Thirty-one young ladies were elected to represent their clubs and will compete throughout Homecoming Week for the title of NEO Homecoming Queen. (Photo by Christen Stark)

Story by Jill Banzet

As Homecoming events draw near, NEO A & M College students, staff and queen candidates all prepare for a full week of activities from October 2-7. The anticipation is building not only for the football game, but also to see who will be crowned the 2006 NEO Homecoming Queen.

The names of the girls representing each campus club for Homecoming were turned in Friday, Sept. 22 to Christen Stark, Director of Public Relations and Marketing at NEO, who is directing the queen candidate schedule for the second year in a row.

"I really enjoy working with the girls and don't consider planning this event a challenge; rather, it is my pleasure to see them be nominated and represent the college," said Stark.

This year, there are 31 girls who were nominated for queen. The girls and the clubs they represent can be found on page 3.

Contrary to popular belief, there is a lot more to being the NEO Homecoming queen than finding a dress and getting your hair done. Last week, the candidates attended a reception in the Ballroom Lounge to brief them on the schedule of events, and took group and individual photos.

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SPECIAL HOMECOMING ISSUE!
HOMECOMING WEEK

2006 Homecoming Activities

"POUND THE PUPS"

Monday, October 2
P.J. Day- Wear your pajamas all day long!

Tuesday, October 3
Camouflage Day- A day to really "blend-in" with the crowd, dress head to toe in camo.
8:00 p.m. - Movie on the Lawn- Back by popular demand, a movie will be shown outside the fine arts building.

Wednesday, October 4
Blast from the Past Day- Have a favorite decade? Come dressed with the fashions popular to that time. From bell-bottoms to poodle skirts the options are endless.
9-11 p.m. - FREE Bowling @ the Miami Bowling Alley

Thursday, October 5
Entertainment Day- Dress as your favorite superhero, cartoon character, movie character, television character, or any other type of entertainment icon.
7:30 p.m. - FREE Pizza in the SAC
8-11 p.m. - Dance in the SAC

Friday, October 6
Blue & Gold Day- Dress in all of your NEO blue and gold attire.
12:00 p.m. - Pep Rally & Free Cookout in front of the Student Union. There will be games, a biggest fan contest, and the results of the "Kiss the Cow" contest will be announced and the "winner" will kiss a cow in front of the student body.
The voting for Miss Norse Spirit will take place at the pep rally.
7:30 Queen candidate pageant

Saturday, October 7
1:00 p.m. NEO Homecoming Parade- There will be a parade down Main Street including all queen candidates, clubs, local bands, and other organizations.
2:00 p.m. Tailgate Party- There will be a tailgate party prior to the game at the football field.
3:00 p.m. - Football Game vs. Navarro Bulldogs
Come support your Norsemen and cheer them on to victory!
The queen coronation will take place at halftime.

*Prizes will be awarded each day for the best dressed students.
Judging will be at noon in the Student Union each day.
Earn points for your club and win a prize.
Compiled by Nathan Fent - SBG Reporter

Norse Spirit Trophy

Story by Jill Banetz

Throughout Homecoming week, clubs will be competing for the Norse Spirit Trophy, a highly coveted award that is given to an organization with an exceptional showcase of school spirit in all Homecoming activities.

To participate in the competition, the club must be in good standing and recognized by the Student Body Government. Points will be awarded by a committee of faculty and students chosen by SBG. There are nine different areas in which a club may earn points toward the trophy.

I. Any club entering a Homecoming queen candidate will automatically receive 10 points. The girls who place in the top three of Homecoming royalty will win additional points for their clubs.
II. The title of Miss Norse Spirit will be given to one of the queen candidates at the pep rally/ cookout on Friday, Oct. 6. The winner will receive 20 points for her club.
III. Any club that decorates a float for the Homecoming parade receives 25 points. The top three floats will receive additional points.
IV. Clubs may decorate a twin size sheet or a maximum of 66 x 96 inch piece of fabric material. For participation, each club will receive 20 points and the top three will earn additional points.
V. Clubs may donate prizes for the pep rally games. For every prize a club donates, it receives one point. The three clubs with the highest number of prizes donated will receive additional points.
VI. Members from each club may dress up for Spirit Week. The most spirited student outfit will be chosen for each dress up day by SBG officers. Entries may be submitted and judged in the Student Union from noon to 1:00 p.m. each day. The winner's club will receive two points per day and the winning student will receive a prize.

