Something Old, Something New
NEO students talk about living on campus

by Cole Dawson and Jennifer Feary

NEO A&M students living on campus were recently asked what they thought of living on the NEO campus. Freshmen and sophomores were interviewed.

Question: Do you like living on Campus?
Answer: “Yeah, it’s awesome.”
Danny Campbell, Shakota
A: “Yes, I enjoy it, but the visitation hours kind of suck.”
Mollie King, Claremore
A: “Yeah, I like it.”
Jason Davis, Jay

Q: What do you think of housing conditions?
A: “Ours is great.”
Danny Campbell
A: “I’ve seen other dorms and apartments that look better, but the money we pay for this is nice.”
Mollie King, Claremore
A: “They’re okay. The rooms are a little small. Fairly clean.”
Jason Davis, Jay
A: “It’s alright. They could be cleaner though, but it’s cool.”
Joseph Olden, Wewoka
A: “Not that bad, it could be worse. Small things could be fixed.”
Alecia On-the-Hill

Q: What do you as a sophomore have as advice for the new freshmen?
A: “Get involved with a club.”
Zachary Myers, Resident Assistant for Russell Hall
A: “Stay focused, and remember you’re the one paying for it.”
Daniel Wiesenhalt, Glenpool
A: “Whatever you do, don’t touch the shower walls, and wear flip-flops in the showers.”
Brandon Vanderree, Miami
A: “Clean up after yourself, you don’t have a maid here. The dorm doesn’t want to pay for your mistakes.”
Angel Grove, Grove
A: “Be punctual and go to class!”
Tonya Rowland, Resident Director Harrill/Dobson
A: “Stay on top of your school work so you can graduate on time.”
TaLynn Lovelace, Oklahoma City
Last April 22nd at around 12:30 pm, NEO participated in a mock emergency drill. The emergency that had supposedly plagued the campus was hydrochloric acid, a gas that if inhaled in the proper proportions can kill a person in a matter of seconds. The scene had been staged as if it had truly happened. The drill came complete with paramedics, gurneys, a myriad number of false injuries, medical reports, toe tags and transport units.

Actors and students from NEO participated by playing everything from the injured to the neurotic, even the deceased. Ambulances, police cars, fire trucks, and other EMS/Emergency vehicles lined the front of NEO campus extending from Dobson Hall all the way to the front of the administration building.

“I just got through giving CPR to a victim!” said Matt Hinds, NEO student and drill participant. “They were asking for volunteers and I got to get out of class! It was fun but hard to see with all that smoke. It was horrible, I couldn’t see my hand in front of my face,” Hinds said.

Being that this was the first drill that NEO has ever participated in, many people including participants didn’t know what to make of the display.

A “casualty” of the mock chemical spill is wheeled away on a stretcher by members of Miami’s Emergency Response Team. The Miami Fire Department was also represented on campus during the drill. (photo by Becky Kirk)

Chuck Goddard, NEO student, had this to say, “I really did vomit from smoke inhalation. It was really thick. Visibility was zero.”

Jon Lantz, key committee member and vice president for student affairs, said, “Yes, we will have another drill and next time we will involve more of the campus and academic part. Part of what fueled the idea was the need to have an emergency evacuation plan. We felt like we needed to work on [an] evacuation policy as applied to the housing. We are always concerned about our students first.”

Don Pierce, director of Environmental/Health/Emergency and safety response coordinator for Oklahoma State University was present during the drill and helped keep order while it was underway.

Ronni Kline, Deputy fire chief for the city of Miami, spoke of the drill during a press conference held on the campus during the drill procedure. “A drill should be held once a year so that if this should ever happen we will be prepared,” Kline said.

The NEO campus put the drill together and took a total of three months for preparation.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

NEO welcomes new business instructor

by Shawna Wright

NEO has a new business instructor this year named Brenda Lucas.

“It’s fun being back at NEO because I’m a graduate from NEO and it’s great being home,” Lucas said.

This is Lucas’s first year teaching. She is currently working on her Masters in Business Administration at Northeastern State University.

She has one daughter named Jessica who is currently a student at NEO.

Lucas is an athletic woman who plays softball for her church league, Trinity Southern Baptist in Afton, and referees at basketball games.

She is the new Phi Theta Kappa Advisor at NEO, which is an honor society for students with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

“Phi Theta Kappa is a wonderful organization. It’s going to be an honor to be their sponsor,” Lucas said.

