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## Vacations Start Rush To Highway

The Thanksgiving vacation at Northeastern A&M will begin following classes on Wednesday, November 22. Classes will be resumed the following Monday.

Christmas vacation will begin December 21, with classes taking up again January 9. The semester vacation is from January 19-25, and the Easter holiday April 22.

### HEAVY TRAFFIC

Because of the heavy highway traffic during each of these holidays, it is of vast importance that college students throughout the nation be particularly careful while driving to and from home.

To stress the importance of safe driving during the holiday season, the state highway commission issued the following story.

### PAGE WARNS

State Commissioner of Public Safety Ray H. Page, today issued a plea to all students in Oklahoma's colleges and universities to drive carefully while going to and from their homes during the impending Thanksgiving recess.

"College students should be among the best drivers we have," he said. "They are young enough to have excellent reflexes and intelligent enough to realize the dangers involved on the highways at this time of year."

### REST NECESSARY

Students who drive home should be sure they are well-rested before starting out. Fatigue can be as dangerous as drinking to a driver. Page also pointed out that the first and only warning of carbon monoxide gas in the car is drowsiness.

"If you feel yourself getting drowsy, stop your car and get out into the air. Walk around a few minutes off the highway and get a cup of black coffee at the first opportunity," he advised.

### ROADS CROWDED

He also cautioned students to realize that a great many others will be taking trips over the holiday so that roads might be somewhat congested. Heavy traffic increases the chances of rear-end collisions. It also increases all other driving hazards.

At this time of year, bad weather is possible at any time. Rain, fog, sleet or snow will increase the possibilities of accidents should any of those conditions prevail.

### RIDERS IMPORTANT

Commissioner Page also reminded students who are carrying passengers of their responsibilities to persons who place their safety in the hands of the driver.

"You have a great responsibility towards the life and limb of those who ride with you. To take unnecessary chances which risk your passengers' safety and well-being is criminal," Page stated.



A SPECIAL STAMP—Basketballers (from left) Ed Stockard, Nolan Pagett, and Steve Ward are shown the special stamp commemorating the originator of basketball, Dr. James Naismith, by the college Post Office employee, R. E. Berkshire.

## Commemorative Stamp Honors Doctor Naismith

Dr. James Naismith: born 1861; died, 1939.

This month, 100 years after his birth, Naismith is honored by the U. S. Post Office with a commemorative basketball stamp. Dr. Naismith invented the game in the winter of 1891 at Springfield College, Massachusetts. The first game was actually played January 20, 1892.

Springfield College served as the international YMCA training school.

### PEACH BASKETS

Naismith fashioned bottomless peach baskets and fastened them to a gymnasium balcony, thus starting the only game purely devised in the United States.

Naismith, then a young YMCA instructor, set out to create a fast competitive game suitable for small indoor quarters during the winter months. Besides the peach baskets, he came up with a ball, and 13 rules of which 12 are still basic to the game.

### BORN IN CANADA

Naismith was born in Almonte, Ont., Canada, and graduated from McGill University. He spent most of his career in physical education at the University of Kansas. He died at his home in Lawrence, Kan.

Now there is a Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame. It was con-

structed in 1959 on the campus of Springfield College.

### CAME AS SURPRISE

The announcement of a basketball stamp came as quite a surprise to many in view of the fact that the Post Office recently refused to issue a stamp commemorating the golden anniversary of the nation's first official air mail flight, and various other popular subjects were turned down. Representative Edward P. Bowland of Massachusetts made the announcement of the basketball stamp on Sept. 23.

The appearance of the stamp will also serve to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the game.

## Schedules Announced For Tourney

Max Bazzard's 1961 Golden Norsemen will take on conference foe Northern in the opening game of the NEO basketball tournament Thursday, Nov. 30, at 1:30 p.m. in Miami's Civic Center.

Other first round games pair Independence, Kansas against Joplin, Mo. (4 p.m.); Arkansas City against Oklahoma Military Academy (4 p.m.); and Coffeyville against Baylor of Muskogee (5:30 p.m.).

### WELLER DANCES

Warren Weller will entertain Northeastern's Norse Stars in periodic entertainment at each of the night sessions. Wearing costumes patterned after those of his Indian ancestors, Weller will show some of the dancing forms which have won him national acclaim in the past few years. Also performing during the tournament will be the OMA drill team.