Most of the Homecoming events will be judged on creativity and how well the entries tie in with the Homecoming theme. It is important for all students to remember that they are representing the college and should conduct themselves in a controlled and positive manner.
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Monday, however, is when the real competition begins. The girls will have a Queen Dinner at the Royal Bay Restaurant in Grove, Okla., where they will have the opportunity to meet the judges.

"The dinner is a good time for the girls to converse with the judges and show their personalities as they interact with each other," said Stark. Throughout the week's events, the judges will be evaluating the candidates on how poised and charismatic they are, the way they present themselves, and what kind of representation they offer for NEO. Some of the points earned throughout the week are for interviews conducted both privately and at the pageant.

After pageant/coronation practice on Wednesday, the girls will attend the pep rally at the Student Union (where the student body will vote for Miss Norse Spirit) and then proceed on to their interviews with the judging panel. These three-minute interviews are held in the Ballroom Lounge and are closed to the student body.

Friday evening is the pageant at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The candidates will wear formal dresses on and be asked one interview question on stage in front of an audience. This event is open for the student body and other family and friends to attend.

"I've participated in pageants before, and this one should be a lot of fun," said Haley Rieff, candidate for the Equine/Farm and Ranch Management clubs. "My mom was the NEO Homecoming Queen in 1981, so this is a fun experience that we both can share."

Finally, on Saturday, October 7, the queen candidates will ride in the parade in downtown Miami and commence on to the game at 3:00 p.m. where coronation will take place at halftime.

Some of the girls are nervous, but some are just enjoying the time spent with other Lady Norsemen.

For Kace Dugan, candidate for the Psychology Club, this is the second year of participation as an NEO Homecoming queen candidate so she feels comfortable with the experience. "You just have to be yourself and have fun," she said. "I think that the winning candidate should have good morals, take pride in herself, be a good representative of NEO, and put God first in her life, and fortunately there are a lot of girls like that running for queen."

2006 Homecoming Queen Candidates:

Page Winkle, College Democrats
Shanna Warnick, Business Leaders of Tomorrow
Nicole Amonette, Choir
Kelsey Goforth, Philosophy Club
Holly Hoffman, NEO Nursing Students
Stephanie Henry, NSNA
Kimberly Curl, Ag Ed/Pre-Vet Club
Rheanna Glass, Foreign Language Club
Laura Kaufmann, English Club
Kace Dugan, Psychology Club
Nena Cohen, Oklahoma Money Matters Club
Elizabeth Lee, Social Work Club
Holly Robson, Engineering Club
Brittney Larton, Child Development
Angel Riggs, History Club
Kim Tibbetts, Christian Student Fellowship
Melissa Mullen, Masquerers Club
Haley Rieff, Equine: Farm and Ranch
Airika Blankenship, Chi Alpha
Crystal Nelson, Norse Stars
Kalli Ingmire, Cheerleaders
Whitney Willard, College Republicans
Amber Lynch, Native American Student Association
Liz Eads, Sierra Student Coalition
Jill Banzet, Phi Theta Kappa
Cooweesta Williams, Student Ambassadors
Nazareth Wren, Band
Lindsay Moore, MLT
Shylah Glass, Aggie Society
Sheena McCrory, Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Nicki Dallison, Forestry and Wildlife Club

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Kiss The Cow Contest

Story by Nathan Fent

Ten faculty/administration members have agreed to be participants in the "Kiss the Cow" contest being sponsored by the NEO Phi Theta Kappa chapter. The participants are as follows:

*Mark Grigsby: Natural Sciences Dept. Head and Instructor
*Pat Creech: Business Department Head and Instructor
*Mike Neal: Agriculture Instructor
*Tenona Kuhn: History & Native American Studies Instructor
*Carol Smith: English Instructor
*Jon Lantz: Vice President for Student Affairs
*Larry Thoroughman: Campus Police Officer
*John Lomax: Dean of School of Ag and Natural Resources
*Alan Batt: Math Instructor
*Cindy Conrad: NEO Bookstore

Cans for each participant are located in the Bookstore. The person whose can collects the most money will have to kiss a cow at the Homecoming Pep Rally on October 6. Donate today!
U.S. Graduation Rates at an Alarming Low

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

There is alarm among our education experts that American schools are not performing as well as expected in national/international studies, many studies that have recently been released from US News & World Report to individual studies by different universities.

