NEO Livestock Judging Team has Success at Dixie National

NEO’s livestock team brings home top individual and second place team honors

Story by Aggie News

The trip home from Jackson, Miss., was a jubilant one for NEO’s Livestock Judging Team. The team earned recognition as the second high team overall and brought home a pile of plaques and trophies home for both team and individual categories.

Will Cabe, a sophomore from Red Hill, Ga., had an exceptional day. Not only did Cabe find himself on the second place team, he also was awarded top individual honors.

"I never feel any pressure," Cabe said. "I don't get nervous. I just fly be the seat of my pants."

Cabe's relaxed attitude paid off as he made his way to first by winning reasons and British cattle, placing second in steers, third in Continental cattle and eighth in Brahman cattle.

"Coming down to Mississippi, I had a really good feeling," Cabe said. "I felt good working out and competing in the south is like coming home for me."

Coach Tyler Galloway was pleased with his team's performance. He cites Cabe's work ethic and positive attitude as key factors in his success.

"Cabe has a really good eye and is always solid in the reasons room," Galloway said. "But what sets him apart is his enthusiasm and willingness to learn and practice hard."

The rest of the team had a solid day as well. They came off the floor with a slight lead and ended up winning steers and Continental cattle, and placing second in reasons, British cattle, and Brahman cattle.

One of the unusual things about the Dixie National Contest is that it is made up entirely of cattle - no other species are judged.

A number of freshman also attended the contest, including Jeremy Dyer of Rising Fawn, Ga. Dyer was sixth overall as an individual and second in Continental cattle.

"I'd worked a lot outside of practice," Dyer said. "I knew I was ready and felt like I was going to have a good day."

Both Cabe and Dyer feel this finish should be a stepping stone for the team as they prepare for their final contest in Houston, Texas.

"It’s improved team morale and is a great confidence builder," Dyer said. He also expresses his belief in fellow Georgian Cabe as the year winds down.

"Will Cabe has arrived," Dyer said. "And he won’t be stopped."
NEO and RSU Create New Opportunity for Students

A new agreement between NEO and Rogers State University will allow students to complete an associate's degree at NEO that will seamlessly transfer to RSU for students to pursue a bachelor's degree. Because of the partnership formed between the two institutions, no course credit will be lost as students continue their education from NEO to RSU.

"We are excited to provide the opportunity for students to continue their education and receive a baccalaureate degree following their graduation from NEO," said NEO President Dr. Glenn Mayle. "It is always our goal to increase the number of baccalaureate holders in the state and thus enhance economic development."

The joint venture will ensure that students will complete their education in a timely fashion.

"This new partnership between NEO and RSU will allow freshmen to begin work on a bachelor's degree and seamlessly complete all requirements in four years," said RSU President Dr. Joe Wiley. "The proximity of the two institutions and compatibility of degree programs in effect brings a baccalaureate education to the northeast corner of Oklahoma."

A transfer guide will be created and available to students that will allow them to work toward a bachelor's degree in several areas.

The articulation agreement will be in effect for those who enroll in classes for the fall semester of 2006. The degrees to which the articulation agreement applies include liberal arts, psychology and sociology, environmental conservation, arts in communication, radio and television, history and political science, justice administration, business administration and accounting, business management, applied technology, and biology.

Rogers State University is Oklahoma's fastest-growing university, serving more than 3,800 students on campuses in Claremore, Bartlesville and Pryor. RSU is recognized for its academic programs, individual student focus, distance learning options and high-technology learning environment.

Get Fit!

A Personal Strength Training Program is being offered at NEO beginning Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Student Activity Center.

This course will be held on Thursdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and will be lead by Dustin Wall, a personal trainer certified through the National Exercise and Sports Trainers Association, and Jonathan Unruh, certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Personal Strength Training will focus on total body strength and toning muscles. Participants will exercise with light dumbbells and stability balls, which allow for a safe and effective training. Those who complete the Personal Strength Training Program will improve their core and abdominal strength, increase lean muscle mass and burn fat.

This program is designed for any individual over the age of 16.

The cost is $75 for 10 group strength training sessions and one individual session with certified personal trainers in a safe, friendly and positive atmosphere. A complete fitness testing, exercise program and individual personal training plan will be included in the cost.

For Your Information...

NEW Topics:

In the Library / Administration Building Lobby a new device has been installed that may keep you from standing in line at the Business Office. A new machine called a Reval Machine has been installed next to the ATM. A Reval Machine puts money on your Smart Card. It takes bills only and does not give change. It will take anything $20.00 and under. It is simple to use. All you have to do is put your Smart Card in the card reader, put the money in the money slot, and after it takes your money it will update your Smart Card. A visual display is on the reader for you to verify the dollar amount on your card. If you have any problems using the Reval Machine, please contact Jessica Boles.