Basketball entertainment will be on display for three consecutive afternoons and nights. The championship game will be played at 9 p.m. Saturday. Trophies will also be given for consolation champions, second place, and an outstanding player.

### RAVENS RETURN

Last year's tournament was won by Coach Jack Hartman's Coffeyville Red Ravens over the Norsemen, 36-31. Consolation champions were the Joplin Lions, 56-64, victors over OMA Jerry Burton, 6-3 Negro forward, returns with his Coffeyville teammates after being named the outstanding player of the 1960 tournament.

Coffeyville will be vying for its fourth championship in five years. The competition is expected from Arkansas City and Independence, fellow Kansas JUCO powers.

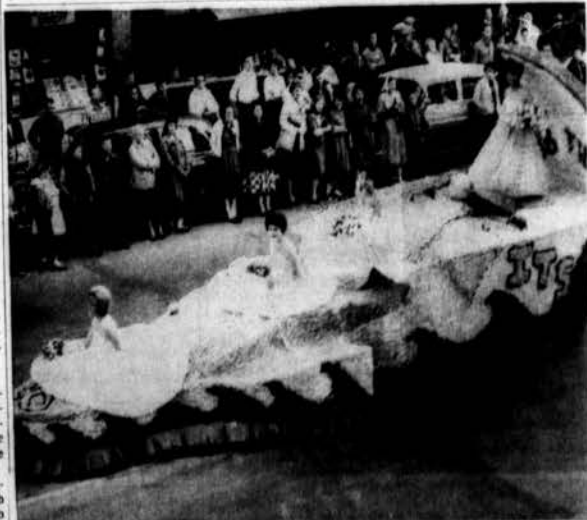
### STARTERS PICKED

With pre-tournament practice sessions drawing to a close, Bazzard has begun to search for a starting team which can improve last season's record of 6 wins against 16 losses. Out of 17 boys still on the Norse squad, eight are given best chances of getting starting positions. They are: Dave Tadlock, Nolan Pagett, Marvin Sam Eakin, John Semrans, Dale Cooper, Willie Eubank, Charles Hane, and Ed Stockard.

Activity tickets are good for all sessions, with student tickets available in advance for 30 cents. Adults tickets good for all games are being sold in advance for \$2.50.

### "O" CLUB SELLS

Reserve tickets sales and the tournament are members of the Northeastern A&M "O" club. Proceeds of the tourney are hoped to be great enough to buy a fund for traveling jackets to be used by NEO athletic teams. A party is also planned by the "O" club, with the Norse Stars invited.



PARADE WINNER—"Ebb Tide," the Industrial Technology Society's float, passes the judges' stand. Riding the float are Gaye Phillips, Susan Cotter, Marlene Jameson and Randy Kimberling. The float won first prize, and later Miss Kimberling was crowned Homecoming Queen.



**WHOLE LOT OF SHAKIN**—Aggie Princess Diane Melton, Soony Booth, Ivan Rush, president of the Aggie Club, and Lillian Long, last year's Aggie Princess, try out the vibrators that the Aggies are selling.

## Aggies Join Youth Fitness Program

The Aggie Club has dedicated itself to improving the health of the nation — and at the same time, improve the financial condition of its pocketbook.

By a complicated process, the Aggies have over 200 therapeutic vibrators (Beau-Mode by name) which they intend to sell for \$11.95, including the guarantee.

The vibrators are advertised to retail for \$69.95. Harry Snyar, head of the agriculture department, said.

Ivan Rush, president of the Aggie Club, said, "To realize the alarming position regarding the health of the nation one need only to consult the daily newspapers, newscasts and other news media. In answer to the increased demands of the nation's physical well being, Beau Mode for the first time brings to the home, relief for millions through Kinesitherapy." (Editor's Note: That's what he said.)

The vibrators come in two units, one for the car or home and another for the executive. The home unit has two attachments, one for the head and another for the feet; the office model can be used to stir up the tired businessman (or student).

With the project the Aggies hope to raise some of the \$1,500 yearly expenditures for homecoming and Aggie Day, held in the spring.



