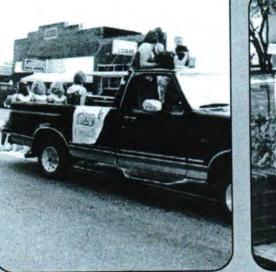


Norse Stars Drill Team

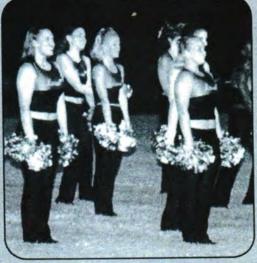
Norse Stars perform a chant while participating in the homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street. Twelve coeds comprised the 2000-2001 squad of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team that performed at several events.







Several members of the Norse Stars rode in the back of a pickup and passed out candy during the annual homecoming parade.

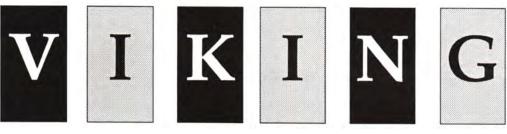


With the use of pom poms and other various props, the Norse Stars presented numerous choreographed routines at Robertson Field.

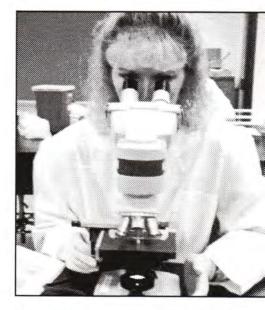


Twelve members of the Norse Stars perform a high-kick routine during halftime of one of the five Golden Norse

Two members of the dance/drill team participate in



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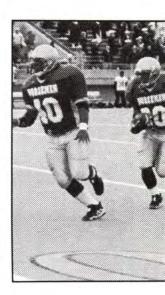
Kristen Hales, a sophomore from Dimmitt, Texas, with a microscope during a physical science lab page 27) Photo by Danielle



Matt Floyd, ou president of Student Body G ment, hands the to new president ael Deering. (See 87.)

Photo by Cheryl

Freshman fullback Johnny Bizzell (40) provides some blocking for tailback Kevin Galbreath on a 10-yard touchdown run. (See page 117.) Photo by DeLena Mincher



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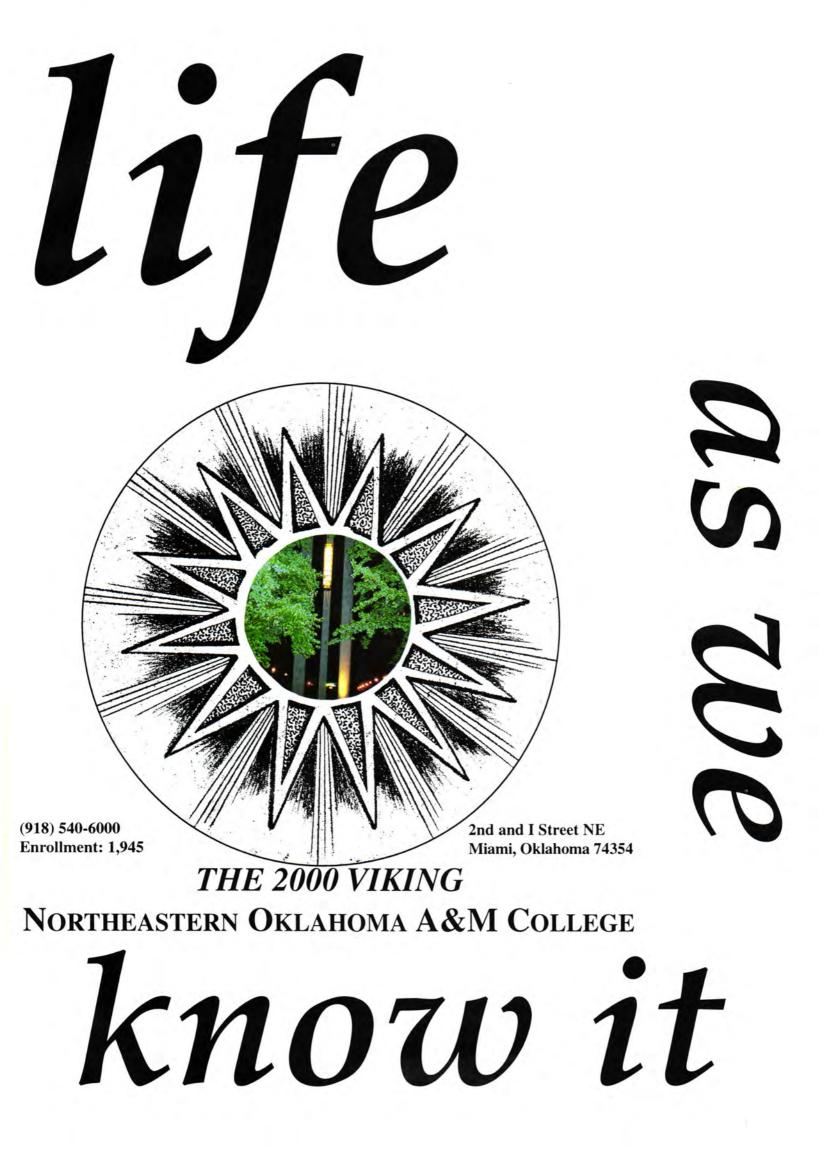
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TRAGIC LOSS

Fire destroys historical gymnasium

Todd Hesse and Michael Bolton direct their sprays towards the fire in the college intramural gymnasium. The fire started during a building renovation project being conducted by a local construction company.

Photo by Jon Owens

Ronnie Cline, a member of the Miami Fire Department, tries to fight back the fire as it consumes the wooden bleachers contained within the intramural gym. The bleachers caught fire as a welder worked on ceiling support beams. Photo by Jon Owens





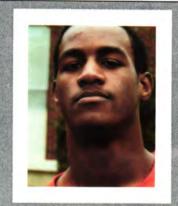


"This was a very tragic situation for the students because we lost a place to have a good time with intramurals and we also lost some valuable classroom space."

--- Chris Schmitt



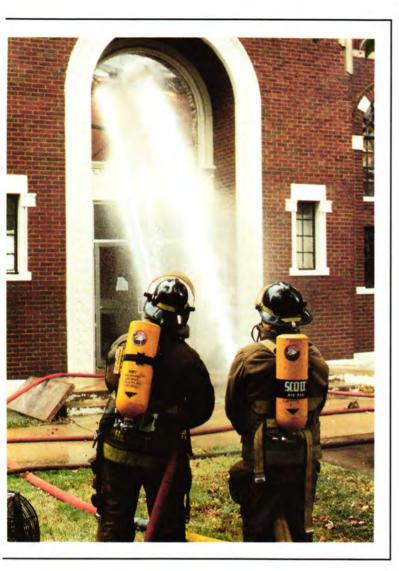
"A fire like this has an effect on both students and faculty because the building played such an important part as both an intramural facility and for music." ---Jacque Ratcliff



"We used the gym a lot to workout in for baseball and softball, so I know the fire will have an effect on those two programs as well as the intramural program." ---DeMarcus Mathes



"As a commuter from Grove, I didn't have anything going on in the intramural gym, but I know some music majors that were very upset by the fire." ---Jen Butler



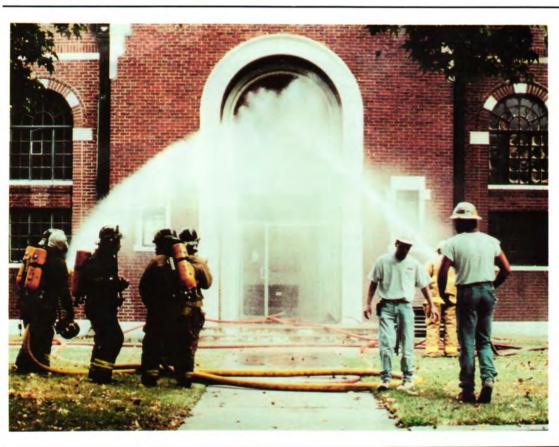
Wearing full gear, two Miami Fire Fighters attempt to keep the fire from reaching the entryway columns on the front of the intramural gymnasium. The blaze completely destroyed the south end of the structure while the music hall and offices in the north end sustained heavy water damage.

Photo by Jon Owens

Several members of the Miami Fire Department create a mist while battling a blaze that destroyed the south end of the intramural gymnasium and threatened to envelope the north end. All of the contents of the building were lost to either fire, smoke, or water damage. The blaze was extinguished in four hours.

Photo by Jon Owens







Wearing a breathing mask, Miami Fire Fighter Ronnie Cline tries to keep the fire from jumping the fire wall between the gymnasium and the Music Hall.

Photo by Jon Owens

While the Miami Fire Department works to put out the fire, members of the construction company lend a hand.

Photo by Jon Owens

FUN & GAMES

Students enjoy dances, picnics and playing games

Taking advantage of a slow dance, students enjoy the music during the annual Spring Fling banquet and dance held at the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center. More than 300 students attended the gala affair.

Photo by Cheryl Butler

Carolyn Ross, a sophomore from Bentonville, Ark., sings a song as her backup band prepares to perform during the annual Student Talent Show held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

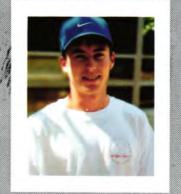
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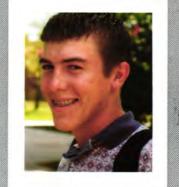




"Although I spent most of my time studying, I did participate in several of the campus activities throughout the school year and I was involved with the OWLS program." —Ruth Honey



"As a music major, I was involved in numerous campus activities such as concerts and athletic events, along with working in the stage band and choir." --Shane Hix



"Because I was carrying 21 academic hours and trying to graduate in the fall, I really didn't have any free time to participate in too many campus activities."

---Ryan Victory



"I tried to get involved in as many activities as I could while at the same time balancing my schoolwork, taking care of a family and being a grandmother." ---Karen Biggs



Tia Williams, a sophomore from Tulsa, races a friend up the Matterhorn during a visit of the Big Toys as part of Spring Fling Week on campus. Eight Big Toys were set up between Dyer and Copen Halls for students use. The week of activities also featured a cookout and softball games and a banquet.

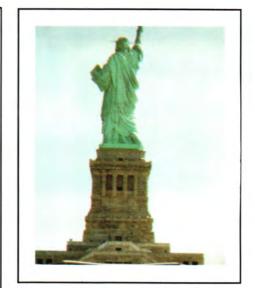
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A member of the college Food Services staff serves a hamburger, chips and baked beans to a coed during the traditional All-College Cookout held as part of Homecoming Week on campus. The event featured a pep rally and a Yell-Like-Hell contest for members of the student body.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Five college students accompanied vocal music instructor Mary Susan Whaley on a trip to New York City during Spring Break. The students attended Broadway plays and toured the Big Apple.

Photo by Jon Owens

Members of a Christian music band entertain the audience during an evening session of Heartburn, sponsored by the Christian Student Fellowship.

Photo by Jon Owens

HOME SPUN

Dormitory rooms are converted for comfort

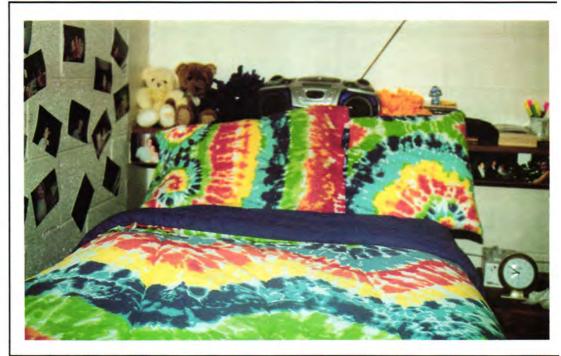
A tie-dye bedspread along with stuffed animals, a CD player, and numerous pictures on the wall help make a dorm room in Harrill Hall more livable for coeds during their nine-month stay on campus.

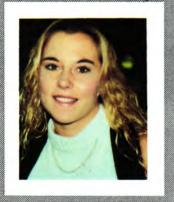
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Four members of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team carry their luggage and other belongings through the main lobby of the Harrill/Dobson dormitory while moving in one week before the start of classes.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





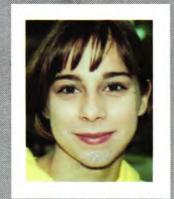


"Living in the dorm really added to my college experience because I got to meet many different kinds of people that I wouldn't have normally met." --Melissa Vann

Dorms Student Life



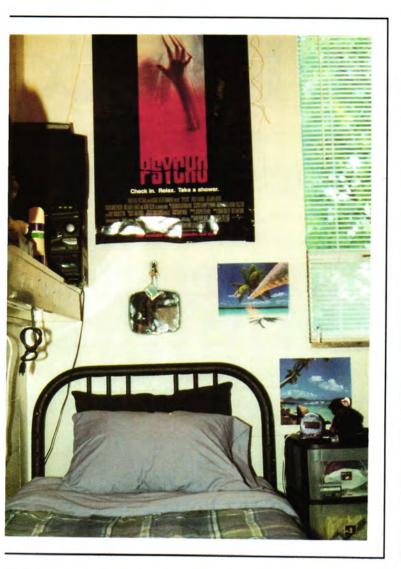
"I really enjoyed living in the dorms because it gives you a certain feeling of freedom and independence in terms of deciding what you do day after day." ---Kyla Hollister



"The thing about living in the dorm is that you have to be mature enough to accept the responsibility for your actions and the decisions you might make." ---Elizabeth Lewis

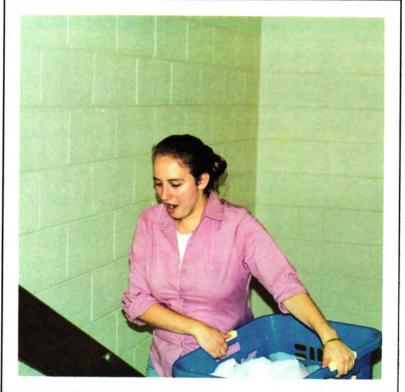


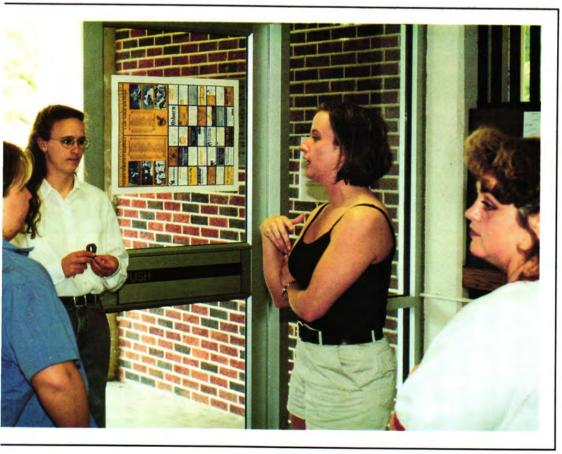
"Even though I didn't live in a dorm, I had several friends that did and it seemed to really enhance their social life because they had more friends as the year went on." ---Destiny Wyrick



Most coed dorm rooms were transformed into a replica of the student's room at home. The transformation was complete with posters, stereo, a night stand, beanie babies and any other items that might make the room feel more like the one the student left behind at home. *Photo by Danielle Boyd* Roberta Boren, a sophomore from Antlers, carries a load of neatly folded clothes up from the basement of Harrill/Dobson dormitory after completing her laundry chores. The dorms feature a fully-equipped laundry facility along with several other personal touches.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Loading up some gifts she bought from the college bookstore, freshman Heather Branson, of West Lafayette, Ind., prepares to make the long trek home during the four-day fall break . *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Head residents Sara Potoshnik (Dobson Hall), Kelli Lewis (Harrill Hall) and Vickie Stokes (Vann Hall) discuss dorm rules with a visiting student and her parent during a tour of the dormitory facilities.

REST & RELAX

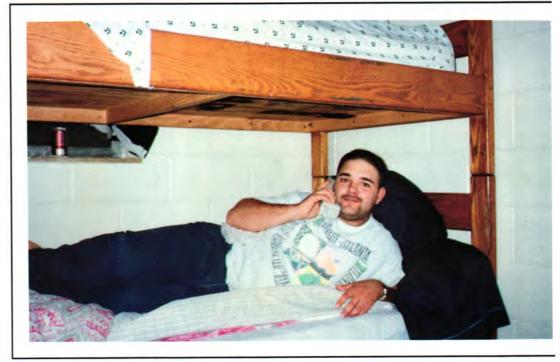
Numerous games were played on campus

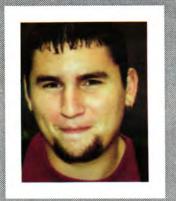
Sophomore Josh Baker of Mountain Home, Ark., relaxes on his bed and carries on a conversation with family back home while waiting for the start of afternoon classes. More than 600 men and women were residents in five dormitory facilities. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Several students gather in a Russell Hall dorm room to enjoy playing video games and watching television during an evening of rest and relaxation. Students could also go to the Learning Resources Center to study time and computer work. Photo by Danielle Boyd

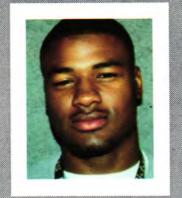








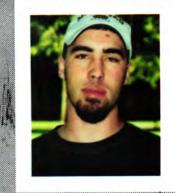
"One of the things I really enjoyed about living in the dorms were the friendships that were made and the good times that we had at night and on the weekends." --Dustin Robinson



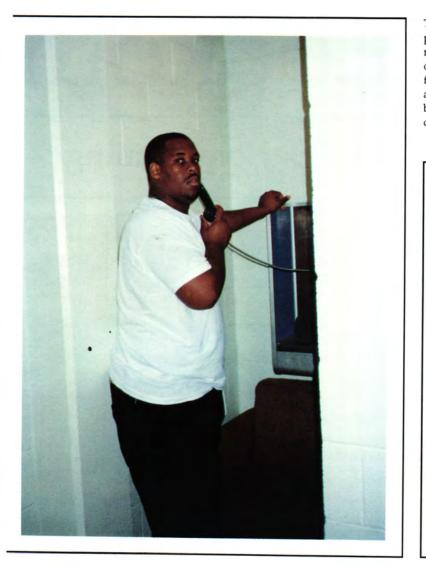
"Being an athlete made dorm life pretty special because we had curfew in Dyer Hall and the coaches did a great job of making sure we mixed academics with fun." -Kokain Mothershed



"Living in the dorm was pretty good except for the fact that visitation kind of put a kink in your social life because guests had to leave at a certain time." ---Austin Miller



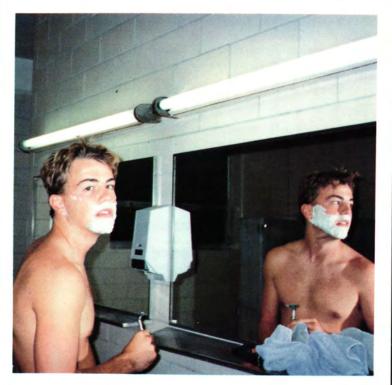
"Dorm life was all right most of the time because you got to be with friends and you also had a chance to create new relationships if you worked at it." ---Randy Brown

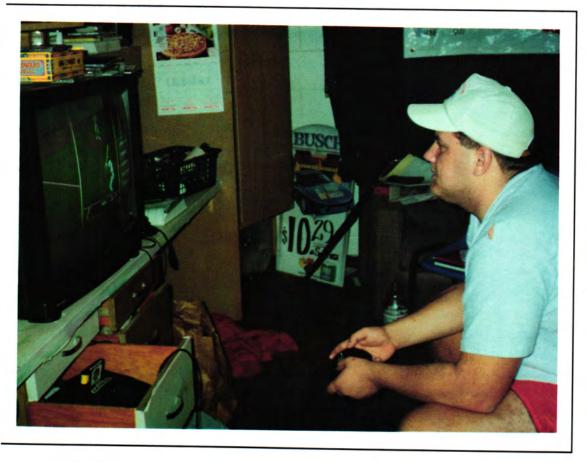


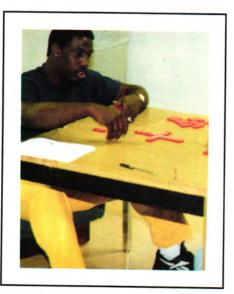
Taking a moment from a personal phone call in the hall of Russell dormitory is sophomore Darius Graham of Oklahoma City. A full range of facilities such as phones, television and laundry were available for use by the residents of the various dorms. Robert Ford, a sophomore from Chelsea, gives himself a shave in the restroom facilities of Vann Hall before the start of morning classes. All dormitory residents also had the availability of showers and other personal grooming facilities.

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Two unidentified residential students challenge each other during a evening game of dominoes in the lobby of Russell Hall dormitory.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Caught up in a game of Nintendo baseball in his Russell Hall dorm room is sophomore Richard Mort of Anderson, Ind. Dorm residents were allowed to have stereos and televisions in their rooms.

College Cookout

Entire student body celebrates Homecoming

Betty Durborow, a member of the college food services staff, prepares a plate for an unidentified coed during the annual All-College Cookout held during the week of Homecoming festivities in the main mall area of campus.

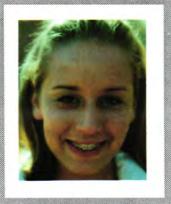
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Marsha York and Ron Howerton, both members of the food services staff, pour drinks and prepare ice as lines form during the annual All-College Cookout celebration held as part of Homecoming Week festivities.

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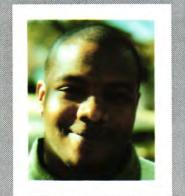






"One of the things I really enjoyed about Homecoming Week was the fact that we got to eat at the All-College Cookout even though I lived at home in Miami." ---Liz King

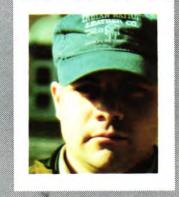
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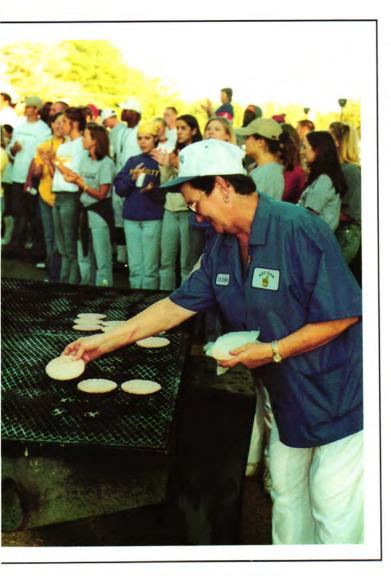
"The All-College Cookout gave everybody a chance to sit around and enjoy the outdoors and visit without being in the closed confines of the college cafeteria." --Greg Arnold



"Not only was the food pretty good, but the Norse Stars and Cheerleaders did a great job of generating school spirit and getting people enthused about Homecoming." ---Jamie Bluejacket



"Everybody seemed to have a real good time during the cookout and pep rally and the food services people did a great job of preparing the food for such a large crowd." ---Frank Sands

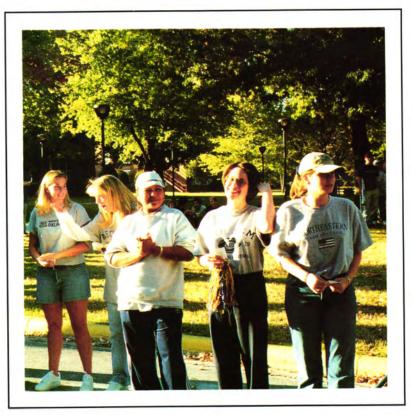


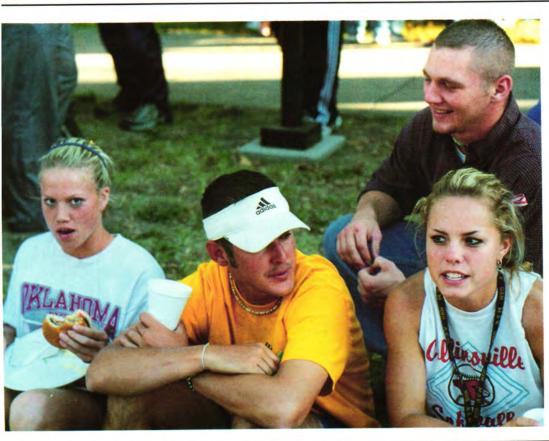
Donna Stephens, manager of the college cafeteria, slaps some frozen hamburger patties on the grill as students participate in a pep rally prior to consuming hamburgers, baked beans, chips, cobbler and a drink during the All-College Cookout which was part of Homecoming Week.

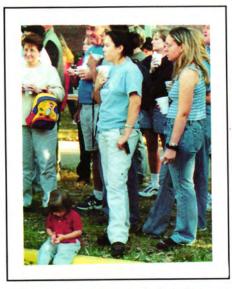
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Coeds form a single line in preparation for receiving food during the All-College Cookout which is a traditional part of Homecoming Week festivities. Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band are seen behind the line as they perform the college fight song and other music for the pep rally.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Golden Norse football coach Dale Patterson (center) and his wife Donna and son Steve listen to the chants during the pep rally which was part of the All-Campus Cookout. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Members of the Lady Norse softball team join friends for a curb-side seat while they enjoy their hamburgers during the annual All-College Cookout held in the area between the Fine Arts Center and Dyer Hall.

DECOR & FLOATS

Campus buildings and floats reflect spirit

Members of the Chi Alpha organization captured the first place honors in the float building contest with a football player stomping on a Navarro Bulldog during the traditional Homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street.

Photo by Jon Owens

A red Navarro College Bulldog roasts over a fire in the lobby of the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building as the number one building decoration created by the Norse Stars/Cheerleader groups.

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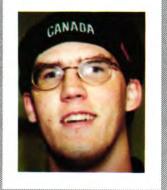






"With several of the campus organizations building floats, that just added to the attractiveness and school spirit displayed during Homecoming Week." ---Tiffany Crafton

Homecoming Student Life



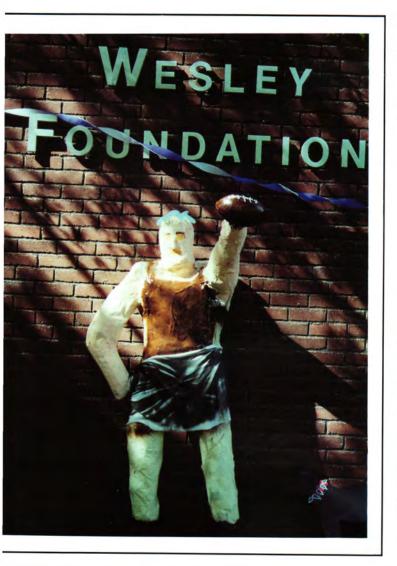
"Being from Canada, I thought it was pretty exciting watching all the activities that went on during the week and I especially enjoyed the parade downtown." —Wayne Martin



"I tried to get involved with as many different activities as I could during Homecoming Week to try and display and promote school pride and spirit."

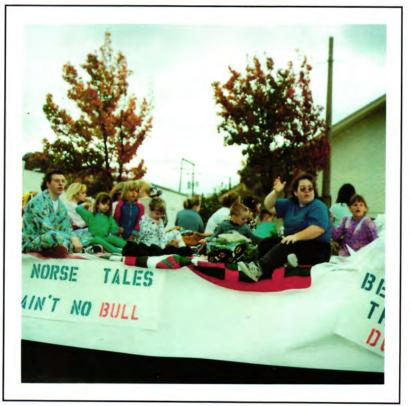


"The Homecoming parade really put the finishing touches on a pretty good week of a variety of activities created for generating school spirit and pride for students." ---Steven Stimson

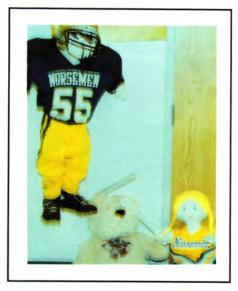


A replica of a Golden Norseman football player stands outside the Wesley Foundation building during Homecoming Week as part of the building decoration competition. The Norse Stars/Cheerleaders finished first while the Psychology Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes tied for second place. *Photo by Jon Owens* While Chi Alpha captured first place in the float building competition, the entry from the Child Development Club won the \$75 cash prize for second place. The float was entitled "Norse Tales Ain't No Bull" and featured children from the Child Development lab.

Photo by Jon Owens







A Golden Norsemen and Cheerleader beats a Navarro College Bulldog over the head as part of the Journalism department decoration on the second floor of Dyer Hall.

Photo by Jon Owens

Featuring a boxing ring to knock out the Navarro College Bulldog, the float representing the Medical Assistants organization finished third in the float building competition during the Homecoming parade.

Photo by Jon Owens



ROYAL COURT

Denise Cunningham earns title

Thirty-five coeds representing various campus clubs and organizations were locked in three days of intense competition for the title of 2000 Homecoming Queen. The 53rd-annual competition culminated in a crowning ceremony.

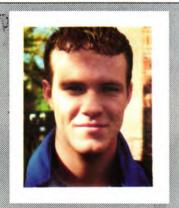
Photo by Tim Ingram

Leading the way during the traditional Homecoming parade south down Miami's Main Street were the members of the Golden Norse Marching Band along with a drum major and flag corps

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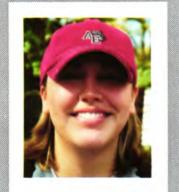




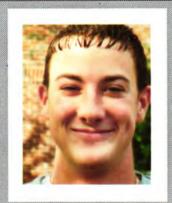


"I thought the queen coronation was pretty special because everyone was dressed real sharp and it was exciting to have to wait to find out who won until halftime." ---Sean McDonald

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"After knowing what each candidate had to go through over three days, I thought it was pretty exciting to find out which one was selected by the panel of judges." ---Ashley Burnside

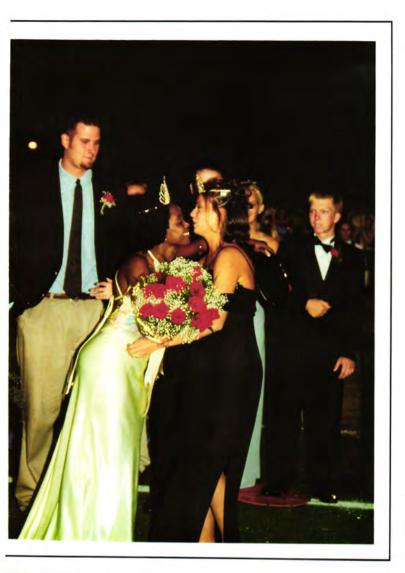


"There wasn't a bad looking candidate in the bunch and I think it would have been very hard to pick one out to be the queen because they were all very good looking." --- Aaron Madden



"All of those girls worked very hard to earn the crown and it was just a shame that they all couldn't be crowned queen because the deserved the recognition." ---Melissa Overaker





Matt Floyd, president of the Student Body Government, watches as 1999 Queen Amy Kihenia presents the 2000 Homecoming Queen Denise Cunningham with a bouquet of roses and a hug during the halftime of the Golden Norse/Navarro football game at Robertson Field.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Representing the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Denise Cunningham rides in a car during the Homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street. Cunningham was a sophomore from Skiatook and a nursing major. She was selected queen from a field of 35 contestants during three days of competition.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Former NEO housing director Bob Hayes, and his wife Claranne, served as marshall's of the 2000 Homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Selected as members of the 2000-2001 Homecoming Queen court were, from left; Jenny McCool, Melissa Vann, Denise Cunningham, Katie Tippet, Lyndsey Harris and Denise Ishem.