Lucas enjoys eating Chinese food.

“My favorite Chinese restaurant is Chinese Buffet, the new one right across the street from Walmart,” Lucas said.

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Young Democrats hold first meeting

by John Nobles

The Young Democrats held their first meeting of the 2004-05 year on Thursday, August 26. The meeting served as a chance for the new members to get acquainted, discuss issues important to them, and formulated ideas for activities for the rest of the year.

Tiffany Burch was elected to represent the group in the Student Body Government.

“I wanted to get more connected with others with similar political views,” said Burch of her interest in YD.

“We had a small, but energized group,” said advisor Jeff Birdsong. “I hope anyone interested in the Democratic Party will get involved.”

Also discussed were the local campaign contacts for Democratic candidates.

“We gave out information about the Carson campaign,” said Birdsong, “because that’s probably the race we’ll be focusing on.”

The Young Democrats of America were formed in 1932 and have grown to 780 chapters in 42 states. For more information on NEO Young Democrats, contact Jeff Birdsong at jbirdsong@neoar.com. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14.
Cafeteria Makes Changes for 2004-2005 School Year

by Lanetta York

The NEO Cafeteria has been making a few changes this year and looking for improvements as the year emerges. There are around 548 students on the meal plan. However, only 350 students are taking advantage of the plan. The number of meals have been up higher than in recent years.

Van Labadie, Food Service/Auxiliary Director advises, “Take advantage of your cafeteria, you have already purchased your meals. We have a lot of new food, by taking this into consideration you will be saving a ton of money by not eating out so much.” Labadie goes on to say, “We like to think of our students as customers with needs that should be met as long as they are within reason.”

Suggestions, questions, and complaints can be taken up at the cafeteria by speaking with Labadie, Luetsitha Hogan, Cafeteria Manager, or Glenda Longan, Auxiliary Service Office Administrator.

The cafeteria is located in the student union building. The cafeteria has a wide variety of nutritious options. Meal cards are good for 14 weeks or 18 weeks and are available for most food services on campus. The plan is non-transferable with a penalty of $10.00 for misuse. If the smart card is lost, a replacement may be purchased in the Business Office. Parents and friends who are not on a prepaid meal plan may eat in the cafeteria by paying the cashier. Prices for students are:

- $5.25 for the public without a smart card
- $3.15 for the students with a smart card

All food, dinnerware, dishes, and trays must remain in the cafeteria. The cafeteria workers ask that there please be no carryouts. Dress of shirts and shoes is a requirement at all times. The cafeteria is an all you can eat buffet, so they ask that students only take what they will eat. Please treat our dining area how you would treat your dining area at home. Also, treat the employees with the respect you would to your mom or dad. If you come into the cafeteria respectfully then the employees will just about bend over backward for you.

For special dietary need, please provide a doctor written documentation for any special menu.

Dining Room Hours are:

- **Sunday**
  - Breakfast-Closed
  - Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Dinner-Closed

- **Monday-Friday**
  - Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
  - Lunch: 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
  - Dinner: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- **Saturday**
  - Breakfast-Closed
  - Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Dinner: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The North doors will be open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Only for students with smart cards. No cash at the north door please!)

The snack bar unlike the cafeteria is open all day long from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The snack bar will serve sandwiches, candy, pop, doughnuts, nachos, and many more foods.

The snack bar will be facing a few changes within the next year to year and a half. Labadie says he would like to set the snack bar up to look similar to a Barnes & Noble's book. He wants to have a coffee shop, featuring hot pressed sandwiches, rolls, ice cream, and new music, such as a jukebox. In the future, his goal is to make the snack bar into a “great show case.” He wants to provide a place for students to relax on a couch or two in front of a T.V. with a place to study, as well.

Labadie said, “If the snack bar becomes a great hit, I was even considering staying open until 8 if our funds will allow us to.”

All of the plans being made by the cafeteria is in the intent of students having a place to study and hang out that is safe and on campus.

Labadie has had experience in food service since the age of 19.

“I started at Oklahoma State University when I was 19. From there I moved on to the first cafeteria and stayed for 15 years. Later, I moved on to become a General and District Manager for the Golden Coral in Tulsa and worked there about 14 years. I have been working for NEO for two, going on three years,” said Labadie.