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) will now offer job placement services.

Students can discover local job/internship opportunities by visiting the ARC or accessing our website. In addition, we will offer transfer information, assistance with SIGI 3, access to powerful resume building software, and free workshops. Faculty are welcome to contact Rachael Lloyd if they would like to hire an NEO student for odd jobs, babysitting, etc. These opportunities will be posted on the website as well. The job placement site is: http://www.neoam.edu/%7Ecareer/ Currently opportunities will be under "Student Resources."

Under NOT-TO-NEW Topics:

Student Support Services is a federally funded program to help students attain their academic goals. As a member of this program, you will have access to a multitude of services not available to the general NEO population. To qualify you must be enrolled at NEO and in need of academic support. In addition, you must meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

- First-generation college student (neither parent has a four-year degree)
- Financially disadvantaged ( Pell Grant recipient)
- A documented Disability (Voc Rehab)
- Student Support Services offers a point system to all students enrolled in the program. If students attend power lunches, cultural events, tutoring workshops or other requirements listed on the requirement sheet, they have the chance to qualify for a $1400 stipend.

Student Support Services is not only there for tutoring, but you can meet new people who are fellow students. You can also attend many different activities on and off campus. Stop by Ables Hall Rooms 205-212 or call 540-6263. Talk with Linda Wilson, Bobbie Pennington, Jenny Rice or Nancy Mayer with and questions you may have about the program.
Teacher of the Month:

Carol Smith

Story by Tarra VanOrdsol

February's Teacher of the Month, Carol Smith, is a popular English Teacher here at NEO who teaches Comp I and II. She is also the wife of Mr. Andy Smith, a mother of two, a grandmother to five, and a friend to five Shih Tzu's.

For receiving this award she is given a certificate stating her title and a free meal in the cafeteria. But to Smith, getting this honor is a reward all in itself. "It makes you feel good - like you've accomplished what you set out to do," Smith said. "I want all my students to say 'I learned something. I learned more in that one class than all four years.'"

Smith has been many places before finding NEO. She was once an editor of a newspaper and a secretary for five years. She taught high school and grade school band. She instructed piano, organ, and voice. Smith also taught a high school show choir for ten years in Welch.

Smith has been at NEO since 1987, with much more than listed above, under her belt, she claims that, "the students I teach keep me young and focused."

"After all these years, Smith has received teacher of the month every year, except for one. Smith said, 'It feels great because it's from the students. I'm here for the students and I haven't found a class that I did not like. Each one has their own personality.'"

Every year that Smith has taught here, she has received a Who's Who letter informing her that a student has recommended her for teacher of the year. The question asked when students apply for Who's Who is, which teacher was most instrumental.

"I'm really honored," said Smith. "I hope to make a difference in all the students' lives."

Smith says she is inspired by the quote, "I aspire to inspire before I expire." "How true that is," said Smith, who says she hopes to leave her legacy here after she is gone.

One piece of advice that she would give to anyone would be, "Life is too short. All you have to do is want it badly enough and to work for it."

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TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Nomination Form

Date__________

Who would you like to nominate? ________________________

Can you name a class in which this instructor is particularly effective?

Course ____________________ Days _____ Time _____ Room _____

Can you cite a specific example of at least one of the following: this instructor's devotion to duty, care for students, professional advancement, or service to the College or community?

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Your name __________________ Signature __________________

Bring this nomination to SH 3316 by Friday at 2:00 p.m. or leave all of the above information on voice mail (540-6138) or e-mail (abatt@neoam.edu).
Are you worried about your IDENTITY?

Identity theft is something most people in today's world do not feel can happen to them. Most Americans feel that their identity is safe. According to the Federal Trade Commission, your identity can be stolen quicker than you think....

Story by Julie Jones

The Federal Trade Commission has found many Americans are losing their identity to predators who are in need of credit, jobs, money, even merchandise. The new target for predators are small children and young adults. The reason for this is because these targets are young and have no idea what it means to have credit.

Predators can be enrolled in class with you, be a friend of the family or even a co-worker. You can never be too careful with your personal information.

These young adults or children do not even realize their identity has been stolen until:

- a) the young adult goes to apply for credit or
- b) the child's parent goes to the Department of Human Services to apply for services and finds that their 6 years old child is making more money than they are.

As you know, losing your identity can be a great shock. This is something that happens everyday all over the world and is becoming more alarming, especially for younger adults and children.

If you feel that your identity has been missed, here are a few quick steps to avoid some of the risk:

1. DO NOT leave your identity laying around - social security card, drivers license, credit cards or financial statements.
2. If you share an apartment or dorm with a roommate, lock all your personal belongings up in a fire proof box to keep predators out of your personal information.
3. Shred all your personal mail, credit card offers, bank statements that you don't need or want. (If you want or need them, lock them up in a file cabinet.)
4. Do not give out personal information on the internet.