In 2005 the nation's governors gathered for a national "education summit" and along with another organization. Achieve, presented data showing the U.S.'s high school dropout rate has actually gotten worse since 1983, of the children who make it to 9th grade, 32% disappear before high school graduation. Additionally, these organizations say one third of children that graduate from high school are not ready for college or work, so in essence two thirds are students are being left behind," despite efforts like Bush's "No Child Left Behind," that are geared to help even low-income students.

Other countries are actually doing better than the United States. Out of 20 developed nations, America now ranks according to US News & World Report "16th in high school graduation rates and 14th in college graduation rates." U.S. News & World Report are quick to point out that China and India, who are becoming serious competitors, were not on that list because they are considered "developing" countries.

U.S. universities are also scoring low for graduation rates. According to the Education Trust Research Group, "About 50 colleges across the country have a six-year graduation rate below 20 percent. "Melissa Roderick, codirector of the Consortium on Chicago Research asked, "If you're taking a child into your institution, don't you have the responsibility to make sure they graduate?"

Bill Gates pointed out to the nation's governors that "in 2001 India graduated a million more students from college than the United States did, while China has six times as many students." in engineering. Many of those students are now staying home to work, saying no to U.S. jobs." In the words of Gates, "In our founding years, Americans were among the most literate people on Earth, and that put us on an upward path. The education of our young has always been a key to our greatness. Will we now rescue the next generation or condemn it to second place?"

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NEWS BRIEFS

Schwarzenegger Signs Global Warming Bill

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

With San Francisco's skyline in the background, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a global warming initiative that imposes the nation's first cap on greenhouse emissions Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The Governor said the effort kicks off "a bold new era of environmental protection." Schwarzenegger added, "We simply must do everything we can in our power to slow down global warming before it is too late."

He also stated that it is possible to protect the environment as well as the state. He thinks the law will lead to a new business of technologies used to meet new emission standards, adding "We can save our planet and boost our economy at the same time."

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Oklahoma Girl Named Miss Teen Universe

Story by Crystal Riley

Oklahoma native Bonnie Gillis was crowned Miss Teen Universe at the inaugural annual pageant held in Barbados. Contestants from across the globe competed for the title, but Gillis won through her merits in dance and the question and answer segment of the competition. She was also named Ms. Talent for her jazz dance number.

Gillis, a second year student at Northeast Technology Center and senior of Claremore High School, is a member of both the Claremore Dance Group and the Tulsa Ballet Company, and is no stranger to pageants. She won several competitions to make it to the running for Miss Teen Universe. She participated in the American Coed, Miss Tulsa Model, Junior Teen Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Sunburst International pageants. She became Miss Teen United States and moved on to Barbados, where she became Miss Teen Universe.

Gillis will visit twenty countries during her reign as Miss Teen Universe. Her future plans are to graduate Northeast Technology Center, and become an esthetician. Congratulations to Bonnie Gillis, Oklahoma's very own Miss Teen Universe!
Iran’s Nuclear Status Remains Unknown

The U.S. continues talks in hopes of coming to a resolution

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

U.N. sanctions against Iran have been postponed for a few weeks the Bush administration said Sept. 27. The administration is waiting to see if a "diplomatic resolution" can be reached over this heated debate between the United States and Iran.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke to European diplomat Javier Solana on the phone and State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said "we do fully support his efforts" to try to negotiate with Iran and Iran’s nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani. The United States had demanded Iran suspend its nuclear program and the status of this demand will not be known until further diplomatic meetings occur.

According to McCormack on Iran, "Their disposition to this point has not been to give clear answers and it will take longer to come to a conclusion."

However, he continues, "There may be an opportunity here, there may be a little opening if we just give the Iranians a little time and space, perhaps they will come through with a positive answer."

