Coach Stewart and NEO Rodeo Team Look for Successful Season

Story by Jill Banzet

With one year of coaching experience under his belt and a strong team to back his efforts, coach Jason Stewart is looking forward to a successful 2006-2007 rodeo season.

The NEO A&M Rodeo Team competes in the Central Plains Region in nine events, which include bareback riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, bull riding, calf roping, goat tying, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and team roping. Approximately 25 NEO students make up the team under Stewart's direction.

Stewart is excited about the upcoming season with a new class of competitive recruits. "When I came last year, the recruitment had already been done," Stewart said. In the 2005-2006 season, the NEO rodeo team didn't have any steer wrestlers to help gain points in the regional standings. "This year, I was able to give out scholarships and find kids for every event."

A competitive steer wrestler in his own right, Stewart began his education at NEO as a member of the rodeo team and also went on to rodeo at Panhandle State in Goodwell, Okla., where he served as a student coach.

NEO team members have been around rodeo their whole lives, and just like any other sport, rodeo requires a lot of practice. The team practices Monday through Thursday at the outdoor and indoor arenas on the school farm with members alternating the nights they practice according to their individual event.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, bareback riders, bull riders, saddle bronc riders and team ropers meet at the arena. Tuesday and Thursday nights are reserved for breakaway ropers, calf ropers and steer wrestlers. Barrel racers are free to come on any given night to practice.

"We get a lot accomplished at practice, and the team gets along very well," said Whitney Rogers, a freshman barrel racer from Beggs, Okla. "Coach is a big help and he makes sure that we have fun, too."

Not only do members compete as a team, but also as individuals. There are 10 rodeos for the Central Plains Region 2006-2007 season. For each rodeo, points are given out on an individual basis for each competitive event, as well as for the overall team. At the end of the season, the individual with the most points in his/her event wins the region and is eligible to compete in the College Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyo. Only the top four individuals in each event will compete in Wyoming.

Although some team members may not go on to compete in college rodeos at a four-year university, they have all set personal goals for the coming season. "I would really like to make the top four in our region to make the college finals," said Clint Peverley, a sophomore from Nowata, Okla., who competes in calf roping and team roping. "You get a big adrenaline rush when you're out in the arena and all eyes are on you and your horse."

The NEO Rodeo Team will not host another college rodeo like last year, but Coach Stewart and the team appreciate support from students and staff. A majority of the rodeos are weekend events and are the same driving distance as any other sporting event.

"I would really like to have our team be in the top five in the regional standings at the end of the season," said Coach Stewart. "I have a lot of quality kids this year and I'm excited to see how they will do."

Sophomore NEO Rodeo Team member Kim Sullivan is looking forward to barrel racing for NEO again this year.
SBG Jottings

Introduction of Officers
*President- Lee Ann Fleming
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Approval of new club
* Criminal Justice Club

HOMECOMING INFO
Theme - Pound the Pups
Clubs must submit queen candidates by September 22
*A newsletter will be printed the week prior to
Homecoming with more info and activities
Activities October 2 - 7
Homecoming Dance October 5
Homecoming Game October 7

* Next meeting Oct. 3 @ 5:30 p.m.
Ball Room Lounge
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please note - All are welcome to stop by the SBG office located inside the first set of doors in the Student Union - open every day from 12-1.
Feel free to stop by with suggestions, complaints, or just to meet our SBG officers!

Compiled by Nathan Fent - SBG Reporter

For Your Information...

NEW Topics:
It's blood drive time again. Join NEO A&M College and Oklahoma Blood Institute at the Community Blood Drive on Monday, September 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom.
Time is everything when it comes to saving lives. Please donate to help ensure that an adequate supply of blood products will be available to meet the medical needs of those who have been and will be injured. Every donor will receive free health checks, including readings on body temperature, blood pressure, pulse rate, cholesterol and iron levels. Donors will also receive a free Oklahoma University or Oklahoma State University t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for a $100 gift certificate to the NEO Bookstore.
We appreciate NEO A&M College for their strong support in sponsoring the Community Blood Drive," said Ronald individual blood donor who takes the time to make a difference in the life of a patient in need of a blood transfusion.
Oklahoma Blood Institute is a non-profit, regional blood center that provides blood to more than 100 hospitals in Oklahoma. For more information regarding OBI, please call (918) 688-8787.