A good tip to remember is to keep all your personal information hidden from anyone you would not feel comfortable putting on your checking account.

If you want to know more about protecting your identity, visit: www.ssa.gov/ org/guide/en.html or call toll free 1-800-722-1213.

If you think you may be a victim of identity theft, here are steps to help you get started on retrieving you identity back:

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit report and review your credit reports. Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or www. experian.com
2. Close the accounts that you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
3. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.
4. File a complaint with the federal trade commission. 1-877-438-4338 or www. consumer.gov/idtheft

Be sure when contacting the federal trade commission that you get a booklet on how to fight back against identity theft - it just may save you a lot of headache in the future!

Grammar Report

Opinion by Crystal Riley

The 48th Grammys were held Wed, February 8. The Grammys are always filled with fantastic performances by the hottest stars, all-star tributes, and the thrill of winning, and this year's show was no exception to that rule.

The show started with the Gorillaz performing their smash hit with De La Soul, Feel Good Inc. It was spectacular because rather than actually performing it themselves, the screen had animated characters that performed the song for them.

Then, of course, the Grammys wouldn't be the Grammys without the top honors for America's favorite musical artists. Many music innovators received lifetime achievement awards as well as trustee awards throughout the show, but the real question on everyone's lips was who would win the highly coveted Album of the Year Award at the end portion of the show.

Though many of the nominees were fantastic and I enjoy their music very much, I was very pleased that U2 took top honors for this year, leaving with a total of five awards: Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Rock Song, Best Rock Album, and Best Rock Performance by a Musical Duo or Group. Their album, How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb, is what I believe is their best work since my all-time favorite song With Or Without You.

Bruce Springsteen also took home honors, winning the award for Best Solo Rock Vocal Performance for his song Devils and Dust. This also is the best work of Springsteen since "Hungry Heart" and "Dancing In The Dark."

More often than not you see the Grammys as something that is political, where the people who many feel truly deserve the award never seem to win. But this year, (in my opinion) was a year where nearly everyone won that truly should have in the first place.

The Grammys are held every February.

Oscars to Air March 5

Opinion by Crystal Riley

It's that time again: the time of hosting small parties with lots of great food and drinks. Good company and great friends gather annually for one thing: to watch the Oscars! This year's Oscars will be March 5 on ABC, at 7 p.m.

Many contenders are up for the prestigious award this year, but what everyone has their eye on who will win Best Picture. Among the nominees for this are the controversial Brokeback Mountain but also contending are the films Capote and Crash, amongst others. I myself have not seen Brokeback, but I have seen Crash and believe it is a top-notch, emotional film that really deserves to win.

For Best Actor, Philip Seymour Hoffman is nominated for his role in Capote, but the winner will be, undoubtedly, Joaquin Phoenix for his portrayal of Johnny Cash in Walk the Line. The only other actor who comes close to taking Oscar gold for this category is Heath Ledger for Brokeback Mountain.

The Best Actress category is just as easily predictable. Judi Dench, Felicity Huffman, Keira Knightley and Charlotte Ram are nominated, but the obvious winner will be Reese Witherspoon for her role as June Carter Cash in Walk the Line.

Most of the other subjects are menial if you are not a real film buff, and are into the other aspects such as costumes, editing, and makeup. Most people are interested in the main categories and what takes the cake for best picture.
Vice-President Involved in Hunting Mishap

Vice-President Dick Cheney shoots friend during Texas Quail hunt, ticketed for improper hunting license.

Story by Crystal Riley

Vice President Dick Cheney wounded fellow hunter and friend Harry Whittington in a quail hunting accident around 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Whittington suffered injuries to the face, neck and chest when Cheney fired upon quail in Texas late that night.

Although Whittington should have announced the fact that he was approaching, experts are still laying the full responsibility on Cheney because he should have been more cautious and aware of other people in the vicinity when he set up his shot.

The Parks and Wildlife Department will be giving both Cheney and Whittington warning citations for disobeying game law by not obtaining an upland game bird stamp.

Cheney has made no efforts for a public statement about the accident. He has avoided the press by leaving the Oval Office with the UN Secretary General before the press was escorted in.

This incident is not expected to deter Cheney from the sport he loves. Cheney, an experienced hunter, had obtained an outside resident's license to hunt, without the intention of hurting anyone.

Though there is something to be said for his lack of awareness during the actual sport, but this was merely an accident and it appears that Cheney will be hunting again soon.

The injured Whittington has spoken out in support of the Vice-President, expressing his apologies for all Cheney has been put through by the media during a statement to the press.

