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Photo by Pam Bushyhead

New lighting along the main mall area between the Bruce G. Carter Student Union and Dobson/Harrill dormitories was just one of several major projects which changed the overall beauty of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College campus.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

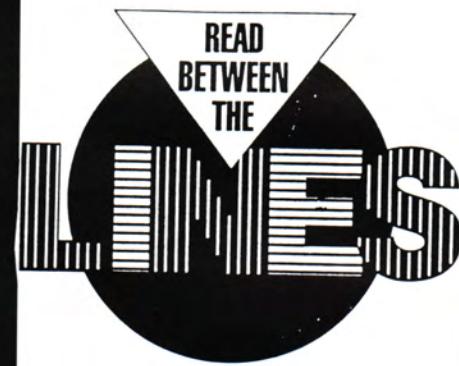
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1,796 Students

“The new lights really make it nice going from your dorm room to the library or anywhere else on campus at night. It makes you feel very safe.”

-Calee Doles, sophomore

Russell Hayden, a freshman from Mannford, and Byron Beers, a sophomore from Owasso, unload a car as the move in to their dorm rooms at Russell Hall.

David Burkham



More than
The residential hall
40 percent
council planned
of the student
numerous activities
body lived
ranging from current
in college
movies to sand
housing.
volleyball.

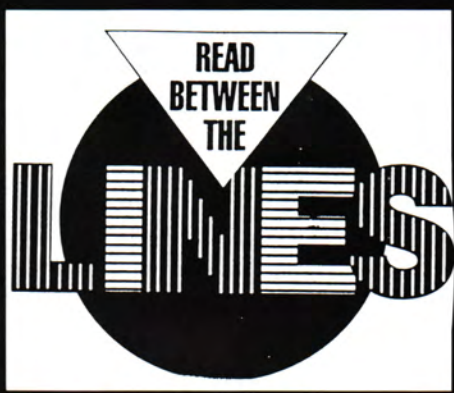
Four guys gather in a Russell Hall dorm room for video games and popcorn while waiting for a football game on television.

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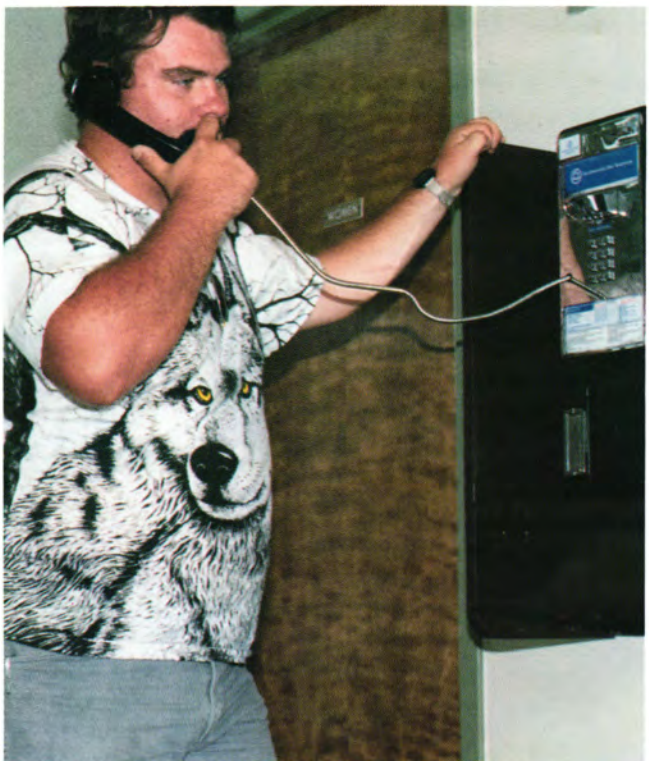
Michael Buckingham, a freshman from Tulsa, struggles with unloading his car as he moves into Vann Hall.

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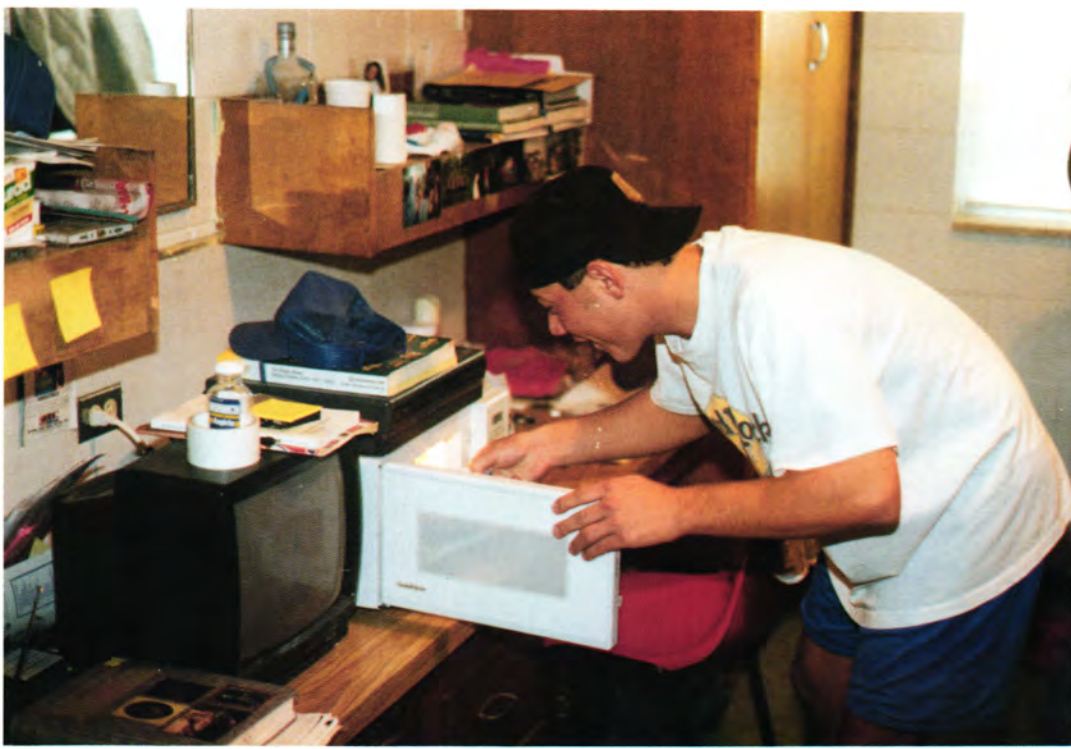




Along with
The college provided
video games
an intramural sports
and pool
program which
tables, students
featured football,
had access
basketball, softball
to swimming
golf, and other sports
weightlifting
for all students.
equipment.



David Underwood, a sophomore from Grove, answers a phone call in the hallway of Russell Hall.
David Burkham



Brian Andrews, a freshman from Cushing, checks his snack in the microwave before returning to his studies in his room.
David Burkham



Rodney Smith, a freshman from Galveston, Texas, makes a selection from the candy machine in the lobby of Kah-Ne Hall.
David Burkham



Tish Baker, a freshman from Tulsa, and Kimberly Bell, a freshman from Jay, discuss what clothes to wear for a night out on the town.

Calee Doles

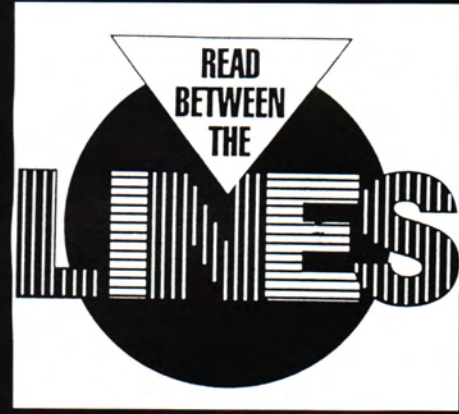


Swapping stories about their latest dates were, from left; Kimberly Bell, freshman from Jay, Tish Baker, freshman from Tulsa, and Nichole Bradford, a sophomore from Tulsa.

Calee Doles

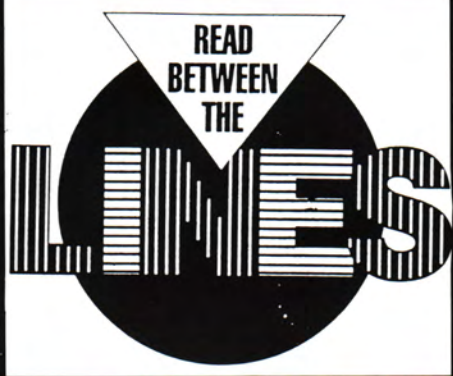
Nichole Bradford, a sophomore from Tulsa, talks to her parents on a hall phone in Dobson Hall.

Calee Doles



Living in the

Female students
combined
 make their dorm
 facilities of
 rooms have their
Harrill/Dobson
 own personalities
dormitories
 with curtains and
are more than
 other decorative
300 students
 items.



Many students
Using their creative
moved away
minds, they were
from home
able to decorate
for the very
their new homes
first time and
and make them
make a new
unique for the
home for
people living there.
themselves.



Natoya Alnett, a freshman from Eufaula, looks for some clothes to wear to class.
Calee Doles



Amanda Bailey, a freshman from McAlester, blow dries her finger nails while preparing for a date.
Calee Doles

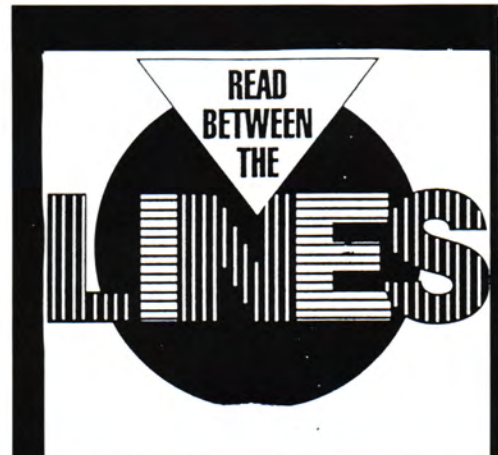


Coming back to Harrill Hall after class is freshman Kassie Hamlin of Choctaw.
Calee Doles



Cheryl Butler, coordinator of counseling, checks in a group of visitors during the start of Family Day activities on campus.

David Burkham



Family and

More than 400 people
friends came

descended on NEC
to participate

to visit with students
in the annual

and attend several
Family Day

festivities planned
activities

throughout the day
on campus.

and evening.



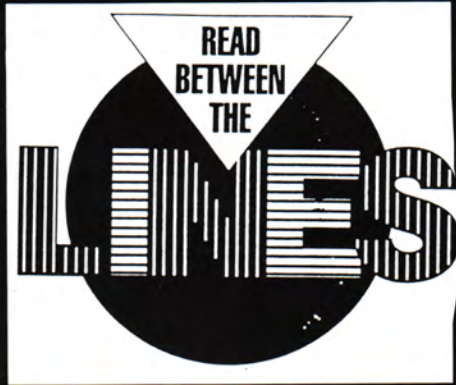
Visitors check the bargains that were available in the College Bookstore during Family Day activities.

David Burkham

Two students look over the greeting card selection that was available in the College Bookstore during Family Day.

David Burkham





Following registration to several different in the Student Union, the entertainment by visitors had campus clubs and dinner in the the Golden Norse cafeteria and a football game.



Raybon Bewley directs the Golden Norse Marching Band in a number out in front of Shipley Hall.

David Burkham



Family and friends of NEO students gather on the benches around the flag pole located between the Carter Student Union and Shipley Hall prior to the start of Family Day activities.

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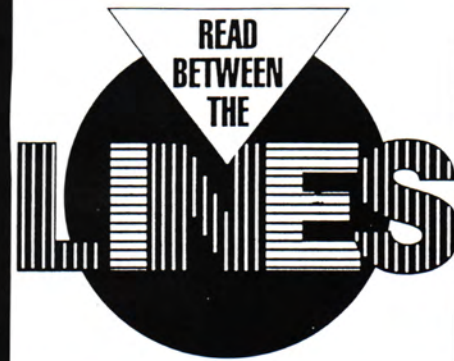


Various campus clubs and organizations sold items from booths set up in the main mall area during Family Day festivities.

David Burkham

Cafeteria worker Cathy Capansky prepares milk for the ice cream machine after spending a day at the beauty shop.

David Burkham



With the

Several members of
start of the
college faculty and
Homecoming
staff got into the
Week on campus.

Halloween spirit by
several events

by dressing up for
highlighted

work to the amusement

the week.

of everyone.

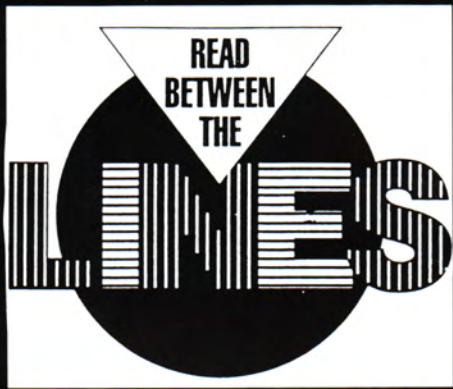
Postmissstress Rosemary Maloney, dressed as Old Mother Hubbard, and assistant postmissstress Pam Bushyhead, dressed as Mickey Mouse, dispense mail on Halloween from the college post office.

David Burkham

Business instructor Chuck Levo sports a funny nose as he teaches a class on Halloween.

David Burkham





Members of
 The NEO Choir was
 the OWLS
 judged the winner of
 organization
 Homecoming building
 worked hard
 decorating contest
 to decorate
 while the Nursing
 the Student Union
 Student Association
 for Halloween
 finished second.
 and Homecoming.



Two members of the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) show off their ghoulish costumes.
Byron Beers



Dana Hurley (second row, far right), coordinator of the OWLS program, poses with other members dressed for Halloween.

Byron Beers

Two members of the OWLS organization pause before going trick or treating on Halloween.

Byron Beers





Dr. Jerry Carroll, NEO president, pauses while addressing some of the Homecoming queen candidates that attended a formal dinner at his home.

Monty Franks

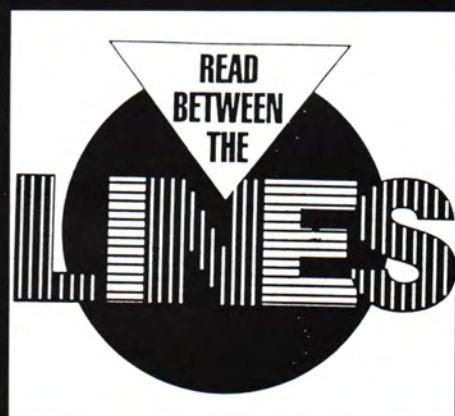


Competing for the 1995 Homecoming queen title were, bottom row, from left; Laura Sorrels; Martha Clower; Shelly Ng; Heather Dunkel; Carly Hammond; Wendy Cordell; Shelly Russow; Heather Bennett, and Abby Beggerly. Middle row, Nicole Crawford; Rachele Tuttle; Shelly Hendrix; Jodi Zimmerman; Angela Baughman; Amy Crutchfield; Kathryn Sims; Paula Hayes, and Melody Gaines. Top row, Dee Baker; Amy Clapp; Kellie Bland; Donna Robitaille; Nia Rawlins; Nancy Watson; Janet Poe, and Allie Ward.

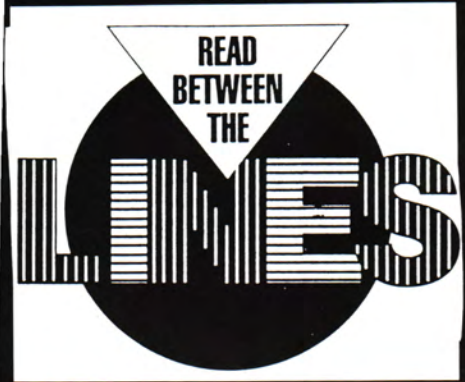
Tim Ingram

Eventual queen Kellie Bland (far right), carries on a conversation at a table during dinner at Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Carroll's home.

Monty Franks



Along with
 The 26 Homecoming
 the celebration
 queen candidates were
 of Halloween
 treated to a formal
 the week also
 dinner on Monday night
 included events
 at the home of NEO
 surrounding
 president, Dr. and Mrs.
 Homecoming
 Jerry Carroll.



The entire
 Activities continued
 student body
 on Tuesday with a
 was invited to
 a bonfire and pep rally
 participate in
 held in the area
 a week of
 between the baseball
 activities
 and softball fields
 held around
 east of the tennis courts.
 campus.



Flames leap high into the night at the start of a bonfire pep rally to start Homecoming activities.
Casey Adkins



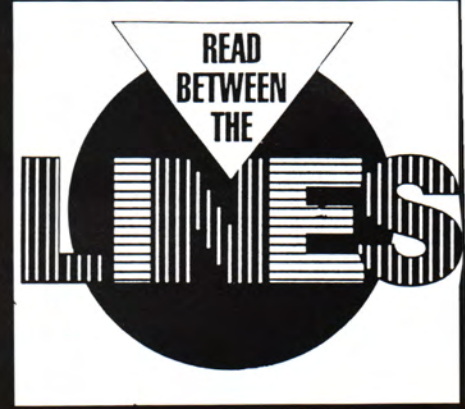
Raybon Bewley and the Golden Norse Spirit Band attempt to generate some crowd enthusiasm during the pep rally.
Casey Adkins



Leonard Bauchman, drafting instructor, checks out the legging on Norse god Odin as one of the decorations in the Bruce Carter Student Union Snack Bar area.
Byron Beers

Queen candidate Kellie Bland, a sophomore journalism major from Wyandotte, is escorted across the Fine Arts Auditorium stage by Jeff Able, a sophomore from Wyandotte.

Kathy Wyrick



Another major activity of Homecoming Week was the traditional Queen Pageant in current formal attire on Thursday for the judges.

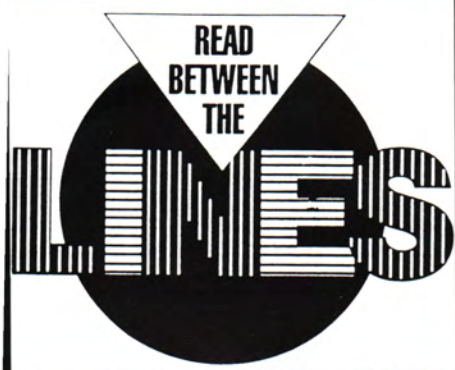
All of the 26 Homecoming queen candidates gather at center stage at the conclusion of the pageant.

Kathy Wyrick

Matt Mayo, a sophomore from Hominy, and his group provided accompaniment during the pageant.

Kathy Wyrick





All of the 26
 While Kellie Bland
 candidates
 was judged the winner
 participated in
 Martha Clower was
extensive
 first runner-up and
 interview sessions
 Shelly Russow was
 with the judges
 second runner-up and
 before the start
 Carly Hammond was third.
 of the pageant.



Shelly Russow, a sophomore from Gravette, Ark., representing Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity, is escorted across stage by Jason Bowden, a sophomore from Miami.
Kathy Wyrick



Martha Clower, and her husband Kenneth, cross the stage during the pageant. Martha, a freshman representing the Physically Challenged Club, was selected first runner-up.
Kathy Wyrick

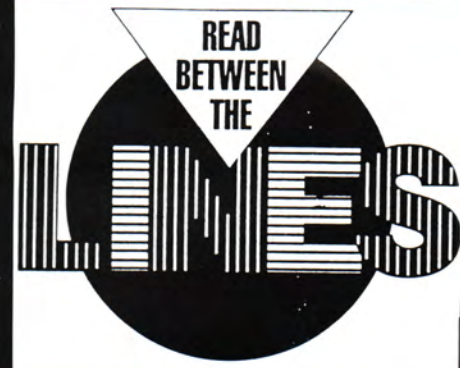


Carly Hammond, a freshman speech and theatre major from Oologah and representing the Masquers Club, is escorted by Wilmer Denver, from Hiawasee, Ark.
Kathy Wyrick



Odin stands at the helm of the OWLS ship as it gains the first place trophy in the Homecoming parade.

Tiffany Zgabay



Each year

Two former graduates

the Alumni

were selected as

and Friends

Outstanding Alumni

Association

with Clinton White

select former

from the class of 1938

students as

and Dr. Linda Warner

winner of a

of the 1968 class chosen

special award.



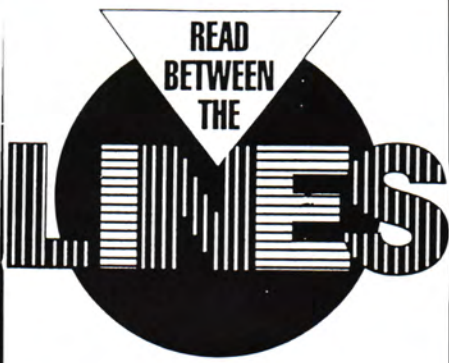
Children make up the crew as the Child Development Club tied for second in the float competition.

Tiffany Zgabay

Members of the Afro-American Society wear Golden Norse game jerseys on the entry which tied for second place in the float competition.

Tiffany Zgabay





Parade day

The OWLS organization featured more than 75 units in the hour-long procession and the Afro-American Society tied for second in the competition.



Representing the diverse culture of NEO, members of the Masquers Club float down Main Street in the third place float.
Tiffany Zgabay



The Golden Norse Marching Band plays the school fight song as they proceed down Main Street.

Tiffany Zgabay



The Norse Stars Dance/Drill team perform a routine as they travel down Main Street.

Pam Bushyhead



After receiving a bouquet of flowers from Chris Davis (left), president of the Student Body Government, 1995 Homecoming queen Kellie Bland receives a kiss from her escort Jeff Ables.

Tiffany Zgabay

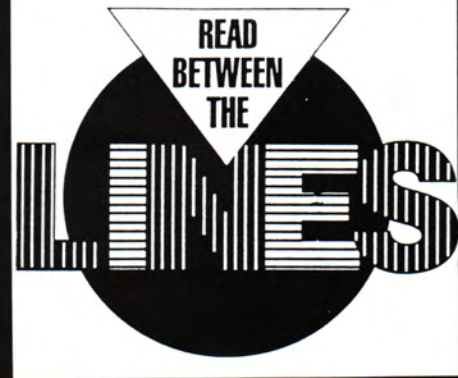


Riding in the Homecoming parade as a representative of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society, Kellie Bland is chauffeured by Andy and Carol Smith, sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa.

Tiffany Zgabay

Queen Kellie Bland, and her escort Jeff Able, receive a bouquet of roses and a silver platter from Student Body Government president Chris Davis as flower girl Kayla Berry gives crown bearer Denny Mask a hug.

Tiffany Zgabay



Crowning

Kellie Bland, a sophomore

moment of

from Wyandotte, was

the week-long

selected from the

festivities

field of 26 young

came at hand

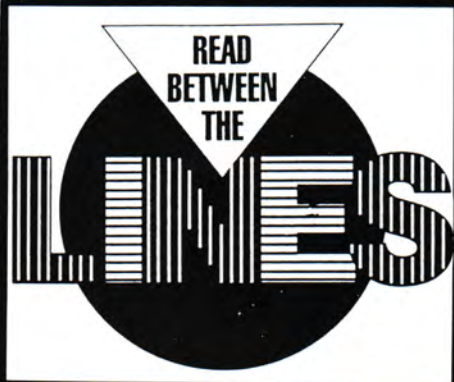
women as the 1995

of the NEO-

Homecoming queen

Blinn, Texas game

recipient.



Kellie Bland

Former Homcoming
was a journalism

queen B.J. Lipscomb

major and a

returned to campus

member of

to make the crown

Phi Theta Kappa

presentation at halftime

National

to queen Kellie Bland

Honor

and her court.

Society.



Chris Davis, president of the Student Body Government, presents first runner-up Martha Clower, a freshman from Vinita, and her escort Kenneth with a silver platter.

Tiffany Zgabay



Members of the royal court exit the football field after being announced to the crowd.

Tiffany Zgabay



1994 Homecoming queen B.J. Lipscomb (center) poses with crown bearer Denny Mack and flower girl Kayla Berry.

Tiffany Zgabay



As part of the advertisement for the benefit pow-wow, members of the Native Student American Association set up a tee-pee in front of Copen Hall.

Jonathan Middleton

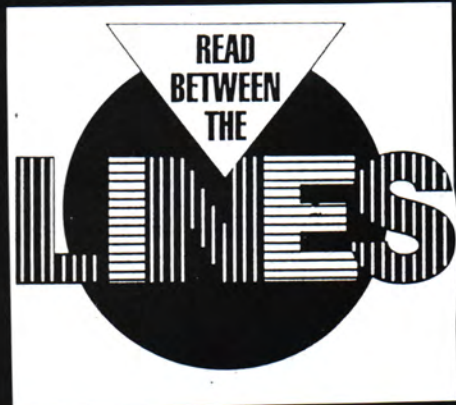


Sunny Waters and other members of the Seneca-Cayuga tribe provide music for the pow-wow.

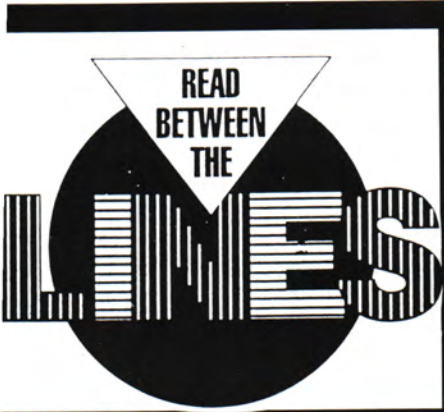
Jonathan Middleton

Ben (Bo) Walters served as head man dancer during the day-long pow-wow.

Jonathan Middleton



Several
 The Native American
 hundred
 Student Association
 members of
 hosted their annual
 area tribes
 benefit pow-wow
 participated
 in the Bruce G. Carter
 in the day-long
 Student Union.
 event.
 ballroom.



The pow-wow
 Shaunda Brooks
 started with a
 served as head lady
 traditional
 dancer while Ben
 gourd dance
 Walters served as
 while also
 head man dancer
 featuring a
 and Sean Spicer
 dinner and
 was Master of Ceremonies.
 Grand Entry.



Ladies and children participate in the Shawl Dance during the pow-wow.
Jonathan Middleton



Drummers and singers gather in the center of the Carter Student Union ballroom to begin the pow-wow.
Jonathan Middleton

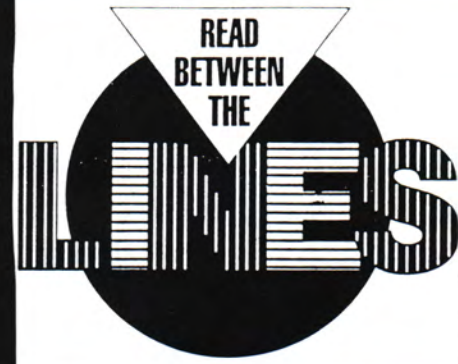


Members of the Seneca-Cayuga and Moco tribes start the music to begin the pow-wow.
Jonathan Middleton



Taking advantage of a low-impact weight machine is freshman Jennifer Johnson of Tulsa.

Nancy Bishop



Featuring

Students also had some of the newest

an opportunity to swim in the college equipment in pool and participate aerobic fitness

in the free-weight the Wellness

lifting program as Center was part of the center. always in use



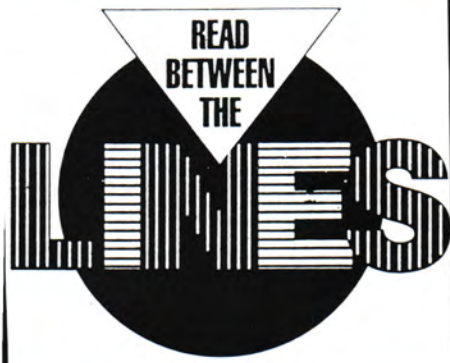
The Wellness Center featured 22 stations which helped students get into shape.

Nancy Bishop

Students take advantage of both the stationary bikes and the stair-step machines during workout sessions.

Nancy Bishop





While students
 More than 200 students,
 were exposed
 faculty, staff, and
 to numerous
 administrators were
 cultural events,
 part of the first class
 they also
 to participate in the
 had a chance
 new Wellness Center
 to exercise.
 classes.



Part of the low-impact program in the Wellness Center focused on development of back and lower body development.

Nancy Bishop



Leg presses were an important part in the cycle of aerobic fitness within the Wellness Center.

Nancy Bishop

Students work hard at developing leg strength and endurance during a workout session.

Nancy Bishop





Preparing to jump from bales of hay to scare visitors are two members of the Equine Club.

Amy Hagebusch



Members of

Three days prior to
the equine

Halloween, the two
farm and ranc.

agriculture clubs

management

combined to transform

clubs combined

the Equine Center into

to create a

a spooky experience

haunted barn

for visitors.



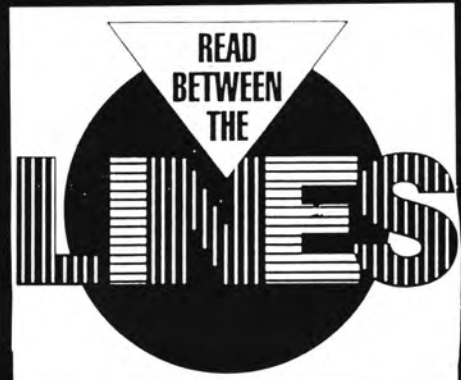
Making a clean sweep of the Haunted Barn are several ghouls that participated in the three-day event.

Amy Hagebusch

Jason and his weed-wacker wreaked havoc throughout the Haunted Barn.

Amy Hagebusch





Created as
Students dressed in
a revenue
an assortment of
making event
ghosts, ghouls, and
for both clubs,
goblins to scare
the Haunted
the kids coming
Barn thrilled
through the college
many visitors
Equine Center.
on Halloween.



A witch makes sure that her pot isn't boiling over before visitors start coming through her area.

Amy Hagebusch



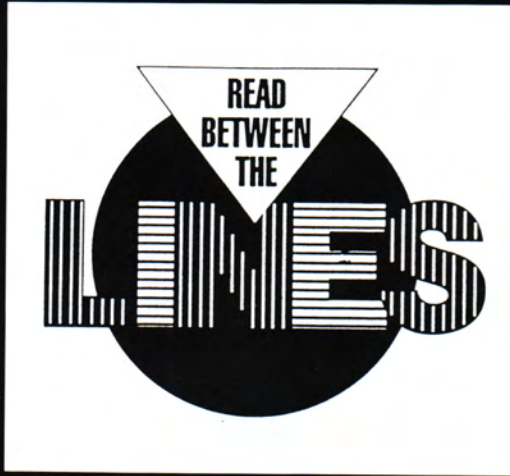
Seems like there was a mistake made by the doctor and his nurse in the equine ER.