Under NOT-SO-NEW Topics:

VISIT THE NEO JOB POSTINGS
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Go to www.neoam.edu. Click on "Employment" at the top of the page, click on "Various Positions" under Student Employment Opportunities.
CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Phi Theta Kappa

Story by Nathan Fent

The Phi Theta Kappa club here at NEO has been hard at work taking part in many activities as well as planning others for the upcoming year in four hallmark areas: leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service.

Club sponsor Brenda Lucas said, "I feel that the NEO Phi Theta Kappa chapter excels in all four hallmark areas on campus as well as in the community. I think the chapter will continue to grow and the campus will have something to be proud of."

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society for two-year colleges. This year's chapter has already participated in a couple of community service projects. The club recently served at the Miami Arts Banquet and cleaned the stadium after the last NEO football game.

The club will be attending a regional meeting in Pine Bluff, Ark., on September 29 & 30. The club, which is the "Mu" chapter of PTK, is currently planning a "Kiss the Cow" contest to take place during Homecoming week and will be serving at the annual Miami Chamber of Commerce Banquet next month. Also, the club will be hosting a high school quiz bowl competition on November 7 on the NEO campus. The quiz bowl serves to familiarize local high school students with our campus and is a tremendous aide to recruiting efforts.

Other activities the club plans on having are a bike ride to raise money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation and a possible golf tournament to raise money for the American Cancer society. The club will be traveling to Nashville, TN in April to attend the 89th Annual International Convention. The club will also be putting on a "KISS THE COW" contest. Various teachers, administration, and faculty have agreed to participate. Money will be collected in cans for each participant and the "winner" will be determined by who's can gets the most "vote" money. The lucky high dollar winner will then kiss a cow in front of the student union October 6.

Phi Theta Kappa fall induction is set for September 28. Approximately 100 letters have been sent to possible candidates. To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of twelve hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. For more information about becoming a member see Brenda Lucas in Copan Hall.

*General meeting are held the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month at noon with exception to this month in which the meetings will be September 20 & 21 at noon.

History Club Activities

Story by Samantha Free

NEO's History Club took a historical tour of Miami Wednesday, Sept. 13. On the tour, hosted by Mr. Coiner, the club variety of locations in Miami. There was lots of information that might not be generally known, such as the fact that the cannon on the Courthouse lawn dates back to the Spanish American War or that the previous public library was part of the last grant Andrew Carnegie gave to Oklahoma. In WWII Britain shipped flyers here to train and fifteen were killed in training. In 1919 NEO was first set up as the School of Mines. Shipley Hall is the oldest building still standing.

The history club celebrated Constitution Day Sept. 18 with a table outside the Student Union where students and faculty could pick up small copies of the constitution. People were also encouraged to sign their names on legal pads. Later, the 160 names signed will be copied on a replica of the constitution.

The club's current officer team consists of President Quinton Topping, V.P. Casey Camford, SBG Rep. David Johnson, and Secretary Samantha Free. Serving as the club's advisors are David Loving and Jeff Christiansen.

Through the tour and the table for Constitution Day the history club has shown us parts of our past, but here at NEO is where our future has already begun to take shape.

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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?

__________________________

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 (ahuth@neoan.edu).
Senator Hillary Clinton Speaks Out Against War, Bush Administration

Senator Clinton voiced her concerns over President Bush’s decisions and the need for change in the White House, but refused to commit to a run for the presidency in 2008.

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

Hillary Clinton sat down with ABC New’s Cynthia McFadden September 7 in upper New York during a re-election campaign week and spoke out against the War in Iraq and the Bush Administration in general.

McFadden asked Clinton about the war in Iraq, that she voted to authorize, knowing what we know now.

Clinton said “…there are no do overs in life, learn from it and go forward.” However, she said that she “…regrets the way the President used authority he was given because I think he misled Congress and he misled the Country and he misused the authority.”

When McFadden asked whether or not the war in Iraq was a mistake Clinton said, “Given this administration’s track record, they have been nothing but a series of mistakes.”

She went on to say “I just wish this President and Vice President would get out of the bubble they’re in.” Clinton said she would like to see changes in this administration such as the firing or resignation of certain officials and that she is not asking for a sudden pull out from Iraq.

McFadden asked Clinton what she thought of Bush, and Clinton said “Disappointing.” “Why?” McFadden asked. Clinton responded, “I believe if you’re a responsible decision maker, you can never close your mind to the facts on the ground or to people who might have a different point of view. But in this White House, it’s a small number of people. Frankly, it’s an echo chamber. And it’s time that they break that up.”

