right for you
So I’ll strive to do the best
And be the best I can be
But most importantly
I’ll just try to be me...

‘Cause the way I see it now,
Who else is there better to be’
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Child Development Club stayed busy this fall

Child Development Club members took area children shopping for school clothes as a community service project. Pictured from left to right are: Morita Cook, Crystal Richardson, Jasmine Hawkins, Shannon Brewer, and Jerry Young. (photo provided)

CSF is on the move

by Kevin Gardner

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) has been with NFO for 28 years and is now ready to build a new facility located across the street from the Library Administration building.

CSF is a place for students to go have fun, food, and fellowship and a place to relax between classes. Local churches and individuals in the community support the Campus House. Lonnie & Chris Portemer, the directors of the Campus House for 16 years always have something going on during the school year.

During spring break, the CSF students take a mission trip to Mexico to help the people build new churches and other projects that the people of Mexico need help with.

The Campus House is located right behind the Wesley Foundation House.

"Dollars for Diapers" helps new moms

Student representatives from Student Support Services raised $125 in donations from October 11 - 14 to purchase diapers that will be given to Miami's Agape Center, an organization for expecting mothers.

NFO students accepted $1 donations and randomly drew one name to receive three pizzas from Eureka Pizza. Jared Russell, a student from Miami, was the recipient.

Student Support Services provides academic assistance for students who are first in their family to attend college or students who meet low-income criteria. "Dollars for Diapers" was selected as a project because students wanted to give back to the community that provides so much to them, according to Linda Wilson, director of SSS.

Club members also collected food for a needy family at Thanksgiving. Pictured are members delivering Thanksgiving dinner to a local family, left to right: Crystal Richardson, Kristal Sommer, Jerry Young, Morita Cook. (photo provided)
Final Exams Schedule

Monday, December 13
MWF 8am classes - 8 to 10am
MWF 10am classes - 10am to noon
MWF 1pm classes - 1 to 3pm
TR 10 or 10.30am - 3 to 5pm
M evening classes - regular class time

Tuesday, December 14
TR 9 or 9.30am classes - 8 to 10am
TR 11 or 11.30am classes - 10am to noon
TR 1 or 1.30pm classes - 1 to 3pm
TR 2 or 3pm classes - 3 to 5pm
T evening classes - regular class time

Wednesday, December 15
MWF 9am classes - 8 to 10am
MWF 11am classes - 10am to noon
MWF noon classes - 1 to 3pm
MWF 2pm classes - 3 to 5pm
W evening classes - regular class time

Thursday, December 16
TR 8 or 8.30am classes - 8 to 10am
TR noon or 12.30am classes - 10am to noon
other day time classes prior to 5pm - 1 to 3pm
R evening classes - regular class time

Exams are to be taken at time and day outlined above. There are no exemptions from final examinations.

All one-hour courses and any other class times not listed above will hold the final examination at the last class period of final exam week.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Homecoming Queen candidates deserve notice

Although Homecoming was two months ago, our queen candidates did not get their due in the Norse Wind. At the time of Homecoming, our printing facility was on the fritz and therefore, we sadly were unable to report on Homecoming at that time so, without further ado, the 2004 candidates for Homecoming Queen were, from left to right, last row: Jennifer Peverley, Molly Moore, Destiny Wylick, Amanda Winfrey, Becky Freder, Sara Allen, Lacy Jo Powers, Brittany Morgan, Joella Mitschelle, second row: Camro Boyd, Lynay Jones, Lindsey Boyd, Morgan Rhodes, Mandy Hays, Crystal Suzanne Parker, Stefani Cavazos, Jill Hopkins, Alisha Miller, Jacqueline McKibbon, front row: Jamallie Hankins, Kaylin Bond, Nikan Nuckols, Robyn Crane, Tom Johnson, Jessica Brown, Kinley Rickey, Jenna May Harding, Shalane Williams, Jennifer Ramey.

