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A Courtin' We Go

NEO Tournament Begins 'Basketball'

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Dress rehearsals have begun for "Basketball," an action-packed production directed by Max Buzzard and opening November 30 in the Miami Civic Center.

Stars of the opening night performance will be members of eight top-ranked basketball teams as they compete for the season's first Oscar, championship of the 1961 NEO tournament. Outstanding performances are expected to be given by Kansas powers Coffeyville and Independence.

CHAMPIONS RETURN

Defending tournament champions are the Coffeyville Red Ravens, who still boast much of the power they displayed last winter in stunning Norse fans with a resounding 86-31 championship victory over the host Miamians. Jerry Burton, 6-3 Negro forward, was chosen as outstanding tournament player of 1960, and returns to head the Ravens this year.

Play this year should be much closer, as most experts agree that Independence, Arkansas City, Bacone, Northern, Joplin, Oklahoma Military Academy, and Northeastern will be considerably improved. Independence is the only newcomer to the lineup replacing Ozark Bible College.

ARK CITY COULD WIN

Arkansas City will also show a new face to 1961 audiences. Their new head coach brought a flock of basketball talent from his last coaching stint at Illinois. Heading this list is a 6-9 Negro all-stater.

Bacone, losers to Ark City last year's battle for third place, returns a good part of their competitive 1960 squad. Oklahoma JUCO foes Northern and OMA are still in the process of building, but are not taken lightly by anyone. Joplin always features a fast, hustling group of boys.

IMPROVEMENT PREDICTED

Of more immediate concern to Golden Norsemen followers is the outlook of basketball at NEO. Coach Max Buzzard, never one to go out on a limb, merely indicates that last year's record of six wins and 16 losses should be improved. Looking at the competition which faces the Norse, it would appear that Buzzard is high on his own squad.

Four returning lettermen form the nucleus of the Northeastern team. Nolan Padgett, Dave Tadlock, Marvin Sun Eagle, and Steve Ward are the returnees from 1960 who lettered in basketball. Key to Norse success, however, is the play of several highly regarded freshmen.

Buzzard once again will rely upon a good fast break and man-to-man defense. Last year's crew lacked much of the speed for such a game, but indications show this to be different in 1961.

SQUAD IS SHORT

Height is practically non-existent for the Norsemen. Tallest man on the team is 6-5 Sapulpa freshman Eddie Stockard. John Simmons and Tom Roberson stand an inch shorter at 6-4, while the remainder of the squad is around the 6 mark.

Every year in every sport there are key conditions for success. Several factors may be pointed to in making this a winning season for Buzzard and his charges: (1) sophomore forward

Dave Tadlock must reach his potential as an all-around ball player, mainly with the use of aggressiveness. (2) freshmen Dale Cooper, Willie Ellithorp, and Stockard must live up to the reputations they have acquired as outstanding players; (3) boys just beginning training after football season must improve quickly; (4) Nolan Padgett must continue where he left off last season; (5) Roberson must realize that he is no longer playing behind all-stater Eugene Johnson of Seminole; (6) Each member of the team must continuously push those above him in every practice and game.

DEPTH IS STRONG

The last item mentioned is perhaps the most important of all. Buzzard considers his depth on this year's team to be the strongest feature. With a determined push from each individual, maximum effort should be obtained.

Following are thumb-nail sketches of the boys presently on the Northeastern roster.

Butch Baker, 6-0 freshman from Sand Springs, Okla., has shown a lot of hustle and competitive spirit which may win him a position on the traveling squad.

Gene Burleson, 6-0 freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., has displayed good ability in ball handling and a fine mind for the game. The southpaw quarterback for the football team reported for practice only Monday.

Dale Cooper, 5-9 freshman from Tulsa, Okla., is considered to have an excellent chance to make the starting team. He makes up for his lack of size in the fierceness of his play and desire to succeed. Cooper is a superb ball handler and floor leader.

Willie Ellithorp, 6-2 freshman from Hughes, Okla., is also given a good chance to start for the Norsemen. One of the bright spots in practice, Ellithorp drives hard and rebounds harder.