When asked whether or not she was running for President, Clinton said “I don’t think about it… and I haven’t made up my mind.”

McFadden asked why anyone would want to run for President and Clinton said, “That person would have to believe that you could provide service to the country and leadership at a time when it’s desperately needed. So whoever would come next would have to believe in their heart that they could do that, and that’s what the country needs more than anything right now.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Anna Nicole Smith’s Son Found Dead

Smith’s oldest child was found dead shortly after she gave birth to a baby girl in the Bahamas; the cause is currently under investigation.

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

Daniel Wayne Smith, son of Anna Nicole Smith the famed Playboy Playmate, was found dead in the Bahamas on the weekend before the September 11th anniversary.

Smith said she found her son unconscious in a chair in her hospital room. Daniel Smith had flown into the Bahamas to see his mother after the birth of Anna Nicole Smith’s new daughter.

The police in the Bahamas have said they have no evidence showing he suffered a heart attack or that drugs were involved. They are waiting on a pathologist’s report to determine the cause of death.

One Nation Under God

Researchers at Baylor University have found that nearly 92 percent of Americans believe in God or a higher power and their image of God shapes their lives in profound ways.

The study also concluded that Americans see God in one of four ways:

  16% of Americans see God as critical
  23% see God as benevolent
  24.4% see God as distant
  31.4% see God as authoritarian.

Experts on the subject, such as Jon Meacham Newsweek’s Editor-in-Chief, says that America has always been a religious country but religion plays a greater role in times of crisis. “At a time of great doubt and a time of warfare, at a time when we feel threats… people try to find meaning and try to find comfort at the same time.”
Japanese Royal Male Heir Born

Birth ends legislation to allow female ruler of Japan

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

On September 6 in Tokyo, Prince Hisahito became the first boy to be born into Japan's imperial family and the world's oldest continuing royal family in over 40 years. His birth has caused legislation allowing a female to become Empress and sole ruler to be overturned.

Prince Hisahito was born via Caesarean section and was named Hisahito in a ceremony at the Tokyo Aiku hospital. "His" means serenity while "hito" is a Chinese character meaning "the highest moral standard." Hisahito is now third in line to succession of the Japanese or Chrysanthemum throne, behind his grandfather Emperor Akihito, second-in-line uncle Crown Prince Naruhito, and father Prince Akishino.

Three granddaughters have been born to Emperor Akihito but under current Japanese law would not be allowed to rule.

With Prince Hisahito's birth legislation to change Japanese succession law has now stopped. The current law, that has been in place for years, prohibits a female from acceding the throne. The proposed legislation to allow a female to rule has been supported by a majority of the public but many conservative Japanese, including some Japanese officials such as Abe, do not want legislation to change. Abe will probably be the next Prime Minister after Junichiro Koizumi, who is in favor of the new legislation, steps down.

An opinion poll carried out by broadcaster NHK found that 36 percent of Japanese think the law should be revised to allow women and their children to ascend the throne and 33 percent saw no need for change. One third of those who wanted the law revised said it should be done right away.

Many Japanese, especially women, feel that women are still not receiving equal treatment. As NPO's Professor Birdsong noted, "Japan has been a paternalistic society but more women are entering the workforce."

It has been said by many Japanese experts that as women entering the workforce have allowed for them to demand for more equal rights and as long as the legislation prevents a woman to rule stays as it is, women will continue to feel they are being discriminated against. These people also wish to point out that the six women who have served as Empresses are often overlooked by many Japanese. The last Empress was in 1771 when Empress Go-Sakuramachi abdicaded in favor of her nephew.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sudan's Peace Pact Nearing End
Genocide May Worsen

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

The Peace Pact that ended a 21-year civil war in Southern Sudan appears to be losing impact.

Important pledges from the Khartoum Government and Southern Sudan's People's Liberation, the two sides of this conflict, have ignored pledges or circumvented according to the Secretary of the United Nations Kofi Annan on September 12.

A January 2005 agreement, if implemented, could signal a major change in Sudan as far as power, wealth, and distribution of Peacekeeping Forces in Sudan are concerned.

The United Nations says it currently has over 10,000 Peacekeeping Forces in Sudan and that human conditions continue to worsen and a probable war on a greater scale would worsen matters.

