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NEO Cheer Team Earns Fifth at National Competition

Story by Jill Banzet

While many students anxiously anticipated the return to classes and campus activities, the NEO Cheer Squad was intently focused on another important event: the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College Nationals held in Orlando, Fla.

Only the best cheer squads from two and four-year colleges across the country were eligible to participate. With their reputation for excellence on the mats, it was no surprise that the NEO cheerleaders qualified for a spot in Orlando after taking first at the Nations Best competition in Topeka, Kan.

Members of the squad, under the direction of Coach Gerri Chandler, spent many long hours preparing for the competition. They stayed on campus a week longer than other students when the school let out for Christmas break and returned on December 27 in order to practice. Even though regular practice times were Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., the schedule was changed to training in the afternoons on Monday through Friday and Sunday night practices at the CDX Cheer Gym in Tulsa, owned by the squad’s professional choreographer.

In addition to practice, the cheerleaders also earned their trip through fund-raising and sponsorships. They sold Krispy Kreme Donuts and candies to help pay expenses.

The squad left for Orlando January 12 with 18 members on board the flight out of Tulsa. 16 of whom participated and two that served as alternates. Excitement grew as the cheerleaders settled in to their hotel rooms and concentrated on the task at hand: nailing their routine. Required to be at least two minutes and 15 seconds in length, the routine was judged on four basic factors. These included crowd involvement, stunts, pyramids and tumbling. The team members were pleased with their solid performance and received a commendable fifth place finish. “Once we performed on the national mat, it was a relief that all the hard work we put in had actually paid off,” remarked Kalli Ingmire, a sophomore squad member who has considered cheering at a four-year university.

Not only did the cheerleaders compete for a title while in Orlando, but they were also able to relax and enjoy the many attractions. In their free time, squad members went to the Disney theme parks and watched other co-ed cheer squads compete, as well as the D-1 Cheerleading Finals. “UCA even closed down Animal Kingdom and held a block party for all college cheerleaders and we were able to ride the rides all night,” said Ingmire.

Although a little tired upon returning to Oklahoma on January 15, the cheerleaders were happy with the competition and enjoyed their time spent in Orlando. Everyone should be proud of the way the NEO Cheer Squad represented the school and continued its prominence in the cheerleading world. Go NEO!
Commons Hall Renovation Will Add to Campus Appeal

Story by Jill Banzet

They are questions that have been uttered by many students on campus: "What are they doing to that old building?" and "What is it supposed to be when they are done?"

The "old building" that students are referring to is Commons Hall and "they" happens to be the construction workers that have toiled long hours and put up with dreary weather to ensure a successful renovation of the structure.

Commons Hall, once used as a dorm, has been a mere storage building for the last few years. Its new purpose will be functioning as the music building, as Kahne Hall does now. There will be a large choir room to be used for rehearsals and Music Appreciation courses as well as teaching studios and practice rooms furnished with pianos. The main attraction of the building, however, will be the 115 seat recital hall that will serve as a place for choir and theater performances and other campus ceremonies, such as Phi Theta Kappa inductions. The recital hall will also be open to the community on a rental basis.

Along with the pianos and other musical attractions the college has to offer, the faculty currently abiding in Kahne Hall will find a new dwelling for their offices. "After almost six years of anticipating being relocated and getting a new recital hall, it is exciting to finally have a permanent home," said Mary Susan Whaley, music instructor and choir director at NEO.

The renovation (see sketch below) is projected to be done by the beginning of the Fall 2007 Semester. Plans for the future use of Kahne Hall have not yet been resolved.

Deadline Set for Entry into Third Annual NEO 13 Film Festival

Story by Norse News

The Third Annual NEO 13 Film Festival will be held at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. All NEO students, high school students and members of the public are invited to submit an original short film for judging before February 9. The entry fee is $10. The winners will be featured during the Film Festival and on NEO 13 programming.

All films will be divided into categories based on whether they were submitted by an NEO student, high school student or a member of the public. The top three winners from each category will receive awards. The second and final deadline for film submission is March 9 with a late entry fee of $15.

