

FROM LEAD & ZINC TO

Blue & Gold

*THE EXPANSION OF
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College*

VOLUME III: 1970-1994

NEO History, Volume III

*This history is dedicated
to all
Golden Norsemen,
past, present, and future.*

*“ONCE A NORSEMAN,
ALWAYS
A NORSEMAN”*

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Among the characteristics I have come to recognize as integral to success at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is a dedication to progress. At NEO progress is something we talk about all the time, as students advance toward their degree and career goals, as faculty members evolve in their instructional strategies, and as our entire campus marches forward in pursuit of ongoing excellence in education.

Over the past few years there have been lots of “Work in Progress” signs at NEO. We have raised, remodeled, and re-invested in our buildings, programs and people, and we’ve worked diligently to meet the growing needs of our students and community. All that hard work has been pursued with a plan in mind, to build a better tomorrow for everyone who calls northeast Oklahoma home.

When we challenge students to “Create your future at NEO,” it’s more than just a marketing pitch. It’s our hope that we will inspire and empower students to discover for themselves that forward motion implies a destination. The quality of life in northeastern Oklahoma improved tremendously between the years of 1970 and 1995, when this college built stronger academic programs, developed a solid fund-raising foundation, invested in new technology and committed to making educational opportunities accessible to everyone willing to work hard for their dreams.

For almost 100 years the men and women of this college have been dedicated to the pursuit of progress, because NEO is committed to the idea that enhancing what exists will always advance what can be, especially when we work together to create our future.

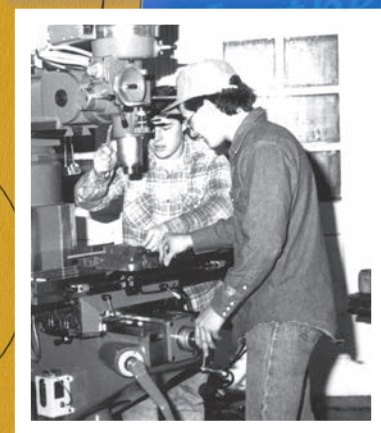
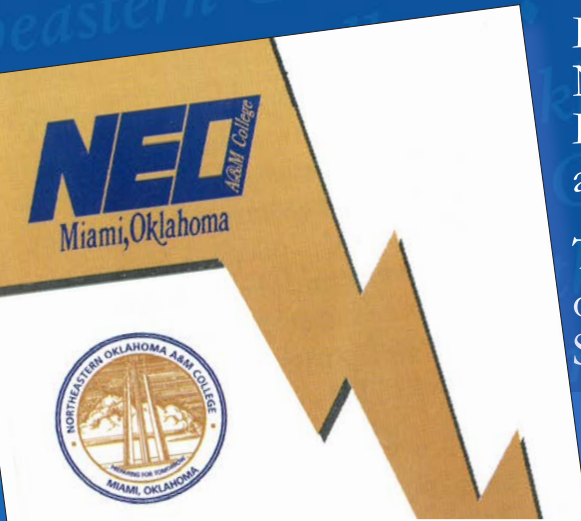
That concept is clearly illustrated in this third volume of NEO’s history entitled, ‘From Lead and Zinc to Blue and Gold, The Progression of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.’ It is my hope that you will be informed and engaged by the people and events depicted in the following pages and moved to find your place in NEO’s Blue and Gold history.



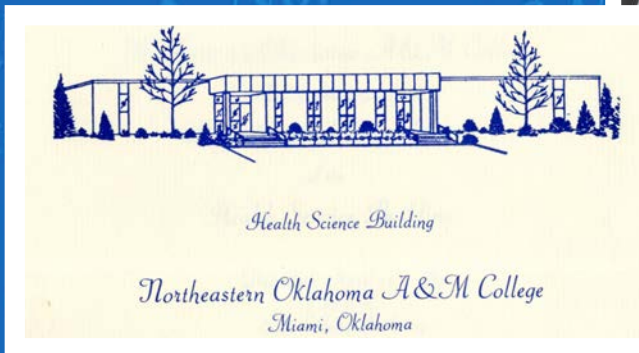
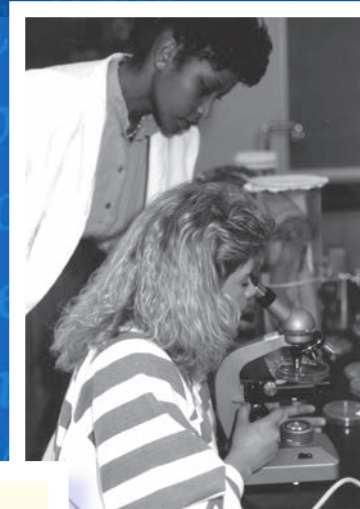
Jeffrey L. Hale
PRESIDENT, NEO A&M COLLEGE

In January, 1970, 560 freshmen were pre-enrolled for the spring semester, the highest figure in the history of the school. Soon new programs, including Legal Secretary, Medical Secretary, Electromechanical Technology, and Nurses Aide would be part of the college's focus on vocational education. Later Home Economics, Fashion Trades, Food Management and the Care and Guidance of Children would be added to the college curriculum.

The Board of Regents granted permission to use a four-room house located on campus as a Child Care Center, laying the foundation for the future Lab School.



In the early part of the 70's, NEO's Nursing program (housed in Ables Hall) was expanded from an LPN program to an Associate Degree of Nursing, and the State Regents approved adding a new nursing studies building to NEO's campus master plan. Preliminary blueprints included classrooms, labs, office areas and other essential instruction space. The project would be delayed many times due to inadequate funding before a ground breaking was celebrated March 18, 1983, and NEO's Health Science Building was dedicated on April 12, 1984.



Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
cordially invites you to a
Dedication and Open House
of the
Health Science Building

Thursday, April 12, 1984
3:00 p.m.
East Side of Building

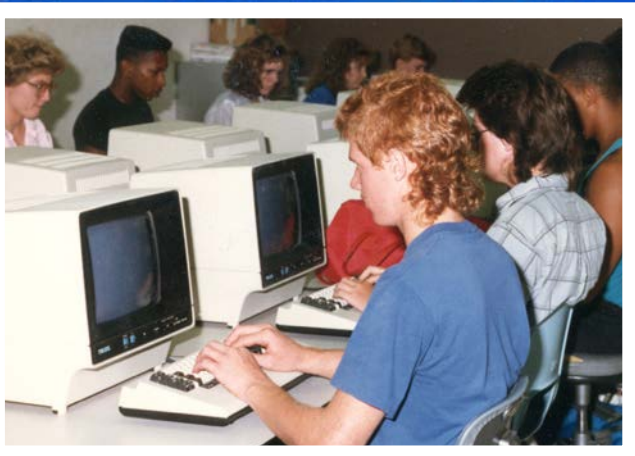
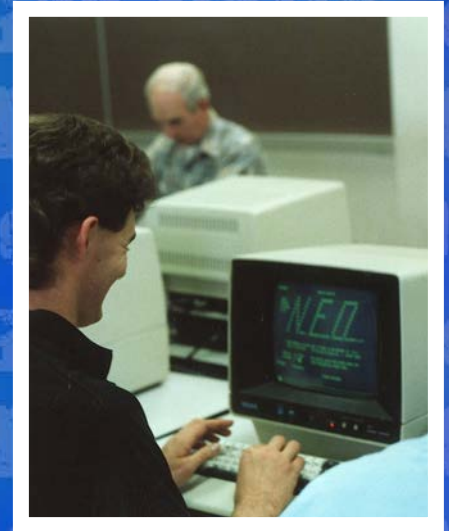
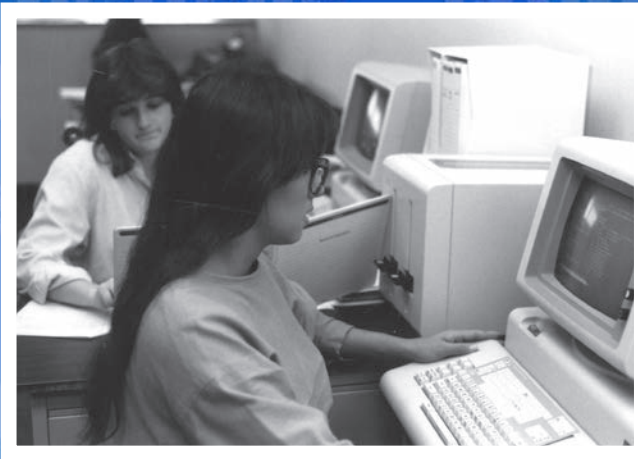
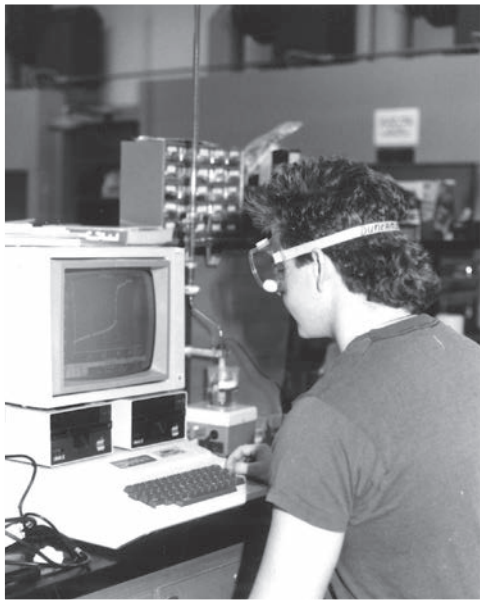
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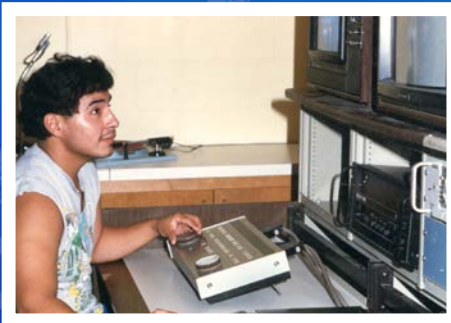
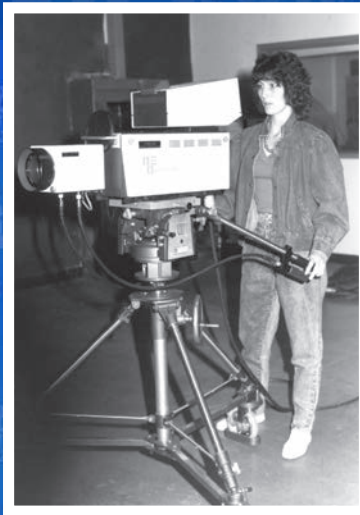
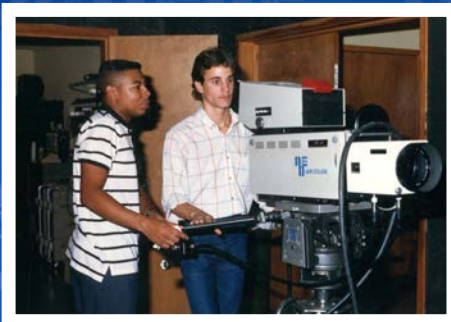
A financial auditor's report suggests NEO "modernize bookkeeping and accounting procedures and place all possible operations on computers," prompting the college to take its first steps into the digital age.