Whittington suffered some complications from his injuries, but has returned home and is expected to heal fully.

Mission to Pluto Underway

U.S. Space Agency sends probe to Pluto in hopes of learning more about the yet unvisited planet.

Story by Ashley Namesnik

The U.S. Space Agency is taking a new leap in the knowledge of the solar system with "New Horizons", a probe on a ten year mission to Pluto.

Pluto is the last unexplored planet in our solar system. "What we know about Pluto today could fit on the back of a postage stamp," Colleen Hartman, a deputy associate administrator at NASA told the AP.

The mission was put off Tuesday, Jan. 24, due to high winds at the Cape Canaveral base, and again on Wednesday because of a power failure at the Maryland laboratory which was managing the mission. The probe took flight Jan. 26 at 1000 GMT on an Atlas 5 rocket. The rocket will make the three billion mile journey, with hopes to reach Pluto by July of 2015.

By sending the probe up before February 3, it will be timed to swing past Jupiter on its way. This will give the probe the advantage of using Jupiter's gravity in a slingshot maneuver. This will give the probe a 9,000mph increase in speed away from the sun's gravity. If the probe had been delayed beyond February 3, it would have had to take a strait journey to Pluto, taking on three more years.

Some scientists do not classify Pluto as a true planet; rather they believe that it should be classified as another of the small, icy objects that make up the Kuiper Belt. This region is a span of tens of thousands of tiny icy objects that could reach from the sun to the earth.

New Horizons will pass by Pluto and it's double, a large moon named Charon, on the same day. The instruments on the probe will allow it to map out Pluto's and Charon's surfaces, and take samples of thier composition and atmospheres.

"The probe will map the composition of materials on the surface of Pluto and Charon, which will help tell us what molecules were present during the formation of this system,“ Dr Stephen Lowry of Queen's University in Belfast, UK, told the BBC News website.

"I think it's great that they're finally taking initiative to explore the last planet, just because there's so much that we don't know about it,“ said NEO student, Toni Straw. "This will be something that we can look forward to learning with our kids when they're in school."

PLUTO

A Mysterious Planet

Name:
Pluto - Roman equivalent of the Greek god, Hades, ruler of the underworld. Name was given partly due to its distance from the sun, which keeps it perpetually in the dark, and partly because "PL" are the initials of Percival Lowell, the man who theorized its existence and whose laboratory it's discoverer, Clyde W. Tombaugh worked.

Discovery:
The most recent planet in the solar system to be detected (1930).

Location:
The ninth planet from the sun (usually). Pluto's unique orbit causes it to periodically come within the orbit of Neptune. Pluto was the eighth planet from the Sun from Feb. 7th, 1979 through Feb. 11, 1999. Now Pluto will remain the ninth planet through the 23rd century.

Other facts:
*Composition - unknown. Its density indicates it is probably a mix of 70% rock and 30% water/ice.
*Atmosphere - little is known, but it probably consists primarily of nitrogen with some carbon monoxide and methane.
*Revolves about the Sun once in 247.7 Earth years at an average distance of 5.91 billion km (3.67 billion mi). Its rotation is reverse that of other planets. Pluto is about 2,360 km (1,475 mi) in diameter.
*This mysterious planet is really a double planet system, since its largest moon, Charon, is very close to Pluto and is about the same size.
Ask Crystal...

Advice by Crystal Riley

Dear Crystal,
I find myself daydreaming of warm weather, great beaches and endless fun...and then I wake-up and realize that I'm late for a test and have five papers to write and Spring Break is still weeks in the future. Is it too early, or too late to plan the great getaway that is a college Spring Break? Plane tickets are pretty pricey, but I may go crazy without a week at the beach - do I have any options for cheaper travel? Can Spring Break still be a blast if I don't end up in Acapulco? Help me before I go crazy in college!
--Signed, In Need of a Break!

Dear In Need of a Break,
It's getting to be that time of the year again - Spring Break. The time to get away to cut loose to have some rest and relaxation midway through the semester. The cold weather will be on its way out the door and the time of bikini tops and bathing suits will be rolling in. Many students find it hard to decide where they are going to go, and when they finally do make a decision, the hotels are already filled and all the flights are already booked because they waited too long.
If this is the case for you, you may try going to web sites such as studentuniverse.com, expedia.com, cheaptickets.com, or even priceline.com to see if these sites may be able to give you a fairly generous offer on lower-priced trips to exotic places far away from here.
But if you would rather stay close to home or are not financially able to handle the costs of a vacation right now, there are places you could go that are relatively close and within an easy driving distance from Oklahoma, such as Dallas, Texas, or St. Louis, Missouri, or even places in Kansas and the surrounding states.
Everyone has to get away some time, if for nothing else than to clear our heads and relax for the sake of our sanities. The life of a student can be really overwhelming, so we don't need the issue of expensive vacations and what to do for Spring Break looming over our heads. That is why it is called a vacation!