Amy Hagebusch



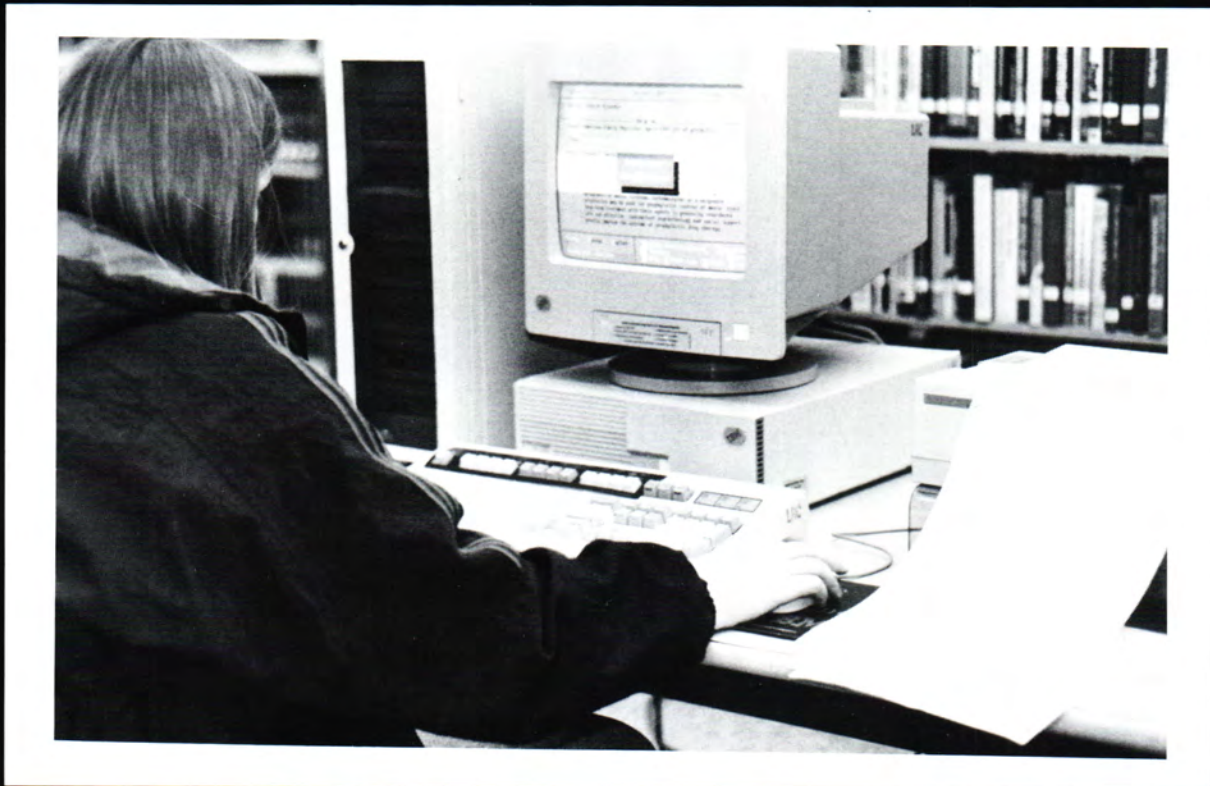
Equine instructor Kevin Pool, dressed as Dracula on the back row, poses with the entire cast of the Haunted Barn.

Amy Hagebusch



Six separate divisions

Offering courses in 73 different academic
comprise the academic area.
fields of study.



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ACADEMICS



Agriculture majors
 The Agriculture division features
benefit from more
 seven instructors and 15 different
than just classwork
 academic degree programs.

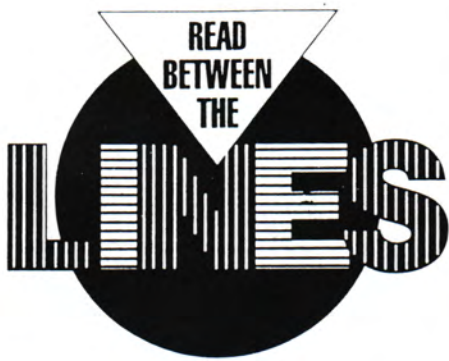


Jary Douglas
 Division Chair
Lawson Essex
 Farm Manager/Rodeo Coach



Roger Fent
 Agriculture/Farm Instructor
Dr. James Gleckler
 Forestry/Wildlife Instructor
Dr. Pete Smith
 Agriculture/Farm Instructor





Behavioral science

The division features
majors have 14

15 instructors with a variety of
fields to select from.

up-to-date equipment.



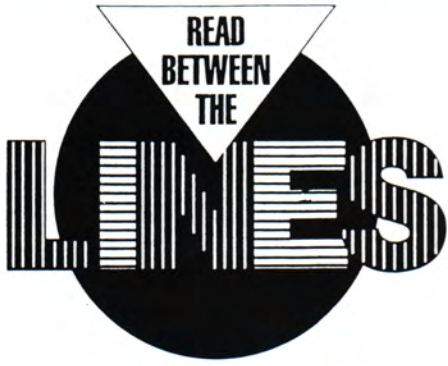
Bob Maxwell
 Division Chair
Bob Anderson
 Social Science
Jeff Birdsong
 Social Science



Nancy Bishop
 Physical Education
Katherine Blundell
 Social Science
Carol Calcagno
 Physical Education
Diana Collings
 Social Science
Randy Gipson
 Social Science



Rod Kramer
 Social Science
Dr. George Largent
 Head of Social Science
Alan Lauchner
 Social Science
Mike Loyd
 Physical Education
Leon Manning
 Criminal Justice



Business, Computer and Industrial Sciences

George Weaver
Division Chair
Jeff Aldridge
Electronic/Physics
Leonard Bachman
Drafting



Shirley Coker
Business
Ronald Combs
Plastics Technology
Jeb DeHanas
Electronics
David Gilbert
Automotive Technology
James Grover
Computer Science

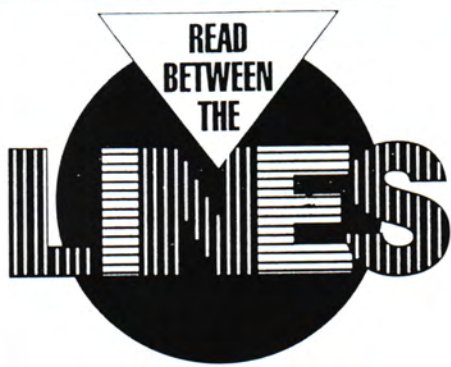


Edwin Hammons
Computer Science
Joy Hearon
Business
Sharon Johnson
Business
Douglas Lee
Welding/Metal Fabrication
Steve Leonard
Computer Science



Chuck Levo
Business
Jana Lynn Thompson
Business
Marcia Tynon
Child Care
Ava Welch
Business
Virginia Woods
Business





Communications and Fine Arts division



Jack Rucker
Division Chair
Robert Bayse
English
Raybon Bewley
Music
Tony Bickham
English
Carla Brummet
Reading



Betty Caskey
English/Foreign Language
Dr. Hank Coiner
Humanities/Foreign Language
Kirsten Couch
Art
Monty Franks
Journalism
David Froman
Speech and Theatre



DeMaris Gaines
Music
Brian Hauck
Head of Speech and Theatre
Brian Inbody
Television Production
Cheryl Jones
English
Ruth Ann Maxwell
English and Reading



Steve McCurley
Technical Theatre
Carol Smith
English
Dr. Sue Stidham
English
James Webster
English
Mary Susan Whaley
Music



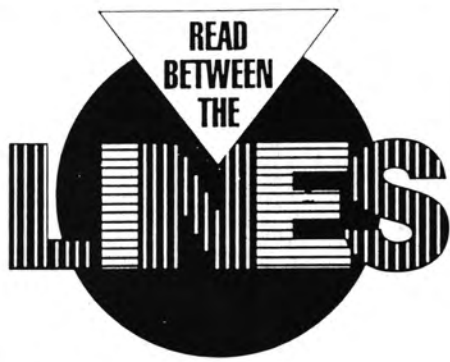
Health Science division
 Also contained an Allied Health
 featured 11 instructors
 and mental health options.
 and eight programs.

Judy Hancock
 Surgical Technology/Nursing
Kay Harris
 Director Medical Lab Technology
Pat McConnell
 Nursing
Peggy Wood
 Nursing
Roberta Wood
 Nursing



Bethene Fahnestock
 Division Chair
Liz Follis
 Nursing





Science and

This division contained 15 faculty Engineering division

members and six academic areas.



Don Caskey
Division Chair
Orland Aldridge
Mathematics
Vickie Berry
Mathematics
Chester Campbell
Chemistry
David Dallas
Biological Science



Gregory Dlabach
Mathematics
Dr. Mark Grigsby
Biological Science
Janie Jacks
Mathematics
Randy Jones
Chemistry
Mary Kirkpatrick
Chemistry



John Lomax
Head of Mathematics
Matt Mayfield
Physics/Mathematics
Karen Rogers
Mathematics
Betty Spradlin
Biological Science
Sam Wells
Geology



Dr. Jerry Carroll

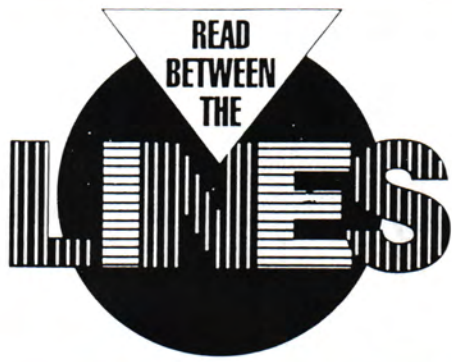
Dr. Carroll faced several
enters his third year

important challenges during his tenure.
as college president



Dr. Jerry Carroll (left), president of NEO, carries on a discussion with faculty members Dr. Pete Smith and Shirley Coker during the annual Back-to-School Student Mixer.

Kathy Wyrick



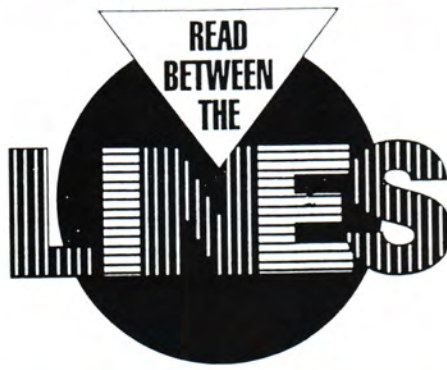
Vice presidents and
 Decisions are made in the daily
 other administrative
 operation of the insitution by these
positions
 management supervisors.



Dr. James Lovell
 Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tom Poole
 Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Tom Bain
 Director of the Learning Resources Center
Dennis Earp
 Dean of Student Affairs



Lloyd Ogle
 Director of Auxillary Services
Dale Patterson
 Dean of Admissions/Records/Recruitment
Dr. Gary Rogers
 Business Manager
Dr. Doris Snyder
 Director of Title III/Special Programs
Mike Watson
 Director of Campus Safety



Support staff members

These people are vital to the
contribute in every
 daily operation of the college.
facet of campus life

Jeff Alexander
Counselor
Carolyn Anderson
Library Assistant
Flo Atkinson
Staff Nurse
Verna Bass
Business Office Clerk
Carolyn Berry
Data Entry Clerk

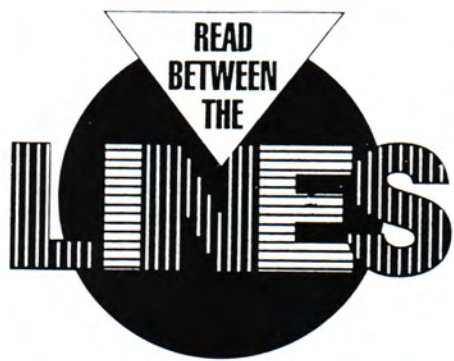


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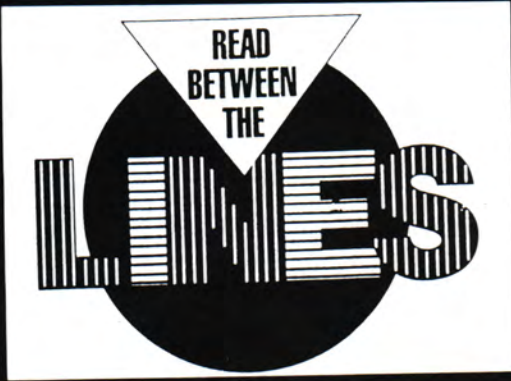
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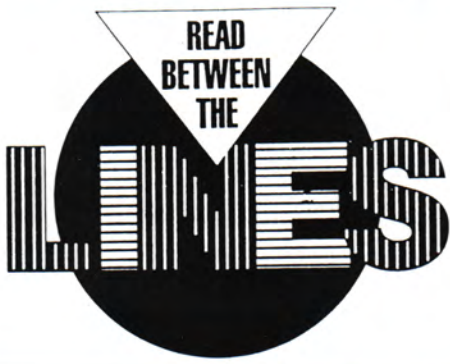


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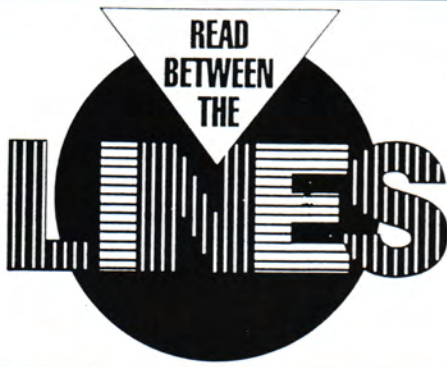
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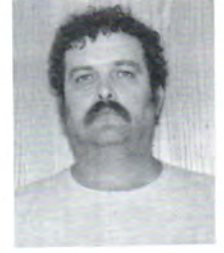
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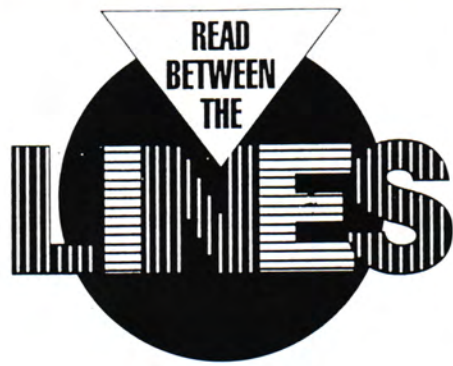


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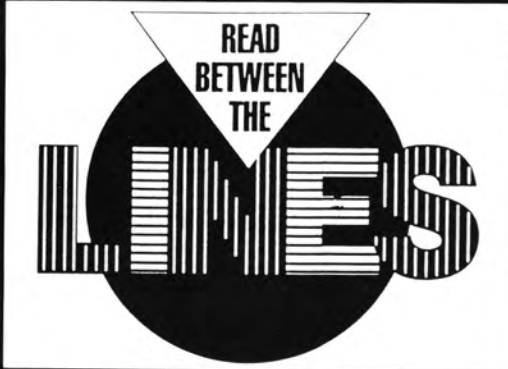
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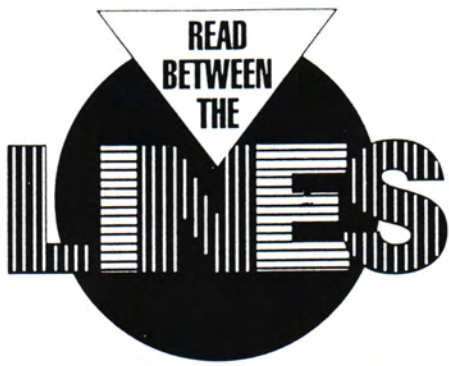
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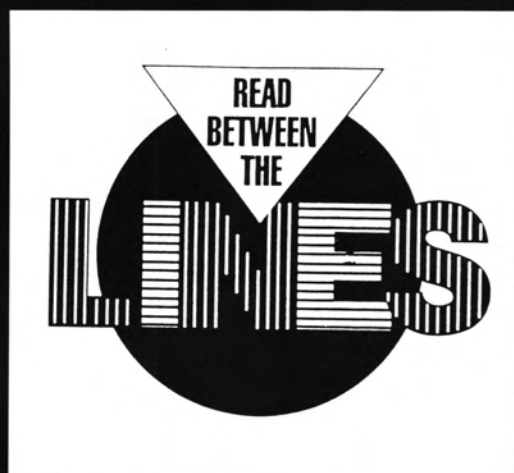
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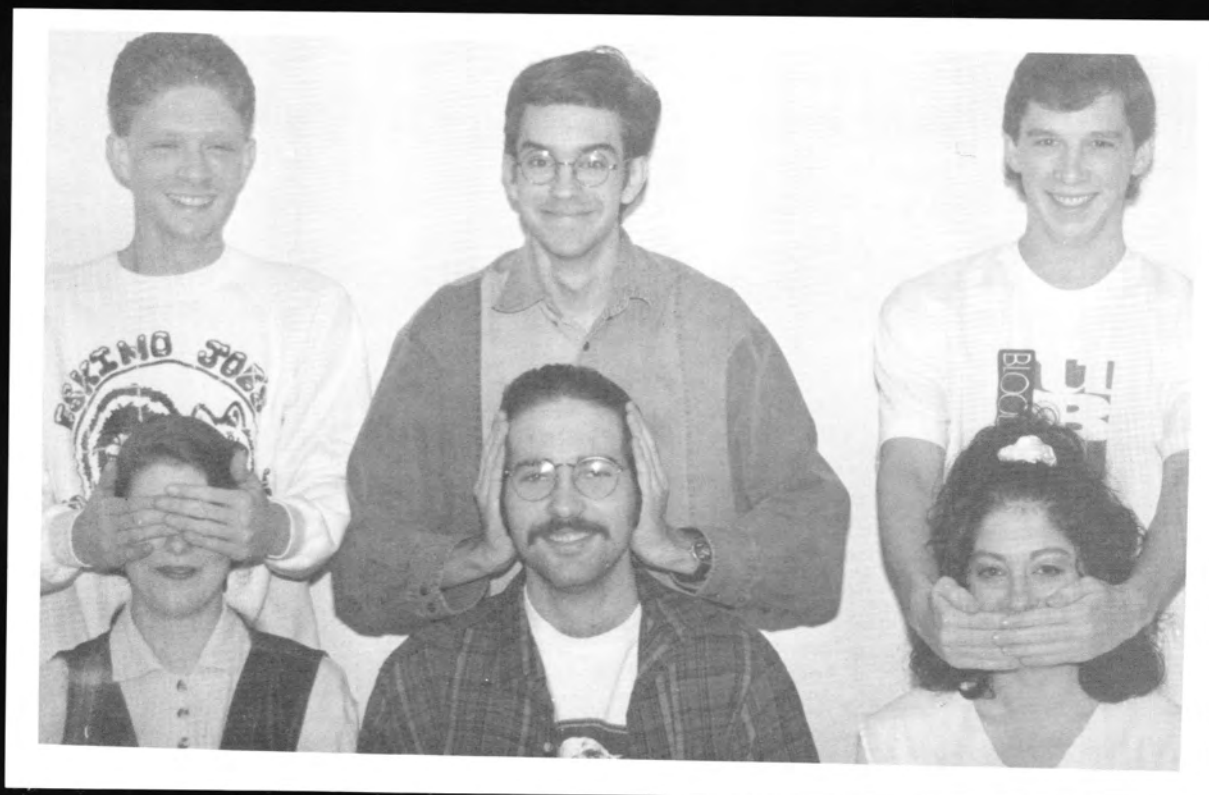
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Clubs and organizations

More than 40 groups participate in the
are active on campus.

Student Body Government.



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ORGANIZATIONS



Student Body Government

Under the guidance of president Chris Davis, a sophomore from Commerce, the Student Body Government was comprised of representatives from approximately 40 campus clubs and organizations. Officers for the organization were a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two senators-at-large along with the representatives from each club or organization.



Claus gets prepared to greet more than children that attended the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Kathy Wyrick

Local children benefit from Christmas party

More than 200 children from Miami and the surrounding area participated in the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government.

The children and their

"adoptive parents" were treated to a free dinner in the college cafeteria before attending the party in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were both on hand

to distribute presents and candy to the children.

College students that served as "adoptive parents" were amazed and delighted at the expressions on the children's faces during the party.



Denver Sasser gives Santa a big hug after getting a present and some candy during the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government.

Kathy Wyrick

Michael Limmer takes a present from Santa after his brother Jason thanks the Jolly Ole Elf for his gift as children line up for the procession in front of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Kathy Wyrick

Mrs. Claus listens intently as Dennis Earp, Dean of Student Affairs, asks her to relay a message to Santa Claus for him concerning his Christmas wish.

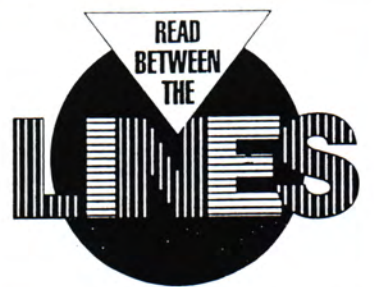
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Norse Stars Dance/Drill Team

Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team featured approximately 40 young ladies from throughout the four-state area that began preparation before school started for a year of performances in such events as football games, basketball games, parades and other special functions along with serving as goodwill ambassadors for the college.



Members of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team
 march past the hometown crowd at Robertson
 Field while preparing to perform a halftime
 routine during a Golden Norse football game.
Nancy Bishop

Squad members serve as campus leaders



When young ladies start competition for a spot on the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team, they seldom realize the importance of their selection to this prestigious organization.

Not only are members

of the squad required to put in numerous hours of practice, but they also become involved in several other clubs and organizations on campus.

Once the football season began, the Norse Stars

gave halftime performances at five home games plus the Border Battle game in Tulsa and a game in Texas.

The squad also performed at men's and women's home basketball games.



Using the famous chorus line high-kick routine, the Norse Stars incorporate the precision move in more of their halftime performances.

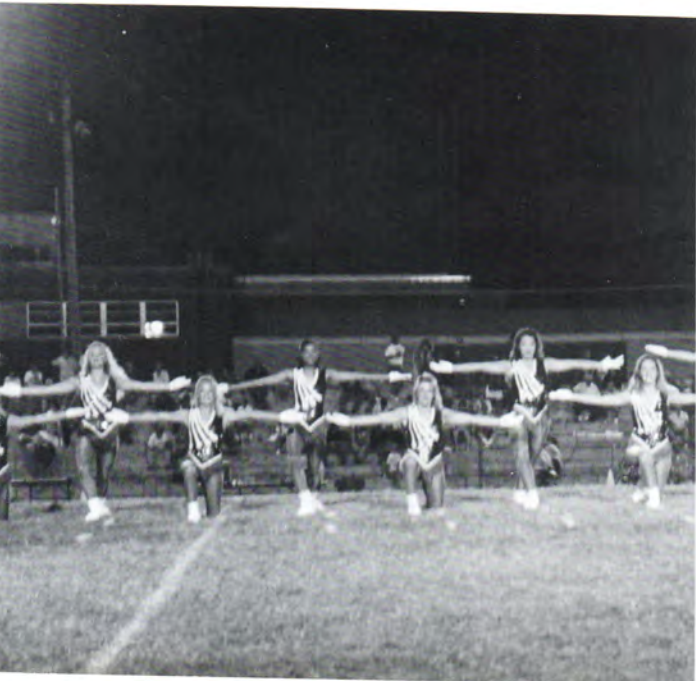
Nancy Bishop

Demonstrating the athletic ability and precision that have made their group nationally-known, the Norse Stars perform a routine during halftime at Robertson Field.

Nancy Bishop

Concluding the halftime routine, members of the Norse Stars offer a goodbye to the hometown crowd at Robertson Field.

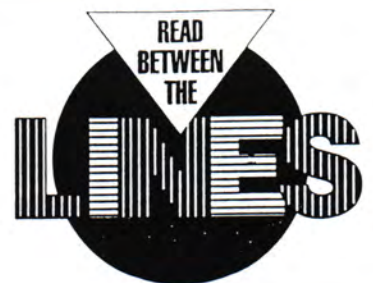
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Masquers Club

Members of the Masquers Club were very active as the theatre and drama club. The organization was involved in every aspect of the presentation of four theatrical productions in the Fine Arts Auditorium throughout the school year. The season started with the presentation of *The Dining Room* followed by *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, and *Student-directed one act plays*.



Wolf, played by Mike Lowery, asked portrayed by Carly Hammond, for her t of goodies during a scene from *Little Riding Hood*.

Tim Ingram

Theatre group provides variety of entertainment

Opening the theatrical season with a humorous comedy, Theatre NEO presented four stage productions that ran the gamut of emotions.

Under the direction of David Froman, *The Dining Room* started the season for the group.

Hosting grade school children from around the Miami area, the Masquers group presented *Little Red Riding Hood* under Brian Hauck's guidance just before midterm.

Combining the theatre and music departments, the two groups staged the

Broadway hit *Once Upon A Mattress* under the combined efforts of Steve McCurley and Mary Susan Whaley.

The final production of the season involved several members of the Masquers Club as directors of *One-Act plays*.



Directors Steve McCurley (left) and David Froman share a glass of water on the set of *The Dining Room*.

Brian Hauck



Carly Hammond, a freshman from Oologah, listens intently to a song by Corey Roberts, Locust Grove; Jordan Weeks, Tulsa; Bryan Kepford, Jenks; Kara Clark, Wyandotte, and Wendi Wilkerson, Sand Springs, during a scene from *The Dining Room*.

Tim Ingram

Little Red Riding Hood, Carly Hammond, offers her treats to Granny, played by Tami Morgan, freshman from Miami.

Tim Ingram



NEO Cheerleaders

Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the NEO Cheerleaders are leaders of spirit, pride and enthusiasm across campus and at all college football and basketball games. The group began preparation for the year prior to the start of school and along with boosting the spirit of fans at various athletic events, the group also serves in a goodwill capacity of representing the school at several events such as parades.



bers of the NEO Cheerleading squad rate spirit and enthusiasm during the All-ge assembly in the Fine Arts Auditorium h recognized various campus groups and nizations.

Nancy Bishop

College cheerleaders generate enthusiasm

Responsible for creating spirit and enthusiasm at college football and basketball games, the NEO Cheerleaders work hard to develop routines that will entertain fans throughout the contest.

Spending numerous hours learning routines and chants, the cheerleaders also devote a large amount of time in developing their physical conditioning to handle the athletic ability required for

cheerleading. Along with their responsibilities on the field or court, the cheerleaders also were involved in serving as campus tour guides on certain occasions.



Norse god and official mascot Odin, poses with a few of the NEO Cheerleaders during a football game at Robertson Field.

Nancy Bishop

Members of the NEO Cheerleading squad generate spirit during a pep rally in front of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union.

Nancy Bishop

NEO Cheerleaders attempt to get the crowd into the spirit of Homecoming during a parade down Miami's Main Street.

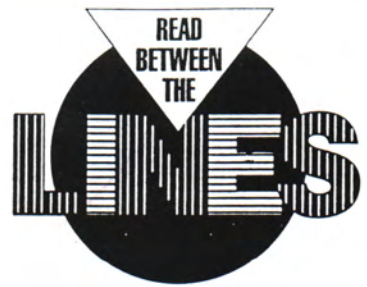
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Horse Judging Team

Entering their third year of intercollegiate competition, the college horse judging team allowed an opportunity for equine science majors to pursue their interests. In conjunction with the equine club, the horse judging team helped create the Haunted Barn for Halloween while also entering a contestant in the Homecoming parade and hosting several fundraising events.



bers of the college horse judging team
eir mounts through some drills while
leting a practice session in the college
-Purpose Equine Center.

Tim Ingram

Horse judges capture Quarter horse crown

Under the direction of coach Kevin Pool, the college horse judging team won top honors in the American Quarter Horse World Show in Oklahoma City.

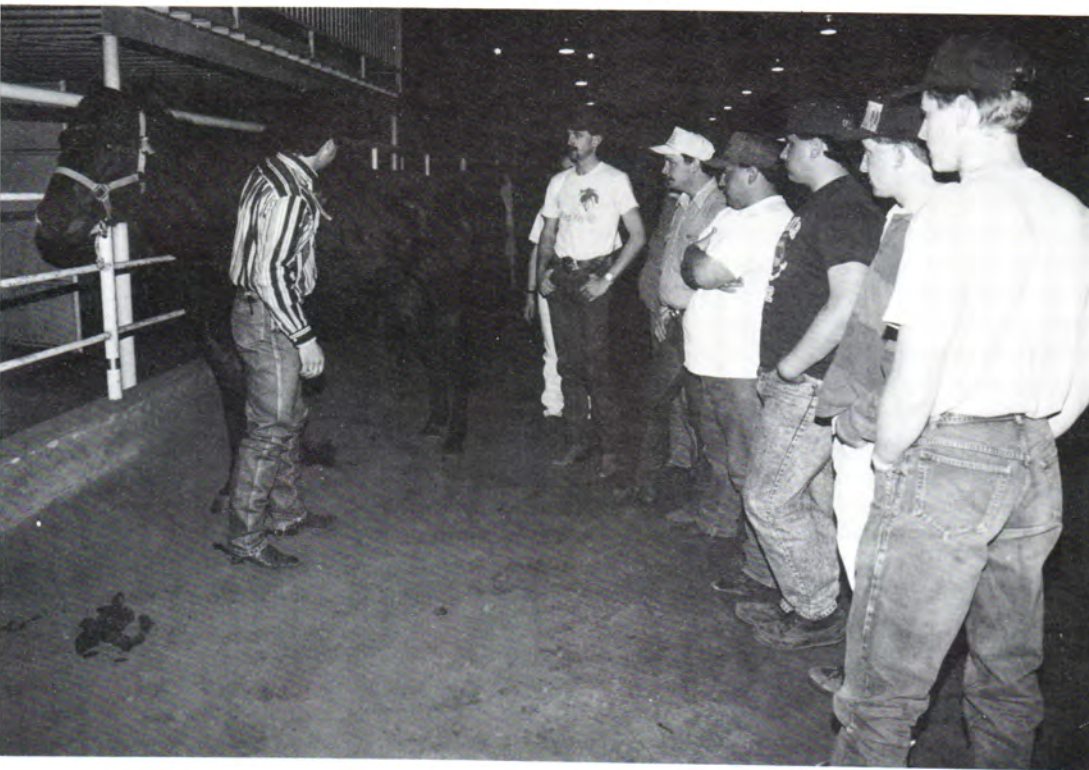
The NEO pro team fin-

ished first while the novice team placed third overall.

Members of the pro team were sophomores Clay Cavinder, Tishomingo; Ty Cunningham, Jay; Jacob Tanner, Jay, and freshman Lycrecia Cun-

ningham, Locust Grove.

Novice team members were Tammy Bridges, Pendleton, Ind.; Amy Hagebusch, Chelsea; Jana Cooper, Woodward, and Tonya Swalley, Bartlett, Kan.



Jacob Tanner, a sophomore from Jay, adjusts the bridle on his horse before going for a ride in the Equine Center.

Tim Ingram

Coach Kevin Pool shows members of the horse judging team some of the finer points in judging.

Tim Ingram

Lycrecia Cunningham, a freshman from Locust Grove, makes an adjustment in her saddle sinch.

Tim Ingram





Native American Student Association

The purpose of this organization is to allow Indian and non-Indian students to develop an appreciation of the American Indian heritage and their great contribution to present-day American society. Under the direction of DeMaris Gaines, the club hosts numerous gatherings and two pow-wows to foster self-esteem and pride among Native Americans.



participants in the fall benefit pow-wow sponsored by the Native Student American Association work on steps as the events begins in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Jonathon Middleton

Native Americans active with numerous events

Representing approximately 23 per cent of the student body, the Native American Student Association held two pow-wows and participated in several events throughout the school year.