All across Oklahoma computers became a powerful tool for higher education as a statewide talk-back television system was put in place and colleges began transmitting courses across the airwaves. Through OETA's public broadcasting system, NEO offered tele-courses for college credit:

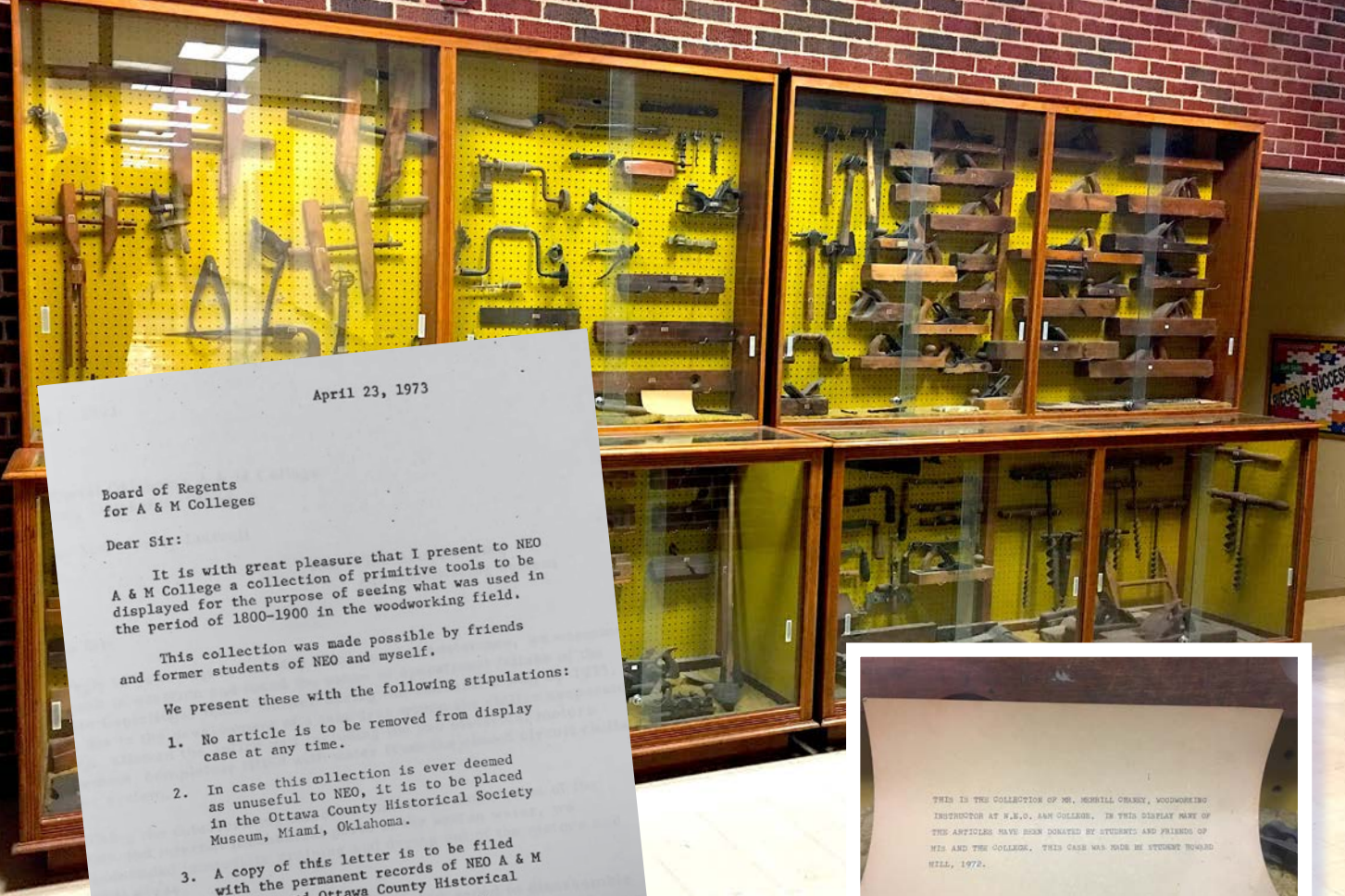
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- The Computer Programme (Introduction to Computers)
- Focus on Society (Sociology)
- Understanding Human Behavior (Psychology)
- Family Portraits (Marriage and Family)
- American History to 1877 (History)
- American National Government (American Government)

Later NEO would transmit athletic events, dramas, music programs and enrollment information on local channels.



OCTOBER						
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Speedball Collection	STUDENT SENATE MEETING FACULTY LOUNGE 6:30					
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NOVEMBER						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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Photography Show from O. U.	COMMUNITY CONCERT "HOLYMEAT"	STUDENT SENATE MEETING FACULTY LOUNGE 8:00	PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW FROM O. U.	JR. COL. BREWER & DEBATE TOURNAMENT	PEP RALLY OLD SWY 12:30	PT. SCOTT HERE
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Edward Weston, Photography show from O. U.	STUDENT SENATE MEETING FACULTY LOUNGE 8:00	COMMUNITY CONCERT "SOMETIMES A GREAT SOMETIMES"	PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW FROM O. U.	PEP RALLY 7:00 P.M. FOUNTAIN AREA	JR. COL. BREWER & DEBATE TOURNAMENT	BOGGS CITY JR. COL. THERE
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CLASSWORK SEMINAR 8:30 A.M.	STUDENT SENATE MEETING FACULTY LOUNGE 8:00	COMMUNITY CONCERT "DUAL PIANO CONCERT"	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 8:00	HOME EC. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC	EDWARD WESTON PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW	
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April 23, 1973

Board of Regents
for A & M Colleges

Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I present to NEO A & M College a collection of primitive tools to be displayed for the purpose of seeing what was used in the period of 1800-1900 in the woodworking field.

This collection was made possible by friends and former students of NEO and myself.

We present these with the following stipulations:

1. No article is to be removed from display case at any time.
2. In case this collection is ever deemed as unuseful to NEO, it is to be placed in the Ottawa County Historical Society Museum, Miami, Oklahoma.
3. A copy of this letter is to be filed with the permanent records of NEO A & M College and Ottawa County Historical Society, Miami, Oklahoma.

Merrill Chaney
Merrill Chaney

cc:
Dr. D. D. Crech, President, NEO
Mrs. Elizabeth Paine, Head Librarian, NEO
Mr. Jim Reed, Ottawa County Historical Society

THIS IS THE COLLECTION OF MR. MERRILL CHANEY, WOODWORKING INSTRUCTOR AT N.E.O. A&M COLLEGE. IN THIS DISPLAY CASE OF THE ARTICLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF HIS AND THE COLLEGE. THIS CASE WAS MADE BY STUDENT HOWARD HILL, 1972.



When Mr. Merrill Chaney, member of NEO's Vocational-Technical faculty, retired after 28 years of service, he presented the college a collection of primitive woodworking tools for study.

Ever since 1967, when Miss Nellie Dobson left to NEO funds "for the purposes of scholarships for students attending the college at Miami, Oklahoma [...] and/or supplementing the income of persons teaching," it had become increasingly clear the college needed a body to administrate the resources and materials donated by supporters.

The establishment of a formal fund-raising body at NEO was first discussed in 1972, and further explored in 1978, before the Articles of Incorporation for the NEO Development Foundation were finalized in the fall of 1983. As soon as the college began interviewing directors, the first fund-raising dinners were scheduled and more than \$30,000.00 was raised in Miami, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Thirty-five years later the NEO Development Foundation routinely helps academic departments purchase special resources for instruction and administers more than 150 scholarships. More than one thousand students have graduated from NEO A&M College, thanks to the hard work of the NEO Development Foundation.

Retrospect

NEO Alumni Publication



Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
Miami, Oklahoma



for the friends of NEO...



"Norseman Spirit"

"Norseman Spirit" is a finely crafted work of art created for the friends of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College by the artist, Nicholas Calagno. Each bronze has been personally signed and numbered by the artist. Your "Norseman Spirit", cast in the traditional lost wax technique and standing proudly on a handsome Monterey black marble base, is a sculpture with enduring value.
This is number _____ out of a limited edition of 500.

"Norseman Spirit"

"I request permission to organize a development foundation for [NEO]. I believe that this time is right for public junior colleges to move in this direction. A foundation arrangement will afford us a flexibility of operation and variety of tax benefits." ~Dr. D. D. Creech (February, 1978)

When Dr. Creech retired his position as NEO's eleventh president in June of 1982, some 400 people turned out for his retirement banquet. Creech had served as president of NEO from January, 1970 until July, 1982. For twelve and a half years the college administrator from Seiling, Oklahoma channeled his high regard for student success and pride in the college's growth into a personal focus on the day-to-day affairs of NEO. Dr. Creech credited his dust bowl upbringing with his ability to work with tight budgets. Under his watchful eye, the college grew academically as well as fiscally, as new programs were added, the budget expanded and the value of the college's property, buildings and equipment grew. "I got there at a time when the college was ready for new programs and new challenges," said Dr. Creech.



NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE
2nd & I.N.E. Miami, Oklahoma 74354

Office of the President

April 23, 1982

Dear Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College:

I want to thank you and your students, faculty, staff, and alumni for twelve and one-half wonderful years as your president. I have become a part of your great tradition for excellence and achievement, and I shall cherish every single memory.

I also want to express my appreciation and thanks to the people of Miami and Northeastern Oklahoma who give you support and dedication. Many, many of them contribute to your scholarship funds, attend activities, and send their sons and daughters to you. Your constituents have been great to work with and have helped us build the greatest little college anywhere in the world.

I offer my continuing assistance to you at any time or any place. Once a Norseman, always a Norseman!