The U.S. had stated that it would seek sanctions against Iran in the U.N. Security Council if it did not meet deadlines to suspend its nuclear program. But talks have continued because according to McCormack Solana saw "an opportunity" in his meeting with Larijani. McCormack was quoted as saying about the talks: "We want to give that every opportunity to succeed." Iran has continually dismissed charges that it is trying to obtain nuclear weapons but the European Union, U.S. have continued to seek information.

Clinton Yells at Reporter

September 24 in an interview with Fox News Sunday host, Chris Wallace, at Clinton’s Global Initiative Forum, Clinton had a sudden outburst of emotion.

When Wallace asked Clinton “why didn’t you do more” to put Al Qaeda “out of business?”, he got a sudden blast from Clinton. Clinton accused Wallace of being a “conservative hit man.” Clinton said his “anti-bin Laden efforts had far exceeded those of the Bush administration before 9/11.”

“At least I tried. That’s the difference in me and some, including all of the right-wingers who are attacking me now,” Clinton said as he put his face very close to Wallace’s face. They ridiculed me for trying. They had eight months to try, they did not try.”

It is believed that Clinton and his security advisor, Sandy Berger, discussed the Al Qaeda problem repeatedly but it has been said that the army did not want to pursue bin Laden in fear of counter attacks. Whether Clinton is telling the truth or his opponents are may never be fully known but Clinton certainly did let his opinions be known.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pluto Not A Planet?

Story by Crystal Riley

According to new scientific findings, researchers say that Pluto will no longer be a planet. It will now be considered one of over forty “dwarf planets.” Scientists and astronomers have come together to decide that their old criteria for classifying planets was incorrect, and that, in fact, Pluto would lose its place as the ninth planet. This means that students will now be taught there are only eight.

In order for a planet to actually be a planet now, it must fully orbit the sun and is big enough to make itself round as a result of its own gravity. A planet has to also dominate its orbit, and clean other outside asteroids and comets debris that may be in its airfield. Pluto did not mean any of these specifications, making scientists come to the conclusion that Pluto should be demoted from planet status.

Many people are outraged by this, believing their children should learn things the way they did, that there are nine planets. "Now we’re always going to remember that our generation was the last to remember Pluto as a planet," Chris Woods, NEC sophomore, said. "We’re never going to be able to say we have nine planets now."

Woman Murders Family; Steals Fetus

Story by Kelsey Graves

According to the Associated Press, last week in a gruesome stream of events, Tiffany Hall slaughtered her friend Jimella Tunstall. Hall also took Tunstall’s unborn child and killed her other three children. Hall has yet to state a motive.

The A.P. claims Hall killed Tunstall at a local park and took the fetus as her own. Then, she alerted the police. The police rushed her to the hospital. Hall would not let doctors exam her. Days later, Hall confessed to her boyfriend. The boyfriend alerted police, and Hall was arrested.

Police discovered Tunstall’s body near the park. Soon after, a frantic search began for Tunstall’s other children. The children’s bodies were found in their home, stuffed in the washer and dryer. Hall is being investigated for the death of the three children and is currently in prison for the death of her ex-friend Tunstall and Tunstall’s unborn baby.
Ask Crystal...

Advice by Crystal Riley

Dear Crystal,

It's that time of year when all the popular, outgoing people are happily preparing for Homecoming festivities. In high school, I was definitely not even in consideration for Homecoming Queen - I doubt my existence was ever even recognized by the majority of my schoolmates since I'm such a little mouse. I've always been really quiet and shy, but now that I'm in college, I want to be a part of all the excitement. I don't want to be left out of all the fun. I'm not into running for Queen or anything quite that big yet, but I do want to participate and show my school spirit. What can I do to get involved without feeling out of place?

Signed, Homecoming Hermit

Dear Homecoming Hermit

Being shy is too tough these days. Trust me, I know from experience. There's always the thought of not being liked, or accepted, and I suppose there always will be. People have a need to be liked, it's in our nature. You're always going to have to deal with that one. But what you can do, as far as Homecoming Week and the impending dance, is you can put your best foot forward.

Start early and find the perfect dress, one you look and feel great in, that way self-confidence will emanate from you and the crowd will be able to notice. You'll feel good about yourself in the middle of a group of people and they will flock to you.

As far as the Spirit Week and the dress-up days, don't be afraid to participate. If you're scared you'll look ridiculous, chances are someone else is going to wear the most outrageous unique outfit and that only means one thing: that you will get noticed for your creativity and individuality.