(SHRINKS from pg. 2)

The club is planning a ghost hunt in the future with a real ghost hunter. The club meets every other Tuesday at 12:15 in Ables 133. For more information on the Psychology Club or psychology courses, contact Kathy Blundell at kblundell@neosum.edu or Dr. Deichman at lddeichman@neosum.edu.

Psych Club members posing for the newspaper. Jill Hopkins, Adam Bolander, Christina Hiblum, Jennifer Noel (photo provided Dr. Lesli Deichman)
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Mocha, Trussler receive 2004 Outstanding Alumni Award

William Karry Mocha and Navy Commander Jeff Trussler received the 2004 Outstanding Alumni Award, based on their devotion to NEO, support for their communities and career accomplishments. They were honored at the NEO Alumni and Friends Reception in the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday, October 9.

Mocha of Tulsa, is president and CEO of Air Power Systems Co. His involvement in professional activities is vast and ranges from his appointment as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business to currently serving on the executive committee for the Oklahoma State Chamber. Since 1997, Mocha has been a member of the President’s Council for the National Association of Manufacturers. He is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Small Business Council and is on the board of directors for the Entrepreneurial Education Foundation in Kansas City. Mo Mocha was appointed by Governor Keating in 2002 as chairman for the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Committee.

From 1997 to 1999, he was one of 50 individuals assigned to the U.S. Small Business Administration Regulatory Fairness Board.

Mocha attended NEO in 1965 and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Oklahoma State University in 1970. He and his wife, Sandy, have two children.

Navy Commander Jeff Trussler, originally from Miami, is a 1983 graduate of NEO. In 1985, Trussler earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University. He received a master’s degree in managerial economics from the University of Oklahoma in 1992.

Trussler was commissioned at Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., then completed his initial training at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Fl., and the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, ID.

He served aboard the USS Honolulu, the USS Tennessee and the USS Columbus, completed four Western Pacific deployments and six strategic deterrent patrols. In Pearl Harbor Hl, Trussler served as Force Tactical Exercise Officer and Command Center Watch Officer for one year. He was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal five times and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal twice.

Trussler is married to Kristen Rae Taylor.

Dancing in the streets of downtown Miami

Miami’s MainStreet was transformed into a city of tents and booths full of art, crafts and live music during the 12th annual Signs of Autumn Festival in October.

There were a variety of vendors that provided refreshments and a car show with completely restored classics to custom hot rods. Local musicians provided the beat and there was dancing in the streets.


A Miami couple kicks up their heels during the Signs of Autumn Festival (photo by Jeremy Rogers)
Business leaders help spread holiday cheer

Business Leaders of Tomorrow collected food items to make Thanksgiving baskets on Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Due to a great response from administration, faculty, staff, and students, the club was able to feed four families in the Miami area, for which the families were very appreciative.

Club members found it a very rewarding opportunity to help others.

Club officers include:
Mandy Hays, President
Nathan Manion, Vice-President
Chirstal Hill, Secretary
Ethel Hays, Ron Lawson,
Jon Stelle-Club Advisor

Russel-Eby receives
MLT Scholarship

D’Ann Russel-Eby was this year’s recipient of the Dade Behring Scholarship, given annually to individuals seeking a career as a medical technician or technologist. Eby is a sophomore and resides in Picher, Okla. She is the wife of John Eby.

The Dade Behring company launched this scholarship program in 2003 to continue its commitment to diagnostics and the education of clinical laboratory professionals.

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Major movie crew comes to Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT -- Academy Award winner Cameron Crowe is shooting six scenes of his upcoming movie “Elizabethtown” in the Sooner State. Some of Hollywood’s biggest names are in the movie, including Orlando Bloom and Kirsten Dunst. Bloom, who starred in the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy and is named in People magazine’s 50 Most Beautiful People and Hottest Bachelors lists, was in the state shooting major scenes with the first unit.

“Crowe originally wanted to shoot just one scene here in Oklahoma — literally flying in on a jet, setting up, shooting the scene, hopping back on the plane, and leaving in one day,” the state’s Film and Music Office Director Dana Lalli said. “But when locations teams came to the state and we showed producers what we have to offer, they fell in love with Oklahoma and the people here. Local businesses have bent over backward to accommodate Crowe’s shooting schedule.”

