HARD WORK YIELDS RESULTS
Equine Judging Team Finishes Second at First Contest

NEO's Horse Judging team traveled to Columbus, Ohio for their first contest of the year. The team finished second overall with three top ten individuals. (Photo by Christen Stark)

Story by Nathan Fent

Months of practice paid off recently for NEO's horse judging team as they placed second over-all at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress judging contest in Columbus, Ohio.

The team had three individuals in the top ten over-all. Allie Garvey placed 3rd, Brian Mead was 5th, and Tiffany Mead was 8th. The contestants judged five halter classes and eight performance classes as well as presented five sets of oral reasons.

Team members who competed include: Allie Garvey, Brian Mead, Tiffany Mead, Jennifer Neal, Casey Orr, and Ashley Schunk.

The team has been putting in many hours of practice over the past couple of months. They practice three days a week: five hours each on Tuesdays and Thursdays and about ten hours on Saturdays. They travel to various horse shows and ranches to practice as well as watching video.

The team's coach, Shannon Cunningham, feels that the students learn many important skills from horse judging that will help them down the road.

"The students learn selection skills and decision-making abilities from judging as well as communication skills from giving oral reasons," Cunningham said.

Judging team member Jennifer Neal said that horse judging is helping with her future plans. "Judging is getting me ready for my career in which I plan to be a professional horse judge," Neal said.

The team's next contest is the AQHA World Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 15.
2006 Homecoming Week Results

"POUND THE PUPS"

Spirit Award - Psychology Club
The spirit award was awarded to the club who accumulated the most points throughout homecoming week by participating in various activities.

Dress-up Day Winners
PJ Day - Samantha Free
Camo Day - Ryan Oney
Blast from the Past - Ricky Wright & Tiffany Meatl
Entertainment Day - Chris Hill & Ricky Wright

Sheet Decorating
- Sheets were displayed in the SAC during the week
  1st place - History Club
  2nd place - CSF
  3rd place - Phi Theta Kappa

Spirit Stick
- Spirit Sticks were also displayed in the SAC
  1st place - NASA Club
  2nd place - Psychology Club
  3rd place - Ag Ed / Pre Vet Club

Float
- Floats were judged during the Homecoming Parade
  1st place - Ag Ed / Pre Vet Club
  2nd place - Child Development
  3rd place - Forestry Club

Queen Awards
- The Queen ceremony was held at half-time of the football game
  Homecoming Queen - Jill Banzet
  1st Runner-up - Haley Rieff
  2nd Runner-up - Holly Hoffman
  Miss Norse Spirit - Kimberly Curi

Kiss the Cow
- Results were announced at the Pep Rally
  Mr. Jon Lantz's can accumulated the most money; however, Mr. Lantz was given the option to match the money in his can and pick someone else to kiss the cow or kiss the cow himself. He matched the money and picked Pat Creech to kiss the cow. Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank all of the administration and faculty who participated and to all of those that donated.

Compiled by Nathan Fent - SBG Reporter

For Your Information...

NEW TOPICS:
Due to the construction here on campus, the parking lot on the east side of the Student Union will be closed for the next two (and possibly three) weeks. All of the doors on the east side of the building will be locked.
Everyone needs to enter the building either on the west through the front doors or on the south into the ballroom.

NOT-SO-NEW TOPICS
Student Support Services (SSS) is an organization on campus whose goal is to get students through NEO and on to a four year college. There are currently 160 students in SSS which offers a variety of services such as tutoring and a digital portfolio.
SSS sponsors power lunches and workshops where students can learn about finances, other countries, and a variety of other educational topics. The organization also organizes transfer trips to a number of regional universities to facility transfer opportunities for NEO students.

Missouri Southern (MSSU) and Northeastern State (NSU) are just a few of the colleges that SSS visits.

October 31, SSS will host "Unmask your career". Linda Wilson, director of SSS, said "People are going to come to SSS from noon to one to help students know more about what careers are available to them."