College is supposed to be a fun experience to release you into the new world and your adult lives. Open up, let your inhibitions run wild, and most of all... have fun! Let everything out, and the chips fall where they may.

If you have a question or need advice, just Ask Crystal by sending an e-mail to norewind@neomail.com.

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Poet's Corner

We Believe

By Samantha Free

You tell us not

To say His name

Not in our pledge

Or in our school

You might not believe

Yet some of us do

We believe in the love

That caused Him

To give His son for us

We believe in the faith

That His name inspires

And the hope

For a world beyond

All of the tragedy and pain

You don't think

That He even exists

But in our hearts

We know He does

Because we can feel

God's unconditional love
Worse Than The Devil?

Opinion by Stephanie Jourdian

Reverend and President of Liberty University, Jerry Falwell, said at a meeting for Christian religious leaders, the Values Voter Summit, on the morning of September 22 that "Hillary Clinton would energize his base of religious conservatives even more than if the devil were the Democratic nominee."

Falwell continued with, "I certainly hope that Hillary is the candidate, because nothing will energize my constituency like Hillary Clinton."

Adding, "If Lucifer ran, he wouldn't."

As a Christian myself, I found his remarks to be a bit much. After all, who is worse than the devil? According to my Bible-no one. Everyone does have to agree with Clinton on everything. I know I do not, but considering her worse than the devil is simply mind boggling to me. I too have enjoyed poking fun at Clinton from time to time but Falwell's remarks were over the top.

And while I am on the subject, why is there so much 'devil talk'? On September 20, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez denounced Bush at the U.N. as "the devil himself" and "a world dictator." Chavez also said "The Devil, the devil himself is right in the house. And the devil came here yesterday."

As he said this he made a cross with his arms.

I found this to be a little funny. This is a man who does not believe in democracy and wants to see the United States wiped off the map, yet he is calling Bush the devil. Maybe it is just me but to my knowledge there is only one devil, he is not Bush or Hillary Clinton.

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Norse Film Critics

Fall TV Preview

Lucky Number Slevin

Review by Crystal Riley

The new fall season of television is going to be something worth waiting for. All the channels have brought out their best, and some, such as NBC, have reinvented themselves altogether.

ABC returns with the hit shows Desperate Housewives and Grey's Anatomy. These shows are a must see, as they are everyone's favorites and they are huge ratings boosters. The network will also debut a new comedy featuring Calista Flockhart, known for her role in Ally McBeal.

NBC has quite a lineup this year. They started off with a bang, bringing their new hit Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip to Mondays at 9. This show, created by West Wing director Aaron Sorkin, has an all star cast, featuring such actors DL Hughley, Nate Corddry, and Bradley Whitford. Also starring in this ensemble is Matthew Perry, making his first return to network television since his decade long work on the hit sitcom Friends. This show has been hailed by all the critics as sharply witty, and it does not disappoint. This high quality show is not one to miss.

Also new to NBC are the shows Heroes, Kidnapped, 30 Rock, and Twenty Good Years. These shows will be premiering throughout September and October, look for them soon.

Old favorites will be returning to NBC prime time, such as new episodes of all three Law and Order and Order shows on Tuesday and Friday nights. People can look for new Scrubs episodes as well as ER on Thursdays, and the two Emmy winners on Must See TV Thursdays: My Name Is Earl and The Office. The Biggest Loser premiered September 20 on NBC, starting a new competition: fifty contestants, one from each state.

The new fall season is shaping up to be the best one yet, and it is certainly one you do not want to miss. Catch all the shows you can on all the networks!

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Lucky Number Slevin is the new movie out on DVD starring Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Ben Kingsley, and Josh Hartnett. This movie tells the story of Slevin Kelevra, who gets in a bit of a jam. He gets mistaken for someone else and finds himself in the middle of a war between two rival crime bosses, played by Freeman and Kingsley. In order to save his own life, Slevin must find a way to get even before they kill him.