Under the guidance of DeMaris Gaines, the organization scheduled pow-wows during both the fall and spring semesters.

The club also set up booths for Family Day and during Homecoming

while also attending several Native American symposiums and lectures.

The organization also traveled to various Indian art exhibitions and other cultural events that featured Native Americans.



A member of the Quapaw Inter-Tribal Gourd Dance Auxillary waits for the start of the fall pow-wow in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Jonathon Middleton

DeMaris Gaines (center), sponsor of the Native American Student Association, and David Underwood, a sophomore from Grove, discuss some Native American curriculum with Dr. Jim Lovell, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Kathy Wyrick

DeMaris Gaines participates in the fall pow-wow sponsored by the Native American Student Association.

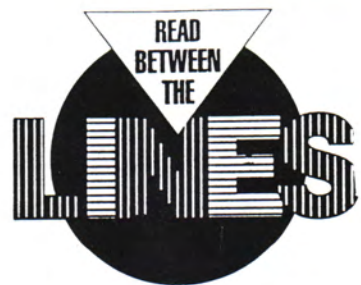
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Child Development Club

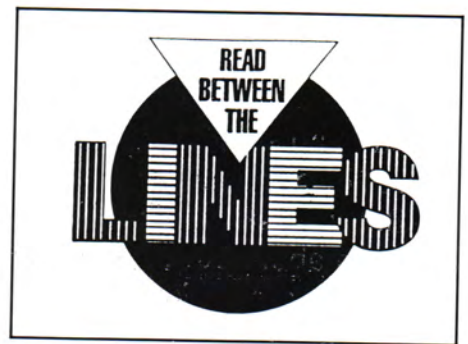
The child development club is a student organization designed to provide its members with additional exposure to career and other options contained within the child care profession. Under the guidance of Marcia Tynon, the organization benefited from several guest speakers and other professional guidance. The club also experienced several field trips and other events which promoted child care.





Baptist Student Union

Members of the summer missions program pause during a noon-day meeting of the Baptist Student Union. Sponsored and supported by the Southern Baptist Association, the BSU is under the guidance of Dr. Debbie and Bobby Lipscomb. Students of many different faiths and denominations participate in the numerous activities offered by the Baptist Student Union.





Foreign Language Club

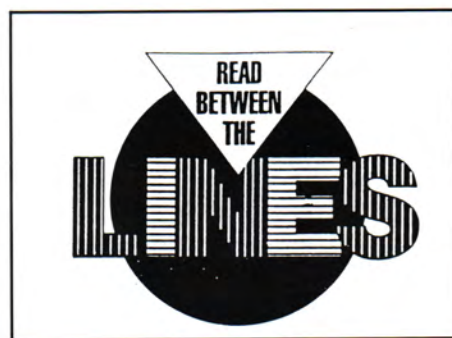
Open to all students that were interested in such languages as German, Spanish, or French, the foreign language club was under the direction of Betty Caskey. The organization offered members the opportunity to learn about cultures, foods, current events and people where these languages are spoken. The club enjoyed films, guest speakers and other forms of educational materials.





Pre-Vet Club

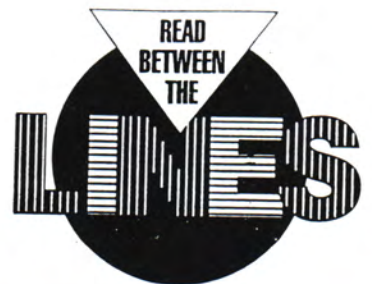
The pre-vet club is a student organization designed to provide its members with additional exposure to career and other options contained within the veterinary medicine or related fields. Under the direction of Roger Fent, this energetic organization offered members exposure to several guest speakers and other educational programs. The club also experienced several field trips.





Ambassadors Club

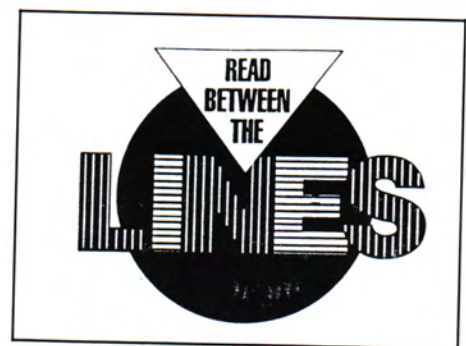
Comprised of students that have a general knowledge and understanding of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, members of the Ambassadors Club provided campus tours for prospective students that visited the campus throughout the year. Under the direction of Travis Hill, the Ambassadors Club served as a part of the college recruitment department.





Farm and Ranch Club

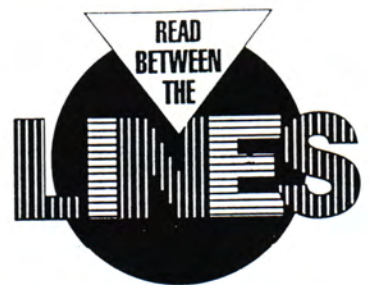
Under the guidance of Dr. Pete Smith, the Farm and Ranch Management Club consisted of students enrolled in the program and provided members with a variety of activities centering around the college farm located east of the main campus. Members of the organization were involved in several fund-raising projects which help to fund various field trips for the group.





Friendship International

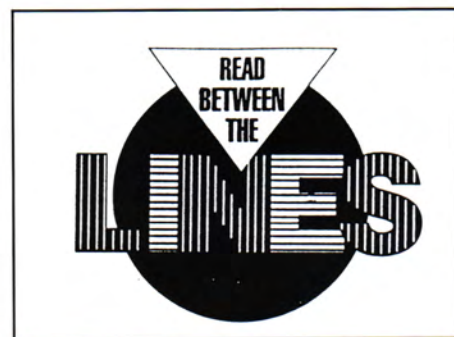
The purpose of this organization was to develop a forum for the development of relations between the more than 30 international students attending NEO and American students. Under the direction of Keith Sutton, the club served as a center for the exchange of information about other countries of the world through current events and a discussion of issues vital to the well-being of club members.





Equine Club

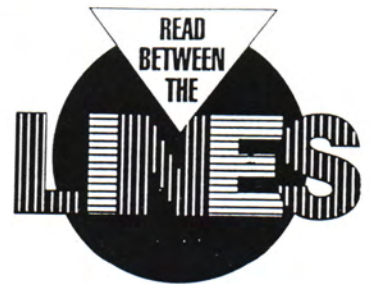
Under the guidance of Kevin Pool, the Equine Club consisted of students enrolled in the program and provided members with a variety of activities centering around the college Multi-Purpose Equine Center located east of the main campus. Members of the organization were involved in several fund-raising projects which help to fund various field trips for the group.





Young Democrats

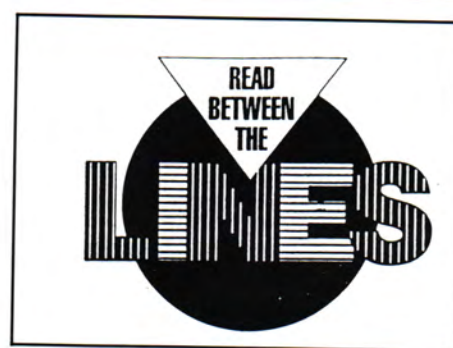
One of the most politically-active organizations on campus, the Young Democrats were co-sponsored by Jeff Birdsong and Tony Bickham. Open to all students, the organization participated in a wide range of activities both on and off campus. The club took an active part in the 1996 Presidential elections while also attending several local and state political activities.





Forestry Club

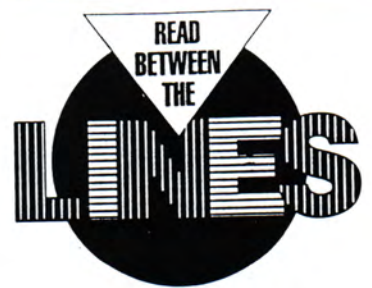
Under the direction of Dr. Jim Gleckler, the Forestry Club was comprised of students interested in the profession and provided members with a variety of activities. Members of the organization were involved in several fund-raising projects which help to fund various field trips for the group. The club also experienced several hands-on demonstrations in forestry management by professionals in the field.





Rodeo Team

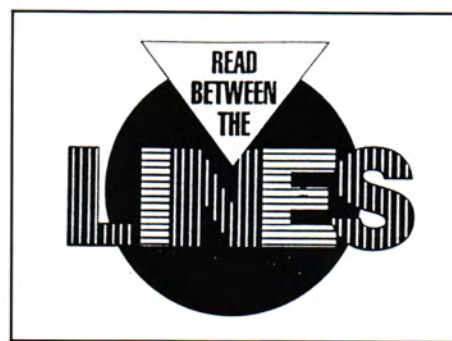
Featuring more than 25 women and men, the college Rodeo team competed in 10 rodeos sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association throughout the year. Under the direction of Lawson Essex, both rodeo teams conducted fund-raising activities and sponsored jackpots throughout the year. The club also held several social functions for its members.

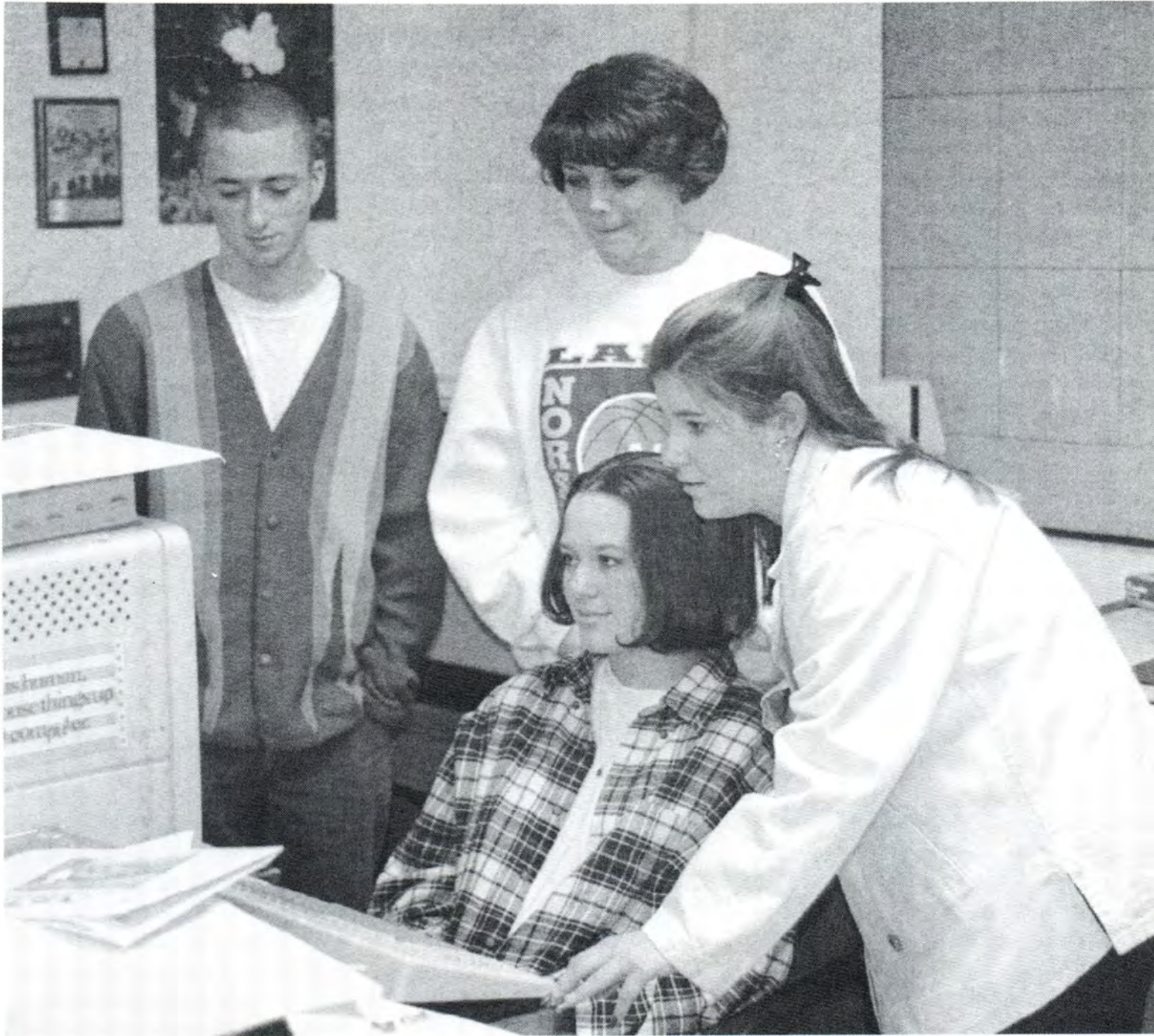




Student Trainers

Under the guidance of Mike Barlow, the Student Trainers organization consisted of students enrolled in the program and provided members with a variety of activities centering around the college training facilities located on the east side of the NEO Fieldhouse. Members of the organization were involved with the six intercollegiate sports programs as well as providing services for the college community.





Norse Wind Newspaper Staff

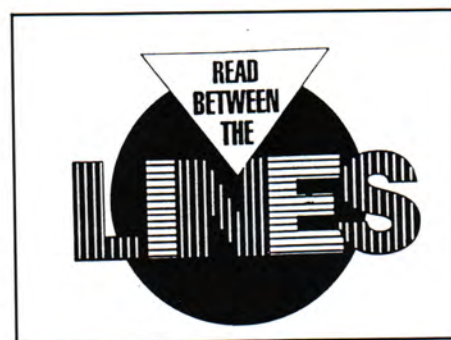
Under the direction of Monty Franks, the student newspaper was published every Friday during the school year. As a member of both the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association and the Associated Collegiate Press, *The Norse Wind* won numerous state and national honors for both writing and layout creations. The newspaper consisted of news, editorials, features and sports.





Older, Wiser Learning Students

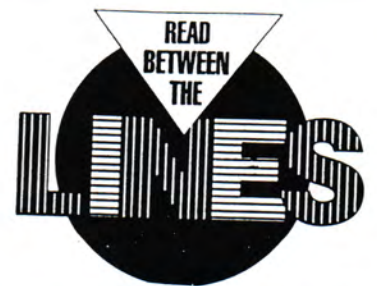
Comprised of a membership of more than 120, the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) organization featured a wide range of activities and services created to meet the needs of the non-traditional student. The organization was located in the Carter Student Union and featured a quiet study area, computer equipment, and other facilities which were available for use by any member.





Criminal Justice Club

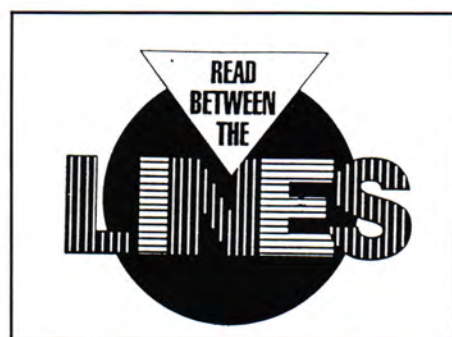
With more than 30 members, the criminal justice club provided students interested in the field of criminal justice an opportunity to meet together and share knowledge and experience concerning the profession. Under the guidance of Leon Manning, members of the criminal justice club participated in several field trips and received beneficial information from several guest speakers.





Livestock Judging Team

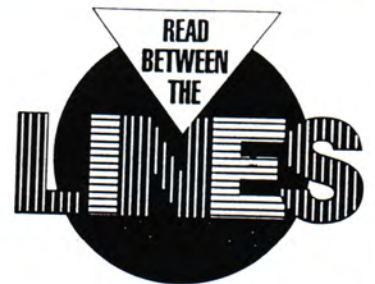
One of the most successful livestock judging programs in the nation, the team consisted of both a novice and pro teams. Under the direction of coaches Jary Douglas and Chad Stine, the teams won several overall team titles including the prestigious National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colo. The teams participated in a total of 15 contests throughout the United States.





Phi Theta Kappa

Recognized as the oldest member in the state of Oklahoma, the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society featured a membership of more than 70 students. Under the co-directorship of Carol F. Smith and Kenda Grover, the organization promoted scholarship and leadership qualities of its members. To become a members, students had to maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average in 12 credit hours.



Chris Davis leads a group of prospective members through some pre-initiation instructions prior to the induction ceremony for the membership of the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Carol F. Smith



Phi Theta Kappa inducted 21 members during the fall

Recognizing students that achieved both academic and leadership success on campus during the fall semester, the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa initiated 21 new members.

Inductees were issued invitations after they maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average through 12 credit hours.

Each new inductee received a membership card, a certificate, and a

Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society pin.

Dr. George Largent, head of the college social science department, delivered the keynote address during the evening ceremony.



A member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society makes a cash donation to Barbara Reeves, director of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Carol F. Smith



Members inducted in the fall ceremony were, bottom row, from left; Rob Underwood, Miami; Laurie Taylor, Miami; Donna Robitaille, Fairland; Carne Reynolds, Wyandotte; Shawna Pickup, Eucha; Clint Parker, Picher, and Barbara Mullin, Miami. Back row, Mike Moore, Commerce; Kelly Garrette, Miami; Russell Gamble, Welch; Kerri Galloway, Miami; Michelle Dunham, Grove; Rebecca Conduff, Wyandotte; Kathryn Black Miami, and Angela Baughman, Quapaw.

Tim Ingram

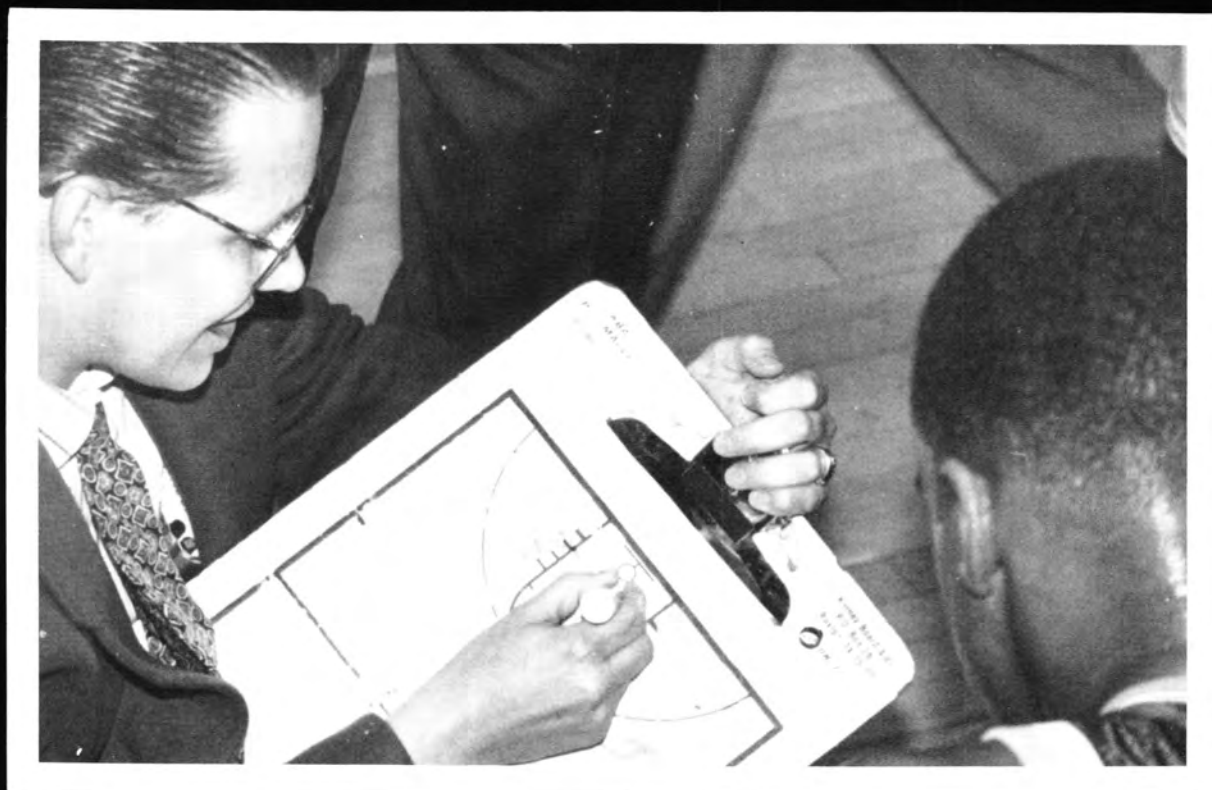
Co-directors Kenda Grover and Carol F. Smith (right) join members of Phi Theta Kappa in the creation of study packets that were distributed to students during semester examinations.

Chris Davis



Competition abounds

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Skinner sets rushing standard

Game-by-Game Summary

Game	Car.	Yds	TD
Butler, Ks.	6	46	0
Coffeyville, Ks.	19	155	1
Southwest JV	did not play		
Ranger	19	246	3
Tyler	23	201	2
Trinity Valley	34	238	2
Navarro	26	110	1
Kilgore	27	91	0
Cisco	28	116	1
Blinn	31	155	1

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Coming out of an eight-man football program at White Oak, Reggie Skinner led the entire nation in both rushing with more than 3,000 yards and touchdowns with 30.

Skinner had the size (5-9, 219) to start at fullback. But because of his 4.4 speed in the 40, head coach Mike Loyd moved him to tailback at the start of the season.

After sitting out the third game of the season against Southwestern Kansas Junior Varsity, Skinner gained 685 yards and scored seven touchdowns in the next three games.

Not only did Skinner lead the Golden Norsemen in rushing, but with 11 touchdowns he led the team in scoring with 66 total points.

Skinner also caught eight passes in seven games for 101 total yards.

His versatility and durability enabled the Golden Norse offense to average 421 yards per game.



Tailback Reggie Skinner (5) goes down field to throw a block on Blinn defensive back Terrell Sutton as he attempts to tackle Golden Norse receiver Rodney Smith following a 14-yard pass.

Jim Ellis

Golden Norse strong safety Steve Riddley (12) gets a free ride on the back of Coffeyville running back Marvell Washington as NEO linebacker Kalim Underwood (47) wraps up his ankles.

Jim Ellis



Sophomore wide receiver J.D. Graham loos for some open field after making on of his 25 catches on the season. Graham led the Golden Norse with 477 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

Jim Ellis



FOOTBALL

Golden Norsemen gain admittance to Texas Junior College Football Conference

While competing against seven members of the Texas Junior College Football Conference on a probationary basis, the Golden Norsemen concluded the 1995 season with a 7-3 record.

Marking the first time since 1976, the Norsemen will not appear in the final National Junior College

Athletic Association national poll. Another dubious honor achieved during the season was the fact that it marked the first time his five years as head coach that Mike Loyd had lost more than one game.

Following the season the Golden Norsemen were accepted as full members into the Texas conference

which will allow them to compete in the conference playoffs and for the league championship.

Trinity Valley, Texas defeated the Golden Norsemen to capture the 1994 national crown before Blinn, Texas edged past Hinds, Miss. to win the 1995 title.

The Golden Norsemen

opened the season ranked number one and continued in the top spot with three straight non-conference victories.

Opening the season at home against Butler County, Kan., the Norsemen cruised to a 41-7 victory.

Traveling to Tulsa for the final Border Battle series with Coffeyville, Kan., the Norsemen rolled to a 51-7 win.

Remaining at home the Norse cruised to a 63-0 shutout over Southwestern Kansas junior varsity.

After posting a 45-10 win at Ranger, Texas, the Norse suffered a 29-26 loss at Tyler.

Returning home the Norsemen rolled to a 34-10 win over Trinity Valley.

Despite dropping a 28-21 decision at Navarro, the Norse were awarded a forfeit by the Bulldogs.

The Golden Norse lost 30-22 to Kilgore in Miami before earning a 30-24 win at Cisco.

Closing out the season at home the Golden Norsemen sustained a tough 24-17 loss to the eventual national champion Blinn Buccaneers.



Freshman tailback Reggie Skinner lowers his head and plows through the defensive front of the Blinn, Texas Buccaneers. Skinner rushed for 155 yards on 31 carries in a 24-17 loss.

Jim Ellis

Condict guided Golden Norse offense

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

Starting the 1995 season, sophomore quarterback Scott Condict had some big shoes to fill.

Two previous Golden Norse starting quarterbacks were guiding the offenses at the University of Oklahoma (Garrick McGee) and the University of Kansas (Ben Rutz).

But the 6-1, 196-pounder from Okmulgee High School accepted the challenge which resulted in an offensive production which ranked third overall in NEO school history.

Under Condict's guidance the Norsemen averaged 421 yards per game in total offense. The ground game accounted for an average of 256 yards per game while the air attack accounted for 165 yards per game.

Individually, Condict completed 90 of 178 passes for 1,458 yards and 10 touchdowns with nine interceptions. Condict's performance was the sixth-best in NEO history.

Although he gained no yards rushing, he scored five touchdowns.



Grabbing Maurice Vaughn, tailback from Coffeyville, Kan., by the legs is linebacker Casey Yochum (3) while freshman linebacker Clay Harris (54) comes in for a hard lick.

Jim Ellis

Freshman tailback Reggie Skinner (5) cuts upfield as wide receiver J.D. Graham (23) come back for a block on Coffeyville defender Paul Booker.

Jim Ellis



Lowering his head to score on a one-yard plunge is freshman tailback Quincey Evans.

Jim Ellis





Golden Norse head coach Mike Loyd tries to make a point with the officials during a game at Robertson Field. Loyd compiled a 44-7-0 record in five years at NEO.

Jim Ellis

Freshman linebacker Tyson Lawson (48) and wide receiver Carlton Dewberry (8) join with several other Golden Norsemen to bring down an unidentified Kilgore, Texas punt return specialist.

Jim Ellis



Buck Buxton spearheaded NEO defense

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

Everytime William "Buck" Buxton put his uniform on and stepped onto the football field, he took pride in the things he was able to accomplish.

As a sophomore defensive end, the 6-4, 255-pound Buxton from Hepzibah, Ga., tried to be a leader both on and off the field.

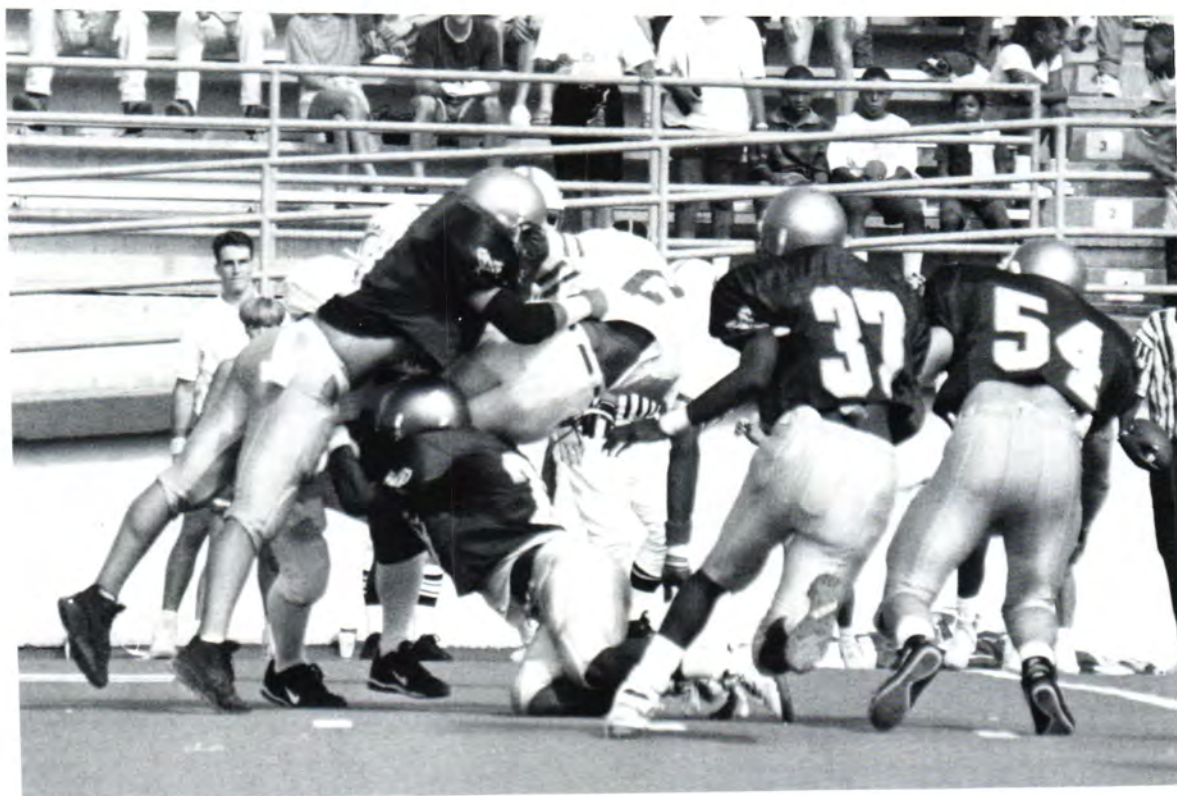
"I considered myself one of the leaders on the team because I always tried to come through in the clutch," Buxton said.

During his freshman season Buxton made the transition from tight end to the defensive side after the second game of the year. Buxton recorded 24 tackles, 12 assists and three quarterback sacks.

Working hard over the summer to improve his technique, Buxton returned to lead the Golden Norsemen with 10 quarterback sacks for minus 55 yards.

Buxton finished fifth on the team in total tackles by recording 34 solo tackles and 39 assists.

Buxton also made seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage for minus 27 yards.



Linebacker Casey Yochum applies a hit to Coffeyville wide receiver Maurice Little (2) as teammates Donnie Caldwell (37) and Clay Harris (54) close in to help out.

Jim Ellis

Freshman free safety Byron Cherry (28) throws a block on a Southwestern Kansas Junior Varsity defender as cornerback Kevin Lemon (22) returns an interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

Jim Ellis



Sophomore placekicker Andy Manning splits the uprights for one of his 32 extra points. Manning finished second in scoring with 53 total points.

Jim Ellis





Freshmen Clay Harris (54) and William "Buck" Buxton (80) close in to shut down a quarterback sneak by Michael Bishop against Trinity Valley, Texas.

Jim Ellis

Veteran guard Darrin "One Man Gang" Jones pulls out to find a block against the defensive scheme of the Kilgore, Texas Rangers.

Jim Ellis



Four Norsemen earn honors in post-season

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

Four members of the Golden Norse football team received all-american honors following the season.

William "Buck" Buxton, 6-4, 255 from Hep-sibah, Ga., was selected to the first team National Junior College Athletic Association All-American team and honorable mention by the *J.C. Grid-wire* publication.

Freshman tailback Reggie Skinner, 5-9, 219 from White Oak, earned second team all-american honors from the *J.C. Grid-wire*.

Sophomore offensive tackle Sean McNamara, 6-3, 308 from Tulsa Edison, was named to the second team NJCAA All-American squad and to the honorable mention team of the *Grid-wire*. McNamara was a two-year starter along the interior offensive line.

Veteran quarterback Scott Condict, 6-1, 196 from Okmulgee, represented the Golden Norse on the *Grid-wire* Academic All-American team. Condict maintained a 3.86 grade point average through three semesters as a business administration major.