Myspace Junkie Abuses Site

Story by Kelsey Graves

Although Myspace was originally created to connect musicians and advertise their work, the site's population has multiplied into a more diverse scene. Now many of its 100 million plus users surf Myspace for more personal reasons. Men and women look for partners. College students keep in touch with old high school friends. An assortment of people search Myspace for an assortment of reasons.

According to a Yahoo! News brief, one Arizona woman took the searching too far. Heather Kane was arrested when she attempted to hire an undercover cop as a hit man to kill another woman who's photo was present on her boyfriend's Myspace page. Kane also requested a photo of the dead body.

Kane's arrest took place on September 12. She is currently being investigated for conspiring to commit murder.
Ask Crystal...

Advice by Crystal Riley

Dear Crystal,

I thought I knew what I wanted to do with my life... or at least what career I was going in to. But after the first few weeks of classes, it's starting to worry me. I'm just not convinced this is the right path for me and I want to change my major, but I don't know what to change it to. Some of my friends feel the same way - we just don't know what careers suit us and what to major in so we don't waste all our time here at NEO. What can I do??

Signed, Major Indecision

Dear Major Indecision

If you feel like you are the only kid in class that doesn't have a major, or feel stressed because you haven't found your niche in life yet, don't worry since you're definitely not alone and not at all abnormal. You always have the option of a General Studies major if you're not sure about you're future and want to work on classes that will count towards a lot of future degrees.

Being a general studies student right now does not mean you should feel odd because you haven't made that decision yet. Not every college student knows exactly what they want to do with their lives fresh out of high school. In fact, the majority of students do not actually decide that until their sophomore year at NEO. Lots of students actually switch their majors multiple times throughout their college careers - so it's smart to get a lot of the basics out of the way early on to avoid taking classes that won't count later on if you do switch major.

Remember, this is something that you will be doing for pretty much the rest of your life, and you do not want to make a flash decision and be left doing something you actually despise. And if you need help and want some guidance at this point, you can always go to the various places on campus who would love to help: Student Support Services, located on the third floor of Ables Hall, the Career Counseling office, or even go online and do a career placement test.

There is never a shortage for help in these situations. Don't worry, you will find a major soon enough! Good luck!

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

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Poet's Corner

Close To Your Heart

By Samantha Free

You wrote
"So I will always be
Close to your heart"
Yet you don't see
That for the most part
You always are
No matter what happens
You are never far
From my heart or my head
Neither is everything
I probably should've said
I keep telling everyone that
I can't be in love with you
But all I can think
Is that I wish you knew
I know I need to say something
But what would it change
If you actually knew
Because you feel for her
What I feel for you
Famed “Crocodile Hunter” Killed by Stingray Barb

Story by Crystal Riley

Steve Irwin was just 44 years old when a stingray barb lodged itself in his heart, killing him Monday, September 4. Irwin, known to fans as “The Crocodile Hunter,” was an animal lover, environmentalist, and father of two.

Irwin was filming a new television show off of the Great Barrier Reef when he swam too close to a stingray. The stingray, apparently feeling threatened, attacked, sending its barb straight through his heart and fatally injuring him. A videotape recorded the horrible incident, where Steve is shown pulling the barb from his chest just minutes before dying. “It shows that Steve came over the top of the ray and the tail came up, and spiked him here [in the chest], and he pulled it out and the next minute he’s gone,” John Stainton, Irwin’s manager and producer, said. “That was it. The cameraman had to shut down.”

The news of the death of this television icon and extreme environmentalist shattered hearts around the world. John Howard, Australia’s Prime Minister, said his death would be a huge loss to Australia.

Irwin was never afraid to get too close to the animals. Friends, colleagues, and fans around the world all knew what an animal lover Irwin truly was, and it is safe to say that he died doing what he loved best. He will be missed.

Norse Film Critics

Friends With Money

Review by Crystal Riley

Friends With Money is the newest film out on DVD starring Jennifer Aniston. Unlike her many other films, Aniston plays a questionable character: a teacher who quits because the job is too mediocore, but yet becomes a maid and a drug user. Her friends, played by Catherine Keener and Joan Cusack, are always debating on whether they should give their friend money, or let her earn her living the only way she knows how.

This film is a story of redefining your life, and if you like eclectic films and love Jennifer Aniston, this is the film for you! Rent it today!