Locations for shooting include the Oklahoma City National Memorial, downtown El Reno and the Food Plaza Shell station at I-40 and Banner Road.

“This movie crew’s visit to Oklahoma has had an immediate and direct impact on our local employment and our state economy,” Cabinet Secretary for Commerce and Tourism Kathy Taylor said. “Paramount Pictures hired local crew workers, rented and leased equipment from local companies, stayed in our hotels, and purchased numerous other goods and services. In short, they came, they spent, they helped our economy.”

Interestingly, all the movie’s scenes portraying Kansas were shot here in High,” “Jerry McGuire” and his semi-autobiography, “Almost Famous.” In a recent interview with The Louisville Courier Journal, he talked about the movie’s plot.

“It’s about a guy who experiences failure and fiasco... He’s a shoe designer who meticulously begins to plan a very creative suicide for himself. And on the very brink of following through, he gets a truly tragic phone call, which is that his father died of a heart attack while visiting family in Kentucky. So our hero, Orlando, comes back to Kentucky and Elizabethtown... and along the way finds every reason to live. And believe it or not, it’s a comedy.”

“Elizabethtown” will be released sometime in 2005.
Holiday traditions: where did they come from?

by Janelle Grimes

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa. Here at NLO people come from everywhere in the world such as Mexico, South America, and all over the United States. No matter where you live, form the end of December to the first of January everyone celebrates a holiday with family, gifts, and lots of food. Three of the different holidays celebrated in the world are Christmas, Chanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The exact date is unknown but most Christians observe Christmas on December 25. On this day, many go to church, where they have special religious services. During this season they also exchange gifts and decorate the home with holly, mistletoe, and a Christmas tree. The word Christmas comes from “cristes maesse”, an early English phrase that means “Mass of Christ.”

The first mention of December 25 as the birth of Jesus occurred in A.D. 336 in an early Roman calendar. Customs of what was called the Pagan Festivals held at that time gradually became part of Christmas celebrations. These customs were celebrated in mid-December, the end of the harvest season. They prepared special foods, decorated their homes with greenery, and joined in singing and gift giving.

The custom of giving gifts to relatives and friends began in ancient Rome and northern Europe. In these regions, people gave each other small presents as part of their year-end celebrations.

One of the most popular traditions of Christmas is Santa Claus. A long time ago, a bishop named Nicholas lived in what is now the country of Turkey. No one knows much about him. But there are stories that he helped children in need. Years after his death he was made a saint. Today the date of his death, December 6, is important in some countries in Europe. On the night before Christmas, children put out their shoes and stockings and early the next morning rush to see what Saint Nicholas left them. He visits towns and cities, leads parades, talks to children, and often hands out small gifts. He is dressed as a bishop, wearing a red or white robe and a tall, pointed hat.

Chanukkah, the Jewish festival or rededication, also known as the festival of lights, is an eight day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

Chanukkah began during the reign of Alexander the Great. The people of the land that he conquered were practicing the customs and dress of the Greeks. For this they were massacred. Because of this, groups joined forces in a revolt against both the assimilation of the Hellenistic Jews and the oppression by the Seleucid Greek government. The revolt succeeded and their temple was rededicated.

The religious traditions associated with this holiday are the lighting of candles arranged in a candelabrum called a menorah. It holds nine candles, one for each night, plus a shamus at a different height. After reciting a blessing, the first candle is lit using the shamus candle, and the shamus candle is placed in its holder. Each night another candle is added from right to left.

It is traditional to eat fried foods on Chanukkah because of the significance of oil to the holiday. Gift giving was not part of the holiday before Jews began to live among Christians. Another tradition of the holiday is playing dreidel, a gambling game. Most people play for matchsticks, pennies, M&Ms or chocolate.

A third holiday that is celebrated in late December is called Kwanzaa, an African American holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is celebrated from December 26 to January 1. The name is from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” which means “first fruits” in Swahili. Kwanzaa was established in 1966 in the midst of the civil rights movement and thus reflects its concern for culture grounded in thought and practice, and the unity and self-determination associated with this. It was conceived and established to serve several functions.