There is no minimum length for a film to be submitted and the maximum length is 20 minutes. A review board will have the right to reject any material found unsuitable for the audience. Any material considered vulgar, obscene or pornographic will automatically be eliminated from the line up of films. The films will be judged based on their overall quality and presentation. For a complete list of NEO Film Festival rules, please visit www.neoam.edu/~neo13/film.html.

The judges for this year's film festival are Barbara George, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, Mark Leonard, NEO theater instructor, and Steven McCreary, NEO technical theater instructor.

For more information about the Film Festival, call Justin Poirier, coordinator, at (918) 540-6303.

NEW TOPICS:

The First Presbyterian Church of Miami (on the corner of Elm and Veterans) invites all NEO students to attend services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. - dinner is provided. Call 542-3388 if you need bus transport or have questions.

NOT-SO-NEW TOPICS:
Pancake Supper Proceeds to Fund Scholarship

NEO Press Release

Upward Bound of NEO A&M will host a Pancake Supper on Friday, January 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 200 B.N.W. All proceeds will go to fund a scholarship for a high school senior enrolled in Upward Bound. Shemie McCurley, academic advisor, said this will mark the third consecutive year Upward Bound has held the Pancake Supper.

The Upward Bound organization offers high school students preparation for college entrance. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families whose parents do not hold a bachelor's degree, those who come from low-income families or first-generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. It is the goal of Upward Bound to increase the rate at which participants complete their secondary education and graduation from college.

The Pancake Supper will be held during the Friday of the college's three-day High School Basketball Tournament. Because there are so many players and fans involved in the tournament, the Pancake Supper has grown steadily each year, said McCurley. Tickets are $3 for students in grades kindergarten through twelfth and $5 for adults. For more information, call Upward Bound at extension 6320.

Swing & Latin Dancing Offer Fun & Fitness

NEO Press Release

Dance your way into fitness with swing and Latin instruction at NEO A&M! NEO's Continuing Education Department will host a free demonstration class on swing dancing and Latin aerobics on Tuesday, January 30 at 6 p.m. in the NEO Student Activity Center. Emily Fansler, instructor, will demonstrate to prospective students how to dance and exercise aerobics and will discuss the formation of courses that will focus on swing and Latin dance.

Swing is a high-energy partner dance with vigorous movement. Latin aerobics includes a full-body workout through salsa, cha cha, rumba, and samba dance styles.

With sufficient interest, classes will begin the week after the demonstration, so prospective students are encouraged to attend the January 30th meeting. Swing classes will begin Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the Student Activity Center. Latin Aerobics will begin Thursday, February 8 at 6 p.m. in the Student Activity Center. Four 90-minute classes will be held. With sufficient repeat enrollment, the classes will be ongoing.

The cost for each course will be $40.00. A discount is available for two individuals to enroll together for $60, a savings of $20.

Fansler has been teaching and performing dance for six years. She has studied ballet, jazz, lyrical, pointe, hip hop, and partnering with the Midwest Regional Ballet in Joplin, Mo., and the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. She has also studied salsa, tango, and a variety of Latin ballroom dances at the International Dance Studio in Edmond.

Fansler has taught dance at Katy & Co. Dance Arts in Joplin, at several studios in the Oklahoma City metro area and at Miami Public Schools. She has performed in local productions of 'Cinderella,' 'The Wizard of Oz,' 'West Side Story,' 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' and 'Snow White.' Most recently, Fansler choreographed 'Footloose' for Baxter Springs High School and teaches at an after-school program in Miami, OK.

Those with questions or who would like additional information about the NEO Continuing Education Department may call (918) 540-6204 or e-mail gmanners@neoaam.edu.
Missing Boys Found Together

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

January 13 brought joy to the families of Shawn Hornbeck and Ben Ownby; two missing boys found in St. Louis. Shawn Hornbeck, 15, was found with Michael Devlin, 41, after having been missing for four years. Ben Ownby, 13, was also found with Devlin. Ownby had been missing for four days. The boys were found in Devlin's apartment. Devlin worked as a manager of a pizza store and worked part-time as a funeral worker. Law enforcement officers were searching Devlin's apartment complex because a truck there matched the description of a truck that a neighbor had seen Ownby talking with the last time he was seen. Upon searching the complex, the boys were found in Devlin's apartment.