I KNEW I COULD DO IT—Karen Edwards, editor of Northeastern A&M's yearbook, the Viking, has an expression of pixie-like satisfaction after making her first deadline. Since Editor Edwards was so happy and Photographer Auke Goron was triggery-happy with his camera, the occasion brought forth a picture. The Viking will be out, perhaps, next spring.

Walter Emartha, 6-3 freshman from Percher, Okla., uses his springy legs to give him unrivaled jumping ability, and could help a lot with his rebounding.

Charles Hain, 6-2 freshman from Oklahoma City, is improving fast as an all-around player, and could be a dark horse for a starting position.

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Nolan Padgett, 6-0 sophomore from Tulsa, Okla., could be one of the mainstays of the team. He started the last four games of last season and scored in double figures in every one of them. The desire and hustle Padgett displays could be carried over to the whole team.

Steve Priborsky, 5-9 sophomore from Omaha, Neb., was ineligible to play last season, but appears to be ready to go this year. He has the same speed and quickness which he showed on the football field, and could push the starters.

Clark Richie, 6-0 freshman from Jay, Okla., is deceptively big and strong, and plays with a smooth assurance that has drawn praise from many opponents.

Tom Roberson, 6-0 freshman from Seminole, Okla., will be a big asset to the team if he becomes accustomed to the fact that he is no longer playing in the shadow of Eugene Johnson, an all-state teammate from Seminole. Roberson has shown flashes

of brilliance in practice sessions, although he still is awkward in some of his movements.

John Simmons, 6-4 sophomore from Omaha, Nebraska, in only one day of practice, has shown that he came to play. His jumping is tremendous, and his spirit even better. He should give a good account of himself in the battle for starting center.

Eddie Stockard, 6-5 freshman from Sapulpa, Okla., has a lot of work to do, but a lot to work with. An all-stater last year, he carried an 18.2 scoring average in the tough Oklahoma Six conference. Stockard moves well at center and could start if he pushes himself a great deal.

Marvin Sun Eagle, 6-0 freshman from Pawnee, Okla., was in and out of last year's starting line-up, but has always possessed a great amount of drive. Not a high scorer, Sun Eagle is a deft passer and play maker.

David Tadlock, 6-3 1/2 sophomore from Columbus, Kansas, is one of the big question marks on the team. He is one of the hottest shooters in the state, and can rebound with the best in any league. But before he can be of any value to the Norsemen, Tadlock must show hustle and self-determination.

Steve Ward, 5-8 sophomore from Sapulpa, Okla., is the kind of player you need on every team to keep the boys together when they're down. He will always be found leading the squad in exercises and talking it up when things look bad.

Student Directory On Sale

This year's Student Directories will go on sale to students Monday.

Price of the directories will be 50 cents.

The book-sized publication may be purchased at the Student Union, the Publications office, or from members of the Press Club.

A small number of the directories will be distributed to the administration and faculty today.

PRINTED AS SERVICE

The Press Club, in an agreement with the Pre-Med Club which published the directory for the first time last year, compiled and printed the book as a service to the school. Any profits will be used to defray homecoming expenses.

The directory, containing 128 pages, is bound in blue covers, with gold printing. Blue and gold covers are Northwestern A&M school colors.

LISTINGS ARE DIVIDED

The listings are in ten sections. Those are a general listing of students, home and school addresses, telephone numbers, classifications, and majors, geographical listing by nation, state, and city, evening division students, international students, ad-

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ministrators, faculty, staff, important city numbers and school stations, Miami churches, and advertisers in the directory.

A special section (Little Black Book) provides space for students to write in special names and telephone numbers.

Advertising, solicited by the Press Club from downtown merchants, is in the directory for the first time.

PAGES ADDED

This year's publication has about 25 pages more than last year's, and several new sections.

Also, the size of the directory is more compact than last year. From 8 1/2 by 11 inches, the book has been reduced by using abbreviations and using more information on each page to 8 1/2 by 7.