SSS is also holding an auction November 1 with various items up for sale. Profits from the fund-raisers will go into a book scholarship for the spring semester which benefits one lucky SSS student.
Future plans include a five day college algebra class in the spring and they also hope to offer online tutoring by that time.
For more information, visit the SSS offices on the second floor of Ables Hall.

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Child Development Club Takes Student Shopping

Story by Crystal Riley

The Child Development Club recently completed one of their yearly philanthropic projects. The group held a fundraiser this past spring to raise funds that they used this fall to take a specially selected student school shopping.

Marcia Tynon, sponsor of the Child Development Club, enjoys her role in this activity: "We take the student shopping for school supplies, school clothes, whichever they need," Tynon said.

For further information about these fundraisers, or to become part of the Child Development Club, please contact Ms. Tynon at (918)-540-6265.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Psychology Club

Story by Crystal Riley

This month's spotlight club was recently honored as the most spirited organization on campus for their excellence in homecoming activities. The Psychology Club, sponsored by Lesli Deichman and Katherine Blundel, earned the coveted Norse Spirit Trophy at the 2006 NEO Homecoming.

On their way to this honor the club was awarded second place in the Spirit Stick competition.

This club currently consists of a large number of members, and a student does not have to be a psychology major in order to join this fun and fantastic club - they just have to be interested in psychology.

This year, the Psychology Club walked in the parade at Grove's Pelican Festival September 30 and of course, participated in NEO Homecoming activities.

They have a number of future events planned, including and upcoming ghost hunt October 27, where they will go to a cemetery and attempt to have encounters with ghosts. Additionally, the club is planning a canoe trip in the spring as well as an outing to the mental hospital in Springfield, Mo.

If you would like to join Psychology Club or have any other questions concerning the fun things they will be doing, please contact Lesli Deichman in Shiple Hall. Meetings will are every other Wednesday in Shiple 125.

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Faculty of the Month:

Alicia Weatherby

NEO Press Release

Alicia Weatherby has been nominated as Teacher of the Month. Weatherby is a nursing instructor who joined the NEO family in 2001.

Weatherby credits her ability to teach her students to those she works alongside. She said that each day she marvels at the intelligence and professionalism of her fellow instructors.

"They not only have helped me to become the level of educator that a student would desire, but they mold and shape these students to be the best they can be," she said.

Weatherby said the nursing program is filled with students who are dedicated to learning about their chosen profession. They exemplify the qualities needed by a caregiver: compassion and competence.
SCHOOLS NO LONGER SAFE?
Recent School Shootings an Alarming Trend

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

People around the country have been in shock by the number of recent school shootings that have taken place all over the country in the last few weeks, leaving many to wonder if schools will ever be safe again.

The series of shootings began with Plate High School in Bailey, Colo. An armed gunman, identified as 16 year-old Duane Morrison, walked into the high school and selected six girls as hostages, favoring blondes. Morrison then sexually assaulted some of them. Concerning the assaults, Sheriff Fred Wegner said it was pretty horrific.

Morrison entered the school with two handguns and claimed he had a bomb. He walked into a second-floor classroom and demanded all the boys leave the room, but selecting six girls as hostages. He later released four of the girls, keeping only two of them.

Following the release, Morrison cut off contact with authorities and said "something would happen at 4 o'clock."

Half an hour before the deadline, a SWAT team blew a hole in a classroom hoping they would be able to see Morrison. They could not see him and had to blow the door off. Morrison then fired at the SWAT officers as they entered the room and shot 16 year-old Emily Keyes in the back of her head as she tried to run away, killing her.

Morrison, who had been shot by authorities, then shot himself.

Only a few days later, Eric Hainstock, 15, shot and killed his principal in Cazenovia, W. He had lied into the family's gun cabinet and went to school with two guns and the intent of harming Westcon Schools Principal John Klang who had reprimanded him the week before.

Hainstock shot Klang multiple times as the principal worked to wrestle the gun away from the teen. Klang died hours later of gun shot wounds to the head, chest and leg. No one else was injured.