FOOTBALL FINALE

Golden Norsemen win Homecoming contest

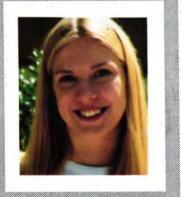
Breaking through the offensive line, sophomore Golden Norse tailback Kevin Galbreath (20) eludes five Navarro defensive players on a 34-yard touchdown run. Galbreath gained 101 yards on 17 carries to lead the Norse ground game.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Navarro All-American wide receiver Kendick Starling (80) tries to shake a shoe-string tackle by NEO strong safety Prince Anderson as teammates Colin Johnson (27) and Koryee Wyatt (50) provide help. Starling had seven catches for 163 yards. Photo by Danielle Boyd



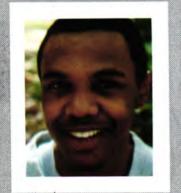




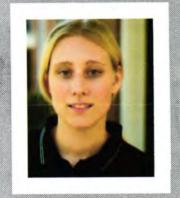
"Not only were the halftime ceremonies exciting, but the football game was very entertaining with a lot of excitement for both teams and a lot of scoring."

---Elizabeth Lively

Football Student Life



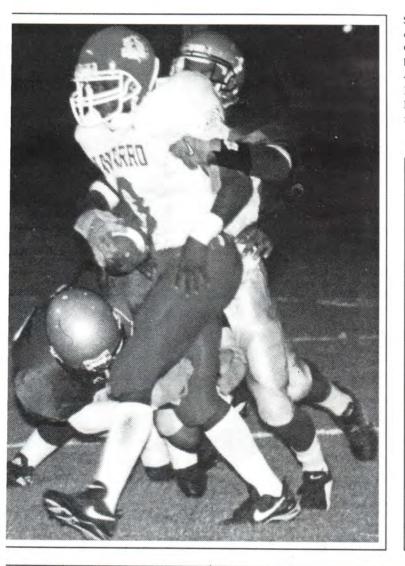
"1 really enjoyed watching the football game because Navarro had a good football team and the Norsemen took it to them and didn't back off the entire evening." ---Michael Williams



"This was a very entertaining football game because neither team really dominated and there were a lot of points put on the scoreboard for the hometown fans." --- Misty Gourley



"From the fans point of view, this was an excellent game because both teams moved the ball up and down the field and there were a lot of points scored. " ---Aric Gaines



Several members of the Golden Norse defensive unit combine to stop Navarro College quarterback Eric Renieta (10)* behind the line of scrimmage during a 41-23 victory by NEO in the Homecoming game. The Norsemen held the Bulldogs to a mere 53 yards rushing on 19 carries.

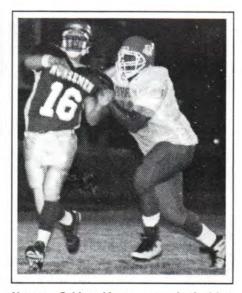
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Sophomore wide receiver Romby Bryant (9) out-races Navarro defensive back Avery Jones (13) to the endzone for NEO's first touchdown on a 21-yard pass from quarterback Matt Dutton in the first quarter of the Homecoming game played before a large crowd at Robertson Field.

Photo by DeLena Mincher







Veteran Golden Norse quarterback Matt Dutton (16) gets a pass off despite pressure from Navarro defensive end Mark Michaels. Dutton completed 12 of 26 passes for 226 yards and two touchdowns.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Golden Norse cornerback Julius Allen (22) hauls in an errant Navarro pass as teammate James Harris (7) backs up the play. The Norse secondary made three interceptions.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

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SANTA'S VISIT

Student body adopts local kids

A local Miami boy opens a gift of three batterypowered cars as his "Adoptive Mom" and three of his friends watch in amazement during the annual Student Body Government Children's Christmas Party held in the union ballroom. Photo by Danielle Boyd

A young boy struggles to find out what his new dump truck does as two little girls battle to get a look at the new toy. More than 350 disadvantage children from the Miami area received presents during the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government. Photo by Danielle Boyd







"The Children's Christmas Party was a great way for members of the student body to get into the spirit of giving by helping some child have a brighter holiday." ---Kristi Moon



"Not only were college students given the responsibility of getting gifts for these kids, but they also got a taste of what it's like not to have everything you want." ---Melissa Barnes



"I really had a good time at this party just watching the way the kid's faces lit up when they tried to open their presents and the way they reacted to Santa Claus." ---Kay Kay Brown



"A party like this is what the spirit o Christmas really is because there is a lo of sharing, loving and caring going on bet ween the college kids and the children." ---Aimee Arnolo





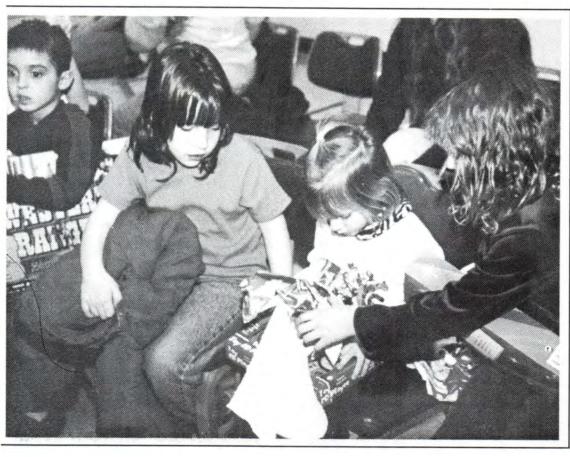
Santa Claus, alias John Scott of Quapaw, and his helper Melissa Barnes, a sophomore from Jones, listen intently as a young man explains what he would like to find under his tree on Christmas morning during the annual Children's Christmas Party in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

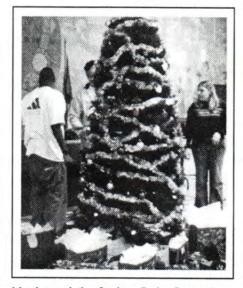
Photo by Danielle Boyd

Two young brothers take apart a gift in the middle of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom floor during the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Student Body Government. More than 350 area children were adopted for the party by college students.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Members of the Student Body Government play Santa's elves and flock around the Christmas tree while handing presents to Santa to be distributed during the annual party. Photo by Danielle Boyd

With help from her "Adoptive Mom", a young lady struggles with Pooh-Bear wrapping paper to discover a toy CD player as a gift during the annual Student Body Government's Children's Christmas Party.

Playing Around

Theatre NEO presents quality productions

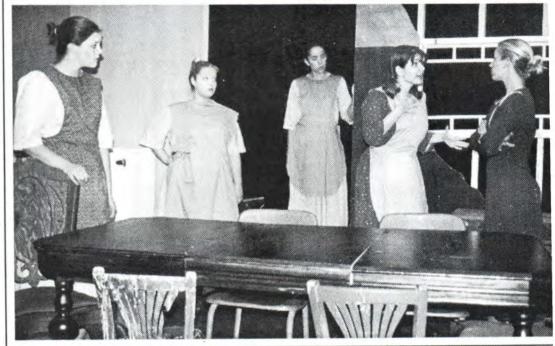
Rose, played by Carolyn Ross, a sophomore from Springdale, Ark., confronts Kate, portrayed by Liz King, a freshman from Miami, during a scene from the first play of the theatre season entitled *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Michael, played by Matt Meyerdirk, a sophomore from Kingfisher, dances with Chris, portrayed by Darcie Froman, a freshman from Miami, during a scene from the first play of the year performed in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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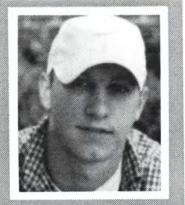




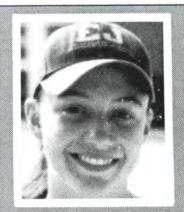


"Since we paid for the plays, I really enjoyed going and watching the wide variety of entertainment the theatre group provided and they were very well done." ---Missy Clint

Theatre Student Life



"I went to a couple of the plays and I enjoyed them because I knew some of the kids and I thought they worked real hard in practice and did a good job." —Sean Stowell



"Even though I was a commuter and didn't get to go to too many activities on campus, I did get to see one or two plays and I thought they were pretty good." ---Tracy Richards



"There were a few kids that I knew in the plays, so I went to some of them and I thought that both the acting and the work behind the scenes was great."



Checking out the glass in the french doors is Sidney Lipton, played by Kevin Prewitt, a freshman from Miami, during a scene from the comedy *God's Favorite*, which was the last production of the season for the Theatre NEO group presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Three members from the musical cast of *The Pajama Game* act out a scene during dress rehearsal in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Under the direction of Steven McCurley, the play centered around the conditions at the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







Waiting in ambush during a scene from God's Favorite are, from left; Sarah, played by Lyndsey Darnell; Ben, played by Josh Miller, and Joe Benjamin, played by Josh Austin. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Entertaining more than 1,500 area grade school children during the traditional children's production, members of the cast from *School House Rock* take a ride to conjunction junction during this scene.

Theatre Student Life Photo by Tim Ingram

STARTING OVER

More than 400 sophomores received degrees

Dr. Glenn E. Mayle, president of the college, presents a degree to one of the more than 400 sophomores that participated in graduation ceremonies held at Robertson Field despite intermittent rain showers.

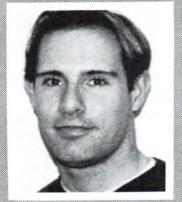
Photo by Danielle Boyd

Some of the more than 3,000 family and friends attending the graduation ceremonies grab some cover as a passing shower drops a little rain. The brief shower did not stop the proceedings or dampen the enthusiasm.

Photo by Danielle Boyd







"Graduation is a new beginning for me because I'll get to continue my pursuit of a higher education degree at another school and it will be like starting over."

---Jon Owens

Graduation Student Life



"I have mixed emotions on this day because on one hand I'm leaving all the friends I've made the last two years, and on the other hand I'll be making new ones." ---Lisa Vanhoose



"My two years at NEO were very special and graduation brought an end to all that, so it's a pretty emotional time because I really enjoyed it here." ---John L. Anderson



"Graduation brought an end to one phase of my life and now I have to get ready to start another part in my development of becoming a professional." ---Jenny McCool



Matt Floyd, president of the Student Body Government, delivers a welcome at the start of the graduation commence: ment exercises held before a large crowd at Robertson Field. Floyd was one of more than 400 sophomores to receive a degree during the ceremonies which lasted approximately two hours.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Brian Hauck (right), Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, presents one of the more than seven special academic awards during the commencement exercises at Robertson Field. Each of the three academic schools recognized students that had achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the year.

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A coed holds a piece of paper which contains her full name as she and other students file onto the stage during graduation commencement exercises.

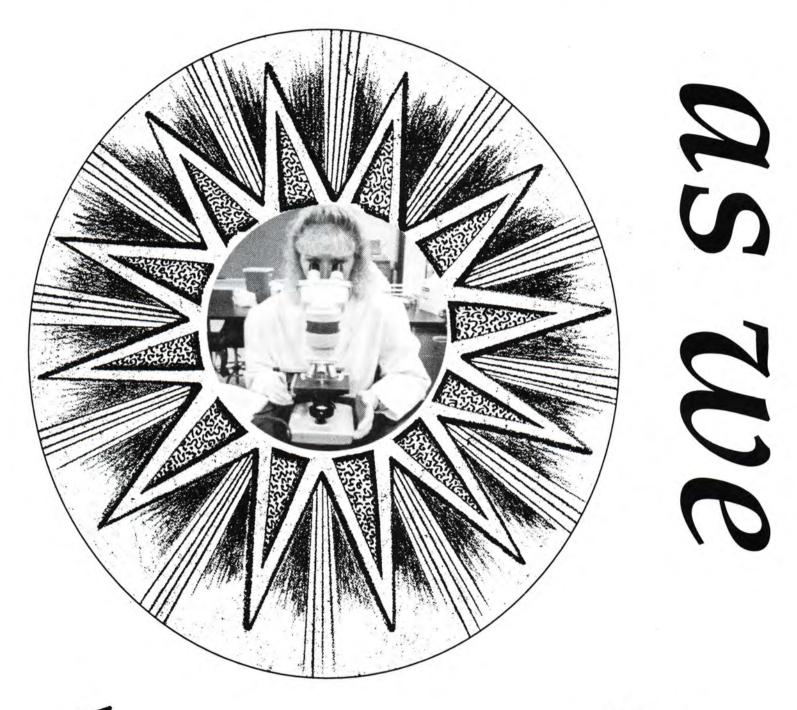
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Members of the college faculty stand and participate in the singing of the state song "Oklahoma" at the start of graduation ceremonies at Robertson Field. More than 80 faculty and administrators participated.





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school of AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES Judges gain national recognition

Members of the various college judging teams in the agriculture department earned national recognition while competing in numerous events around the country. Beginning practice sessions during the fall semester, the members of the Livestock Judging Team, Equine Judging Team and Rodeo Team competed in and won several events throughout the school year. One element that separates agriculture contestants from athletic contestants is the fact that the agriculture teams compete against teams representing four-year universities. The Equine Judging Team, under the direction of Clay Cavinder, finished the season undefeated including a win at the American Paint Horse Association Spring Sweepstakes in Fort Worth, Texas.

Freshmen members of the Equine Judging Team were, from left: Clay Cavinder, coach; Jessica Wolf, Kyla Hollister, Nicki Watkins, Robbie Carpino, Blake Collier and Matt West.

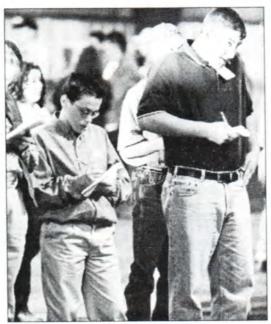
Kyla Hollister, a freshman from Lenapah, enjoys lunch during an awards banquet.







Veteran Livestock Judging coach Jary Douglas makes a point to members of the team during a swine judging practice session. Photo by Danielle Boyd





Several hundred high school students take notes during a judging session as part of Aggie Day activities. Photo by Danielle Boyd Rafael Franco, a freshman from Sau Paulo, Brazil, works in a computer science lab located in Copen Hall.





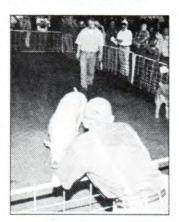
A high school student studies her subject before giving reasons during poultry judging at Aggie Day.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Kristen Hales, a sophomore from Dimmitt, Texas, works with a microscope during a physical science lab.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

An unidentified high school student gets a good look during swine judging at Aggie Day.





Checking the hind flanks during sheep judging at Aggies Day are several visiting high school students.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Three members of the college Livestock Judging Team lead cattle to the judging area at the Miami Fairgrounds.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES School focuses on recruitment

Jtilizing various events on campus to attract prospective students throughout the school year, the four acadenic departments within the School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences are under the direction of dean John omax. Departments within the school include agriculture, math, natural science and technology. Largest event on campus during the school year is the activities associated with Aggie Day. More than 4,500 junior high and ligh school students attend the day-long event held in the spring. Another large event that attracts more than ,500 prospective students is the annual Science Fair. Other academic-related activities include Math Day, Business Day and the Technology Fair. The School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences features 24 faculty nembers in 21 academic disciplines.

> Agriculture/ Natural Sciences

SCHOOL OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES School focused on human health

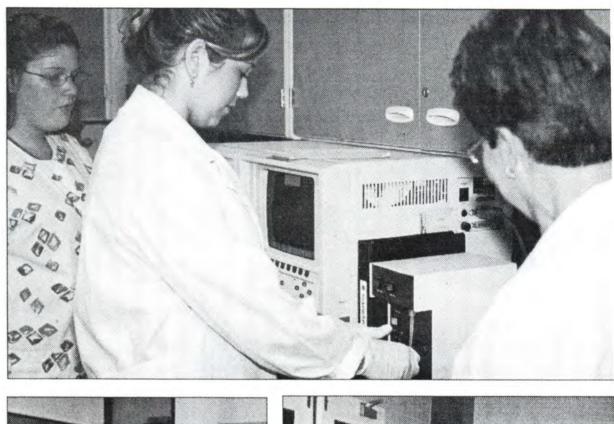
The four academic departments within the School of Human Environmental Sciences emphasized helping an individual to become both physically and mentally ready to accept the challenges that were forth-coming during the 21st century. Under the coordination of dean Jim Genandt, the School of Human Environmental Sciences was divided into the Allied Health Department, the Business Department, the Health and Physical Education Department and the Nursing Department. The school was comprised of 25 full-time faculty members and offered 11 associate degree programs and 11 programs which award either one or two year certificates upon completion.

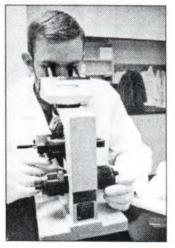
Allied Health department head Kay Harris (right) instructs two students on the proper settings for equipment in medical lab training.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Rhonda Case scrubs before a surgical technology case. Photo by Danielle Boyd

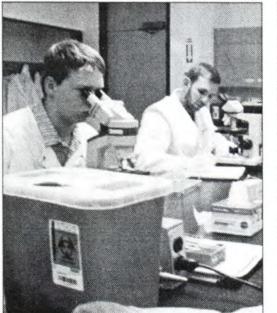






Jess Patton, a sophomore medical laboratory assistant major from Pauls Valley, checks out a slide during lab period.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





Two medical laboratory technician students work on assignments during a lab session in the nursing building.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Three surgical technology students study neurology learning instruments during a lab training session.



Afton High School business instructor Tracy Wheatley (center at back) possess with her students that won Business Day honors. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Director of Nursing Patricia Hempsmyer (right) and instructor Susan Mudrick complete classroom paperwork.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

students GAIN VALUABLE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN CLASSROOM Labs provide real-life settings

ocusing on the academic endeavors of such professions as nursing, business and physical education the chool of Human Environmental Sciences offers several opportunities for students to receive hands-on experince in a real-life setting. The school also provides students with a chance to improve themselves physically vith a fully-equipped Wellness Center, an indoor swimming pool and a walking or jogging trail. Students intersted in the business department have an opportunity to compete in state, regional and national activities hrough the organization Business Leaders of Tomorrow. The group sponsors a Business Day competition each ear which attracts more than 300 area high school students during the spring semester.

> Human Environmental Sciences

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS Performances highlight school

Advancing artistic capabilities through both academic and competitive situations is the primary function of the Schoc of Liberal Arts. Dean Brian Hauck is responsible for departments in Fine Arts, History/Political Science, Languages & Literature, and Social Science. Included within the Fine Arts department are courses in speech, theatre, television, art instrumental music, and vocal music. The History/Political Science department features classes in American History American Government, Afro-American History, History of the American Indian, Oklahoma History and Russia/Sovie History. Offered in the Languages and Literature department are courses in print journalism, photography, English British Literature, English Literature, New Testament Literature, German, French, Cherokee Language, and Spanish. The Social Science department has courses in psychology, sociology, criminal justice, and child development.

Five sisters argue during a scene from *Dancing at Lughnasa* which was the first production presented by the Theatre NEO group. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Art instructor Kirsten Couch (left) helps student Dwayne Brummet, a sophomore from Miami, hang his exhibit. Photo by Danielle Boyd





Broadcasting major Tammy Asher, a sophomore from Tulsa, works the board in the college television studio during a show. Photo by Danielle Boyd







Shawna Lewis, a sophomore from Grove, works on a section of the Viking yearbook as managing editor. Photo by Danielle Boyd Cast members of the traditional children's play School Hous Rock say good-bye to the aud ence at the end of the production Photo by Danielle Boy





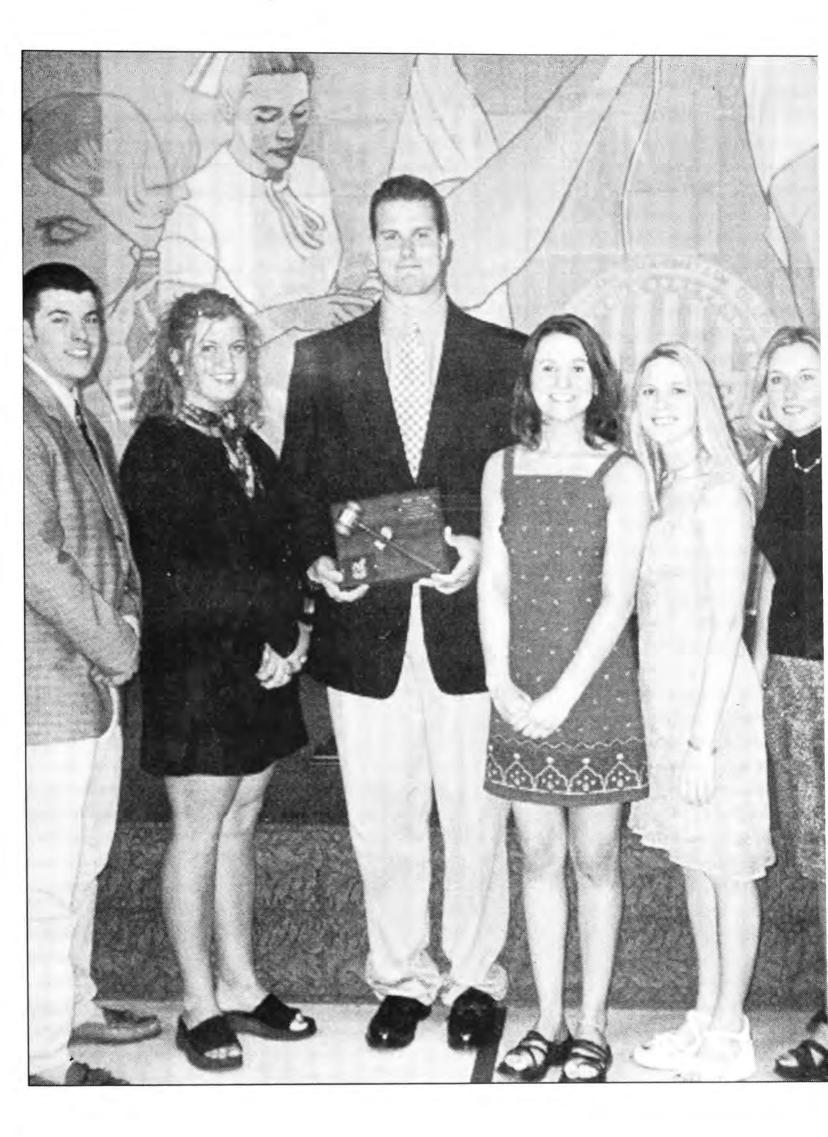
Photo by Danielle Boyd

Charlotte Nelson (left), a sophomore from Edinburgh, Scotland, waits for questions from television major Tyler Warden, a sophomore from Tulsa. Photo by Danielle Boyd

COMPETITION FUELS STUDENTS CREATIVE CAPABILITIES Students display variety of talent

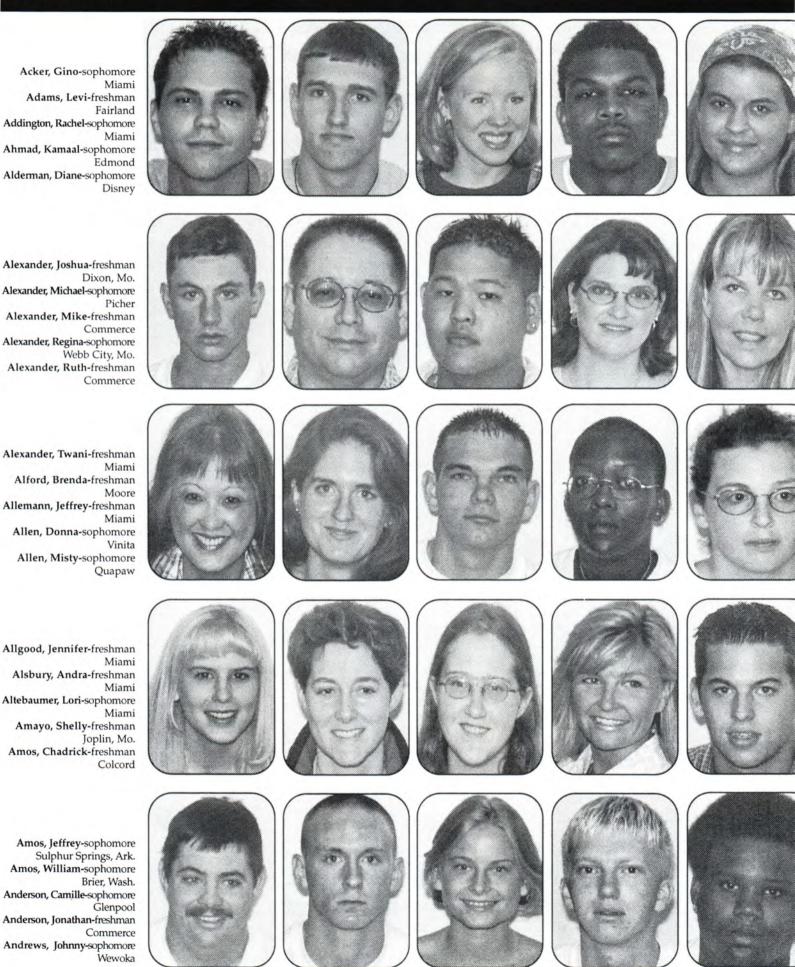
Student participation in the four academic departments within the School of Liberal Arts provided exciting entertainment and several opportunities for students to grow. Theatre NEO produced five plays throughout the school year including the traditional children's play just before christmas break. The college television station presented several broadcasts during the school year over Cable Channel 13. The creative writing program produced an anthology magazine while the print journalism program produced 30 issues of The Norse Wind newspaper and this yearbook. The Child Development Club and Psychology Club sponsored several activities which benefited citizens in the Miami community.

Liberal Arts





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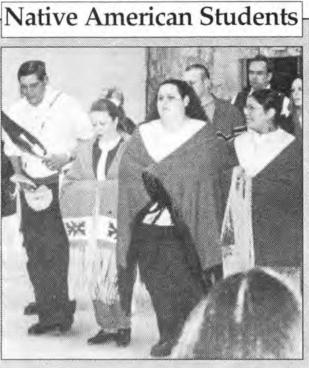


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Members of the Native American Student Association held several activities *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Freshman Julianna Downing (center) participates in a traditional dance. Photo by Danielle Boyd













Armstrong, Kara-freshman Miami Armstrong, Tony-freshman Miami Arnold, Aimee-freshman Miami Arnold, Gregory-freshman Miami Arnold, Rusty-freshman Wyandotte















Ash, Heather-freshman Miami Atkinson, Troy-freshman Fairland Ayres, Rachel-freshman Lenapah Ayres, Tresha-sophomore Welch Bailey, Amy-freshman Miami

Baird, Tammy-sophomore Jay Baker, Ashley-freshman Nevada, Mo. Baldridge, Kyle-sophomore Miami Ballard, Delisa-sophomore Miami Ballard, Jerad-sophomore. Hominy



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A child development major enjoys a picnic with some children in the area between the lab school and Dyer Hall. Photo by Danielle Boyd Members of the Child Development Club prepare food boxes that were distributed for Thanksgiving.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

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Bean, Danny-freshman Tulsa Bear, Diana-freshman Miami Beard, Chris-sophomore Miami Beaty, Sam-freshman Welch Beck, Kristi-freshman Tulsa











Beesley, Carly-freshman Shawnee Beisley, Brooke-sophomore Tulsa Bell, David-freshman Miami Benbrook, Zachary-freshman Miami Bennett, Crystal-sophomore Cleveland, Ohio











Benton, Terrie-freshman Afton Berga, Rebeka-freshman Ketchum Berkenbile, Ben-sophomore Kingman, Ariz. Berner, John -sophomore Lowell, Ark. Bible, Joshua-freshman Vinita

















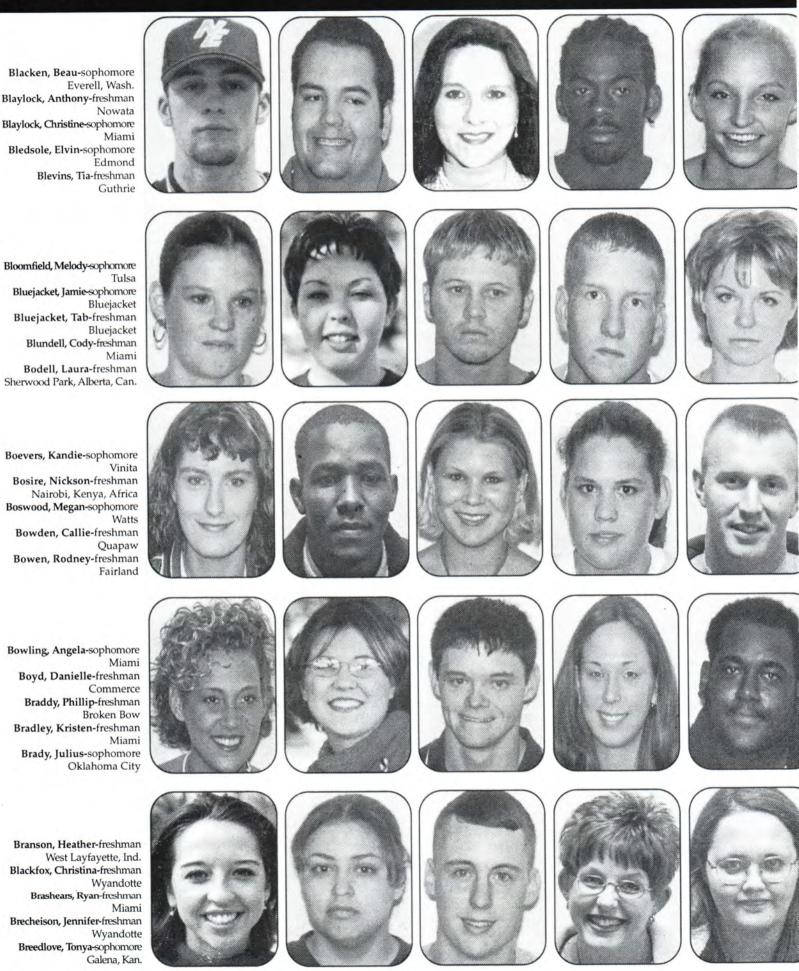
Biggs, Karen-freshman Commerce Billingsley, Alisha-sophomore Afton Billingsley, Clint-sophomore Broken Arrow Billows, Matt-freshman Republic, Mo. Birch, Tiffany-sophomore Quapaw

Birdsell, Melissa-sophomore Miami Bisnett, Hal-sophomore Lake Stevens, Wash. Bixler, Kathryn-freshman Monkey Island Bizzell, Johnny-freshman Midwest City Blackburn, Kelsey-freshman Joplin, Mo.