Chuck Grimes, president of the Press Club, will be in charge of the distribution.

Warren Weller, 5-10 sophomore

from Shawnee, Okla., after one day of practice, has demonstrated speed and quick hands. He should hit from long range with accuracy after a few more days of practice.

Gary Williamson, 5-8 sophomore from Shawnee, Okla., is performing with the same coordination and quickness he showed during football season. Williamson has made himself known in the Norsemen camp.



FRESHMEN HELP NEEDED—Coach Max Buzzard claims that a lot of the success of this year's Norse basketball team will be in the hands of key freshmen playing their first college games. Five boys who are being counted on for much help are (front row, left to right) Carl Richie, Dale Cooper, (back row, left to right) Walter Emarbila, Willie Ellithorp, and Charles Haun.



CHANGE OF WEATHER - CHANGE OF SPORT—Cold weather has apparently led Norse footballers off of the field and onto the basketball court. Four boys who are considered to have a good chance of helping the roundball squad are (left to right) Steve Priborsky, Gene Burleson, Warren Weller, and Gary Williamson.

Victory Over Coffeyville Winds Up Bitter-Sweet Season for Norsemen

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BY
BOB
RICHARDS



Richards

A parting shot at football: Northeastern A&M, with a winless record of 0-3, was runner-up in the Oklahoma Jucos Conference. The Norse scored more points this season (21) than any team that has played under (Red) Robertson since he came to NEO.

Opponents scored 121 points, the most scored against any Robertson team. This gave the Norsemen a margin of 229 points.

When the Norse won, they won with room to spare; when they lost, it was close all the way. The three losses were at the hands of Arkansas City, 26-19; Grand Rapids, Mich., 19-7; and of course, Cameron, 20-24. In the win column are the games with Eastern, 29-7; Hutchinson, 27-6; Murray, 33-14; Wichita, Freshmen, 29-7; Northern, 25-11; Coats, 69-6; and Coffeyville, 39-14.

In the Cameron game the Norsemen made one of the best efforts that has been made by any Robertson team. It was said to have been the best game that many of the spectators had ever seen. Cameron had some backs that also seemed to be the best anyone had seen—certainly the best the Norsemen had ever chased.

The game from a player's standpoint was rough. All the backs were straining for that extra inch. The blockers had no problems finding someone to block . . . all they had to do was look conspicuous and some opponent would come after him. The tacklers had to work to keep from getting their heads knocked off. The only letting up during the whole night was when the players were setting off a pile-up after the whistle had blown.

There were very few dirty tactics used in the game. They would probably have been a hindrance, because players on both teams were having to perform in the best possible form. When one is concentrating on this, he doesn't have much time for holding, gouging eyeballs or taking a swing with a well-padded forearm at an area left unprotected by the helmet or face guard. There was no time to attempt to give the other fellow a black eye or bust out any teeth, because there is a chance of shirking a duty while doing this, and any shirking duties could give the opponent a score or a better chance of scoring.

There were a few questionable plays in the game. Some people contend that one Cameron back caught a kickoff in the end zone and then made good a run back, resulting in a touchdown. The rules state that a kickoff going into the end zone shall be brought out in the 20-yard line, and play will begin from there. Also, there was a questionable call of a Cameron punt which was ruled dead on the one-foot line. Some seemed to think the ball went into the end zone. The above mentioned instances are not to criticize the officials, but to pose a question to any still unhappy complainer. Do you think that if Northeastern A&M played Cameron again the Norse would win? Keep in mind the fact that it would once again be homecoming. Of course, we don't know the answer, but let's not take anything away from Cameron. They have a great football team.

The Golden Norsemen football team closed out the season with a 39-14 victory over the Coffeyville Red Ravens there.

The game was expected to be close, as the Norse had finished second in the Oklahoma Jucos conference, and the Red Ravens had finished as runnerup in the Jayhawk conference. The Red Ravens were ranked eighth nationally, with an 8-1 record.