Enjoy your time off and have a wonderful Spring Break!

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

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Poet's Corner

This Is Me
By Crystal Riley

This is me
And this is my heart bleeding before you
Raw human emotion
Fettered and scarred, hopeless and wrong
All the things you taught me are here
But that is a vision of all that I am
Personification of all of your morals
You never personify yourself
This is me
Heart and love to my very core
You taught me that, you showed me it all
You are my greatest pride, my downfall
My scattered confusion, my wounded disgrace
My wanton desire, my soul out of place
My mockery of myself, inadequacy
Your daughter here before you, this is only me.
February is Black History Month

Story by Amber Harris

Every February, Americans celebrate Black History Month. Black History Month was begun by Harverd scholar Carter G. Woodson. Woodson dedicated his life to ensuring that Black History Month was known throughout the world.

In 1926, Woodson chose the second week of February in honor of great people like Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln - two men who greatly impacted the black population - to be Negro History Week. Over time, Negro History Week evolved into Black History Month, a four week long celebration of African American history.

Many people may not know that African Americans have invented things used throughout history. George Washington Carver, who was an African American scientist, educator, humanitarian, and former slave. He developed hundreds of products from peanuts, sweet potatoes, pecans, and soybeans.

Dr. Charles Richard Drew was a medical doctor and surgeon who started the idea of a blood bank and system for the long term preservation of the blood plasma.

The gas mask was invented by Barrett Morgan, who used the mask to rescue miners trapped underground in a mine. He also was the first person to patent a traffic signal.

Elvis McCoy was a mechanical engineer and inventor of the oil dropper cup for trains. Have you ever heard "the real McCoy" meaning the real authentic or high quality thing?

Madame C.J. Walker developed many beauty and hair care products that were extremely popular (her growing lOTION).

Lennie G Johnson invented the world famous super speaker.

They are many other African Americans throughout history who have invented a variety of important inventions. To find out more, you can visit www.enchantedlearning.com.

In honor of black history month NCE's African American Society sponsored various events in honor of Black History Month, including an African American Society Pageant where competing students were judged on their knowledge of black history, a talent reflecting that of a black American such as the writing of a poem written by a black author, and a fashion show demonstrating clothing by a black designer. They also sponsored a re-enactment of several key events that affected the lives of black Americans.

The final event will be a Soul Food Luncheon Feb. 28. The community is invited to enjoy a lunch reminiscent of the Deep South at the student activity center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the African American Society.

Souls Food Luncheon

Fried Chicken
Red Beans & Rice
Mac n Cheese
Corn Bread
Dessert
Feb 28 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
At the SAC
Tickets $5

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Students Named to Who's Who

NEO Press Release

One-hundred and three students from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College have been nominated to appear in the latest edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, a biographical publication that lists some of the nation's most accomplished students. Students are selected based on their grades, participation in campus organizations and community service.

Jim Bankston Randall created the honors program Who's Who Among Students in 1934, according to the Who's Who website. Though he was an excellent academic standing with the University of Alabama, he could not be accepted into any honor societies, because he could not pay their membership dues and fees.

Randall then set out to begin an honors program that would give all outstanding students the recognition they deserved.

All students listed were enrolled at NEO upon their nomination. The following NEO students were nominated to appear in the next edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges:

Arkansas
- Eagle River - Abram J. McMahan
- Nipomo - Mary Wilson

Canada
- Brody Robert Gardner

Delaware
- Townsend - Rachel L. Chillas

Florida
- Myakka - Cali J. Cummings

Georgia
- Bainbridge - Joanna K. Smith

Kansas
- Kansas State - Amy N. Thomsom
- Columbia - Becky L. Griffin

Missouri
- Bland - Samantha Seifert
- Humansville - Shannon L. Garrett
- Joplin - Holly E. DeGonia
- Rocky Comfort - Brian L. Leiby
- Seneca - Bernadette Aday

Oklahoma
- Adair - Kari L. Berg
- Afton - Delilah L. Ashford
- Afton - Joan R. Hixley