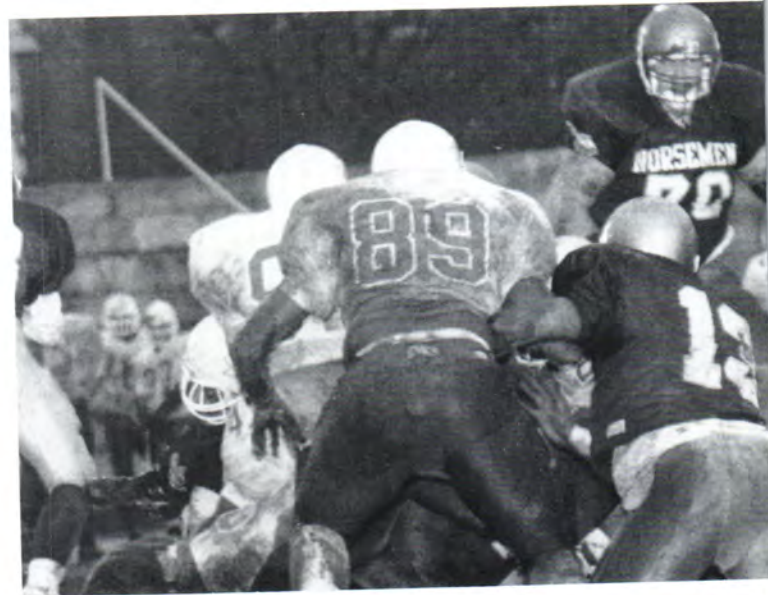


Quarterback Scott Condict stands over the offensive line as he prepares to bark off signals to start a play.

Jim Ellis

Golden Norse cornerback Jameel Jones (13) tries to go under the pile to stop a Butler County, Kan., touchdown play on the goal line.

Jim Ellis



Tailback Reggie Skinner (5) sheds a tackle enroute to a 46-yard touchdown run against Coffeyville, Kan.

Jim Ellis





William "Buck" Buxton (52) chases down quarterback Michael Bishop of Blinn, Texas for one of his 10 quarterback sacks.

Jim Ellis

Linebackers Casey Yochum (3) and Tyson Lawson (48) celebrate after they drop Coffeyville, Kan., wide receiver Matt Boots (1) for a loss behind the line.

Jim Ellis



Golden Norse transfer after regular season

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

Following a 7-3 season, more than 26 members of the Golden Norse squad transferred to major colleges.

Joining the Sooners of the University of Oklahoma were starting cornerback Ramon Burroughs and free safety Steve Riddley.

All-American defensive end William "Buck" Buxton signed with the University of Tennessee.

Four members of the Golden Norse signed with the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Freshman wide receiver Rodney Smith along with All-American quarterback Scott Condict, tight end Mike Baldwin and linebacker Brian Stansberry joined the Broncos.

Freshman wide receiver Tom Wilson transferred to Iowa State University.

Three Norse signed with Northeastern State in Tahlequah. Tailback Darrin Pearson, cornerback Jameel Jones and flanker J.D. Graham joined the Redmen.

Placekicker Andy Manning signed at OSU.



Offensive linemen Justin Waldrop (65) and Scott Shockemoehl (63) pull out to open holes against Southwestern Kansas Junior Varsity.

Jim Ellis

Tailback Reggie Skinner (5) plays off a block by flanker J.D. Graham on cornerback George Proctor from Coffeyville, Kan.

Jim Ellis



Freshman wide receiver Rodney Smith (6) signals number one as he crosses the goal line on a 48-yard touchdown pass.

Jim Ellis





All-American quarterback Scott Condict (14) calls a play as running backs Reggie Skinner (5), Jon Stelle (27) and Andre Reescano (34) listen.

Jim Ellis

Kilgore, Texas cornerback Todd Zow (8) grabs on for a ride as defensive end Michael Hundley (51) tries to stop NEO running back John Humphrey on a run up the middle.

Jim Ellis



Jones provided solid leadership for young team

By Byron Beers

Returning for his sophomore season, veteran guard Mike Jones came into the 1995-96 season knowing he would have to be the cornerstone of a young team because he was the only returning sophomore.

Jones (6-3, 196) came out of Casady High School in Oklahoma City as the all-time leading scorer in Oklahoma City basketball history.

Averaging 30.3 points per game to go along with a 10.1 rebound average during his senior campaign in high school, Jones was named State Small School Player of the Year.

"Coach (Lonnie) Spencer knew that I was a scorer, but he wanted me to work on other things such as my defense," Jones said.

Jones finished his freshman season by averaging 10.9 points per contest while averaging 5.2 rebounds and leading the team with 56 steals earning him Bi-State Conference honorable mention honors.

With the departure of five fellow freshmen, Jones found himself cast in the role as team leader to start his sophomore season.

Accepting the challenge, Jones led the Golden Norse in almost every offensive category. He averaged 22.2 points and 8.1 rebounds per game while recording 130 assists and 75 steals.

His efforts netted him selection to both the All-Conference and All-Region teams.



Freshman center Johnny Mitchell (22) one-hands a layup jam as Derek Hodges of Eastern Oklahoma College watches.

Jim Ellis

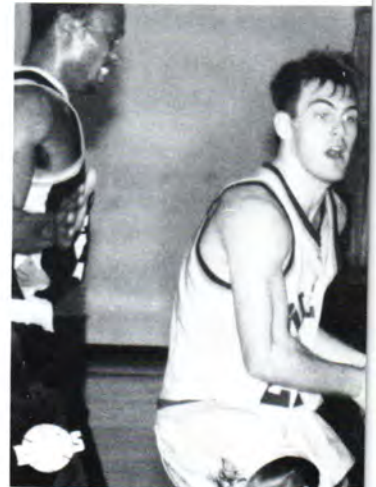
Looking for an open area, freshman guard Shawn Williams (4) tries to avoid the defensive pressure of Jerry Glover from Rose State.

Jim Ellis



Freshman forward Nathan Binam tries a head fake on Marcus Gilkey of Rose State College.

Jim Ellis



BASKETBALL

Golden Norsemen competed against teams in the Bi-State Western Division

Prior to the start of the 1995-96 basketball season, the president's, athletic directors and coaches of the Eastern and Western divisions of the Bi-State Conference realigned the league into the 12-team Bi-State Athletic Conference.

The new conference still featured the East and West divisions, but the adjust-

ment meant that teams in both division would play a home-and-home schedule during the regular season. The result was that each team was guaranteed an automatic 22-game schedule against member schools.

Rule change number two within the newly former conference involved the

limitation of out-of-state scholarships to be awarded within an academic year.

Each member school was limited to six out-of-state scholarships per academic year. The rule was actually passed in 1994 by the league and was grandfathered in as part of the realignment.

The third rule adopted as part of the new conference involved the use of the National Junior College Athletic Association rule regarding players transferring within the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

Players that left their home district for another junior college within the conference, but decided to return, were only required to sit out one semester rather than miss an entire season.

Both men's and women's basketball programs were affected by these rule changes.

Coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norse played a 29-game regular season schedule while coach Randy Gipson's Lady Norse played 30 games.

The Golden Norse roster featured only four out-of-state players while the Lady Norse had three from different states.

The Bi-State Athletic Conference remained with the NJCAA Region II.

Connors State College won the men's Bi-State East crown while Westark captured the women's Bi-State East title.



Sophomore forward Mike Jones (32) battles Calvin Burnett (54) of Westark Community College for a loose ball underneath the basket during a 96-80 loss.

Jim Ellis

Jones named to All-league and All-Region

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

Two members of the Golden Norsemen basketball team were selected to the Bi-State East All-Conference Team.

Sophomore Mike Jones, 6-3 from Oklahoma City Casady, earned first team recognition to both the Bi-State East All Conference team and the All-Region II Team.

Jones led the Golden Norse in scoring with a 22.2 scoring average and in rebounding with an 8.1 average. Jones has also recorded 130 assists and leads the team with 75 steals.

Joining Jones on the 10-man All-Region Team were All American candidates Horatio Webster of Connors State and Malcolm Johnson of Seminole.

Golden Norsemen freshman Nathan Binam, 6-4 from Claremore, received honorable mention on the Bi-State East All-Conference Team.

Binam averaged 12.1 points per game to go along with a 4.2 rebounding average.

Binam also recorded 75 assists and 38 steals as a starter for NEO.

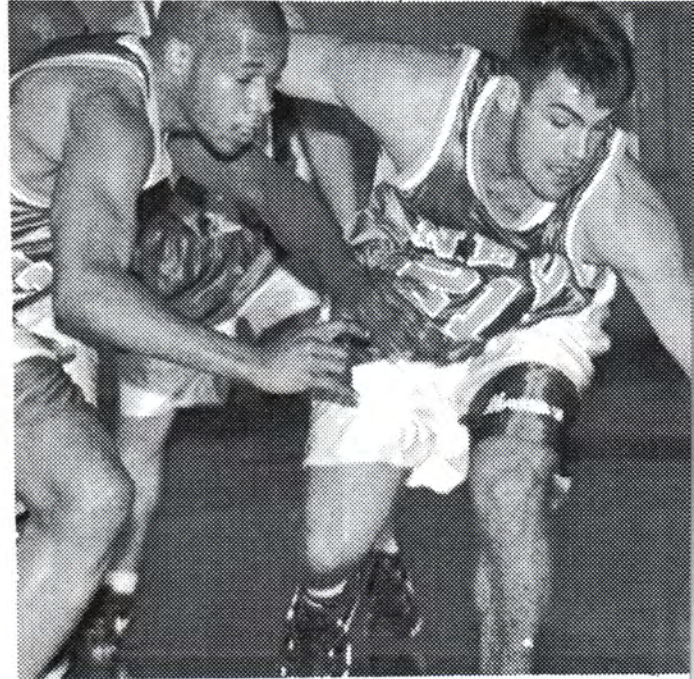


Using both hands, freshman center Johnny Mitchell (22) jams the ball home over a Westark defender.

Jim Ellis

Battling for a loose ball both Mike Jones and Nathan Binam try to keep the ball in play.

Jim Ellis



All Region II player Mike Jones (32) drives for a layup after leading the Golden Norse in both scoring and rebounding.

Jim Ellis



Freshman guard Nathan Binam applies defensive pressure as Rose State guard Bobby Smith (24) drives towards the basket.

Jim Ellis

Veteran forward Mike Jones tries to screen Rose State defenders Marcus Gilkey (22) and Alexander Miller (34) from getting the ball from freshman center Rod Smith.

Jim Ellis



Freshmen comprise most of team

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

Wholesale changes marked the start of the 1995-96 season for coach Lonnie Spencer's Golden Norsemen.

Not only did Spencer hire two new assistant coaches, but five players graduated and five players decided not to return.

The end result was a 12-man squad which featured only one sophomore.

Despite the numerous adjustments, the Golden Norsemen concluded the regular season with a 13-16 overall record and earned a berth in the Region II Tournament with an 86-72 victory over Rose State.

With four freshmen in the starting lineup and all of the first-year players being major contributors the Norsemen relied on the talents of Ruebin Turner (5-10 from Hugo) and Shawn Williams (5-10 from Stillwater at guards with Nathan Binam (6-4 from Claremore) at forward and either Johnny Mitchell (6-8 from Greenville, S.C.) or Rod Smith (6-9 from Freehold, N.J.) at center in the starting lineup.



Freshman forward Nathan Binam applies the defensive pressure as Maurice Hamilton of Eastern Oklahoma College looks for an opening.

Jim Ellis

Center Rod Smith battles Tamiko Fuller of Murray State for a rebound.

Jim Ellis



Trying to put the ball back into the basket after it hung up on the backboard is freshman center Rod Smith.

Jim Ellis





Surrounded by three defenders from Westark, freshman center Johnny Mitchell (22) gets ready to go up for a basket.

Jim Ellis

Despite an attempted block by Grover Garrison of Eastern Oklahoma College, freshman Shawn Williams (4) puts the ball in the basket for a breakaway layup.

Jim Ellis



Binam paced freshmen statistically

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

Freshman forward Nathan Binam earned All-Conference recognition after being a major contributor his first year.

Binam averaged 12.1 points and 4.2 rebounds in 30 games as a starter.

Center Johnny Mitchell contributed 8.5 points and 6.4 rebounds while leading the team with 28 blocked shots.

Point-guard Ruebin Turner averaged 8.4 points with 85 assists and 33 steals.

Post player Rod Smith averaged 6.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Off-guard Shawn Williams led the Norsemen with 136 assists while scoring 6.4 points per game.

Coming off the bench at the guard position was Lance O'Rourke with 38 assists and 15 steals in 29 games.

Contributing at the forward spots were Clifton Thompson with a 3.7 scoring average and David Burkhams with 26 rebounds in 17 games.

Billy Poe and Joe Madrid provided rebounding strength inside as Poe averaged 2.3 boards and Madrid managed a 1.6 mark.



Guard Shawn Williams gets in a defensive position and awaits the play called by Sam Bradley (21) of Northern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis

Center Johnny Mitchell (22) and forward Mike Jones (32) battle Horatio Webster of Connors State College for a rebound.

Jim Ellis



All-Region forward Mike Jones (32) puts up a shot over Grover Garrison of Eastern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis

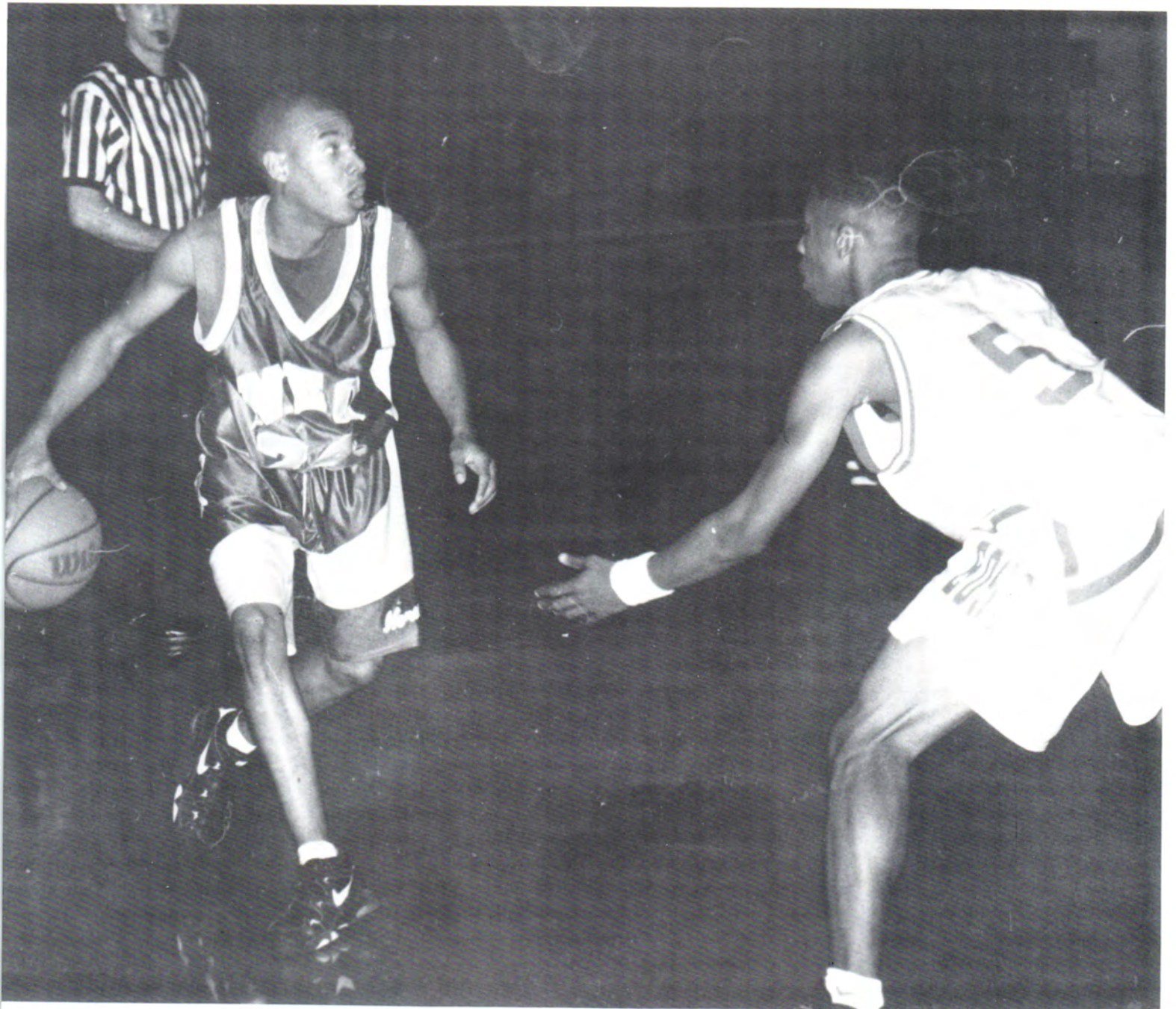


Mike Jones (32) follows Michael Allen (23) of Bacone Junior College out of bounds after an errant pass.

Jim Ellis

Surveying the defensive scheme, freshman point-guard Ruebin Turner reacts to the defensive pressure of John Moore from Eastern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis



Norsemen earn Region II berth by beating Rose

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

With an 86-72 victory over Rose State College, the Golden Norse earned a berth in the Region II Tournament at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

It marked the second consecutive year the Norsemen were forced into a playoff to gain a Region II spot.

Matching their longest winning streak of the year at three games, the Golden Norse improved to 14-16 on the season. Rose State ended their season with a 14-17 overall record.

The Golden Norse opened competition in the single-elimination tournament by facing Seminole Junior College in the first round.

The Trojans won the Western Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 9-1 record while finishing 24-6 on the season.

Seminole had defeated the Golden Norse twice during the regular season. The Trojans won 89-67 in Seminole and 78-73 at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Winner of the regional advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament.

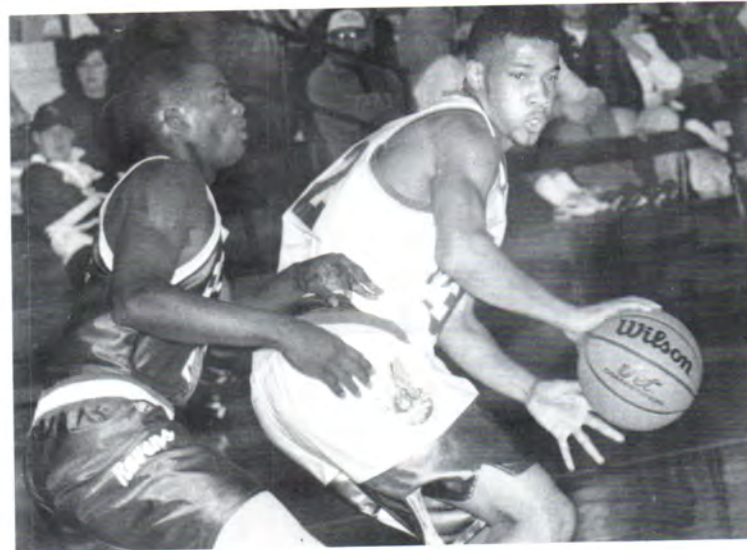


Golden Norse head coach Lonnie Spencer (right) watches as guard Shawn Williams (4) drives past Steve Lockhart (11) of Rose State College.

Jim Ellis

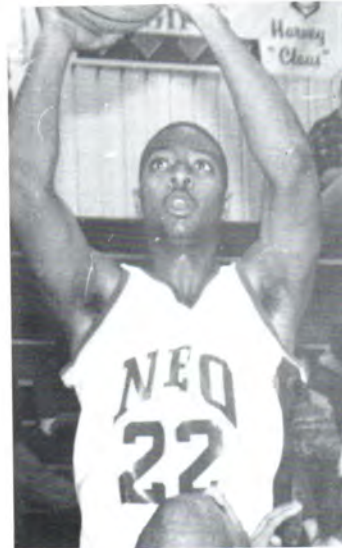
Veteran forward Mike Jones (32) feels the defensive pressure of Lee Atkinson from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Jim Ellis



Center Johnny Mitchell (22) shoots a short jump shot over the defense of Kio Richardson from Rose State College.

Jim Ellis





Locked in a battle for a loose ball rebound, freshman center Johnny Mitchell (22) wrestles an unidentified Rose State College player for the ball.

Jim Ellis

Freshman guard Lance O'Rourke (10) leaps high to try and block a shot by Sam Bradley of Rose State College.

Jim Ellis



Four ladies earn honors for All-Conference

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

Four sophomore members of the Lady Norse basketball team were selected to the Bi-State Athletic Conference Eastern Division All-Conference team.

Along with being selected to the All-Conference team, guards Jessica Burkholder and Nikki Hay were named to the All Region II Team.

Burkholder, 5-7 from Miami, averaged 10.6 points with 99 assists, 58 steals and 13 blocked shots.

Hay, 5-7 from Henderson, Ky., averaged 12.5 points with 101 assists and 59 steals while grabbing 4.8 rebounds per game.

Two-time defending Region II champion Westark Community College placed two players on the Region II team. Alisa Burras (25.4) and Kim Tarkington (11.5) were selected to the team.

Representing Connors State was Kim Cunningham (18.2) and Kamara Stancle (18.5).

Other players selected to the All-Region II team were Shonika Breedlove (22.1) of Eastern; Darilyn Daughtrey (17.5) of St. Gregory's; Melissa Franklin (7.2) of Seminole and Kendra Cox (24.6) of Northern.

Joining Burkholder and Hay on the All-Conference team were Lady Norse forwards Veronica Reed, 5-9 from Pine Bluff, Ark., and Chevette Waller, 5-10 from Richmond, Va. Waller led the team with a 12.8 scoring average.



Freshman center Tasha Barnett (54) battles two players from Independence, Kan., for a loose ball.

Jim Ellis

The Lady Norse gather in the middle of the floor to sing the school fight song before starting a game.

Jim Ellis



Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson asks a question of the officials during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Jim Ellis



BASKETBALL

Lady Norse conclude regular season ranked 15th in the NJCAA National polls

Starting the season with even sophomores returning from a team which advanced to the Region II finals each of the previous two years, head coach Randy Gipson knew that a lack of height would be a major concern against teams in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

Once the regular season had ended the concern was evident as the Lady Norse finished third in the Bi-State East with a 7-3 record and 24-6 overall.

An indication of the strength of the Bi-State East division was the fact that three teams were ranked in the top 15 teams in the nation.

Defending national champion Westark Community College finished ranked third despite winning the Bi-State East with an 9-1 record while Connors State College was rated second after posting an 8-2 divisional record.

Five of the six losses by the Lady Norse were to nationally ranked teams.

The Lady Norse started the year dropping an 81-80 decision at St. Gregory's in overtime before returning home to suffer a 66-63 loss to 16th-ranked Independence, Kan.

After winning nine straight games the Lady Norse traveled to Independence and sustained a 66-62 loss to the Lady Pirates.

Building an eight-game winning streak the Lady Norse entered competition in the Bi-State East with a 17-3 overall record. Included within the streak was a 107-52 win at Rose State College.

Traveling to Poteau to open the divisional play the Lady Norse gained a 99-59 win over Carl Albert.

Returning home the Lady Norse dropped a 79-58 decision to Westark before sustaining an 87-72 loss at Connors State.

The highlight of the regular season was a 109-107 victory in double overtime against Connors in Miami.

The three teams were on a collision course in the post-season Region II Tournament.

Veteran All-Conference forward Veronica Reed splits the defensive pressure of Kim Cunningham and Nesila Onjiko, both of Connors State College.

Jim Ellis



Burkholder provided solid leadership

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

There was no place like home and sophomore Jessica Burkholder was certainly one to agree with the old cliché.

The Miami native, though recruited by top four-year programs out of high school, found it hard to bypass the winning tradition that the Lady Norse possessed.

"I chose to stay here because I knew it would be very good for me to play for one of the best junior colleges in the nation, and it definitely was," said Burkholder.

During her freshman season, Burkholder 9.8 points per game, along with 79 assists and 60 steals for the year.

Burkholder's work ethic paid off during her sophomore season because she led the Lady Norse in 3-point percentage by hitting 48 of 126 for 38 percent.

She ranked fourth on the team in scoring with a 10.6 average while ranking third with 99 assists and 58 steals.

Her efforts earned her recognition in the post-season to both the All-Region II team and the All Bi-State Eastern Division squad.



All Region II point-guard Nikki Hay (23) controls the Lady Norse offense as Sara Wolfe of Independence, Kan. tries to contain her effort.

Jim Ellis

Sophomore guard Kellie Bland is fouled by Kelly Joice of St. Gregory's as she tries to make a pass.

Jim Ellis



Veteran guard Gina Pierce shoots a set shot from 3-point territory.

Jim Ellis



Applying defensive pressure are Lady Norse players Tasha Barnett (54) and Jessica Burkholder (25) as Shelly Malaney (10) of Independence, Kan. drives towards the basket.

Jim Ellis

All Region II guard Jessica Burkholder (25) tries to shield the ball from Lori Farris (20) of Independence, Kan.

Jim Ellis



Hay guided Lady Norse offensive scheme

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

Switching from shooting guard to point guard at the start of the 1995-96 season, enabled sophomore Nikki "Kentucky" Hay to become the engineer of the Lady Norse offense.

"I considered myself a team leader since I was playing the point guard position and most point guards take charge more than anyone else on a team," said Hay.

A 5-7 playmaker from Henderson, Ky., Hay earned All-District, All-Regional, and All-State honors as a senior.

After earning All Bi-State East Conference honors last year, Hay not only duplicated the honor her second season, she was also named to the All Region II squad.

As a freshman Hay led the Lady Norse in scoring averaging 12.9 points per game. She also led the team with 107 assists, 79 steals, and had 14 blocked shots.

Although she made the switch to point, Hay's scoring remained consistent with a 12.5 average and a 4.8 rebounding mark. Hay also recorded 101 assists and 59 steals.



Despite a definite push by Kamara Stancle (12) of Connors State, NEO's Nikki Hay fires off a shot from the outside.

Jim Ellis

All-Conference forward Veronica Reed defends a pass from Dana Hawkins (44) of Northern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis



Trying to find an open teammate, Nikki Hay looks to make a pass inside.

Jim Ellis





Taking charge of the Lady Norse offense, veteran point-guard Nikki "Kentucky" Hay dribble penetrates past Alicia Walker of Connors State College.

Jim Ellis

Applying defensive pressure as Lady Norse players Veronica Reed (32) and Tasha Barnett (54) as Renita Wordlow of Connors State tries to shoot.

Jim Ellis



Seven veterans provided base for success

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

Starting the season with seven sophomores provided Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson with several options and combinations to throw at the opposition.

While Jessica Burkholder and Nikki Hay were selected to the All Region II Team, veterans Chevette Waller and Veronica Reed joined their teammates on the All Bi-State East Conference Team.

Waller, a 5-10 forward from Richmond, Va., led the Lady Norse in scoring with a 12.8 average while grabbing 4.4 rebounds per game. Waller also led the team with 68 steals and 34 blocked shots.

Reed, a 5-9 forward from Pine Bluff, Ark., led the Lady Norse in rebounding with an 8.1 average while scoring 11 points per game.

Veteran guards Traci Anderson, 5-5 from Tulsa, and Kellie Bland, 5-7 from Wyandotte, and Gina Pierce, 5-4 from Claremore, provided valuable experience.

Anderson led the team with 112 assists while Bland averaged 3.9 points per game.



Independence, Kan. guard Terri Eden drives past the defensive effort of NEO's Traci Anderson (11) and Diana Hubbard (33).

Jim Ellis

Jessica Burkholder (25) and Tasha Barnett (54) swarm the ball held by Trilbya Stripling of St. Gregory's College.

Jim Ellis



Kellie Bland avoids drawing a personal foul as Terra Hill (32) of Independence, Kan. drives around the defensive stand.

Jim Ellis





Veteran forward Chevette Waller grabs the ball away from Westark guard Kim Williams.

Jim Ellis

Sophomore guard Traci Anderson (11) applies defensive pressure to T.J. Humphreys of Northern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis



Four freshmen filled key roles for Lady Norse

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

While the Lady Norse started the season with seven returning veterans, four freshmen made a major contribution to the overall teams success.

Tasha Barnett, 5-11 from San Diego, Calif., stepped into the starting center position after a stellar high school career. Barnett averaged 8.3 points and 6.7 rebounds while contributing 23 assists and 22 steals. Barnett led the team by hitting 102 of 182 from 2-point range for 56 percent.

Amy Plunkett, 5-10 from Tulsa, filled in at both center and forward. Plunkett averaged 4.9 points and 4.2 rebounds while recording 24 assists and 15 steals.

Marsha Burdge, 5-9 from Wyandotte, stepped in to sub in the center spot after playing volleyball in the off-season. Burdge averaged 4.6 points and 6.1 rebounds with 29 assists and 30 steals.

Diana "Bird" Hubbard, 5-10 from Preston, averaged 3.5 points and 2.1 rebounds with 18 assists and 11 steals before joining the Lady Norse softball team.



Driving past the defense of both Karen Wilkins (30) and Melissa Miller (44) both of Northern Oklahoma College is Diana "Bird" Hubbard for a basket.

Jim Ellis

Marsha Burdge (52) grabs a rebound from a shot by Alisa Tassler (22) of Northern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis



Making an outlet pass after making a cut towards the basket is freshman center Marsha Burdge (52).

Jim Ellis





Urika Dean (32) of Northern Oklahoma College attempts to rebound a shot as Diana "Bird" Hubbard also waits for the ball.

Jim Ellis

Three Lady Norse freshmen Diana "Bird" Hubbard (33), Marsha Burdge (52) and Amy Plunkett (44) swarm around Jill Kliewer (42) of Northern Oklahoma College.

Jim Ellis



Sophomores provide solid defense

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

With six sophomores providing a solid defensive nucleus on the infield, coach Rick Ritschel's Golden Norsemen started the season with only one veteran on the pitching staff and in the outfield.

Veteran Jimmy Jones of Claremore was the only returnee on the pitching staff. Jones appeared in four games with a 2-1 season record in 14.2 innings of work. Jones recorded eight walks and eight strikeouts while compiling a 5.73 earned run average.

Returning at first base was Zach Duffield from Grove. Duffield appeared in 17 games as a freshman with a .273 batting average. He collected one double and two home runs with 10 runs scored and nine RBI.

Splitting time at second base were Todd Kenmore of Moore and Wes Swarthout of Grove. Kenmore batted .299 in 32 games with 21 runs scored and 12 runs batted in. Swarthout hit .280 in 44 games with 24 runs scored and 14 RBI.

Transfers Shane Sigman of Jenks and Shane Nading of Miami split time at short-stop. Sigman played one year at Bacone Junior College while Nading played at Labette (Kan.) Community College.

Veteran Eric Calton returned at third base after hitting .306 in 42 games with 13 runs scored and 14 runs batted in.



Sophomore Jake Schumann slides into second base on a straight steal as Forest Park, Mo., second baseman Steve Wright leaps high to take the throw.

Kathy Wyrick

First base coach Mike Steed (22) tells base runner Eric Calton to get back to first on a pickoff move.

Kathy Wyrick



Wes Swarthout rounds third and heads for home on a base hit by Zach Duffield and Homa Thomas Field.