Gifts are given mainly to children, but must always include a book and a heritage symbol. This book is to emphasize the African value and tradition. Kwanzaa has colors that they decorate with such as black, green, and red. Decorations include traditional African items such as African baskets, cloth patterns, art objects, and harvest symbols.

So, no matter where in the world you go home to there is a celebration waiting for you. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa!
Name: Matt
Age: 19
Year: 2
Major: Business
Single
From: Columbia, Missouri
Astrological Sign: Taurus
Pet peeve: Stupid people

Name: Pam
Age: 18
Year: 1st
Major: Sports Medicine
From: Tulsa
Siblings: 2 brother and 3 sisters
Astrological sign: Capricorn
Single: No, dating someone for three months
Hobbies: Softball
Ideal job: Athlete trainer for NFL team
Favorite colors: Red and Black
Favorite music: Rap
Favorite food: Nachos
Favorite class: Algebra
If you were an animal, what would you be and why? - A dolphin because they are friendly.
If you could take five things with you to a deserted island what would they be? - Food, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Body Wash, Clothes
Any comments: Support the Softball Girls
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite class: Geology
Ideal job: Golfer
Favorite music: Punk
Favorite car: Corvette
Favorite food: Hot wings
Favorite holiday and why: 4th of July, because I get to blow stuff up.
What is the first thing you would buy if you had a million dollars? - A house
Ideal place to live: On a lake
If you could be any animal what would you be? - A pink flamingo
Comments: Support the Men's Basketball.

Question of the Week: "What was your favorite Thanksgiving food?"

"Pumpkin pie" - Ryan Lassley

"Watergate salad, I make it. It’s like pineapple, whipped cream, nuts, and marshmallows." - Jessica Tubbs

"My momma’s stuffing with gravy on top." - Matt Brazil

"My aunt’s dressing and my other aunt makes an incredible cranberry jello salad that’s just so good, especially with homemade rolls." - Cheryl Butler

"Mashed potatoes, I could live off them." - Christen Stark
NORSE TALK

Question of the Week:
- What do you want Santa to bring you?

"CD Player and speakers for my truck"
-Calvin Boskamp

"Cookies and milk"
-Donell Ware

"Socks"
-Alex Tolbert

"Diamond stud earrings"
-Jackie Hames

"A razor"
-Brody Waldrup

Q-Can you tell me how to prevent viruses on my computer?
A- The first thing you need to do is to download some anti-virus software onto your computer. I prefer to use downloads.com. You can also buy it at a store, but you can usually get good protection for free over the Internet. First you should download a firewall. A couple good choices are Zone Alarm and Norton. The second thing you will need is a spyware removal tool. There are many different options of spyware removal tools. You can choose whichever one you are most comfortable using. After downloading the firewall and spyware removal tools, make sure you keep them updated. Most viruses get on your computer from opening an e-mail attachment. They can even be on an attachment from a friend without their knowledge, so always be cautious with attachments.

Q-Do you have any weight loss tips?
A- First of all, if you want to lose around 5 lbs., you can avoid salt for a few days. Otherwise, the main way to lose weight is to burn more calories than you consume each day, but don’t starve yourself because that can cause you to gain weight (I’m not sure why). Another tip is that you need to eat and exercise if you want to lose weight. I haven’t heard of any magic weight loss plan yet, but I’m keeping an eye out. So, until that day, surround yourself with people who support you. Just remember your goal and stick to it and it will happen, even though it seems hopeless to get rid of that stubborn extra weight. One more thing I would like to add is that if someone you think is skinny tells you that you are skinny, you don’t need to lose weight.

If you have any questions e-mail me at angel.m.grey@yahoo.com. I accept questions about anything. Even if I can’t print it I will still answer it to the best of my ability.

Here are some tips:
1. If you’re waiting by the phone it will never ring.
2. Take your time when you’re driving, because if you’re in a hurry you’ll end up stuck behind the slowest driver in the world.
3. Avoid parking tickets by leaving your windshield wipers on the highest setting when you’re parked illegally. (this is just a joke!)
4. If you think you’re always right, then you are probably wrong.