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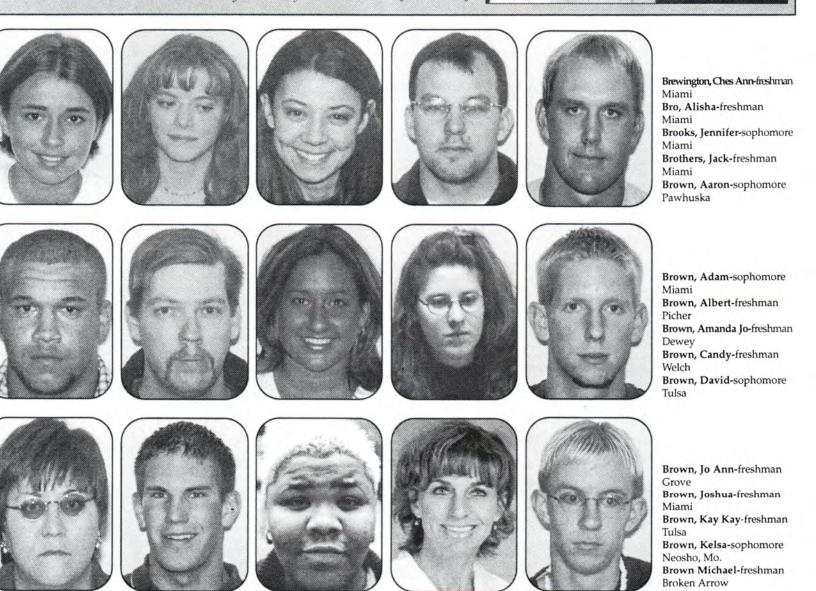
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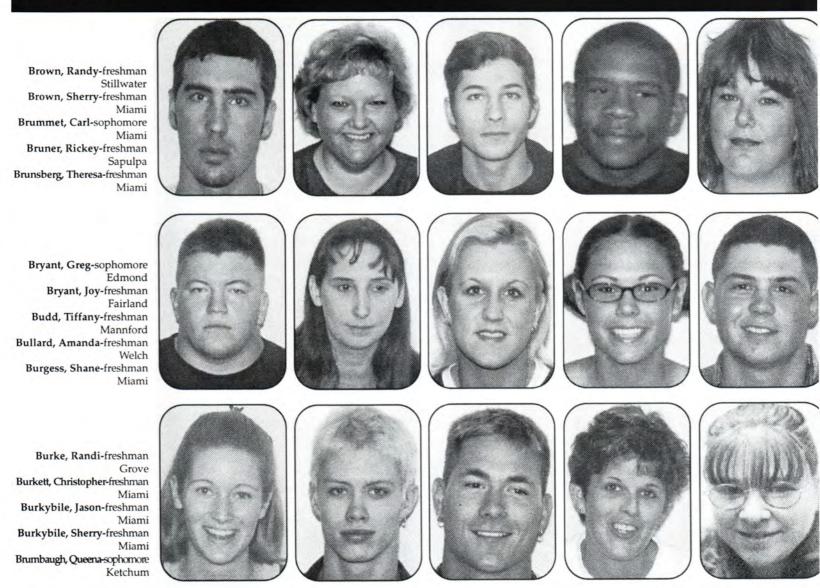


Sophomore Kevin Prewitt played Sidney Lipton in the performance of *God's Favorite* by the Theatre NEO. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Michael Hart and Cassie Inman react to a suggestion by Josh Austin during a scene from God's Favorite. Photo by Danielle Boyd



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International Students Club

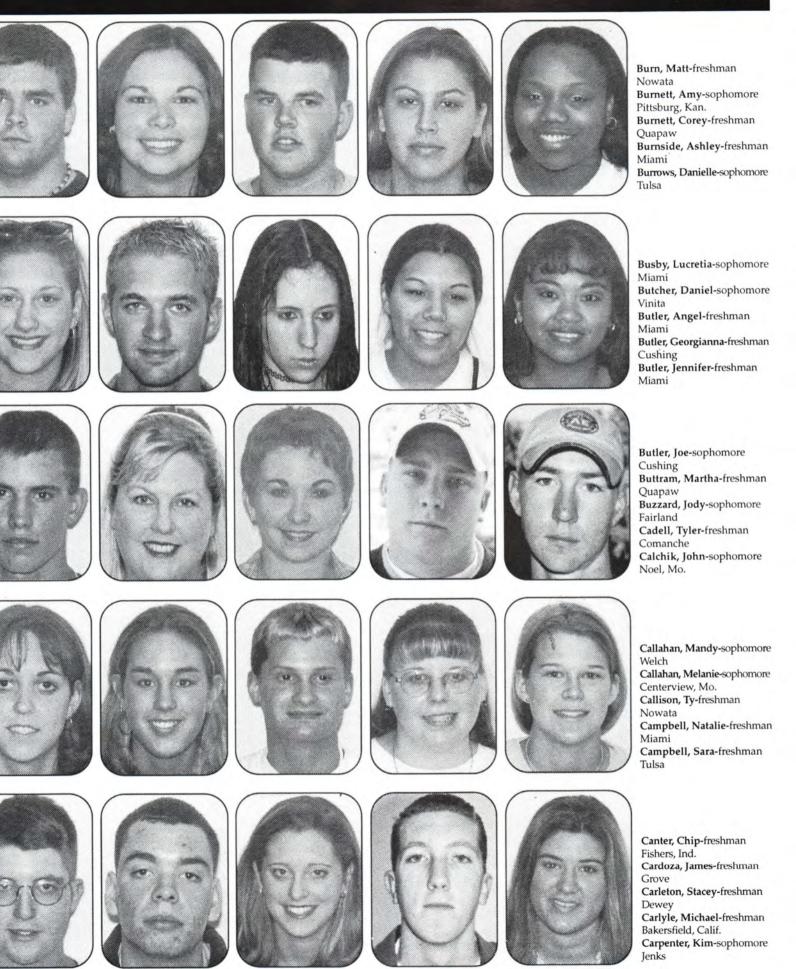




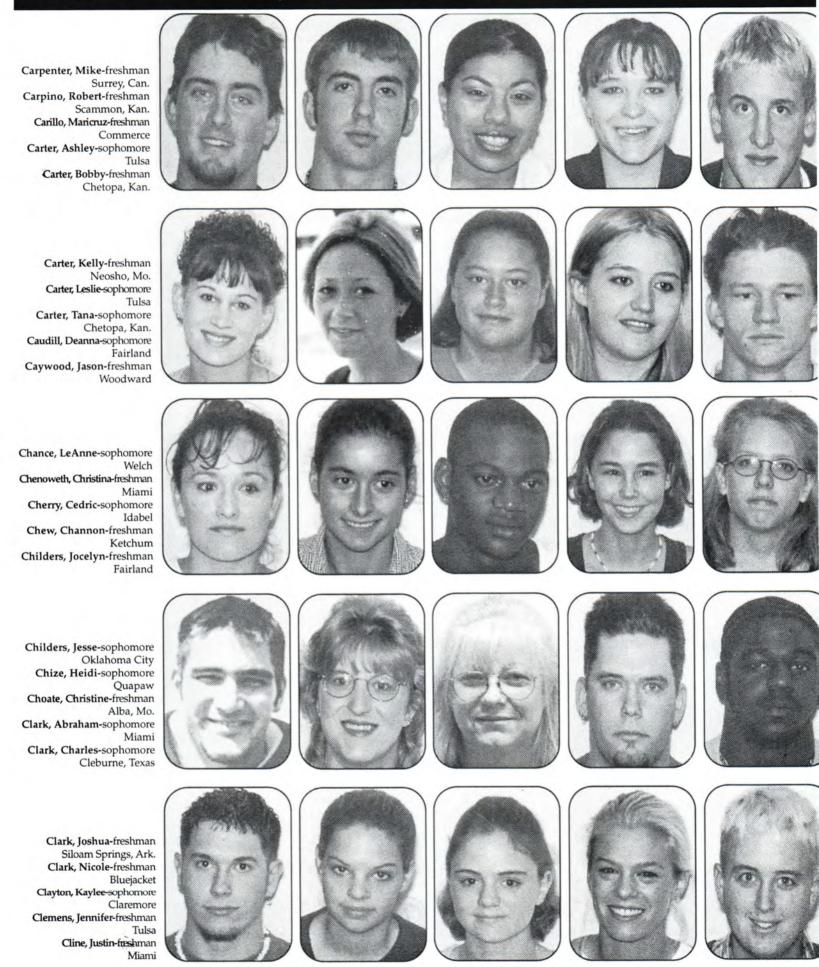
Members of the International Students Club enjoy a cookout at advisor Keith Sutton's home before the end of the semester. Photo by Danielle Boyd Advisor Keith Sutton (top left) poses with some of the more than 40 members of the International Students Club.

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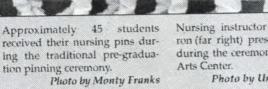


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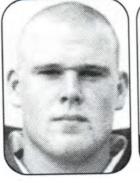


Nursing instructor Julie McFerron (far right) presents the pins during the ceremony in the Fine Photo by Una McElhaney















Clinton, Clay-sophomore Thomas Close, Jason-sophomore Broken Arrow Clyburn, Chris-freshman Charlotte, N.C. Coach, Tim-freshman Afton Coburn, Lace-sophomore Grove









Cochrane, Darby-freshman Alexander, Can. Cockrell, Amber-freshman Colcord Coe, Mike-freshman Alberta, Can. Cole, Caleb-sophomore Miami Cole, Sean-sophomore Oklahoma City











Collier, Blake-freshman Delaware Collier, Stan-sophomore Chickasha Combs, Andrew-sophomore Wyandotte Combs, Angela-sophomore Miami Combs, Robert-freshman Wyandotte

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Conner, Dustin-freshman Bartlesville Conrad, Aaron-sophomore Welch Cook, Nathan-freshman Commerce Cooke, Robert-freshman Bixby Coombes, Gingalea-freshman Miami







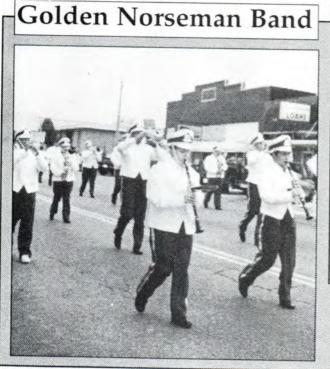














Members of the Golden Norse Marching Band proceed down Miami's Main Street during the Homecoming parade. Photo by Danielle Boyd The Golden Norse Drum Corps perform a number during halftime of a football game at Robertson Field.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

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Cox, Terry-freshman Bokoshe Cox, Tim-freshman Miami Crafton, Tiffany-freshman Fairland Craig, Jeremy-sophomore Yale Crissup, Cody-freshman Gate, Okla.











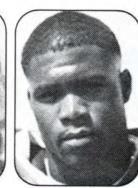


Cross, Cassandra-sophomore Brixey, Mo. Cross, Derek-freshman Okmulgee Cullom, Greg-freshman Duncan Culp, Ben-freshman Sand Springs Cunha, Crissie-Freshman Sau Paulo, Brazil









Cunningham, Clint-freshman Jay Curry, Christopher-freshman Fairland Daniels, Aaron-freshman Tulsa Daniels, Nana-sophomore Grove Danna, Brandon-sophomore Spencer











Dantic, Jason-freshman Grove Darnell, Lyndsey-freshman Miami Davis, Dustin-sophomore Grove Davis, Linda-freshman Quapaw Davis, Melissa-sophomore Oaks





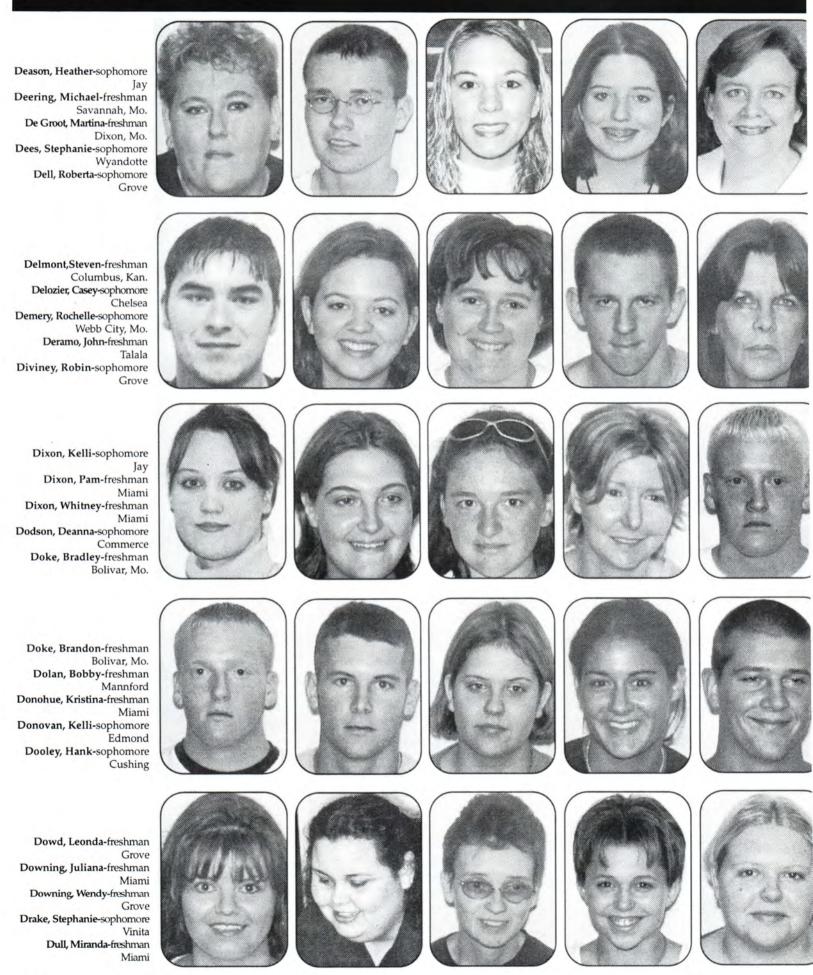








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Members of the Student Ambassadors Club take a break from giving campus tours with a fun day at Silver Dollar City. Photo by Verna Bass A member of the Student Ambassadors Club directs traffic during the annual Senior Day activities held on campus. Photo by Danielle Boyd













Dunaway, Brian-freshman Lawton Dunlap, Travis-sophomore Bartlesville Dunn, David-freshman Vinita Dupree, Charles-freshman Oklahoma City Dutton, Matt-sophomore Oklahoma City













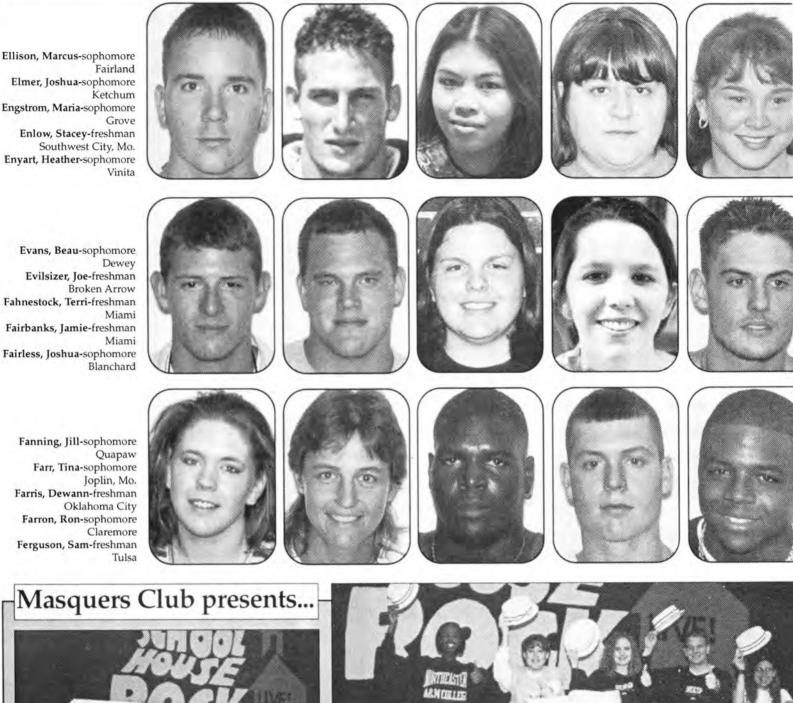
Dymond, Rowdy-sophomore Adel, Iowa Earls, Tara-sophomore Fairland Echohawk, Earl-freshman Miami Eggerman, Lee-freshman Lockwood, Mo. Eifert, Noah-freshman Miami





Eisenbarger, Clifton-freshman Grove Elazier, Mark-sophomore Denver, Colo. Elerick, Joe-sophomore Harrah Elliott, Thomas-freshman Miami Elliott, Troy-sophomore Yale

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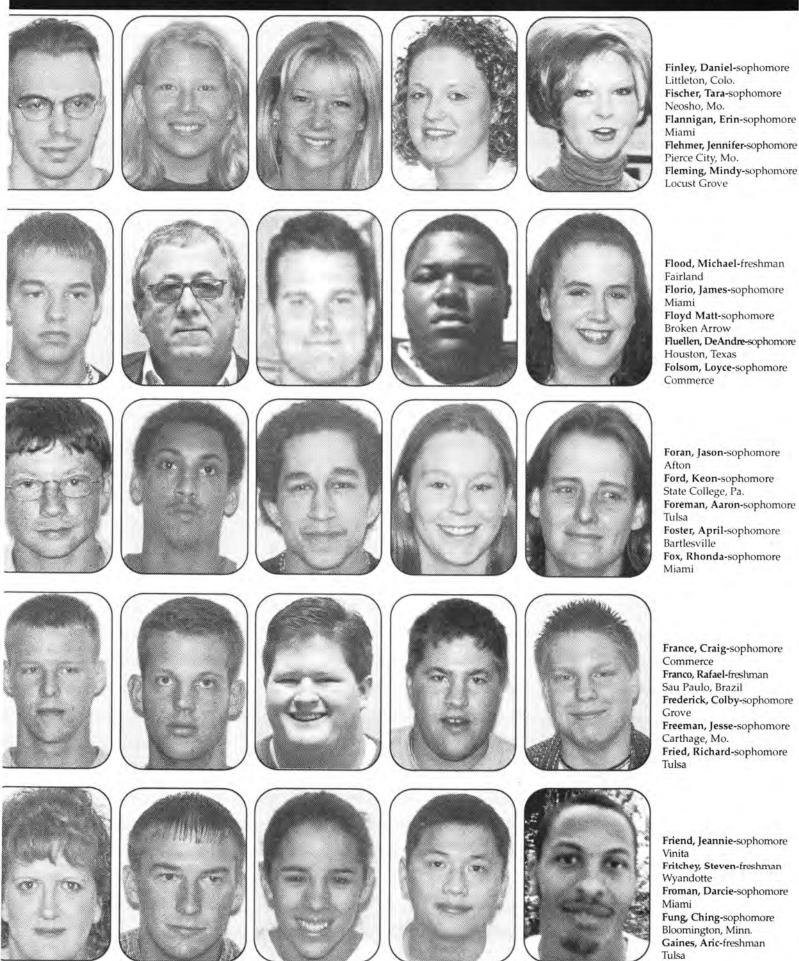


A holdup of the school bus disrupts the folly during a scene from the children's production of School House Rock. Photo by Tim Ingram The cast of School House Rock sings the finale in the children's production presented just before the Christmas holidays. Photo by Tim Ingram

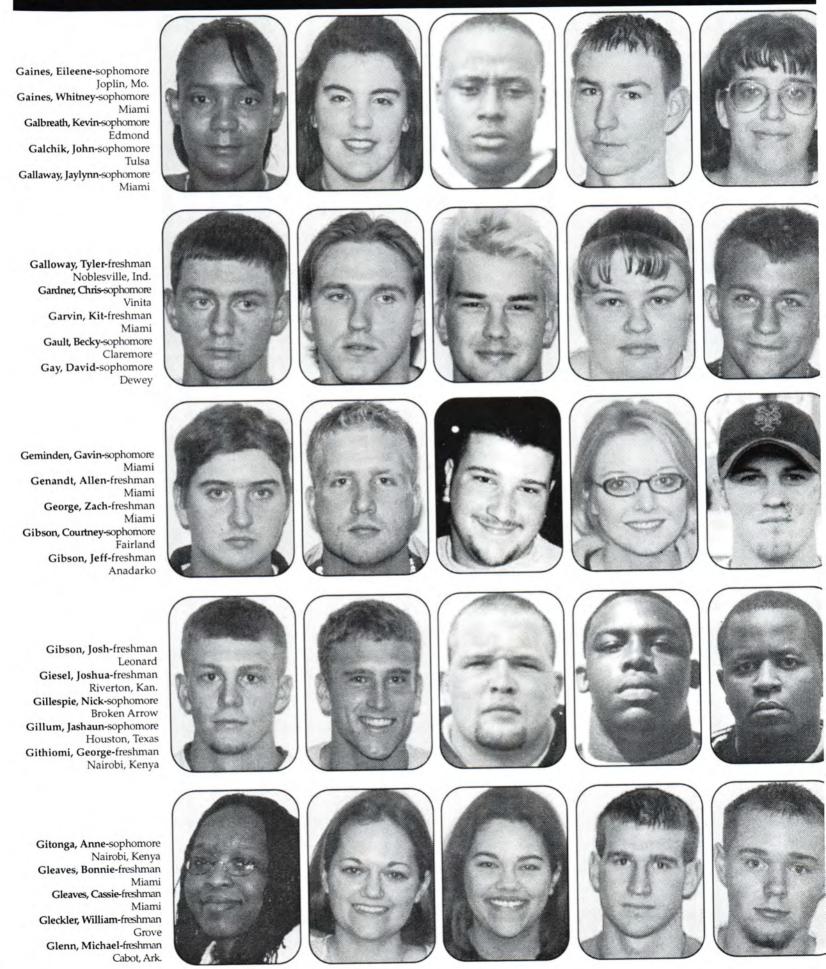
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hard to complete their ginger bread house during a contest hosted by Residential Life. *Photo by Vicki Stokes*

Amanda Brown, a freshman from Tulsa, puts the finishing touches on the roof of her ginger bread house entry. *Photo by Vicki Stokes*













Goforth, Shanna-sophomore Picher Goins, Jeremy-sophomore Claremore Gonzalez, Stacy-freshman Wyandotte Gonzalez, Vivianna-sophomore Tulsa Goodman, Cynthia-freshman Picher











Goodman, Michael-sophomore Miami Gordan, Felecia-sophomore Baxter Springs, Kan. Gordon, Helen-freshman Riverton, Kan. Gore, Bryon-sophomore Stigler Gottschalk, Tammy-freshman Greencastle, Ind.











Gourley, Misti-sophomore Mountain Grove, Mo. Graebe, William-freshman Charlestown, Ind. Graham, Susan-sophomore Miami Grant, Aaron-sophomore Miami Grant, Natasha-sophomore Tulsa

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Green, Erin-freshman Bartlesville Green, Ryan-sophomore Bartlesville Green, Tara Jo-freshman Picher Greer, Seth-freshman Afton Gregory, Camilla-sophomore Vinita Greninger, Kassie-sophomore Fairland Griffin, Nate-freshman Tulsa Grigsby, Amanda-sophomore Mount Vernon, Mo. Grimmett, Michael-sophomore Tulsa Gripe, Cory-freshman Yale Guthrie, Ashley-freshman Haskell Haff, Christy-freshman Vinita Hagan, Jacob-freshman

Sheldon, Ill. Hagebusch, Nate-freshman Bartlesville Hain, Mario-freshman Ardmore











Medieval Holiday Feast

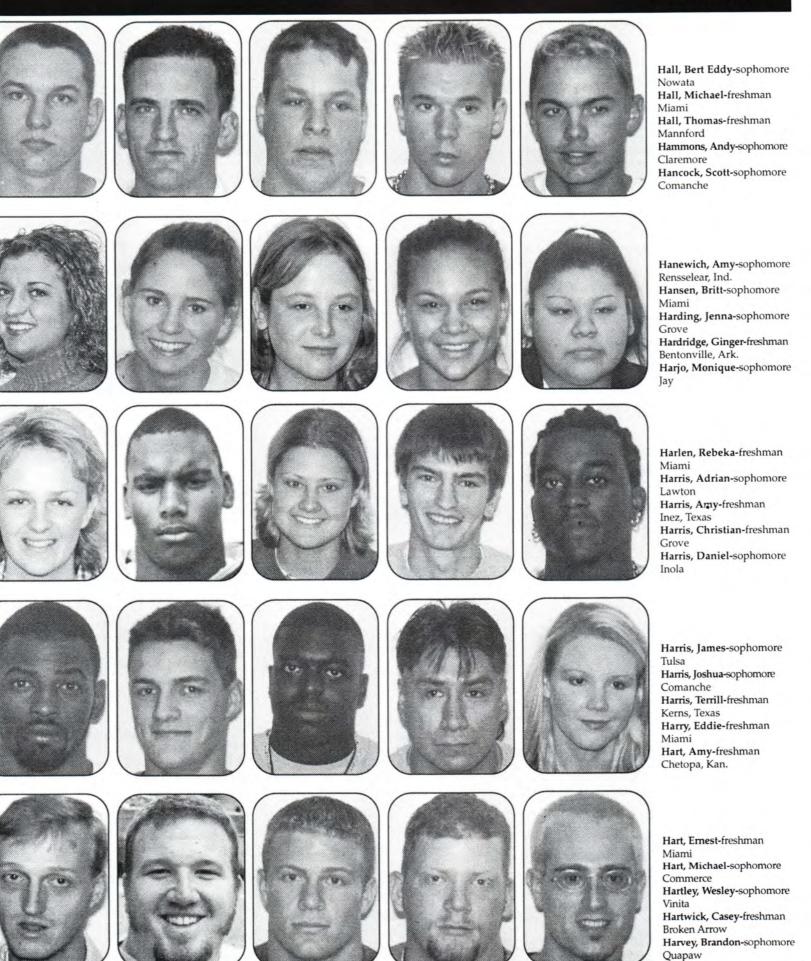




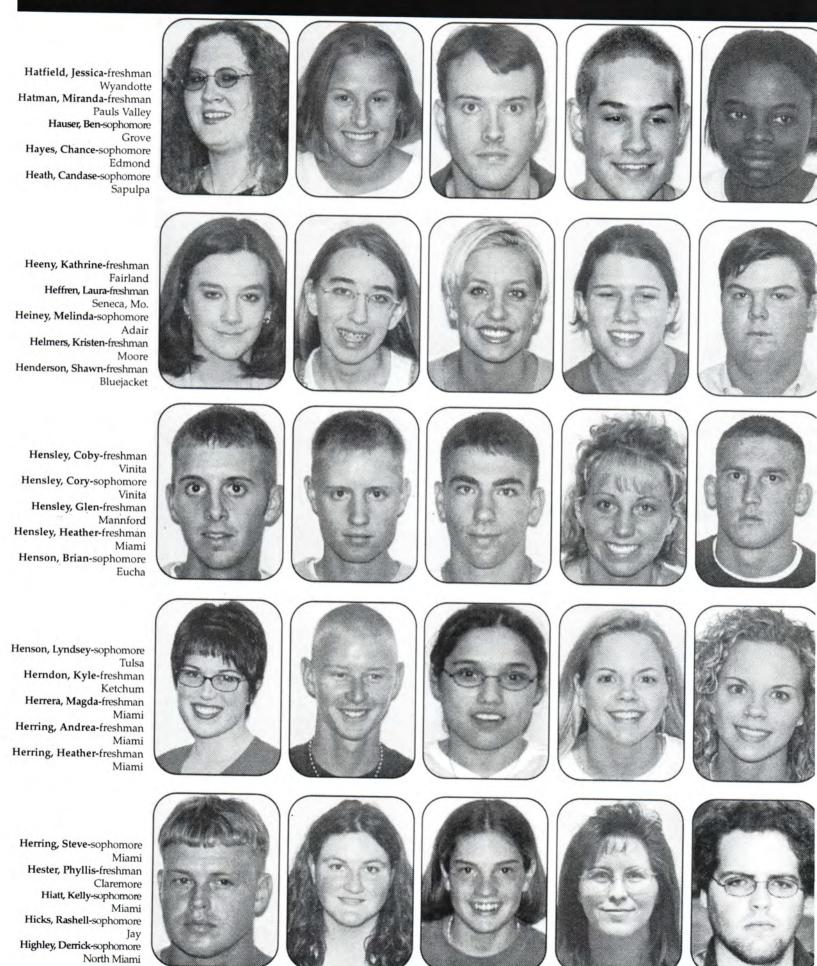
Two members of the Meistersingers group sing a song during the annual Medieval Christmas dinner in the student union. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Jesters Jon Owens (left) and James Caywood do battle with sticks of French bread during the Medieval Christmas feast. Photo by Danielle Boyd

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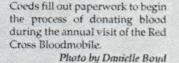


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An unidentified coed makes the "gift of life" during the fall visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to the student union ballroom. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Red Cross Bloodmobile













Hildebrand, Khan-freshman Miami Hildreth, Willa-sophomore Miami Hilger, Megan-sophomore Miami Hill, Brandon-freshman Sand Springs Hill, Eric-sophomore Carthage, Mo.