Kathy Wyrick



BASEBALL

Golden Norsemen start season with freshmen spearheading pitching staff

Finding answers to several key questions received priority as head coach Rick Ritschel opened the 1996 baseball campaign.

Graduation took a heavy toll on the Golden Norsemen pitching staff with only one sophomore returning and four starters coming back to the infield.

During the 1995 season the Golden Norsemen finished third in the Region II post-season tournament while compiling a 24-21 overall record. The Norsemen have a 134-128 overall record during Ritschel's five years as head coach.

Veteran righthander Jimmy Jones was the only returnee on the pitching

staff of that contained 12 players.

Freshmen righthanders were Mike Buckingham, Ryan Buckman, Brandon Earp, Tony Ferguson, Maurice Harris, Scott Rupert, and Heath Timmerman.

Freshmen lefthanded hurlers included Jeff Baty, Cash Chrismon, Chris

Harak, and Gary Staton.

Four freshmen handled the catching duties including Derrick Roberts, Aaron Lakey, Chuck Bell, and Aaron King.

Returning at first base was veteran Zach Duffield along with freshman Damon Edelen.

Sophomores Wes Swarthout and Todd Kenmore returned to share the duties at second base for the Golden Norsemen.

Transfer Shawn Nading along with freshmen Jason Koss and Matt Beller challenged for playing time at shortstop.

Returning to handle the responsibilities at third base was starter Eric Calton.

Transfer Eric Sommerhauser was the lone veteran in the Golden Norse outfield.

While Sommerhauser started in centerfield, freshmen Dustin Steele, Joe Hale and Jerry Ballard shared the other outfield positions.

"We had better overall speed than we had the previous two seasons, but our pitching staff was so inexperienced," said Ritschel.



Second baseman Dustin Combs scores ahead of teammate Matt Smittle following a two-run homer at Homa Thomas Field.

Kathy Wyrick

Freshmen filled key positions for Norsemen

By Byron Beers
Sports Editor

While veterans comprised the majority of infield positions, freshmen were counted upon to carry the pitching load and the outfield.

Handling the mound duties from the right side were Mike Buckingham, Tulsa; Ryan Bucknam, Woodward; Brandon Earp, Skiatook; Tony Ferguson, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Maurice Harris, Jenks; Scott Rupert, Miami, and Heath Timmerman, Skiatook.

Lefthanded freshmen hurlers were Jeff Baty, Edmond; Cash Chrisman, Oklahoma City; Chris Harak, Tampa, Fla., and Gary Staton, Bixby.

Four freshmen working behind the plate were Chuck Bell, Bixby; Aaron King, Miami; Aaron Lakey, Skiatook, and Derrick Roberts, Jenks.

Freshmen infielder prospects were Matt Beller, Bixby; Jason Koss, Tulsa, and Damon Edelen, Snyder.

Outfielder candidates were Jerry Ballard, Hominy; Joe Hale, Skiatook, and Dustin Steele, Tulsa.



Third base coach Eric Iverson indicates to the base runner that he should hit the deck while coming into the base.

Kathy Wyrick

David Dale tags out a base runner on first during a pickoff play.

Kathy Wyrick



Veteran righthander Elvin Nina warms up between innings during a game.

Kathy Wyrick





Veteran third baseman Eric Calton looks to see if the ball went through as he beats out a hit against Western Oklahoma College.

Kathy Wyrick

Sophomore righthander Jimmy Jones fires a strike to the plate against the Seminole Trojans at Homa Thomas Field.

Kathy Wyrick



Norsemen finish third in 1995 regionals

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

Falling victim to seven runs in two innings, the Golden Norse suffered a 7-1 loss to Connors State in the loser's bracket finals of the 1995 Region II Tournament at Oral Roberts University's J.L. Johnson Stadium.

Connors lost to defending Region II champion Seminole 9-7 in the championship game.

NEO built a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning as Matt George reached on an error. After Wes Swarhout reached on a fielder's choice, George scored on a single by Jake Schumann.

Connors responded with three runs in the bottom of the third inning. The highlight of the inning was a two-run homer by Julio Lugo.

The Cowboys took advantage of two NEO errors to score four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. A two-run homer by Derek Nunn capped the inning.

Schumann led the five-hit Golden Norseman attack with two singles. Third baseman Eric Calton added a triple and Jack Burnett and David Dale contributed singles.



First base coach Mike Steed (22) instructs base runner Jake Schumann to stay on the base during a pickoff play by Seminole Junior College.

Kathy Wyrick

Matt George dives back into second base after a pickoff attempt as Seminole second baseman Manny Fernandez covers the bag.

Kathy Wyrick



Eric Calton pulls into third base after hitting a triple against Forest Park, Mo.

Kathy Wyrick





Veteran lefthander Kevin Needham sends a pitch home as Bacone's Leroy Wyrick waits on the delivery in a game at Homa Thomas Field.
Kathy Wyrick

Jack Burnett (20) crosses home plate at Homa Thomas Field after hitting one of his team-leading eight home runs.
Kathy Wyrick



Four sophomores earn All-Region accolades

By Byron Beers

Sports Editor

Veteran designated hitter Jack Burnett was one of four Golden Norsemen selected to the 1995 All-Region II team.

Burnett, from Commerce, was selected to the first team while third baseman Eric Calton, second baseman Wes Swarhout and pitcher Elvin Nina were named to the second team.

Burnett led the Norsemen with a lofty .430 average in 135 at-bats which included 13 doubles, two triples and eight home runs. Burnett scored 35 runs and collected 53 RBI.

Calton, from Tulsa, finished fourth on the team in hitting with a .306 average. Calton collected seven doubles, one triple and two homers along with 13 runs scored and 14 runs batted in.

Swarhout, from Grove, hit .280 with four doubles, two triples, 24 runs scored and 14 RBI.

Nina, a righthander from East Orange, N.J., posted a 6-3 record in 54.1 innings of work with a 3.35 earned run average. He posted 47 strikeouts and 34 walks while surrendering 37 hits.



Sophomore shortstop Shawn Nading looks for a certain pitch while at the plate during a double-header at Homa Thomas Field.

Kathy Wyrick

Veteran righthander Derek Masse releases a fast ball while pitching during a home game.

Kathy Wyrick



Terrell Moreland slides safe into second base on a delayed steal as Eastern Oklahoma College second baseman Steve Spicer takes the throw.

Kathy Wyrick





Todd Kenmore goes back into first base as Bacone Junior College pitcher Jason Hood makes his pickoff move.

Kathy Wyrick

Matt Smittle waits for a pitch he can drive down the leftfield line during a game at Homa Thomas Field.

Kathy Wyrick



Sophomores provided solid nucleus to begin season

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

Despite losing two key starters before the season, first-year head coach Eric Iverson returned five sophomores to serve as team leaders.

Gone were All-Americans Leanne Tyler, a pitcher who transferred to Oklahoma State and catcher Christy Briley with a knee injury.

Returning a first base were veterans Julie Parks and Sunny Frost.

Parks appeared in 29 games as a freshman with a .293 batting average. Parks collected seven doubles, three triples and two home runs with 20 runs scored and 15 runs batted in.

Frost played in 26 games with a .302 batting average. Frost collected three doubles and one triple with 12 runs and 12 RBI.

Veteran Mandy Eddings returned at second base for the Lady Norse. Eddings batted .364 in 51 games while collecting five doubles, five triples and one homer. She also recorded 13 stolen bases with 48 runs scored and 25 RBI.

Returning at shortstop was Julie Modrell with a .308 average in 42 games. Modrell collected two doubles with 14 runs scored and 10 runs batted in.

All-American Sherry McGuire returned at third base after hitting .340 in 56 games as a freshman. McGuire collected 13 doubles, six triples and two home runs with 28 runs scored and 46 RBI.



Making a strong throw from her third base position is All-American Sherry McGuire during a game at the softball diamond.

Kathy Wyrick

Outfielder Elizabeth Landgraf fields a ball and fires it into second base as Julie Modrell provides backup.

Kathy Wyrick



Mandy Eddings removes her sliding gloves after scoring a run late in the game.

Kathy Wyrick



SOFTBALL

Lady Norse experience several changes after finishing second in the nation in 1995

After losing to Central Arizona in the finals of the 1995 Women's National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., the Lady Norse started the 1996 campaign under the direction of a new head coach and without the services of All-American pitcher Leanne

Tyler.

Former Golden Norse assistant baseball coach Eric Iverson assumed the reins of the Lady Norse program after veteran head coach Woody Morrow resigned to continue his education in Colorado.

NEO finished with a 52-5 season record while losing 7-0 to Central

Arizona in the finals.

Tyler, a sophomore from Brisbane, Australia, transferred to Oklahoma State University after posting a 32-3 overall record with a 0.30 earned run average.

Iverson started the season with a nucleus of five sophomores on a squad of 14 players.

Comprising the Lady Norse pitching staff were freshmen Diana Hubbard of Preston, Stacy Venable of Choctaw, and Cara Smith of Commerce.

Freshman Dana Carlton of Oklahoma City handled the catching duties.

Sophomores Julie Parks from Carrollton, Texas and Sunny Frost from Quapaw returned at first base along with freshman Shonna Kerr from Adair.

Returning at second base was sophomore Mandy Eddings of Commerce along with freshman Sami James of Dewey.

Sophomore Julie Modrell of Edmond returned to handle the shortstop duties.

Veteran Sherry McGuire of Ponca City handled the chores at third base.

Freshmen Tammy Bigpond of Liberty Mounds, Elizabeth Landgraf of Del City and Debbie Nowlin of Fayetteville, Ark., alternated in the outfield.

The Lady Norse also lost the services of All-American catcher Christy Briley of Vinita. Briley suffered a knee injury which required surgery.

Sophomore catcher Christy Briley looks for a signal from the bench. Briley suffered a knee injury and sat out the 1996 season.

Kathy Wyrick



Freshmen filled key positions for Lady Norse

By David Burkham

Sports Editor

Starting the season with nine freshman, coach Eric Iverson hung all his expectations on the production from these first-year players.

Handing the pitching chores for the Lady Norse were Stacy Venable of Choctaw, Cara Smith of Commerce, and Diana "Bird" Hubbard of Preston.

Venable came to NEO after one semester at the University of Oklahoma while Hubbard was late to join the squad because of her basketball commitments.

Calling the pitches behind the plate was Dana Carlton of Oklahoma City. Carlton returned as a freshman after sitting out last year with an injury to her throwing hand.

At first base was Shonna Kerr of Adair while Sami James of Dewey challenged at second base.

Anchoring the outfield positions for the Lady Norse were Tammy Bigpond of Liberty Mounds, Elizabeth "Lolly" Landgraf of Del City and Debbie Nowlin of Fayetteville, Ark.



Veteran Julie Parks waits to drive a pitch into the outfield in a game against Bacone College.

Kathy Wyrick

Fans fill the stands for an afternoon of fun at a double-header on the NEO softball diamond.

Kathy Wyrick



Sherry McGuire scores on a base hit by Julie Moddrell.

Kathy Wyrick





Mandy Eddings takes off from second base in a steal of third after stealing 13 bases as a freshman.

Kathy Wyrick

Shonna Kerr slides into second base ahead of a tag by Crowder's Tina McMichael as shortstop Denise Smith looks on.

Kathy Wyrick



Six ladies earn recognition as All-Americans

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

Following the second place finish in 1995, six members of the Lady Norse squad earned All-American honors.

Pitcher Leanne Tyler was named to the first team of the National Junior College Athletic Association squad. Tyler led the nation with 344 strike outs in 230.2 innings.

Outfielder Heather Moore also earned NJCAA first-team honors. Moore led the team with a .460 average, 24 doubles, seven triples and six home runs.

Catcher Christy Briley was also selected to the NJCAA first team after hitting .328 in 122 at-bats.

Playing first base, Jessica Crawford was named to the NJCAA second team. Crawford hit .384 in 138 at-bats.

Rightfielder Wendy Deaton was selected to the National Softball Coaches Association All-American team. Deaton hit .356 in 163 at-bats.

Second baseman Mandy Eddings earned NSCA honors after hitting .364 in 165 at-bats as a freshman.



Stalwart pitcher Leanne Tyler fires a strike after leading the nation with 344 strikeouts in 230.2 innings pitched.

Kathy Wyrick

Catcher Christy Briley receives a pitch from battery-mate Leanne Tyler during a game on the NEO diamond.

Kathy Wyrick



Lady Norse engage in conversation before taking the field to begin a game.

Kathy Wyrick





Wendi Deaton fakes a lead off second before deciding if she should steal. Deaton led the Lady Norse with 23 steals.

Kathy Wyrick

Heather Moore is called safe at third base after going from first to third on a base hit. Moore led the Lady Norse with a .460 batting average.

Kathy Wyrick



Lady Norse suffer loss for championship

By David Burkham
Sports Editor

Pitting the nation's number one and two ranked junior college softball teams, the finals of the 1995 National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament had all the drama of a World Series.

The two teams battled their way to the championship round in rather different fashion.

Coach Woody Morrow's second ranked Lady Norse upset top-rated Central Arizona 2-1 to gain a berth in the final round.

The Vaqueros were forced to play three games to annex their eighth national title in 12 years.

The Vaqueros defeated Lake Michigan 3-0 and advanced into the title round.

The first championship game featured a bang-bang play at home plate as NEO rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the last inning.

After posting the 3-2 win, Central Arizona limited the Lady Norse to only two singles enroute to a 7-0 win for the crown. Renae Monamed struck out 10 to gain the victory.



Ruth Seabold rounds third and looks for the play at the plate after advancing on a base hit by Mandy Eddings.

Kathy Wyrick

Freshman pitcher Diana "Bird" Hubbard fires a strike towards the plate during a game on the NEO diamond.

Kathy Wyrick



Sherry McGuire tries to apply the breaks at third base as Crowder's Tiffany Drake awaits the throw in from the outfield.

Kathy Wyrick





Sherry McGuire lines a single up the middle during a game on the NEO diamond.

Kathy Wyrick

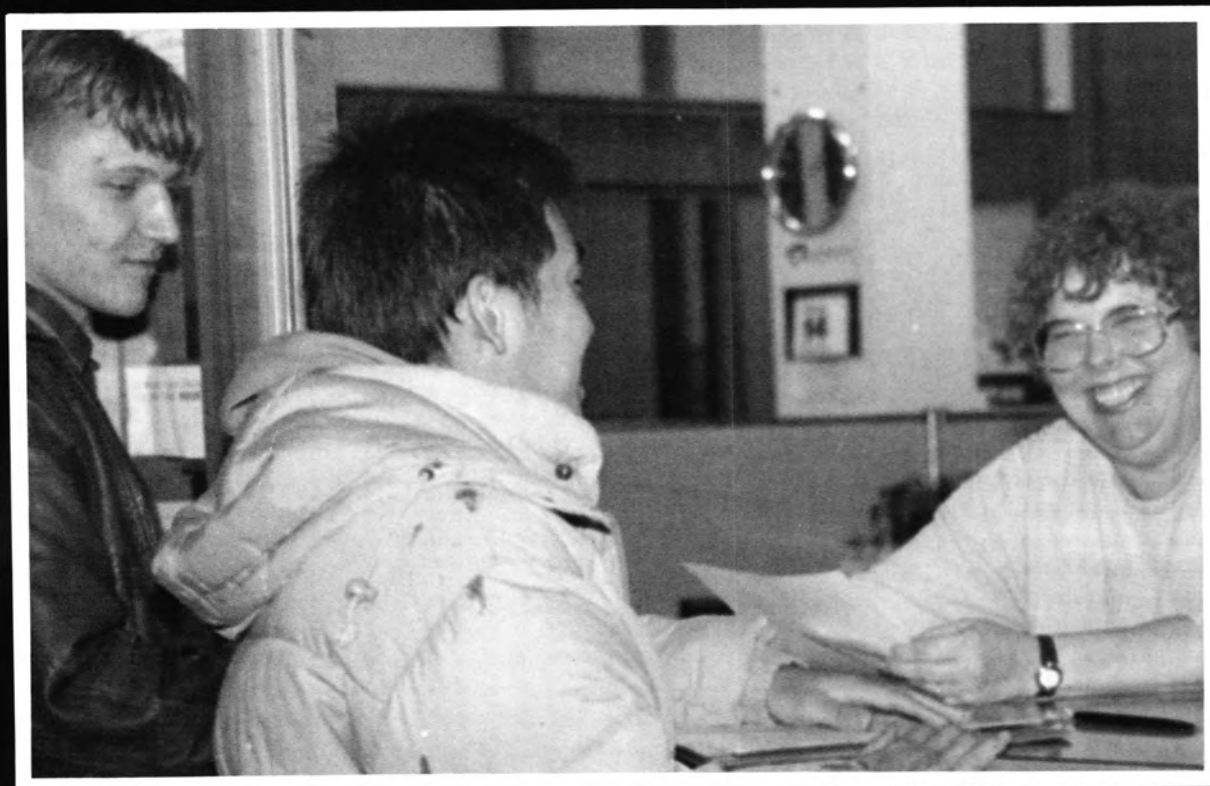
Shortstop Julie Moddrell charges a ground ball and makes the throw to first base during a home game.

Kathy Wyrick





Enrollment reflected a
More than 1,800 students attended classes
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during the fall semester.



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Students receive mid-term degree

By Calee Doles

Sixty nine students completed degree requirements in December which qualified them to receive an associate in arts or associate in applied science degree.

In order to receive their associate's degree, students must have completed at least 62 credit hours and met all the institutional requirements toward their degree plan.

Oklahoma students and their hometowns were as follows:

Afton: Sandi Jennings, Blake Allen, and Bernadette Dubois.

Bartlesville: Andrew Manning

Abernathy, Brian So.
Quapaw Physical Education
Adkins, Casey Fr.
Tulsa Journalism
Al-Doulat, Walid So.
Miami Pre-Medicine
Allemann, James So.
Miami Pre-Engineering
Allen, Amanda Fr.
Cache Accounting

Allen, Cynthia So.
Miami Accounting
Allen, Guy So.
Miami Accounting
Allen, Matt So.
Wyandotte Physical Therapy
Anderson, Charles So.
Bluejacket Nursing
Anderson, Dawn So.
Afton Computer Science

Arnold, Sue So.
Miami English
Asahara, Chika So.
Tokyo, Japan Computer Science
Asbury, Michael So.
Altus English
Arterbury, Trent Fr.
Ponca City Computer Science
Austin, Andrea So.
Commerce Legal Secretary

Baird, Greg So.
Oswego, Kan. Agriculture
Baker, Alicia So.
Miami Allied Health
Baker, Dee Fr.
Houston, Texas Physical Education
Baker, Holly So.
Miami Agriculture
Bakheet, Bobbie So.
Miami Pre-Pharmacy

Baldwin, Michael So.
Oklahoma City Criminal Justice
Ball, Shari So.
Grove Nursing
Ballard, Stacy So.
Grove Community Journalism
Barber, Michael So.
Holdenville Forestry
Barnes, Melissa So.
Miami English

Beggs: Scott Condict

Bristow: Regina Tyler

Broken Arrow: Christine Biggs

Commerce: Twani Alexander

Eucha: Archie Buzzard

Fairland: Thomas Kinsey

Grove: Tracy Tipton, Anita Fields, Angela Landmesser, Michelia O'Neal, Erica Shade, and Regina Spychalski.

Jay: Bobby Beal, Serena Browning, Debbie Hamilton, and Evette Marteney.

Miami: Wendy Andrews, Alicia Baker, Fredrick Billups, Jason Bowden, Ryan Hasseberg, Donald

Hubbard, Julie Lewis, Justin Mil Carolee Pendergraft, Tracy Re Brian Barless, Wanda Woodwo Kimberly Braz, Karen Jay, Willi Marsh, Jason McKinney, Jan Morgan, Teina Munson, Dor Reed, Dana Smith, Susan Whitr Peggy Widby, and Teresa Wood

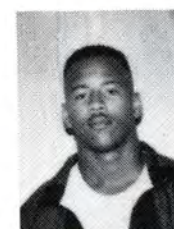
Oklahoma City: Kalim Und wood and Micheal Baldwin.

Oktaha: Ramon Burroughs

Picher: Bryan Maute and Je Coach.

Quapaw: Billi Case, Angu Baughman, and Barbara Hoffma

Sapulpa: Matthew Murray





Big Bad Wolf, portrayed by Mike Lowery, reacts as Red Riding Hood, played by Carly Hammond, asks the Woodsman, played by Tony Slaczka, for help scene from *Little Red Riding Hood*. **Tim Ingram**



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| Barnhart, Andi | So. |
| South Coffeyville | Agriculture |
| Barr, Angela | So. |
| Miami | English |
| Beal, Bobby | So. |
| Jay | Community Journalism |
| Beard, Donte | So. |
| Tulsa | English |
| Beck, Charles | So. |
| Vinita | Nursing |
| Becknell, Theo | Fr. |
| Coweta | Physical Therapy |
| Bench, Sherri | Fr. |
| Ocheleta | Computer Science |
| Bennett, Carolyn | Fr. |
| Miami | Business Administration |
| Bennett, Heather | Fr. |
| Owasso | Television |
| Beers, Byron | So. |
| Owasso | Journalism |

Livestock judges capture top honors

By Dusti Glenn

Members of the college livestock judging team finished fifth overall in the North American International Livestock Exposition Junior College Judging contest at Louisville, Ky.

The team placed first in swine performance, third in hog judging, fourth in reasons, ninth in beef judging, and 10th in sheep judging.

Winning fourth in the individual beef competition, Mike Mayfield of Wyandotte captured top honors in the beef judging event.

Under the direction of Jary Douglas and Chad Stine, the mem-

bers of the team were Mayfield, a freshman of Wyandotte; Jeff Able, a sophomore of Wyandotte; Bryan Durham, a sophomore from Lawton; Brandon Morgan, a sophomore of Holdenville, and Chisum Peterson, a sophomore from Pukwana, S.D.

"Over the years that this contest has been held, we have brought back nine overall team awards, seven overall individual awards, eight overall winners in the reasons competition, and four individual reasons winners," said Douglas.

Over the years, the NEO beef judging teams have won seven titles and

two individuals.

In the swine judging, NEO had six teams to win the top honors and four individuals.

NEO has captured four team titles in the sheep judging event and three individuals.

After traveling to the Arizona National Judging Contest in late December, the NEO Livestock judging team resumed competition in late February.

"Our kids worked long, hard hours to get better, both as a team, and on an individual level in each area," said Douglas.

Berry, Tamesha So.
Haskell Nursing
Billups, Fred So.
Miami Mid-Management
Bingham, Andy So.
Baxter Springs, Kan. Art
Bingham, Jennifer So.
Baxter Springs, Kan. Education
Binam, Nathan Fr.
Claremore Physical Education

Black, Robert So.
Ardmore Forestry
Bland, Kellie So.
Wyandotte Journalism
Blazer, Steve So.
Commerce Criminal Justice
Bodnar, Kelly So.
Miami Nursing
Boswell, Chantel So.
Commerce Nursing
Bowden, Jason So.
Picher Accounting
Bowden, Kim So.
Miami Allied Health
Bowden, Sonny So.
Miami Nursing
Boyd, Halbert So.
Skiatook English
Boyer, Tammy So.
Seneca, Mo. Surgical Technology

Branstetter, Lori So.
Nowata Animal Science
Braxton, Raishyeen Fr.
Idabel General Studies
Briley, Christene So.
Vinita Physical Therapy
Brooks, Johnny Fr.
Grove Psychology
Brown, Cheryl So.
Fairland Accounting

Bryam, Cory So.
Pawhuska Business Administration
Burch, Laura So.
Walker, Mo. Agriculture
Burden, Jon So.
Decatur, Ark. Ranch Management
Burgtorf, Chet So.
Shaddick Speech and Theatre
Burkham, David Fr.
Hugo Journalism





Students walk down the main mall area on the way to classes.

Kelly Ivey



Burdge, Marsha Fr.
Wyandotte Education
Burkholder, Jessica So.
Miami Physical Education
Burroughs, Ramone So.
Oktaha Physical Education
Burns, Heather Fr.
Tulsa Television
Bushnell, Charles So.
Welch Pre-Pharmacy



Buxton, William So.
Hepsibah, Ga. Physical Education
Buzzard, Archie So.
Eucha Physical Education
Bass, Heather So.
Miami Television
Campbell, Regan So.
Fairland Agriculture
Campbell, Tameca So.
Tulsa Business Administration

Student organization creates hono

By Kellie Bland

Members of the Student Body Government offered students the opportunity to nominate their favorite "Teacher of the Month" starting during the second semester.

"The idea itself came out of a group discussion in the President's cabinet meeting," said Chris Davis, Student Body Government president and member of the cabinet.

"We saw the good things the Staff Association was doing with employee of the month, and thought it would be a good idea."

There were no set qualifications

that a teacher must have, but according to Davis, "It should be a teacher who has made a difference in a student's life."

"This could be through knowledge learned, examples set, or friendship."

Nominations were made through the Student Body Government.

"If a student had someone they wanted to nominate, they contacted their SBG representative if they are in a club, and SBG officer, or call the SBG office at ext. 6193."

"The nominations were taken at the first SBG meetings in each

month. At the second meeting of the month the Student Body Government voted on the nominations."

"This way the students had a chance to know a little about who they are voting on."

"SBG believed that faculty were a very important part of our campus. We hope that this helped foster communication between students and instructors, and we hope they realize that we appreciated them."

The first recipient was named during the first week of February and the selection process was continued through May.

Carder, Kevin So. Engineering
Miami
Carrier, Lori So. English
Picher
Case, Billie Jo So.
Quapaw Pre-Dentistry
Caskey, Kim So.
Miami Education
Catlett, Angie So.
Afton Accounting



Champlin, Vernon So. Forestry
Miami
Chilcoat, Crystal Fr. Child Development
Perry
Clacker, Cecil So. Biology
Tulsa
Clacker, Jacqueline So. English
Tulsa
Clapp, Sharri So. Computer Science
Miami



Clark, Emily So. Engineering
Baxter Springs, Kan.
Clark, Jeri Fr. Physical Therapy
Quapaw
Clark, Lori So. Business Administration
Quapaw
Cleveland, Jacob So. Art
Golden City, Mo.
Clifford, Sean So. Criminal Justice
Miami

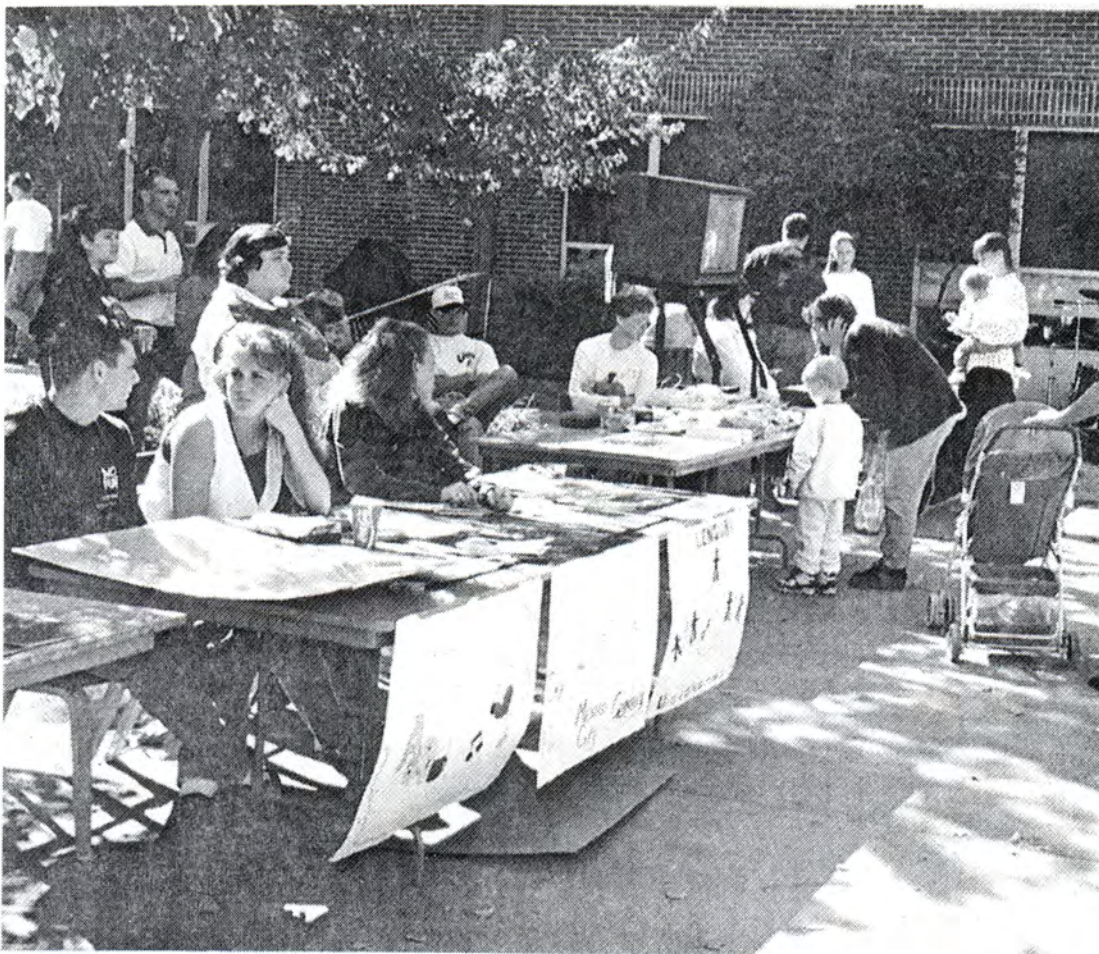


Cohea, Lori So. Computer Science
Miami
Collins, Y'La So. English
Tulsa
Compton, Barbara So. Wildlife Management
Miami
Conner, Chandy So. Nursing
Commerce
Conduff, Rebecca Fr. Child Development
Wyandotte



Conway, Bryan Fr. Accounting
Salina
Cooper, Ahmed Fr. English
Oklahoma City
Cooper, Sandra So. Medical Secretary
Depew
Cox, Billye So. Nursing
Joplin, Mo.
Cox, James So. Physical Education
Tulsa





itors check out some of the things offered at booths set up during Family Day activities on campus.

Kelly Ivey



Cox, Saron
Nassau, Bahamas
Craig, Whitney
Miami
Bowers, Jarod
Fairland
Braz, Kimberly
Miami
Clacker, Cecil
Tulsa

So.
Physical Education
So.
English
Fr.
Drafting
So.
Biology
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Nursing



Crawford, Nichole
Bristow
Crice, Sara
Picher
Crowder, Cindy
Grove
Crowder, Rachel
Grove
Crowley, Erin
Wyandotte

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Computer Science
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Nursing
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Aviation
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Education
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English

Seniors make annual campus visit

By Kellie Bland

An estimated 400 high school seniors from the four state area attended the annual Senior Day activities held in February on the campus.

Senior Day was sponsored by the six academic divisional chairs. The event was an opportunity for high school seniors to tour the campus, visit with faculty, and learn more about the different programs offered by the college.

George Weaver, Chairman of the Business Division and Senior Day organizer, said the event was a great

opportunity for students who are not sure about their plans after graduation to know more about NEO.