Hayden - Bonnie J. Moorhead
- Bobby J. Shin
- Samuel G. Victor III
- Serena Brooke Wilson
- Bethany - Brent P. Hardin
- Chris L. Hardin
- Bluejacket - Angela J. Shaffer
- Colcord - Janis R. Clinton
- Commerce - Greg J. Coorsart
- Jeremy S. Goad
- Eucha - Leslie A. Rutherford
- Fairland - Jeni L. Reese
- Frohna - Joc D. Downing
- Friston - Tina M. Franks
- Jermel J. Gelnas
- Easton - Cathy L. Guthrie
- Alexandria E. Horton
- April Dawn Janzen
- Michelle L. Johnson
- Meghan M. Owens
- Linda M. Smith
- Kimberly A. Spain
- Karen M. Stout
- Terry L. Tanner
- Leann Wilkes
- Jay - Cassie B. Allen
- Tamika C. Graves
- Sharon K. Hicks
- Laramy Olary
- Kansas - Brandi R. Turtle
- Lawton - Maurice G. Henry
- McAlister - Chism McEntire
- McLoud - Lashelle M. Chandler
- Miami - Anthony J. Albaugh
- Karen S. Buchanan
- Cheryl A. Butler
- Deborah J. Cole
- Laura E. Coe
- Jason R. Flannigan
- Shelly Dee Forkum
- Christi M. Hopkins
- Crystal L. Hudspeth
- Michelle D. Johnson
- Lance R. Langlois
- Chrisy Larsen
- Ashley Malcom
- Rachel K. Manion
- Renee D. Marcum
- Tara D. Mayes
- Martha L. Miller-Dare
- Mary Pogue
- George R. Price
- Amy M. Rayles
- Morgan Karli Rhodes
- Roland J. Schaapveld
- Shelia M. Snell
- Rebecca D. Swopes
- Tabitha L. Tarver
- Russell M. Thulin
- Katherine L. Walker
- Alice M. Wilkendorf
- Laconda R. Witte
- Muskogee - Rosetta Porter
- Nowata - Pamela J. Freeman
- Katherine Wolfe
- Oklahoma City - Lee Tibo
- Owasso - Amee Bohanan
- Picher - Craigery B. Crazan
- Ashley N. Evans
- Tammy K. Raney
- Samuel Reaves
- Rose - Colby Cunningham
- Sand Springs - Jonathan B. Clemmons
- Tulsa - Leann J. Johnson
- Vinita - Tonya J. Flock
- Lindsay D. Huffman
- Brandi Kay Meyer
- Weissville - Kristly Nicole Johnson
- Welch - Andrea Bitt
- kern - Blanche L. Bohanan
- Brandon T. Webster
- Woodward - Rachel S. Matthews
- Wyandotte - Jes Vincent Bako
- Cheryl A. Crawford
- Laura J. Gray
- Kim P. Leman
- Trish Records
Aggie Extravaganza Brings Area Students to NEO For Food and Fun

Story by Ashley Namesnik

The Ag Ed department hosted a Fun Night at the NEO Arena Jan. 26th for surrounding FFA Chapters during which the department held a Whiffle ball Tournament.

"We had food donated by Charlie's Chicken and Bussey's BBQ, so we got to feed everyone," said Ag Ed advisor, Roger Fent.

Welch FFA Chapter won first place in the tournament, with Miami in second place, and Grove in third.

The event, which is useful as a recruitment tool for NEO, turned out approximately 40 high school students and about 60 college students who couldn't resist joining in and playing as well.

"The college students officiated the games which were going on two at a time in the arena," said Fent, "We had a lot of fun."

Friendship and Memories

Opinion by Shawn Smith

In life today, most students and people in school might take their life situations for granted. But it's important to recognize and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities college students have.

Students need to remember that by being in school, you get a sense of freedom, a chance to grow up and the ability to create a network of life long friendships. The education aspect is important, but so are these outside factors.

With this in mind, we always need to think about the word friendship.

Life requires friendships, relationships and lasting memories that we'll never forget. College is one of the best places to develop all of these and we should each take advantage of all the friends, experiences and memories we can while we go through this stage of life.

In my experience at NEO, I have made friends and gained more memories than I ever would have in a lifetime of an 8-5 job. Never take these times in your life for granted and remember that friends last forever and memories last a lifetime.

NEO Time, NEO Place, NEO Rodeo. This is for all my recent made friends and all my boys! Let's have an awesome Spring Semester!

SPRING RODEO SCHEDULE

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Rodeo Coach Eager for Second Semester as Team Prepares for Spring Season

NEO's rodeo coach has enjoyed his freshman year thus far and looks forward to an exciting spring.

Story by Sarah Hill

Jason Stewart, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M's new rodeo coach, is enthusiastic about his team's chances for this spring.

Stewart, who replaced previous coach Mike True who now coaches at Montana State University, says that while any new career can be a challenge, he's really enjoying his position thus far.

"My experience so far has been pretty good," Coach Stewart said. "I did have to come in and change some things, but I'm pleased with where we are at right now."

Some of the changes Coach Stewart has made include improving sophomore attitude and establishing more leadership within the team.