Steve Priborsky scored the first touchdown of the game, as he caught a Burleson pass. The play covered 39 yards, and climaxed an 85-yard drive. The drive started when Jimmy Morgan intercepted a Raven pass on the Norse 15-yard line. McClung kicked the extra point.

BURLESON TO SIMMONS
With 11:25 left in the first half, All-American End J. B. Simmons caught a 12-yard pass from Burleson in the end zone. McClung's kick was blocked. This drive started when Bob Kelley recovered a Raven fumble deep in Norse territory.

Coffeyville broke into the scoring when Schichtle passed to O'Shea for 14 yards and a touchdown. Holman booted the extra point.

With slightly over six minutes left in the half, the Norse re-

covered a fumble on the Raven 26-yard line. Waller scooted six yards to end the drive with 5:16 left in the half. McClung booted the point.

PASS FOR TD
The last touchdown of the first half came on a pass from Burleson to Priborsky who caught the ball on the Raven 18-yard line. The play originated on the Norse 36-yard line, covering 64 yards for the touchdown. Once again, Foy McClung's kick was good.

The second half began with the Norsemen leading 27-7. Weller received the kickoff and returned 38 yards to the Raven 47-yard line. Several plays later, Weller carried another 15 yards for the touchdown. The kick was blocked.

Gary Williamson got into the scoring four plays later, as he received the punt from the Ravens, and by some tremendous shifting and running, plus a few good blocks, carried the ball 79 yards to the touchdown. McClung kicked the extra point.

The Ravens returned midway in the third quarter, as Schichtle hit Middleton in the end zone with a pass from the 12-yard line. Holman added the extra point.

The Norsemen scored on a long drive, which covered 81 yards in 16 plays, as Steve Priborsky scored his third touchdown of the game with a seven-yard scamper. McClung added the extra point, making the scoring 47-14.

George Cannon rumbled for six yards and a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. McClung's kick was wide.

The final touchdown was scored by Fullback Charles Bowen on a five-yard drive with three minutes left in the game. McClung's kick was blocked, making the score 59-14.

The Ravens drove downfield, but were stopped, and the Norse took possession of the ball on their own 24-yard line as the game ended.

Statistics were surprisingly even, with the Norse making 22 first downs to the Ravens 18. The Norse outrushed the Ravens 257 yards to 123, and outpassed them 187 yards to 170. In total offense, the Norse compiled 444 yards to 273 for Coffeyville. The Norse completed 10 of 20 pass attempts, while the Ravens completed 15 of 29. The Norsemen were penalized 47 yards, to 62 against the Ravens.

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STRATEGY SESSION WITH LITTLE MEN—Coach Max Buzzard took time out from opening week practice to discuss strategy for the NEO basketball team with returning lettermen (seated left to right) Dave Taffin, Michael San Eagle, (standing, left to right) Steve Ward and Nolan Padgett.



THE TALL AND THE SHORT OF IT—Judy Hamagan, 11, majorette from Nowata, appears to be having trouble making NEO's basketball team with such big fellows as John Simmons and Tom Roberson, both 6' 4", holding the ball.

Bowl Hopes Go

Norse Beaten By Cameron In Wild, Homecoming Game

The hopes of a successful and exciting homecoming season, the dreams of a possible victory in a post-season bowl game, and the spirits of a victory-loving homecoming crowd, were shattered at the Garden of Eden last night when the Norsemen were defeated by the undefeated Cameron Aggies, 39-34.

The powerful Aggies, by winning the nationally important game probably secured the conference championship and definitely solved a step closer to the Junior Rose Bowl.

DRESSING ROOMS

The dressing rooms following the game showed evidence of the great pressure removed from the shoulders of both teams. While the relatively inexperienced, but gallant Norsemen were silent in their defeat, the Aggies shouted with elation in their nearby quarters.

The Aggie coach, Leroy Montgomery, stated that the Norsemen were "by far the strongest team we have played this season." He expressed this opinion when questioned about the comparison of the Norsemen to New Mexico Military at Roswell, whom the Aggie rallied to defeat 27-24 only a couple of weeks ago.