Shortly after this incident, armed with an assortment of tools and weapons, milk truck driver Charles Carl Roberts IV, 32, stormed into an Amish school house in Nickel Mines, Penn. He ordered the adults and boys to leave, keeping only a small group of girls hostage. He barricaded himself and the girls in the school before he tied up some of the girls by their feet and shot three of them execution style.

Police finally stormed the building when Roberts called 911 and said that if the police did not leave the property in ten seconds that he would begin to kill.

Shots were heard within seconds and the police stormed the building. Roberts shot 10 of the girls before turning the gun on himself. A total of five girls later were killed in the incident and five more remain hospitalized.

Roberts left notes that were considered suicide notes at his home. In light of the notes and their contents, Police considered his actions as revenge for something that had happened to him 20 years ago - the school he chose was merely the first he came too.

During the standoff with police, Roberts spoke to his wife on a phone and said he "would not be coming home."

Some people in the rural Amish Community that this shooting took place in knew Roberts, including parents of some of the killed or injured girls. Roberts picked up milk from this community as part of his job.

The Amish immediately released statements saying they forgave Roberts and felt sorry for him because he would not be able to repent or ask for forgiveness now. They also extended sympathy to Roberts family. He left behind a wife and three children.

NEWS BRIEFS

Congressman Foley Resigns and Checks into Rehab

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

September 29 Congressman Mark Foley resigned from office as allegations began that he had sent sexually explicit instant messages to House Pages, some of whom were minors.

As a result of the allegations, the FBI and Florida Department of Law Enforcement have opened investigations on Foley and looked into other allegations from pages who have come forward claiming they were warned to stay away from Foley.

October 2 Foley entered rehab for an "alcohol problem" but claims he had no sexual contact with minors.

While in the House, Foley was a big opponent of child pornography and he served as chairman of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. Foley also introduced a bill to outlaw web sites featuring sexually suggestive images of children.

Hawaiian Paradise Hit by Earthquake

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

Hawaii was hit by a 6.6-magnitude earthquake around 7:00 a.m. Sunday, October 15, 10 miles from Kailua-Kona on Hawaii Island, otherwise known as the Big Island. This was the biggest earthquake to hit Hawaii in two decades.

Monday, officials went out to inspect bridges and roads. Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation Rodney Haraga told CBS, "The level of damage is still being assessed right now. We know that on the Big Island we have some problems with road closures, some rock slides and right now we're sending a team this morning to go to the Big Island to do an assessment on several highways."

Haraga also said that only 50% of customers on Oahu have had their power restored while on the Big Island electricity is "practically all up." Governor Linda Lingle issued a disaster declaration for the state and so far only minor injuries have been reported.
Local Hauntings to Check out for Halloween

Story by Nathan Fent

As Halloween nears, many people tend to become more aware of the “spookiness” and unexplained phenomenon of their surroundings.

Northeast Oklahoma has its fair share of these trademarked scary places, such as the infamous “spook light” and the historic Coleman Theater as well as numerous spook houses and haunted trails.

The Spook Light: Delivering Scare Since the 1800's

Bouncing and hovering along a gravel country road in Northeast Oklahoma, near the small town of Quapaw, is an unexplained ball of light known as the Spook Light. The Spook Light has fascinated, scared, and entertained people for over 100 years.

Many people have claimed to have seen the mysterious light. It is most often described as a ball of light about the size of a basketball that travels down the road at varying speeds. The light will disappear when there is loud noise or sudden movement.

Many say that the light resembles a lantern being carried down the road. Some say that the light has traveled through cars and they could feel heat coming from the light.

Different stories have evolved over the years about the light. Some say it is the ghost of a miner who is searching for his kidnapped wife and children. Others say it is the spirit of an Osage Indian who died in the area many years ago. Another story is that a young couple jumped to their deaths because of their forbidden relationship.

No matter what stories arise the light will probably never be explained. Many scientific and paranormal investigators have studied the light over the years and the light has even been showcased on the television show “Unsolved Mysteries.” All explanations given have fallen short of being conclusive.

One recurring explanation is that it is from car headlights. However, the light has been recorded as being seen in the 1880's before cars were around. The light will continue to be a speculation of many and everyone will have their own ideas about the light. But one thing is for certain - there is no denying that it exists.