“Well, I have been in the food service for about a year or so. However, I have eaten all of my life,” Longan laughed. She advises, “Don’t get caught up in being away from home. Set some goals for yourself and when you complete one, set a higher goal. Set standards, then abide by them.”

“You have to really like your job in order to come in at 4 a.m. to work with food. I love working with and around food,” said Hogan.
Oh, give me a home...
by Krista Townsend

All manner of creatively designed and painted fiberglass buffalo have been placed around Oklahoma during the Oklahoma Nature Conservancy's fundraiser, Spirit of the Buffalo. More than 100 of these life-sized versions of the authentic animal were created to raise money and awareness for the Nature Conservancy's efforts to protect the state's natural resources, wildlife, streams and landscapes.

Although the fiberglass buffalo may begin to disappear in late September of this year, the search doesn't have to end there - you can find the real thing at many locations across the state.

Strong, powerful and enduring, the great buffalo was designated the state's animal in 1972. Still today, the buffalo, or bison, is an easily recognizable icon of Oklahoma and Native America. According to the Nature Conservancy, not only are they indigenous to our state, but as grazers they helped to shape Oklahoma's natural landscapes, some of which still exist today but are disappearing rapidly.

TALL GRASS
PRAIRIE

A scenic drive through the Pawhuska prairie near Pawhuska takes visitors through the heart of the preserve. Starting and returning in Pawhuska, the drive is approximately 35 miles and takes about two hours. Open dawn until dusk every day of the year, there is no admittance fee. From March through November the Preserve Headquarters is staffed by volunteers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WOOLAROC

Woolaroc is a 3,600-acre ranch and wildlife preserve located in the Osage Hills southwest of Bartlesville. Open throughout the year, it serves as an educational and historical attraction. From early spring to late fall, the North Road tour features a five-mile drive through portions of the facility. The admission donation is $5 for guests from ages 12 through 64, $4 for ages 65 and older. Children age 11 and younger are free.

WICHITA MOUNTAINS WILDLIFE REFUGE

For an abundance of buffalo, visit this 59,000-plus acre national refuge near Lawton, home to large, native grazing animals such as free-range buffalo, Texas longhorn cattle, Rocky Mountain elk and white-tailed deer. Nature and wildlife tours are periodically scheduled throughout the year at the refuge, with required reservations. The visitor center is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Monday; the refuge is open daily dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

Arbuckle Wilderness

Near Davis, this park gives visitors the chance to feed buffalo from the safety of their vehicle. While in the area, stay at the rustic, western-themed Buffalo Gap Cabins where a watchable wildlife area adjacent to the property features a buffalo herd, including a white male buffalo.

For more information on the fiberglass buffalo and their locations, visit www.spiritofthebuffalo.com. For more information on viewing live buffalo throughout Oklahoma, call 800-652-6552 or visit www.TravelOK.com.

Health Fair to benefit faculty and nursing students
by Kevin Gardner

On September 28 and 29 NEO will host a health fair in the Student Union Ballroom for the faculty and their spouses and former members of the faculty.

The event will benefit both the faculty and the students of the nursing program. There will be a $25 fee that will cover all blood work which will be sent to a reference lab. The results will be returned to Kay Harris, Director of the Medical Lab, and she will see that the results are returned to the faculty in strict confidentiality.

"It is a good opportunity to help both the students and the people who needs this done," said Harris.

The main requirement is to come to the fair without eating breakfast on the morning of the fair, to get the most accurate results.
My Days as a Homeless Person

by Kevin Wayne Gardner

Homeless. I know all too well what that’s about, because I’ve been there. I was homeless for approximately three years and to this day, it haunts me just to see others in the same spot that I have been in.

Just imagine not having a place to live and no where to go. Try finding a shelter of some kind just to sleep for the night. What’s worse is not having anything to eat for several days at a time and all you have to drink is water, if you’re lucky enough to find that. Imagine being stuck out in the middle of nowhere in the freezing cold or extreme heat. No one is willing to take the time to visit with you because you smell, look ratty, and have not had a decent meal in days.

Picture yourself in a large city and hanging around the library just to stay cool or warm. If it’s a warm day you can hang around in the park just watching people pass by, wondering what is on their minds on that day. You see all kinds of people passing you by: business people, lawyers, doctors, and executives. You see them wearing fancy suits, driving fancy cars, and living in expensive homes. You see them eating at a local hamburger joint or their favorite restaurant, just craving to have something simple to eat.