Sincerely,

D. D. Creech

D. D. Creech
President

MIAMI NEWS-RECORD

Miami, Oklahoma, Friday, January 15, 1982
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Dr. Creech plans to retire May 31

Dr. D.D. Creech, president at Northeastern A&M College for 12 years, submitted a letter of resignation today to the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and A&M Colleges, meeting in Stillwater.

In the letter Dr. Creech pointed out that he will turn 66 in August and is planning to retire. He asked the board to accept the resignation as of May 31.

"These have been 12 wonderful years at Northeastern A&M. I want to express my deepest appreciation to you as the Board of Regents and to each of you individually for your confidence and support. It has been a real pleasure to work with you," Creech wrote.

"I also want to express my appreciation to your staff and the faculty, staff, and students at Northeastern A&M and to the people of Miami and northeastern Oklahoma. They have been great to work with and have helped us build the greatest little college anywhere in the world."



DR. D.D. CREECH

Mutual before serving in the Navy during World War II.

He was a principal and teacher at Sharon High School before becoming superintendent of schools at Fargo in 1947. Between 1950 and 1968 he was superintendent of schools in Arnett, Velma-Alma and Pryor.

In 1968 Creech became state superintendent of public instruction and served in that capacity until January 1970 when he became NEO's 11th president.

He has been involved in a variety of civic and cultural activities in Miami.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Southwestern State College, a Masters of Science Degree in School Administration from Oklahoma State University and Doctorate of Education in School Administration from Oklahoma University.

Dr. Creech and his wife, the former Dorothy Buss of Woodward, have three children, Jan (Mrs. Mike Shannon) of Edmond; Jim, Oklahoma City, and Dan of Stillwater.

Brace for new blast of winter

Grand Lake Level: 742.05

Partly cloudy skies and much colder temperatures are forecast tonight and Saturday for Miami following relatively mild weather today.

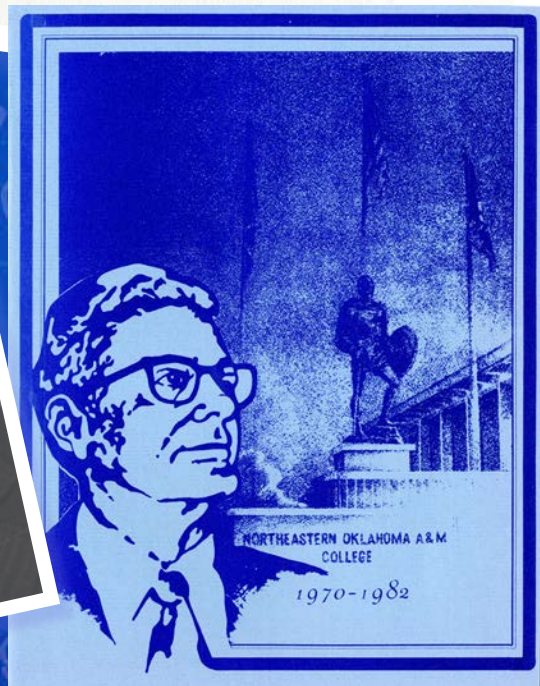
The high in Miami Thursday was 46. The overnight low was 22. At noon today the temperature was 41. The high Saturday should be in the low teens after an overnight low of 5 to 10 degrees.

A beautiful day was expected across the Sooner state today before another Arctic air mass drops Oklahoma back into the deep freezer.

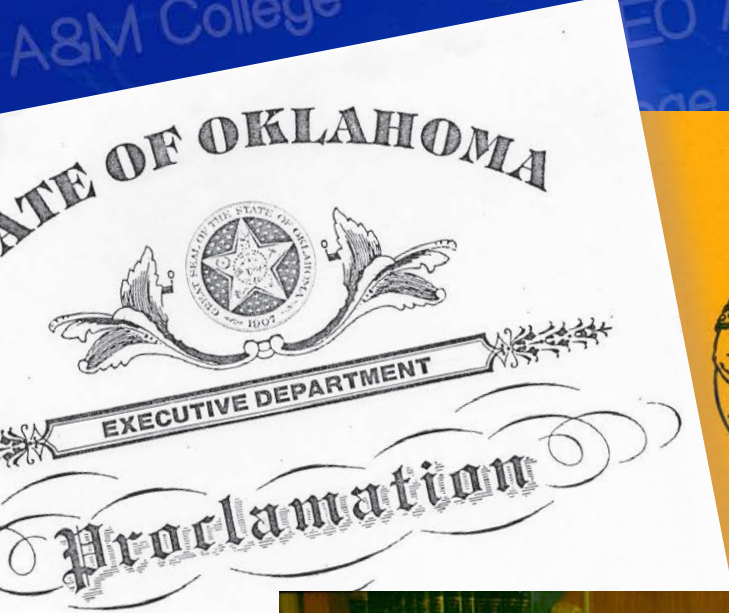
A dry northwesterly flow aloft and a surface trough located over the panhandle of Oklahoma and Texas have produced clear skies, light to moderate southerly winds and cool temperatures across the state overnight.

Name corrected

A Fairland candidate in the Jan. 26 school board elections was erroneously identified in Thursday's News-Record as Gary Sample. The candidate is Kay Sample. The News-Record regrets the error.



NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE
1970-1982



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After graduating from Oakwood HS in 1933, D.D. Creech earned a degree in education from Southwestern State College and a Masters degree in school administration from OSU. Prior to completing his doctorate of education honors from University of Oklahoma in 1966, D.D. Creech was a commissioned lieutenant in the US Navy. After being discharged in 1946, he devoted his life to public education. Prior to being named President of NEO, Dr. Creech worked as a teacher, coach, and administrator and was appointed Oklahoma's state superintendent of public instruction in 1968. His marriage to Dorothy A Buss in 1947 had gifted him with a daughter and two sons.



WHEREAS, Danten Dayle August 1, 1917; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Creech from Southwestern State College degree in School Administration 1949 and his Education Doctorate from Oklahoma State in 1966; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Creech of Northeastern A & M since
WHEREAS, Dr. D. D. leader in the field of educ
WHEREAS, all Okl Jubilee year, salute Dr. D. has done so much to furth
WHEREAS, Dr. D. and colleagues on Friday Recognition Banquet;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Governor of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim Friday, the 20th day of April, 1982, as "D. D. CREECH DAY" in the State of Oklahoma and encourage all Oklahomans to congratulate this fine man, a Norseman forevermore!

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 20th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, and of the State of Oklahoma the seventy-fourth year.