This is a very intellectual movie, filled with twists and turns, and you really have to pay attention to the story line if you want to figure it out before the ending. It is an edge of your seat thriller that takes you deep into the mind of... Lucky Number Slevin.
Livestock Judging Team Begins Year With Second and Third Place Finishes

Team encouraged by early success, but look to the future with hopes of improvement and continued consistency

Story by Aggie News

NEO's Livestock Judging team returned from its first two contests of the year with some smiles, but mostly with a lot of determination to continue upward.

The team traveled to Wichita, Kan., for their first contest Sept. 23 at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. The sophomore team earned a third place finish behind Butler Community College's A and B teams.

"Butler's a very tough team and typically win by over 60 points," according to Livestock Judging coach Tyler Galloway. "We were within 20 of them - a very close margin at this level."

Team member Dustin Boyette, a sophomore in Animal Science from Cloverdale, Ind., was recognized as tenth individual overall, but is far from content.

"This was a good starting contest to see where we're at," Boyette said. "We always have high expectations and big goals - this was good, but we can do better."

And they did do better at their second contest just two days later, Sept. 25 in Fort Smith, Ark., at the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fair contest. Both sophomore and freshman teams earned second place at the notoriously difficult contest.

"We were pretty consistent as a team, both on the floor and in the room," sophomore team member Chase Brassfield said. "Once class really got us - we have to remember not to get fooled by the little things."

Brassfield, a sophomore in Ag Ed from Minco, Okla., won the contest last year as a freshman and was fifth overall this year.

Freshman Rebecca Lewis, Sarcocie, Mo., found the second contest a lot more manageable than the first. With her nerves settle, Lewis wound up fourth overall in the freshman contest.

"I had hoped to improve and be more consistent," Lewis said. "Judging is a lot of work, but a lot of fun. We have a good coach and a good team with a lot of future."

Kate Bigelow, an Ag Ed sophomore from Atascadero, Cal., finished fourth overall at Fort Smith and hopes the team and individuals can continue to build off these two contests.

"Fort Smith especially made me really confident," she said. "My confidence has gone up 100 percent - I've become an evaluator, not just a judger."

All team members cite their friendship and unified drive for their recent success.

"We're greatly improved since last year," Boyette said. "We're more of a united team. We all get along and we all good friends who want to win at this."

Bigelow agrees that the friendship and camaraderie make practicing hard and competing even easier.

"We have a good team that wants to win," she said. "We're in a good mind set and we're really motivated. But most importantly, we've got a lot of heart."

Coach Galloway is pleased with the results so far, but agrees that they have higher expectations for the future. "We were consistent at both contests," he said. "Nobody had an exceptional day. We had some solid scores and we definitely have the potential to go on to even better things from here."
Forestry Club Spends Weekend In The Wild

Story by Jill Banzet

Forestry Club members traveled to Fort Niangua near Lebanon, Missouri, September 21-23 for their annual camping trip. Club sponsor, Mike Neal, and twenty-four students attended.

Upon arrival Thursday afternoon, the students set up their tents, built a fire and settled in for an evening of conversing around the campfire. Staying true to the camping tradition, they fixed supper over an open fire and roasted marshmallows.

Friday morning, the students loaded up their gear for a seven-mile float trip down the Niangua River.

"We all had a great time," said Ricky Wright, president of the Forestry and Wildlife Club. "Everyone got along great and the trip was a good opportunity for the members to get to know each other better."

Stopping once to eat lunch, the students finished floating around 2 p.m., just before a heavy rainfall. Later that afternoon, some of the students went hiking and checked out the scenery of their campsite. They spent the evening playing cards, Sardines, talking about the events of the day and preparing for the drive home Saturday morning. Though the trip did not last long, the students still enjoyed the time they were there and nearly all remarked that they would like to go back in the future.

Are Meat Goats For You?

Story by Joe Roybal (Beef Cows/Calves Weekly)

Goats as a brush-management tool on pastures is well-documented ("Cleaning Up With Goats," August BEEF (www. beef-mag.com)), but they offer a growing market payoff, as well, with the ethnic groups that prefer goat meat being the fastest growing segments of the population. In fact, Dave Sparks, Oklahoma State University (OSU)/Extension DVM, says the U.S. produces only half of the goat meat consumed in this country.

Because goats prefer weeds and brush to grass, they make an excellent pasture-management complement to beef cattle, Sparks says.