Coleman Theater offers “Mystery Tours”

The Coleman Theater is the most historic building in Miami. It was built in 1929 in honor of George L. Coleman, a zinc and lead mining millionaire.

Every year around Halloween the theater opens its doors in the evenings for eerie, mystery tours. The tours are led in complete darkness with only the light of a single flashlight. During the tour, guests learn the old stories and fables about the famous theater and listen for unexplained sounds.

People have claimed to have caught a whiff of Mr. Coleman’s cigar smoke or seen a streak which resembles a person.

Tours are for 25-30 people and the cost is ten dollars. You must be 13 years or older and be able to climb stairs. For more information on dates and times contact the Coleman Theater at (918) 542-2425.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lettuce E. Coli Scare

Story by Crystal Riley

A company in Salinas, Cal, has now voluntarily recalled bags of their lettuce from grocery store shelves. Directly following a spinach strain of E. coli, the brand that produces Foxy lettuce, sold in many stores in Oklahoma, has recalled more than 8,000 bags of lettuce.

This lettuce would have been distributed from October 3 to October 6. Three hundred of these cartons of Foxy lettuce went out to the actual shelves.

Health experts warn that washing the lettuce is not enough to prevent illness. "Anybody with a weakened immune system, right now I'd be kind of cautious about eating vegetables that are not cooked," said Mark Cantor of the University of Maryland.

This lettuce is believed to have come from one lettuce farm only, but the officials are also testing the lettuce to see if it is the same strain of E. coli from the spinach or if it is some smaller, harmless strain.

With more and more “fresh” vegetables growing diseases, make sure of what you’re eating. For more information, please go to www.cdc.com.

North Korea Nuclear Test Concerning

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

According to officials in Japan, North Korea may be planning a second nuclear test. These officials say satellite pictures have shown “suspicious vehicle movements.”

Radioactive material has confirmed that North Korea did perform a nuclear test that had been in doubt. However, North Korea’s first test was small. American seismologists and nuclear scientists used the shock waves and discovered that this test was only half of a kiloton in contrast with the 12 kiloton bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

This low level of strength could mean that North Korea’s first nuclear warhead test was a failure and they will be conducting another test soon.

All of this speculation comes after the United Nations passed sanctions on North Korea October 14. The sanctions passed unanimously and call for the ban of major arms to North Korea and order the inspection of cargo to and from the country. These sanctions also call for the freezing of assets of business supplying North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic weapons program.

North Korean government officials responded by declaring war and saying the UN’s vote was “immoral behavior devoid of impartiality” and it would “deal merciless blows” against anyone who violated its sovereignty.

North Korean also said it wants peace but “is not afraid of war.”
Ask Crystal...

Advice by Crystal Riley

Dear Crystal,

I just got my mid-term grades... and they are a little bit lower than I expected and a LOT lower than my parents will have expected. I know that I probably didn't work quite hard enough my first 8 weeks, but is it too late now? Have I ruined my chance at college success with half a semester of ignorance? I don't know what to say to my parents and I need a plan for the future if I'm ever going to get out of this mess. What can I do and who can help me salvage my college career?

Signed, Mid-term Failure

Dear Mid-term Failure

As far as midterm grades, if they aren't up to par with what you were hoping for, there is still time to salvage them before the semester is up. The good thing is that you now know what your priorities are and you just need to up the ante to push yourself a little bit further.

And also, just as I have said to others, you are not alone in this situation! There is not a shortage of help here at NEO. Any one of your instructors knows you are struggling, and have office hours for you to be able to go to them and get help. They would be more than happy to sit down and go over some key objectives to make sure you understand them better. And also, the ladies at Student Support Services on the second floor of Ables Hall would always be happy to help. They have tutors that can help you raise your grades. Don't fret just yet, but do make sure you study harder (or differently) and don't be afraid to ask for help! Good luck!

If you have a question or need advice, just Ask Crystal by sending an e-mail to norsewind@neosum.edu.