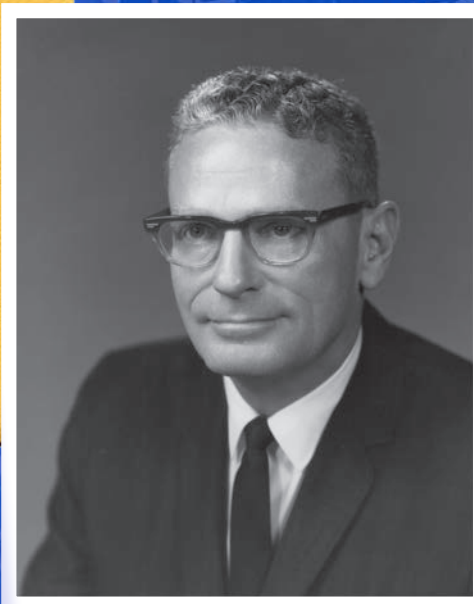
Robert Maxwell

Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College

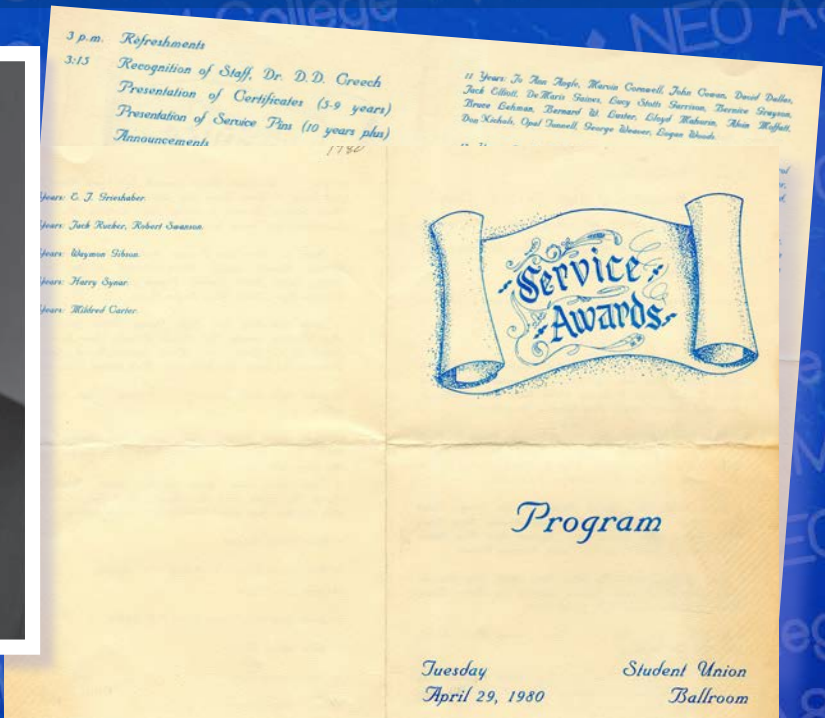


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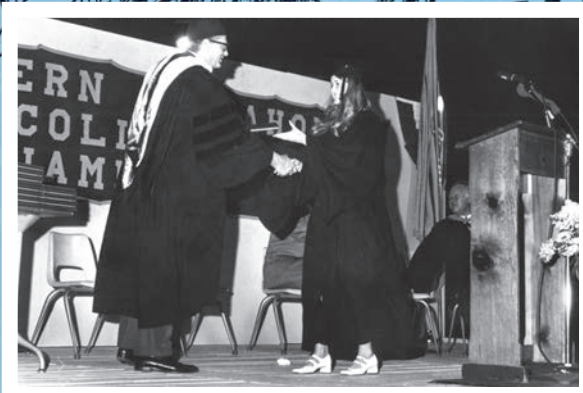
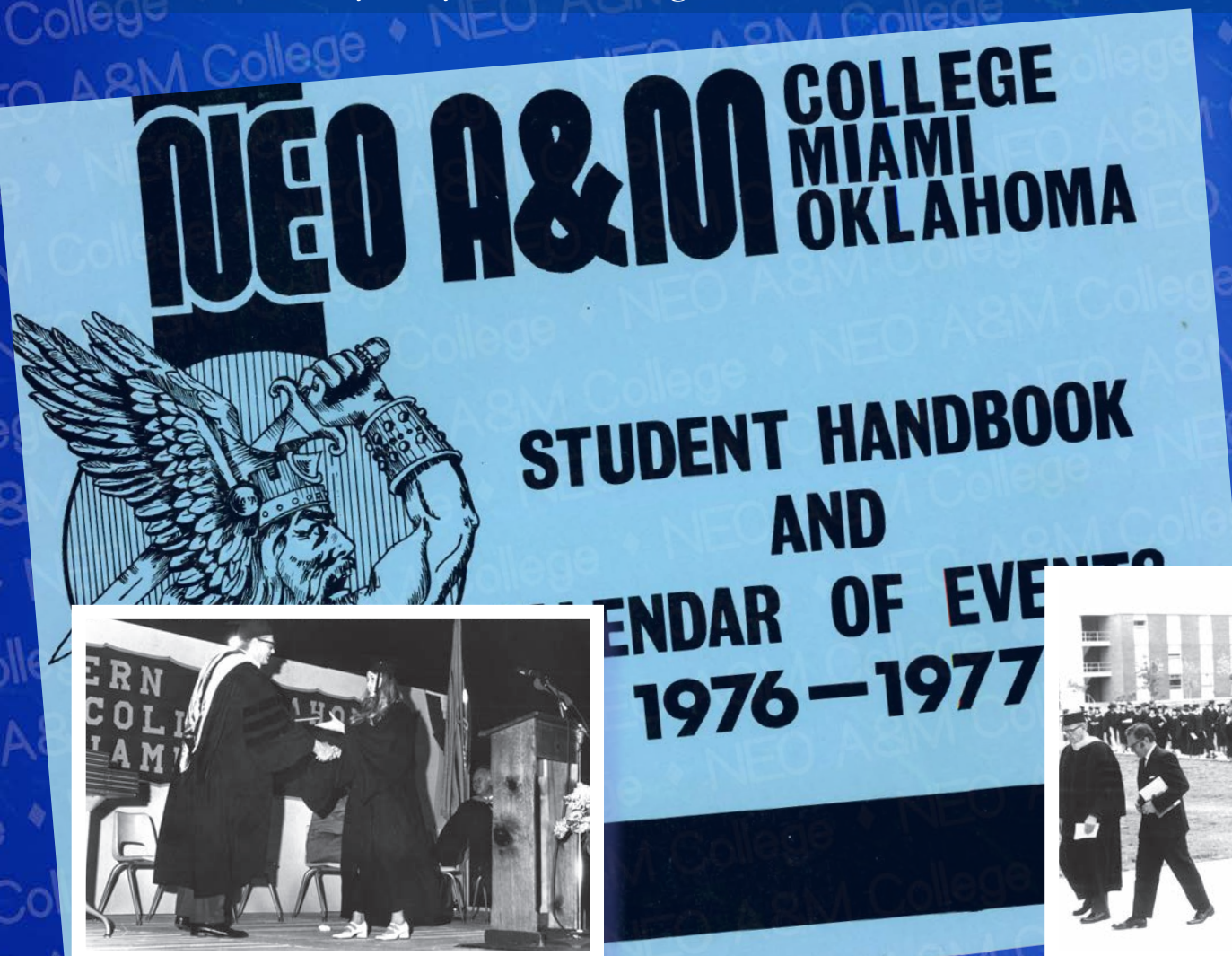
Miami, Oklahoma
1971



In addition to his outstanding accomplishments at the college, Dr. Creech was actively involved in civic matters. He served as President of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, was Vice President of the Cherokee Area Council Boy Scouts of America, was on the Board of the Miami United Way, stayed active with the Miami Community Concerts Association, routinely contributed his insights to the Northeast Counties of Oklahoma Economic Development Association, was an active member of the American Legion and Rotary Clubs and a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church where he attended the Builders Sunday School Class. Perhaps his proudest accomplishment was serving as the President of the Board of Directors that raised the funds to build the Miami Senior Center in 1993.



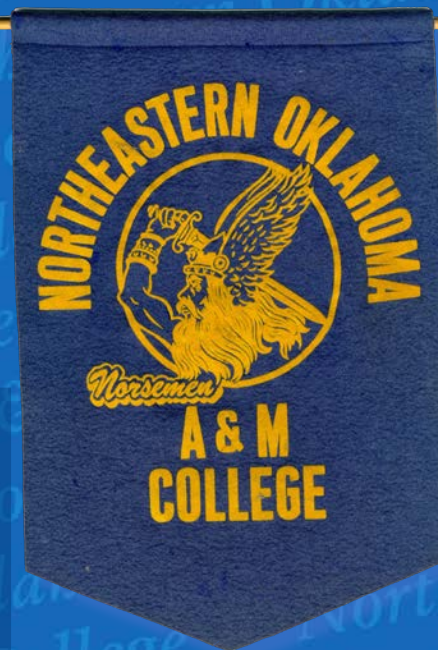
People who knew him and worked with him were always impressed with how he always had students in mind. Dr. Creech could be found backstage after plays praising the participants. While previous NEO presidents routinely attended athletic events and activities, Dr. Creech holds the all-time record for most unqualified support of Team NEO. With the exception of the period after his open-heart surgery, Dr. Creech attended each and every student event, usually accompanied by his wife, Dorothy. In instances when two events were going on simultaneously, they would each go to one event and then switch at the half or intermission.



Dr. Creech's tremendous loyalty also extended to those with whom he worked, as he felt the secret to quality education was having good faculty and staff. "People are the most important ingredients in education. We must pay them to get the good ones, and we've always tried to pay well here."



In gratitude the NEO staff commended the retiring president and the Regents for the A&M College passed a resolution naming the Library Administration building after him and citing Dr. Creech for "distinguished leadership in education" and "the most excellent manner in which he served as President of NEO."



“That's the nicest thing you could have done for me," stated Dr. Creech as he accepted the honor, "I will continue boosting NEO as long as I live. Once a Norseman, always a Norseman."**”**

D.D. Creech passed away August 2, 1999, and was buried in Miami's GAR Cemetery, leaving behind a legacy of service and dedication that spanned more than 44 years. Until he died he actively supported the college, its programs and students. "I have become part of your great tradition for excellence and achievement, and I shall cherish every single memory."

The proposed “Norse Park Project” to develop walking and bicycle trails, picnic areas, foot bridges and landscaping in a public park area around Tar Creek was abandoned on the drawing board even prior to concerns about pollutants from the Tri-State mining area. In September of 1983, the EPA officially listed Tar Creek as Superfund site OKD980629844.

Jogging and Cycle Trail

Picnic Area



When The B.F. Goodrich plant closed on Friday, February 28, 1986, it left the Miami community struggling with the loss of thousands of jobs. Working closely with Oklahoma Occupational Training Associates, NEO tried to assist with the retraining of laid-off employees in difficult economic times. During their most profitable years the plant was a financial contributor to the college and supporter of new technology initiatives for workforce development.



MIAMI NEWS-RECORD
 Miami, Oklahoma, Monday, June 13, 1983

BFG shows appreciation with gifts

Appreciation takes on tangible forms with B.F. Goodrich as officials at Northeastern A&M College learn periodically. Recently the company presented a number of items designed to improve educational opportunities in the Learning Resources Center at NEO. Included is an Apple IIe Microcomputer with 80 column text card and 128K of memory. Dennis L. Holcomb, training and communications supervisor for BFG, noted that the gift equipment also included a monitor with interface, disk drives, a Dot Matrix printer, programs on word processing and information storing, a business graphics program, along with additional supplies of paper and floppy disks.

"Tom Bain (LRC director) has been so helpful in setting up classes and arranging meeting rooms for our education development sessions, that the company decided to provide whatever new equipment he felt was needed at this time," said Holcomb.

Bain explained that the microcomputer will basically save time for LRC staff and will be used in a variety of ways by librarians and faculty initially. At the present it will be used to do repetitive work such as form letters, lists and business reports.

"We will make the microcomputer available for faculty interested in becoming familiar with this unit and the available software," said Bain. Eventually the information generated will filter to students in the classroom and an awareness of the potential of microcomputers will be developed.

Holcomb, who serves on the NEO A&M Advisory Committee for Management, pointed out that the relationship between BFG and the college is a continuing commitment. "Our personnel profit much more from classes planned and conducted away from the plant, in an academic setting, and we feel anything we can do for the college is just enhancing our own employees' opportunities to learn."

Last year Goodrich gave the college a video/cassette camera for use in preparing educational programs as part of the company's cooperative arrangement for utilizing college space and services.

Dr. Bobby R. Wright, college president, expressed the institution's appreciation for the continued support of the manufacturer in providing new equipment.

"These latest items will enhance this institution's continuing efforts to provide 'state of the art' equipment and materials in the microcomputer area. This should complement our course work in the microcomputer area as well as increase the availability of equipment and programs for our faculty and students," he stated.

Bain pointed out that the latest gift also included a directory of available Apple II/III software. "This book (some two inches thick) lists just part of the programs already prepared for use by the microcomputer. Just looking through it will be educational as our faculty will be able to see what all has been prepared already and they should have some ideas of what will fit into their programs of study in the future."

Since Holcomb has been working closely with the college business education division as a member of the Advisory Committee, he was interested in the Business Graphics Program.

"It is important to all of us that industry and educational institutions work together," he explains in discussing his role as "advisor" to college personnel, "we can help Larry Keen (chairman of the NEO business division) plan courses of study by telling our needs in employees and college faculty assist us in our educational programs."

The working relationship benefits both BFG and NEO as officials from both quickly acknowledge. For the college staff seeing the tangible evidence of industry's appreciation is extra special...as these learning to handle the new microcomputer are saying this summer.



The plant closing occurred just one year after a February, 1985 flood, the second worst recorded for the area at the time. Floods occurring throughout the 80's impacted the college, requiring restoration to streets and maintenance facilities and sewage line repair of damage to athletic areas.

In a constant struggle against the elements, NEO considered moving their baseball field out of the flood plain, after repair and renovation costs added up. New lights, utility poles and upgrades to the dugout areas had everyone looking forward to a first class baseball field at NEO.



Flooding again damages playing fields at college

Homa Thomas Field is under water again, much to the frustration of Northeastern A&M coaches Rick Ritschel and Woody Morrow. "It's a shame we've got a program here that's nationally prominent and there's 6 feet of water on the field," he said. "We know it (the flooding) will happen. It flooded last year just before the Series (NCAA World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., where NEO finished third)."