Hill, Kyle-sophomore Oklahoma City Hillinger, Dan-freshman Woodinville, Wash. Hinson, Elizabeth-freshman Claremore Hockman, Jami-sophomore Welch Hodge, Dawn-sophomore Dewey







Hoff, Jessica-freshman Jennings Hohenberger, Emma-sophomore Bucyrus, Mo. Hoit, Danissa-sophomore Tulsa Holiman, Charles-freshman Miami Holland, Jon-freshman Oklahoma City

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Thriller Halftime Show

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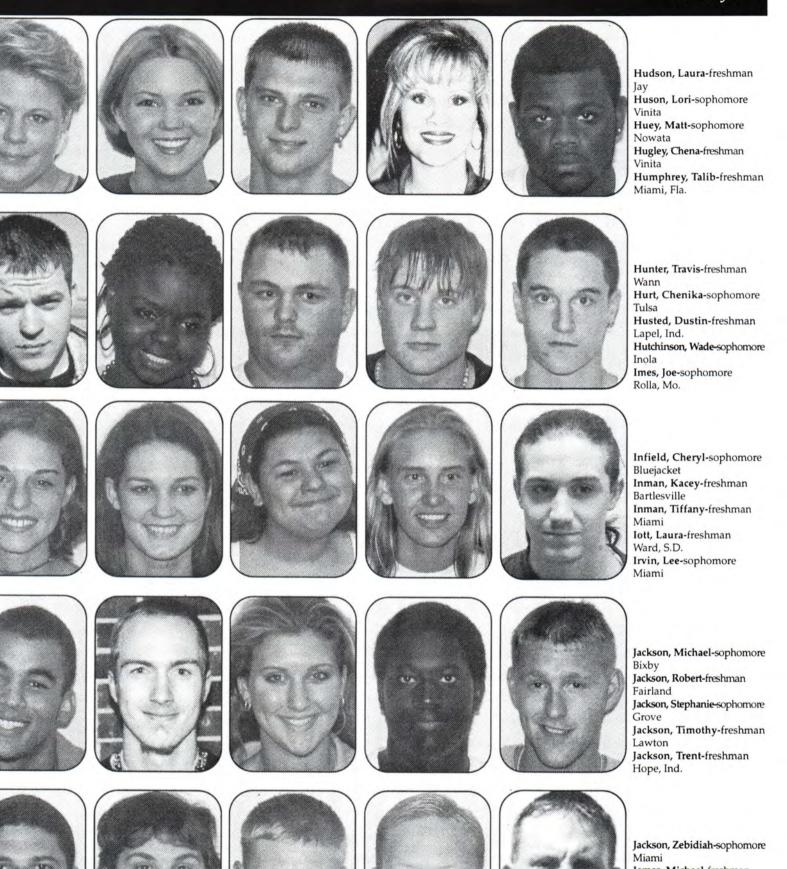




Members of the college Norse Stars and Cheerleading groups present a version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" during half. Photo by Gary Crow Two "undead" coeds roll around on Robertson Field during the halftime presentation of Michael Jackson's "Thriller". Photo by Gary Crow

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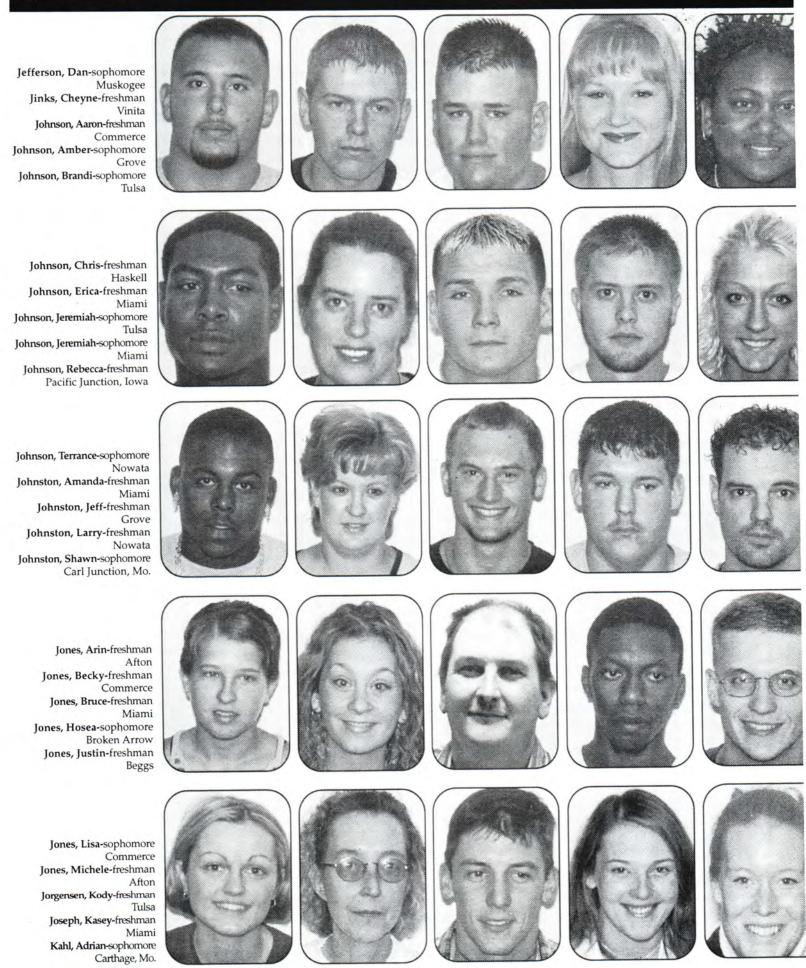
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James, Michael-freshman North Miami James, Scott-freshman Pardeeville, Wis. Jameson, Shane-freshman Miami Janes, Jayson-sophomore Holdenville



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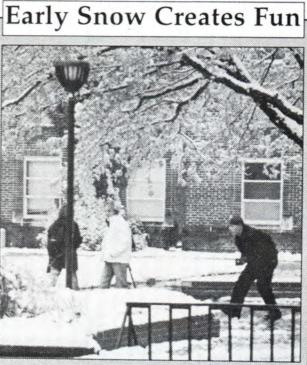


Hank Dooley, a freshman from

Cushing, creates a "snow angel"

during a four-inch November

Photo by Danielle Boyd







snow storm.



campus.



Another "by-product" of the

early snow was the outbreak of

numerous snowball fights around

Photo by Danielle Boyd



Kamau, Sarah-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Kamumo, Thomas-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Kane, Kristy-freshman Quapaw Karnofski, Aaron-freshman Ilwaco, Wash. Karsten, Christina-freshman Baxter Springs, Kan.











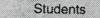






Karuga, Anne-sophomore Nairobi, Kenya Karuma, John-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Keener, Elijah-sophomore Miami Keith, Sam-freshman Dewey Keithley, Wanda-freshman Fairland

Kelley, Roxie-sophomore Welch Kelly, Allyson-freshman Fairland Kennard, Chris-freshman Nowata Kennedy, Kelli-sophomore Miami Kerby, Julia-freshman Miami



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Kersey, Tiffany-freshman Grove Kibaki, Benson-freshman Niarobi, Kenya Kihenia, Alvin-freshman Niarobi, Kenya Kimani, Gabriel-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Kindrick, Julie-freshman Afton King, John-freshman Guthrie King, Liz-sophomore Miami King, Penny-sophomore Miami Kingen, Becky-sophomore Miami Kingen, Joel-sophomore McCordsville, Ind. Kinsey, Jennifer-freshman Jay Kirk, Lori-sophomore Miami Kirk, Tiffany-sophomore Miami Kneeland, Michelle-sophomore Miami Knight, D.J.-sophomore Commerce

Campus Firedawgs Unit

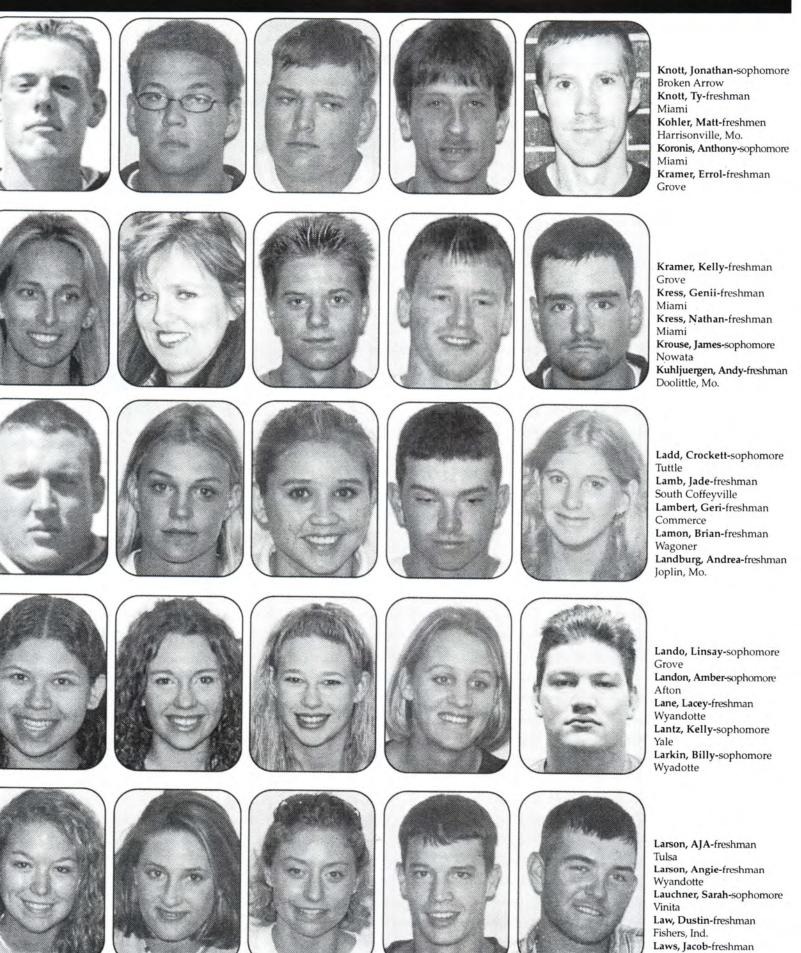


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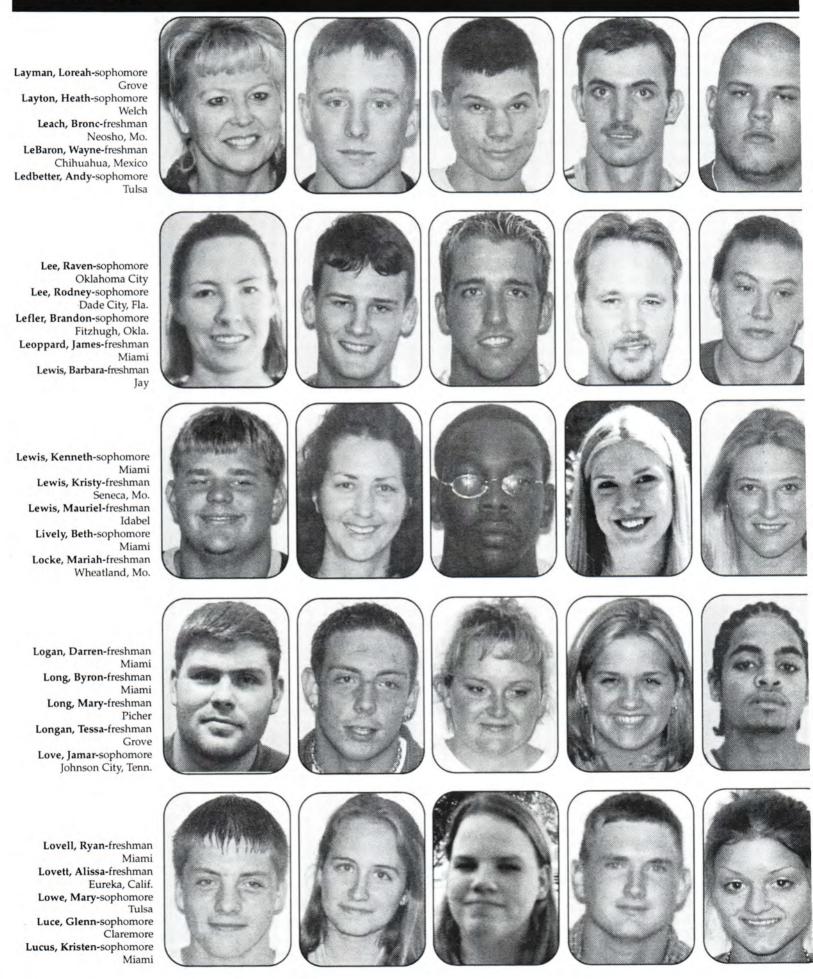
Practicing the surveying of possible brush fire areas are two members of the campus Firedawgs squad. Photo by Dr. Jim Gleckler Members of the Firedawgs spend each summer combating fires in the western and southwestern parts of the United States. *Photo by Dr. Jim Gleckler*

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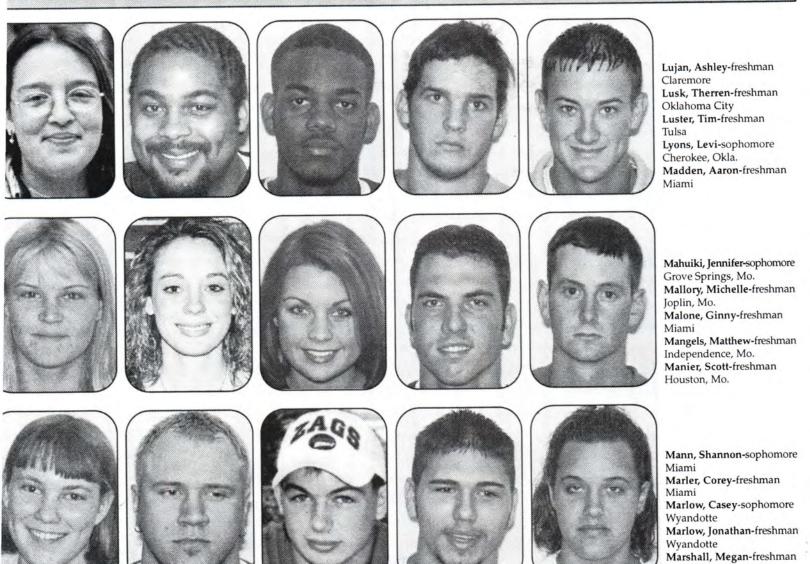
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Dancing at Lughnasa



Carolyn Ross, a sophomore from Bentonville, Ark., makes a point during a scene from the first play of the year Dancing at Lughnasa. Photo by Tim Ingram Freshman Kevin Prewitt of Kansas City, Mo., portrayed Jack during the production of *Dancing at Lughnasa* in the Fine Arts Center. *Photo by Tim Ingram*



Fairland

Mar to May

Martin, Erica-sophomore Picher Martin, Jami-sophomore Miami Martin, Julia-freshman Picher Martin, Wayne-sophomore Dewey Martinez, Vincent-sophomore Joplin, Mo. Martins, Brad-sophomore Afton Martins, Brian-freshman Afton Mason, Melissa-sophomore Vinita Mathas, Demarcus-freshman Dallas, Texas Mathia, Chastity-freshman North Miami Maute, Amanda-sophomore Miami Maxson, Nick-freshman Miami May, Joe-sophomore Miami Mayes, Marja-sophomore Welch Mayfield, Dagan-sophomore Welch

Christian Fellowship





A mother and her son play in the sandbox during the activities of Heartburn hosted on Sunday nights by the Christian Student Fellowship. Free refreshments were served during the weekly Heartburn series held on Sunday nights between Russell and Harrill halls. *Photos by Jou Owens*

Ma to Me











Mayhew, Stacy-freshman Elmer, N.J. McCalister, Tim-sophomore Midwest City McCord, Tim-freshman Adair McCool, Jenny-freshman Miami McCorkle, Jon-sophomore Vinita











McCosh, Vickie-sophomore Vinita McCoy, Amanda-sophomore Miami McCoy, Jeff-sophomore Cardin McDonald, Keri-sophomore Miami McDonald, Lindsay-sophomore Quapaw











McDonald, Sean-sophomore Miami McFadyen, Kalara-sophomore Auckland, New Zealand McGlasson, Laura-sophomore Vinita McGuire, Courtney-freshman Bluejacket McIntosh, D'Wayne-sophomore Tulsa













McIntosh, Tiger-freshman Tahlequah McKibbon, Jarrod-sophomore Quapaw McMasters, Carl-sophomore Quapaw McMillan, Lori-sophomore Jay McNeal, Jesse-freshman Tulsa

McQuigg, Megan-sophomore Miami Meador, Bryan-freshman Neol, Mo. Meadows, Tonya-freshman Vinta Mello, Diogo-freshman Sau Paulo, Brazil Mercer, Natasha-freshman Miami





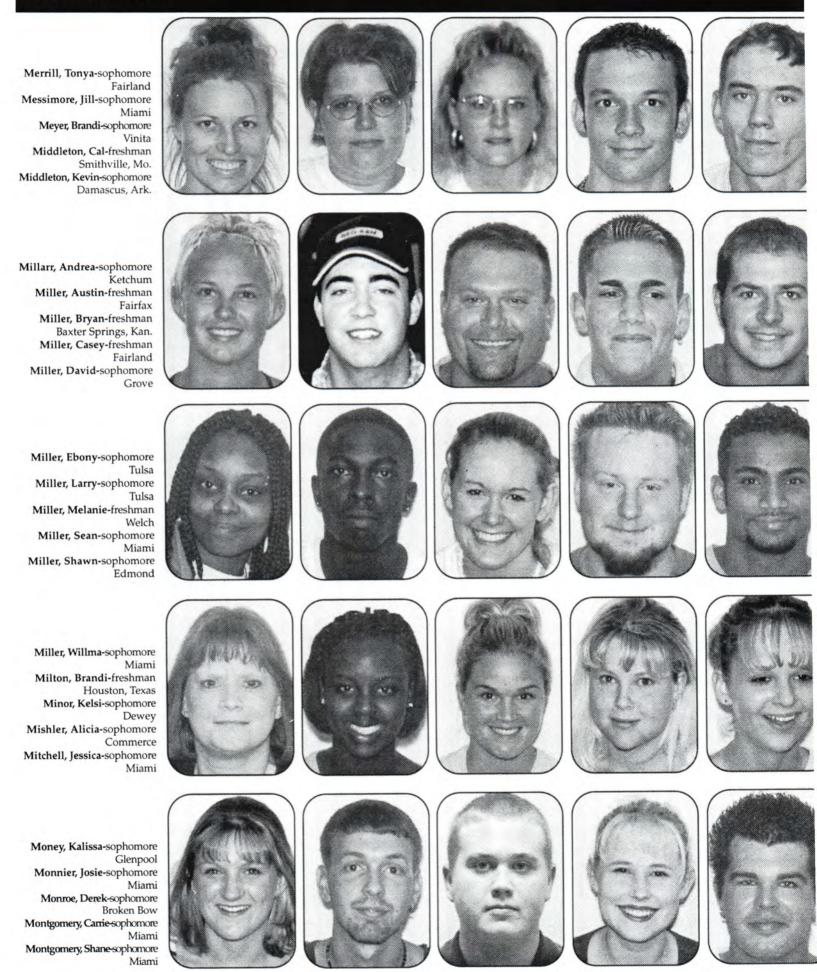








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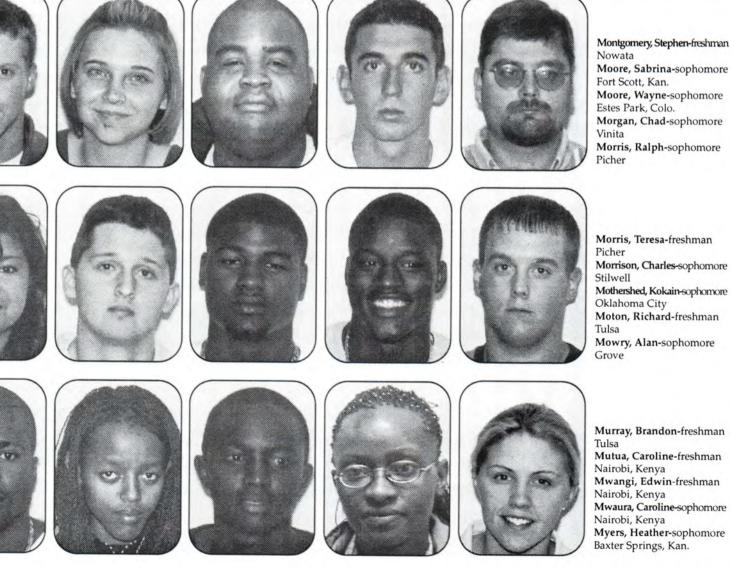


Members of the Psychology Club display the items they won after raising more than \$200 for the March of Dimes. Photo by Danielle Boyd

The Psychology Club received a free group dinner at Papazono's Pizza for raising the most funds during the March of Dirnes. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Psychology Club Wins





Moore, Sabrina-sophomore Fort Scott, Kan. Moore, Wayne-sophomore Estes Park, Colo. Morgan, Chad-sophomore Morris, Ralph-sophomore

Murray, Brandon-freshman Mutua, Caroline-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Mwangi, Edwin-freshman Nairobi, Kenya Mwaura, Caroline-sophomore Nairobi, Kenya Myers, Heather-sophomore

Na to No

Nail, Krystal-freshman Monkey Island Nash, Blake-freshman Fuguay, Va. Nash, Greg-sophomore Tulsa Nash, Michael-sophomore Pawhuska Neal, Brady-freshman Miami Neiser, Evan-freshman Vilonia, Ark. Nelson, Charlotte-sophomore Edinburgh, Scotland Nelson, Shane-freshman Oologah Newburn, Wayne-sophomore Tulsa Newton, Andrea-freshman Miami Niccum, Haley-sophomore Fairland Nichols, Cassie-sophomore Welch Niehus, Nicole-sophomore Jay Nigh, Lori-freshman Miami

Concert Choir Performs

Noles, Jojo-sophomore

Tulsa

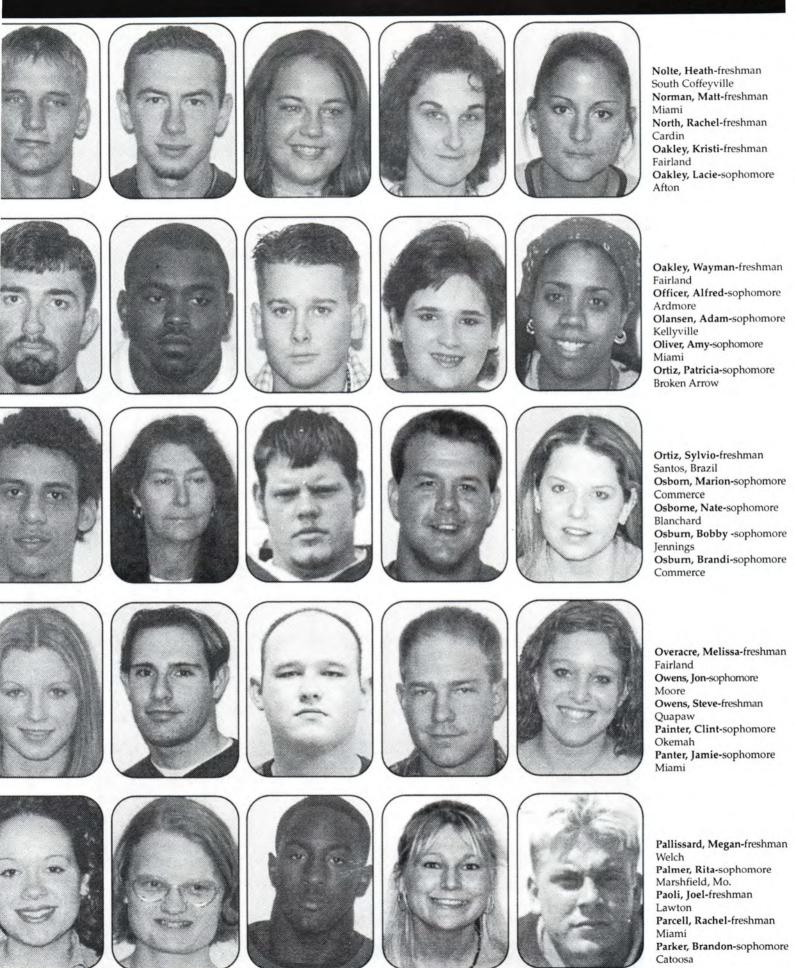




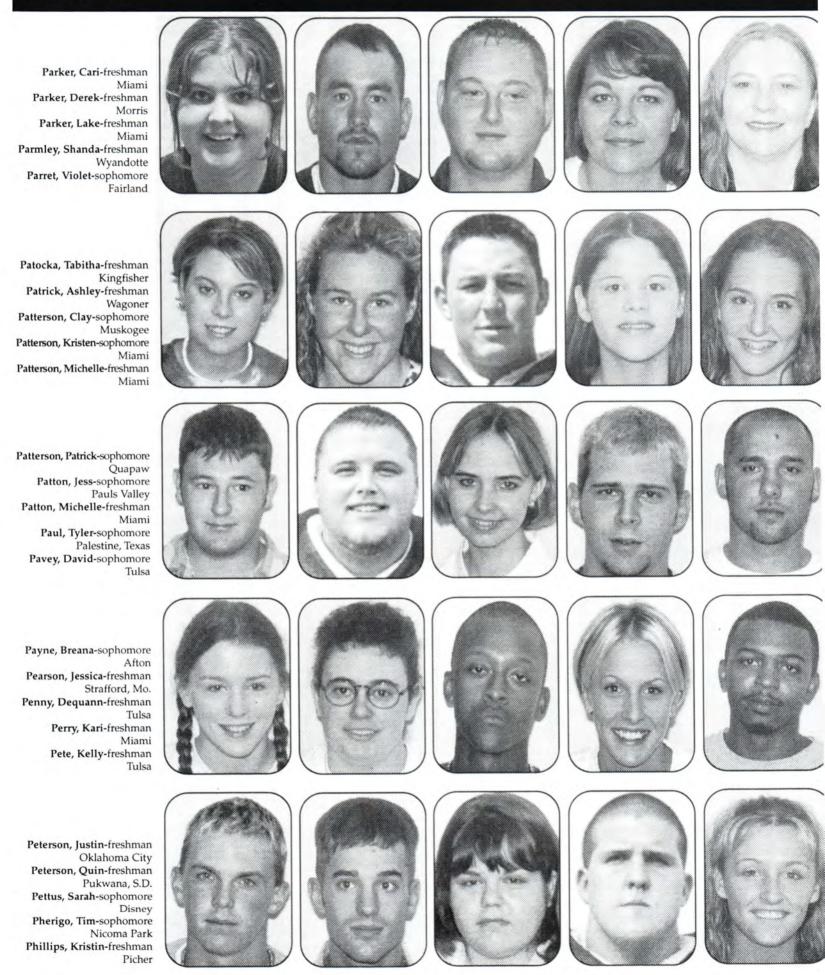
Accompanist Bill Flannery plays a number on the piano as members of the Concert Choir prepare for a concert. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Conductor Mary Susan Whaley (far right) gives some last-minute instructions before the fall performance of the Concert Choir. Photo by Danielle Boyd

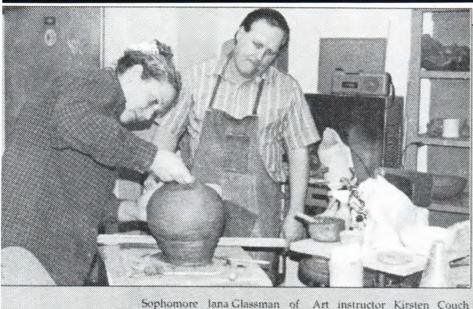
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Miami puts the finishing touches on a pottery piece in preparation for the Student Art Show. Photo by Danielle Boyd

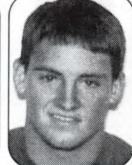
Art instructor Kirsten Couch (left) helps student Dwayne Brummet of Mlami display his tactile kinesthetic diptych. Photo by Danielle Boyd













Pickens, James-freshman Miami Pickens, Peggy-freshman Miami Pierce, Barrett-freshman Bolivar, Mo. Pierce, Tyler-sophomore Nowata Pierson, Michael-freshman Miami













Pifer, Kaily-sophomore Grove Pilkington, Carmen-freshman Miami Plemmons, Josiah-freshman Miami Plunk, Lucus-sophomore Jay Poe, Rocky-sophomore Miami











Pollan, Marci-freshman Grove Pollard, Natalie-freshman Miami Polson, Kimberly-freshman Vinita Ponds, April-sophomore Tulsa Poole, Daniel-freshman Miami

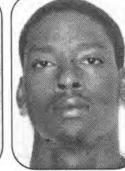
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Honor Student Groups