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Poet's Corner

It Was You

By Samantha Free

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School Violence a Troubling Trend

Opinion by Crystal Riley

School safety in our country is becoming a serious concern. And although many of us feel that the danger lurks only in large cities in parts of the nation far from our daily lives, the reality is that school violence is a very real threat no matter the size or state your community may be in. This became increasingly and shockingly real as the story of a Joplin school shooting took over national news stations just a week ago.

In many states we have children, small children, crying because they have seen, with their piercing innocent eyes, what is going on in the world around them, and they are scared. They see teenagers and adults wielding guns and obviously they are not used to it. So what do they do? They say they don’t want to go to school.

In America, our homeland, the land of the free, our very own future entrepreneurs are afraid to set foot in a classroom because they are afraid they will be shot, an idea which isn’t so farfetched. With five school shooting episodes in the last two weeks, who can blame them? Some children have died, and others have nearly missed their futures.

I cannot understand why it is so difficult for people to keep this sort of violence out of the schools. Why is this happening and why are children obsessed with violence? I am getting so depressed and angry sitting here watching little children, with no worries in the world, be scared to do something I loved to do when I was their age... I loved going to school. I loved learning. I know that is weird because most children didn’t, but I hate seeing these children afraid of schools, and afraid to do what they are free to do.

We need to stop this manacal outlandish behavior, and we need to stop it now!

Norse Film Critics

The Guardian

Review by Jill Banzet

"The Guardian" is one of the must-see movies for this fall. This all-around action/adventure/drama picture, written by Ron L. Brinkerhoff and directed by Andrew Davis, captures the intense training and grueling mental images that the men and women of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Rescue Swimmers endure on a daily basis.

The movie stars Kevin Costner (a seasoned rescue swimmer) and Ashton Kutcher (an outstanding new recruit), with notable supporting performances from Sela Ward and John Heard.

Costner's character is going through a separation from his wife when he is reassigned to a teaching position at the U.S.C.G rescue swimmer's training camp after an unsuccessful rescue mission that turned fatal for his team. There he builds a special bond with Kutcher, a highly medaled high school swimmer who is on his own emotional roller coaster from an unfortunate event from his past.

Costner's character pushes his students to the limit throughout training camp. After graduation, Costner returns to his position as a rescuer, bringing Kutcher on board his team to save lives. Using each other to help heal their emotional wounds, Kutcher and Costner's characters make a successful rescue before the movie comes to a climax with a tragic rescue mission that turns deadly.

Although this movie has not received great reviews from professional critics, many viewers came out of the theater with laughter, tears and complete audience approval!

Click

Review by Crystal Riley

Click is Adam Sandler's latest film, now out on DVD. I know when you think of Adam Sandler, you think of outrageous comedy that is so stupid it prey upon our need for insolence and is actually, in the end, sidesplittingly funny. But if you're looking for the classic Adam Sandler movie, then this film will not fit that stereotype.

Though it does have the same Sandler hijinks we all know and love, there is an emotional element in this movie that actually comes across as quite good for the normally comedic Sandler. This film will make you think if the message comes across the way it should, and it will show us a side of Adam Sandler we have never seen before. So go to the rental store and "click" on Click today!

School for Scoundrels

Review by Stephanie Free

School for Scoundrels is a laugh out loud comedy starring Jon Heder and Billy Bob Thornton. In the movie, Heder plays Roger, a nerd who in order to win the heart of his neighbor, Amanda, takes a top-secret class to turn losers into, for lack of a better word, winners. The class is taught by Dr. P. (Thornton) who guarantees that the class will "unleash your inner lion."

When Roger gets too good Dr. P's competitive side comes out. He tries to steal Roger's girl, so Roger enlists the help from his classmates to get Amanda to see Dr. P's true nature. Also helping Roger is Lonnie (Stiller), who was also once one of Dr. P's star pupils. The two men end up in a hilarious competition where both try to out do the other and which will keep you guessing until the end.
Almost Hitting The Mark
Livestock Judging Team Ties for First at Tulsa

Team and individual come off the floor in good shape, tying for first, but finish second on tie-breakers

Story by Aggie News

For their third contest of the year, NEO’s Sophomore Livestock Judging team made a strong showing on their home turf, tying for first place and winding up second on tie-breaker points.