"This one day event gave students the opportunity to ask questions and find out a multitude of facts about the college without making a dozen phone calls or making several long distance trips," Weaver said.

The day started out with registration in the Fine Arts Lobby.

A general assembly was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Student Body Government president Chris Davis was the emcee.

Dr. Jerry Carroll, NEO President,

issued a welcome before Jeannie Shore, financial aid director, addressed the group concerning financial aids application packets.

Dale Patterson, dean of records and admissions, spoke to the group concerning proper enrollment procedures.

Dennis Earp, director of student activities, discussed the various clubs and organizations that were available for student participation.

Visiting students were entertained by the NEO Jazz Band.

The group was divided into smaller sections for tours of campus.

Cunningham, Mike So. Electronics
Dewey
Cyrus, Robyn Fr. Business Administration
Tulsa
Daily, Scott So. Equine Science
Inola
Davis, Chris So. Business Administration
Miami
Davis, Greg So. Equine Science
Mercer, Pa.



Davis Janie So. Wildlife Management
Fairland
Davis, Shannon So. Music
Lamont
Dean, Audrey So. Business Administration
Broken Arrow
Dembinski, Jason So. Computer Science
Miami
Denny, Troy Fr. Journalism
Ada



Denver, Wilmer So. Theatre
Hiawassee, Ark.
DeShazer, Jessica Fr. General Studies
Drumright
DeShazer, Michelle So. Medical Lab
Commerce
Detherage, Mindy So. Agriculture
Miami
Dixon, Bobbie So. Nursing
Miami



Dixon, Rita Fr. Television
Ponca City
Dixon-Ogden, Shelley So. Child Development
Vinita
Doles, Calee So. Elementary Education
Guthrie
Dolon, Petrino So. Criminal Justice
Micronesia
Dooley, Chris Fr. Engineering
Afton



Drake, Jennifer So. Education
Wyandotte
Dubois, Bernadette So. Art
Afton
Duggin, Ginie Fr. Computer Science
Fayetteville, Ark.
Dunaway, Jason Fr. General Studies
Owasso
Duncan, Dallas FR. General Studies
Owasso





athletic director Bob Maxwell and Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Tom Poole participate in the annual Heart Walk. *Nancy Bishop*



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| Dunkel, Heather | So. |
| Oologah | English |
| Dunlap, Aaron | So. |
| Claremore | English |
| Durbin, Carla | So. |
| Grove | Medical Lab |
| Duwe, Jennifer | Fr. |
| Mount Vernon, Mo. | Legal Assistant |
| Eads, Julie | So. |
| Miami | Pharmacy |
| Earp, Scott | So. |
| Quapaw | Agriculture |
| Eddington, Christy | Fr. |
| Grant | Computer Science |
| Eighmy, Thomas | So. |
| Afton | Marketing |
| Eldridge, Mitzi | Fr. |
| Miami | Business Administration |
| Ellick, Rachel | So. |
| Picher | Child Development |

Two sophomores receive hono:

By *Calee Doles*

Two honor students were nominated to represent NEO on the All-USA Today Academic Team.

Chris Davis and Amy Rhine, maintained 4.0 grade point averages and were active in various extracurricular activities.

Chris Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davis. As a valedictorian of his class, Chris graduated from Commerce High School, Commerce, Ok. He was president of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Body Government. Chris was also a Second Congressional District Presi-

dent for Young Democrats of Oklahoma.

In addition to being a member of the college quiz bowl team, he was also a member of other NEO clubs and organizations. Majoring in business administration, Chris graduated in May.

In addition to being the song director, Chris was also active in other activities in his church, Mount Zion Baptist.

Amy Rhine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhine. She graduated from Wyandotte High School.

Amy was the secretary of Phi

Theta Kappa and Student Representative for the Student Body Government. She also was a member of various other organizations on the NEO campus.

Planning to graduate in May, Amy was majoring in Elementary Education.

Amy is also an active member of her church, Immanuel Baptist Church. Besides being active in the youth group, she also played in the music group.

Sixty students are named each year to 20-member first, second, and third teams.

Eichelberger, Mary So.
Joplin, Mo. Nursing
Embry, Janet So.
Miami Nursing
Essy, Jennifer So.
Miami Surgical Technology
Evans, Leslie Fr.
Fort Gibson Elementary Education
Farmer, Steven So.
Coweta Mathematics

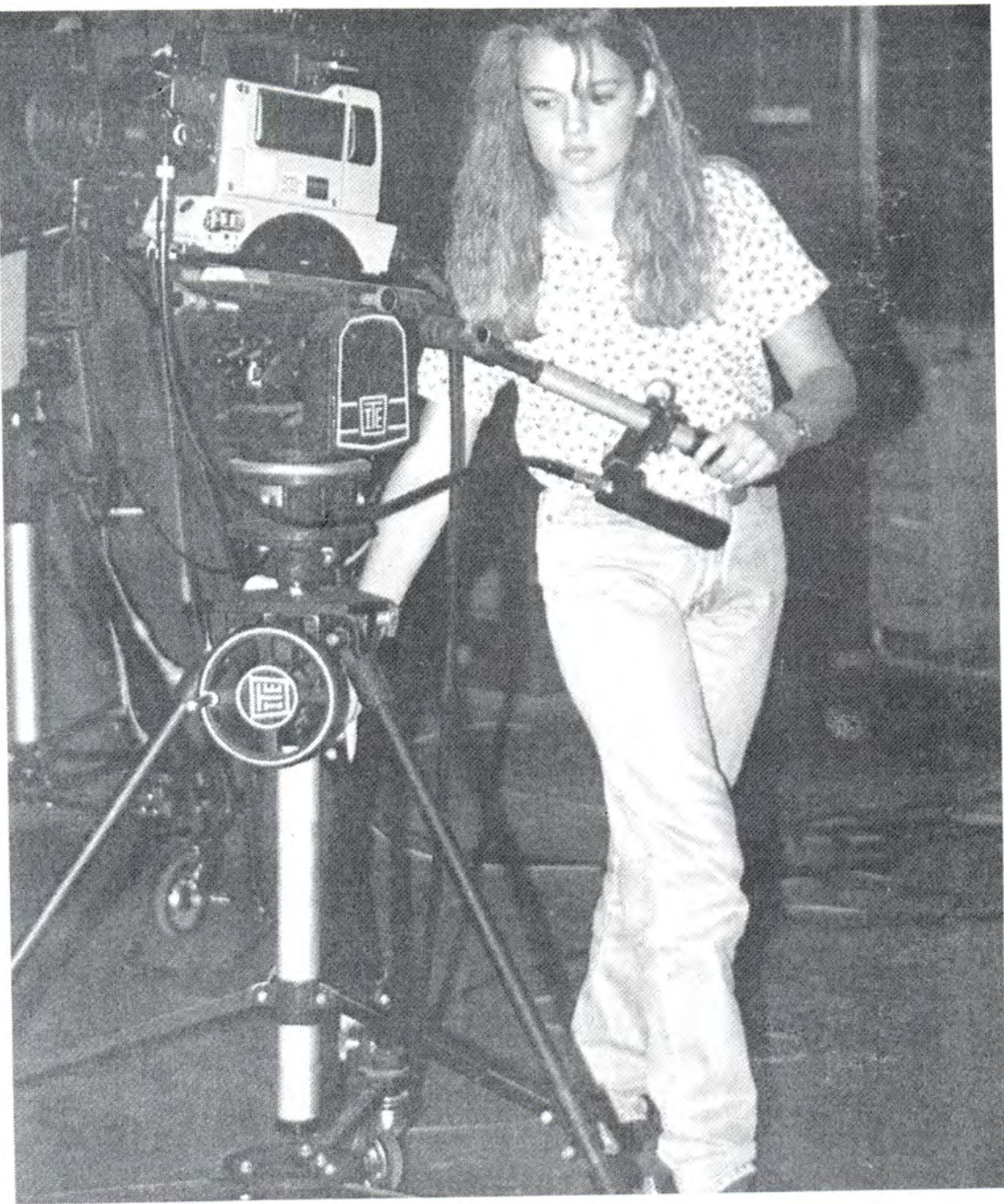
Felton, Bill Fr.
Waukomis Engineering
Ferrill, Kerry So.
Little Rock, Ark. Accounting
Ferry, Carolyn Fr.
Miami Legal Assistant
Fields, Anita So.
Bartlesville Accounting
Fields, Dayna So.
Fairland Business

Fields, Miranda So.
Kansas, Okla. Business Administration
Fields, Maya Fr.
Tulsa Nursing
Fizette, Benjamin So.
Mount Sterling, Mo. Veterinary Medicine
Forsmann, Joy So.
Grove Nursing
Foster, Chris So.
Kansas, Okla. English

Foster, Erica Fr.
Tulsa Biology
Fox, Kimberly So.
Miami Nursing
Franks, Jennifer Fr.
Miami Psychology
Frazier, Mary Fr.
Wyandotte Child Development
Fuser, Jared So.
Afton Allied Health

Gaines, Melody So.
Commerce Speech
Galloway, Kerri So.
Ramona Elementary Education
Gamble, Carrie So.
Welch Nursing
Gandy, Resha Fr.
Galena, Kan. Nursing
Garrett, Cathy So.
Miami Education





Leather Bennett, a freshman from Owasso, learns to position the television camera during television production class.

Shelly Ng



Gatewood, Ryan So.
Miami Agriculture
George, Trisha So.
Welch Theatre
Geraghty, Charleen Fr.
Pittsburg, Kan. Physical Therapy
Gibbs, Kerry So.
Picher Nursing
Gilmore, Andy Fr.
Big Cabin Mathematics



Goldman, Jared So.
Grove Elementary Education
Gomez, Karla Fr.
Commerce General Studies
Gomez, Wendy So.
Commerce Business
Gonzalez, Dallas So.
Wyandotte Music
Graham, Jennifer So.
Davis City, Iowa General Studies

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New data base used by everyone

By Shelly Ng

The Learning Resources Center continued upgrading its facilities in an effort to stay ahead in providing information.

According to Bill Pfannenstiel, reference librarian, the LRC will install E-mail and will experiment with it during the spring semester. During the fall 1996 semester, students may begin to have access to E-mail.

"The reason why NEO was behind some schools in E-mail service was because we were waiting for the state to hook up the system rather than to do it ourselves. The state was going to

hook up all the schools in Oklahoma and by doing so, it would be a lot cheaper," said Pfannenstiel.

Meanwhile, the LRC has installed numerous full-text and index programs, and purchased new computers with CD-ROMs.

Most of the new programs contained information about news articles, while some are just for entertainment.

Full-text programs display an entire article which can be printed out.

Index programs do not display the article. They only show the names of newspapers or magazines that con-

tain the article.

According to Pfannenstiel, the new programs was very popular.

"They're all heavily used. Some teachers brought their classes in to have a demonstration," said Pfannenstiel.

Information about news stories, or magazine articles, was updated regularly, some as frequently as once a month.

"The LRC invested about \$10,000 on just the programs alone. We encourage students to make good use of them. The data base was very useful to a large number of people."

Gray, Jackie Fr.
Siloam Springs, Ark. Physical Education
Grayson, Andy So.
Columbus, Neb. Education
Hagebusch, Amy Fr.
Chelsea Agriculture
Hale, Vonja So.
Afton Business
Hall, Joel So.
Miami Nursing



Hall, Rory So.
Miami Nursing
Hamilton, Debbie So.
Jay Business
Hamilton, Pamela So.
Quapaw Nursing
Hammond, Carly Fr.
Oologah Theatre
Harlan, Jeff So.
Commerce General Studies



Harp, Erick So.
Pea Ridge, Ark. Agriculture
Harris, Latisha So.
Bartlesville Business
Harris, Tori So.
Grove Criminal Justice
Harrison, Donald So.
Afton Engineering
Harvill, Sy So.
Quapaw Business

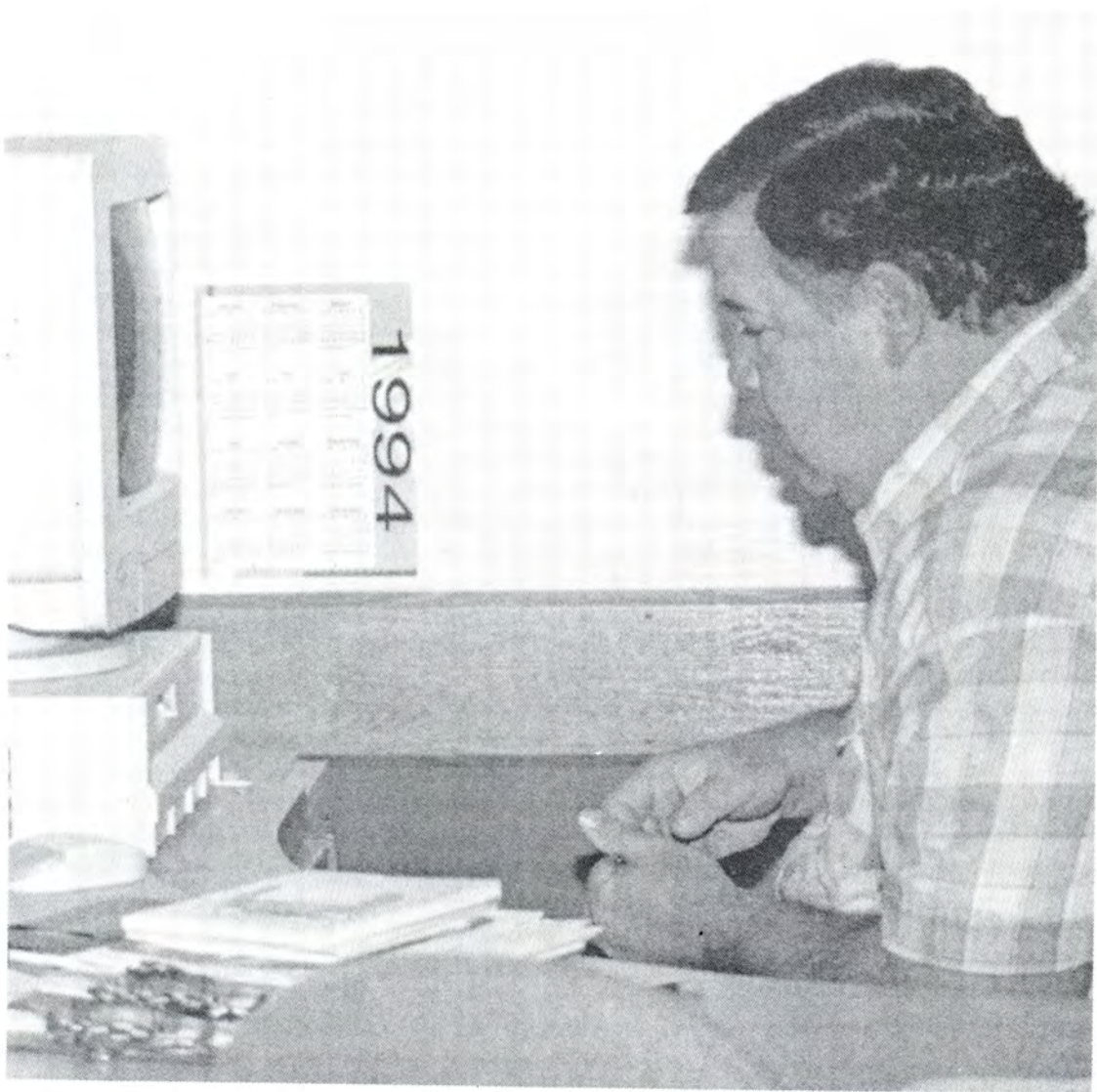


Harvill, Carla So.
Miami Music
Hasseberg, Ryan So.
Miami Business
Hasseberg, Will So.
Miami Pre-Medical
Havens, Jeremy Fr.
Bolivar, Mo. Animal Science
Hay, Nikki So.
Henderson, Ky. Television



Haynes, Paul So.
Miami Social Work
Hays, Ethel So.
Vinita Business
Hicks, Todd So.
Vinita Criminal Justice
Hicks, Shirley So.
Vinita Nursing
Hill, Rebecca Fr.
Wyandotte Business





Richard Frizzell, a tutor in the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) program works on the computer.

Kathy Wyrick



Hodge, Brian Fr.
Miami Physical Therapy
Hollis, Steve So.
Afton Pre-Law
Hough, Brandon So.
Bartlesville Electronics
Hudson, Bobbi So.
Miami Nursing
Howard, Zuhaira Fr.
Fort Smith, Ark. General Studies



Hozhabri, Sara Fr.
Tulsa Physical Therapy
Hubbard, Diana Fr.
Preston Pre-Pharmacy
Huss, Ben So.
Siloam Springs, Ark. Wildlife
Hymer, Chris So.
Jasper, Mo. Equine Science
Ingle, Jeremy Fr.
Dover, Okla. Criminal Justice

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Local program nets award

By Casey Adkins

The college JOBS program received notification during the fall semester by The National Center for Research in Vocational Educational as one of nine programs across the United States for having excellent programs and services.

"The program was designed to take people that are on public assistance and educate or train them for a job that can fit their ability and help steer them away from the welfare system," said Dr. Sue Stidham, campus coordinator of the program.

The national education research organization which was based at University of California, Berkley, commended NEO on a program that "possesses componets that exemplify the characteristics of an outstanding career guidance and counseling program."

The organization futher stated that, "NEO's program offers a well-integrated, understanding career guidance program that helped all students in the transition from school to work."

"Receiving the recognition was not only a reflection on the college, but

also on the students we were serving," said Gary Graham, JOBS counselor.

By gathering all the information from each program, it was used to help other institutions to set up similar programs to help students in need.

NEO received funding for the five-year program starting in 1991. The program was designed to take people that were on public assistance and educate or train them for employment.

The program was designed to break the welfare cycle.

Ingram, Stanton Fr.
Ochelata Veterinary Medicine
Jacobs, Malinda So.
Miami Legal Secretary
James, Sherry So.
Jay Computer Science
Jay, Karen So.
Miami Biology
Jenkins, Jamie So.
Miami Computer Science



Johnson, Hope So.
Fairfax Journalism
Johnston, Alycia So.
Wyandotte Education
Johnston, Bruce So.
Vinita Nursing
Jones, Michel So.
Fairland Nursing
Jones, Mike So.
Oklahoma City Physical Education



Jones, Park So.
Miami Business
Jones, Tony Fr.
Stratford General Studies
Jones, Wenona So.
Broken Bow Physical Therapy
Jordan, Neall So.
Fairland Criminal Justice
Jordan, Travis So.
Nashville, Tenn. Physical Education

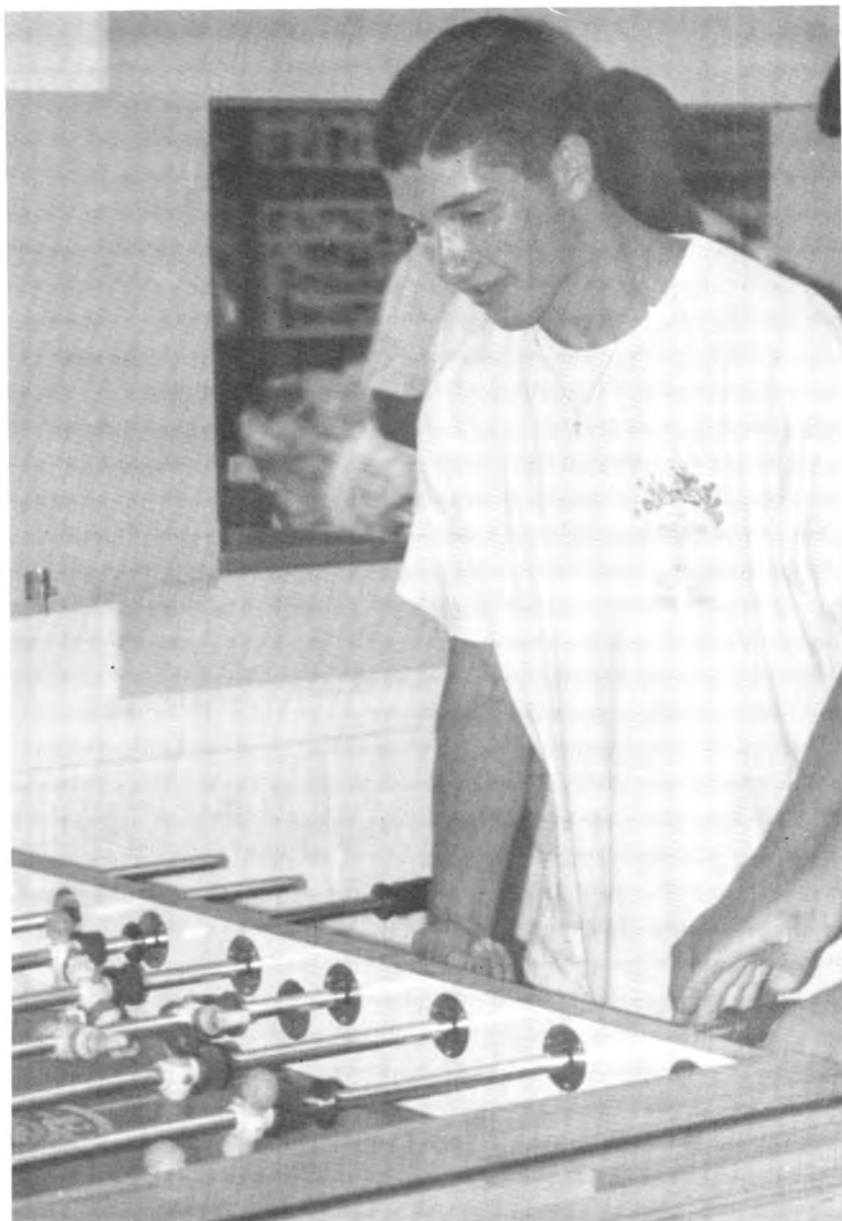


Jorgensen, Joy Fr.
Joplin, Mo. Child Development
Kalinyen, Kristen So.
Broken Bow Pre-Medicine
Kalsbeck, Kim So.
Bentonville, Ark. CRiminal Justice
Kepford, Bryan Fr.
Jenks General Studies
Kinder, Janice So.
Miami Child Development



King, Jason So.
Fairland English
Kinon, Jodie So.
Locust Grove Surgical Technology
Kirk, Bryan So.
Miami Music
Kirk, Barbie Fr.
Claremore Television
Knight, Kathryn So.
Picher Nursing





Kevin Wyrick, a sophomore from Afton, tries his hand at foosball in the Carter Student Union game room.

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Koger, Cheryl
Adair
Kule, Tim
Fort Gibson
Lair, Joel
Vinita
Larsen, Barbara
Jay
Leake, Jaime
Miami

Fr. Education
Fr. General Studies
So. History
So. Medical Lab
So. Nursing



Ledford, Natalie
Mountain View
Lewis, Julie
Yale
Lilly, Amanda
Yale
Linneman, Cassie
Rhineland, Mo.
Livingston, Becky
Bluejacket

Fr. Education
So. Agriculture
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So. Agriculture

Music groups presented program

By Casey Adkins

Members of five groups within the college music department combined to present the annual Holiday concert just prior to Christmas break in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

More than 250 people attended the free concert which featured over 50 vocalists and musicians.

The concert consisted of selections of both contemporary and traditional Christmas instrumental and vocal pieces.

Combined within the program were the NEO Concert Choir, Meistersingers, the NEO String

Ensemble, the N-Men vocal group, and the Concert Band.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our vocalists to see how far they have progressed during the semester and how much they had gained from the many hours of practice," said Mary Susan Whaley, coordinator of the event and vocal music instructor.

"The crowd seemed to really enjoy the music and were very appreciative of our efforts," Whaley said.

"Another advantage of presenting a combined concert like this, is that it gave our musicians a chance to

perform as accompanists in some vocal numbers," said Raybon Bewley, director of the stage band and music instructor.

The music department continued providing activities during the spring semester as more than 3,000 area vocalists and musicians invaded campus for the annual Band and Vocal Music days.

The Senior High Vocal Festival was scheduled for February while the Junior High Vocal Festival was slated for April.

"These are two very important recruiting tools for us," said Whaley.

Lovell, Roberta So. Quapaw Medical Assistant
Lowery, Michael Fr. Midwest City Speech
Laskine, Oleg Fr. Joplin, Mo. Computer Science
Leach, Sherry Fr. Jay Accounting
Madrid, Joe Fr. Chino, Calif. Physical Education



Malone, Leslie So. Afton Medical Lab
Martney, Evette So. Jay Psychology
Martin, James So. Miami Business
Martin, Tim So. Quapaw Physical Therapy
Maute, Bryan So. Picher English



Marroquin, Dalia Fr. Commerce General Studies
May, Carla So. Vinita Nursing
McAlfrey, Bob So. Afton Nursing
McBrien, Brent So. Wyandotte Pre-Medicine
McCage, Amy So. Tulsa Child Care



McDonald, Alene Fr. Miami Political Science
McGuire, Sherry So. Ponca City Physical Education
McKellips, Adam So. Foyil Criminal Justice
McKelroy, Nathan Fr. Waurika History
McKenzie, Chrishelle Fr. Chickasha English



McKinney, Jason So. Miami Business
Mead, Tara So. Grove Music
Melton, Deanna So. Lamar, Mo. Agriculture
Merritt, Bill So. Reeds Springs, Mo. Agriculture
Moddrell, Julie So. Edmond Physical Education





Two maintenance workers complete the walls of a quiet study area in the Learning Resources Center.

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Moehr, Jeff
Beaver, Okla.
Morgan, Tami
Miami
Morton, Tracey
Morris
Myatt, Ben
Okmulgee
Nance, Allison
Sapulpa

So.
Forestry
Fr.
Speech
Fr.
Advertising
Fr.
Psychology
Fr.
English



Nagle, Jennifer
Miami
Nedom, Seth
Wyandotte
Nguyen, Cuong Tu
Broken Arrow
Nichols, Brad
Bartlesville
Nicholson, Jennifer
Claremore

So.
Physical Therapy
So.
Pre-Law
So.
Drafting
So.
Ranch Management
So.
Equine Science



Spooklight continued to baffle

By Calee Doles

From the time a student steps foot on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, one of the topics of conversation that is eventually reached centered around the fact or fiction of the Spooklight.

Located East of Miami about 20 miles at the juncture of the states of Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas, the Spooklight had remained as mysterious as when first observed hundreds of years ago.

Very few young women and men that have attended NEO have been able to escape the mysterious draw of

the light.

In days gone by, crowds of people could be found parked along the mile-section road that is home to the ball of light found floating in the air.

Such notable and reputable agencies as the National Geographic and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have spent numerous hours trying to develop an explanation of what the light is.

Even nationally known television shows have produced segments on the eerie light that appears just after dark and has been known to change colors as it moves up and down the

country road it inhabits.

While once a popular spot for those with vivid imaginations, in recent years the Spooklight has lost some of its luster because of the construction of numerous homes along the mile-section dirt road.

"There was a time when people would come and sit quietly and look for the light," said Robert Rife, a resident of the area. "Now they use the Spooklight as a shield to come here and make our lives miserable."

Even though the light exists in many people's minds, it remains a harmless myth.

Nicholson, Natalie So.
Claremore Equine Science
Nofire, Shawnalee So.
Siloam Springs, Ark. Forestry
Ochler, Jennifer Fr.
Ochelata Computer Science
Osborn, Dwayna Fr.
Commerce English
Osborn, Melissa Fr.
Farmington, Ark. Education

Morgan, Stephanie So.
Vinita Nursing
Pace, Mike So.
Reeds Springs, Mo. Agriculture
Pallissard, Carole So.
Welch Allied Health
Palmer, Charles So.
Gaffney, S.C. General Studies
Palmer, Rosamond So.
Grove Speech

Parks, Julie So.
Carrollton, Texas Physical Education
Parret, Denise So.
Fairland Education
Patrick, Joe So.
Sarcoxie, Mo. Pre-Veterinary
Parton, Laura Fr.
Grove General Studies
Patterson, Kimberly So.
Baxter Springs, Kan. Education

Perry, Kim So.
Miami Social Science
Phillips, Matt So.
Centerville, Iowa Agriculture
Pollock, Aaron So.
Oologah Electronics
Porter, John So.
Langley Physical Therapy
Porter, Shonta So.
Eufaula Nursing

Powell, Brandon So.
Healdton Sports Medicine
Price, Julie So.
Wyandotte Journalism
Prieto, Francisco So.
Chihuahua, Mexico Agriculture
Prieto, Luis So.
Chihuahua, Mexico Agriculture
Ragsdale, Jason So.
Sapulpa Education





Reference librarian Bill Pfannenstiel (right) gives advice on how to use the new equipment in the Learning Resources Center *Shelly Ng*



Rauh, Samuel
Okeene
Rawlins, Nia
Tulsa
Reed, Donna
Perryville, Mo.
Reeves, Jill
Grove
Reisch, Anita
Miami

Fr.
Animal Science
Fr.
Physical Therapy
So.
General Studies
So.
Business
So.
Physical Therapy



Rex, Gerald
Big Cabin
Richards, Bobbee
Jasper, Mo.
Richards, Bryan
Mannford
Riggins, Jenny
Miami
Riggs, David
Owasso

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General Studies
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Education
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General Studies

Mother, daughter earn awards

By Calee Doles

During the 1995 fall semester the mother and daughter duo of Carol Pallisard and Trisha George were recipients of a scholarship which was established by the NEO Women's Organization.

Both students from Welch were the first recipients of the newly created scholarship fund.

"While a mother-daughter combination in college is not extremely common, these two people showed that NEO had almost an even split in enrollment between the traditional student straight from high school

and the non-traditional adult student that were pursuing an education to enhance their career opportunities," said Jim Genandt, director of the college foundation.

The \$250 scholarships were established by the NEO Women's Organization which is a group of women that are interested in promoting the growth and development of the college.

"We are very appreciative of the commitment the NEO Women have made to help develop this award and to be able to use it to assist students in attaining their educational goals,"

Genandt said.

Money for the scholarships was either donated by members of the organization or raised through various activities sponsored by the group.

Carole Pallisard was a sophomore pursuing a degree in the allied health portion of the nursing program while Trisha George expected to graduate in May with a degree speech and theatre.

"The award was to be used by the students to help offset any educational expences while attending NEO," said Genandt.

Ransom, Carrie So.
Miami Secretarial Science
Rantz, Susan So.
Joplin, Mo. Surgical Technology
Read, Tracy So.
Miami Nursing
Redden, Amy So.
Picher English
Rhine, Amy So.
Miami Business



Roberts, Corey So.
Locust Grove Accounting
Robinson, Derek So.
Columbus, Kan. Auto Technology
Robinson, Michelle So.
Claremore Medical Lab
Robinson, Nichole So.
Wyandotte English
Robinson, Tina So.
Langley Pre-Law



Robinette, Stacey Fr.
Bixby Electronics
Robitalee, Donna So.
Fairland English
Rogers, Debbie So.
Ketchum Nursing
Rose, Rebecca So.
Durant Speech
Russell, Jerry So.
Miami English



Ryan, Remi Fr.
Braman General Studies
Ryker, Jill Fr.
Bartlesville Education
Saccoia, Jason So.
Booneville, Ark. Business
Sasser, Barbara So.
Commerce Nursing
Sawyer, John Fr.
Tulsa General Studies



Schnackenberg, Lindsay So.
Commerce Business
Scrivo, Michael Fr.
Miami Welding
Sellers, Erin So.
Broken Arrow Physical Education
Severs, Justin So.
Miami General Studies
Severs, Kelli Fr.
Miami Criminal Justice





Members of the 1995 fall medical laboratory class pose with instructor Rita Harris (right).