Gridiron Gang

Review by Kelsey Graves

Based on true events, Gridiron Gang begins by stating that 75 percent of juvenile detention center teens receive one of two fates. The first is death. The second is jail. Saddened by these statistics, two juvenile detention workers (The Rock as Sean and Xzibit as Malcolm) decide football is the surest way to teach teamwork and acceptance while turning lives around.

After facing numerous obstacles, such as reluctant coaches, unsupportive bosses, fights among hoods, and embarrassing losses, the team succeeds as promised by Sean. At times, Gridiron is a bit predictable, but the film does have good principles. It is also good for a few laughs. Overall, for football fans, action fanatics, and happy ending enthusiasts, Gridiron Gang is well worth your time and money.

Take The Lead

Review by Samantha Free

Take the Lead is a comedic drama inspired by the true story of Pierre Dulane. Dulane, played by Antonio Banderas, is aballroom dance teacher, who after witnessing a crime by one of his students, volunteers at an inner-city high school in New York City.

Put in charge of detention, a job no one else wants, he believes that in teaching the kids to dance his way he can instill some values into them. Throughout the movie, you not only get a glimpse into Dulane’s life, but the lives of the students he teaches - some who have problems at home and others whose biggest worry seems to be just fitting in. The movie is a charming mix of dance and drama - available on DVD.
Horse Slaughter Bill Passes House; Moves To Senate

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

September 7 a ban preventing Horse Slaughter made it through the House of Representatives and now moves on to the Senate by a vote of 263 to 146 in favor of the ban.

The Horse Slaughter Prevention Act prohibits the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, and selling or donation of horses and other equine to be slaughtered for human consumption.

Most of the meat is shipped to and consumed by Italy, France, Belgium, and Japan where the meat is considered a delicacy. Only three plants in the U.S. perform horse slaughtering. Two plants are in Texas and one is in Illinois. All three plants are foreign owned.

Those in favor of the ban say it is a victory of the horse. The President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States said, "The 109th Congress is off to a galloping start for animal welfare, and we thank lawmakers for recognizing that horses have a special place in our country."

The Doris Day Animal League also called the ban a "victory for the horse."

According to the US Department of Agriculture, 2 million horses have been slaughtered since 1983 and an estimated 90,000 horses are slaughtered each year and even Ferdinand, winner of the 1986 Kentucky Derby, was slaughtered. Of the 90,000 horses slaughtered each year, the US Department of Agriculture said most of these horses are racehorses, workhorses, or pets.

The Humane Society says, "conditions at horse slaughterhouses are notorious. Amid deafening noises and the stench of blood, workers have been known to beat horses around the neck, head, backs, and legs in order to move the horses into the kill box, all of which causes fear responses in the horses."

"What's more, federal regulations still permit horses to be transported in crowded, dangerous, double-deck trailer, where the animals may languish for more than 24 hours without food or water," according to the Human Society.

However, not everyone is for this ban. Some people are very upset this proposed legislation had made it this far. The President of the Pork Producers Council said "The bill sets a dangerous precedent by banning livestock products for reasons other than food safety or public health," noting that foreign countries still want this meat.

The House Ag Committee and Energy and Commerce Committee also wanted no action to take place on this and recommended legislators to drop this bill.

The US Department of Agriculture says it could cost around $2000 each year, but probably more to take care of these horses. A study by nine university researchers also found that horses in the market will probably be devalued by about $300.

The US Department of Agriculture wrote a letter to the House of Representatives listing reasons for why the agency opposed the ban, some reasons were: the requirement of the US Department of Agriculture take possession of unwanted horses would create a significant burden and there are serious concerns that the welfare of these horses would be negatively impacted by a ban on slaughter, there is no funding mechanism to enable the USDA to take ownership of unwanted horses or compensate horse owners for monetary losses because of the ban. The American Veterinary Association also said it wants this bill dropped.

NEO horse judging coach and equine enthusiast Shannon Cunningham said this ban will "Cripple the horse market and it is already hurting."

The activists pursuing the ban are not thinking far enough ahead either. Cunningham said that we would be overwhelmed with old and/or perhaps injured, unwanted horses. "The people in favor of this ban are using emotions, not facts."

She pointed out that many horse friendly organizations, such as the American Quarter Horse Association, are against this ban. To put the issue into perspective, Cunningham compared unwanted horses to unwanted cats, many of whom are put down to avoid their suffering.