The team came off the floor in good shape, but lost the contest by a minimal margin to Butler Community College on overall reasons score - a near miss that has most of the team even hungrier for a win.

“The same team beat us at Wichita. We’ve made up a lot of ground between then and now,” Coach Tyler Galloway said. “Butler has been the best reasons team in the country for the last several years and we outtalked every team but them. In this contest, only four contestants counted out of five on the team. At a national contest where all five count, we would have won by 12.”

Although this fact may sound encouraging, it’s not enough for the team. Knowing that victory was almost theirs is little consolation and coming so close hasupped the teams ambition a few more notches.

“It’s worse to tie and then lose than it is to just get beat,” sophomore Jeremy Dyer of Rising Fawn, Ga. said. “It’s worse because you were there – you had it and then lost it.”

Dyer had double the bitter taste in his mouth after the awards were handed out. Not only was he part of the team that tied for first, he also tied for first overall as an individual and then wound up second on the tie-breaker.

The personal second place was less important than the team second to Dyer and the rest of the team who are less concerned with personal victory than with a team victory. “No one remembers the person who wins, but they all remember the team,” Dyer said.

Finishing behind Butler for the second time this year is giving the team even more drive and ambition to succeed in the future. “It felt good to close the gap with Butler, but it hurt to get out talked,” Dyer said. “But we’ll catch them.”

They’ll get their chance this weekend in Kansas City, Mo. where the team will compete in the American Royal Livestock Judging contest - their first of the major national contests this year.

“Over the course of the first three contests, we’ve beat every team we faced except for one. And at Kansas City, two more will be added to the mix,” Coach Galloway said.

Kate Bigelow of Atascadero, Cal. finished seventh at Tulsa and hopes Kansas City will be a better day for the entire team. “We know we need to work even harder in reasons since that’s where we got beat at, and that’s what we’ve been doing,” Bigelow said. “We do know that we can come off the floor in front of everyone. And we WANT to win - second just isn’t good enough.”

Sophomore Cole Johnston echoes this sentiment. “All we need to do is make the right marks like we’ve been taught to and work our butts off in the reasons room and we can win Kansas City.”

Coach Galloway expects a good day as well. “The classes at Kansas City will be as good as we see all year and as long as we keep our heads on straight, we’ll be all right.”

FRESHMAN FINISH THIRD

NEO’s sophomores weren’t the only ones collected awards at Tulsa. The freshman team worked their way into a third place finish overall and Rebecca Lewis earned third place as an individual.

“The freshman showed a lot of heart and ambition,” coach Galloway said. “I look for even better things out of them in the future.”

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All-American Quarter Horse Congress- Columbus, Ohio
Aggie Society Holds Annual Aggie Olympics

Story by Jill Banzet

NEO Aggie Society held their annual Aggie Olympics at the indoor arena on the school farm October 17.

The Aggie Olympics consisted of a series of 10 games in which members participated on four-member teams. Prior to event competition, members had to pay club dues of five dollars or present their membership card and pay a team fee of five dollars.

Each team member took part in a four-person game, a two-person game, and an individual game. The four-person games were tug-o-war, a blind wheel-barrow obstacle course, hog-herding, and barrel racing with human wheel-barrow.

Two team mates competed in the three-legged race or the egg toss. A single member from each team took part in a fear factor style eating contest, milk chugging, dizzy roping, or a hay bale toss. For the eating contest, members had to eat picked eggs, raw hotdogs, and pickled pig feet, all of which had to be finished before the next team member could begin the milk chugging contest.

“We had a decent turnout, and I know that everyone had a lot of fun,” said Katie Moore, sophomore Aggie Society member and Chairman of the Aggie Olympics Committee. “We only had three teams participating, but there were a lot of kids that just came to watch, too.”