Devlin was taken into custody for charges of kidnapping. It is now known that Devlin already has been convicted on a kidnapping charge five years ago for the disappearance of another boy. Once in jail, Devlin was visited by a female reporter from the St. Louis Post, who claimed to be a friend Yahoo! News reports.

During her interview with Devlin, he told her he had been lonely but he had enjoyed the last four years. The reporter left and Devlin said he did not want any more interviews, even though he had agreed to another visit with this reporter.

Devlin's attorneys have now advised him to have no more interviews and have tried to blame the police for allowing the St. Louis reporter to speak with Devlin, because she signed in as a friend but had never met Devlin.

The police had said that Devlin has the right to refuse or allow anyone to visit him and he allowed this visit. The police also said that how the reporter signed did not matter. Devlin will remain in jail until March when his trial will begin.

Pelosi in Hot Water

Story by Crystal Riley

The White House is now calling Nancy Pelosi's critique of Bush's handling of affairs in Iraq "poisonous." According to the Associated Press, Pelosi went on record saying that Bush "has dug a hole so deep he can't even see the light on this. It's a tragedy. It's a stark blunder." Friday, Jan. 19.

A spokeswoman for the White House, Dana Perino, said that Pelosi's comments were not civil. Pelosi apparently commented that Bush was rushing new troops there and she was betting that Congress won't cut off funds once they're in battle.

"It's certainly not in keeping with the bipartisan spirit and civility that the Democrats pledged and that we looked forward to," Perino said. "She's questioning his motivations rather than questioning his policies."

Democrats, however, are working on a resolution that would rewrite Bush's plans for more troops to be sent, and more Republicans seem to be jumping on this bandwagon.

MidWest Hit by Harsh Winter Storms Again

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

Residents of the Midwest have been battling Old Man Winter and the winter weather he brought with him on a much more frequent basis than usual this winter.

Beginning on January 12, the Midwest has seen a blanket of snow, ice, sleet, and freezing rain coat their region. Along with hazardous road conditions, there was a loss of electricity and/or water for those from Texas up to Illinois. At one point, St. Louis had 125,000 residents without power. Springfield had 50,000 without power, and the state of Oklahoma had 120,000 people without power. Midwest airports were also affected, causing cancellations and delays at airports such as St. Louis International, Dallas-Ft. Worth International, and Tulsa International Airport.

This bomb of winter weather has caused damage to run into millions of dollars including problems such as roads that will need to be repaired because of potholes, power lines, water pipes, and damage done to residential areas. Not everyone was upset with the weather, many children were happy because schools were closed for the whole week. However, this storm was responsible for 20 deaths across the Midwest region.
MIA MI MAIN STREET UNDERGOING FACELIFT

Story by Kristin Hoover

Since the early 1970's the downtown section of Miami's Main Street has had a serpentine layout, but that is in the process of changing. Demolition has already begun in order to straighten Main Street and restore it to its original design. The serpentine route downtown was an effort in the 70's to reverse the demise of the waning economic status of the downtown area, but Economic Development Director for the city, Brian Barger said, "It's out with the old and in with the new." He stated that the downtown area is not visitor friendly, naming in particular those who travel Historic Route 66, which runs through downtown Miami. However, Judee Snedeker, director of MAEDS (Miami Area Economic Development Service) feels that "it's the little shops downtown that offer the things you can't buy at Wal-Mart that will draw people." She also stated that "At this time, I don't feel it's going to have any effect on the economy or bring people downtown." According to Barger the subject of downtown's streets have been a subject of controversy for the past several years, but overall he feels it is best for the economic growth of Miami.

The project will take an estimated two to three years, with demolition finishing by this summer. During the reconstruction process drivers can expect some delays and detours on Main Street.