ALL-AMERICAN SIMMONS

The only consolation to the Norsemen may have been the fact that End John Simmons, who scored three touchdowns during the game, was named All-American. Simmons not only scored three, but had two touchdowns called back, one being trapped and the other being caught just out of bounds. It was not a simple chore of catching the ball in the end zone. For Simmons was outstripping his opponents as he scored touchdowns of 30, 5, and 52 yards en route from Gene Burleson and Foy McClung.

Despite the fact that the Norse lost by a 39-34 score, they displayed one of the most terrific

offensive attacks in school history. However, the ground corps of Cameron was too powerful for the Norse. Defenses were secondary as both teams made more than 500 yards total offense.

The Norsemen crossed the goal line a mile less than a minute remaining in the first quarter as Simmons headed in a pass from quarterback Gene Burleson. The play netted 50 yards, and brought the crowd of approximately 1,000 roaring to their feet. Foy McClung kicked the extra point.

AGGIES COME BACK

The Aggies retaliated shortly after the second period began as Bill Harper returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown. Russ Fremin kicked the extra point. Bob Kelly put the Aggies in front a few minutes later by gathering in a pass from Harjaa and dashing across the goal line. The play covered 48 yards. The kick for extra point failed; however, the visitin Aggies were leadin 12-7.

A few minutes later Steve Priborsky caught a pass from Burleson for 15 yards and a touchdown. McClung's kick was good, and the Norse were in front, never to be behind again until the fatal and final touchdown by the Aggies.

Warren "Wahoo" Weller charged 15 yards for another touchdown shortly before the half ended. McClung missed on the extra point attempt. The half ended with the Norse leading 20-13.

SECOND HALF

At the start of the second half the Aggies' Joe Don Lenacy received the kickoff on his own goal line and ran the length of the field for a 100-yard touchdown. Fremin kicked the extra point, again knotting the score.

Simmons scored his second touchdown by catching a Burleson pass in the end zone. McClung kicked the extra point.

The visiting team once more had the same as Kelly caught a pass from Harper and returned yard for the two-point try.

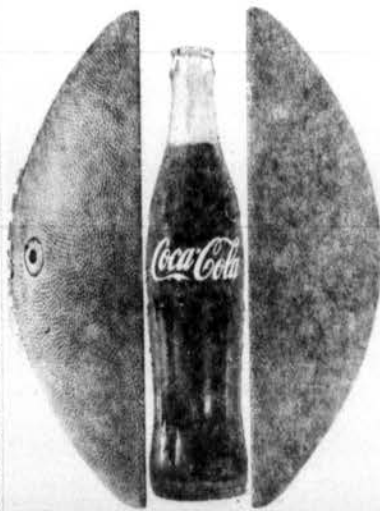
Fremin kicked the extra point again. The lead Norse quarterback of the game—so named as quarterback Earl Lee—McClung pulled out deep to his right from the Norse downward line, then shot a one-pass dribbly ball. Simmons helped forward and caught the ball on his fingertips on the 20-yard line. McClung added the extra point, giving the Norse a 24-27 lead as the third quarter ended.

AGGIES AGAIN

The Aggies, knowing that they had to come through or be stopped for the first time this year, bore down with Lenacy scoring his second touchdown of the evening on a 5-yard dash. The kick was wide, and the Norse still led 34-27.

The game-winning touchdown started on the Aggie 27-yard strin. With a third down and 19 yards-to-go situation, Harper connected on a pass to Ulysses Kendall who leaped over Norse Halfback Gary Williamson and ran 73 yards down the side of the field for a touchdown. The kick failed, but was not needed, as the Norsemen could not muster enough for a touchdown drive in the remaining six minutes of the game.

The Norsemen were ahead of the Aggies in nearly every department — except scoring. The Aggies had 19 first downs in the Aggie 34. The Norsemen were outstranded 197 yards to 164, but outgained the Aggie 271 yards to 166, giving the Norse a total of 433 yards, compared with 438 for the Aggies. The aerial attack found the Norse completing 12 of 34 pass attempts, while the Aggies completed 5 of 8. Norse eastern A&M was penalized 11 yards, while Cameron was penalized 55 yards.