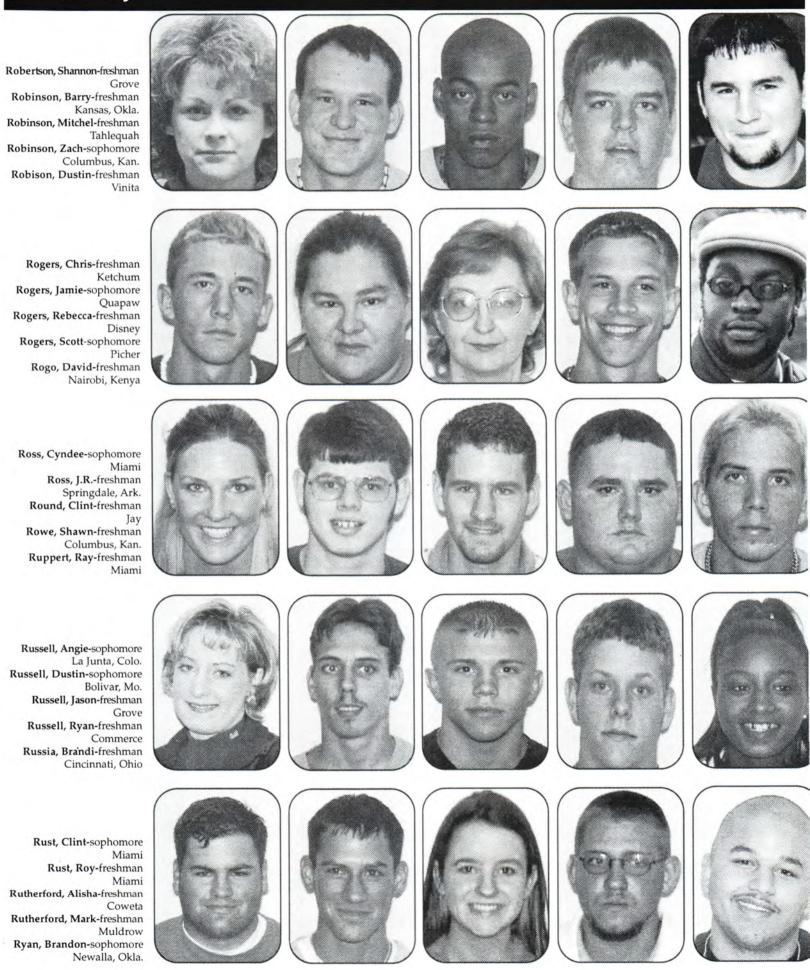
Carol F. Smith, (top right) served as academic advisor for the honors education program during the 2000-01 school year, Photo by Danielle Boyd

Fifteen students were inducted into the fall semester of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Photo by Danielle Boyd

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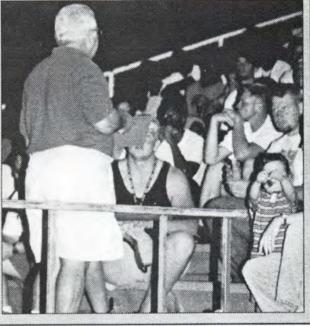
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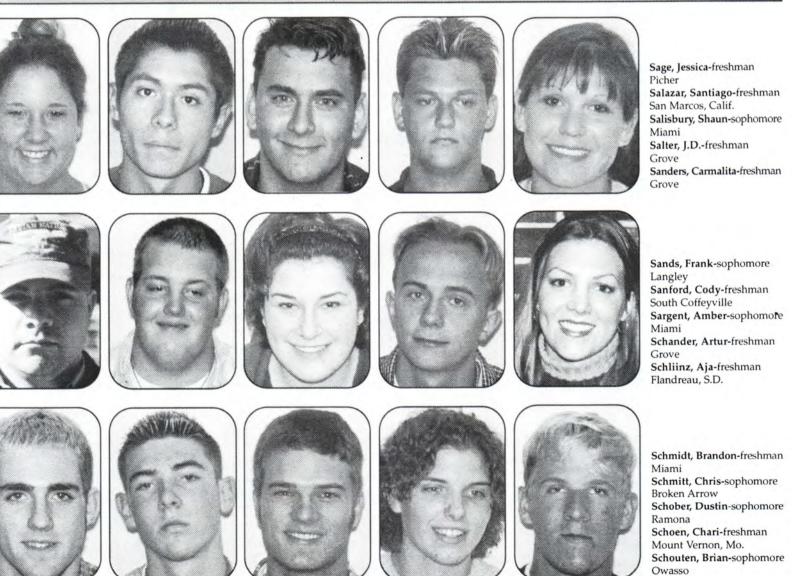
Fellowship of Athletes





Athletic director Mike Barlow slices watermelon during the initial meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. *Photo by Danielle Boud*

Steve Whitesell delivers the opening address as more than 200 students attend the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*



Sc to Sh

Scott, Jason-sophomore Miami Scott, Jennifer-sophomore Fort Towson Seabourn, Shane-freshman Fairland Seago, Joshua-sophomore Sperry Seals, Latonya-sophomore Tulsa













Shapp, Billy-sophomore Sharp, Kyle-sophomore Shelford, Miah-freshman Auckland, New Zealand Shelman, Frank-freshman Shelton, Jamie-freshman Miami













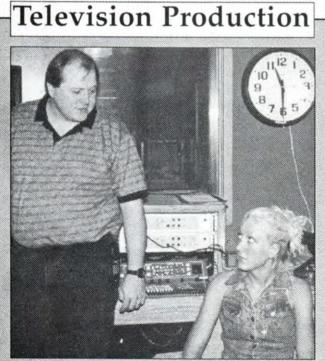














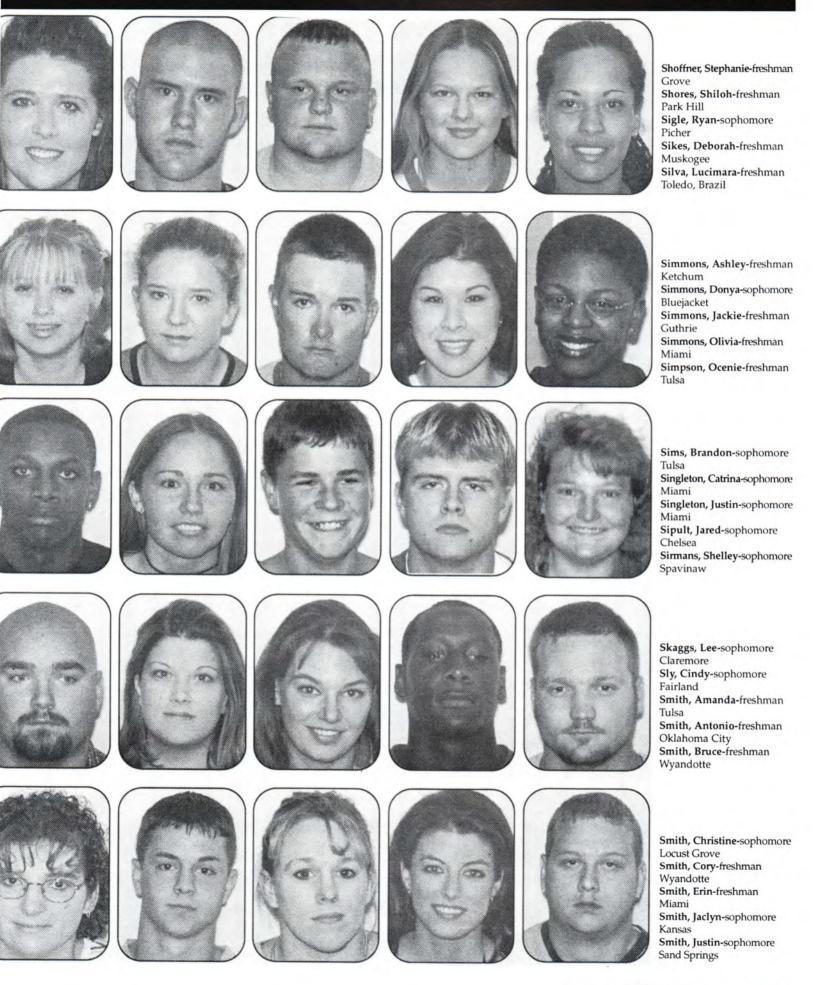
Dr. Brian Inbody (left), head of the college television program, discusses operation of the "mother board" with Rebecca Johnson. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Lady Norse basketball player Charlotte Nelson is interviewed by Tyler Warden on campus television.

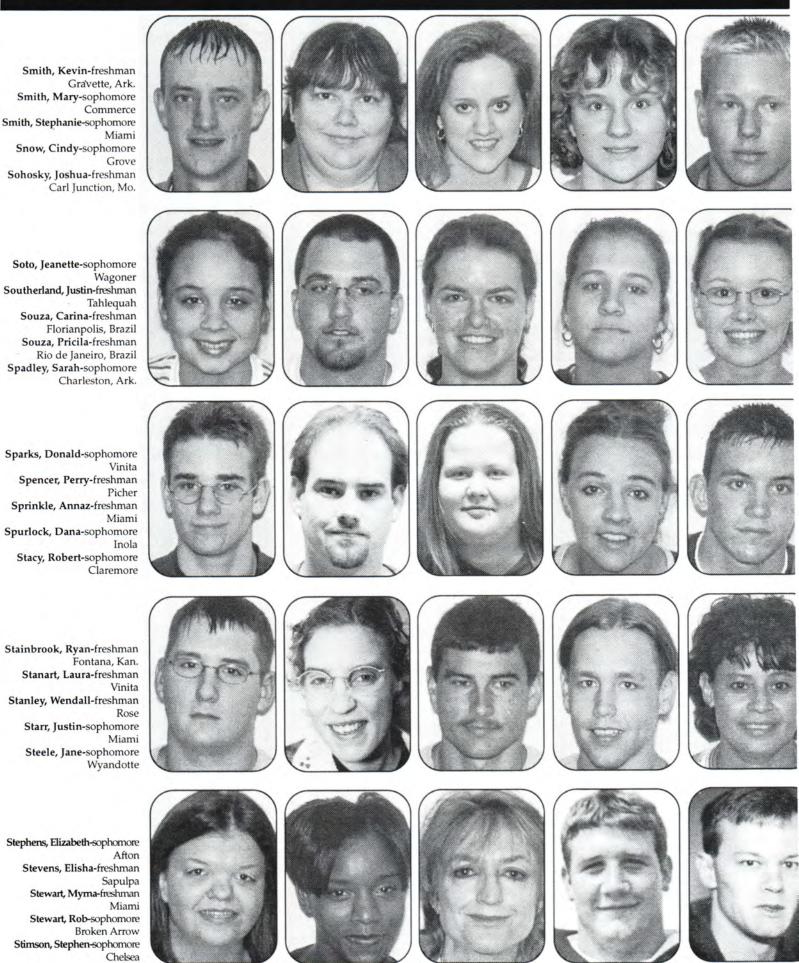
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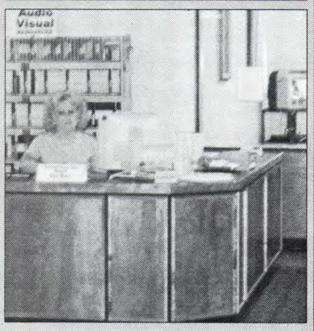


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Freshman Rafael Franco and other students work on term papers using the computer lab in the Learning Resources Center. *Photo by Danielle Boyd* Carolyn Anderson served as library assistant in the Learning Resources Center and responsible for audiovisual material. Photo by Danielle Boyd















Stopa, Don-freshman Langley, British Columbia Stowell, Sean-sophomore Miami Strong, Justin-sophomore Ava, Mo. Stubbs, Jake-freshman Cleveland, Mo. Stuckey, Megan-freshman Wetumka











Sturgis, Adrienne-sophomore Miami Sturgis, Leroy-sophomore Miami Sukuma, Soara-sophomore Miami Summers, Michael-sophomore Commerce Swiggett, Darren-freshman Edmond





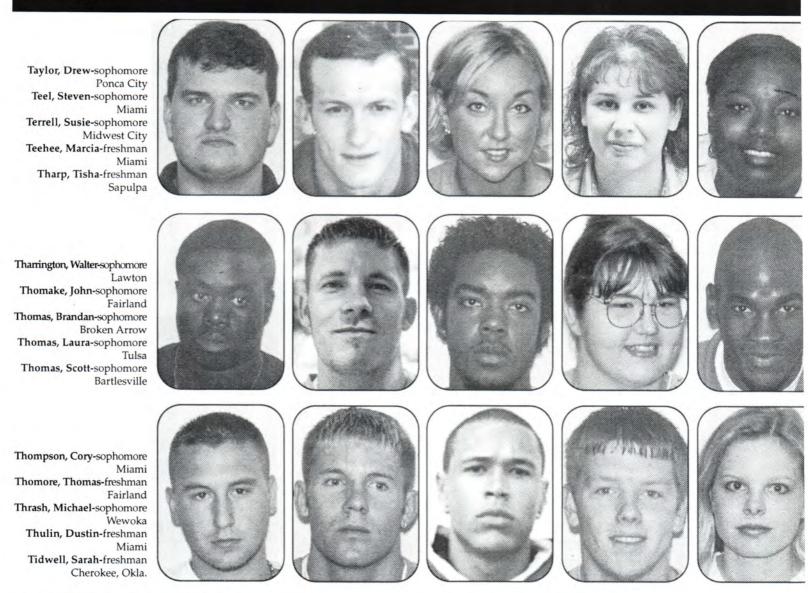






Tacker, Angela-freshman Jay Tallent, Melissa-freshman Miami Taylor, Danny-freshman Davenport Taylor, David-freshman Miami Taylor, De Jean-freshman Vinita

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Race Car Simulator Visits

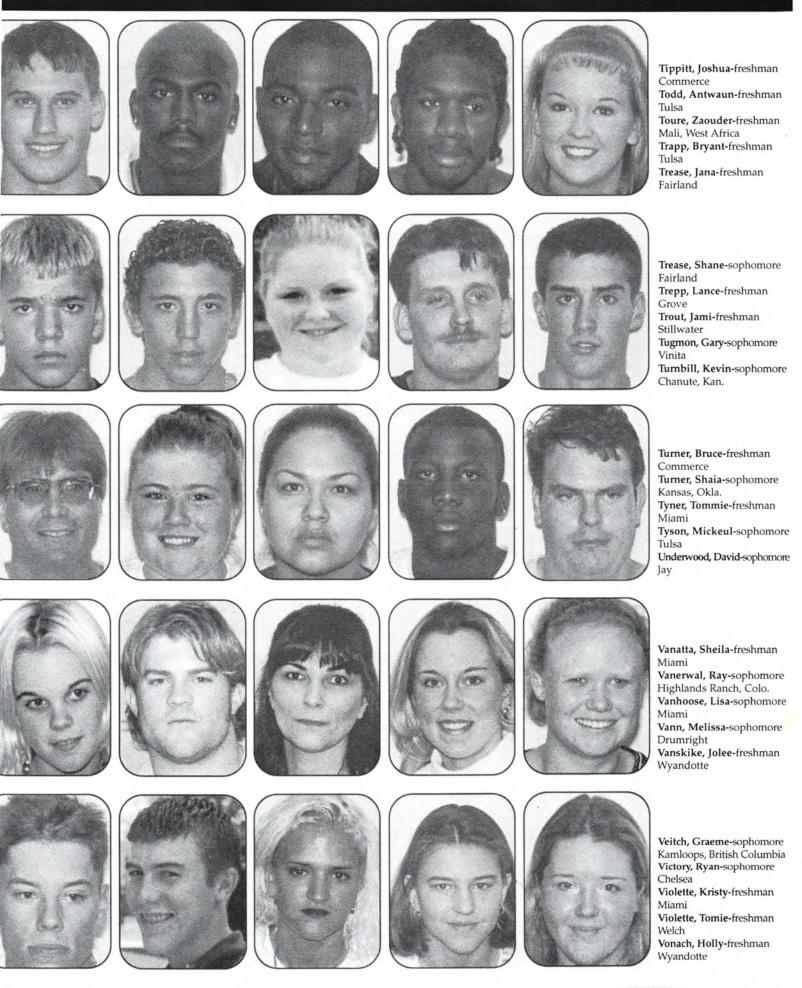




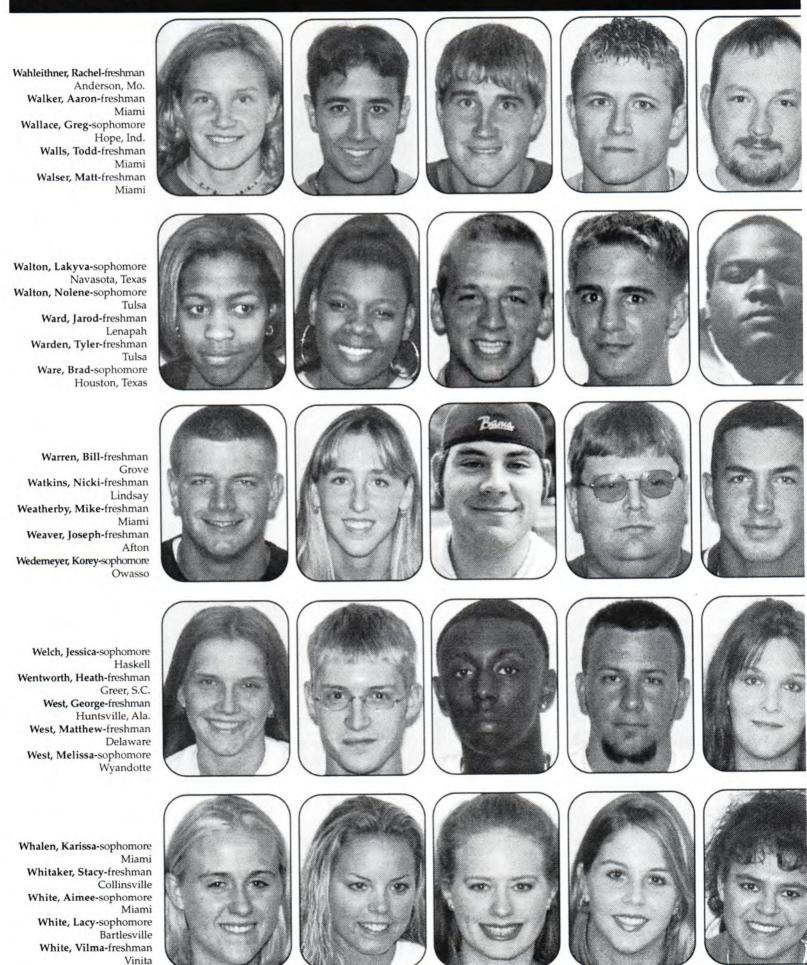
Students watch a video screen as a friend test drives a moto cross simulator racer which visited campus in the spring. Photo by Danielle Boyd An unidentified student climbs out of the race car simulator as a buddy prepares to take his turn behind the wheel. Photo by Danielle Boyd

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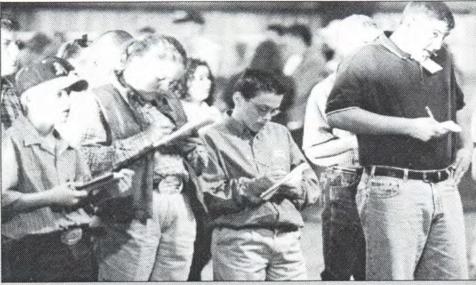


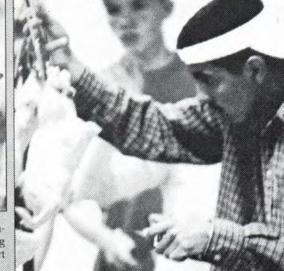
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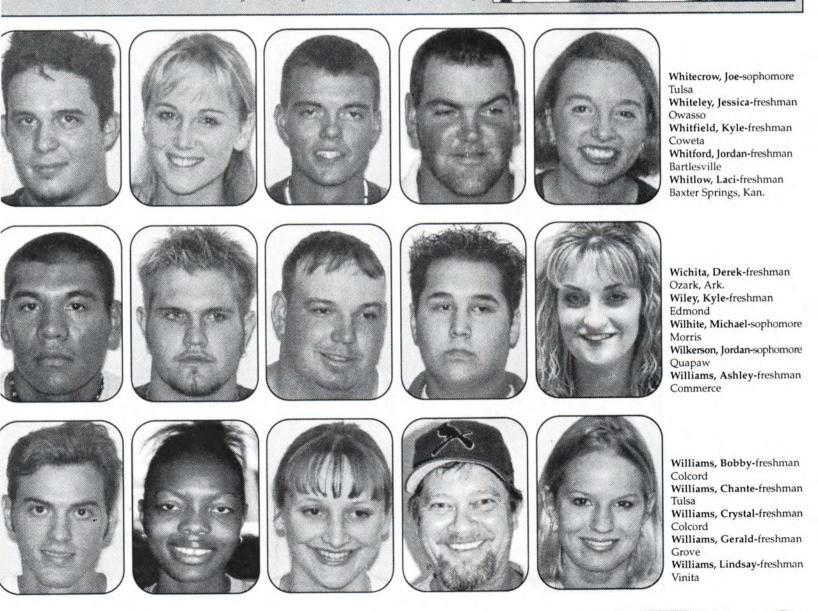
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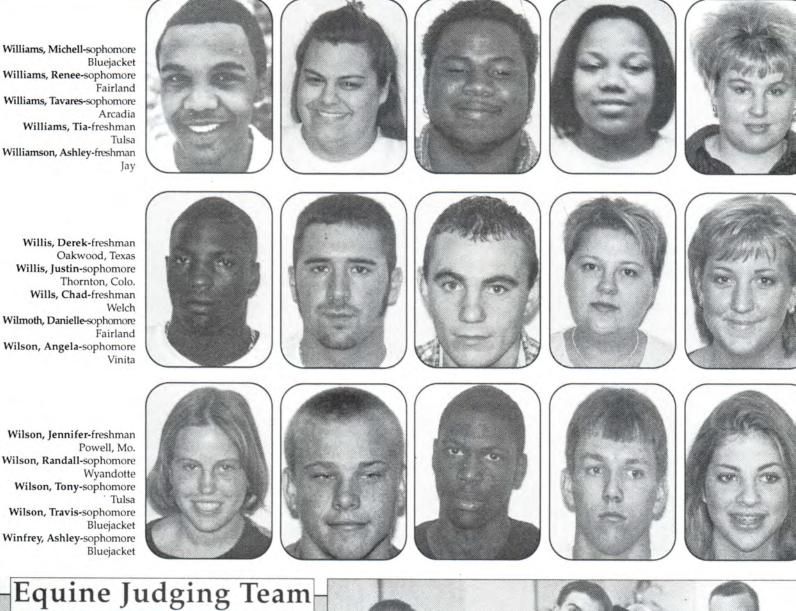




Junior high and high school students collect data to compile reasons during the annual Aggie Day activities. Photo by Dmielle Boyd An unidentified high school student evaluates poultry during the judging contest which is part of Aggie Day. Photo by Danielle Boyd



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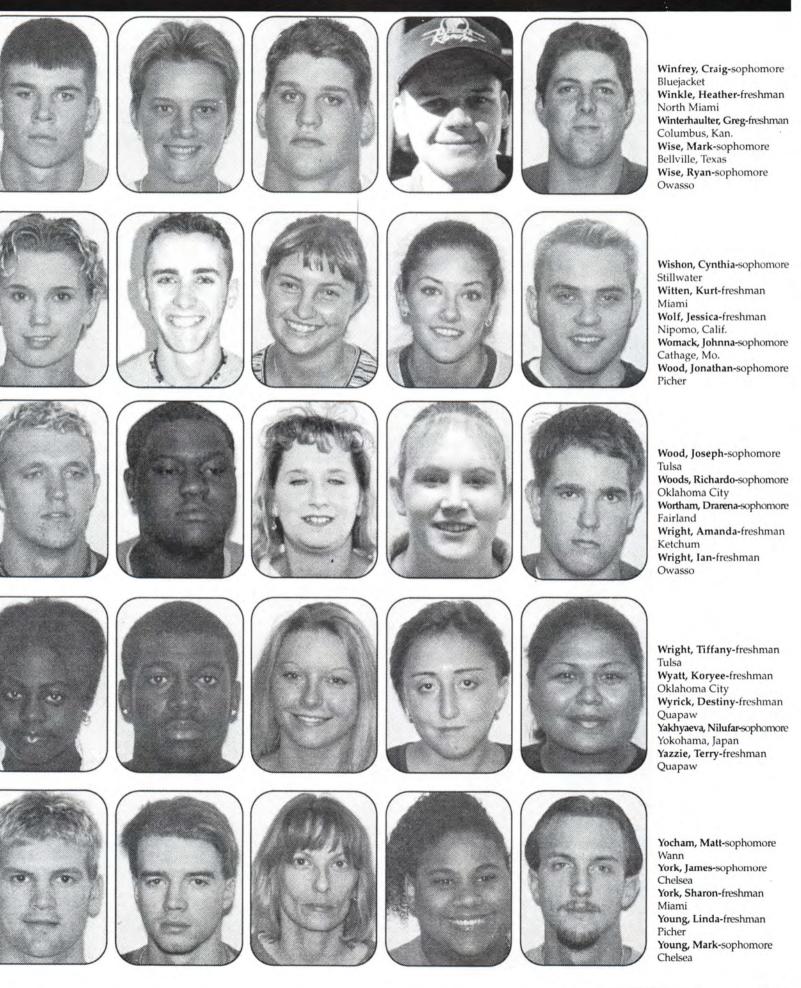




Kyla Hollister, a freshman from Lenapah, relaxes during the awards ceremony at the National Quarter Horse Congress. *Photo by Clay Cavinder*

Three members of the college Equine Judging team wait for the start of the awards banquet at the National Quarter Horse Congress. Photo by Clay Cavinder

Win to Yo



Three coeds enjoys some snacks during the annual Jamaica Me Krazy co-sponsored by the Student Body Government and Student Activities Association. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Two coeds perform during the annual *Talent Show* held in the student union ballroom. *Photo by Jon Stelle*





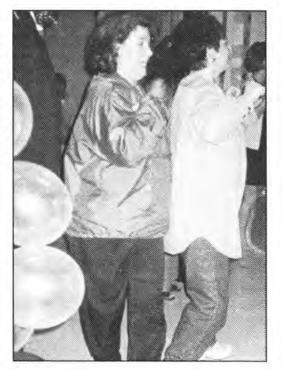


Taking advantage of a visit on campus by The Big Toys during *Spring Fling Week*, two unidentified students battle on the race track.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Cuttin' a rug during the traditional *Spring Fling Dance* are college counselors Teresa Thompson and Cheryl Butler.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



SBG Activities



Matt Floyd (back far right), president of the Student Body Government, served as master-of-ceremonies during the *Spring Fling Banquet* hosted by the Student Body Government. More than 300 students attended the dinner and dance held at the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center. *Photo by Cheryl Butler*



College counselor Teresa Thompson serves appetizers to a table full of guests during the annual *Spring Fling Banquet* held at the Miami Tribal Nutrition Center. The meal was catered by Bussey's Bar-B-Que. Theme for the dinner and dance was "Time in a Bottle".

Photo by Cheryl Butler



College employees working as servers at the *Spring Fling Banquet* were, from left; Beverly Arnold, Dr. Glenn Mayle, Ethel Mayle, Keith Sutton, Tom Poole, Lonnie Spencer, Teresa Thompson, Brian Inbody and Jon Steele.

Photo by Cheryl Butler

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Student leaders represent more than 40 campus clubs and organizations during by-monthly meetings

Student Body Government







Matt Floyd, outgoing president of the Student Body Government, hands the gavel to new president Michael Deering.

Photo by Cheryl Butler

Matt Floyd (back center), a sophomore from Broken Arrow, served as president of the Student Body Government for the 2000-2001 school year. Photo by Cheryl Butler

Michael Deering (center) is joined by members of the 2001-2002 Student Body Government. Deering was a sophomore from Savannah, Mo.

Photo by Cheryl Butler

Who's Who Among American



Jon Anderson

Jon was a sophomore from Commerce. He was a sport medicine major with a 3.9 grade point average. Anderson was active in several campus organizations including Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, Kappa, Kappa Psi, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the college honors program, and the Golden Norse band. He also served as an athletic trainer for various sports groups.

Delissa was a sophomore elementary education major from Miami. She maintained a 3.7 grade point average through four semesters. Delissa was a member of the college honors program. She was also an active member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.





Melissa Barnes

Melissa earned a 3.3 grade point average through four semesters while majoring in pre-med. She was a sophomore from Jones, Okla., and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the honors program, the Student Body Government, the Engineers Club, Young Democrats, and the Psychology Club.

Queena Brumbaugh Queena maintained a 3.4 grade point average while attending NEO as a computer science major. She was a native of Ketchum was involved in several campus activities including the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the college honors program, and the Computer Science Club.





Kelli Dixon

Kelli was a general studies major with a 3.8 grade point average through four semesters. The sophomore was from Jay and was an active member in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the college honors program.

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Junior College Students

Jennifer Flehmer

Jennifer was a sophomore international marketing major from Pierce City, Mo. She mainained a 3.2 grade point average while serving as a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Cappa, the college honors program, and the NEO Aggie Society.





Ann Gitonga

Ann earned a 3.7 grade point average through four semesters while majoring in marketing and management. The Nairobi, Kenya sophomore was a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the Norseman International Club, and Christian Student Fellowship.

Amy Was a sophomore agriculture communication major from Rensselaer, Ind. She earned 3.5 grade point average while serving as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the college honors rogram, and the Aggie Society. She also served as an active member of the Student Body Sovernment, the Foreign Language Club, and the NEO Livestock Judging Team.





Jessica Hatfield

Jessica was a sophomore music education major from Wyandotte. She earned a 3.8 grade point average while serving as a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Golden Norse band. She also participated in the college honors program, Kappa Kappa Psi, the Student Body Government, and the NEO Choir.

Lyndsey was a sophomore from Tulsa. Her academic major was music and she maintained 3.7 grade point average through four semesters. Henson was a member of Phi Theta Kappa nd the college honors program. She was an active member of the Meistersingers, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, and Theatre NEO.





Who's Who Among American



Emma Hohenberger

Emma was an agriculture economics major from Bucryrus, Wyo. She earned a 3.9 grade point average through four semesters. Hohenberger has been a member of the Aggie Society, Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the college honors program. She was also an active member of the Student Body Government.

Penny King

Penny was a sophomore from Miami. She was a family consumer science major with a 3.5 grade point average. King served a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the college honors program. She was also active as a member of the Christian Student Fellowship.





Erica Martin

Erica was an English major from Picher. She earned a 3.9 grade point average through four semesters. She served as an active member of the MU Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the college honors program.

Jennifer McCool Jenny was a sophomore from Miami. She maintained a near-perfect 3.9 grade point average while majoring in drafting and design. McCool was an active member of the Technology Club, and the Older, Wiser, Learning Students (OWLS) Club. She was also a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the college honors program.