In the next few months the city will hold public town meetings in order to get the residents of Miami to give opinions on landscaping and other issues regarding the facelift of Main Street. According to Barger the funding for this project is a joint effort of federal, city and county governments, with funding coming from all three groups as a part of TEA21, a federal transportation enhancement act.

NEWS BRIEFS

"Jungle Girl" Appears in Cambodia

Story by Stephanie Jourdan

January 13 was a strange day for Rochom Pringeng, if DNA tests prove this is the same girl, found naked and wandering around the jungle in Cambodia.

A villager noticed that some food he left out disappeared from his lunch box around his farm and he set up a stake out. To his surprise a few days later on January 13, a grown woman walking on "all fours" came out of the jungle wearing no clothes and was picking his rice off the ground. The villager took her into the village of Oydaso in the Ratanakiri province and policemen Sat Lou, 45, claimed to be her father.

Lou claims this is his daughter who went missing almost twenty years ago. The online edition of The Independent quoted Lou as saying: "When I saw her, she was naked and walking on in a bending-forward position like a money. She was bare-bones skinny. She was shaking and picking up grains of rice from the ground to eat. Her eyes were red like tiger's eyes." Pringeng can barely speak and so the police and villagers are having a hard time trying to figure out who she is and why she was in the jungle.

Pringeng went missing when she was eight when she was herding buffalo in a remote jungle area. Lou, who is a member of the Prong minority, believes this woman is his daughter because of a scar on her right arm, which he said was caused by a knife cut when she was little. Villagers have come to stare at Pringeng, whom they believe is still filled with spirits of the jungle, making her nervous.

Pringeng cries a lot and wants to go back to the jungle. Lou has been saying, "If she is not sleeping she just sits and glances left and right, left and right." Lou and his family watched Pringeng last week take off her clothes and act like she was going back to the jungle. Lou, his wife, and Pringeng are expected to take DNA tests for genetic confirmation.
SIDEWALK TALK
Who do you think will win the Super Bowl - the Colts or the Bears?

Jessica Underwood
“The Bears are going to win because they have one of the best defenses in the league!”

Austin Davis
“I don’t like the Bears first of all, and Manning can handle the pressure, so the Bears don’t have a chance”

Kate Bigelow
“I think the Colts are going to win because Tyler said so and Boyette was yelling they would win in the dorms, so they must be pretty good.”

Tiffany Mead
“The Colts will win because Sharon likes Payton Manning and they have a really strong defense”

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Poet’s Corner
I Keep Running
By Crystal Riley

I keep running...
Straight into oblivion, wondering if you still care.
I keep running...
Straight upon the mountain sun,
wondering if you’re there.
I keep running...
Straight to you, with you's where
Heaven's found.
I keep running...
Into unknown, with darkness all around.
I keep running...
Faithlessly into the night,
With all the stars shone black and white,
Burning bright and loving true...
I keep running...to you.
Golden Globes Celebrate Outstanding Entertainment

Entertainment Review by Crystal Riley

The Golden Globes were held January 15, 2007. For those of you who did not have time (or maybe electricity) to watch them, I have all the entertainment information.

Usually when I get asked who won, it is a broad category of things people are looking for, such as Best Picture, Best Actor, et c. Here are the highlights:

- Hugh Laurie won Best Actor for TV Drama, with Best Actress being Kira Sedgwick for her role in The Closer.
- Cars won Best Animated Feature. Co-stars Jennifer Hudson and Eddie Murphy took Best Supporting Cast for their roles in Dreamgirls.
- Meryl Streep won a Globe for her devishly good acting in The Devil Wears Prada.
- Martin Scorsese won Best Director for his work on The Departed.
- For you Grey’s Anatomy fans out there, if you haven’t heard by now, they won Best TV Series Drama.
- Perhaps what was most shocking of all was that Leonardo DiCaprio was nominated in the same category, Best Actor, twice for two different movies. But he did not win the Golden Globe for either of them.

Instead, Forrest Whittaker took the Globe in this category for his role in The Last King of Scotland.