**DIRECTORIES ISSUED**—President Bruce G. Carter of Northeastern A&M is handed the first copy of the 1961-1962 student directory by Press Club Prexy, Chuck Grimes. The directories were published jointly by the Press club and the Pre-med club, with distribution beginning earlier this week. The books may be purchased for 50 cents from members of the Press club or in the publications office, library, or bookstore.

## Instructors Investigate Job Abroad

Four instructors at Northeastern A&M have expressed an interest in teaching abroad.

These instructors are S. A. Red Robertson, Neill Nutter, Myrna Adcock, and Bob Swanson. The teacher exchange program is authorized by the Fulbright Act and the Smith-Mundt Act. It is administered by the Department of State in cooperation with the United States Office of Education.

Robertson is planning a trip to Europe, and will leave shortly after the first of the year, returning in the spring. However, he will not teach during this visit.

The other instructors have expressed an interest; however, they will not be eligible for teaching abroad until 1963 if they decide to do so.

American elementary, secondary and junior college teachers in all fields may apply for approximately 475 teaching positions abroad during the 1962-63 school year and for the seminar grants for the summer of 1962.

There are opportunities for summer seminar instructors of modern languages in Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain; for teachers of classics in Italy; and for teachers of history in France and India.

Fifty countries have participated in this program.

## All-American Honors Given To Norse Touchdown Leader

John Simmons, offensive right end of the Golden Norsemen, has been named to the East squad for the Shrine Junior College All-Star football game which will be played in Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 2.

Simmons put on a spectacular show in the homecoming game with Cameron as he caught three touchdown passes and several others which figured in scoring drives. Simmons also caught two touchdown passes that were called back, one being trapped only inches off the ground, the other being caught out of bounds.

### PROMOTER WATCHES

The home coming game was witnessed by Mose Simms, Oklahoma City, who is head of the Wigwam Wiseman of America. Simms is the promoter for prep and junior college all-star athletic contests.

One visiting coach who watched the homecoming game described Simmons' performance as the best he had seen by a Juco pass receiver.

Simmons, who stands 6-3½ and weighs 202, is from Omaha, Neb. He was a member of the 1960 freshman squad at Omaha University.

### BACK TO DUTY

Simmons is uncertain if he will be able to play in the Dec. 2 game at Albuquerque. He is a member of an Army Reserve unit at Omaha and has been ordered to active duty Dec. 1 at



**ALL-AMERICAN SIMMONS**

Fort Volk, La., but may receive a deferment because of his college status.

One other player from the Oklahoma junior college conference was named to the East squad. Ken Rader of Eastern A&M, a halfback, will go to Albuquerque, also. Jim Crossland, Eastern A&M, coach will assist Bob Sullivan of East Mississippi Junior College, who is head coach of the East team.

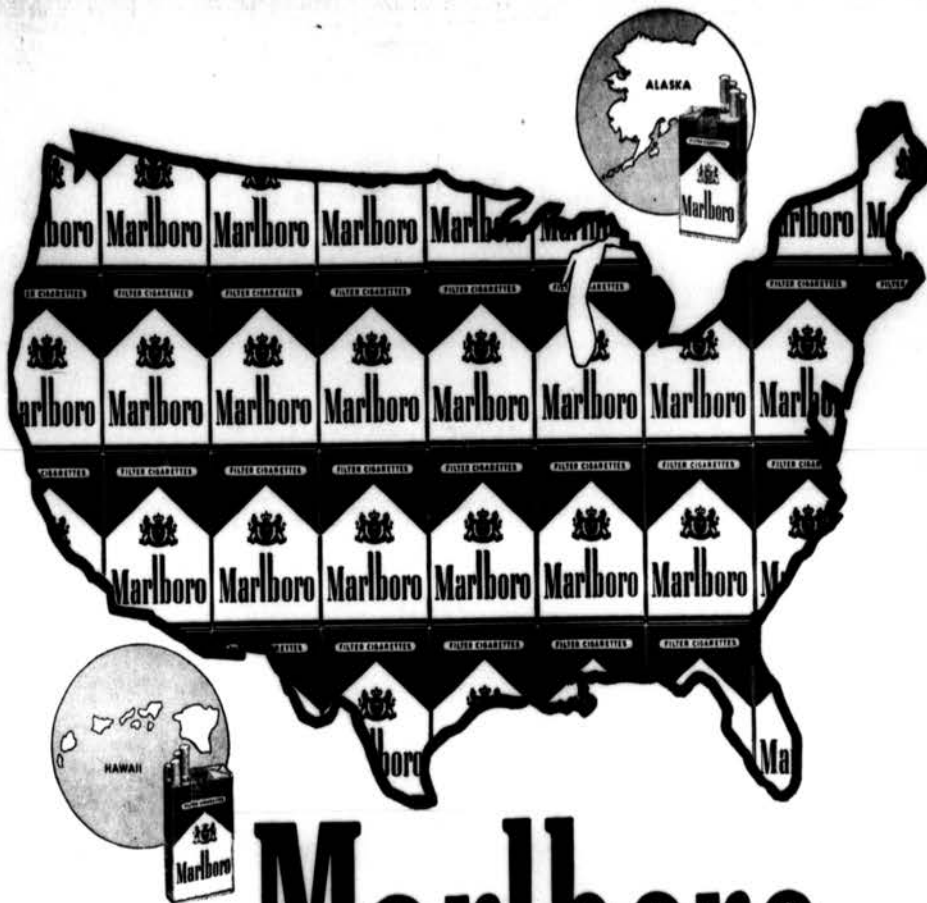
Simmons was named to the junior college All-American squad soon after the Cameron game.