Jarrod McKibben

Jarrod was a sophomore forestry and wildlife major from Quapaw. He maintained a 3.7 grade point average through four semesters. McKibben was an active member of the MU Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the NEO Fire Crew, and the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

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Junior College Students

Jonathan Owens

Jonathan was a music therapy major with a 3.7 grade point average through four semesters. The native of Moore was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, the NEO Choir and the Golden Norse band. He also served as managing editor for *The Norse Wind* student newspaper, and was a member of the Student Ambassadors.



LiQing Rao

LiQing was a sophomore from Guangchou, China. She maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and has been a member of the President's Honor Roll four semesters. Rao was an accounting and economics major and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the college honors program.

Angie was a sophomore agriculture economics major from LaJunta, Colo. She maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and appeared on the President's Honor Roll four semesters. She was an active member of the Aggie Society and a member of the NEO Livestock Judging eam.





Lisa Vanhoose

Lisa was a sophomore early childhood education major from Fairland. She appeared on the President's Honor Roll four consecutive semesters after maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She was an active member in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, the Child Development Club, and the college honors program.

Melissa was a sophomore from Drumright . She earned a 3.9 grade point average through our semesters. The physical therapy major was an active member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Body Government.





Leading the way...

College President

Dr. Glenn E. Mayle

Dr. Glenn E. Mayle began his third year as president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College with several initiatives to improve the quality and expansion of educational opportunities at NEO through the use of instructional television, interactive videoconferencing and the World Wide Web.

Under his guidance, the college enlarged its course offerings at its extended campuses in Grove and Vinita.

In addition, NEO entered a baccalaureate degree program with Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and a master degree program with Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, which allowed students to continue their education without commuting to other campuses.

Dr. Mayle also initiated several campus renovation projects this year.

The college gymnasium facility obtained an upgraded air conditioning system, expanded restroom facilities, a new gym floor and new ceiling tiles.

Five residential dormitories and four student housing units received new paint, and new furni-



ture and fixtures.

Various locations on campus has received numerous security ligh and the demolition of th Intramural Gym/Music Ha building was completed. Plans as underway for new construction t replace the intramural structure.

In addition, Dr. Mayle has been ver active in the development of th Southwest Junior College Footba Conference. He continues t ensure that NEO intercollegiat athletics are funded competitivel with other conference membe schools.

Dr. Mayle began his administra tive career as Chief Academi Officer and Dean of Instruction a Arizona Western College, Yuma Ariz. While there he also served brief time as athletic director.

He then served eight years a president of Treasure Valley Corr munity College, Ontario, Oregon. H also served five years as president of Gavilan Valley Community College Gilroy, Calif.

Dr. Mayle earned a bachelor of sc ence degree from Arizona State Colleg in Tempe. He received a master of art degree from Northern Arizon University in Flagstaff. He earned doctorate in educational administration from Northern Arizona.

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Administrative Staff











Tom Poole Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Jennifer Buttrum Interim Director College Recruiting Bethene Fahnestock Institutional Research Director Tammy Higgins Financial Aid Director Tim Ingram Public Information Director

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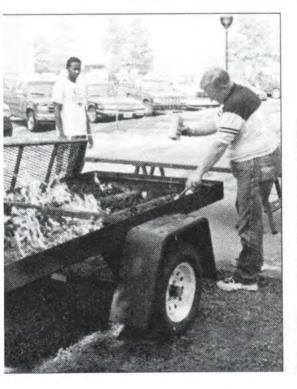








Lloyd Ogle Auxiliary Services Director Linda Oldham-Burns Enrollment Management Dean Sharon Owen Business Office Controller Rollie Williams Physical Plant Director Lou Wilson Information Systems Director





Lloyd Ogle, director of Auxiliary Services, starts a fire for the annual all-school cookout.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Tom Poole, vice president for fiscal affairs, joins faculty members and students to plant flowers and shrubs during the annual Spring Cleanup activity.

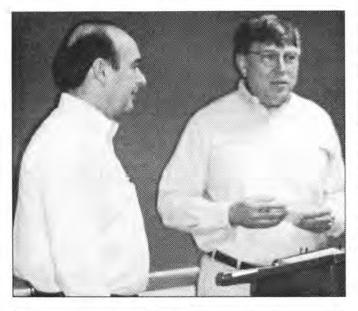
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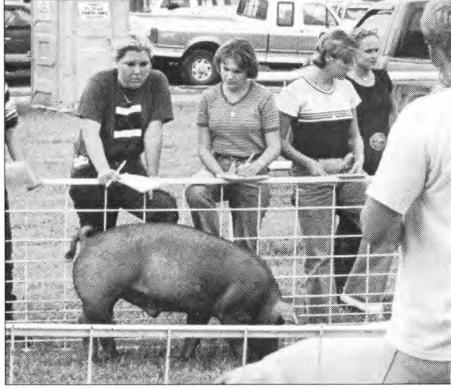
Leading the way...

School of Agriculture & Natural Sciences

John Lomax (right), Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences presents a Teacher-of-the-Week certificate to computer science instructor Jim Grover.

Members of the college livestock judging team evaluate swine during a practice session at the Miami Municipal Fairgrounds.

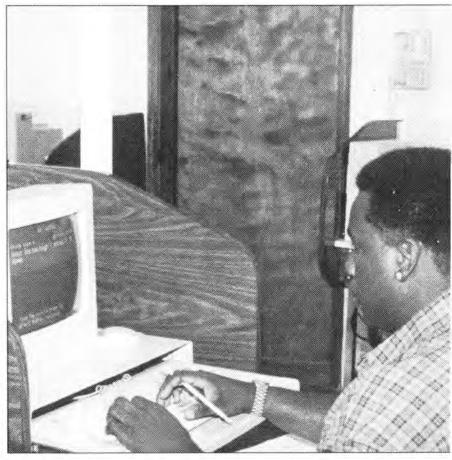






Kristen Hales, a sophomore from Dimmitt, Texas, studies a specimen during a science lab experiment.

Charles Dupree, a sophomore from Oklahoma City, uses a computer in the computer science lab to complete an assignment.

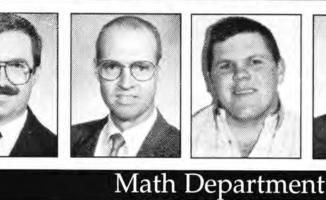


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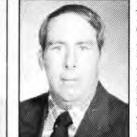
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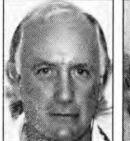


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Matt Mayfield Physics and Math Instructor Dr. Randy Mogg **Biological Science Instructor Betty Sprandlin** Biological Science and Micobiology Instructor Sam Wells Physical Science and Geology Instructor











Technology Department

James Grover Department Chair Ron Combs Plastics Technology/Drafting Instructor Chip Hammons Computer Science Instructor Steve Leonard Computer Science Instructor

Faculty



Leading the way...

School of Human Environmental Sciences

Jim Genandt (right), Dean of the School of Human Environmental Sciences goes over some departmental paperwork with secretary Kathy Crownover.

A nursing student talks to prospective students about the nursing department during annual Senior Day activities.







Members of a business group from Oaks High School display their team trophy during annual Business Day festivities.

Lori Nigh, a sophomore from Miami, provides assistance as a prospective member of the Norse Stars Dance/Drill team fills out an application during Senior Day.





...In the classroom

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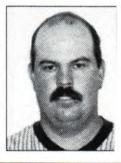
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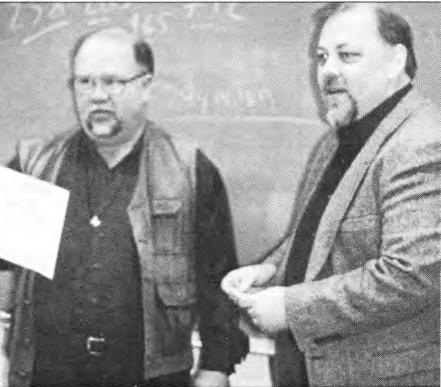
Leading the way...

School of Liberal Arts

Brian Hauck (right), Dean of the School of Liberal Arts presents English instructor Dr. Bob Bayse with a certificate as a "Teacher of the Week" selection.

Members of the cast from *God's Favorite* go through their lines in a final dress rehearsal.





...In the classroom

Fine Arts Department

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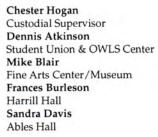












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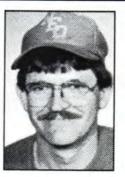
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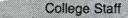






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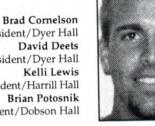
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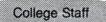
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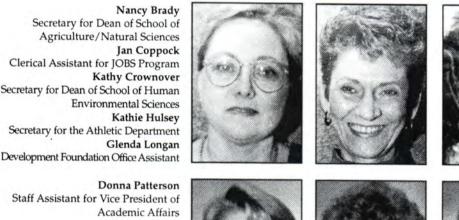
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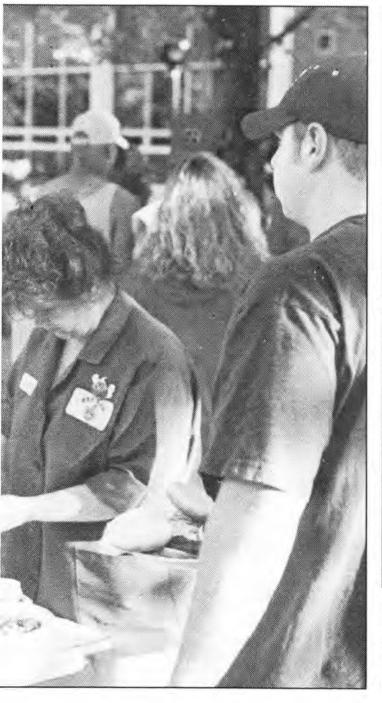








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Food services worker Joyce Hayworth prepares a hot dog for a student during the traditional All-College cookout held during Homecoming week. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Trades mechanic Jose Salazar waits while giving blood during the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile on campus. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Intramural activities director Jon Steele charcoales hot dogs during Spring Fling festivities.

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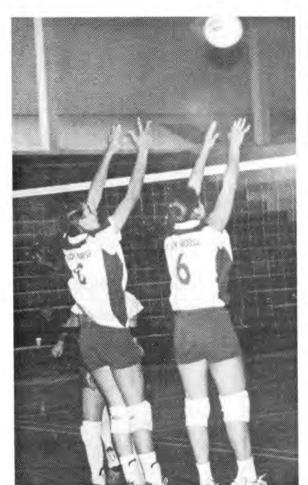


Lady Norse head coach Rick Karr (center) makes a point to the players on the bench during a time out in the Region II Championship match as assistant coach Sara Potoshnik listens.

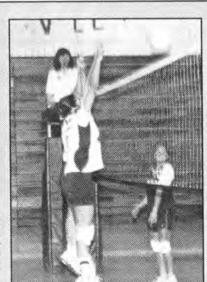
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Freshmen Brazilian players Crissie Cunha (8) and Paula Castro (6) combine to form an almost impenetrable front line for the Lady Norse.

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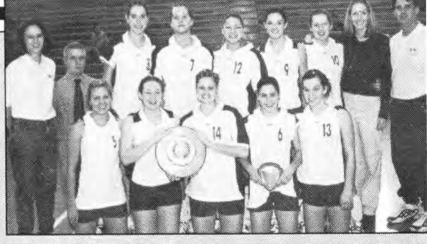






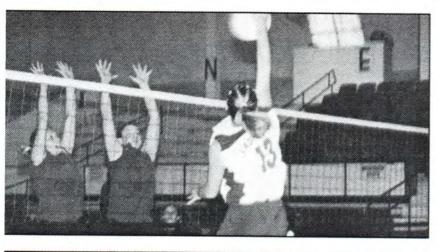
Pricilia de Souza and Paula Castro combine for a return shot in the Region II finals against Westark Community College in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



Members of the 2000 Region II volleyball champions were kneeling, from left; A. J. Schlid freshman, Flandereau, S.D.; Shannon Sharp, sophomore, McDonald County, Mo., An Harris, freshman, Inez, Texas; Paula Castro, freshman, Rio de Janeiro, and Tonya Renf sophomore, East Newton, Mo. Standing, Sara Potoshnik, assistant coach; Kevin Bost, fra er; Crissie Cunha, freshman, Rio de Janeiro; Priscila de Souza, freshman, Rio de Janeiro, Ko Donovan, freshman, Edmond; Johnna Womack, freshman, Carthage, Mo.; Danielle Burrow freshman, Tulsa, Veronica Wade, sophomore, Licking, Mo., and Rick Karr, head coach. teran off-hitter Tonya Renfro (13) es high above the net to return a ot by two Westark Community ollege Lady Lion defenders.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



Ladies win region

Make first trip to nationals

Under the direction of firstyear head coach Rick Karr, the Lady Norse volleyball team accomplished several "firsts" in the brief four-year history of the program.

The Lady Norse won their first Region II championship with a victory over the Lady Lions of Westark Community College. NEO defeated Westark 15-6, 10-15, 15-6 and 15-7 to capture the regional crown.

After finishing ranked 19th in the nation, the Lady Norse lost to Utah Valley State 3-15, 3-15 and 9-15 in the first round of the national tournament in Overland Park, Kan.

NEO defeated Wallace, Ga., 15-7, 16-14, 13-15, 13-15 and 15-13 in the second round before losing to Lee College, Texas, 15-11, 5-15, 10-15 and 5-15.

The Lady Norse finished with a 33-5 overall record.

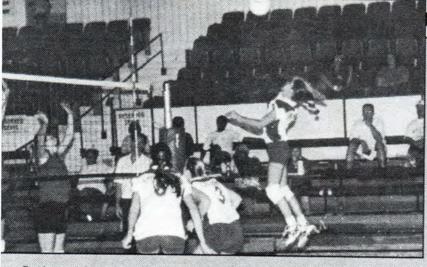




Freshman off-hitter Danielle Burrows (10) goes high for a return as teammates Veronica Wade (3), Paula Castro (6) and Crissie Cunha (8) watches for a possible spike.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Freshman off-hitter Crissie Cunha (8) delivers a spike shot against Redlands Community College in a match in the NEO Fieldhouse as teammates Johnna Womack (9) and Veronica Wade (3) watch. Photo by Danielle Boyd



nya Renfro, a sophomore mid-hitter from East Newton, Mo., goes high to return a shot at e net in a match during the Region II Tournament in the NEO Fieldhouse as teammates issie Cunha (8) and Veronica Wade (3) wait for the outcome of the return from the shot om the Westark Lady Lions.



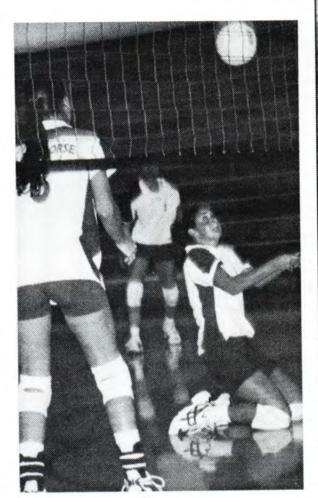
Freshman off-hitter Crissie Cunha from Rio de Janeiro, offers up a service point during a match with Westark Community College Photo by Danielle Boyd

Despite defensive pressure by two Allen County (Kan.) Community College players, freshman off-hitter Crissie Cunha puts a shot up and over the net in a match at the NEO Fieldhouse.

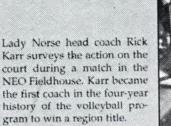
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Freshman off-hitter Priscila de Souza makes a dig to set up a shot by teammate Crissie Cunha during a match with Labette (Kan.) Community College.

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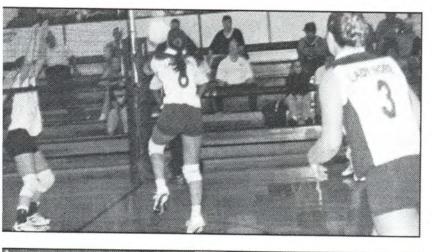




Freshman off-hitter Priscila de Souza (7) puts up a shot over the outstretched hands of Fredericks of Redlands Community College during a Bi-State Athletic Conference ma the NEO Fieldhouse. The Lady Norse concluded the regular season with a perfect 6-0 r in the conference before sweeping the Region II Tournament title. The Lady Norse der Redlands, Connors State and Westark in the regional tournament.

eshman off-hitter Crissie Cunha returns a shot by Westark mmunity College as teammate ronica Wade waits.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





Freshmen earn honor

Brazilians lead All-Region II team

Three members of the Lady Norse squad were selected to the All-Region II team.

Freshman middle-hitter Crissie Cunha (6-1 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) was named Most Valuable Player in the region and a member of the All-Region II first team.

Outside hitter Paula Castro (5-7 from Rio de Janeiro) and mid-hitter Priscila de Souza (5-11 from Rio de Janeiro) were also selected to the first

team of the All-Region II squad.

Cunha led the Lady Norse with 159 blocked shots and 75 service aces. She also recorded 344 kills and 322 assists during the regular season.

Souza paced the Lady Norse with 351 kills while recording 138 blocks, 53 aces and 338 digs.

Castro recorded 219 kills while leading the Lady Norse with 425 digs. She also made 52 service aces.



Sophomore mid-hitter Tonya Renfro (13) reaches high at mid-court to return a shot as teammate Crissie Cunha (8) watches for a possible spike off the shot.

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All-Region II first teamer Priscila de

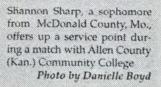


ya Renfro, a sophomore mid-hitter from East Newton, Mo., watches the flight of the ball cammate Crissie Cunha (8) makes the return on a shot by Connors State College during State Athletic Conference match in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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Souza (7) returns a shot against Redlands Community College in a match in the NEO Fieldhouse as teammate Tonya Renfro (13) waits. Photo by Danielle Boyd



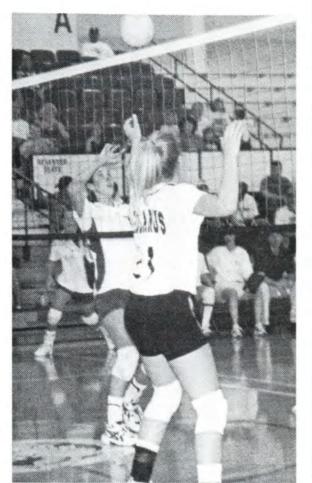
Volleyball

Lady Norse freshman setter Crissie Cunha sets a shot for mid-hitter Kelli Donovan as defenders from Redlands Community College await the return in a match played in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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Members of the Lady Norse squad gather around freshman setter Paula Castro (6) after a shot by sophomore mid-hitter Tonya Renfro (13) found it's mark.

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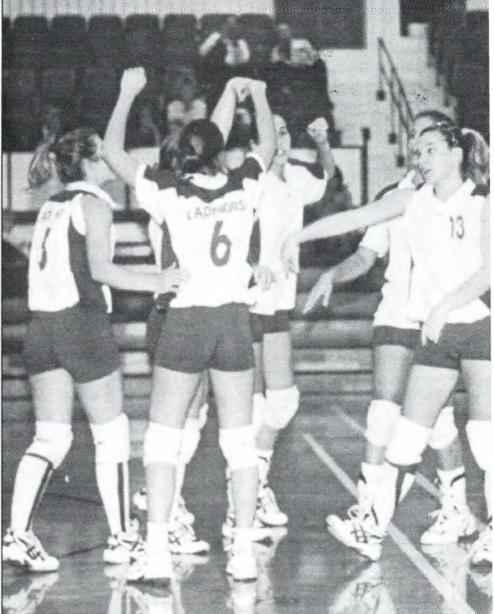
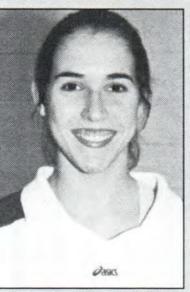




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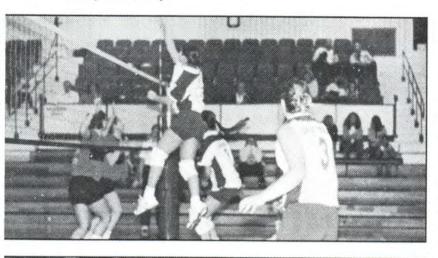


Freshman outside-hitter Crissie Cunha (8) displays the aggressive style of play which rese ed in her being selected Most Valuable Player of the Region II Tournament as she drills as past the outstretched hands of two Westark Community College defenders during the ch pionship match. Observing the shot by Cunha are teanmates Tonya Renfro (13). I Donovan (11) and Paula Castro (6). Castro was also a first-team selection on the All-Reg II post-season team.

Volleyball

eteran off-hitter Veronica Wade (3) bes high above the net to return a not by Westark Community College teammate Crissie Cunha waits. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

Veterans anchor team





Four sophomores return

Returning four sophomores from a team that only won five matches the previous year, first-year head coach Rick Karr guided the Lady Norse to a sparkling 33-5 overall record and 19th in the weekly NJCAA national rankings.

Providing college experience were outside-hitter Kaya Birdsong, Oklahoma City; setter Veronica Wade, Licking, Mo.; mid-hitter Tonya Renfro, Edmond, and outside-hitter Shannon Sharp, McDonald County, Mo.

Brazilian freshmen Crissie Cunha, Priscila de Souza and Paula Castro helped the Lady Norse win 24 of their first 25 matches.

Also providing valuable defensive skills and scoring technique were freshmen A. J. Schliinz, Johnna Womack, Danielle Borrows, Kelli Donovan and Amy Harris.



Freshman mid-hitter Kelli Donovan earns a digg at mid-court as teammate Crissie Cunha (8) watches for a possible spike off the shot in a match with Labette (Kan.) Community College. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

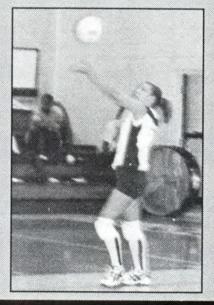
Freshman off-hitter Danielle Burrows (10) and Paula Castro (6) return a shot against Redlands Community College in a match in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



nya Renfro, a sophomore mid-hitter from East Newton, Mo., goes high to return a shot at e net in a match with Independence (Kan.) Community College as teammates Veronica ade(3), Pricila de Souza (7) and Kelli Donovan (11) wait for the outcome of the return from e shot.

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Veronica Wade, a sophomore from Licking, Mo., offers up a service point during a match with Westark Community College

Sophomore tailback Kevin Galbreath (20) tries to elude the tackle of Tyler defensive end Julius Jenkins (43) during the third quarter of the Red River Bowl in Bedford, Texas while gaining 197 yards on 30 carries.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Injured quarterback Matt Dutton (16) served as team captain for the Golden Norse while Tyler defensive end Julius Jenkins (43) watches the results.

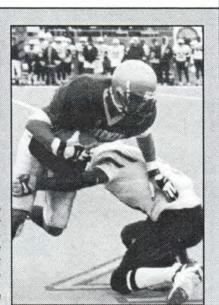
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Sophomore tailback Talib Humphrey is wrapped up by Tyler linebacker Derrick Degrate after a 2-yard run in the first quarter of the Red River Bowl at Pennington Field in Bedford, Texas.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





Head coach Dale Patterson issues a final challenge before the opening kickoff of the 2000 R River Bowl game in Bedford, Texas against the Apaches of Tyler Junior College. The Gold Norsemen suffered a 23-21 loss to the Apaches in the Southwest Junior College Footb Conference title game. NEO placekicker Jonathon Knott missed a 31-yard field goal as the expired to deny the Norse their second conference title.

eshman fullback Johnny Bizzell) provides some blocking for tailck Kevin Galbreath on a 10-yard ichdown run.

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GOLDEN NORSE football

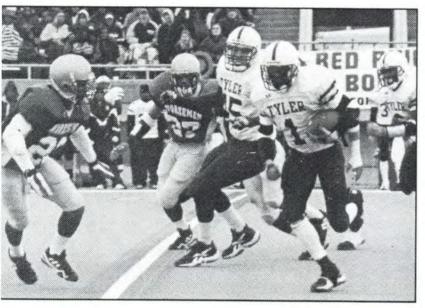


After finishing the regular season ranked 10th with a 8-2 record, the Golden Norsemen advanced to the Red River Bowl by defeating Trinity Valley, 37-10, in a Southwest Junior College Football Conference semifinal game.

Coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen faced the 14th-rated Tyler Apaches at Pennington Field in Bedford, Texas. Following a 7-7 draw at halftime, the Apaches grabbed a 23-14 lead on a 8-yard touchdown pass in the first six seconds of the fourth quarter.

A 62-yard pass from Kokain Mothershed to Jeff Mc-Coy rallied NEO to a 23-21 deficit with 8:54 left.

NEO placekicker Jonathon Knott missed a 31-yard field goal at the end of the game.





Tyler tailback Olan Coleman (1) tries to cut the corner as Golden Norse cornerback Julius Allen (22) comes up to make the take after a 11-yard run.

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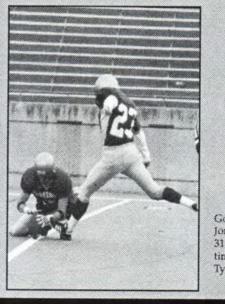
Golden Norse strong safety Prince Anderson (1) grabs Tyler running back Jonathan Combs (11) from behind for a tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



River Bowl officials Kevin Fralicks and James Hughes present Golden Norse head h Dale Patterson with the runners-up trophy following the fourth-annual bowl game. Norsemen dropped a 23-21 decision to Tyler Junior College in the game which repreed the Southwest Junior College Football Conference title contest.

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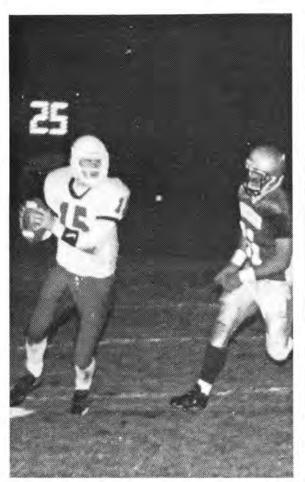


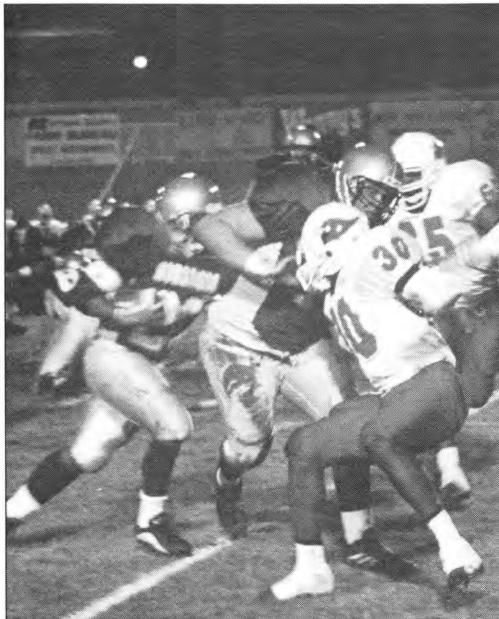


Football

Trinity Valley cornerback Antwan Chism (30) comes up to try and stop Golden Norse tailback Kevin Galbreath (20) after a 6-yard run during a conference semifinal playoff. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Golden Norse defensive end Eric Acree (91) gives chase to Trinity Valley punter Brian Bradford (15) after a fumbled snap forced the punter to try and throw during a 37-10 NEO win in the conference semifinal at Robertson Field. Photo by Danielle Boyd





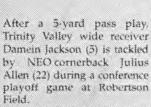
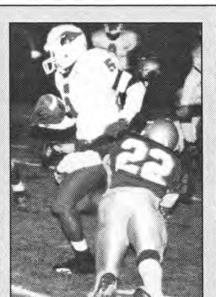
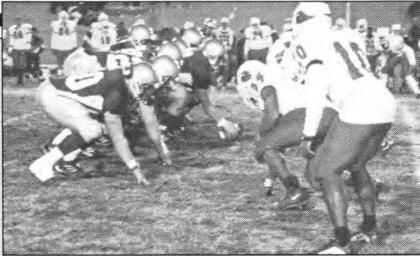


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Sophomore quarterback Kokain Mothershed brings the Golden Norse offense to the lim scrimmage as the Trinity Valley defense prepares to react to the play during the first qua of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference semifinal playoff game at Robert Field. Mothershed made the start after veteran Matt Dutton suffered a broken Mothershed guided the Norse to a 37-10 victory.

terback Matt Dutton looks over linn College defense before callplay during the first quarter at nam, Texas.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



PLAYERS EARN HONORS five win awards

After a second-place finish in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference, five members of the Golden Norse received All-Conference recognition.

Representing the offense were quarterback Matt Dutton, fullback Johnny Bizzell, center Crockett Ladd and tackle Nick Gillespie.

Sophomore placekicker Jona-

thon Knott was also named to the all-conference first team.

Ten other Golden Norsemen received All-Conference honorable mention.

NEO concluded the regular season with a come-frombehind 42-35 victory over Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

Squaring off against Trinity Valley in the conference semifinals the Norse posted a 37-10 win.

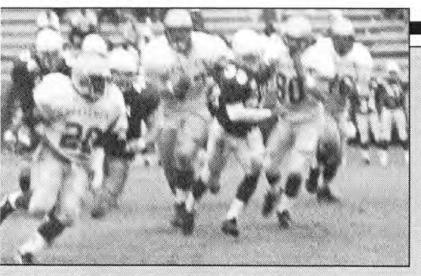




Veteran Golden Norse quarterback Matt Dutton (16) suffers a sack after slipping on wet turf during the first quarter in the game against Trinity Valley in Brenham, Texas.

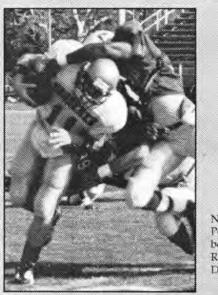
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Receivers coach David Deets sends in the next play with sophomore wide receiver Jeff McCoy (3) in the game at Trinity Valley. McCoy caught three passes for 33 yards. Photo by Danielle Boyd



unning Blinn College strong safety Marcus Taylor (39) to the corner of the endzone, en Norse tailback Kevin Galbreath (20) scores on a 5-yard run in the first quarter, reath amassed 150 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns as the Norsemen luded the regular season with a 42-35 win in Brenham, Texas.