Have a great Christmas Break!
NEO 13 Short Film Festival

The creative talents of local filmmakers will be rewarded during the NEO 13 Short-Film Festival.

OPEN TO: NEO students and area high school students

DEADLINE: February 11, 2005

ENTRY FEE: $10

Top winners will be screened during the Film Festival on April 11 and will be featured on NEO 13.

Films of any genre are welcome. Minimum length is five minutes and maximum is 15 minutes. All entries must be submitted on VHS, DVD or DV. The review board will have the right to reject any material judged to be unsuitable. Any material considered vulgar, obscene, or pornographic will automatically be eliminated from the line-up of films.

For more information visit: neom.edu/neo13film.html

Here’s a tale that’s not dragin’


This medieval tale is the story of a poetry-spatting, peace-loving dragon named Percival and the town that has grudgingly agreed to co-exist with him.

This delightful story addresses the issue of friendship and parrots that, in order to have a friend, one must first be a friend.

The annual children’s play is presented in matinee performances to hundreds of elementary school students from throughout the Four States. The college offered only one public performance on Friday, December 3 in NEO’s Fine Arts Auditorium.

Choir and actors give audience a trip back to Medieval times

by Jennifer Fears

Choir and theater members once again brightened up the holidays with their annual Medieval Feast, taking place in the ballroom on December 9, 10, and 11. Choir members sang and danced in a trip back in time. The menu featured roasted turkey, beef barley soup, honey wheat bread, new potatoes, carrots and fruit dumplings.

Kristina Price played the Lady of the Manor.

Schaapveld and Price from the cast of the Medieval Feast (photo by Jennifer Fears)
New head football coach named

by Mike Lavigne

Rob Green has been named the new Head Coach of the NFO A&M Golden Norsemen football team.

Green was an assistant at Missouri Southern State University until he was offered a head coach position at Grove High School last year.

Green turned the 5A Ridgerunner squad around, leading them to a playoff berth in their first year as a 5A school.

Green and his wife, Laura, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 12th of December. They bring their 18-year-old daughter, Hannah, to NFO also.

The new head coach plans to "continue with the great tradition" of the Golden Norsemen.

The changes have already begun.

"He's supposed to be making some cuts," freshman defensive end Chris Wade said. "I'm not worried. All you got to do is work hard and you won't get cut."

Returning players look forward to working with Green.

"He's going to give me a fair chance," said freshman wide receiver Erick Jackson. "He got a game plan. We need another championship at NFO."

Interim Head Coach, Steve Patterson, will return to his former position of Defensive Coordinator, a job he fills well according to Jackson.

Roundballers suffer heartache, 103 to 101

by Mike Lavigne

On Wednesday night the NFO Golden Norsemen took on the Seminole State College in a game that every fan should have witnessed.

From the headcoaching, each team played cat and mouse with each other, neither getting more than 8 points ahead. This was the case until the Seminole State Trojans started running up the score with 12-2 runs on the Golden Norsemen.

The Norsemen squad immediately responded with an astounding play by 6'4" freshman Trac Moore. Moore hit two three point shots and forced a turnover causing a tie and a subsequent time-out by Seminole State Head Coach Dr. Thomas Mills. The rest of the game past the second half consisted of smart play and well thought out execution by both teams.

The game stayed close even until the end of regulation where both teams once again found themselves deadlocked in a tie and forced to go into overtime.

The same as well happened at the end of the fifth period forcing a sixth and final period.

The final buzzer was nothing short of dramatic as the Norsemen had one last chance but weren't able to pull it off.

After this game the Seminole State Trojans improved to 7-4, and the Norsemen dropped to 7-3 in the rankings with their first conference loss.

The Norsemen play against NOC College of Tonkawa on Wednesday, December 8. After that a whole month break comes when their next game will be hosting the Western Oklahoma State College Pioneers at 6pm. The Norsemen will be playing the Trojans on their next away game on the 15th of January.
SMILES!