When asked why horse farms could not be set up to take these unwanted horses for a fee Cunningham said "no one is going to pay the fee." She also noted that with no where else to take horses it is unlikely but possible that horses could be dumped on the side of the road like dogs and the incident of animal cruelty cases for malnutrition in horses is likely to increase.

NEO student and horse judge Casey Orr agrees with Cunningham. He said that keeping these horses would put a "drain on the economy to feed."

This is a highly charged, sometimes emotional, argument that is likely to continue to draw heated debates. Those with strong feelings on the issue are urged to contact their Senators and voice their opinions before the vote.
AGGIE NEWS
Wednesday September 20, 2006

The Tide Of U.S. Beef Is Turning In Japan

Story by Troy Marshall

I'm as guilty as anyone. I read the public opinion surveys in the Japanese media citing large percentages of Japanese consumers being concerned about the safety of our product. I got an uneasy feeling when I read that only one retail chain had picked up U.S. beef, and everyone else was taking a wait-and-see attitude. Even the most optimistic knew it would be a long hard fight to regain our market share in Japan.

However, as difficult as it is to get a clear picture of things in our own country (what with the media tendencies to underestimate the positive, overstate the negative, and emphasize the minority viewpoint), it's even more difficult to get a clear picture of true sentiments half a world away.

During a recent taxi ride, my foreign-born driver characterized the situation in an illuminating way: "America expects success too quickly. You fought a war of independence, you struggled for decades to create your democracy yet you expect others to do it in a few short years, without the leadership you had."

"You start a business, and if its sales don't meet expectations one quarter, you demand a change in leadership. You have a fight and you break the most sacred of promises -- marriage vows. As a nation, you've enjoyed so much success you expect it instantly.

"The rest of the world hasn't been so blessed. It understands that when success doesn't materialize instantly it still can be achieved. The terrorists know it, the world knows it -- the U.S. tries quickly. Despite your optimism, you elevate those who preach the negative," he said.

So it is with Japan. Yes, it will be a long hard fight but the doom-sayers who claimed Japanese consumers didn't want, and wouldn't eat, our product were obviously wrong.

Last week, Yoshinoya D&B, the Japanese chain that rose to prominence with a rice-beef bowl dish made with U.S. beef, announced it would again serve U.S. beef but supply would be limited to one million servings the first day, and that they will not be able to offer it regularly because of the limited supply created with the 20-month-age rule. Thus, they'll limit their offering of U.S. beef to the first five days of the next couple of months.

Other outfits are signing on with U.S. beef as well. (Read "U.S. Beef Availability: Slowly Growing in Japan," also in this issue). The major limiting factor doesn't seem to be consumer demand at this point, but that the supply chain simply can't meet the demand for product.

Are there concerns about the safety of U.S. product? Absolutely. But the reports that U.S. beef had become the equivalent of radioactive waste to the Japanese consumer appear to have been widely overstated.

My cabby was right that Americans expect success and we get restless quicker than other cultures when things don't immediately go our way. But I think he far underestimates our commitment to succeeding.


Aggie Club News

Story by Jill Banzet

The month of September will be very busy for the Ag students here at NEO. Ag Ed. and Pre-Vet clubs met last Tuesday after deciding to make their activities for Homecoming a joint effort. They elected Kim Curl as their queen candidate and discussed ideas for a float. Some members who will be attending the National FFA Convention at the end of October met with Roger Fent to discuss the details of the trip.

Aggie Society also met last Tuesday to nominate a Homecoming queen candidate and begin planning activities for the year. It was decided among the officers that any member wanting to participate in activities throughout the year must pay a dues of five dollars. Members may see Jill Banzet, treasurer for the club, to make their payments.

The Annual Aggie Olympics will be held October 17 and a Halloween Party at the indoor arena will be on October 31.

The Forestry and Wildlife Club met on September 7 to discuss the details of their upcoming camping/float trip. Students going on the trip will need to pay $24 to Mike Neal to cover food and other expenses by September 21.

The Equine Club is planning a trail ride. The date for this event is not yet known, but any member interested may see Jennifer Neal, who serves as president for the club.

Meeting times for the Ag clubs are usually posted in Able's Hall and students are always welcome to visit with the advisors (whose offices are also in Able's) to discuss the opportunities the Ag department has to offer.