Kelly Ivy



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| Sharbutt, Melody | Fr. |
| Miami | Child Development |
| Sharp, Tricia | Fr. |
| Miami | Accounting |
| Shaw, Travis | So. |
| Baxter Springs, Kan. | Nursing |
| Shelton, Misty | Fr. |
| Quapaw | General Studies |
| Simmons, Lisa | So. |
| Ketchum | Nursing |
| Simmons, Michael | So. |
| Miami | General Studies |
| Sloan, Donna | So. |
| Miami | English |
| Smith, Brenda | So. |
| Welch | Business |
| Smith, Brittne | So. |
| Tulsa | Business |
| Smith, Patricia | So. |
| Fairland | Psychology |



National Guard offered help

By Shelly Ng

Students attending Oklahoma colleges and universities received a break when the State Regents for Higher Education approved a tuition free college for members of the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

The announcement prompted commanders of local units to invite those curious about the Guard to participate in some of their activities with no obligation.

During 1995 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and commanders from the Oklahoma Air and Army National Guards

agreed on a measure that would allow those enlisted in the National Guard to attend any state college tuition free.

Since that time, the local Miami unit of the Army National Guard had several people take advantage of the educational offer.

However, local Guard officials estimated there were several others who were interested but are unsure of what the Guard was all about.

First Lieutenant Gilbert Shaw, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry based in Miami, gave prospective members

of the National Guard the opportunity to witness what their unit was all about and answer all their questions before ever signing a piece of paper.

"This opportunity gave the prospective recruit a first-hand view of exactly what we did and how we operated during our drills, as well as the types of missions that we prepared for and how the Guard worked," Shaw said.

Shaw assured those who were interested in getting a look at the Guard that there were no recruiters, no glossy brochures, no sales pitches, and no demonstrations.

Smith, Stephen So.
Collinsville Forestry
Snodgrass, Jason Fr.
Carthage, Mo. English
Snyder, Bryan So.
Sand Springs Mathematics
Spencer, Baranda Fr.
Tulsa General Studies
Spriggs, Heather So.
Miami Nursing



Standlee, Matt So.
Greenforest, Ark. Music
Stefan, Nancy Fr.
Jasper, Mo. Nursing
Stelle, Jon So.
Wyandotte Physical Education
Stephens, Eric So.
Anadarko English
Stephens, Jason So.
Mounds Agriculture



Stevens, Christy So.
Owasso Education
Stidham, Kara So.
Galena, Kan. Nursing
Stovall, Janine So.
Miami Psychology
Sweeten, Kristi So.
Miami Allied Health
Swinford, Heather So.
Choctaw Physical Education



Talbot, Tiffany So.
Afton Nursing
Tallman, Jennifer So.
Welch Physical Therapy
Taylor, Laurie So.
Miami Business
Taylor, Shon So.
Afton Animal Science
Tiry, Stacy So.
Nowata Engineering



Thomas, Rebekah Fr.
Wewoka Physical Education
Todino, Denise So.
Park Springs, Wyo. Forestry
Toomey, Kimberly So.
Miami Pre-Law
Towsand, Sandy So.
Grove English
Tramposh, Suzette So.
Neosho, Mo. Nursing





ian Thompson, activities coordinator and intramural director, changes out some pop machines during a picnic.

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Trivitt, Erin
Stillwater
Troyer, Matt
Jay
Trublood, Missy
Harrison, Ark.
Tune, Crystal
Vinita
Turner, Gerri
Jay

So.
English
Fr.
Agriculture
So.
Education
So.
Nursing
So.
English



Turner, Justin
Quapaw
Tuttle, Rachelle
Kellyville
Tyler, Regina
Bristow
Tynon, Shelby
Miami
David Underwood
Grove

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Business
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Business
So.
Art
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Pre-Veterinary
So.
English

New director hosts party

By Shelly Ng

More than 500 students attended a "scholarship" party hosted by the financial aid department just prior to the start of the month-long Christmas break.

"This party was actually a special opportunity for students to find out about financial aid and to get acquainted with the officers," said Jeannie Shore, director of the financial aid office.

Located in the basement of the Creech Library/Administration building, the party featured tables that were set up along the hall out—

side the office. Along with free food and drinks, the tables featured several information packets and fliers that were designed to answer questions students had concerning financial aid.

Also on hand were Shore and Karen Key, assistant financial aid director, along with some area bankers to assist students with any questions about financial aid.

"Participants also had an opportunity to view video tapes which covered several topics concerning funding for a college education," Shore said.

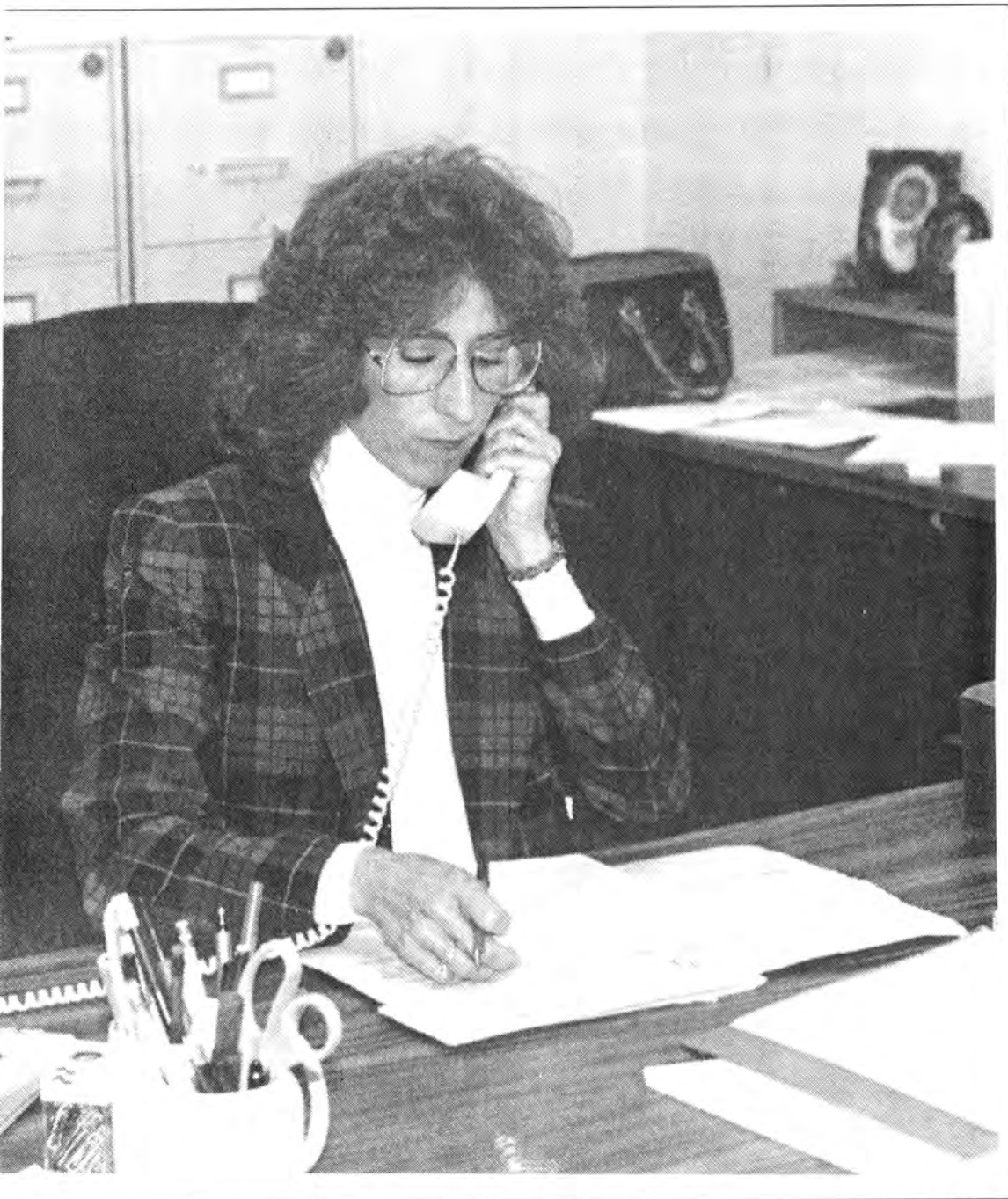
"I was really pleased with the response we had. Very often, as I looked at students' files, I found that they would have qualified for financial aid and wouldn't have to borrow," said Shore.

Shore assumed the financial aid director's position in October following the resignation of Sherry Clayton. Clayton resigned after one year to take a similar position at a college in Arkansas.

Shore had previously served as financial aid director at Southwestern State College in Winfield, Kan.

- Underwood, Kalim** So. Oklahoma City Ebglsh
- Vacha, Katherine** So. Madison, Wis. Education
- Van Zandt, Belinda** So. Cassville, Mo. Business
- Vaverka, Amy** So. Bison, Okla. General Studies
- Vromin, Erynne** So. Tulsa Allied Health
- Waldock, Danielle** Fr. Overland Park, Kan. General Studies
- Wagoner, Gina** So. Ketchum Speech
- Walls, Scott** So. Miami Pre-Medicine
- Ware, Lea** Fr. Edna, Kan. Political Science
- Warlick, Greg** So. Reeds Springs, Mo. Agriculture
- Warren, Otto** So. Warner Physical Education
- Washington, Shawnte'** So. Atoka Foreign Language
- Watson, Beth** So. Springdale, Ark. Nursing
- Watson, Nancy** So. Piedmont English
- Way, David** So. Miami Nursing
- Way, Loretta** So. Quapaw Nursing
- Weaver, Marcia** So. Miami Allied Health
- Weaver, Tracy** So. Welch Nursing
- Welch, Chris** So. Vinita Journalism
- White, Patricia** So. Vinita Nursing
- Whitebird, Cynthia** So. Quapaw Nursing
- Whitehead, Derek** So. Snyder English
- Whitney, Angela** So. Grove Child Development
- Wilks, Tracy** So. McAlester Computer Science
- Williams, Bryan** So. Gower, Mo. Agriculture





ew financial aid director Jeannie Shore answers questions.

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Williams, Leanne So.,
Fairgrove, Mo. Agriculture
Williams, John So.
Kellyville Electronics
Williams, Shawn Fr.
Stillwater Physical Education
Williams, Tammy So.
Ochelata Accounting
Witty, Christy So.
Garber Art



Bear, Cindy So.
Wyandotte Journalism
Wright, Paul So.
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Springfield, Mo. Education

Students conduct investigation

Criminal justice program stages exercise



Official police tape marks the crime scene at the Child Development house during the "mock crime" staged for members of the criminal justice program.

While members of community police departments deal with domestic violence on a daily basis, students enrolled in the criminal justice program received hands-on training by participating in a crime scene investigation as part of a classroom exercise.

Receiving cooperation from the Miami Police and Fire Departments, the Baptist Regional Hospital, and members of the college drama department, the

students were exposed to some of the various types of domestic violence during the crime scene reenactment.

Under the direction of criminal justice instructor Leon Manning, a crime scene featuring domestic violence was created on campus, complete with students in makeup.

Manning's criminal justice students served as the investigating officers and went through the various procedures which

included interviewing the victim and collecting evidence.

Manning stressed that training for these types of situations was important because domestic violence calls are often the most dangerous situations a police officer might encounter.

Students participating in the exercise learned a greater appreciation for the people in law enforcement and the procedures they must follow.

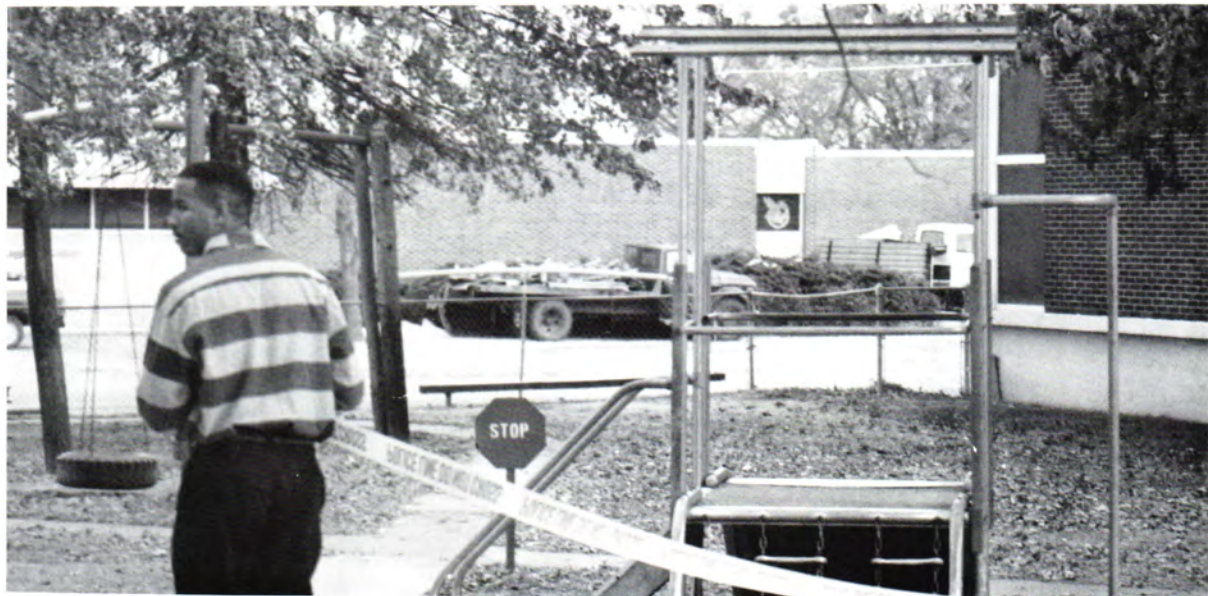
Several agencies contribute

Local groups participate in activities



Drama students Wendi Wilkerson lies on a stretcher as a member of the Baptist Regional Health Center prepares her for a ride in the ambulance.

Victim Wendi Wilkerson displays her wounds suffered in a domestic violence dispute. *Eric Calton*



Criminal justice student Mike Baldwin, a freshman from Oklahoma City, places police tape around the crime scene at the Child Development lab.

Eric Calton

Group holds garage sale

Phi Theta Kappa raises money



Shoppers look for bargains while going through the goodies at the Phi Theta Kappa Garage Sale in the intramural gym.

One of the most active organizations on campus was the membership of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

The Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa engaged in several fund-raising activities which helped supplement the organizations participation in the regional and international conferences that were scheduled during the spring.

One of the fund-raisers for the group was a garage

sale held in the college intramural gymnasium. The event featured items of clothing, appliances and other material that can be found at garage sales.

"We had a decent turnout and everything we made went to help us attend our regional conference and national convention," said Carol F. Smith, co-director of the organization.

The group also set up a booth on campus during Family Day and Home-

coming to provide information for people visiting campus.

During the annual music and choral festivals on campus, the group set up a concession area and sold various types of food, snacks and pop to visiting musicians.

Members of the organization traveled to Oklahoma City in March for the regional meeting before visiting Washington D.C. in April for the international convention.

Local people visit sale

Revenue used to fund trips



Suzie Long looks for some bargains at the garage sale.

Pam Bushyhead

Two members of Phi Theta Kappa visit while manning a table.

Pam Bushyhead



Dawn Anderson and Burnadette Dubois, both of Afton, along with Mrs. Anna Dubois shop for clothes during the garage sale.

College changes dormitory

Moves journalism and student services



A worker from Crossland Construction sits on a pipe as he works to remove asbestos from the Dyer Hall plumbing system.

During the 1995-96 school year the college began a massive renovation project at a total cost of more than \$1.8 million.

The most ambitious project involved the remodeling of the former dormitory Dyer Hall. After sitting vacant for two years, the east wing of the three-story structure was renovated.

After the major renovation was completed, the Student Services department occupied the first floor of the east wing.

Occupying three rooms on the second floor were the Journalism department which included *The Norse Wind* student newspaper, *The Viking* yearbook and a photography lab.

The remainder of the second floor and the entire third floor were created to house faculty offices and classroom space.

The west wing of Dyer Hall will serve as a residence hall for students.

"We planned our projects before starting them. In fact, many of them were planned in

the late 1980's," said Tom Poole, vice president for fiscal affairs..

"We are now working on a campus master plan which will continue through the year 2,001. Some of the building we were working in were built in the 1960's and were in need of maintenance," Poole said.

Some of the other projects completed during the year included the installation of boilers in Harrill/Dobson dormitories and boiler controls in Russell Hall along with extensive painting in Vann Hall.

Asbestos removal required

Major renovation in Dyer Hall



Tom Botts, a worker for Crossland Construction, checks the wiring of a hall light in Dyer.

Shelly Ng

Danny Frost, of Crossland Construction, finishes taping up plastic before completing asbestos removal.

Shelly Ng



Taking a break before returning to removing asbestos in Dyer Hall is Danny Frost of Crossland Construction.

High school seniors visit

Division chairs sponsor event



A group of visiting high school seniors play follow the leader during a campus tour as part of Senior Day.

Attempting to bolster recruitment efforts, the six chairs of the academic divisions hosted the annual Senior Day activities on campus.

Along with the 73 academic programs featured on campus, visiting students were also provided information concerning most of the 44 clubs and organizations that function on campus.

"We really had a good turnout and the kids seem to have a good time," said

George Weaver, chair of the business division and coordinator of the day-long event.

"I came here expecting it to be all business, but it turned out to be a lot of fun and I learned a lot about going to college," said Dayna Cummings of Welch.

"There was a lot of good information handed out here and I learned a lot about filing for financial aid and other scholarships," said Shannon Fox

of Grove.

"I was able to get to know a little more about the NEO campus that I didn't know because I had never been here in person. It was very good for me," said Garta Smith of Salina.

Along with learning about financial aids and enrollment procedures, visitors were also introduced to life in the residence halls during general tours of the campus conducted by the college ambassadors throughout the day.

Senior Day provides information

Visitors kept busy all day



Steven Bauer of Quapaw asks some questions while visiting a booth during Senior Day activities.

Kathy Wyrick

Prospective students file into the NEO Fieldhouse to collect information about various academic and extra-curricular activities available on campus.

Kathy Wyrick



Members of the college Health Sciences department work a booth as visitors file past during Senior Day.

Special class meets needs

Arthritis Foundation joins college



Swimming instructor Carl Calcagno demonstrates an exercise during a water rehabilitation class in the college pool.

Creating a class that meets the needs of people wanting rehabilitative exercises, the college physical education department joined with the National Arthritis Foundation to present such a course.

Long-time swimming instructor Carol Calcagno received special training so she could serve as instructor for the course.

"These exercises are different from regular exercises. The Arthritis Foundation created special ex-

ercises to be conducted in the water. I taught according to guidelines set up by the foundation," said Calcagno.

Basically, the course featured low-impact water aerobics.

"The student always had one foot on the pool floor. There was no rough, fast pace jumping or anything to cause any joint ompaction," Calcagno said.

Exercises were done in shallow water and the stu-

dents weren't required to know how to swim.

Participants were required to see a physician before starting class so that any limitations might be noted.

Equipment used in the class were dumb bell-shaped items that provided resistance.

The exercise sessions referred to as more perceived exertion by the students. Each student worked at their own rate and ability.

Variety of students participated

Class provided important relief



Students in the Arthritis-sponsored swimming class await instructions from Carol Calcagno.

Kathy Wyrick

Calcagno demonstrates bouyancy to the water aerobic class.

Kathy Wyrick



Enjoying the water as they complete an exercise are members of the Arthritis Foundation water aerobics class.

Celebration of Earth Day

Students join in cleanup activities



Working on gathering leaves and other debris during Cleanup Day were, from left; Lloyd Moss, sophomore, Muskogee; Scott Condict, sophomore, Okmulgee, and James Scott, sophomore, Bartlesville.

Contributing to the observance of the international event Earth Day, college president Dr. Jerry Carroll created a Cleanup Day on campus.

The afternoon event combined the efforts of students, faculty, staff and administration in a concentrated effort to make the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College more appealing.

Participants wore jeans, shorts and other recreation clothing while accom-

plishing such tasks as planting new flowers, working the dirt in existing flower beds, raking leaves and other debris, spreading new dirt, and cleaning the outside of various buildings.

"I really enjoyed getting out and working side-by-side with people that were my teachers and other people that I didn't even know," said James Scott, a sophomore from Bartlesville.

Several campus groups

organizations also took part in the cleanup.

Members of the Student Body Government, the OWLS, the Norse Stars, the football and men's and women's basketball teams also joined in.

One of the most involved groups to participate were the ladies that work in the college business and registrar's offices along with workers in the student services, financial aids and the college post office.

Getting dirty was a reality

Cleanup makes campus beautiful



Math instructor John Lomax and OWLS tutor Richard Frizzell plant flowers in a box at the Chimes Tower.

Kathy Wyrick

Science instructor David Dallas digs a hole for a plant.

Kathy Wyrick



Shirley Patterson (left), staff assistant to the dean of student services, and Margaret Tate, a sophomore from Grove, remove weeds.

Red Cross Bloodmobile visit

Campus responds to crucial needs



Peggy Widby, a sophomore from Miami, tries to relax as a technician draws blood during a campus visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Twice a year, students, faculty, staff and administrators had an opportunity to make a difference in everyday life by participating in the annual visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Co-sponsored by the Student Body Government and the Ottawa County Chapter of the Red Cross, the bloodmobile attracts an average of more than 100 participants during

a visit to campus in the fall and one in the spring.

"It's the most I could do. If my donation contributed to the saving of someone's life, then it was more than worth the time and effort on my part," said Chris Davis, a sophomore from Miami and president of the Student Body Government.

Barbara Reeves, director of the Ottawa County Chapter of Red Cross, coordinated the unloading and setting up of equipment in the bloodmobile.

Some board members of the Ottawa County chapter were on hand to provide assistance in recording the donors as they came through each visit.

Participants were treated to pizza and cola following their donation.

"We always get such great cooperation from the college and the students in trying to reach our goal. It is very important for us to have people participate when we come on campus," said Reeves.

Students play an important part

Blood donations remain steady

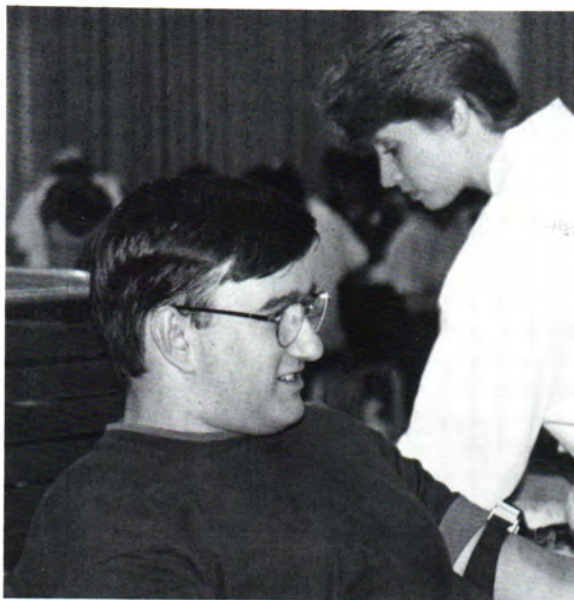


Lab technician Pat Picard of Tulsa waits for another blood donor during a visit by the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Kathy Wyrick

Student Body Government president Chris Davis does his part as a blood donor.

Kathy Wyrick



Sophomore Richard Stewart of Miami, displays the tee-shirt he won while donating blood as lab assistant Lois Reynolds checks his line.

Who's Who Among American Junior College Students

Earning recognition for both their academic success and leadership qualities, 13 sophomores were nominated to the 1996 edition of the publication *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

More than 1,400 higher education institutions from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign countries submitted the names of nominees to the publication.

Selection of the 13 NEO nominees was made by a nominating committee. Students were chosen based on their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership, extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Kellie Bland

Representing the journalism department was **Kellie Bland** of Wyandotte. A Dobson Presidential Scholar, Bland maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average while serving as news editor of *The Norse Wind* student newspaper. She was selected 1995 Homecoming Queen and was a member of the Lady Norse basketball squad. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society.



Who's Who Among American Junior College Students

Tamara Bridges

Tamara Bridges, an animal science major from Stillwater, had maintained a 3.6 grade point average. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, Bridges was also active in the Aggie Society and the Economics Club. She served as secretary to the Student Body Government and was vice president of the Equine Club. As a freshman, she was a member of the livestock judging team before participating on the equine judging team.



Chris Davis

Chris Davis, a business administration major from Commerce, maintained a 4.0 grade point average through three semesters. Davis served as president of the Student Body Government and of the Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He was also the parliamentarian for Phi Beta Lambda national business fraternity and reporter for the Young Democrats organization. Davis also serves as a campus tour guide.



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Heather Dunkel

A member of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team, **Heather Dunkel** of Oologah maintained a 3.8 grade point average through three semesters. She was a co-captain of the Norse Stars. As a child development major, Dunkel served as secretary of the Child Development Club. She was a 1995 Homecoming Queen candidate.



Stacie East

Stacy East, a pre-physical therapy major from Miami, maintained a 3.8 grade point average. She served as president of the Baptist Student Union and was a member of the Student Body Government and the Fellowship of Collegiate Athletes. She was also a member of the Presidential Leadership Council. East represented the Baptist Student Union on two separate mission trips.

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Justin Gillig

A member of the agriculture department, **Jarrood Gillig**, of Odessa, Mo., compiled a 3.9 grade point average over three semesters. Gillig was the vice president of the Aggie Society. Gillig was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the Pre-Vet Club, and the Agriculture Economics Club. He was also a member of the livestock judging team.



Tori Harris

Tori Harris, a social work major from Grove, maintained a 3.8 grade point average through three semesters. Harris served as president of the Native American Student Association and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the Psychology Club. Harris was also active as a member in the Older, Wiser Learning Students (OWLS) organization.



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Joneta McArthur

A pre-veterinary medicine major from Lockwood, Mo., **Joneta McArthur** maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average through three semesters. She served as president of the Pre-Vet Club and was reporter for the Student Body Government. McArthur was also a member of the Aggie Society. She was also a member of the college Quiz Bowl team.



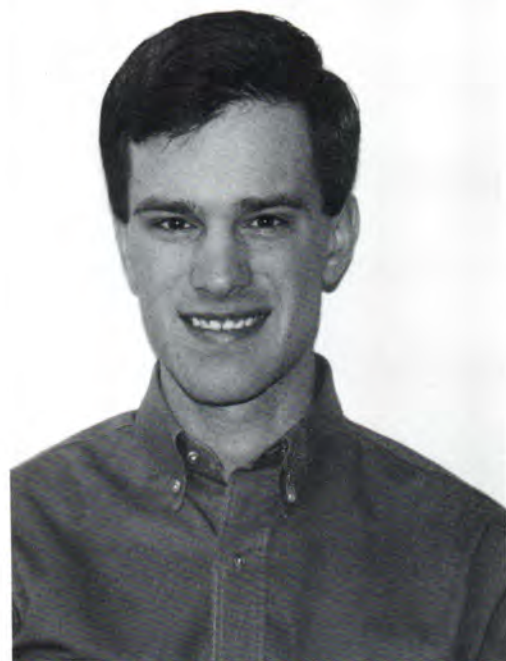
Brandon Morgan

Brandon Morgan, an agriculture economics major from Holdenville, maintained a 3.7 grade point average through three semesters. Morgan was a member of the livestock judging team and was active in Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He was also an active member of the Agriculture Economics Club. He served as vice president of the Aggie Society.

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Chisum Peterson

Another member of the agriculture department selected for this honor is **Chisum Peterson**, an animal science major from Pukwana, S.D. Peterson was a two-year member of the livestock judging team and maintained a 3.9 grade point average. Peterson was also the president of the Aggie Society and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.



Julie Prince

Julie Prince, a communications major from Wyandotte, maintained a 3.9 grade point average through three semesters. Prince was the president of Alpha Epsilon Rho broadcasting fraternity and vice president for membership of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Student Body Government and the Honors Advisory Committee.



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Amy Rhine

An early childhood major from Wyandotte, **Amy Rhine**, maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average through three semesters. She served as the secretary for Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and was representative in the Student Body Government. She also attended several regional and national conferences for various college organizations.



Laurie Taylor

Laurie Taylor, a marketing/management major from Miami, maintained a 3.9 grade point average through three semesters. Taylor served as president of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and was a member of both the Student Body Government and Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She represented the college in the state Phi Beta Lambda conference. She also participated in Family Day and Senior Day.

Students nominated for honor

Newspaper recognizes academics



Chris Davis and Amy Rhine work on a computer system as they prepare for an honors course.

Two honor students were selected to represent NEO in the nomination process of *All-USA Today* Academic Team.

Chris Davis and Amy Rhine, maintained 4.0 grade point averages and were active in various extra-curricular activities.

Davis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Davis. As a valedictorian of his class, Chris graduated from Commerce High School.

He served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Body

Government. Chris was also a Second Congressional District President for Young Democrats of Oklahoma. In addition to being a member of the college bowl team, he was also a member of other NEO clubs and organizations. Majoring in Business Administration, Chris graduated in May.

In addition to being the song director, Chris was also active in other avenues in the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

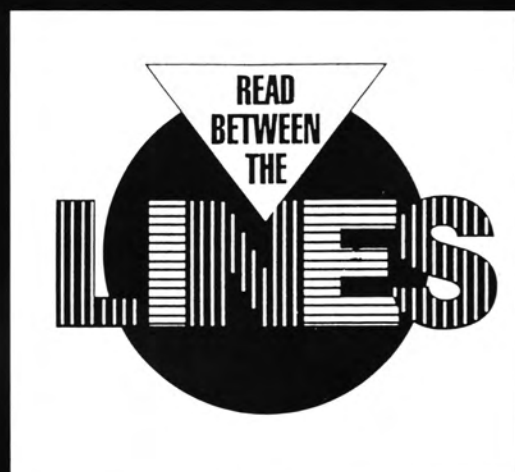
Amy Rhine was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rhine. She graduated from Wyandotte

High School.

She was the secretary of Phi Theta Kappa and Student Representative for the Student Body Government. She also was a member of various other organizations on the NEO campus.

Planning to graduate in May, Amy was majoring in Elementary Education.

Amy was also an active member of her church, Immanuel Baptist Church in Miami. Besides being active in the youth group, she also played in a music group.



Images of life during

The assassination of Isreal's Prime Minister

1995-96 were exciting.

and O.J. Simpson's trial were key events.





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United Nations troops survey the countryside on a daily patrol in Bosnian territory. The UN troops were ineffective at keeping peace and were replaced by NATO troops, which included 2,000 Americans.

Bosnian refugees crowd into camps as four-year civil war dragged on through 1995 with more than three million people homeless and more than 200,000 people killed during the fierce fighting.