"Translated to the bottom line, goats may let you sell more pounds of livestock while requiring no additional land and little additional inputs," Sparks says. "In addition to increased income, over time you should also see a decrease in weeds, brush, small trees and invasive forages."

To help producers decide if meat goats fit their cattle operation, OSU is hosting a commercial meat goat conference in Ada, Oct. 13-14. Covered will be fencing, selection, breeding, nutrition, budgets and business planning, marketing, facilities and equipment, forage management, herd health and predator control. In addition a panel of commercial producers will share their experiences and address questions.

Registration is $20 before Sept. 30, and $30 after. Learn more at www.okla-goats.com, or contact Sparks at 918-686-7800 or dave.sparks@okstate.edu.
Volleyball Wins Despite Injuries

Story by Samantha Free

NEO’s Lady Norse Volleyball team gained another victory Friday, Sept. 22. The win was against Allen County Community College and added another success to their five to three winning streak.

The volleyball team plays best out of five. Every time a team earns thirty points, the match ends. The first to get three matches wins.

Fridays night’s game was close in the sense that the first two matches were won by under five points each time. In the third game, however, Allen County appeared to be out of their element, losing by 18 points.

Starter Megan Laughary said “Friday was a good opportunity to go out and play like a team.”

Jessica Montgomery, another starter, commented, “People stepped up big in positions they weren’t used to playing.”

The change in positions is due to the injuries of both Laura Gray and starter Lindsey Barnes. Grat has a swollen Achilles and is slowly working her way back. Barnes, who was injured Monday, suffers from a tear in her shoulder and is definitely out for ten days. Whether she will also be out for the rest of the season is undecided at the moment.

According to Stacy Edwards, starter for the Lady Norse, “It is always good to play games like Friday night because it helps you improve for the bigger games like Seminole State and Fort Smith.”

Edwards also said, “The team has two injured players at the moment, but I believe that once they are back in, NEO will have a spot at Nationals.”

The other starters for the team are Mattie Pearce, Lauren Gaven, and Abby Collier. The team is coached by Eric Iverson and Abby Stines.

NEO Volleyball Schedule

| Oct. 02 | Vs. Cowley County C.C. @ Arkansas City, KS | -6:30 |
| Oct. 04 | Vs. Longview C.C. @ Lees Summit, MO | -6:00 |
| Oct. 09 | Vs. Seminole State C. @ Seminole OK | -6:00 |
| Oct. 10 | Vs. Midamerica Nazarene Univ. Olathe, OK | -5:30 |
| Oct. 14 | Vs. Cowley County C.C. @ HOME | -6:30 |
| Oct. 16 | Vs. UA-Fort Smith @ Fort Smith AR | -6:00 |
| Oct. 18 | Vs. Northern Enid @ Enid, OK | -6:00 |
| Oct. 19 | Vs. Labette C.C. @ HOME | -6:00 |
| Oct. 20-21 | Vs. West Plains Tournament @ West Plains, MO | TBA |
| Oct. 23 | Vs. Redlands C.C. @ HOME | -6:00 |
| Oct. 27 | Vs. Fort Scott C.C. @ Fort Scott, KS. | -6:30 |
| Oct. 30 | Vs. Cotter College @ Nevada, MO | -7:00 |

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SPORTS
Norseman Improve to 2 - 1 With Road Win Over Ranger

Story by Kelsey Graves

Saturday, September 23 the NEO A&M Norsemen served Ranger, Texas their fifth straight loss and promoted their own status to 2 and 1.

With outstanding performances by many players, NEO's victory was well earned. According to the Miami News Record, the Norsemen combined for nearly 200 ground yards on 44 carries.

A few key performers include: Deji Karim, Blake Byford, and Emanuel Jones. Karim gave NEO 175 of their near 200 ground yards and scored two of the five touchdowns. Byford completed 11 of 17 passes for 133 yards. 3 of the 11 were touchdown passes. Byford briefly left the game due to a rib injury. Also Emanuel Jones made 5 quarterback sacks and had 14 total tackles.

The News Record states that NEO went up in the first quarter when Trenton Stand intercepted a ball and ran for 12 yards. Karim eventually completed the drive. Jeremy Knott kicked the extra point and the Norsemen led 7-0.

The next seven points arrived in the second quarter when Tray Bowie received a pitch from Byford and ran 11 yards. Knott kicked the extra point.