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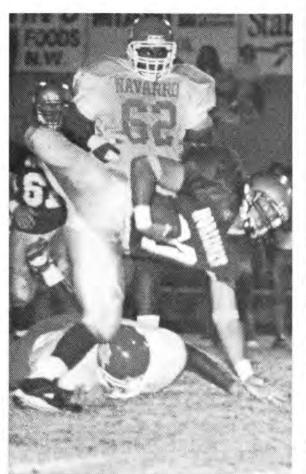
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NEO wide receiver David Porter (11) gets caught from behind by Blinn's cornerback Ron Brown and defensive end Donnell Elam.

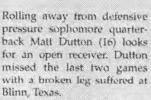
Golden Norse sophomore tailback Brandon Danna (21) tries to shake off the attempted tackle by Cisco cornerback Brandon Hubbard (6) during a 59-21 victory by the Norse. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

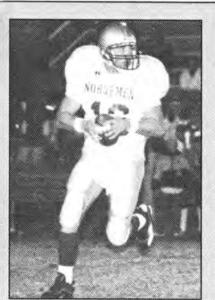
Taking advantage of a hand stand to gain a couple of extra yards, NEO freshman tight end Brandon Hill (80) trips over Navarro College linebacker Charles Thomas during a 41-23 win by the Golden Norse at Homecoming.

Photo by Danielle Boyd











All-American linebacker Koryee Wyatt (50) drags down Kilgore College quarterba Graham Gochneau (7) for a sack of minus 11 yards as teammates Colin Johnson (27), lashar Gillum (55) and DeAndre Fluellen (99) come to the play. The Golden Norsemen scored points in the fourth quarter to cruise to a 42-28 victory over the Rangers in Kilgore, Texas. *Photo by Danielle Bo*

shman fullback Johnny Bizzell gets around the corner as Navdefenders Chris Tolleson (20) Eric Coley (7) give chase. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

LEAGUE FOES FALL win two in Texas

Faced with trips to Athens and Kilgore in Texas, coach Dale Patterson's Norsemen handle the heart of a tough conference schedule.

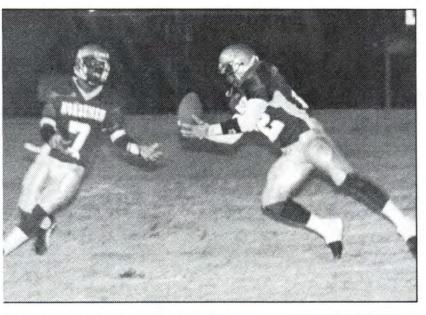
After a near-devastating loss in three overtimes to Tyler at home, the Norse made their first trek across the Red River with a 27-17 win at Trinity Valley in Athens.

Returning home for Home-

coming the Golden Norse earned a 41-23 victory over Navarro College.

Traveling to Kilgore, Texas the next week the Norsemen scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to gain a 42-28 win over the Rangers.

Exploding for 59 points the following week the Golden Norse crushed the Cisco Wranglers 59-28 in Miami.



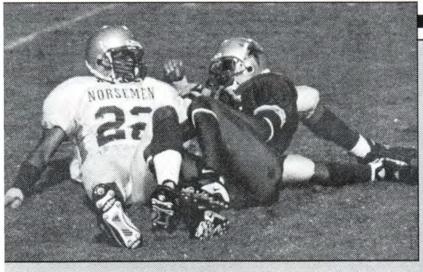


Sophomore cornerback Kobina Amoo (2) and veteran free safety James Harris (7) converge on a pass in a 27-17 win over the Cardinals at Trinity Valley, Texas.

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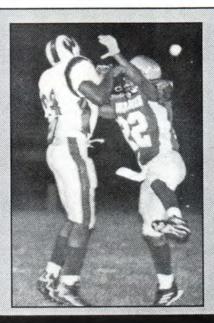
Plugging ahead for a couple of yards up the middle, veteran tailback Brandon Danna (21) battles Trinity Valley defenders Ray Roberts (7) and Greg Weaver (44).

Photo by Danielle Boyd



sing to each other after the play was over, Golden Norse cornerback Julius Allen (22) disses his defensive skills with Kilgore wide receiver Terrance Pearson during the second rter of a 42-28 win by the Norsemen in Kilgore. Pearson later caught a 72-yard touchvn pass for the Rangers.

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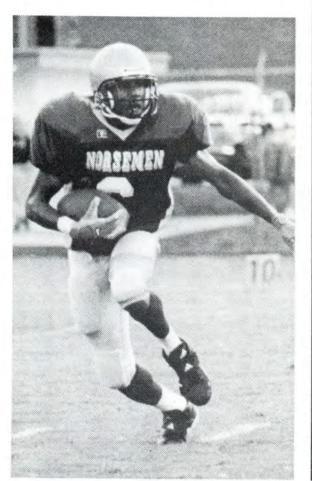


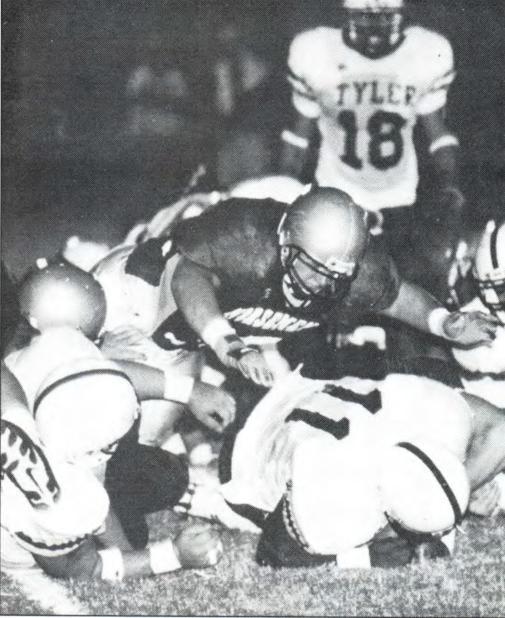
This isn't a new dance step Norse cornerback Julius Allen (22) and Cisco wide receiver Barry Bradshaw are working on.

Veteran linebacker Dan Jefferson (35) dives on top of Tyler running back Jonathan Combs (11) for a loose ball during a 28-26 loss in three overtimes to the Apaches in Miami. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Sophomore cornerback Kyle Hill (6) looks for an opening after intercepting a pass during a 30-0 shutout over Ranger, Texas in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference opener at Robertson Field.

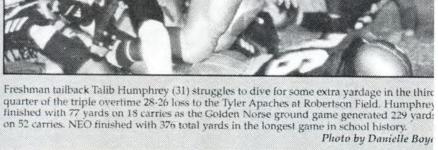
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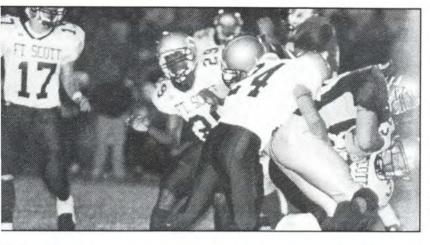




Freshman kick return special-ist Mike McConnell (5) looks for an opening while returning a kickoff 30 yards in a 33-18 victory over the Fort Scott Greyhounds in Miami for the home opener.



phomore tight end Clay Patterson) is pulled down by Fort Scott, n., defenders Nick Burrows (33) d Scott McCracken (24). Photo by Danielle Boyd



GRIZZLIES MAUL NORSE loss opens season

Managing only a 35-yard field goal by Jonathon Knott, the Norse opened the season with a 21-3 loss to Butler County in El Dorado, Kan.

Returning home for three straight games at Robertson Field, the Golden Norse planted a 33-18 loss on the Greyhounds of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College.

Opening play in the South-

west Junior College Football Conference, the Norsemen rolled to a 30-0 shutout over Ranger, Texas.

Concluding the three-game homestand the Golden Norsemen played the longest game in the history of Robertson Field before dropping a 28-26 loss to the Tyler Apaches in three overtime periods.





Sophomore fullback Jesse Childers is wrestled to the ground by Tyler defensive back Kelvin Armstrong (10) after a 2-yard gain in the first quarter.

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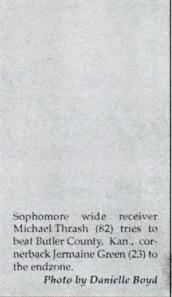
Cornerback Richard Moton (17) makes a touchdown-saving tackle of Butler County, Kan., running back Ronald McClendon in the second quarter.

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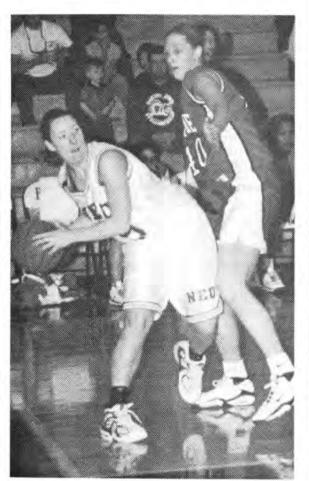
Iden Norse fullback Johnny Bizzell (40) drags Tyler, Texas defensive end Anthony Collier some extra yards in the second overtime period of a 28-26 loss. Bizzell finished with 34 ds on nine carries.





Attempting to make a pass inside to teammate Lucimara Silva (52), All-American guard Brandi Russia (33) has the ball knocked away by Connors State defender Ebony Dorsey during a 61-55 loss in the Region II semifinals. Photo by Danielle Boyd

All-conference forward Raven Lee (25) makes a pass inside as Bacone College defender Karen Pulzi (40) tries to disrupt the play during a 82-66 victory by NEO in Muskogee. Photo by Danielle Boyd





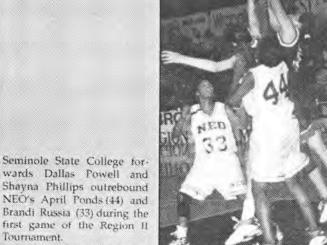
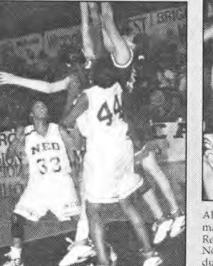


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Women's **Basketball**

Tournament.





All-conterence point-guard Kalara McFadyen (11) penetrates the Seminole Belle defense and makes an assist to teammate April Ponds (44) during the first half of the opening game of th Region II Tournament at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. McFadyen led the Lad Norse to a 74-32 win over the Belles while becoming NEO's all-time leader with 296 steal during her two-year career.

ohomore all-conference forward arlotte Nelson (32) drives the seline for a layup against Court-/ Roach of Independence, Kan. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*

LADY NORSE basketball



Despite entering the Region II post-season tournament ranked number two in the nation and with only one loss, the Lady Norse were upset by arch-rival Connors State in the region semifinals.

Second-year head coach B. J. Smith guided the Lady Norse to a spectacular 30-2 overall record which included 27 consecutive victories. The Lady Norse were upset 61-55 by Connors State in the semifinals after defeating Seminole State 74-32 in the first game.

Six members of the team received All-Conference honors and freshman guard Brandi Russia earned All-America honors.

The Lady Norse established five school records.





Penetrating to gain an assist, sophomore guard Kalara McFadyen (11) maneuvers around the defensive pressure of joni Wilson (15) from Murray State College. Photo by Danielle Boyd

 Lucimara Silva (52) swatted away by
Candice Basile (55) of Independence, Kan.

All-American guard Brandi Russia

(33) has a jump pass to teammate

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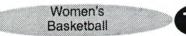


ter dribbling into the paint, Lady Norse point-guard Kalara McFadyen (11) tries to make entry pass through the defensive pressure of North Arkansas players Tiffany Villines (44) d Kyra Webb (40) as teammate April Ponds (44) waits for the pass. The Lady Norse feated the Lady Pioneers 96-54 in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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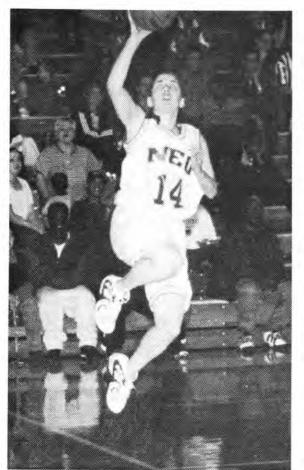
All-conference forward April Ponds (44) knocks the pass away from Elisha Cartwright of the North Arkansas Lady Pioneers.

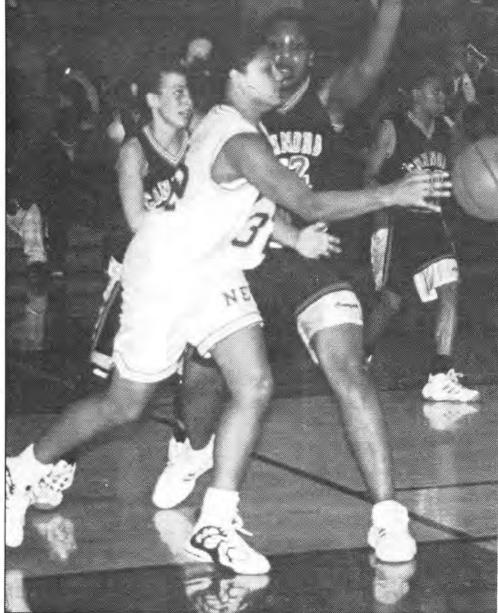


Sophomore forward Charlotte Nelson (32) attempts to make a wrap-around pass as Connors State College forward Octavia Holmes tries to deny the pass during a 80-67 victory by the Lady Norse in Warner.

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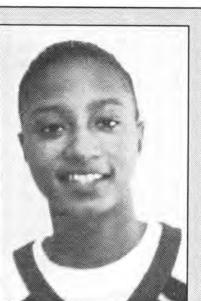
Going up for a break-away layup is veteran point-guard Kalara McFadyen. Not only did McFadyen earn All-Conference honors, but also All-American honorable mention recognition. Photo by Danielle Boyd





Freshman Brandi Russia, 5-7 from Cincinnati, Ohio, earned National Junior College Athletic Association All-American first team honors after leading the Lady Norse in scoring with a 12.9 average.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





During a timeout on the sidelines, second year Lady Norse head coach B. J. Smith discu the game plan in a contest in the NEO Fieldhouse. Smith guided the Lady Norse to NJCAA National Tournament semifinals in his first year. The Lady Norse posted a perfec 0 record in the Bi-State Athletic Conference this season before losing to Connors State ir semifinals of the Region II Tournament in Shawnee.

Photo by Danielle E



phomore center Crystal Bennett 5) battles for a loose ball in a 81-53 ctory over Northern Oklahoma ollege in the NEO Fieldhouse. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*





Led by freshman guard Brandi Russia, the Lady Norse placed six sophomores on the All Bi-State Athletic Conference team.

Russia, 5-7 from Cincinnati, Ohio, led the Lady Norse in scoring with a 12.9 average. She also earned first team NJCAA All-American honors.

Sophomore point-guard Kalara McFadyen joined Russia on the all-conference first team and was an NJCAA All-American honorable mention.

Named to the all-conference second team was freshman forward Carina Souza while sophomore forward Raven Lee was a third-team pick.

Sophomore forwards April Ponds and Raven Lee were allconference honorable mention selections.





All-conference forward April Ponds (44) puts up a shot on the perimeter over the outstretched hand of Northern Oklahoma's Tia Andrews (45).

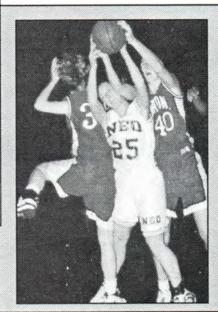
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Waiting for an opportunity to gain a steal, Lady Norse point-guard Kalara McFadyen (14) tries to keep Westark's Marianne Hawking (12) in the back court.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



eturning to the Lady Norse for the final 10 games of the season after giving birth during ne summer, sophomore guard Kenja White (23) drives past the defensive pressure of B. J. Iomer from Northern Oklahoma College. White averaged six points while scoring eight in ne 81-53 victory over the Lady Mavericks in Miami.



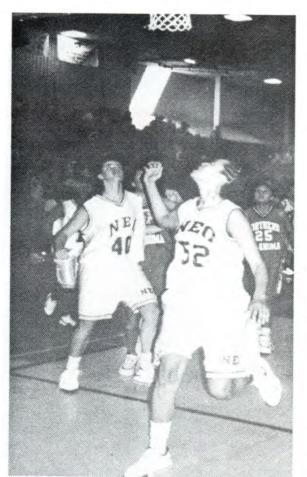
Sandwiched in between two Northern Oklahoma College defender's, Lady Norse forward Raven Lee (25) battles for the rebound. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*



Working against the full-court trap of Westark's Genoa McDonald (15) and Janet Henry (54), freshman guard Rachel Porter (11) looks for an open teammate during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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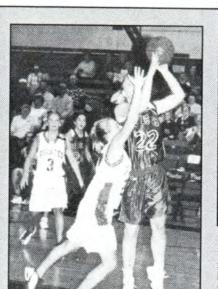
Freshmen teammates Carina Souza (40) and Lucimara Silva (52) make sure the ball goes through the hoop as Northern Oklahoma College defenders Tia Andrews (25) and Ashley Hewitt follow the play. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*





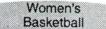
Despite a foul by Independence (Kan.) guard Allison Lathim, Lady Norse freshman forward Jade Lamb (22) scores on a put-back off a missed shot in a game with the Lady Pirates in Miami.

Photo by Danielle Boyd





Freshman point guard Kacey Inman (10) gives a stutter-step and proceeds towards the ba ket despite defensive pressure by Carl Albert State College guard Deseree Cries for Ribs du ing a game in Poteau. Inman scored eight points as the Lady Norse overcame a 12-2 defic to post a 94-72 victory over the Lady Vikings for their 14th consecutive victory and a 18 record on the season.



eshman guard Kelli Donovan (21) es to make a steal against Shetia atson (25) of Westark Community llege.

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FRESHMEN MAKE MARK lead on court

All-American guard Brandi Russia led a group of eight talented freshmen which made quite an impact on the success of the Lady Norse 30-2 overall record.

Russia was joined in the Lady Norse back court by Kacey Inman, Rachel Porter, Kelli Donovan and Tia Blevins at both guard spots.

Brazilian performers Carina

Souza and Lucimara Silva alternated at either power forward or center.

After averaging 12.9 points per game, Russia was joined on the All Bi-State Athletic Conference Region II team by Souza. The 6-1 Souza averaged 9.5 points and 5.9 rebounds per game.

Russia also recorded 114 assists and 82 steals.



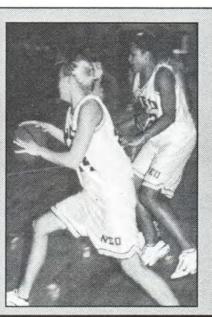


Keeping the ball pinned along the baseline, freshman forward Carina Souza (44) applies defensive pressure to Heather Stiger of the Oklahoma Baptist University junior varsity. *Photo by Danielle Boyd* Hitting a shot in the paint, freshman center Lucimara Silva (52) puts the ball in despite defensive pressure by Westark's Marietta Hawking (10) in a game at Fort Smith, Ark.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



American selection Brandi Russia (33) watches as the ball goes through the hoop in a ne with the Lady Lions of Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark, Russia earned team honors as a freshman on both the Bi-State Athletic Conference Region II team and National funior College Athletic Association All-American squad.

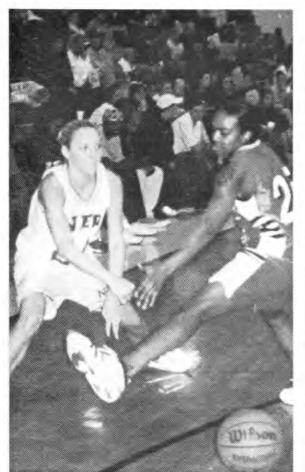


Freshman shooting guard Tia Blevins (24) looks to make an outlet pass to teammate Charlotte Nelson (32) during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Teammates Raven Lee (25) and Jade Lamb (22) fight for a loose ball with Carl Albert's Dayna Boswell (45) and Amanda Couch (30) during a Bi-State Athletic Conference game in Poteau.

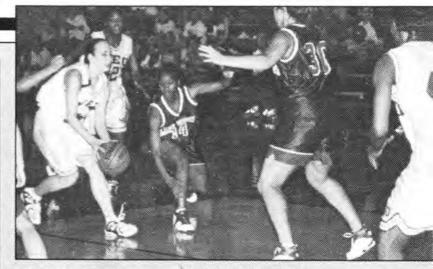
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Freshman guard Tia Blevins (21) attempts to complete a bounce pass inside as Connors State College defender Ebony Dorsey (23) extends her leg to disrupt the play. Photo by Danielle Boyd









Splitting the defensive pressure of three Carl Albert State College defenders, sophompoint-guard Kalara McFadyen (14) makes a bounce pass inside to teammate April Ponds in a 106-58 victory at the NEO Fieldhouse. McFadyen finished with 136 assists as a sopmore. She ranked second in NEO school history with 292 assists during her 69 game car She set an NEO record with 296 career steals including 159 as a freshman and 137 this ye Photo by Danielle B-

Veteran guard Raven Lee (25) puts up a shot as teammate Brandib Russia (33) attempts to screen Seminole State College forward Joclyn McMurry from blocking the shot in the Region II Tournament.



ating two Butler County, Kan., fenders to the basket for a breakyay layup is sophomore forward harlotte Nelson (32).

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SEASON HAS STREAKS perfect in league

After finishing the regular season with only one loss and ranked second in the nation, the Lady Norse were upset by Connors State in the Region II Tournament semifinals.

The only blemish in the regular season with a tough 78-71 loss at Independence, Kan., the fifth game of the season.

NEO reeled off 26 consecutive wins which included a perfect 20-0 mark in the Bi-State Athletic Conference.

Following a lopsided 74-32 win over Seminole in the Region II quarterfinals, the Lady Norse dropped a 61-55 decision to arch-rival Connors State to finish with a 30-2 overall record.

During the season the Lady Norse averaged 91.6 points on offense while allowing 56.7 points.





Trying to avoid being trapped along the baseline by Westark'sMarianne Hawking (24), sophomore guard Raven Lee tries to get rid of the basketball.

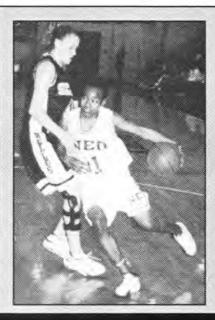
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All-American guard Brandi Russia (33) goes up for a shot and draws a foul from Northern's Ashley Hewitt during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

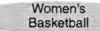
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-American point-guard Kalara McFadyen (14) draws a foul from Northern Oklahoma llege center Tia Andrew (50) while attempting to get a pass off to teammate Crystal unett (55) during a 81-53 Lady Norse victory in the NEO Fieldhouse. Bennett scored 12 al points in her last game before leaving the team for personal reasons.



Freshman point-guard Rachel Porter (11) drives the baseline against Seminole's Becky Baker during the Region II Tournament quarterfinal game. Photo by Danielle Boyd



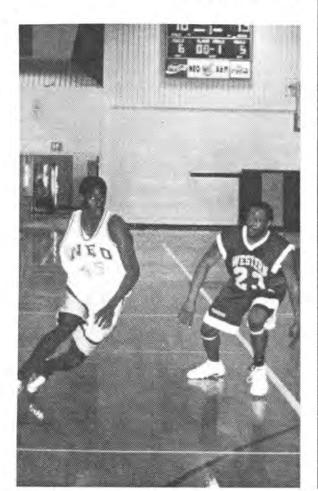


Freshman center Brandon Queen (3) and sophomore forward Mark Elazier (24) combine to knock the ball out of bounds following an attempt by Marcus Snipes (31) of Neosho County, Kan.

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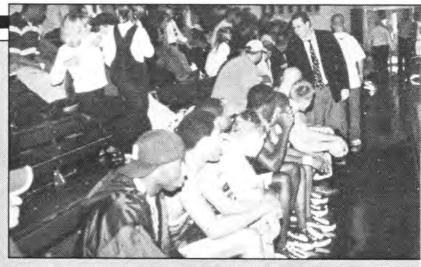
Freshman forward Blake Nash (45) turns the corner as Western Oklahoma College guard Yancey Gastile (23) gives chase.

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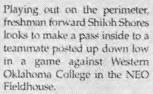






Golden Norse head coach Lonnie Spencer adjusts his chair on the sidelines and prepar sit down after calling a timeout during a game with the Pirates of Independence Commu College in Independence, Kan. Spencer had served 10 years as head of the Golden Norse basketball program. He was the fourth coach in NEO school history to win more than games in his career.

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ving to score on an unorthodox ot, sophomore forward Mark uzier (24) beats a Neosho County fender to the goal.

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Golden Norse basketball

Plagued by injuries and in-consistency, the Golden Norse basketball team slipped to a 15-18 record during the 2000-2001 season.

After finishing eighth in the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 8-12 record, coach Lonnie Spencer's Norsemen hosted North Arkansas College in a Region II Toumament play-in game.

All-conference selection Mark Elazier scored 25 points to lead the Norsemen to a 101-82 victory over the North Arkansas Pioneers in the NEO Field-house.

Traveling to Shawnee for the regional quarterfinals the Norse received 24 points from Shiloh Shores in a 84-56 win over Seminole.

Eastern Oklahoma defeated the Norse 86-77 in the Region II semifinals.



All-conference guard Jamar Love battles two Neosho County defenders for the ball after an errant shot by teammate Shiloh Shores underneath the basket.

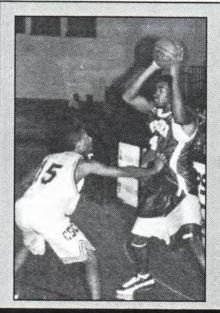
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Freshman point-guard Ricky Bruner (20) displays his dribbling skills against the full-court pressure of Westark's Danny McCall (44) in a game in the NEO Fieldhouse. Photo by Danielle Boyd

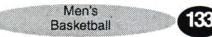


conference performer Mark Elazier (24) fires up a jump shot over the outstretched hands leosho County (Kan.) defender Nolan McBride (42) during a 98-87 win by the Golden semen in the NEO Fieldhouse. Elazier scored 19 total points for the Norsemen while iride led all scorers with 28 total points.

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Playing keep-away with Connors State College guard Derrick White (15), sophomore forward Mark Elazier (24) looks for an outlet pass.

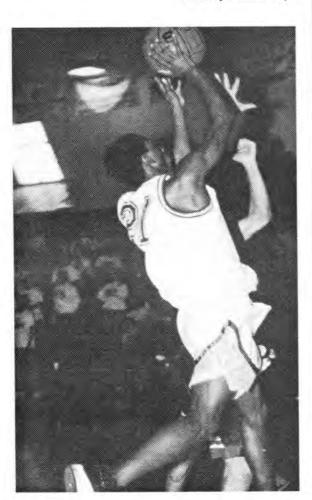


All-conference point-guard sophomore Jamar Love (14) goes high for a rebound despite the efforts of teammate Shiloh Shores (00) and Danny Allen (4) of Seminole State College during the Region II quarterfinals.

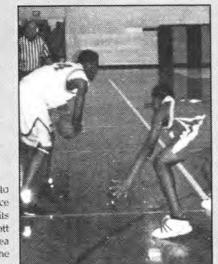
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Veteran shooting guard Jojo Noles (21) puts a short jump shot up and in over the defensive pressure of Jovani Allen of Seminole State College.

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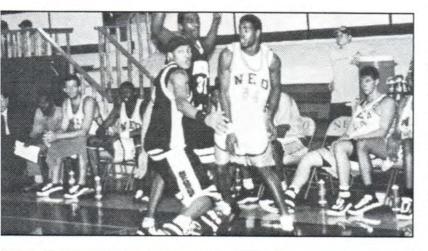
Sophomore point-guard Jamar Love (14) scores on a layup against Seminole State College the Region II playoffs. Love earned both All Bi-State Athletic Conference and All-Region honors after leading the Golden Norsemen with a 16.5 scoring average. Love also led team with 78 assists and 69 steals while grabbing 5.1 rebounds per game and recording the blocked shots.

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Waiting for the right time to "bust a move", all-conference forward Mark Elazier (24) waits for a commitment from Joe Scott of North Arkansas Area Community College in a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.



empting to elude a double-team two Neosho County, Kan., deders, sophomore forward Mark zier studies the play. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*





Very few veterans three returnees

With only three experienced sophomores returning the Golden Norsemen relied heavily on contributions by the freshmen recruits.

Point-guard Jamar Love earned both all-conference and allregion first team honors while leading the Norsemen in scoring with a 16.5 average. Love (6-0 from Johnson City, Tenn.) also led the team in assists (78) and steals (69).

Veteran shooting guard Jojo Noles (6-1 from Tulsa Central) averaged 11.8 points with 57 assists and 32 steals in 21 games.

Another all-conference selection was sophomore forward Mark Elazier (6-5 from Denver, Colo.). Elazier averaged 11.4 points per game and 3.7 rebounds each contest.

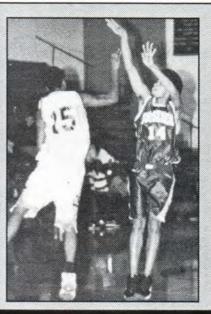


Taking charge of the Golden Norse offense, veteran point-guard Jamar Love (14) tries to out-maneuver North Arkansas guard Michael Russell in a game at Harrison, Ark. *Photo by Danielle Boyd* Veteran guard Jojo Noles (21) scores on a break-away layup as Neosho County, Kan., defender John Luce streaks past the play in a game at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Danielle Boyd



ite traffic all around, sophomore guard Jojo Noles (21) takes to the airways to score on up against the Lions of Westark Community College in Fort Smith, Ark. Noles scored tal points while the Golden Norsemen dropped a 76-72 Bi-State Athletic Conference ion to the Lions.

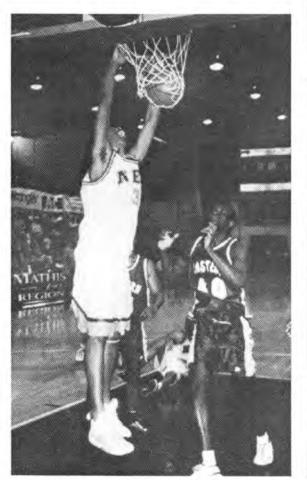


Canning a 3-point field goal over the pressure by Connors State guard Junior Blount (15), Jamar Love sinks one of 67 3-pointers he made during the season. Photo by Danielle Boyd

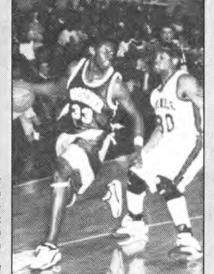
Freshman forward Rafael Franco (12) makes a no-look pass to the baseline as Eastern Oklahoma College players Andrius Sakalys and Luis Lemes (11) try to stop the play in the Region II semifinal game.