American troops move in as peace keepers in Bosnia

Despite overwhelming opposition by the United States House and Senate and a general disapproval by American citizens, President Bill Clinton involved the country in the four-year civil war in Bosnia by sending more than 2,000 troops to the European country just before Christmas in 1995.

President Clinton cited the failure of the United Nations to establish safe havens for Bosnian citizens that have seen more than 200,000 people killed during the fighting as his major reason for committing troops to the overall NATO troop deployment.

Leaders of the three warring factions, the Serbs, the Croats, and the Muslims, held a week-long meeting in Ohio between Thanksgiving and Christmas to try and establish some guidelines for a peace treaty in the former Yugoslavia.

Following the historic meeting, Secretary of State William Christopher reported to President Clinton that

a tentative agreement had been reached.

More than three million people were forced to leave their homes during the civil war. Because of the various factions, bitterness was deep-seeded within the former Communist nation of Yugoslavia.

The American troops were sent to Bosnia with a clearly defined mission of making sure the peace agreement remained in place. More than 20,000 troops representing the countries involved with the North American Treaty Organization were in place before Christmas to oversee the peace accord.

Weather had an impact on the transportation of American troops into the staging area at Toslá. Heavy snow and dense fog kept troop transports on the ground for three days before the weather broke and allowed troop movement into the area.

One of the major complaints about the troop deployment was that sending troops to Bosnia was a lot like our initial involvement in Vietnam during the late 1950's. The difference was the peace-keeping mission.

Israeli Prime Minister Rabin assassinated



Russian President Boris Yeltsin held on to a shaky first term as president, despite the fact that the Communist Party made major gains in the parliamentary elections held in December after rumors that Yeltsin was suffering from alcoholism.

United States president Bill Clinton applauds the agreement reached between King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin was gunned down in early December after reaching a peace accord with the PLO.



Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization makes a point during the announcement of an agreement with Israel which brought a tentative peace to the Middle East.

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Bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh is led from the Federal Court House in Perry under heavy guard after being charged with the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with conspiring to bomb the building.

First Lady Hillary Clinton advised her husband to seek the death penalty in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Attorney General Janet Reno announced that anyone convicted for crimes would receive the death penalty.



Massive explosion rocks the Heartland

Just when most Americans were lulled into a false sense of security, the country was rocked by a massive explosion just after 8 a.m. on April 19 at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

The explosion ripped off the entire front of the six-story building and left a crater 14-feet deep.

One hundred and sixty nine men, women, and children were killed in the explosion and more than 500 people were injured. The explosion caused each floor of the building to pancake on top of each other and posed several unique problems for rescuers.

Rescue units from around the world descended on Oklahoma City within a matter of hours and several heroic rescues were achieved amid the rubble and ruin.

Once the last victim was recovered from the building, the remaining portion was dynamited and removed by trucks.

The final portion of the rubble contained the bodies

of children trapped in the first floor Day Care Center. Rescuers worked day and night to try and reach this area in hopes of recovering children alive. None were found.

Hours after the bombing, Timothy McVeigh was arrested on the interstate outside Perry. McVeigh, and Army buddy Terry Nichols, were charged with 11 counts in federal court and faced the death penalty if found guilty.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols were supposedly linked to the purchase of a Ryder rental truck in Kansas and a large quantity of ammonium nitrate which was used to create such devastation in the bombing of the building. Both men denied any involvement in the bombing.

Because of the notoriety achieved by the bombing, the trial was moved from Oklahoma City to Lawton. But a district judge in Denver, Colo., was considering moving the trial out of the state of Oklahoma. A decision on the trial site was made in January 1996. The judge also moved the start of the trial from May 1996 to a date to be determined.

Simpson trial focuses on country's racial issues



Lead prosecutor Marcia Clark makes a point during closing arguments of the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles, Calif. The nine-month trial ended in acquittal for Simpson, a former NFL player and movie star accused of murdering his former wife Nicole Brown and a friend Ronald Goldman.

Judge Lance Ito listens intently to evidence presented during what was called "The Trial of the Century" as defendant O.J. Simpson was put on trial for the murder of his former wife and a friend. Ito gained attention during the nine-month trial for his wife's involvement as employer of key witness Mark Furman.



O.J. Simpson, former Heisman Trophy running back for the University of Southern California and the Buffalo Bills, listens with his lawyers Robert Shapiro and Johnny Cochran during his nine-month murder trial.

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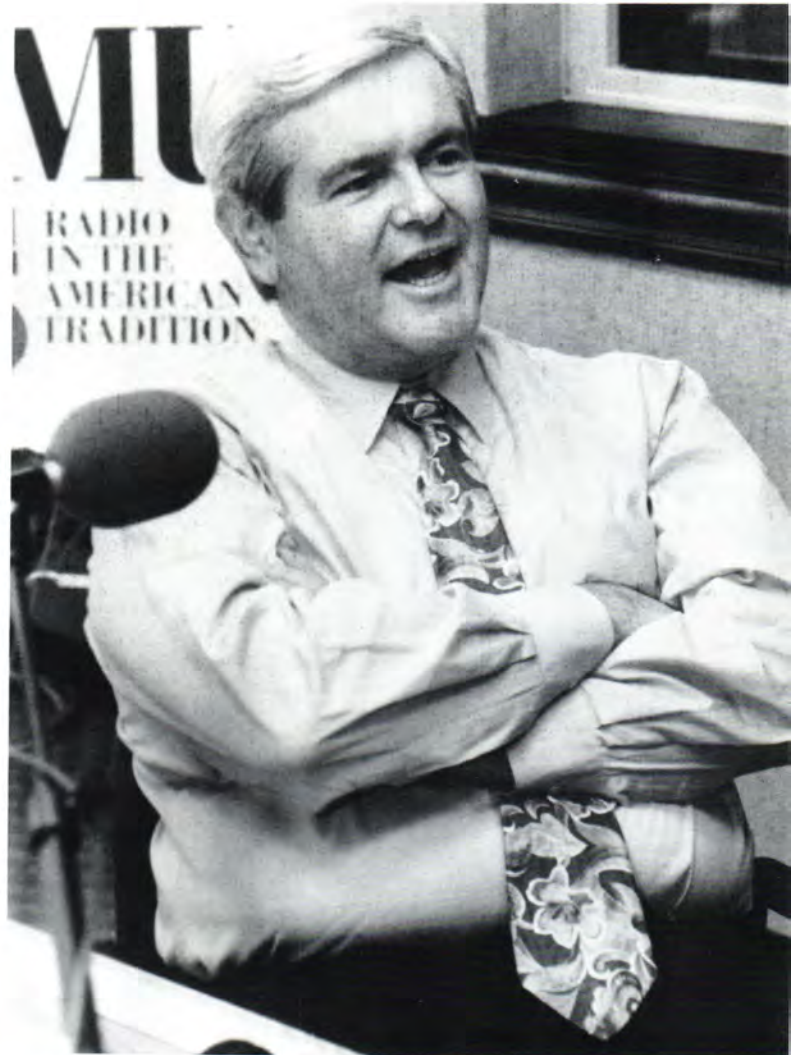
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House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a Republican congressman from Georgia, declined to run for the 1996 Presidential nomination, but spent the entire year locked in a battle with President Bill Clinton over changes in social programs.

Senate Majority Leader, Bob Dole, Republican from Kansas, remained the front runner for the Republican nomination for president after leading the party to a majority victory in both houses for the first time in 40 years.



Both political parties gear up for a tight race

Although Texas billionaire Ross Perot kept saying he wasn't a candidate for the 1996 Presidential elections, he went ahead with plans to create a third political party that would nominate a presidential candidate and use the ballot clout of independent voters to sway congressional races.

While Perot had both traditional parties wondering about his next move, political heavyweights like House Speaker Newt Gingrich and retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell were announcing their intentions. Both indicated that they would not seek the Presidency in 1996, but neither ruled out a run in the year 2,000.

The presidential race started with 10 candidates for the Republican nomination, but California Governor Pete Wilson withdrew in September because of a lack of financial support and a lack of voter recognition and support.

Incumbant Democratic President Bill Clinton entered his third year as the nations leader faced with several difficult decisions.

Because of a Republican takeover in both the House and Senate, President Clinton spent most of the year deadlocked with Congress over a balanced budget. Twice the federal government was forced to shut down because of a lack of funding created by the impass.

The second shut down occurred just before Christmas and caused more than 250,000 federal workers to be sent home for the longest shut down in United States history.

Along with the turmoil on the home front, President Clinton also made the difficult decision to send 2,000 troops to Bosnia to serve as part of a NATO peace-keeping force.

Both of these situations, along with the on-going Whitewater investigation by the Senate, cast a dark shadow over President Clinton's political future heading into the 1996 campaign year.

Bob Dole leads challengers during '96 presidential race



Texas Senator Phil Gramm became one of the first Republican candidates to announce his intentions to pursue the 1996 Presidential nomination after beginning his political career in 1978 as a conservative Democratic congressman.

California Governor Pete Wilson was the first casualty of the Republican Presidential race after withdrawing from the campaign in late September because of both a lack of financial support and a failure of a strong showing in the polls.



Another no-show for the Republican race was retired General Colin Powell after the career Army officer decided not to enter the race for either political party.

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Pope John Paul II delivers a sermon during one of four stops on his tour of the United States. The Pope made his fourth visit to the US in his 17 years as head of the Catholic Church while speaking to several million followers.

Protesters rally outside the nation's capitol despite claims that affirmative action should be abolished after the United States Supreme Court handed down several rulings questioning the relevance of affirmative action on the federal level.



Pope John Paul II makes fourth American visit

The much-traveled Pope John Paul II returned to the United States for his fourth papal trip in mid-September.

The 75-year old Pope showed no signs of slowing down after delivering masses in Boston, New York City, Denver, and Los Angeles.

He repeatedly spoke of leading the Roman Catholic Church into Christianity's third millennium.

Pope John Paul II was elected in 1978 and, as the Polish Pope, he is the first non-Italian to head the Catholic Church in 455 years.

As one of the most charismatic pastors in centuries, he made 67 trips outside Italy.

While Pope John Paul II made his historic visit, an Oklahoma girl was making headlines by winning the Miss America title. Shawntel Smith celebrated her 24th birthday by winning the crown after representing the state of Oklahoma in the pageant.

Smith had to share the attention of the world's oldest beauty pageant after television viewers voted overwhelmingly to retain the swimsuit competition in the pageant. The vote kept the 75-year tradition alive after detractors tried to have it eliminated.

Another newsworthy event was the attack on affirmative action by several groups around the United States. Created in the late 1960's after a series of race riots in Los Angeles, Newark, and Detroit, affirmative action was used to create race-based programs designed to improve the lives of Afro-Americans.

But according to 1995-96 affirmative action plans, the Supreme Court issued decisions making it harder to justify giving minorities and women preferences in awarding federal contracts.

The Clinton administration began to re-evaluate federal affirmative action programs and their impact on the lives of minorities and women.

Miss Oklahoma captures Miss America crown



A former student at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Shawntel Smith, captured the Miss America title after representing the state of Oklahoma in the national event which featured a vote on the swimsuit competition.

The Atlantic hurricane season was so active that it produced the most named storms since the National Hurricane Center started assigning names in 1953. The season featured 21 storms that received names from the national center.



Bill Gates made computer headlines when he introduced Windows 95, the long-awaited upgrade to the Windows computer software program.

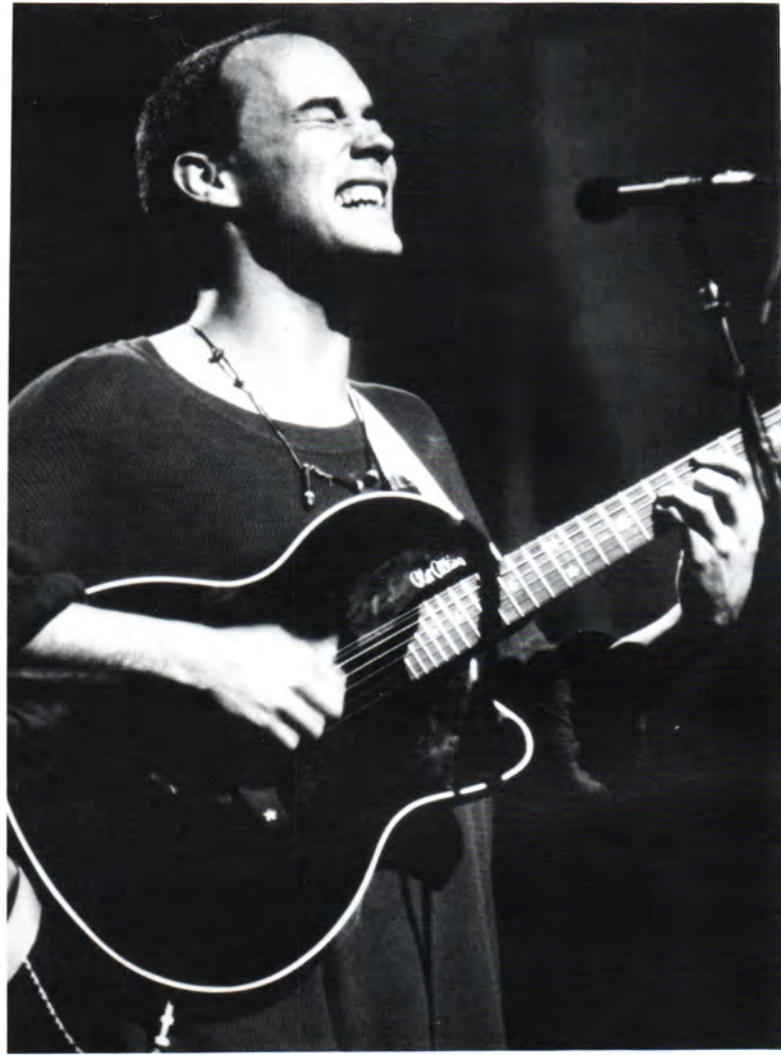
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Without the normal hype or a hit single, the Dave Matthews Band came out of nowhere to sell more than 150,000 copies of their first album "Remember Two Things" which the quintet recorded for less than \$12,000 and was sold at shows or by mail order.

In stark contrast, Garth Brooks continued set record sales marks that rivaled the Beatles. The Fab Four released two new singles in their 25th reunion get-together while Garth was releasing a new album that soared in the country charts.



Top 15 singles and best-selling albums

The recording industry enjoyed a banner year both in individual and album sales.

The following is a list of the top 15 selling singles:

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| 1. <i>Fantasy</i> | Mariah Carey |
| 2. <i>Gangsta's Paradise</i> | Coolio |
| 3. <i>You Are Not Alone</i> | Michael Jackson |
| 4. <i>Kiss From A Rose</i> | Seal |
| 5. <i>Runaway</i> | Janet Jackson |
| 6. <i>Waterfalls</i> | TLC |
| 7. <i>I Can Love You Like That</i> | All-4-One |
| 8. <i>Only Wanna Be With You</i> | Hootie & The Blowfish |
| 9. <i>Bombastic/In The Summertime</i> | Shaggy |
| 10. <i>As I Lay Me Down</i> | Sophie B. Hawkins |
| 11. <i>I Got 5 On It</i> | Luniz |
| 12. <i>Run-Around</i> | Blues Traveler |
| 13. <i>I Hate You</i> | Blues Traveler |
| 14. <i>He's Mine</i> | Mokenstef |
| 15. <i>Colors Of The Wind</i> | Venessa Williams |

The top 15 selling albums for the 1995 recording season were as follows:

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| 1. <i>Cracked Rear View</i> | Hootie & The Blowfish |
| 2. <i>Dangerous Minds</i> | Movie Soundtrack |
| 3. <i>Jagged Little Pill</i> | Alanis Morissette |
| 4. <i>One Hot Minute</i> | Red Hot Chilli Peppers |
| 5. <i>Crazysexycool</i> | TLC |
| 6. <i>E. 1999 Eternal</i> | Bone Thugs-N-Harmony |
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Sheryl Crow captures third straight Grammy



Triple Grammy winner Sheryl Crow and her band continued a tour which has been non-stop since her debut in 1993. Every time the group scheduled a break, their album zoomed to the top of the charts and the tour continued.

Darius Rucker, vocalist and guitarist, had his group, Hootie and the Blowfish soaring in the charts. The South Carolina band featured a mixture of sounds ranging from harmonizing to country rock, from blues to thick-as-molasses Southern rock.

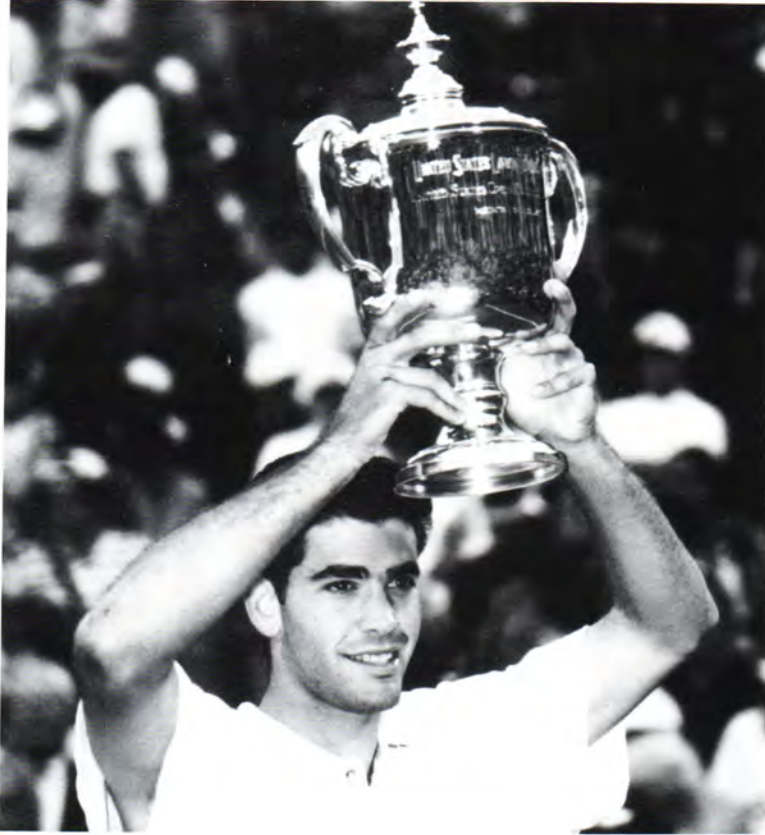


Green Day hit the charts with "Insomniac" in its second major label release. The San Francisco trio focused on pop-punk purity in the "Panic Song".

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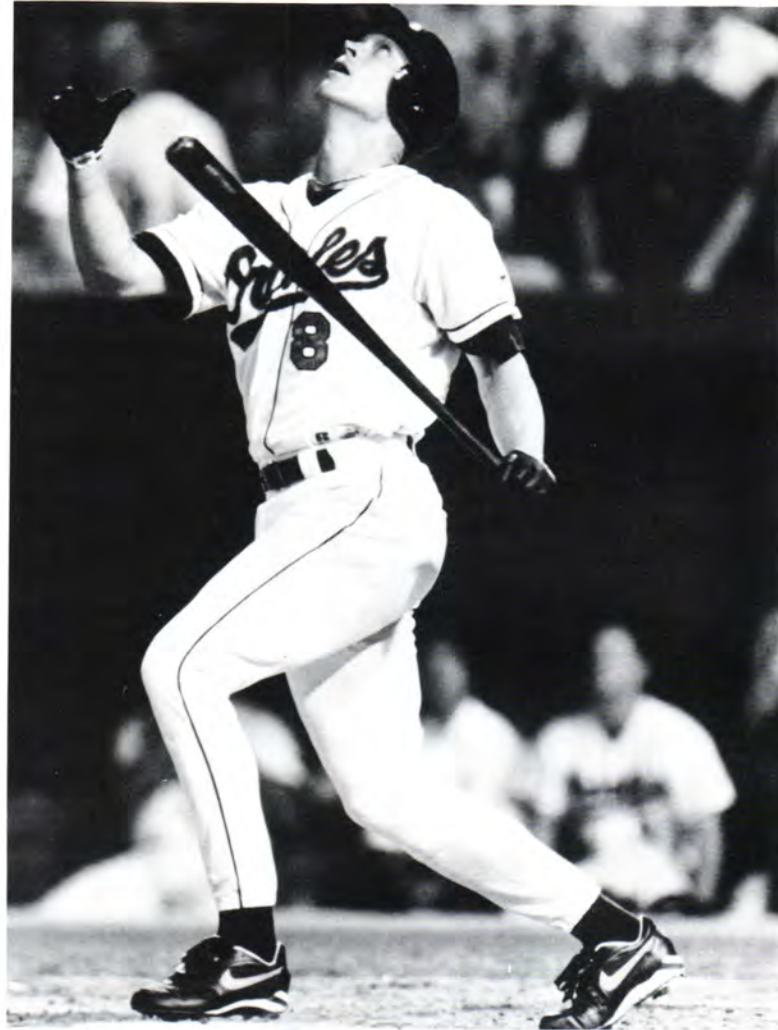
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A YEAR IN REVIEW



Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr. brought excitement back to professional baseball after the sport struggled through a strike by breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played streak of 2,130.

Pete Sampras lived up to his number one ranking in the world by capturing the men's singles title at the Wimbledon tennis tournament in London, England. Sampras retained number one ranking the entire year.



Death claims numerous personalities

During 1995, every aspect of culture was touched by the death of numerous dignitaries.

The following is a list of some of the stars whose light went out during the year.

Mickey Mantle-Former Commerce High School star who went on to earn Hall of Fame honors with the New York Yankees.

Dean Martin-Singer, actor, and former comedian partner with Jerry Lewis.

Elizabeth Montgomery-Actress best known for her role as Samatha in the television show Bewitched.

Yitzhak Rabin-Prime Minister of Israel killed by an assassin.

Howard Cosell-Sportscaster that started as a member of the Monday Night Football crew.

Ginger Rogers-Actress that made her mark as a dancing partner with Fred Astair during the 1940's.

Eva Gabor-Actress on the TV show Green Acres.

Jerry Garcia-Lead guitarist with the Grateful Dead rock group.

Rosalind Cash-Actress that appeared in Sophisticated Gents.

Pancho Gonzales-Tennis star that competed in four decades as a professional.

Krissy Taylor-Seventeen-year-old model that was murdered during a photo shoot.

John Cameron Swayze-Journalist and television commercial person for Timex watches.

Lana Turner-Actress that starred in the motion picture The Bold and the Beautiful.

Burl Ives-Folksinger and radio personality.

William Kunstler-Civil rights attorney that defended the Chicago Seven.

Alexander Godunov-Ballet dancer and actor.

Charlie Rich-Country-western singer.

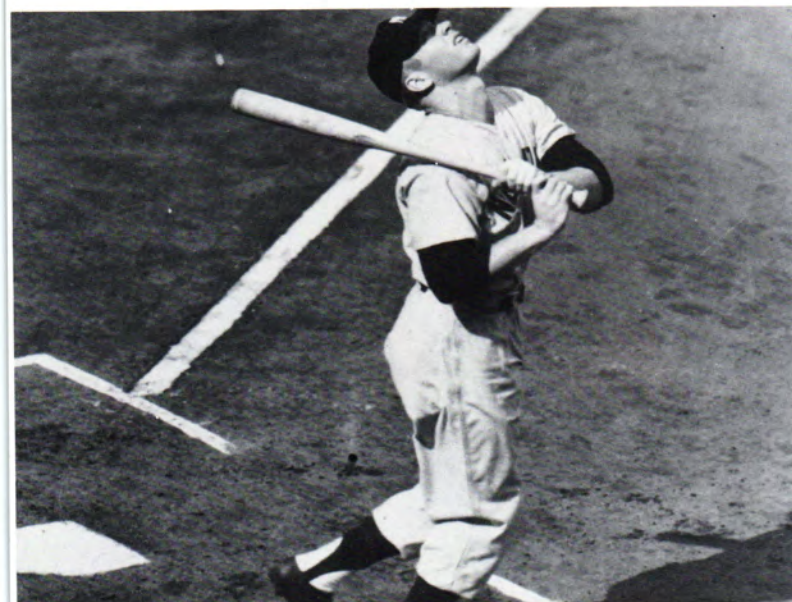
Dr. Jonas Salk-Scientist that discovered polio vaccine.

Local Hall of Famer loses battle with cancer

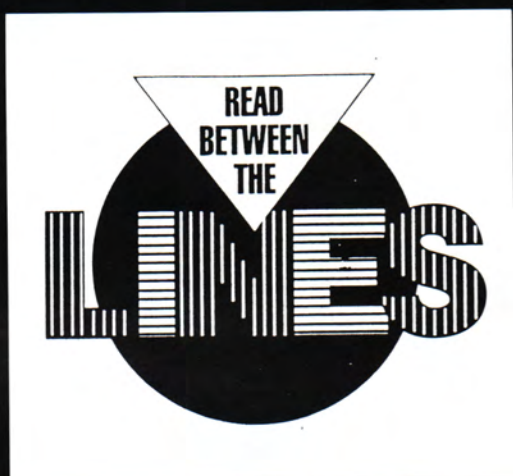


Veteran wide receiver Jerry Rice led the San Francisco 49'ers to their second consecutive Super Bowl championship with a win over the San Diego Chargers in the annual Super Bowl.

Steffi Graf captured the coveted women's singles championship in the Wimbledon tennis tournament played on the clay courts in London, England.



Baseball fans young and old suffered a great loss with the death of former Commerce High School standout Mickey Mantle. A member of the New York Yankees, Mantle gained Hall of Fame recognition for his homerun hitting ability and speed and grace in the outfield.



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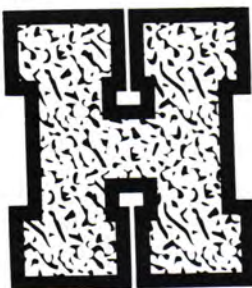


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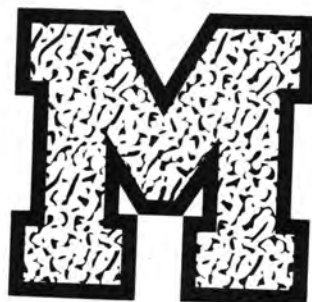


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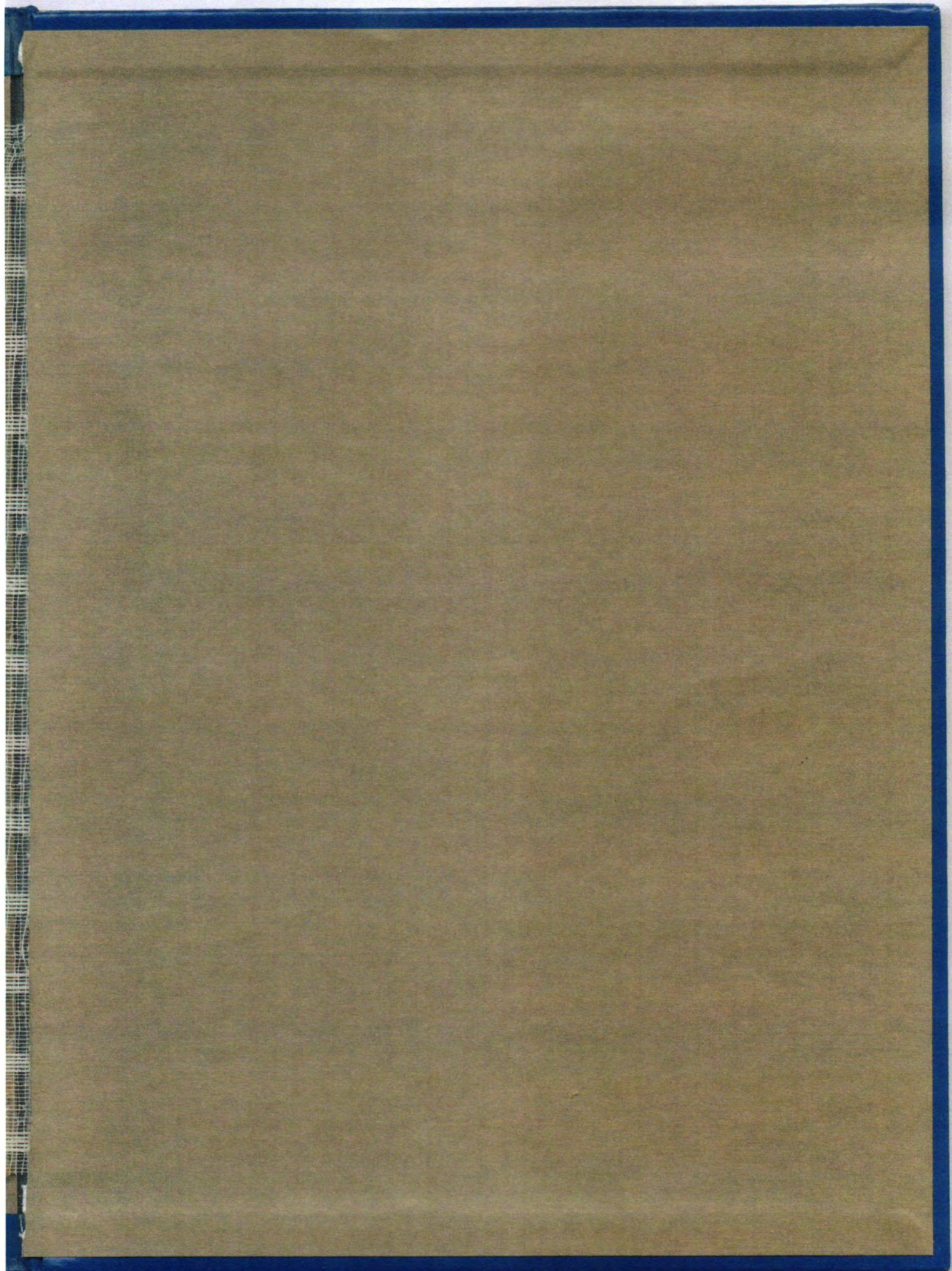


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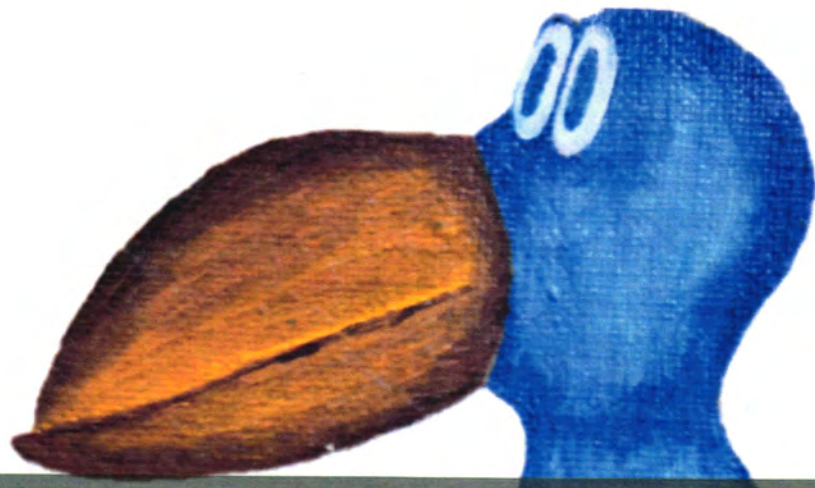
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