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Tough Terms

Academic probation—this is one of the terms which students hear during the school year. And yet there are not too many of these students who actually know what this and other such terms mean.

If a student at Northeastern A&M fails to maintain a grade average of 1.5 for any semester he is automatically placed on academic probation. The requirement may differ at various colleges, but nearly always be above 1.5.

When placed on probation the student has a note placed on his transcript to that effect. He may attend the same school the following semester, and will be removed from probation upon making the required grade average.

If his scholastic achievement is not adequately improved, he is dropped from school on academic dismissal. He may not re-enter another college for at least one year.

Disciplinary problems are handled to a large extent by the faculty disciplinary committee. This group of five individuals is set up to eliminate the difficulty involved of handling student problems without putting the responsibility of judgment on one or two people.

A student is placed on disciplinary probation when he violates school rules on various activities. The disciplinary committee will pass judgment on the student and, if found guilty, a note to this effect is placed on his transcript.

Throughout the remainder of his college days the student must not be found

guilty of any other violations. If he does get into trouble again before the end of the year in which he was put on probation, he will be automatically dropped from school. No other accredited college will accept a student who has had a disciplinary dismissal.

Notes to a transcript telling of probation are usually permanent. In the case of disciplinary probation, however, transcript may sometimes be cleared by petitioning the disciplinary committee.

Directories

Next Monday the Student Directory will go on sale on the campus. For 30 cents, the directory will be one of the biggest bargains offered to students this year.

Not only will this Directory serve the immediate needs of students who want telephone numbers of their friends, their girls, their instructors, but will also provide a permanent record much like the school yearbook.

And that's not all. There is a special section left blank to collect important telephone numbers in. No one need say why this section is called the Little Black Book.

For such a thorough compiling of names, numbers, towns, churches, classifications, addresses (good for Christmas card lists, etc.), administration, the price is dirt cheap.

Kansas Brawl

From Arkansas City Tiger Tales
Three recent football clashes here in Ark City have ended in back street brawls. What did these prove? Did they change the score? They proved one thing—you can get in an awful lot of trouble with a little trying. I recall well a "mob scene" I once was involved in. In a State Championship high school game the home town fans felt strongly the referee was biased. At the final gun the stands erupted like pouring water.

Teenagers and businessmen alike headed for the offending official. He beat us to his car, jumped in and locked the door. We were in the process of upending his car when Patrolmen arrived with lullul-clubs.

I can only imagine what might have

happened had we caught him before he reached the safety of his car. I was one of the first to the car and the last to leave. What did we prove? We didn't change the outcome of the game. All we accomplished was to give our school a bad name for years to come.

If, after a game, fans from the other school want a fight, there will be one, and all you can do is knock a few heads together. But if you're looking for trouble, remember the only thing you'll accomplish is endangering the future sports program of ACJC. I realize nothing anyone could do or say will stop a miniature war from breaking out at Pratt Saturday night, but let's use a little restraint.

It'll start, but you don't have to be the one who starts it.

NEO Iranian Students Speak

EDITOR'S NOTE — Abdulaziz Shams is a freshman Iranian student at Northeastern A&M. He was asked to comment upon a petition by Iranian students in the United States addressed to President Kennedy which labeled the Iranian government is corrupt.

Over 100 representatives of the Iranian students marched before the White House last July 23 when the question of aid to the government of Iran was pending. So reports Iran Nameh, the students' newspaper in the U. S.

The majority of enlightened and educated Iranian people are against Communism.

But frankly, most of these enlightened people also dislike the way the United States helps the

Iranian government. Apparently the United States thinks this necessary to keep Iran from falling into the Communist block.

The basic opposition by Iranians to U. S. policy is because Iranians are anxious for their freedom—which may suffer from the scourge of dictatorial regimes.