Jim Ellis
Sports Editor

The Norsemen had a Bi-State Conference game with Bacone scheduled here for Thursday. Ritschel said the game likely would be moved to Muskogee.

The status of the remaining home games is uncertain since it normally takes several months to repair damage. "It took five months to get the work done after the floods in September. The field still is not really playable and we're playing on it," Ritschel said. "We worked hard to get it ready and here it does it again. It's discouraging to the players and coaches to have to fight it every three or four months. The park has been at the same location, but received a major overhaul in 1988. Since then, former Norse coach Bill Mayberry and now Ritschel have annually waged a war with Tar Creek.

"I've asked them to move the field twice, during the summer and again last fall ... I didn't get any response," Ritschel said. "I'm discouraged when a player says, 'I don't want to play here.'"

NEO spring football practice on hold

By JIM ELLIS
Sports Editor for the Miami News-Record

Spring football practice has been placed on hold at Northeastern A&M while players help move families from flooded areas in Miami.

"We've had anywhere between 20 and 30 kids off and on," said Golden Norse head coach Mike Loyd. "This is more important than football. Helping people get moved is priority right now."

NEO players and coaches helped eight families Tuesday and were expected to help out again today as needed. "Loyd's help out again today as needed."

The practice field on the northeast corner of the campus was under water due to flooding from Tar Creek.

Loyd said workouts likely would start Monday.

That's where Ritschel would like to move baseball and softball fields relocation chance ever becomes possible.

"Behind the Equine Center you've got parking, utilities, it's fairly flat and there's enough room for a softball and baseball field so you don't have to fight this a couple of times a year," he said.

Loyd said they haven't been able to practice in a week just as frustrated.

"I haven't been able to show," he said. "I haven't been able to show," he said. "I haven't been able to show," he said.



The “Homa Thomas Baseball Field” was formally dedicated in 1984, recognizing the retired coach’s thirty-one years of service. A record of 300 wins and 59 losses, 13 state junior college championships, a place in the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and a spot in the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame are just a few honors among a long list of distinctions earned in Mr. Thomas’ impressive career coaching and teaching at NEO.



MAY 21, 1965

Thomas Steps Down As Coach

By Orville Pierce
The Grand “Old” Man of NEO baseball has hung up his glove but not his shoes.

Homa Thomas, after 17 years as volunteer baseball coach, has resigned upon a physician’s advice. He will still, however, handle his teaching duties, stay in charge of NEO athletic publicity, Region 2 athletic director, and will help recruit next year’s ball club. He said he would also be willing to serve as assistant if the new coach wished him too. No new coach has been named yet but he may be a former Norse ball player who pitched on the undefeated 1956 ball team.

Teams coached by Thomas have won 300 games and lost 59. They set a record by advancing to the national tournament four straight years, finishing second in 1958 and 1959, third in 1960, but losing the first two games in 1961.

Before the Oklahoma Junior College Conference was changed a few years ago, with NEO and Cameron each being assigned to a separate division, Thomas-coached teams won 10 of the 12 conference championships.

Speaking of the team prospects for next year he said, “I would like to see every freshman return and bring another good boy with him.”

Then in conclusion he said, “I would like to thank the administration, fans and many friends



COACH RETIRES . . . Homa Thomas examines a fishing reel presented to him by the NEO baseball squad at the sports banquet, where he announced his retirement as baseball coach.

NEO Art Students See Two Tulsa Art Centers
Forty students from the NEO art department toured two re-

NEO BASEBALL

1989 NJCAA State Champions, Regional Champions & National Runner-Ups



The Golden Norsemen “WINNERS”

HOMA THOMAS FIELD



- ▲ Seats 300
- ▲ Indoor Seating in Booster Club Room
- ▲ Press Box Facilities
- ▲ Lighted Field
- ▲ Concession Stand
- ▲ Batting & Pitching Cages by Each Dugout

Featuring one of the more beautiful parks in the junior college circuit, the Golden Norsemen play approximately one-half of their schedule in this spacious facility named in honor of Homa Thomas who coached NEO’s baseball program to national prominence during the 1950s and early 60s.

Located just east of the main campus, the baseball complex is within easy walking distance of the dormitories and is easily accessible by car. With a seating capacity of approximately 300, the lighted field features a batting case and pitching cage alongside each dugout. A newly constructed Press Box facility also offers an area for visiting pro scouts, parents and Booster Club members to congregate. The ground-level Booster Club room features ample seating and is located directly behind home plate. The concession stand is located in the south end of the facility.



NEO NORSEMEN—6



Big changes were also on the way for NEO's football team. In February, 1985, NEO coaches and administrators traveled to Austin, TX to discuss the possibility of NEO joining the Texas Junior College Football Conference. Ten years later, after a great deal of work and communication, NEO joined the Texas league and immediately began challenging rivals across the Red River for gridiron glory.

**Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Golden Norse**
1987 Football Media Guide



1990 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Miami, Oklahoma

9/3	Arkansas JV	4:00	Fayetteville
	Hutchinson, KS	7:30	Miami
		7:30	Ellsworth
		7:30	Miami
		7:30	Tyler
		2:00	Miami
		1:00	Arkansas
		2:00	Northeastern
		2:00	Arkansas
		2:00	Miami

Texas Junior College Football Conference extends an invitation
With the...



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NORSEMEN BATTLE CRY
Go Golden Norsemen
Break right thru that line,
With our colors flying,
We will cheer you all the time.
(yell) NEO
Go Golden Norsemen,
Fight for Victory,
Spread for the fame.
Of our fair name.
Golden Norsemen

...be the
salvation of
NEO football
for a period of
time.
--Bob Maxwell

...clude reducing the number of
out-of-state players from 10 to
five by 1996.

Another condition involves
the acceptance of transfer
players from outside Ottawa
County. Any player wanting to
transfer to NEO from outside
the county will not be con-
sidered an in-state player. This rule applies only to
Oklahoma players that attempt to transfer to NEO from
another college or university.

The third condition which must be met is a 45-man roster
that includes the five out-of-state players.
Recognized as one of the toughest conferences
in the nation, NEO competes in the National Junior College
Football Association, the Texas Junior College Football
Association, produced five NJCAA National Champions
in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984.

University Valley Community College of Athens,
Georgia, won the Golden Norsemen 24-17 in overtime
to claim the NJCAA national crown.



Fed Up, NEO May Hook Up With Texas

By Rhett Morgan
World Staff Writer

Fed up with schools that duck
putting into the Texas league
that can be very beneficial for
our program, the state, the school
and everything else, NEO has
decided to join a conference
with schools like Baylor and
Texas Tech.

NEO this season had scaled
back scholarships and its roster
is being cut to 15 players. NEO
comply with the Kansas Jayhawk
Conference, which the Golden
Norsemen had planned to join
last year.

But those discussions have hit
a snag.

"It is the most frustrating thing
I've ever done," said NEO
coach Mike Loyd, whose
football coach Golden Norsemen
defeated Oklahoma State's junior
quarterback on Friday in a
water. "People don't want to
complete."

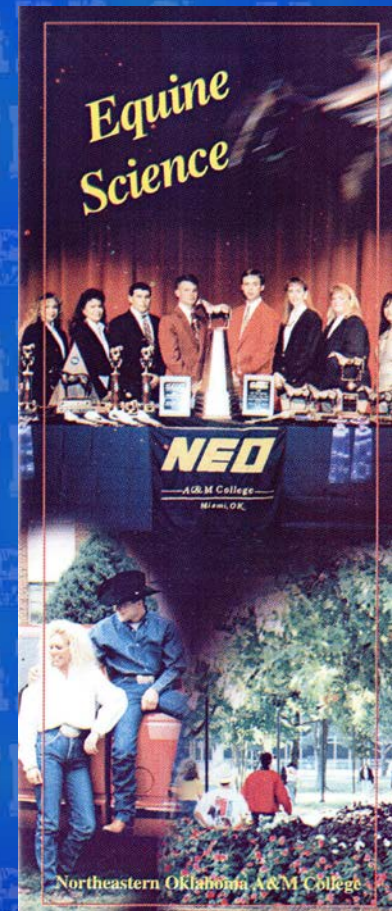
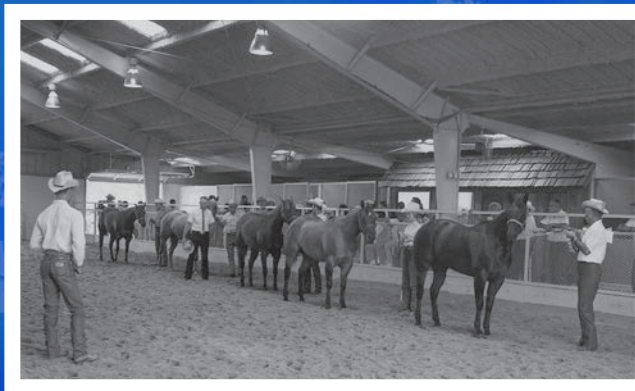
"I've been up my hands about
the Kansas situation. I've been
up nationally. NEO could join the
league as early as 1990, though I
don't know if that's possible. It
has good spots
more football spots
coach said. "They're
NEO can add some
The season is
rager in best month
have Conference
then wanted
NEO, however, I
use its Kansas schedule
this year," NEO athletic
director Bob Maxwell said. "But
you can't get people out if you
don't have a schedule
it is very tough."

Other members of the seven-
team Texas conference are
Clemson, Trinity Valley, Ranger,
Clemson, and Trinity
Valley, N.C. 43 and Trinity



After many years of study and planning by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Highway 69 project became a reality, bisecting several acres at the college farm and creating a Miami bypass. Direct access to the college farm and a new Multi-Purpose Arena bolstered support for a new program in Equine Management. More than \$100,000 in private community funds were donated for a 32,000 square foot facility designed to develop ranch managers and horse breeders as they learned to care for, treat, breed and develop livestock.

Courses in Equine Management include: Equine Selection, Advanced Horseshoeing, Equine Health Diseases, Equine Training Management, Equine Reproduction, Advanced Equine Production, Ranch Records, Agricultural Economics, Intro to Animal Science, Intro to Plant Science, Crop Adaptation and Distribution, Applied Animal Nutrition, Work Experience.



On campus there was popular support to build a sign identifying the college featuring the college mascot. Dr. Nicholas Calcagno and Marianna Burch designed an 8 ft Golden Norseman statue and a redwood walk, benches and three flagpoles to be located immediately northwest of the Library-Administration building.