A long touchdown pass and extra point by Ranger made the score 14-7 at half time. In the third quarter the Rangers upped the score to 14-14 where it remained until the fourth quarter. In the final quarter Byford threw two touchdown passes one to Michael Barnett and the other to Bowie. Knott again made the extra points. One last touchdown by Karim and a final point from Knott made the ending score 35-14.

This satisfying win should help raise confidence levels and spirits in everyone. This could be important in NEO's upcoming game with Cisco. The Norsemen challenge Cisco at Cisco, Texas September 30 at 7:00 p.m. Cisco is among the top 10 in the SWJCFC. They are currently undefeated.

Role players at Cisco included: Andrew Mellanpamp, Jacques Crawford, and Micah Hill.

NEO vs. Cisco will be a huge game and a great opportunity for the Norsemen. Coaches say a win is highly possible but everyone will need to be on the same page pushing in the same direction.

A victory over Cisco would not only be an admirable feat but also a perfect beginning for homecoming week.

GO, GO NEO!

Oregon/OU Game Highly Debated

Story by Crystal Riley

The upset over two obviously incorrect calls in the OU/Oregon game Saturday, Sept. 16 has become one of the most heated arguments this football season. The University of Oklahoma went in to the fourth quarter with a solid lead, but poor officiating quickly led to an Oregon upset late in the quarter.

"To describe the lapses in accurate officiating at the Oklahoma-Oregon football game Saturday as constituting an outrageous injustice is an understatement," OU President David Boren wrote in a letter to the PAC 10, asking them to scratch the game from their record. The PAC 10 later denied the request.

The officials in charge of making this decision have since been suspended due to findings. There is a high plausibility that the decision made was due in part to a conflict of interest. Many believe that the referee, having went to high school with Oregon's head coach, may have given the point to Oregon over Oklahoma because of this.

Coach Bob Stoops for the University of Oklahoma was outraged at first, but now says that Oklahoma must pick up and move on, and just forget about the upset.

Dustin Crawford, a student of NEO, said, "I'm actually happy Oregon won, but I'm not happy with the way they won. The point should have been Oklahoma's, and even though I'm not an OU fan, I know they made the wrong call."

2006 NEO Football Schedule

| Aug. 26 | Dodge City CC @ Dodge City, KS | WON 41-35 |
| Sept. 9 | TBA |  |
| Sept. 16* | Trinity Valley @ Miami, OK | Loss 17 - 7 |
| Sept. 23 | Ranger @ Ranger, TX | WON 35 - 14 |
| Sept. 30 | Cisco @ Cisco, TX | 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 7** | Navarro @ Miami, OK | 3:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 14 | Blinn @ Brenham, TX | 3:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Kilgore @ Miami, OK | 2:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | Tyler @ Tyler, TX | 2:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 04 | SWJCFC Playoffs TBA |
| Nov. 11 | SWJCFC Championship TBA |
NEO Student Spotlight: Trenton Stand

Spotlight by Nathan Fent

This week's student spotlight shines on a student who excels not only in the classroom, but also on the football field and the community. Trenton Stand is a 2005 graduate of Quapaw High School in Quapaw, Oklahoma. He is a sophomore Native American Studies major with an emphasis on Tribal Law.

Trenton earned preseasen first team All-American honors for football and is having an excellent sophomore season here at NEO. Football is not the only thing that this standout student has going for him.

He is also president of the Native American Students Association on campus. Trenton has ancestry in many Indian tribes including: Quapaw, Ottawa, Delaware, Peoria, Eastern Shawnee, and Wyandotte. Trenton takes great pride in his heritage which he shows by participating in many of the area pow-wows.

Trenton also excels in the classroom by maintaining above a 3.5 GPA. Tenona Kuhn, History/Native American Studies Instructor said, "Trenton is a great leader on and off the football field; and as he pursues his degree, I know he will continue to become a leader in his community and tribal community as well."

In high school, Trenton was not only a star football player but also a standout athlete in basketball, baseball, and track. Trenton plans to transfer to a four-year university next year to play football and continue his education.

To nominate someone you know for the student spotlight, call the Norse Wind office at 340-6343 or e-mail mackerman@neoceu.edu.

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