Try imagining yourself having to go through dumpsters just to survive on whatever food you can find. Think about having to go into public restrooms to take care of business and even having to drink out of the sink. If you smoke, imagine going through the outside cigarette cans just to find butts that people have put out so you can get some relief from the nicotine withdrawal that you are having.

Homeless shelters offer some type of relief. However, the people who work there are often rude and do not care about you as a human being. They treat you like livestock, rushing you in and out so that they can have time to themselves. The sleeping quarters smell. You are around other people who have not showered in months and you cannot get a good night’s sleep because of all of the people snoring.

You can forget about medical and dental care. As a result of not having any dental care, I lost all my natural teeth. Not only is it difficult to eat, but people give you funny looks.

To get around you have to rely on your feet. Often, a homeless person’s shoes wear out and they have to wear ratty shoes or even walk barefoot because they cannot afford to buy any shoes. This is why so many homeless people have big sores on their feet, or even worse, lose their feet because of

(see HOMELESS page 7)

Question of the Week: What is a sentence you would never say?

"I don't think I am going to party tonight." - Kyle Coaster

"Are you pregnant?" - Jessica Tubbs

"I'm sexy!" - Maurice Henry

"Sasquatch" - Tommy McGlasson
First play of the season
by Cody Weston

Tennessee Williams, one of the best southern play writers and producers of his time, wrote A Streetcar Named Desire, a Broadway hit which was revised into a motion picture in 1951 starring Marlin Brando as Stanley Kowalski. It's a classic story full of heart-clenching drama.

"It's a twentieth-century, great American tragedy," says Steven McCurley. "It's full of sex, violence, alcoholism, insanity, and the false bigotries of someone who's rich and someone who's poor."

"The play's great," said Leavell Johnson who plays Stanley Kowalski. "It's a lot of fun. My character is a male sexist who's really big on himself."

"Playing Blanch DeBois is like being on an emotional roller coaster: bubbly one moment and hysterical the next," said Angel Grove, who plays a character from her own wonderland. She's caught in delusions, frenzies of panic attacks, and schizophrenic immobility. She's stuck in her own world, stripped away from the seamy realities of life.

Degan Mayfield who plays Harold "Mitch" Mitchell said, "The rehearsals are light hearted."

Everything is still in the works. The play hit's the stage in October.

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inadequate care.

Another mode of transportation is hitchhiking. This is an extremely dangerous situation, but you have no other choice to get from one place to another. You meet some strange people on the road. Of course, there are nice people on the road, as well, yet, they are few and far between.

I was able to quit living on the streets when a good friend once noticed something was wrong with me. I knew it too, but I didn't know what it was so, I checked into a hospital. Turns out, I was suffering with a mental illness and didn't even know it: bi-polar disorder with psychotic features (OCD).

Today, I am on proper medication, taking care of myself, and have my own place. I just recently received an associate's degree in office management and am now seeking my bachelor's degree in journalism. Most importantly, I give glory to my Heavenly Father and his son, Jesus Christ for protecting me for all those years of being homeless.

Although there are some people who live on the street by choice, it still hurts me to see people living without a place to sleep, food to eat, or a place to take a shower. When I come across a homeless person, I wish I could buy them a meal or a pair of shoes. I know I would have been thankful for the kindness.

Malcolm the Magnificent
by Quentor Topping
SMILES!

Norseman

by David Johnson Jr.

"I AM NOT A PET! I AM A...
NEW STUDENT, YA THAT'S IT! D.R. AGON
IS THE NAME... (HAAH, HAAH!)

Things learned in College

* That it doesn't matter how late you schedule your first class; you'll sleep right through it.
* That you could change so much in so short a time and barely realize it.
* That college kids throw airplanes too.
* That if you wear polyester everyone will ask you, "Why are you so dressed up?"
* That every clock on campus shows a different time.
* That if you were smart in high school—so what?
* That Chem labs require more time than all other classes put together.
* That you can know everything and fail a test.
* That you can know nothing and ace a test.
* That you could get use to almost anything you found out about your roommate.
* That MOST of your education would be obtained outside of classes.
* That you would be one of those people your parents warned you about.
* That free food served until 10:00 is gone by 9:50.
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* That Chemistry is really Physics, and that Physics is really Math.