NORSE SPIRIT, the statue to be dedicated today began as a reality through the efforts of a number of individuals. It was appointed a committee of Marianna Burch, Jerold Calcagno and Nicholas Calcagno to design the project last spring. In the summer of 1981, Dr. Calcagno created the clay model and the final work of casting during the fall semester. To insure that the statue looks involved in cold cast methods utilized to complete the underlay, maintenance personnel of the college, directed by Jim Rose, built the 6'8" planter base. The statue was made from the clay model and into the mold was a layer of polyester resin mixed with bronze granules. With this mixture placed to ensure strength and stability, the Norseman statue was placed in layers of fiberglass and of polyester. The final statue, weighing about 300 pounds, was lifted into place by a maintenance team while anxious NEOers watched.

For the final step in completing the project, horticulture majors in classes of Jim Rose selected plants to place in the planter base. Today's dedication ceremony is a tribute to those who spent time and effort in construction of this symbol of **NORSE SPIRIT** for future generations of young Norsemen.

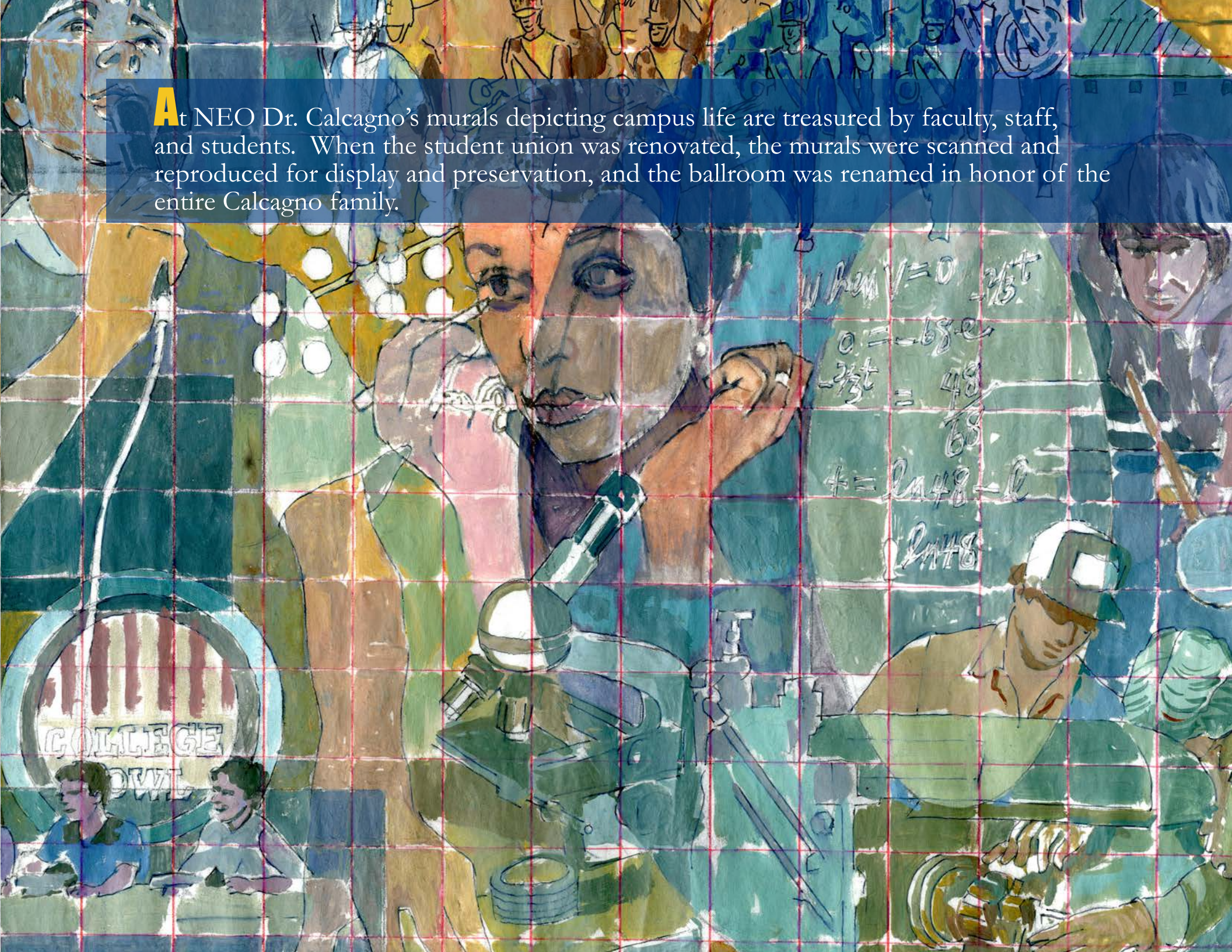
*Dedication
Norseman Statue
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, O.K.
Tuesday, April 27
2:30 p.m.*

School officials and civic leaders gathered on Tuesday, April 27, 1982, to dedicate NEO's Norseman statue and honor everyone who had a hand in its creation.

Dr. Calcagno was previously awarded an Oklahoma Humanities Committee grant for “New Deal Murals in Oklahoma” as part of the Bicentennial activities at the college. Under his guidance NEO developed a slide, sound and narrative brochure on the topic, documenting Oklahoma’s WPA Art program.



At NEO Dr. Calcagno's murals depicting campus life are treasured by faculty, staff, and students. When the student union was renovated, the murals were scanned and reproduced for display and preservation, and the ballroom was renamed in honor of the entire Calcagno family.



Not satisfied with just beautification, NEO also chose to tackle a variety of serious issues across campus during these years.

A heightened interest in the environment lead to the implementation of campus conservation programs and an energy audit of 14 buildings in cooperation with federal and state regulations. Students and faculty were encouraged to turn off lights, lower thermostats and reduce driving speeds to conserve fuel.



Next NEO developed an Affirmative Action Program and worked with federal officials in the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity to write policy statements ensuring equal opportunity for everyone in all personnel actions. Finally, college officials submitted a letter to the State Regents for Higher Education to be included in the State Plan for Civil Rights Compliance.

And finally campus remodeling for handicapped persons included the removal of architectural barriers, the installation of elevators, chairlifts, ramps, water fountains, accessible restrooms, modified seating, and parking areas reserved for handicapped parking, all bringing the campus into compliance with recommendations for campus accessibility.



Twenty Panamanian students sponsored by the Institute of International Education enrolled in an industrial maintenance program at NEO in 1985. Participants attended classes 7 hours a day and were given language assistance, encouraged to participate in cultural activities and helped to adjust to American culture in their new Oklahoma home-away-from-home.



Norse Wind

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Northeastern A&M College
Miami, OK 74333

International Co-eds Observe Busy Week

*'By Lori Nichols
News Reporter*

Chili, Argentina, Peru, and Hong Kong are just a few of the countries that will be represented at this year's International club banquet.

The banquet is to be held Friday Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carter Student Union. This year's banquet will be the finale of the week's activities involving the international club.

The International club consists of 17 different countries, including the United States. Three fourths of the enrollment in the International club has always been represented by foreign students, since 1942.

"When an American joins the club, the foreign students are always thrilled. They are always really anxious to learn, especially when it is about the United States," remarked International club sponsor, Jana in the Carter student union,

Starting off the activities for International week is a Faculty-Student reception, to be held Tuesday Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. in the student union lounge.

"This reception will enable faculty and students to visit and meet the new 19 foreign students," explained Thompson.

Snack Bar Olympics are scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 24, from 2 to 7 p.m. Games such as chess, backgammon, and checkers will be played. The entry fee for the Olympics is 25 cents.

A menu of stuffed cabbage leaves, fried chicken with orange sauce, lamb served french style, fluffy rice, two kinds of tea, coffee and ice cream will begin the night's festivities.

Mike Sulieman, head of the political science department at the University of Kansas will be the after-dinner speaker. Sulieman attended Bradley University and will be talking about his experiences as a foreign student and how he adjusted.

him. Sprinkled throughout the Friday night program will be various countries performing some of their native dances and music. A spring fashion show along with one garment from each country will be modeled.

Elona, a famous belly dancer known throughout the world will be performing. Elona now lives in Tulsa where she teaches belly dancing and is an interior decorator. "She will be dancing to turkish music and the part I find interesting is that she wraps a veil around a mans face at the beginning of the show and when approaching her, she unwraps it and slowly finishes," glowed Thompson.

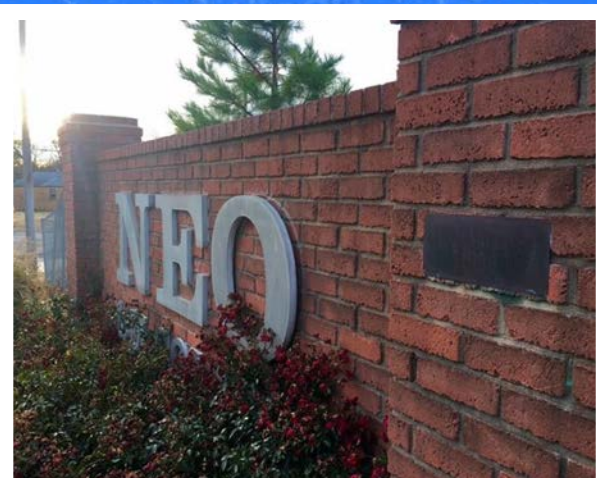
Tickets for the event can be purchased from Shirley Patterson in the counseling offices. Members of the club will get in for two dollars, and any other student...



DANCER

Elona, a famous belly dancer known throughout the world will be participating in the entertainment for the International Week festivities.

In February, 1988, NEO Women donated a sign marking the southeast corner of the main campus. The civic organization comprised of female staff members or spouses dedicated time and fundraising efforts in support of the college and its students. Donations to the college were just one way the members of the college and Miami community showed their support for NEO.



P - OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD

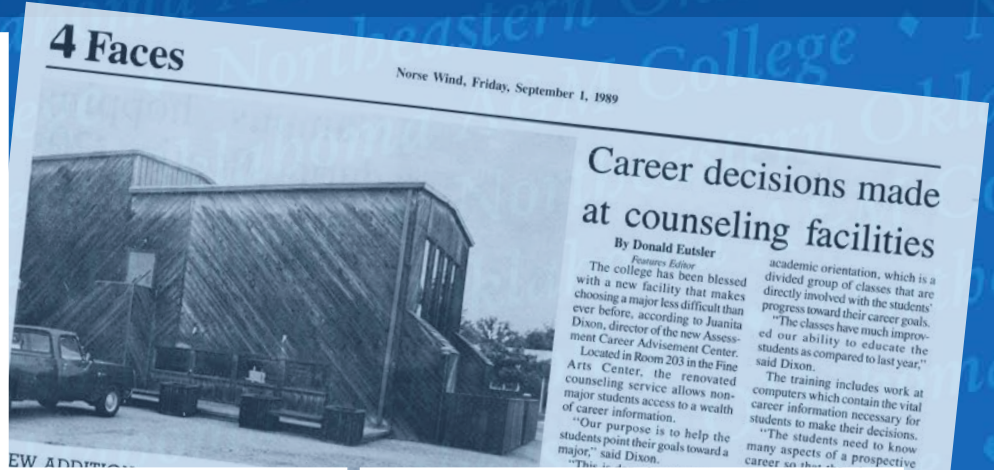
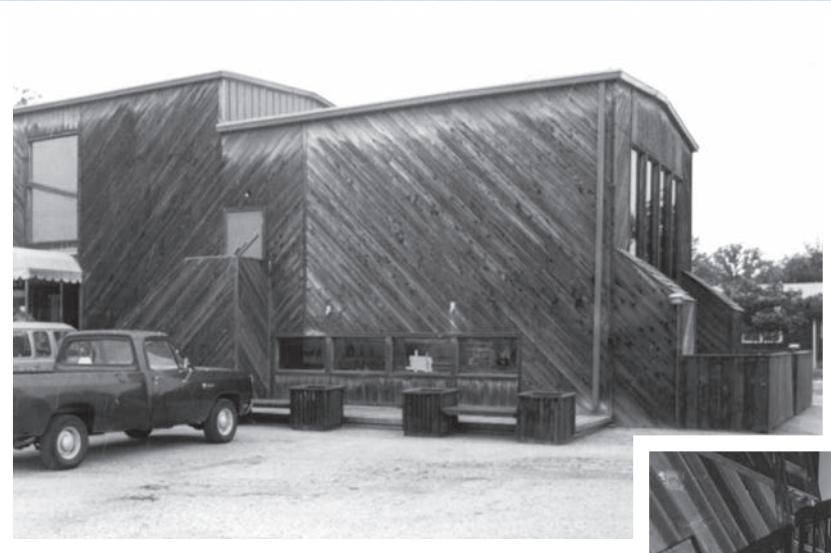
1. Construction of Sign on Campus

The NEO Women, an organization of faculty and staff women and wives, are proposing to pay for the construction of a sign on the southeast corner of the campus. Attached is a drawing depicting the sign (Attachment 1). This organization proposes to pay the entire cost. I request permission for this organization to be allowed to sponsor this activity. Our Maintenance Department will supervise construction of the sign. Included is a map of the campus showing the location of this sign (Attachment 2).

Another donation brought the college back in touch with early history when Dr. Jack Robinson donated the 5-story, red brick Robinson building on Main Street in downtown Miami to the college. The Miami School of Mines originally held classes in the Robinson Building, and initial plans were to utilize the space for adult and continuing education, community activities, or a professional or small business incubator.



While the college eventually transferred ownership of the building to a church, administrators decided to keep college history alive by working with the Oklahoma Historical Society to obtain a property south of campus for a college museum. After renovating the space, it was used for academic, cultural and historical exhibits. The NEO Art Department held classes and provided studio space in the building until it was destroyed in 2007 by rising floodwaters.



The 12th president of the college was a native of Santo, Texas, who came to NEO after serving as Vice President of Howard College in Big Spring, Texas. Dr. Wright's studies in agricultural education began at Sam Houston State University, where he completed B.S. and M. Ed. degrees before pursuing an Ed. D. at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Bobby Wright was President of NEO during a tremendously challenging 10-year period for the college and community.

In addition to the closing of the Goodrich tire plant, and a series of increasing damaging floods, the state endured the economic strains brought on by the end of the oil boom and the toxic legacy of tri-state mining. All these problems culminated in Dr. Wright's resignation from his position with NEO at a press conference in April of 1992.



Starting in January, 1987, childcare was offered at NEO for working parents in an effort to support NEO's educational mission of empowering all students to succeed. For a nominal fee, adult students may attend evening classes knowing their children are well supervised.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Eight Week Session May 31 - July 22, 1994

JULY SESSION 4 WEEKS (JUNE 27-JULY 11, 1994)

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C402 READING IMPROVE	1151 1 HR ARR			
C577 COMM SPECIAL PROB	1161 1 HR ARR			
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C596 TEST TAKING	1633 MTWTH 8:20-9:35			
C597 COMP SKILLS	1603 MTWTH 8:20-9:35			
C598 MICRO SPEED READ	1241 TTH 10:40-12:30			
F002 MUSIC APPRECIATION	1241 TTH 10:40-12:30			
H102 EUROPEAN HISTORY	1241 TTH 10:40-12:30			
H125 DRUGS & PSYCHOLOGY	1241 TTH 10:40-12:30			



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H150 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	1013 MTWTH 7-9:35	BIRDSONG J SH 204
H515 CARE & PREVENTION	2233 MTWTH 7-9:35	MORROW W SH 213
M050 MATH ELEM. TEACHERS	2113 MTWTH 7-9:35	BERRY V SH 203
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In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, NEO staged "Risqué Business", a theatrical drug-awareness play intended to educate K-12 and college students about unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. In support, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health awarded NEO a \$15,000 grant to perform the drama at schools across the state.



1990-1991
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SUMMARY

THE CAST

Matt Beese, Miami
Chris Brown, Tulsa
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Picher Schools
Columbus (KS) Schools
BACCHUS Nat'l. Conv.
Bethel Acres Schools
Earlsboro Schools



Mason Schools
McDonald County (MO) Schools
Turpin Schools
Drumright

To project a positive professional image, NEO established publication guidelines in July, 1989. Symbols of institutional identity – logos and emblems appearing on college materials or representing academic, administrative or athletic functions – were formalized and trademarked. The college seal, designed in 1986, is used for official publications, certification of degrees and on legal documents. The college font became “Bookman Bold” and high quality consistent use in letterhead, envelopes, and business cards reinforced a positive public image for the institution.

The NEO seal depicting the NEO chimes towers and the inscription: ‘Preparing for Tomorrow’



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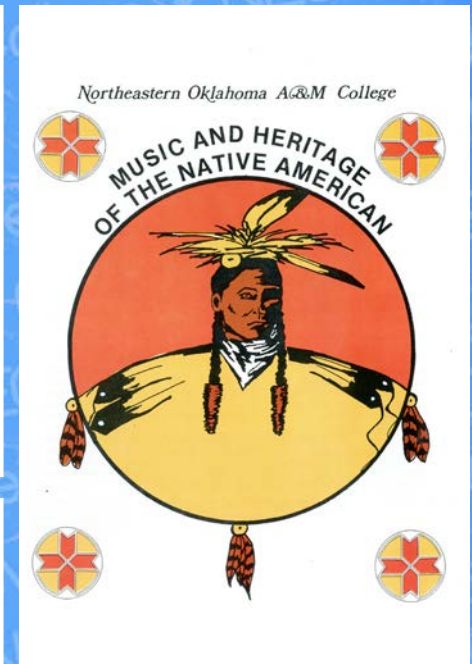
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In October, 1993, NEO launched an American Indian Studies Program with the support of nine Native American Tribes located in northeast Oklahoma. Native Americans make up approximately 19 percent of the college's student body population, giving NEO the largest Native American student enrollment of all the public colleges in the United States.

Classes in the program include American Indian Writers, The History of the American Indian, Traditional Indian Singing and Dance, Native American Art, Cherokee Language I and II, in an extensive mix of history, tribal government and art for 63 credit hours in the heritage study program.



- New program designed
- Football drills end

Sports

New center created

Wellness Center at college



Another new program focusing on wellness emphasized health, nutrition, biological science and elective management courses for students working toward an Associate of Arts degree in the Behavioral Science Division of the school.

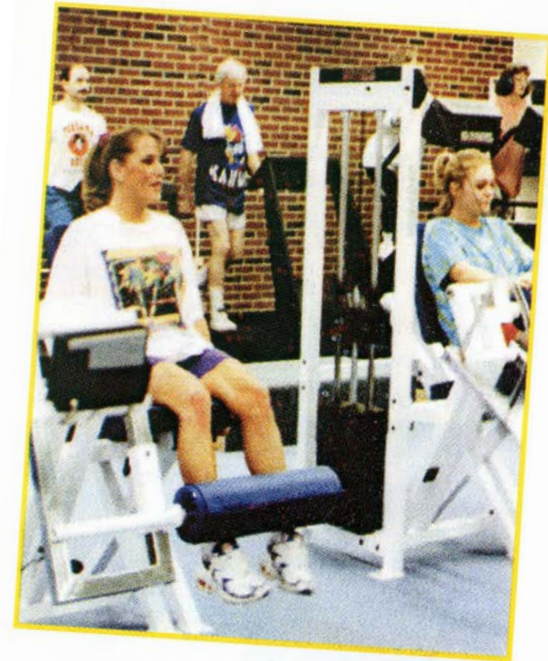
In conjunction with the program, a Wellness Center was opened in the fall of 1995, one of only two cardiovascular programs in the state -- providing students, faculty and community a place to work out and improve their health.

Classes available. Structured classes will be instructed by faculty members for students that feel they need someone to advise them in what they are doing," Bishop said. These classes will be offered at 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The second type of class is one that will be on your own leisure. You will be required to come in and work out three times a week on

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From 1993 until 1997, Dr. Jerry Carroll was the thirteenth president at NEO A&M College. A native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Dr. Carroll assumed his duties at NEO on January 4, 1993, as the top choice from a field of 76 candidates. Dr. Carroll came to NEO from Tulsa Junior College Metro Campus where he had worked for 22 years and served as Provost.

Dr. Carroll had progressive plans for NEO and the surrounding community; he was especially interested in recruiting industry to the Miami area in order to provide jobs for NEO graduates. In addition, Dr. Carroll made every effort to work collaboratively with NEO's faculty and staff. "I fully intend to be a listening president that will involve the constituents of the campus, particularly when a decision might effect an individual's area," said Carroll, "I want their opinions and their thoughts."

Under Carroll's guidance, NEO expanded its academic programs and guided the college to a 10-year full accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission; under his guidance NEO established their first satellite, a Grove, OK campus, which opened its doors in 1998.