Although this is Coach Stewart's first time to coach a rodeo team, he has previous experience coaching a variety of other sports, such as basketball and football.

Coach Stewart is not new to NEO however. He is an NEO graduate and a past member of the rodeo team.

His time at NEO gives him a lot of confidence in the rodeo program. Four of his NEO college teammates have been to the National Finals Rodeo in the last five years and one previous member has won a world championship title.

"So much talent is within the four-state area," Stewart said. "It's just unbelievable we have to go to far off places to get kids to beat people with so much local talent."

To alleviate this, Coach Stewart's new recruiting plan consists of recruiting people from the four-state area, and also trying to offer everyone a little bit of a scholarship or something to get them here.

Ninety percent of the current members of the rodeo team are on scholarship or some type of financial aid.

This year's team is preparing for their first spring rodeo in Manhattan, Kan. this weekend. Team roping is believed to be the team's greatest strength because there are more of them and a greater chance of victory.

The rough stock should be interesting as well. "Bull riding is real sally," Coach Stewart said.

The men's current rank is tenth after three rodeos. The women are "coming along" according to Coach Stewart.

There are a lot of good teams, but NEO's toughest competitors are believed to be Fort Scott in roughstock and Panhandle State University in timed events.

Good Luck NEO RODEO!
Sports
Wednesday February 22, 2006

Torino, Italy Hosts 20th Winter Olympics

Story by Norse Sports

The 2006 Winter Olympic games kicked off Friday, February 10 in Torino, Italy with a grand opening ceremony. The 16 day event has seen its share of thrills and disappointments in the past two weeks and as the final days approach, the United States finds itself third in the medal count behind Germany and Austria.

Torino is one of the most vibrant and colorful cities in Europe, and it set the stage for this year's games. The sports featured included alpine skiing, the biathlon, bobsliding, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, the luge, ski jumping, snowboarding, and speed skating. At the 1998 Salt Lake City Games, Germany pulled in the most medals with a total of 36, and the United States closely followed with a record 34 medals.

Four years later, expectations were exceptionally high for the American athletes, and although they got off to a slow and often disappointing start, Team USA has still proven valiant in a variety of sports. A listing of some American winners is provided. For more in-depth information, visit www.nbcolympics.com or tune in to the games on your local NBC station.

American Accomplishments

Gold
* Ted Ligety - Alpine Skiing, Combined
* Shaun White - Snowboarding, Halfpipe
* Seth Wescott - Snowboarding, Halfpipe
* Hannah Teter - Snowboarding, Halfpipe
* Joey Cheek - Speed Skating, 5000M
* Shani Davis - Speed Skating, 1000M
* Chad Hedrick - Speed Skating, 5000M

Silver
* Danny Kass - Snowboarding, Halfpipe
* Gretecel Blaier - Snowboarding, Halfpipe
* Lindsey Jacobellis - Snowboarding, Cross
* Joey Cheek - Speed Skating - 1000M
* Shani Davis - Speed Skating - 1500M
* Belfon & Agosto - Ice Dancing
* Robjock & Fleming - Two Women Bobsled

Bronze
* Toby Dawson - Freestyle Skiing, Moguls
* Chad Hedrick - Speed Skating - 1500M
* Apolo Anton Ohno - Short Track - 1000M
* Rosey Fletcher - Snowboarding, PGS
* Women's Ice Hockey Team

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Norsemen Baseball Off To Perfect Start

NEO's highly respected baseball team starts out the season with three impressive wins

Story by Sam Ackerman

The Golden Norsemen opened their baseball season with three quick wins and the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's ranking of 10th in the nation amongst all Division 1 junior colleges.

The Norse took two from Northern Enid on February 13, and then notched another win on the 14 against Crowder.

Against Northern Enid, game one starter J.T. King pitched 7 shutout innings, allowing only one hit while walking two and striking out five to get his first victory of the season.

Nick Patterson and Brent Hardin provided the offense in the 2-0 victory with an RBI apiece.

The Norsemen got their runs in the 4th inning, as Christian Rios singled to right field. Noel Ahumada then singled to left field which advanced Rios to second. Chris Hardin reached on a fielder's choice, forcing Ahumada out at second. Nick Patterson singled to center, driving in Rios from third. Brent Hardin followed with a single, scoring his brother Chris and bringing the final run of the game across the plate.

Game two between Northern Enid and NEO provided more drama and more offensive production with the Golden Norse coming away with a hard fought 6-5 win to sweep the games.

Freshman Matt Ross picked up the win pitching an inning of work and getting out of a bases-loaded jam to stop a determined Northern Enid squad from stealing a win.

Northern Enid picked up two runs in the top of the 4th to take a 2-0 lead before the Norse answered in the bottom half of the 6th inning with four runs on five hits. Noel Ahumada picked up two RBI's in the inning on a double to center.