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Editorials

### Too Many Hours

Many students are anxious to get through college as quickly as possible—to make money, to marry, to enter service, or a number of other reasons. However, it is in many cases self-defeating for a student to hurry too much.

For instance, carrying 19 hours or so when the student is not capable of such a load accomplishes many times a quick end to schooling, a dropout.

There are, of course, a few students who can carry a heavy academic load, and do well. But the first two years of college life are often such large transitions for teenagers that an overloaded schedule can result in a failure to do adequate work in ANY class. Far overwork in any category often brings total failure, and not just partial.

At this stage of our lives, very few can afford to spend money for a semester of college which we do not finish. Dropping out of school often seems the easiest and

most attractive course when a student is not doing well in his courses.

Eventually, overloading becomes a waste of time and money, not a saving as it sometimes appears. A thirst for knowledge is a fine thing, but if one drowns in the process, what has he gained?

### Letters Wanted

Have a problem? Are you disturbed about something? Do you think your favorite instructor is doing you in? Is your father out of work? Do you think the food here is good? Bad?

If so, or you feel you need to express yourself on any topic, and your roommate refuses to give you a good argument, we offer relief.

—Write a letter to the editor. These letters, if they are forthcoming, will be published in the Norse Wind. Please type or print clearly.

### Boys Can't Wash Clothes

If you would like to send an interesting afternoon, we suggest a neighborhood automatic laundry near the college. What is interesting about this is watching members of the male sex (student variety) wash their clothes.

Incidents that have been observed are many. It seems that many fail to realize that the directions on the back of a soap box have a purpose. It seems that just getting soap into the machine is all that is necessary (and, of course, the more soap the cleaner the clothes). They don't realize that maybe they are putting just a little too much.

The same with bleach. One person said he had seen a male student at NEO empty a complete bottle of bleach in the washer. It is true, no doubt, that the clothes came out white. Including some formerly colored, probably.

If these males could swallow their pride or embarrassment and ask a female friend, they might receive some valuable information. But we doubt if they do; after all they don't read the directions on the soap box either. Surely, they wouldn't listen to a girl.

### Pathetic Vandal

From OBU Moon

In the north focus of OBU's ornately landscaped oval quietly stands a bronzed symbol of this school's character. Since 1932 that solid representative of strength, resourcefulness and sobriety, the Bison, has dutifully watched the daily parade of students and the nightly spray of the colored fountain.

And tradition has it that each of those 29 years this metal mascot has been painted.

Some years the art work was done by rival basketball and football teams. Other years it was accomplished by townspeople. Lately, however, in the apparent absence of off campus enthusiasm concerning the yearly coating of our bison with scarlet or orange, the students themselves have taken up the cause.

The statue had been left peacefully to itself all this year, until one night last week it was daubed with a half-coat of blue and silver paint.