*You are invited to an Open House
at the home of
Dr. & Mrs. Jerry D. Carroll
821 Fourth Avenue North East
Miami, Oklahoma
on Tuesday, December 3, 1996
"Come & Go"
from five until eight o'clock p.m.*



In October, 2009, the “Dr. Jerry and Jan Carroll Presidential Garden,” in the courtyard entrance to the Library Administration Building, was named for Dr. Carroll and his wife in recognition of their service to the college.



In 1994 the college celebrated its 75th birthday, showcasing academics and athletics at “the most unique two-year college in the US.” The celebration focused on looking toward the future.

“The 21st century is just over the horizon. NEO intends to offer students the courses, degree programs and technologies to meet the needs of this new era.” ~ Dr. Carroll

TO: STAFF
FROM: C. T. Bain, Director - LRC
DATE: February 1, 1989
SUBJECT: NEO A&M'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

As a part of NEO A&M's 70th celebration, it has been suggested th slogan or motto be created. It will be used on college stationery, possible lapel pins, or other mementoes, throughout the coming year. Anyone wishing to make a suggestion for a motto or slogan to celebrate our 70th year please submit your idea on a 3" x 5" card with your name, address, and telephone number. Entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. February 15, 1989.

Send the slogan to:

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in 1989*

NEO A&M College
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years of excellence



1994 SUMMER
&
FALL SCHEDULE

For three quarters of a century NEO A&M College had been working to prepare students to take their first steps into a wider world. The college had grown from a small school of mining to a college that offered all the benefits of a big university on a scale that was affordable, personal and adaptable to the needs of students. At the end of the 20th century, NEO's Blue and Gold Tradition was alive and well in the hearts of those who draw strength from the belief that "Once A Norseman, Always a Norseman."

NEO A&M COLLEGE...Challenges of the Future

Student Scholarships: The overall mission and purpose of NEO is to educate students for entry into the world of work and/or to prepare them for transfer to a four-year institution of higher education and further career preparation. Thousands of former students have learned about the arts and sciences, technology and themselves while attending the college.

Traditional resources for student financial assistance are beginning to decrease and have more and more limitations. One result of this is that fewer students are able to come to NEO (or any other college) because they do not have access to necessary scholarship assistance.

The single most important way YOU can help NEO is by supporting our Foundation's student scholarship fund!

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College has been a beneficiary of the Nellie Dobson Trust for many years. Hundreds of students have benefited from this planned gift income to NEO from the Dobson Trust has declined in recent years as the fund is the balance of a depletion reserve. In the late 1970s and early 1980s the trust produced a large source of external funds for NEO due to the "take or pay" oil policies of the federal government and the petroleum industry. Those policies created a "bubble" of excess revenue and interest which inflated funds available to the college. From having annual benefits in excess of \$300,000, the college now receives less than \$200,000 each year from the trust. The Dobson Trust cannot be the sole source of external funds to help support scholarships and professional development at NEO.

Contributions for scholarships are needed to help students now, and contributions are needed to enlarge our endowment base to meet future scholarship demands. As a scholarship donor, you will work with us to establish any appropriate conditions on the use of your contribution. Donations to the endowment fund will be invested and managed to enhance growth with minimal risk and permit us to have a portion of interest income to use for scholarships each year.

The future success of NEO in impacting positively on the lives of students depends on the resources we have available to financially give people the ability to attend the college. Your annual contribution in this area is critical.

NEO 2000: Commitment to Educational Excellence

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College should not only focus on the past, we invite you to share with us in building for tomorrow and the 21st century. The Development Foundation has developed NEO 2000 to make the most of employer giving in support of the college.

The Development Foundation has three primary objectives in serving the students, faculty, and staff of NEO A&M College:

- **Student Scholarships** are the lifeline of the college. As traditional sources of support to students become more limited, we need the participation of more individuals and organizations to provide aid to deserving students.
- **Faculty & Staff Professional Development** is another support objective of the Foundation. It is vital to maintain quality instruction and student support services to meet future challenges. Although there are many opportunities for professional development, the need to take advantage of such opportunities is increasing.
- **College Operations & Special Projects** comprise the third area in the mission of the Foundation. Through this objective we maintain alumni relations, promote fund raising opportunities, and can support special needs (such as equipment requests, guest lecturers, special events, etc.).

The Development Foundation presents these objectives with both short- and long-term strategies. We need support now, through employee giving, to meet short-term needs. We invite you to be involved and observe our progress and stewardship of your contributions. We hope you will then consider a planned giving program. Such a program can provide resources for endowment funds. Endowment provide the support to meet long-term needs of the college. Endowment funds take time to develop from donors.

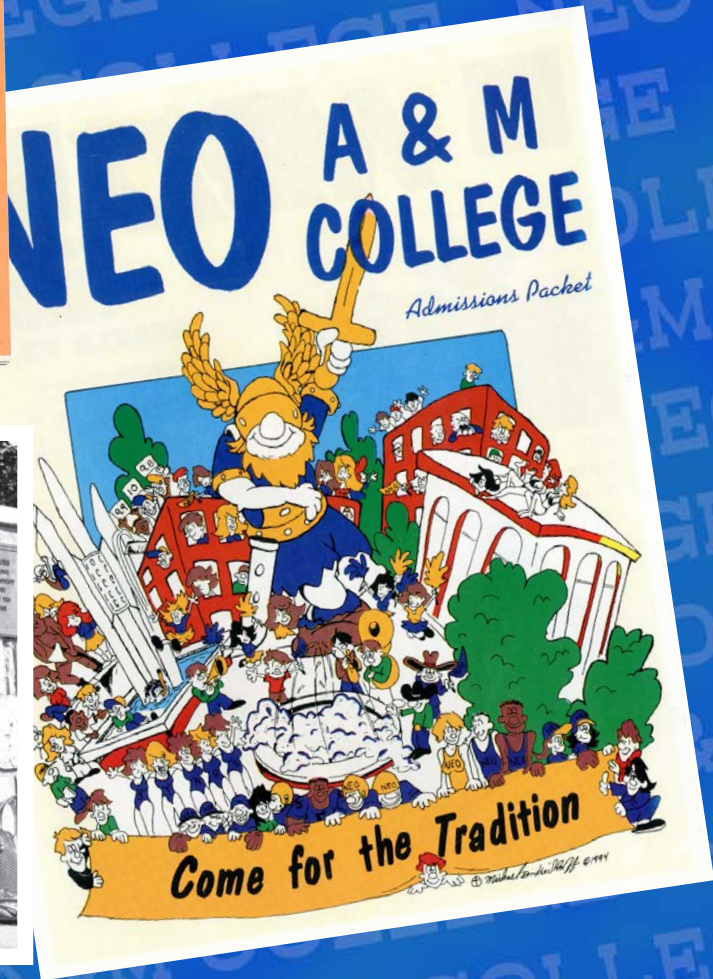
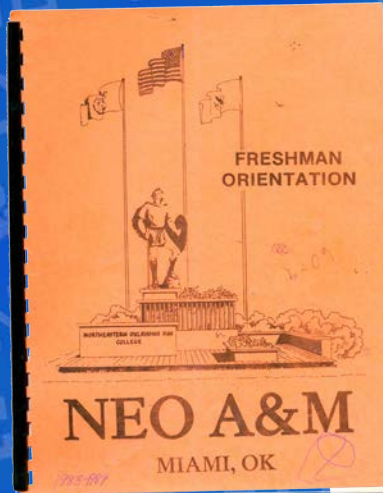
NEO 2000 replaces the Future Generators Program. There are limitations on how your contributions can be used. We also assure you that your contribution will not be used for a different purpose unless we have your permission. **THE CRITICAL SUPPORT OF NEO 2000 IS THE CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE COLLEGE.** Seventy-five years of excellence and tradition should be seen as building blocks for the future. With your help, NEO A&M College will enter the next century prepared to continue the tradition of your support.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet and visit with you about NEO 2000 and your support. Payroll deductions are available and most contributions are tax deductible. No amount you give is too small, right now is the important time you become involved! When we receive your pledge card, we will arrange a visit with you to discuss the use of your contribution within the objectives of the Foundation.

Please review the attached information on the anniversary campaign and donor recognition levels adopted by the Foundation. We need your participation! Complete the pledge card and return it to: NEO Development Foundation, Box 3025, NEO A&M College. Please reply by August 30.

Join us in celebrating the milestone of NEO!

John Carroll President
John Carroll Foundation President
John Carroll Fund Development Specialist



MISSION AND PURPOSE (1994):

“Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is organized as a state supported comprehensive college offering associate degrees and/or certificates while remaining sensitive to the specialized educational needs of the local community. The basic curricula contain freshman and sophomore courses for students who intend to pursue a baccalaureate degree after leaving Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Occupational programs provide opportunities for those who plan to enter the workforce upon graduation. Other educational programs provide for furthering the cultural, occupational, recreational and enrichment opportunities for those in the community desiring to study with or without credit, in specific areas of their interest.”

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PREFACE

WELCOME TO NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA A&M COLLEGE! Some of the most exciting times of your life will be experienced during the next two years here at NEO.

Makin' the change from high school to college is both challenging and a bit frightening. New names, faces, places, learning new things, new fears and new pleasures will all be a part of your college life. If you are feeling a little anxious about starting college, you are not alone, approximately 1,800 other nervous freshmen are with you here on campus to start the new semester. It's okay to be nervous. In fact, it's normal.

What you are feeling is only temporary. Once you meet your roommate and others in your dorm or classes, find all the restrooms, water fountains, the way to the student union and where the food is, you will begin to relax. In fact, after you do your first examinations and take your first examinations--- live to tell about it---, you will be feeling like a first-class student.

Your success in college will be determined by the goals and expectations you set for yourself. You must take an active part in your educational process. The opportunities to learn will be provided by the college through the teachers, the resources of the college, and the administrative staff. You are in control of how much you learn and the quality of your learning experience will be determined by your active participation in classes, clubs, events, etc.

The old adage---"you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink"---can be used to draw an analogy about your college opportunities. The finest water will be provided by NEO, the shape and character of your dipper and the quality of the water you choose to drink is up to you. Use the water to satisfy your thirst for skills, knowledge, and wisdom so you can become the best---manager, secretary, accountant, teacher, lawyer, scientist, coach, doctor, nurse, welder, auto mechanic, rancher, actor, artist, writer, musician, engineer, etc. Your only limits are those you set.

Your orientation class will answer many of your questions and can help you overcome your concerns. If you need help for any reason, your counselor or advisor will be available for you.

So, make yourself at home---GOLDEN NORSEMAN. It's going to be an exciting year.