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NEO Child Swim Programs Available

Story by Crystal Riley

If you want your children to be prepared for the swimming pool in the 2007 summer season, come join Aqua Tots. This program lasts from September 18 through November 9, and is intended to teach infants and small children how to swim and be safe in the water.

Six month to three year old children join the Little Ducks program, which is designed for parents and their infants to explore the water in comfort. This program is held on Mondays. Children at the age of four are enlisted in the Turtle Program, which is held on Thursdays, and teaches basic water skills and safety practices.

Also on Thursdays is the Otter Program, which teaches children the elementary skills involved with rescue. However, to join the Otter Program, a student must be able to enter the pool without assistance, move out five yards, bob five times to chin level and safely leave the pool, float on their front with support for three seconds, roll over to their back and float with support for three seconds.

The Dolphin Program is held on Tuesdays, which elaborates on the skills taught in the Otter Program. In order to join the Dolphin Program, one must be able to step into chest-deep water, float on their front and back for five seconds, return to a standing position, and push off and swim using their arms and legs for fifteen feet on their front and back.

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Volleyball Team Suffers First Loss

Story by Samantha Free

NEO’s Lady Norse Volleyball team experienced their first loss of the season Monday, Sept. 11.

The team’s first defeat occurred at the hands of the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. According to Brittni Redmon, number four, “Fort Smith is the number four team in the nation,” a fact which allows fans a degree of consolation and bright hope for the future.

Although disappointed, the team will not let this loss ruin their season and the ladies remain optimistic about the future. Redmon said that they would, “play better at the next one.”

So even though the loss was bad the team has high hopes for the rest of the season. Starter Stacy Edwards, who suffered an injury at the game, said, “It is good the season started out that way so that we know what we need to improve.”

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Trinity Valley Earns 17-7 Win Over Norsemen

Story by Monty Franks, Miami News Record

After the disappointment of NEO AM's 17-10 loss Saturday to the previously winless Trinity Valley, with the Norsemen off head coach Mike Green and his staff found a little consolation.

"After we got over the initial disappointment of losing there were a few good things that we did to go along with the bad things," Green said.

"Defensively, we didn't let the points up on the line, we played pretty good defensively and our kicking game was much improved." Both teams squandered scoring opportunities in the first quarter.

Trinity Valley's beleaguered Eric Ransom cost the Norsemen a scoring chance by fumbling at the NEO 3-yard line with 6:21 left in the first quarter. Ransom, the sophomore running back who lost three fumbles in a 28-21 loss to Georgia Military the previous Saturday, was pulled in the second quarter against the Golden Norsemen after fumbling again.

Golden Norse defensive end Terrence Gaston recovered the loose ball to end a Trinity Valley threat.

NEO responded by moving the ball to the Cardinal 25-yard line, where sophomore running back Deji Karim unleashed a 59-yard run to the Trinity Valley 25. The play was nulled on a holding penalty with 2:27 left in the first quarter.

"Offensively, after Deji's run was called back, it was like all the air was sucked out of us," Green said. "As offensive coordinator I have to take some of the blame for that. But we never got into any kind of rhythm."

"This was the first time our young offensive line and young wide receivers had ever experienced Texas football," Green said. "We told them at Dodge City that there would be a distinct difference in competition. There's a different level of play speed and size once you line up against Texas schools."

Taking advantage of a fumble by Trinity's running back Wayne McIntosh, the Golden Norse took possession at the Cardinal 43-yard line after defensive tackle Justin Curtis fell on the ball. A halfback pass from Gerald Jones to wide receiver Shad Scarborough for 31 yards gave NEO a first down at the Cardinal 12-yard line.

Former Miami Wardog Keelin Woods replaced NEO starter Blake Byford and reeled off runs of 9 and 2 yards.

Karim concluded the six-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown plunge with 4:35 left in the second quarter. Jeremy Knott kicked the extra point to give NEO a 7-0 lead.

Methodically driving 67 yards in seven plays, Trinity Valley tied the game at 7-7 on a 20-yard touchdown run by McIntosh. Siono Viviolao booted the PAT with 1:11 until halftime.

During a little more than one quarter of play in the first half, McIntosh (9-10, 190) of Cedar Hill, Texas, scored on 13 carries. McIntosh finished with 143 yards on 29 carries.

"Give Trinity Valley a lot of credit for replacing All-American like Ransom," Green said. "We knew McIntosh was the real deal because Trinity Valley runs the football and he had a 65-yard punt return against us last year."