Iranians think that if there is no freedom of speech or opinion it does not make much difference whether Iran is Communist or otherwise.

When hunger and starvation weaken a nation, it is easier for Communists to overcome that nation by picturing the imaginary paradise of Red rule. By the time the nation realizes that the pictured paradise is actually the color and

nature of purgatory, it is often too late.

The awakened Iranian want their government to change its policy toward basic social reforms and the development of industry and education in Iran.

Hushang Komaily, an Iranian freshman at Northeastern A&M, thinks U. S. aid thus far has only increased the wealth of certain influential persons. Naturally, this helps the progress of Communism in Iran and similar countries.

Hushang Arshabi, another Iranian at NEO, thinks that the Iranian government does not spend the U. S. aid exactly in the right way. First, Arshabi said, there must be competent officials at the head of the government.



Donna McNatt:

By Oden's Daughter

Floats — I don't even want to hear that word again.

Try being up to your elbows in flour-paste in a freezing cold lumberyard, and you, too, won't want to hear of anything more than a root beer float.

It's rumored that some girls are trying to sue instructor Homa Thomas on the charge of ruining their fingernails while poking

napkins in the Business Club float.

But all the work did make the parade a long success.

Strippy Biggers made his debut on the sophomore float (Ah, soo . . . I flum flendly college, NEO).

The Air Force ROTC float was beautiful, but big, and almost tore the side out of the Burtrum Motor building because our Kaydebs didn't know a

right turn from a left one.

The fate of a float is rather sad. After being built and pampered for days, it moves down Main Street for 30 minutes and then is taken out to the college farm and — disassembled.

According to one NEO instructor, a person shouldn't judge how good he is by comparing himself to others. He should compare the quality of his actions to what they have been in the past.

If this is true, then we won our homecoming game, in spirit. In reality, the opposing team scored more points in the time limit, but surely at no time in the past has a Norsemen team wanted to win as much as they did homecoming night.

All's quiet now at Northeastern A&M. Things seem pretty dull around here after such a homecoming week.

When you discover that you DO have time to get your English or sociology, it's surprising.

But just because football season is over, don't think that things will let up. The college will sponsor a three-day basketball tournament here the last of the month, just after Thanksgiving, just before Christmas, just before finals.

A vicious circle, you know.



A McNickle's Worth

The Game & the Crowd

BY JACK McNICKLE

Somewhere in the vicinity of 4,000 fans, overflowing from the stands of Robertson field onto the track, along the sidelines, on the rooftops, on top of the White Charger, the old school bus, and everywhere else except on the goal posts, was the sight that greeted my eyes as I entered the stadium an hour before the beginning of the Northeastern A&M-Cameron game.

The anticipation and the tenseness of the spectators could be felt. Despite the soars screaming and pleading of the fans long before the pause even began, an overall quietness seemed to prevail . . . until John Simmons plucked Gene Burleson's pass out of the sky for a 50-yard touchdown. Then suddenly the tense quietness erupted, fans went wild, and there was no silence in Robertson Field thereafter. As Foe McClung's kick split the uprights, it seemed that 4,000 voices rose in unison to cheer the inexperienced, but determined Norsemen, as they took a 7-0 lead over one of the

nation's finest junior college football teams.

The gallant Norsemen tried . . . hard . . . but it apparently was not to be. When Gene Burleson's pass was intercepted on the Aggie 35-yard line with a little over three minutes remaining in the game, it appeared the Norsemen's chances were all but gone. For the first time since the opening touchdown of the game, the fans began to grow quiet. The taste of victory was no longer in the air for the Norse, but the players would not give

up. The still anxious Norse crowd began to chant again, with the complete crowd joining in with the cheerleaders and pep club in a last-stand effort to spark the team to victory.

Of course, the Norsemen did not rally to win . . . but they never quit hustling or trying. While I stood there on the sidelines with one second left, knowing that all hope was gone, but listening to the still devoted and whole hearted support of the fans, I was proud of the team and was proud to be a student at Northeastern A&M.

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