The first place team, the “Power Wagons,” consisted of Tim Street, Chase Brassfield, Dustin Boyette, and Cole Johnston. In second place was the “Farm and Ranch Management Team,” made up of Steven Howell, Wade Williams, Drew Palmer and Drew Humphreys. Coming in third was “Clint Peveley and the Pony Pickers,” whose members were McKenzie Nguyen, Mindy Young, Amanda Burrows and Clint Peveley.

“I had never participated in an Aggie Olympics until tonight, but I think it’s a really good tradition,” said McKenzie Nguyen, a freshman horse judge.

The first place team received prize money that was collected in team fees.

The next Aggie Society event will be the Halloween Barn Dance/Costume Party held at the indoor arena on Halloween night with festivities beginning at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come, but must present their club membership card at the door or pay dues, which covers entrance into every Aggie Society event throughout the remainder of the school year.

Rodeo Update

Story by Jill Banzet

The NEO Rodeo team is winding down their fall season after competition at the Colby Community College Rodeo September 29, 30 and October 1 and the Pratt Community College Rodeo October 6, 7 and 8.

The team had members make it back to the short-go both weekends. Carlos Garcia and Jeff Askey, bullriders, and Kodi Cunningham, barrel racer, made the short-go at Colby.

At the Pratt rodeo, Carlos Garcia once again made the short-go in bulldriding and Molly Stamper came back in break-away roping.

“We have a lot of improving to do, but we’re really looking forward to Alva,” said Coach Jason Stewart.

The next rodeo will be at Northwestern Oklahoma State University November 9, 10, and 11 in Alva, Okla.

Aggie Society
HALLOWEEN PARTY
October 31 8 p.m. At the NEO Arena
Lantz Honored With Thorpe Award

NEO Press Release

Jon Lantz, vice president for the Student Affairs Department, has been honored with the Jim Thorpe Leadership Award. Lantz was presented with this distinction by Lynn Draper, a representative of the Jim Thorpe Foundation. Chuck Bowman, former NEO coach and member of the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame, nominated Lantz because of his outstanding leadership and national promotion of NEO athletics.

Bowman said he nominated Lantz for the award because of the contributions Lantz has made to honoring Oklahoma athletes. Lantz has been instrumental in recruiting former NEO coaches and players who have been named to the NJCAA Hall of Fame. For two consecutive years, NEO has held a banquet to honor those individuals and pay tribute to their outstanding athletic performances.

"Jon has demonstrated an unselfish attitude and gives credit where credit belongs," Bowman said.

Lantz said to receive the Jim Thorpe Leadership Award is a proud accomplishment.

"It is very humbling to accept this award because of the many other deserving individuals," Lantz said. "I accept the award on behalf of NEO rather than myself."

Lantz coached football at Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City and Edmond High School. In 1985, he accepted the position as head coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Within three years he had built a winning team and, in 1988, was named National Small College Coach of the Year. In 1989, Lantz became head football coach at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. He led that team to their first NJCAA championship. During his nine years there, he had the highest winning percentage of any other MSSU football coach. Lantz joined NEO in 2001 and oversees the Student Affairs Department, Financial Aid Department, High School and College Relations Office, Campus Housing, Food Services Department and Athletic Department.

Jim Thorpe is known as one of the greatest American athletes. According to the Jim Thorpe Foundation website, he was named first team Walter Camp All American in 1911 and 1912.

Thorpe won gold medals in the decathlon and pentathlon in the 1912 Olympics, and he played professional baseball. In 1920, he became the first president of what would eventually become the National Football League.
Cheerleaders Under New Leadership

Story by Kelsey Graves
Photos by Christen Stark

Gerri Chandler, a former cheerleader herself, has this year's squad on their toes.

Coach Chandler has previously coached at Vinita High School and Coffeyville Community College where her squads received awards and recognition - something Chandler hopes again receive at UCA Nationals this year.

Last year's squad finished third at the national competition and they hope to better that mark this year. Nationals will be in Orlando, Florida January 12-14 of 2007.

Preparations for the competition have already begun. Mandatory practices are on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Monday is open gym.

The squad has roughly 25 to 30 members, but only those selected by Coach Chandler will attend UCA Nationals.

Coach Chandler keeps a list of cheerleaders who are currently qualified posted on her door.