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16. Makes money
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19. Pine and poplar
20. Temple 2 wds.
21. Org. that collects income taxes
23. 551. in Roman numerals
27. Quote
28. An octopus has eight of them
32. Rapper Dr.
33. Give off, as fumes
35. Paperboy's path
37. Abbrev. in many business names
38. Take place
42. Sum
43. Sheep's cry
44. Agreement between landlord and tenant
45. Bang, as the big toe
46. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
47. Made a boo-boo
48. British beers
50. Prefix meaning "three"
52. "... and ends"
53. "Unforgettable" singer Nat King
55. "Have a sample!"
59. Hair-coloring application
60. Turns a smile upside down
65. Savage
67. Increase in the price of goods over time
70. Actress Zellweger of "Jerry Maguire"
71. Roman emperor famous for "Fiddling around"
72. Disappears in thin air
73. Arrived at the 42 Across
74. Jones (company that publishes stock prices)
75. Depict in a biased way

DOWN
1. Fishes often filleted and eaten
2. Leave out
3. Put money in the bank
4. Journey
5. Unlocked
6. Cross the finish line first
7. "... of discussion!"
8. Obtains
9. Pierced body part, often
10. It's plastic and has purchasing power: 2 wds.
11. Got into a praying position
12. Actor Davis of "Grumpy Old Men"
15. Europe's neighbor
18. King with high hair

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answers to last week's crossword
SPORTS

NEO dominates Ft. Scott 73-7

by Andrew Covey, Sports Writer

Good performances on both sides of the ball led to the Norsemen routing the Ft. Scott Greyhounds 73-7. Altogether the Norsemen had 496 total yards as opposed to Ft. Scott’s 51.

NEO kicked off to Ft. Scott and led to a seventy-eight yard pass from Dustin Willingham to Willie Tolon and a successful extra point kick from placekicker Derek Foster.

The ensuing Ft. Scott kickoff travelled out of bounds giving NEO the ball at the 35 yard line. The first play from scrimmage was costly resulting in a fifteen yard interception by Ft. Scott cornerback Todd Jones. At the end of a not so successful drive by Ft. Scott, Greyhound’s placekicker Derek Foster missed a 32 yard field goal attempt.

From this point, Ft. Scott had trouble moving the ball. Altogether the Greyhound’s running game lost 41 yards on the ground.

On NEO’s reply, they quickly moved the ball up the field and Tanner Whitson pushed the ball in to tie up the game 7-7 after the successful PAT.

From then on NEO scored pretty much at will. Charles Elix got his first touchdown, one of four on the night. With the game 14-7 Charles Pray received a touchdown pass from Tanner Whitson to give the Norsemen a commanding 21-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

NEO started the second quarter strong with a 14 yard touchdown pass to Tevin Williams with 13:14 left in the first half. NEO’s next strike came from kicker Jason Dixon with a 41 yard field goal putting the Norsemen up 31-7. With seventeen seconds left in the half Charles Elix ran the ball fifteen yards into the end zone.

To start off the second half Bryan Pray almost scored with a kickoff return ninety-six yards down the three yard line and with a penalty moved the ball one yard from NEO’s next score.

Charles Elix once again frustrated the Ft. Scott defense with a 29 yard run to put the Norsemen up 45-7. After another Ft. Scott giveaway, quarterback Tanner Whitson. That and a seven yard run from second-string runningback Chucky Amos put the Norsemen 66-7. Olin McDonald found pay dirt from fourteen yards out giving NEO their final touchdown with twenty-six seconds in the third. An accelerated clock in the fourth and conservative play in the fourth quarter kept the score the same.

Running back coach Kyle Woods was extremely pleased with the performance of his running backs which combined for 277 yards between the three of them. He also said it was a good learning experience for the backs because “Elix won’t be able to do everything in the upcoming games due to stiffer play with conference games.”

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Norse Star Tryouts

by Shawna Wright

Tryouts for the Norse Star dancers were held Friday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the NEO gym, completing the Norsestar dance team for 2004-2005.

“I feel great about all the new girls. I did a lot of recruiting throughout the spring and summer and got some incredible dancers with actually studio dance experience. They all have beautiful leaps, can easily learn difficult dance steps and have a great work ethic,” Norsestar Coach Pat Hecksher said.