The Golden Norsemen had a chance to grab the lead in the third quarter after a drive stalled at the Trinity Valley 35-yard line. But Knott's 32-yard field goal attempt hit the crossbar and bounced away with 4:28 left.

"I can't say we won the kicking game because we didn't make that field goal," Green said. "But, Jeremy averaged more than 40 yards on six punts and he kept them pinned deep, so overall our kicking game did well."

Trinity Valley drove to the Golden Norse 8-yard line before NEO's defense forced Viviolao to settle for a 23-yard field goal. The kick gave the Cardinals a 10-7 lead with 1:14 left in the game.

"Defensively, we played well against a pretty good offensive," Green said. "As offense, we actually only gave up seven points because the field goal came false." Trinity Valley took over at our 41 and the last touchdown was set up by an offensive mistake.

The mistake Green was referring to happened after the Golden Norse took possession of the ball at their own 20-yard line following a punt into the endzone.

From a shotgun formation, Woods had the snap sail over his head and land on the 3-yard line. As Woods attempted to cover the ball, Trinity Valley strong safety Walter Hudson wrestled the ball loose for the Cardinals.

Sophomore fullback Tyler Simmons scored on a 2-yard run with 4:42 remaining on the clock. Viviolao's extra point gave Trinity Valley a 17-7 lead.

"This might be one of the lowest times in my coaching career as an offensive coordinator," Green said. "When you look at your play sheet and you're thinking nothing is working so what do I call? That's where I was."

"We're going to have to take a long hard look at our quarterback situation this week," Green said. "Neither one of them played well enough to help us win. We threw two interceptions and neither one of them got us out of a bad play and made something happen."

"It's not all their fault. I'm never going to put the blame of our team's performance on one person."

Managing only 83 yards in total offense, the Golden Norse running game was stunted. Five NEO ball carriers ran for a total of minus-20 yards on 30 carries. That was the lowest total for a Golden Norse ground game since Butler County, Kan., held NEO to 21 yards on 38 carries in a 23-14 victory at El Dorado; Kan. in 1996.

Quarterbacks Byford and Woods were sacked a combined eight times for a minus-66 yards.

Golden Norse sophomore linebacker Terrence Gaston led the defense with 13 unassisted tackles and six assists. Gaston also made four tackles behind the line of scrimmage for minus-13 yards and recovered one fumble.

Freshman defensive end Tim Patton added 12 solo tackles, six assists, three quarterback sacks for minus-11 yards and one tackle behind the line for minus-1 yard.

The Golden Norsemen travel to Ranger, Texas, Saturday for a 7 p.m. non-conference matchup with the 0-4 Rangers. Blinn College handed the Rangers a 63-0 drubbing Saturday.

2006 NEO Football Schedule

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STUDENT LIFE
Wednesday September 20, 2006

NEO Student Spotlight: Lee Ann Fleming

Spotlight by Jill Banzet

For this issue, the student spotlight falls on Lee Ann Fleming, an outstanding sophomore who happens to be Student Body Government President.

Lee Ann was born March 4, 1987 in Parsons, Kan., as the oldest of three children. For a short time, her family moved to Burlington, Kan., but came back to Parsons where other family lived. She now resides on the NEO campus in Dobson Hall on the second floor.

Outgoing does not even begin to describe Lee Ann and her sparkling personality. She loves to talk, meet new people, and is always willing to help out a friend. She also likes a busy lifestyle, which is evident when looking at her full schedule. Her participation in campus activities keeps her on the go all the time.

Lee Ann is a member in many clubs, such as Ag Ed Club, Aggie Society, Forestry and Wildlife Club, NEO Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, and Student Body Government. She also maintains a job in the Personnel Office on campus with "the three coolest ladies ever!"

Although Lee Ann doesn't have much leisure time, she still makes room for her hobbies. They include camping, fishing, hanging out with friends, shopping and singing with the girls. "My family and I go camping all the time back home, so that's probably my favorite," said Lee Ann.

After graduation in May 2007, Lee Ann would like to get her masters degree at either Oklahoma State University or Kansas State University in Agriculture Education and eventually find a teaching position. "I want to give kids the same opportunities I had through FFA and the Ag clubs here," said Lee Ann. "NEO is a great school for kids to get to know each other and get involved, and I'm so glad I made it my college choice."

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