Now "painting the bison" is in itself not really a notable act. The only possible rewards it might offer are the satisfaction of public attention and the mid-night thrill of dodging officer Firestone's bullets. The administration has wisely adopted a hands off policy in the matter, thus depriving the artist of the satisfaction of inconveniencing the management.

In the face of such little danger, it appears inconsistent to us that whoever executed the tradition this year took so little time as to hastily throw a couple of cans of paint at the edifice and run. He must, indeed, have been a scared lad.

His fright has ruined the appearance of our cherished statue!

It should seem clear that the moral of these remarks is simply: if for some unexplainable and compelling reason, you must paint the bison, for heaven's sake do a good job!

### No Magazines

At the present time, the college bookstore does not carry magazines, paperback books or newspapers. We feel this is unfortunate in that students often need, for courses or just pleasure reading, materials that cannot be checked out of the school library, and the distance to town is a long way on a cold night.

Perhaps there is good reason why the bookstore does not sell magazines as well as school sweaters, textbooks and supplies, fags, but not mags.

Otherwise, if not, why not?

### Share News With Folks

It is suggested to college students that they send a copy of this Norse Wind to their parents after they have finished reading it.

Seeing to it that parents get copies of the Norse Wind will be good public relations for your school as well as establish a parent-student relationship.

Many parents express a desire to know more about the happenings of their sons and daughters in college. It seems that getting information from the students themselves is not easy.

If students do not want to part with their copy of their college newspaper, they can encourage parents to buy a yearly subscription.

## Donna McNatt: By Oden's Daughter

Did you hear that someone went swimming in a fountain at the ROTC Ball? Has it been called the AF ROTC "Brawl"?

The Civic Center was decorated with a ceiling of open parachutes and a fountain (minus a swimmer) in the center of the dance floor.

It seems with a queen as lovely as Patty Bashaw, they could have thought of an equally lovely way to honor her.

**DRUNKARD**  
Have you ever thrown peanuts at a play? Or laughed hysterically as the heroine cries? These things and more will happen when NEO presents the 19th century melodrama, "The Drunkard".

This play has a true-to-life villain complete with black cape and twisted mustache and the original soap-opera piano music.

The story is a hilarious tragedy about a lady in distress who can't pay her rent to the villain and is finally saved by the heroic hero.

### FASHION AND SUCK.

One of the clothing advertisements biggest aims is the college set. Now this doesn't mean that just because they say that we are strong for the ivy league or poscho, that we should be.

But let's face it, faded blue jeans and ankle-ticking skirts are out. (For the time, anyway.) No one expects NEO to be a fashion conscious school, but it doesn't cost much to be neat.

A college campus is nothing without people, and if those people still look like Harry Highschoolers, then the campus looks like Harry Highschool.



## A McNickle's Worth Friday Night & The Ball

Have you ever had blue fingers? I have . . . from stringing blue crepe paper at the Civic Center in preparation for the Military Ball.

Have you ever seen parachutes draped from wires in a gymnasium? If you attended Northeastern's Air Force ROTC Military Ball, you have.

Friday night the Civic Center was something of a miniature indoor circus. Merit hungry boys were running around throwing loops of wire over other wires, stringing, crepe paper in every available place, and draping parachutes from wires stretched across the gym. Anyone walking in during the hectic night may have thought the decorators were constructing a "imitation big top."

Despite unorthodox decorating ethics, the Civic Center was a surprisingly neat and attractive Saturday night.

Several cadets helped in the decorating of the building. More boys apparently tried to do their part in decorating during the ball. At the beginning of the evening the fountain in the center of the floor attracted

quite a bit of attention, for it was quite picturesque. Some young men seemed to think the fountain was lacking quality, however, as throughout the evening the fountain took on several more decorations.

A large number of cadets attended the ball, with and without dates. Undoubtedly the ball was enjoyed by many couples more than any other dance held so far this year.

Air Force ROTC uniforms, white shirts, and black bow ties was the uniform for the night for NEO boys. Their dates were decked out in colorful for-

malis. Music of the orchestra was enjoyed by everyone. There were several couples dancing throughout the evening . . . including once or twice when there was no music. Another great attraction of the evening was dancing "the twist" to ballroom music.

Though dancing the twist to ballroom music is unethical, it appeared to be fun.

For many couples, the evening was all too short, for many stays it was too long; but it must be said that the Military Ball was a large success.

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