Rabel, Talynn Lovelace, Alex Phipps, Megan Byron, Amanda Richardson, and the five new girls from tryouts, Tara Farriester, Kase Dugan, Brittany Jones, Mandi DeLarec, and Shari Childers.

Five new girls made the team Friday August 27th.

“I think they’re doing a good job and working really hard. They are picking up the material quickly,” said Norsestar captain Sarah Allen.

“I was really excited. All the girls are really nice. And I love to dance,” said Brittany Jones.

Tara Farriester said, “I tried out on...”

The team will be a competition squad. They plan to compete in two different national competitions this year.

“The new girls coming in will have to work really hard to achieve the same level of ability [of the older girls]; I think they can, that’s why they were chosen,” Coach Hecksher said.

The team includes 14 dancers, and a manager, Cameron Boyd, who helps with uniforms, music, and videotaping performances. They are:

Sarah Allen (Captain), Sara Pelton, Holly Kidd, Jessica Brown, Natalie a dare from my mom. It was a surprise for her. I was on the dance team in highschool for two years, and I love to dance so I’m really excited that I made it.”

“I’ve been cheering since 7th grade so it’s exciting to make Norsestars. It’s hard work; it’s a lot different from high school,” said Mandi DeLarec.

“The initial conditioning is difficult because it’s everyday and new to them,” said Coach Hecksher.

“This is going to be a big year for us,” Coach Hecksher said.
Former judge coaches hand in hand with former coach

by Jennifer Rainey

For thirty years Jary Douglas coached livestock and taught Agriculture. Throughout that time a number of people helped him coach. However, this fall, former livestock judge, Tyler Galloway has taken the title of Head Livestock Judging Coach.

“Dr. Able decided to have a Head coach this year instead of two equal coaches... He wanted the Head Coach to be someone new,” Douglas said. “This is a young man’s game, so it was logical that when I leave the new person be fully prepared to take over.”

Douglas also said that he looks forward to new opportunities and plans to be working in a cattle related field.

“My love for cattle and livestock will always be there,” said Douglas. “I think in the next few months, I will be making a career change. I’ll always miss the environment with my students. When I started it was more about winning and losing... Now, it’s more about educating. I enjoy not only watching the students who are new to agriculture learn, but also enjoy being able to see how much more the students who have been around agriculture can learn. The part I enjoy most now is workouts and teaching and the part I least enjoy is going to and from contests.”

Galloway was born in Illinois, moved a couple of times, and started judging as a junior in high school at Southeastern High School in Noblesville, IN. While in high school, Galloway was very active in the FFA and 4-H. There, he participated in contests such as livestock judging. Galloway took home several awards by judging USA in Scotland. He also raised and showed Simmental cattle at the county and state fairs. Galloway attended high school in Noblesville with former NEO student, Julie Riser. After graduating high school, Galloway attended NEO on a livestock judging scholarship, where he judged under the direction of Douglas and former NEO livestock judging coach, Mike Mayfield. There, Galloway was on the first place team in the Carload Contest at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. He also took high individual in the same contest and was in the top five at contests in Tulsa, Wichita, KS, and San Francisco, CA. After graduating from NEO, Galloway received scholarships to attended Kansas State University. These including an Ethel P. and Francis E. Carpenter scholarship, a LMIC-R.T., Susie J., and Joe Lewellen scholarship. At Kansas State, he judged livestock and majored in animal science. Galloway was on the Reserve National Championship Team at Kansas State.

“Agriculture’s what I grew up with,” said Galloway. “It’s a very big part of the world as we know it in this area. The decision making skills you have to make in agriculture are very vital to survival,” he added.

Galloway said that his passion about livestock judging motivated him to coach the livestock judging team. He said that the agriculture faculty was also something that he wanted to be a part of.

“The hardest part of the job,” said Galloway, “is getting time management down. Not only do I teach, but I’m also coaching 21 individuals on the team. The paperwork that goes with the job can also be stressful. However, the availability of the staff in this department makes the work easier on me. I also love the fact that I am able to work with smart kids. We have three presidential scholars on the team. This is a great experience and the students and department faculty I work with are second to none in junior colleges.”

Galloway said he predicts that with a couple of right breaks, the livestock team will be pretty competitive this year.

“We’re really good at evaluation, but need work in the reasons room,” said Galloway.

Other than being livestock judging coach, Galloway teaches a meats class and a feedlot management class.