In addition to rigorous practices, the cheer squad is seeking sponsors to help accommodate for the cost of Nationals. Costs total up to $800. To raise money the cheerleaders host a series of fundraisers. They work local high school competitions and will run a youth cheer clinic.

At NEO, cheerleading isn't just a sideline sport. With the experience of Coach Chandler, the talents of each squad member, and a desire to excel, the squad and its new leader have high hopes for competition this year.

Football Team Wins Homecoming Game 3-2

The Golden Norseman won their Homecoming game by the unusual margin of 3-2. The season is winding down and finishes up this month with a final home game this weekend against Kilgore and an away game next weekend at Tyler. (Photo by Kathy Chrismon)
**STUDENT LIFE**
Wednesday October 18, 2006

**NEO Student Spotlight: Jill Banzet**

Spotlight by Nathan Fent

This week’s student spotlight shines on a stand-out student who excels not only in the classroom but also in her extracurricular activities and community. Jill Banzet is a sophomore Agriculture Communications major from Edna, Kansas. Jill was recently crowned as the 2006 NEO Homecoming Queen.

Jill is extremely involved in campus organizations and activities. She is the Ag Ed Club secretary, Aggie Society treasurer, the Vice-President of Leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, and also a member of the College Republicans, Forestry & Wildlife Club, Meister Singers, Student Ambassadors and Student Body Government. Jill is also the residential assistant for the second floor of Dobson Hall, works in the High School & College Relations office, and is a reporter and Aggie News Editor for the Horse Wind newspaper.

Jill grew up in Edna, Kansas on a fourth generation family farm with her parents, Allan and Janie Banzet, and her older sister, Gail. Jill is a very family-oriented person who enjoys spending time with all of her family. She is also very close to her cousins and her grandfather.

Despite such a busy schedule Jill has many hobbies that she makes time for. Jill’s music is very important to her. She sings and plays guitar. She first sang in public when she was only two years old. Jill enjoys fishing, riding horses, showing lambs, hunting with her dad, and watching NASCAR with her sister.

Jill plans to attend Oklahoma State University next fall after graduating from NEO. She plans on obtaining her bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Communications. After graduation from OSU, Jill will pursue a career in the public relations field.

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**Upcoming NEO Events**

| October 19 | Volleyball vs. Labette C.C. | 6:00 p.m. |
| October 20 | FALL BREAK - No Classes! | TBA |
| October 21 | Volleyball @ West Plains Tournament | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 22 | Football vs. Kilgore | 12:00 p.m. |
| October 23 | SSS Brown Bag Special (Test prep) | 6:00 p.m. |
| October 25 | Volleyball vs. Redlands | 7:30 p.m. |
| October 26 | “A White Horse Christmas” (FA Auditorium) | 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| October 27 | “A White Horse Christmas” (FA Auditorium) | 12:00 p.m. |
| October 28 | SSS Power Lunch (Money Matters) | 6:30 p.m. |
| October 29 | Volleyball @ Fort Scott (Fort Scott, Kan.) | 7:30 p.m. |
| October 29 | “A White Horse Christmas” (FA Auditorium) | 3:00 p.m. |
| October 30 | Football @ Tyler (Tyler, Texas) | Fall Concert (FA Auditorium) | 2:00 p.m. |
| October 31 | *TIME CHANGE*- set your clocks back an hour | 7:00 p.m. |
| November 1 | Volleyball @ Cottey College (Nevada, Mo.) | Aggie Society Halloween Dance (Indoor Arena) | 8:00 p.m. |
| November 3 | HALLOWEEN | 12:00 p.m. |
| November 4 | SSS Power Lunch (Italy) | "A White Horse Christmas" (FA Auditorium) | 7:30 p.m. |
| November 5 | NEO College Transfer Fair | SWICFC Play-offs | 7:30 p.m. |
| November 6 | "A White Horse Christmas" (FA Auditorium) | Spring/Summer Enrollment Begins (40+ hours) | 2:00 p.m. |
| November 7 | Election Day | Phi Theta Kappa 2006 Quiz Bowl |
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