- Alec Baldwin took Best TV Comedy Actor, and Warren Beatty won the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Another shocking turn of events was Babel winning the Best Picture award. This film, which I have not seen yet, beat out Bobby, The Departed, The Queen, and Little Children.

I have to say I was quite surprised that The Departed did not win, because it is a fantastic film.

Dreamgirls won Best Picture Comedy or Musical.

The Golden Globes are held in January every year. Stay tuned to your television sets for Oscars in 2007!

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Norse Film Critics

The Pursuit of Happyness

Review by Jill Banzet

Don’t let the misspelled title fool you. The purpose of this intensely dramatic movie is not to undermine human intellect, but exploit it in the most uplifting and powerful way. The story line, simple yet true, involves a homeless man, his young son and the American dream.

Chris Gardner, played by Will Smith, is a struggling salesman in San Francisco who finds himself caught between a rock and a hard place when the profits from selling mobile bone scanners to doctors is unable to pay the bills. Gardner faces other problems as his wife, played by Thandie Newton, decides she will have a better life working in New York and leaves Gardner and the couple’s five-year-old son, Christopher (played by Smith’s son in real life, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith).

Realizing that his remedial sales job will not provide for his son or feed his own desire for a challenging and enjoyable job, Gardner decides to apply for an unpaid internship at Dean Witter that has the possibility of resulting in a full-time position. For six months, Gardner plays a businessman by day and a mere survivor at night. Gardner and his son revert to homeless shelters, bus rides and even a subway station bathroom for protection from the caving walls of despair.

Although the odds are stacked against him, Gardner’s struggle is heroic - both in the office and as a father and caretaker.

The Pursuit of Happyness (incorrect spelling which is explained in the movie) had several different reactions from professional movie critics. Called everything from ‘emotionally draining’ to ‘endearing’ and ‘Oscar-worthy’, this film, as rated by the Norse Wind staff, is a must-see for the winter season and will generate a feeling in your own heart to chase your idea of the American dream.

The Devil Wears Prada

Review by Crystal Riley

The Devil Wears Prada (available on DVD or VHS) is a fun, flashy, chic fashion film...with a little bit of Anne Hathaway’s shyness, Emily Blunt’s attitude, and a whole heaping pot of Meryl Streep’s devishly good sarcasm we all know and love.

Hathaway shines in the role of Andy Sachs, a bright college graduate who blunders into the job “a million girls would die for” as a secretary and personal assistant to Miranda Priestly at Runway Magazine - literally the top fashion magazine in the industry run by the dictator of all that is chic and stylish.

Andy’s dreams and current life do not include fashion, but she hopes to use this job as a way to edge her name into the forefront of the journalism field and so she comes to work for Priesley. Streep plays the narcissistic overbearing editor in chief.

Streep earned a Golden Globe for the role and excels as the demon boss who holds the fashion world - and all her employees - in the palm of her hand.

Andy goes through ‘hell’ and back trying to just do her job without being sucked into Miranda’s web of constant work and rotten attitude and constant rejection, knowing that if she can survive one year with Priestly, she’ll make the right connections and earn a recommendation that will land her any job she wants.

This film is a hilarious and shocking ride that teaches a very important and valuable lesson - that we mustn’t let our work make us miss out on the things that are truly important in life.
Agriculture Adversely Affected by Winter Weather

Story by Nathan Fent

The harsh winter weather that has swept across the country does more than cancel schools and close roadways, it affects agriculture. From cattle in Colorado fighting to survive through blizzards and ice storms to the fruit crops in California enduring freezing temperatures, agriculture in the country has been hard hit this winter.

Winter Weather Impacts Cattle Market

The extreme winter weather across the country over the past month has greatly affected U.S. cattle and the cattle market. Cattle in Oklahoma, Colorado, and Kansas have faced cold stress causing weight loss, poor health, harsh living conditions and even death.

The cattle have also been put under tremendous nutritional stress. Many cattle producers have significantly less hay supply than usual and lower than average quality in many cases. In some parts of Colorado, hay had to be transported to cattle by plane because of impassible conditions on the ground.