NorseMan

by David Johnson Jr.

NEVER EVER USE THE WORDS BAH! HUMBUG AROUND ELVES!

Newspaper headlines in the year 2035:

- Castro dies at age 112; Cuban cigar ban lifted but President Chelsea Clinton bans all smoking
- George W. Bush announces candidacy for president in 2036 election
- Afghanistan still closed; physicists estimate ten years before radioactivity level safely decreases
- 35 year study, diet and exercise key to weight loss
- Baby conceived naturally, scientists stumped
- Upcoming NFL draft likely to focus on mutants
- Average height of NBA players now 9 feet 7 inches
- Authentic "year 2000 chad" sells at Sotheby's for $4.6 million
- Bill Clinton denies allegation of affair with nursing home co-resident, Hillary raising Cain

Malcolm the Magnificent

by Quinton Topping
ACROSS
1. Michael Jackson's name
2. Molar and canines
3. Org. for songwriters
4. Pat Benatar's "Love Is a Battlefield" 2 wds.
5. Album referent's
6. Portable musical instrument with a keyboard
7. "Do it again and again"
8. Initial alliance with its member nations
9. Former lead singer of the Police
10. Use a cue ball
11. Terminator Welles
12. World baseball championship
13. Overwhelming feeling of admiration
14. "Somebody Else's Baby" singer
15. Do simple arithmetic
16. Conflate Earl
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27. Transistors
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29. High-strung, slang
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2. "song writer" Horning's "On the Town"
3. "On the Town" in 1940 and 1945
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7. "French for Three"
8. "Late" star Marlo
9. Cooling systems Abby
10. "Wait now"
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12. Sheryl Crow's "Warrior" 2 wds.
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17. "Alabama's golden"
18. "Swans on water"
19. Sandwich shop
20. Former lead singer of the Supremes
21. Hills feet"..." to Eyestrain 2 wds.
22. "Sage of healing words"
23. "Maria" (popular wedding song)
24. "My Party" (a hit of 1963)
25. "Queen" Linda's music category
26. "Get off the bed"
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29. "Adustable" knob
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answers to last crossword
1. Michael Jackson's name
2. Molar and canines
3. Org. for songwriters
4. Pat Benatar's "Love Is a Battlefield" 2 wds.
5. Album referent's
6. Portable musical instrument with a keyboard
7. "Do it again and again"
8. Initial alliance with its member nations
9. Former lead singer of the Police
10. Use a cue ball
11. Terminator Welles
12. World baseball championship
13. Overwhelming feeling of admiration
14. "Somebody Else's Baby" singer
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Courage Under Fire

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The boy just sank into the ground
And buried his face between his hands
He bit his lip and said through tears
It's the devil that's in these sands.
His heart was hardened and calloused
Like a wound that takes a joyful man
And turns his joy to scorn.
Yet through the painful resonance
Another sound is heard
A powerful voice that is strong and stern
That deals a driving word.
Freedom rolls off his tongue
As he reaches out his hand
With affection, sympathy, and sincerity
To pull his friend out of the sand.
Even soldiers get knocked down in life
Just like you and I
But even against inconquerable odds
We're still inclined to try.
For that's what it is to be American
Burning with purpose and desire
And even when life knocks us down
We stand with courage under fire.

Many folks say that those of us in the cattle business are enjoying good times. But what those people don't know are the hard times we've endured to get here. And this, my friends, is why we are all very much like the young soldier, families who lost loved ones in the 9/11 tragedy and the war that was to follow, and even the political leaders of this great nation. How true it is to say that all individuals are faced, at some point or another, with immensely hard times. And remarkably as a whole, I would venture to say that America, though young, has endured much hardship and in the process has taught its citizens the concept of courage under fire. Because no matter how large or small you might be, adversity finds us all.

When I was deciding what to write about, I wasn't sure which way to go. Of course the cattle market is at a prime, and certainly no one wants to read about mad cow disease, and current industry changes are covered by the Cowman staff. So I decided to write about something that is dear to me and that I hope has relevance to you as well.