When not busy teaching and coaching, Galloway enjoys spending watching and participating in cattle shows. He also just bought a new ½ ton Chevrolet Z71 truck that he commutes back and forth in.
Forestry teacher shipped to military
by Jennifer Rainey

On July 29, forestry teacher and advisor, Dr. Jim Gleckler, received his orders to report, mobilize, and be sent to Iraq. He gave his notice to NEO on July 30.

"Jim was in training with the reserves," said Jary Douglas, Agricultural Department Chairman. "Although he couldn’t tell anyone exactly what his job was, he will be responsible for shipment of supplies and goods for the front line.

I believe that Jim is a Lieutenant Colonel and it’s not certain he will be sent to Iraq. However, he was fully committed when I talked to him. Everyone was stunned. It just caught our breath. No one expected this, except Jim. The timing was bad, because it was so close to the new school year."

"[Dr. Gleckler’s leaving NEO] is rather sobering and I’ll really miss him. I’ve worked with him for 26 years, so it will be sort of weird without him. I’ll miss his professionalism and personality," Dr. Pete Smith said.

Since Gleckler was scheduled for sabbatical leave this fall only dendrology was scheduled for this fall. So, this class is now being taught by an adjunct instructor, Mike Neil, who works on campus. Neil has helped with the floriculture and horticulture contest during Aggie Days.

This fall, the school will be advertising for someone to fill Gleckler’s position and hopefully bring in someone with experience to begin the spring semester.

Until a new advisor for the forestry department’s Fire Dog, and forestry club is hired, Smith has agreed to serve as advisor.

Smith said that he is trying to find the freshmen involved with the sophomores in the forestry club. He hopes that this will keep cohesiveness throughout the majors. He said they’re also planning some activities for the year.

“There is some overlapping between Dr. Gleckler’s department and my department. Having worked with Dr. Gleckler for the last 26 years, I’ve been able to pick up a little about his program, so I don’t think it will be too difficult to advise the forestry department,” Smith said. “Currently, Steve Smith [no relation] is serving as carry over president until we find a time for everyone to meet and elect new officers. At our last meeting, we discussed a cookout/campout and homecoming."

Ag Ed Club plans year
by Jennifer Rainey

The Ag Ed club has been busy making plans for the new school year. This is the clubs first full year in progress. The club was started last year by sophomore agricultural education student, Adam McGee. The club is sponsored by Roger Fent.

The club met recently and has decided to attend an agricultural leadership conference during the year.

“We are also planning to host Food For America, where we will go out and talk to inner city children, who may not know much about agriculture. We want to teach them about the importance of agriculture,” said McGee.

The club is also planning on hosting the Ag Olympics, where people can compete against each other in various agricultural activities.

The final thing the club has decided on was officers for the remainder of the school year. They are: McGee, president; Elias Olvera, vice president; Joella Mitschele, secretary; and the student body government representatives are Rachele Chills and Will Allison.

The next meeting for the Ag Ed club will be at 3:30 on Monday, September 13.

Aggie Society makes crucial decisions
by Jennifer Rainey

The Aggie Society kicked off the year with their annual Aggie cookout at Twin Bridges State Park on August 25.

Members were served hamburgers, chips, baked beans, cookies, and drinks and new officers were elected:
Cody Washam, president;
Garrett Bowers, vice-president;
Jimmie Peterson, secretary;
Joella Mitschele, treasurer;
Kyle [Bilby Bob] Bond, sentinel;
freshmen SBG rep, Mary Wilson; and
sophomore SBG rep, Jackie Haines.

The society also elected Jennifer Peverly as their homecoming queen candidate.

“We have a great bunch, and a lot of new and interesting faces from all over,” said Haines.

The Aggie Western will take place in the spring and include livestock showmanship competitions. Brandon Douglas was elected to chair that event. His job will include securing trophies and awards for competition winners.

“The Aggie Western is an event that is rich in tradition, allowing for students from across the nation to showcase their ability exhibiting all four species of livestock,” said Jary Douglas, Ag instructor. “There is much anticipation and pride associated with the show and this year’s exhibition should be as exciting as ever. With new ideas and some great awards, hopefully our turnout will be enjoyable both in and out of the ring.”

“I hope to increase involvement in the club,” said Washam. “I hope to get everyone involved and make the Aggies well known.”
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