Many of these cattle have been living under other extreme conditions such as drought, cold or heat most of the time for over a year. Producers could see a significant drop in reproductive performance for the upcoming season due to the stress the cattle have undergone. Calving percentages are likely to be reduced in 2007 and 2008.

Not only are the cattle themselves impacted but also the cattle market. Beef prices have climbed significantly since the winter storms, mainly as a result of limited supply of fed cattle. Reduced slaughter numbers have caused packing margins to improve. Market-ready fed cattle numbers have dropped because of death loss and poor feedlot performance. Cattle are not ready for slaughter because they cannot maintain their weight under the extremely cold and wet conditions.

The majority of feeder cattle auctions were closed for days because of the weather and poor road conditions. Because of these closings, supply of feeder cattle offered for sale was much lower. However, demand for them was also down because feedlots do not want to start new cattle feeding until conditions improve.

It is not known for certain how many cattle died due to the winter storms but estimates say that approximately five cattle for every 1,000 head lost their lives. More accurate numbers will be obtained when the areas thaw.

Freezing Temperatures Ruin California Crops

Consumers could see dramatically higher prices at the grocery store following a blast of icy weather that hit California farms. Approximately three-quarters of the state's citrus crop shriveled in the field during the cold and nearly every winter crop, including avocados and fresh-cut flowers, has been severely impacted.

Higher prices will not be enough to overcome the damage, as growers begin to deal with nearly $1 billion in losses after four straight nights of freezing temperatures.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has asked the federal government for disaster aid from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for growers and others affected. “My administration will make sure that we do everything we can to help the farmers and workers get through this,” Schwarzenegger said.

California is the nation’s No. 1 producer of fresh citrus, accounting for about 86 percent of lemons and 21 percent of oranges sold in the U.S. Estimates calculate that more than 70 percent of this season’s oranges, lemons and tangerines were still on the trees when temperatures dropped into the low 20s and teens. The fruit faces adverse effects when temperatures are below 28 degrees.

An estimated 12,000 field workers and packing house employees could lose their jobs as a result of the harshly hit citrus market.
Ethanol: Driving America's Vehicles & Corn Prices

Ethanol has fueled not only vehicles, but great debate as rising corn prices across the country lead to changes in planting patterns, more expensive livestock feeds and numerous other direct and indirect affects on the American consumer.

Story by Nathan Fent

Ethanol provides an alternative, renewable source of fuel while decreasing America's dependence on imported foreign oil. However, as ethanol production and usage increase, corn prices are beginning to reach new heights.

Grain producers across the country are profiting from the sudden rise in corn price. Meanwhile, livestock producers are incurring higher feeding costs and reduced profit. The added cost paid by farmers to feed their livestock could lead to higher prices for beef, pork and milk at the grocery store. Also, if grain producers give up raising wheat to produce corn, even the price of bread could increase.

Clearly, the effects of rising corn prices are significant and affect a wide spectrum of the population. Keith Collins, the USDA's chief economist, recently stated in an Associated Press report, "We have a bull on the loose here and it's going to have a lot of implications for American agriculture and our population."

The fact that corn prices are rising rests on the simple law of supply and demand. The current supply demanded for corn is at 2.15 billion bushels and is projected to climb to over 3 billion bushels this year while ethanol production is expected to double, according to industry estimates.

Despite the increasing cost of corn, ethanol production will continue to increase. With demand for corn on the rise, current prices have soared above three dollars and futures prices for March are over four dollars.

Although ethanol production takes corn away from livestock producers, the by-products of ethanol production can be used as feed. Dry distillers grain (DDG) is left after ethanol is produced and can be mixed with different feedstuffs such as soy hulls to be fed to livestock.

Another debate concerning ethanol is if it really is a cheaper source of fuel. At a time when petroleum reached all-time highs, ethanol was a cheaper alternative. However, ethanol contains approximately 34% less energy per gallon than gasoline. Therefore, fuel economy is lowered when using ethanol causing more fuel to be burned at a faster rate.

This is truly a new era in American agriculture. The country will continue to see these changes as technology, awareness and people's preferences change.