So as we approach this malicious Presidential election, and hear even more about a “futile” war, maybe it's time someone actually commends our leaders and our nation's soldiers for a job well done. We as cattlemen know that no job worth doing is easy. If you don't believe me, recall the last time you ran cows through your working chute or the last time you pulled a calf. Most likely you will recollect that as a matter of fact, you did let two or three slip through the head gate or maybe you lost that last calf you pulled. The fact of the matter is that everybody misses some, ask Sammy Sosa. But the most important thing is the swing. We have to try, and even though it is not always pleasurable, we lose a 100% of the races we don't run. It is inevitable that people will make mistakes, however to compensate the risk by opting to do nothing at all is cowardice, for it is far better to go down swinging than to simply throw in the towel.

So the question I pose is this: Cattlemen are enjoying the fruits of our labor while our country is trudging through high water both politically as well as in a war. So how is it that politicians can be so verbally adverse to a war in which we are already involved rather than supporting our troops and how can so many Americans call this war a failure and a defeat before it’s even over? This is not the America that first walked on the moon, or the America that rushes to aid those in need, or the America that is willing to risk and sacrifice for the greater good. Those things are who we are, and what we should represent.

I sat at the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s convention last month and listened to a conversation much similar to this, and it occurred to me that we are in a unique position as folks from a rural lifestyle.

“That” America is who we are. When we were backed off, we climbed back on. When our grandparents suffered the depression, they fought to keep the family farm. When we were hit with mad cow disease, we didn’t rush to the sale barn for 88 cents because we were taught to cope. And we are better for it.

So the next time you overhear some folks at the coffee shop cussing and discussing politics, the war, and America. Hold your head high with pride, and defend your nation, your leaders, and your boys at war with the most powerful weapons in your arsenal: Dignity, patriotism, and most importantly, your support.
Hurricane season wreaks havoc on soybean plants

by Jennifer Rainey

Soybean rust, a fungus that until now, has only been damaging soybean plants in tropical regions was recently confirmed in the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture stated this in a news release posted November 10 on the USDA website. Louisiana State University assessment team tested four leaf samples for the fungus and all four turned up positive.

There are two different types of soybean rust, the Asian species (Phakopsora pachyrhizi) and the New World species (Phakopsora meibomiae). The species that has been confirmed in the United States is the Asian species and found in the lesions can be seen. These bumps are what give leaf its rusty look. These bumps are called uredia and are generally seen on the underside of the leaf and a few small ones can also be seen on the top of the leaf. Over time, these leaves will turn yellow and fall off.

Soybean rust is bad for plants because it causes premature defoliation which causes them to have lower seed weight, as well as few pods and seeds. This is a species that is carried by wind born spores, which can travel over long distances. If rust is present, it is important to minimize irrigation, because moisture is necessary for spore germination.

According to the APHIS, soybean rust in the United States was caused by the active hurricane season. It has been confirmed that there has been six soybean rust cases found in the southeastern states. Currently, there only the Gulf Coast states have been confirmed to carry this disease in their fields. These states include Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia, who are all proactively surveying high-risk areas for signs of this disease.

Soybean growers are urged to contact USDA’s Extension Service, their State Agriculture Department, and other crop consultants.

For more information on soybean rust and how to stop the spread of it visit www.stopsoybeanrust.com or www.agriculture.com

10 Useful Agricultural Websites

1. www.fsa.org
2. www.fsa.usda.gov
3. www.asas.org
4. www.certi-fax.com
5. www.okstate.edu
6. www.cargill.com
7. www.allflex.com
8. www.agweb.com
9. www.briddleandbri.com
10. www.angusbeef.com

Coach Jary Douglas

by Jennifer Rainey

The 7th annual National Future Farmers of America Convention, held in Louisville, KY from October 27 through 30, was the scene of high honors for NEO’s own Jary Douglas. Agriculture Department Chairman, instructor, and Livestock Judging Coach. He was awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree, given only to individuals who have in some way improved agriculture education and the FFA organization. He received a certificate of commendation for his achievement.