Northern Enid quickly responded with three runs in the top of the 7th inning to regain the lead. The inning could have been much worse for the Norse if not for the pressure pitching of freshman Matt Ross, who escaped the bases-loaded inning with minimal damage, and set the stage for the Norse win in the bottom of the 7th.

The game ended on an unusual play as the wind helped cause a infield fly to find the ground, plating Aljay Davis for the winning run.

Although it was not a pretty win, it was a much needed win as it showed that the Norse are capable of winning even on a bad day.

Tuesday seemed to awaken the bats of the Norsemen as they made the trip to Neosho, Mo. to take on Crowder.

The game started off fast for the Norse, as on a 3-2 count leadoff hitter Aljay Davis deposited a pitch of the left field wall for a leadoff homerun. AlJay finished the day 5 for 6 with five RBIs in support of freshman Jason Doyle, who earned his first collegiate victory with five brilliant innings of three hit ball, while striking out seven.

The 16-2 final saw the Norse pound out 17 hits, and the Norse pitchers combine for 11 strikeouts to only five Crowder hits.

Frank Vaughn hit his first homerun of the year and finished with three RBIs, Noei Ahumada picked up two more hits and two more RBIs, as did Chris Hardin and Raymond Grant.

The 16-2 final tally showed not only what the Norse are capable of, but also proved that they are able to keep up their intensity and avoid any let downs throughout a one-sided game - an important characteristic of an elite baseball team.

Look for the Norsemen in action the 23, 25, and the 28 of this month.

Area Youth to Become NEO Cheerleader for a Day

NEO's cheer squad plans clinic to raise money for a trip to nationals while sharing their skills with area youth

NEO Press Release

The NEO Cheer Squad will use the same talent that brings them to a national cheerleading competition each year to teach area youth cheer skills. On Saturday, February 25, NEO will host a Cheer Exhibition for first-through eighth-grade students. The clinic is being offered in conjunction with Cheer FX in Miami from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Activity Center.

The clinic was scheduled for an earlier date but was canceled due to poor weather.

Those who participate will be taught a cheer and dance and will work on techniques and jumps.

The NEO Cheer Squad is, for a second consecutive year, ranked first in their division going into the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Cheer Championships, said Pat Hecksher, coach. The squad will travel to this competition in Daytona, Fla., from April 4 through April 9. The proceeds raised during the Cheer Exhibition will help to pay for the expenses of their trip.

Hecksher said the clinic will be beneficial to all who participate. Junior high school students are beginning to prepare for tryouts in the upcoming months. Those students will be able to receive tips from cheerleaders at the collegiate level, said Hecksher. Younger elementary students can begin to work on their techniques and jumps, she said.

"This is going to be a lot of fun, and they will get to perform the routine in front of a home crowd," said Hecksher. "We encourage those girls who have not yet considered becoming a cheerleader to come out and try being one for a day."

Association Collegiate Cheer Championships, said Pat Hecksher, coach. The squad will travel to this competition in Daytona, Fla., from April 4 through April 9. The proceeds raised during the Cheer Exhibition will help to pay for the expenses of their trip.
**Bachelorette of the Month: Brettine Archer**

Nominated by Ashley Namesnik

Brettine Archer (19), February's Bachelorette of the Month, is an Agricultural Economics and Management major here on the NEO, Miami, campus.

Archer was born to Sharon and John Northern, in Omaha, Neb., where she lived until she was four. She attended Coweta High School until she graduated in 2005. "In high school I was in the drama club, art, SADD, which is Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the Coweta Round-Up Club," said Archer.

Some of her pastimes include: painting, drawing, writing poetry and journaling occasionally, and acting in theatre - she won the 2005 Drama State last year. Archer also enjoys listening to music, "I like almost anything, but I like rock the best. Some of my favorite bands are Coldplay and Nirvana - I don't like country," said Archer.

Horses are the most important thing in her life though. "I love my horses," said Archer, "It's what I do." Because of this, she hopes to have her own horse-breeding ranch someday. "I plan on going on to OSU after I get done here," said Archer. "They have a pretty good program there."

When it comes to men, Archer doesn't just fall for the first guy she meets. "I like them to be stable, caring, and willing to take care of their responsibilities," said Archer. "I'd like to have a man instead of a boy.

"Looks really don't affect my choice; it's all about the personality and the connection with each other," said Archer.

When it comes to dates she's pretty easy going. "I've never really thought about what the "perfect date" would be, I try to focus more on getting to know the person," said Archer.

So guys, if you're looking for a touch of the real thing, she just might be it!

If you'd like to nominate a bachelor or bachelorette of the month, simply e-mail their name and a brief bio to norsewind@neomcc.edu.

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