For more information on to follow the continually rising corn prices visit www.usda.gov.

Animal Welfare Society

Need: Donate your time:
- Participate in Adoption Day held each Thursday at the Miami Animal Shelter between 1 and 6 p.m.
- Be a foster home for an animal until a permanent home is found.
- Participate in festivals and events by manning the A.W.S. booth as they promote their mission to the general public.
- Donate professional services.

- Help the animals by contributing collars, dog/cat food, cat litter, crates, cages, carriers, animal toys, and metal food/water bowls.
- Adoption ranges from $5.00-$10.00 per animal. There are an abundance of animals that need a loving home!!

For more information, call 918-542-9803.
The Miami Animal Shelter is located at D Street on the Truck Route.
National Company Makes $10,000 Donation to NEO Athletics

NEO Press Release

The Oklahoma marketing team of a nationwide company has generously donated $10,000 to enhance the NEO Basketball Program and NEO Gymnasium. AT&T in Miami, headed by Manager of Local Events and Marketing Bless Parker, has purchased wall padding for each of the NEO Gymnasium, an eight-foot addition to the scoring table and video equipment for game filming, said Dustin Grover, men's basketball coach.

The wall padding located in the gymnasium used by the men's and women's basketball teams was dated and needed to be expanded to cover more of the wall space beneath both baskets. The new padding will be six feet in height and 40 feet in length and will feature the NEO and AT&T logos. While the new padding will cover the length of each wall from door to door, the previous padding covered only the space under the baskets, said Grover.

The addition to the scoring table will make the current space more functional and less crowded. The video equipment also purchased by AT&T will include cameras and DVD recorders for game filming, said Grover.

Grover said that he and Jim Rowland, women's basketball coach, have wanted to make these improvements for some time.

"We are excited about the opportunity to work with AT&T," said Grover. "The money that we received for that equipment is going to better our facility in both safety and appearance."

AT&T has also agreed to be the primary sponsor for the 62nd Annual High School Basketball Tournament on January 25 through January 27. The company also funded the purchase of the cups sold in the concession areas for all NEO athletic events.

"We are indebted to a business like AT&T and to Bless Parker, who have wholeheartedly supported NEO in their donations and efforts," said Jon Lantz, vice president for Student Affairs and coordinator of the Tournament. AT&T is a nationwide phone company that also provides services such as high-speed internet, AT&T Dish Network, Circular Wireless and web hosting. The company's newest product, Home Zone, connects a home's AT&T Dish Network service with the Internet to download movies and play music. Home Zone also allows its customers to log onto any computer and program their home television to record shows.

Parker said the partnership formed between AT&T and the college is ideal for the company to showcase its dedication to education.

"We want to support our rural communities and activities," Parker said. "NEO is an important part of Miami. We want to support them in anyway."

62nd Annual High School Basketball Tournament, January 25-27

NEO prepares to host hundreds of high school basketball team members

NEO Press Release

The 62nd Annual NEO High School Basketball Tournament will be held on Thursday, January 25 through Saturday, January 27. Fifty-two teams will participate in this year's tournament, playing 67 games in three days. The games will be played in the NEO Student Activity Center, NEO Gymnasium, Miami Civic Center, Miami High School and Will Rogers Middle School. The first games each day will begin at 12 p.m. and the last will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Famed coach Red Robertson founded the tournament in 1945. Jon Lantz, vice president for the Student Affairs Department and coordinator of the Tournament, said the High School Basketball Tournament has become the face of NEO for many people. In 2006, the tournament hosted 888 players. In addition, thousands of basketball fans spend three days on the NEO campus where everyone they come into contact with, from the ticket sellers to the concession workers, is an NEO employee or student.

"I can't think of another college where one would get the employee support that NEO gets during the Tournament," Lantz said.

The High School Basketball Tournament is among the largest recruiting events held on campus, Lantz said. Because it began 62 years ago, it is well-known and well-respected throughout Oklahoma and the Four States.

"This is a 'spotlight' tournament," Lantz said. "It has very deep roots."