Douglas was selected for this award, because of his inspiration to past and present NEO ag students through his everyday work habits. He also had the honor of seeing his son, Brandon Douglas, awarded a National FFA degree on the following evening.
Livestock Judgers come to NEO to win

by Jennifer Ramey

There are many programs and activities that are designed to help prepare students to become successful in their careers after graduation. Livestock judging, coached by Tyler Galloway and Jary Douglas, is one of them. Not only do judges go on to work in the field of agriculture, some have been known to hold jobs such as bank managers. Those who do work in the field of agriculture, however, often become widely known agriculture teachers at the high school, junior college and university levels. Many become active in various livestock associations, according to Galloway.

"The jobs livestock judges hold after graduation are as diversified as the people we have judging on the team," said Galloway, who was a former NEO judge himself.

"I plan to work in the field of agriculture and livestock judging gives me a better aspect of which animals are better quality and which will help me produce better quality stock," said Judge Adam McGee.

Judges inspect the livestock for soundness, balance, growth, performance, and muscle and make an assessment of their expected progeny differences. The judge then ranks the class from one to four by marking cards that are given to them at the beginning of the contest. Each class is ranked on which animal the judge thinks is more ideal, one being the most ideal, and so on. After all of the classes have been judged the judges are generally required to give reasons. Reasons are usually only given on a few of the classes and are an oral speech on why the judge placed their class the way they did.

The team starts practice a week before classes start prior to the fall semester. During the first day of practice the team spends the day working on formal reasons.

"About every evening the team holds practice to look at a minimum of one class of animals, then we talk reasons," said Judge Brent Taylor.

The team competed during the fall semester in Fort Hays, KS, Wichita, Fort Smith, Tulsa, San Francisco, Oklahoma State University, Purdue University, the American Royal in Kansas City, the Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport, and the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. They plan to compete during the spring semester in Denver, Fort Worth, Jackson, MS, and Houston.

"The team has been steadily improving. We have individuals who have placed among the top five during the fall contests," said Galloway.

One thing that sets the NEO judging team apart from many other junior colleges is that there is only one team (see LIVESTOCK, next page).
Sophomore Horse Judging Team finish season with wins

by Jennifer Ramey

The Sophomore Horse Judging Team finished their season by placing fourth high overall in the National Reining Horse Association contest, held December 2 and 3 in Oklahoma City. Tyler Crouse received 7 high individual overall.

“This is the only contest the team has judged where junior colleges and universities compete against each other,” said coach Shannon Cunningham.

This contest was judged entirely on reining. Judging was done on specific patterns based on spins, circles, rollbacks and sliding stops.

The team also judged at the American Quarter Horse Association World Contest, which was also held in Oklahoma City. There, the team won the contest, making them the World Champion Junior College Horse Judging Team. Brittaney Morgan finished 4 overall, 10 in halter, 12 in reasons, and 4 in performance.

Jennifer Peverley took 6 overall, 9 in halter, 9 in reasons, and 6 in performance.

Jenae Avilla placed 13 in halter, 14 in performance and 13 in reasons. Crouse ability, the drive to succeed, a willingness to learn and extracurricular activities. We want the good, smart kids who want to get better.

Although several of the team members are on scholarship, some of them judge voluntarily. Some judges such as Taylor judged little to none before and became involved because they were looking for something to do.

“It’s always been my interest of mine, but my high school didn’t really have much of a team. So, this is a way I can do what I enjoy and keep busy,” Taylor said.

Other members have judged since they were children and it’s become a big part of their lives.

“I have learned about livestock judging through 4-H and have been judging since I was about six or seven,” said Brody Gardner of Olds Alberta, Canada. “I have judged livestock so that one day, when I have my own farm, I’ll be able to better select cattle for it. I’ll also be a better speaker and evaluator because of judging.

Sophomore Horse Judging Team show off the awards they won this semester. Left to right: Coach, Shannon Cunningham, Amber Martin, Jenae Avilla, Tyler Crouse, Brittaney Morgan, Katie Price and Jennifer Peverley. (photo by Christen Stark)
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