Lantz said the tournament is also a plus for the Miami community, because an estimated 5000 players and fans attend the Tournament. Many of those individuals stay in Miami's hotels, eat at its restaurants and frequent its shops.

NEO A&M would like to thank each of its sponsors, who not only make the Tournament possible but make it an annual success.

AT&T is the Corporate Sponsor for the 62nd High School Basketball Tournament and is also sponsoring a bracket. The remaining Bracket Sponsors include First National Bank, Osborn Drugs, Allen Signs, Blitz USA, the Miami Chamber and Visitors Bureau, Newell Coach and Charlie's Chicken.
Story by Tyler Galloway

In the words of baseball great Yogi Berra it was "deja vu all over again. As the first half came to a close in Sunday's AFC Championship game, the Colts were losing to the Patriots. The same New England team that has won three Super Bowls in the past years and that come playoff time always seems to find a way to make Peyton Manning look like a high school quarterback trying to win in the playoffs of the NFL.

Except for something happened. In the second half the Colts showed up. Manning engineered big drive after big drive, and went to a hurry up offense that had New England not only wondering which play was coming next, but when their next water break would come.

Apparantly the RCA Dome in Indianapolis was a little warm, and the Patriots defense doesn't like it hot. They battled cramps and fatigue as Peyton did what Peyton is paid to do. Drive after drive, the two headed running attack led by Joseph Addai, and Dominic Rhodes fought for hard earned yards which set up play action passes to the sure handed Colts receivers.

Although Manning bruised the thumb on his throwing hand late in the AFC Championship Game, (on offensive linemen Tarik Glenn's helmet) X-rays found no broken bones and he is expected to start against Chicago in the Super Bowl. Colts owner Jim Irsay told The Associated Press on Monday night.

Manning, a two-time MVP, engineered the greatest comeback in championship game history, rallying the Colts from an 18-point first-half deficit, to reach his first Super Bowl. The Colt's defense, which has been picked on all year, also managed to play up to their potential with defensive ends Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis keeping pressure on the pocket, and Bob Sanders providing protection against the deep threat, and backing up a defense that allowed more 100 yard rushing games by an opponent than any playoff team in NFL history.

When the dust settled all that mattered was the score, 38-34 Colts win.

On the NFC side of football, the score was indicative of how a determined defense can win a game. Early in the second half outstanding rookie and former Heisman winner Reggie Bush scored on a 80 yard touchdown pass and it appeared that the game had just become close. The only problem, Bush pointed at the Bears defense, then dove into and danced in the end zone.

Apparently the Bears defense then decided to take matters into their own hands and made sure that there would be no more celebrating in their end zone. Led by linebacker Brian Urlacher the Bears dominated the second half by causing turnover after turnover, and short drives by the Saints.

After such a dominating defensive performance, Bears fans must hope that quarterback Rex Grossman remembers that he doesn't have to be the best QB on the field to win on Super Bowl Sunday, he just has to make the route series and let his team do the rest. If that happens, then the game should be one to watch.
Spotlight by Norse News

Ag Education sophomore Kate Bigelow is this month's spotlight student.

Kate is a girl whose friends describe her as "fun-loving, outgoing and exceptionally likeable." Her ability to make friends quickly combined with her cheerful personality enabled Kate to attend NEO despite the fact that the Atascadero, California native is about 1700 miles from home.

She chose to make the move in order to become a member of the prestigious NEO livestock judging team. As a member, Kate has devoted a large amount of time and energy to the team and earned numerous honors as a result.

Kate is the youngest of two children and has a 22 year old sister. Her family resides on a ranch and raises high quality club lambs and show horses. Kate grew up showing both species quite successfully and continues to devote much of her available time to them whenever she's home.

Upon graduating from NEO this spring, Kate is planning on furthering her education at Kansas State while judging. After K-State, she hopes to pursue a masters and PhD in agriculture then teach at a major university. "I've always wanted to be a teacher and enjoy educating others about Agriculture."

To nominate someone you know for the student spotlight call the Norse Wind office at 540-6343 or e-mail mgalloway@neocom.edu.

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