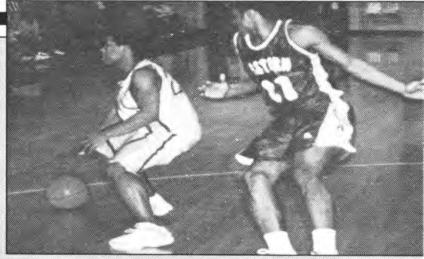
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First-year center Brandon Queen (3) lets out a roar as he "slams one home" on an alley-oop pass against Eastern's Cal Warner (40) in a 86-77 loss to the Mountaineers. Photo by Danielle Boyd









Freshman shooting guard Rick Bruner (20) dribbles around the perimeter looking for Preshman shooting guard kick bruner (20) dribbles around the perimeter looking for open 3-pointer as Seminole guard Jovani Allen (21) applies defensive pressure. Bruner sco eight points as the Golden Norsemen rolled to a 84-56 upset the 14th-ranked Trojans in Region II Tournament quarterfinals at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. The Gold Norse dropped an 86-77 decision to Eastern Oklahoma State in the regional semifinals. Photo by Danielle Bu

After becoming academically eligible at mid-term, freshman forward George West (33) drives towards the basket against Seminole's Will Jones (30) in an 84-56 win for the Norsemen in the Region II quarterfinals. Photo by Danielle Boyd

espite being fouled by Western klahoma's Carey Rigsby, freshman nter Hank Dooley (50) regains conol of the ball.

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FRESHMEN IMPACT provide depth

Ten freshmen made a variety of impacts on the Golden Norse team throughout the season.

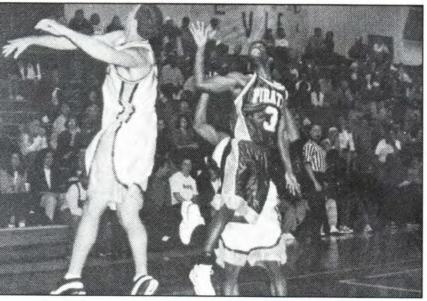
Sharing playing time at guards were Troy Elliott (6-2 from Yale), Rick Bruner (5-9 from Sapulpa), Greg Nash (6-0 from Tulsa), and Chris Clyburn (6-4 from Charlotte, N.C.).

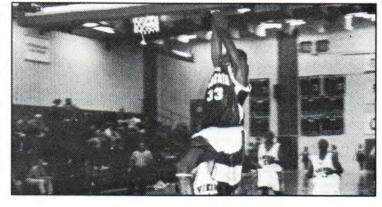
First-year players seeing

considerable playing time at forwards were Shiloh Shores (6-6 from Tahlequah), Brandon Queen (6-7 from Tulsa), and Hank Dooley (6-5 from Yale).

Freshmen Rafael Franco (6-8 from Brazil), Blake Nash (6-6 from Fuquay-Varina, N.C.) shared time at center.

Joining the Norse at midterm was forward George West.





Knocking the ball into the second row of seats at the NEO Fieldhouse, freshman forward Rafael Franco (12) denies a shot by Tyrone Payne (3) of Independence, Kan.

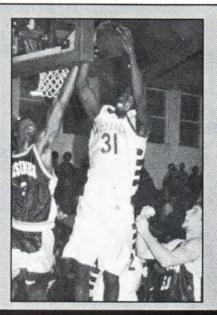
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Freshman forward George West (33) goes for a slam dunk on a break-away against Corey Humphrey (15) of Carl Albert State College in a game played in Poteau.

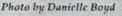
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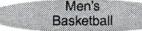


ying to score on a jump shot along the baseline, freshman point-guard Greg Nash (22) its up a shot over the out-stretched arms of Carl Albert's David Thomas (22) during a me in Poteau. The Golden Norsemen gained a 81-80 victory over the Vikings in double ertime as Greg Nash tallied six points.



Golden Norse freshinen Brandon Queen (3) and Hank Dooley (50) try to deny Westark's center Codrick Hughey (31) from grabbing a rebound.

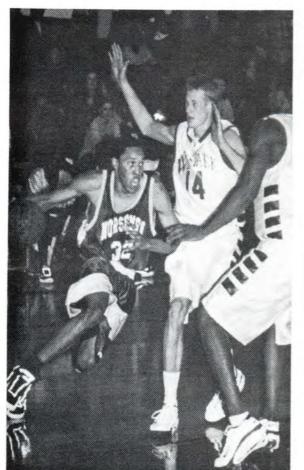




Drawing the charge, sophomore guard Jamar Love (14) talls to the floor as Neosho County, Kan., guard Kevin Jeffreys (23) heads towards the basket in a 98-87 loss to NEO in Miami.

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Freshman guard Chris Clyburn (32) tries to penetrate the defensive pressure applied by Westark forwards Billy Pharis (14) and Danny McCall (31) in a game at Fort Smith, Ark. Photo by Danielle Boyd



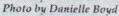


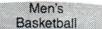


Displaying his agility and dribbling skills, freshman forward Shiloh Shores (00) plays keepaway from two Carl Albert defenders during a Bi-State Athletic Conference game in Poteau. Shores scored six points as the Golden Norsemen earned an 81-80 victory in double overtime against the Vikings.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Sophomore forward Brandon Queen (3) goes up for a short jump shot over the outstretched hand of Eastern Oklahoma's Tobias Brinkley (31) during the semifinals of the Region II Tournament at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.





bhomore forward Mark Elazier) battles three Neosho County, n., defenders for an offensive ound.

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ROLLER COASTER YEAR *streaks far apart*

Despite scoring 204 points in the first two games, the Golden Norse were unable to gain any consistency in a 15-18 overall season.

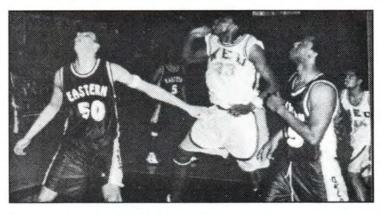
Following a 99-92 win over the Independence, Kan., Pirates to start the season, the Norse lost eight in a row before recovering with a fivegame winning streak.

The Golden Norsemen won

9 of 15 games played in the NEO Fieldhouse while struggling to a 6 of 17 games on the road.

All three sophomores averaged in double figures in scoring with Jamar Love averaging 16.5 points, Jojo Noles 11.8 and Mark Elazier 11.4 points.

NEO averaged 80.1 points on offense and 82.7 on defense.



Golden Norse center Rafael Franco (12) and Independence Community College post player Delonte Holland (54) scrap for a rebound in a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

Freshman forward George West (33) fires up an errant shot that slipped out of his hands as Eastern's Andrius Sakalys (50) and Bobby Thompson (15) watch.

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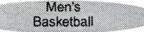


osho County point-guard Kevin Jeffreys (21) tries to get a pass inside to Marcus Snipes Golden Norse defenders Jamar Love (14) and Rick Bruner (20) disrupt the play. The Iden Norsemen earned a 98-87 non-conference victory over the Panthers in the NEO Idhouse.

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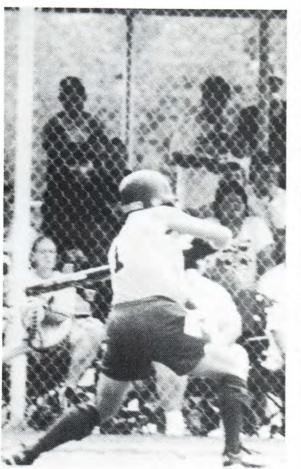
Shooting guard Jojo Noles (21) passes the ball around the perimeter as Carl Albert's guard Darrell Owens (5) waits for a steal



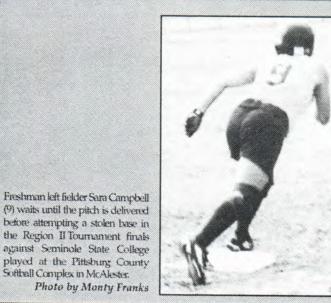


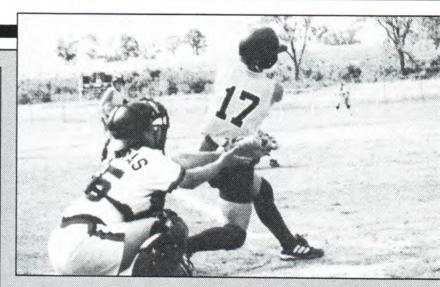
Meeting of the minds on the mound as Lady Norse catcher Mary Eby talks with pitcher Shae Rosa (5), Shayne Gipson (1), Crissy Strimple and Leslie Prather during the Region II Tournament finals against Seminole State College. Photo by Monty Franks

All Region II utility player Shayne Gipson (1) watches a pitch cross the plate from Seminole All-American Geralyn Elam during a 4-3 loss by the Lady Norse in the Region II finals at McAlester. Photo by Monty Franks









Hitting a line drive single to left field, freshman Tiffany Budd (17) drives in one of only to runs scored by the Lady Norse in a 4-3 loss to Seminole State College in the Region II fina at McAlester. The Lady Norse finished the regular season ranked second in the Bi-Sta Athletic Conference with a 27-5 record while compiling a 51-7 overall mark.

Photo by Monty Fran

Bacone College catcher Hollie Gaunt alls for a pitch as lady Norse first aseman Shayne Gipson waits to hit n a 4-0 NEO win.

Photo by Monty Franks



LADY NORSE SOFTBALL lose region finals

Much like the previous year when they dropped a 1-0 decision to Seminole State in the Region II finals, the Lady Norse were unable to score enough runs and suffered a 4-3 loss to the Belles for the regional title.

Despite the disappointment coach Eric Iverson's Lady Norse finished with a sparkling 51-7 overall record. After shutting out Bacone College 4-0 in the first game, the Lady Norse dealt Eastern Oklahoma College a 7-0 loss in the second round.

Facing Seminole in the winner's bracket finals the Lady Norse lost by a 7-5 score.

Following a 5-1 victory over arch-rival Connors State, the Lady Norse squared off against the Belles in the title game.





Sophomore infielder Leslie Prather (10) studies a pitch by Roxy Thirion of Bacone College during the first game of the Region II Tournament in McAlester.

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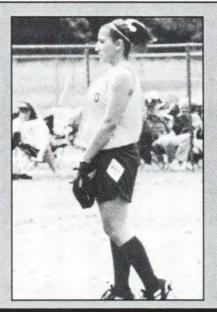
Veteran first baseman Shayne Gipson drives a pitch from Eastern Oklahoma College Dani Damel to right-center for a triple during a 7-0 win by the Lady Norse.

Photo by Monty Franks



embers of the Lady Norse squad file onto the field to accept the Region II runner-up trony from regional director Jerry Smith following a 4-3 loss to Seminole State in the finals. The Lady Norse posted back-to-back shutouts over Bacone College (4-0) and Eastern klahoma College (7-0) to advance to the finals.

Photo by Monty Franks



Freshman pitcher Shae Rosa waits for a sign before delivering a pitch during a game in the Region II post-season tournament in McAlester.

Photo by Monty Franks

Freshman pitcher Ashley Patrick lets a fast ball fly towards home plate as Connors State designated hitter Rachel Jacobson evaluates the location during the loser's bracket finals at the Region II Tournament.

Photo by Monty Franks

Veteran outfielder Cyndee Ross (13) executes a perfect sacrifice bunt to move the runner from second to third during a game with Carl Albert State College on the NEO diamond. Photo by Monty Franks









Seminole State College outfielder Becky Buckley (13) takes a healthy cut at a pitch thrown Lady Norse pitcher Shae Rosa as catcher Amanda Brown (6) awaits the outcome during Region II championship game. The Belles defeated the Lady Norse 4-3 to win their sect consecutive regional crown by one run.

Photo by Monty Fra

Umpire Bert Jones indicates to Lady Norse head coach Eric lverson that a batted ball hit in fair territory and thus the batter was out at first during a disputed play with the Belles of Seminole State College.



st baseman Shayne Gipson digs a or throw out of the dirt as Conrs State runner Kia Moore is out the play.

Photo by Monty Franks



Sophomores solid eight veterans

Eight sophomores provided solid leadership both on and off the field with four veterans earning All-Conference recognition.

Shortstop Crissy Strimple, first baseman Shayne Gipson, outfielder Staci Harris and third baseman Leslie Prather all were selected to the Bi-State All-Conference team. Strimple was also named to the NJCAA All-American team.

Also providing stellar support were catcher Mary Eby, outfielder Cyndee Ross and infielders Andrea Millarr and Susie Sanders.

The Lady Norse hit .411 as a team while Staci Harris led the team with a lofty .503 average. Strimple led the team with 55 runs batted in.





Teammates Staci Harris (3) and Crissy Strimple (27) congratulate Shayne Gipson as she crosses the plate after hitting a home run in the regional tournament.

Photo by Monty Franks

Seminole's Monica Thompson adjusts her knee pads as NEO's Shayne Gipson (1) holds her on first base and Shae Rosa starts to deliver a pitch in the regional finals.

Photo by Monty Franks



nur Lady Norse fans display various forms of school spirit they wore during the Region II surnament at the Pittsburg County Softball Complex in McAlester. More than 100 fans repsenting the Lady Norse attended the three-day tournament which was lengthened by in.

Photo by Monty Franks



Sophomore third baseman Leshe Prather (10) drills a single to left during a game with Bacone College on the NEO diamond.

All-American shortstop Crissy Strimple (27) drills a ball over the left field fence for one of her four home runs as head coach Eric Iverson watches from the coach's box down the third base line.

Photo by Monty Franks

The ball appears to be suspended in mid-air as outfielder Staci Harris (3) delivers a perfect sacrifice bunt to move the base runner from first to second.

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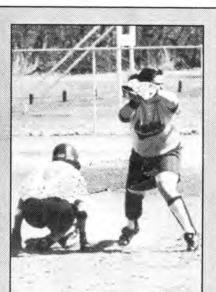




Freshman catcher Amanda Brown (6) slides in ahead of a tag by Western Oklahoma's Lea Mason in a game on the NEO diamond. Brown finished the season with seven stolen bases in seven attempts.

Photo by Monty Franks

Softball





Assistant coach Jake Schumann (left) calls pitches while head coach Eric Iverson and astant coach Kevin Panter study the defensive alignment from the dugout during a game the NEO diamond. The Lady Norse won 21 of 24 games played on their home field dur the 2001 season.

ll-conference third baseman sophoore Leslie Prather (10) lunges to er right to stab a line drive and preent an extra base hit.

Photo by Monty Franks

FRESHMEN DOMINATE entire pitching

Four freshmen pitchers along with seven position players made major contributions to the success of the Lady Norse program.

Ashley Patrick, from Wagoner earned All-Conference recognition as a pitcher while posting a 30-3 record.

Other pitchers were Shae Rosa, T.J. Green and Rachel Wahleithner. Green suffered

a career-ending knee injury while Wahleithner appeared in only one game.

Freshman Amanda Brown started behind the plate while Tiffany Budd, Amy Malcom, Staci Whitaker and Wahleithner saw action on the infield.

Sara Campbell and Jennifer Clemens played in the outfield.





Freshman pitcher Ashley Patrick (8) fires a pitch home during a game at the NEO diamond. Patrick finished with a 30-3 overall record and a 1.20 earned run average.

Photo by Monty Franks

Lady Norse head coach Eric Iverson talks to his team as they prepare to begin warmups prior to the start of a double-header against Western Oklahoma in Miami.

Photo by Monty Franks



stern Oklahoma catcher Bo Davis puts the tag on Lady Norse freshman Tiffany Budd as I tries to score from second base on a hit. The Lady Norse swept a four-game series yed over a two-day period with the Lady Pioneers. NEO won 9-1 and 5-3 the first day 1 14-0 and 10-2 on the second day.



Sophomore shortstop Crissy Strimple makes a throw across the diamond to first base in a game with Eastern Oklahoma College at NEO. Photo by Monty Franks

Veteran third baseman Leslie Prather (10) returns the ball to freshman pitcher Ashley Patrick (8) after Prather caught a foul pop up for an out at the NEO diamond.

Photo by Monty Franks

Watching a pitch sail inside for a ball, sophomore second baseman Susie Sanders (22) pulls the bat back to avoid being charged with a strike during a sacrifice situation in a game with Western Oklahoma State College.

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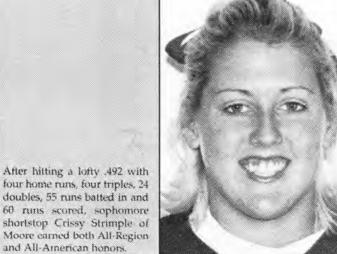


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Hugging the line to try and take away the double, sophomore third baseman Leslie Prati-plays a bad bounce off her chest in time to throw the runner out at first base in a game w Connors State College. Frather posted a .921 fielding average while hitting .410 and steal 11 bases to earn All-Conference recognition.



American shortstop Crissy Strimple slides into second base as Western ahoma shortstop Heather Yates s for the poor throw. Photo by Monty Franks



RECORD-SETTING two long streaks

Opening the 2001 season with a record-setting 24-game winning streak, coach Eric Iverson's Lady Norse won 48 of their first 51 games.

Snapping the 24-game streak was an 8-6 loss to Seminole in Miami. The Lady Norse also dropped a 6-5 decision to Northern Oklahoma three days later before reeling off another 22-game winning streak.

Following a 8-7 loss to Connors State in Miami, the Lady Norse lost a double-header 8-2 and 3-0 at Seminole to end the regular season.

Along with hitting .411 as a team, the Lady Norse stole 245 of 271 bases and scored 457 runs to lead the conference in all three categories.

Veteran Shayne Gipson led the league with 69 stolen bases.





Freshman designated hitter Tiffany Budd (17) watches a pitch sail high across the plate in a game against Paris (Texas) Junior College at the NEO diamond.

Photo by Monty Franks

Sophomore rightfielder Cyndee Ross (13) loos up to find a signal from the third base coach as she rounds second base in a game against Paris (Texas) Junior College.

Photo by Monty Franks



y Norse head coach Eric Iverson talks with hitter Crissy Strimple (27) before the Allerican shortstop digs in the batters box in a game with Seminole State College at the) diamond. Strimple collected 32 extra base hits among her 94 total hits while also ording 27 stolen bases.

Photo by Monty Franks



Freshman hurler Ashley Patrick (8) puts everything she has into a pitch against Eastern Oklahoma College at the NEO diamond.

First base coach Brian Potoshnik (3) relays some information to freshman outfielder Kevin Turnbill (14) after he collected a base hit in a game with Northern Oklahoma College. Photo by Monty Franks

Second baseman Mike Coe, a freshman from Alberta, Canada, watches a pitch sink low for a ball in the first game of a Bi-State Athletic Conference game with Northern Oklahoma College at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Monty Franks







Photo by Monty Franks

Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College first baseman Ryan Gladson gets back to the bag ah of the tag by Golden Norse first baseman freshman Rory Coppinger. The Golden Norse fered a double-header sweep 3-2 and 6-2 by the Greyhounds at Homa Thomas Field. Photo by Monty Fra

-Conference shortstop Beau Blacken) watches a pitch from Northern lahoma College hurler Mike Whiter in a game at Homa Thomas Field. *Photo by Monty Franks*



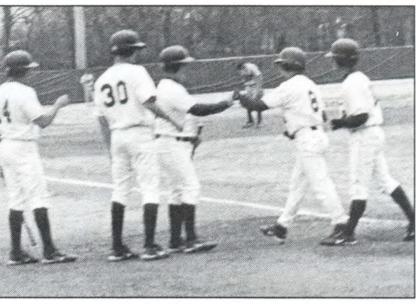
Golden Norse baseball

Following an upset of topseeded Connors State College, 7-6, in the first round of the Region II Tournament at Fort Smith, Ark., the Golden Norsemen defeated Rose State 9-1 before losing to Eastern Oklahoma College by a 3-1 margin in the winner's bracket finals.

Coach Roger Ward's Norsemen dropped a hard-fought 7-6 decision to Seminole State College in 10 innings of the loser's bracket finals.

With the loss the sixth seeded Golden Norsemen concluded the season with a 30-30 overall record.

Sophomores Hal Bisnett and Beau Blacken along with freshman Robert Cooke represented the Norsemen on the All-Region II team.





Freshman leftfielder Robert Cooke (8) receives a knuckle-knock from teammates following a home run against Rose State College at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Monty Franks

First base coach Don Stopa (33) tells base runner Hal Bisnett (32) to get a bigger lead in the game against Connors State at the Region II Tournament in Fort Smith, Ark.

Photo by Monty Franks



homore Hal Bisnett (32) receives congratulations from teaminates Beau Blacken (13), e Griffin and Dan Hillinger (26) after hitting a three-run home run in a game with the ders of Rose State College at Homa Thomas Field. Bisnett earned All-Region II first team ors after hitting .364 with six doubles, nine home runs and 44 runs batted in. Photo by Monty Franks



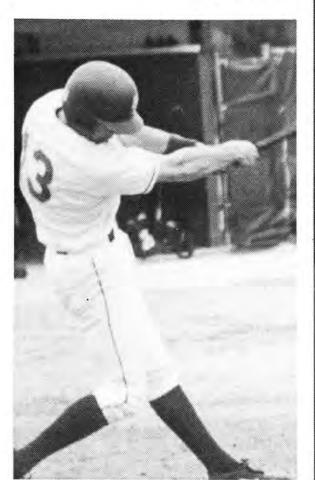
Freshman hurler Rory Coppinger (31) lets a fast ball go against Connors State College in the first round of the Region II Tournament in Fort Smith, Ark. Photo by Monty Franks

Despite a tag by Fort Scott (kan.) second baseman Victor Duke, All-Conference third baseman Hal Bisnett (32) is safe with a stolen base.

Photo by Monty Franks

All-Conference shortstop Beau Blacken (13) drills one of his 15 home runs on the season against Marshall Town, Iowa in a double-header played at Homa Thomas Field. Blacken also led the Norse with 59 runs batted in.

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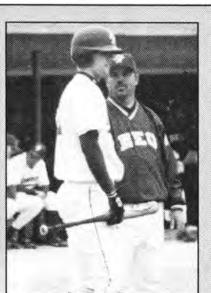




Head coach Roger Ward discusses a hitting situation with veteran Beau Blacken (13) during a pitching change in a game with Des Moines Area Community College at Homa Thomas Field.

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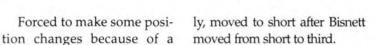


Veteran pitcher Brandon McBride attempts to pick off Fort Scott Community College b. runner Luke Kypan as Golden Norse first baseman Rory Coppinger takes the throw. T Norsemen dropped a non-conference double-header to the Greyhounds at Homa Thom Field. Photo by Monty Fran

splaying a sharp-breaking curve ball, hander Adam Ristau brings the ball :k across the plate against a Eastern lahoma College batter.

Photo by Monty Franks

infield, the Golden Norse used nine sophomores to bolster their lineup. All-conference shortstop Beau Blacken and third baseman Hal Bisnett led the team offensively even though both per playing out of position. Blacken, a catcher original-



nine return

Bisnett also led the team with five saves as a pitcher.

Other pitchers were lefthander Adam Ristau and righthander Brandon McBride.

Veteran infielders were Danny Langdon, Ray Vanderwal and Justin Willis.

Returning outfielders were Scott Sherry and Justin Small.





VETERANS CONTRIBUTE

Switch hitter Danny langdon of Blackwell, studies a pitch in a game with Iowa Western Community College at Homa Thomas Field to open the season.

lack of experience on the

Photo by Monty Franks

First base coach Don Stopa (33) tells pinch runner Scott Sherry (5) be smart running the bases during a timeout in a Region II playoff game with Connors State College.

Photo by Monty Franks



owing effort and determination on every pitch, sophomore lefthander Adam Ristau rows a strike in a game against the Bears of Des Moines Area Community College. Ristau ned the Golden Norsemen after spending his freshman season at New Mexico State tiversity.



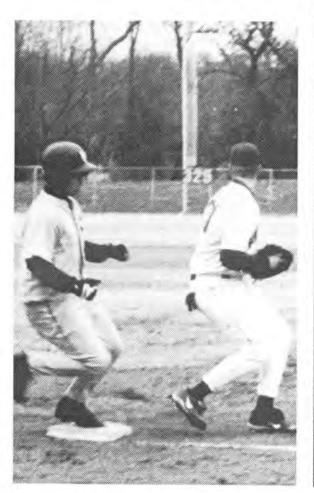
Taking a healthy cut at the plate is veteran infielder Ray Vanderwal (24) of Highland Ranch, Colo. Vanderwal also transferred from New Mexico State. *Photo by Monty Franks*

One of three Canadian players on the team, freshman righthander Rory Coppinger (31) lets loose a strike to a batter from Eastern Oklahoma College.

Photo by Monty Franks

Coppinger displays his versatility by recording an unassisted put-out on a ground ball to first by Tony Albaugh of Des Moines Area Community College in a game played at Homa Thomas Field.

Photo by Monty Franks







Freshman All-Conference performer Robert Cooke (8) hits a line drive to center for a single. Cooke hit a lofty .407 for the Golden Norse while starting in right field most of his first season.



Freshman catcher Nate Griffin (6) sets up outside for a pitch from freshman Danny Bean infielder Eric Miller pf Eastern Oklahoma College waits to take a cut. Bean posted a 3a earned run average in 20 innings of work as a freshman. Griffin hit .264 as the regular star ing catcher behind the plate. Photo by Monty Fran

? of the most used freshman on the den Norse staff was freshman rightder Matt Mangels (17) of Kansas 1, Mo.

Photo by Monty Franks

FRESHMEN EXCEL at every spot

Five freshmen hit over the .300 mark among the 21 firstyear players on the Golden Norse squad.

Outfielder Robert Cooke earned All-Conference recognition after leading the Norse with a .392 average. Cooke collected eight home runs and 37 RBI.

Alternating at first base were pitchers Dan Hillinger

and Rory Coppinger. Hillinger hit .388 in 26 games while Coppinger hit .381 in 18 contests.

Catcher Nate Griffin turned in a .358 average in 53 games while infielder Jeremy Beach hit .317 in 38 games.

Outfielder Mike Coe finished with a .299 batting average in 36 games.

Coppinger paced the pitching staff with a 7-2 record.





Sliding in safe with his 13th stolen base ahead of a tag by Des Moines Area Community College shortstop Chris Lambader is freshman outfielder Aaron Karnofski (4). Photo by Monty Franks Freshman shortstop Jeremy Beach applies a tag on Justin Sarvis (33) of Des Moines Area Community College at teammates Hal Bisnett (32) and Bobby Dolan (21) provide backup.



tting ready to throw a slider, freshman lefthander Greg Winterhalter releases a pitch in a ne against Des Moines Area Community College. Winterhalter appeared in six games 1 pitched 8.2 innings. He allowed 13 hits and nine earned runs while compiling a 1-3 erall record.

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First base coach Brian Potoshnik (3) tries to make a point to pinch runner R.C. Lee (30) during a game with Northern Oklahoma College. Photo by Monty Franks

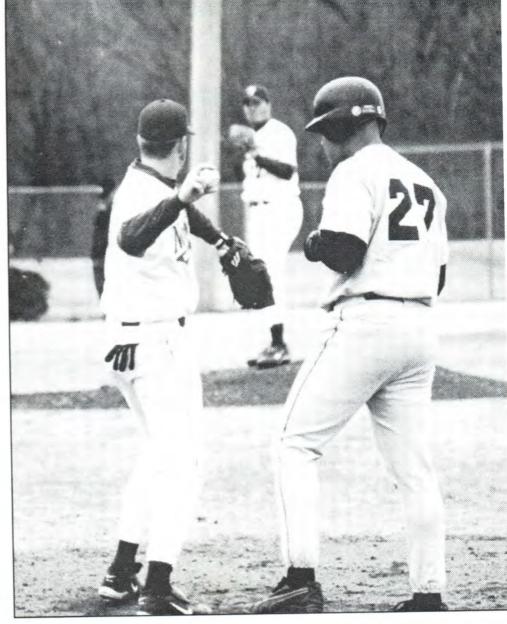
Playing catch with teammate Matt Mangels, first baseman Rory Coppinger (31) returns the ball after an attempted pick-off play failed.

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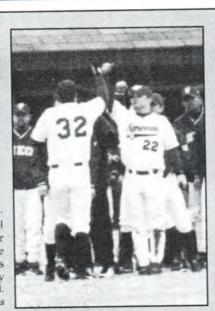
All-Conference shortstop Beau Blacken (13) hesitates for a moment and admires one of his team-leading 16 home runs he hit during the regular season. Blacken also led the team with 78 runs batted in.

Photo by Monty Franks





Veteran infielder Danny Langdon (22) gives teammate Hal Bisnett (32) a high-five after Bisnett hit a three-run home run during a game with Des Moines Area Community College at Homa Thomas Field. Photo by Monty Franks





Sophomore second baseman Ray Vanderwal (24) makes the put-out on a sacrifice bunt David Parsons of the Des Moines Area Community College Bears during a game at Ho Thomas Field. Vanderwal appeared in 30 games in his only season at NEO.

shman outfielder Robert Cooke (8) es back into third base after an empted pick-off play by Des Moines ea Community College.

Photo by Monty Franks

HIGHS AND LOWS *finish at .500*

Despite entering the Region II post-season Tournament with a 28-28 record, the Golden Norse advanced to the loser's bracket finals and finished with a 30-30 record.

After winning three-out-offour in the season opener with Iowa Western at Homa Thomas Field, the Norsemen lost 11 of the next 13 games to slip to 5-11 on the year. Solid pitching and timely hitting allowed the Norsemen to win 14 of the next 16 games and build a 19-13 mark.

During the final two weeks of the regular season the Golden Norsemen won nine of 23 games.

As a team the Golden Norse hit .312 with 136 extra base hits out of 510 total.





Second baseman Danny Langdon dives to try and catch an errant throw while Eastern Oklahoma's Tim Peterson (3) slides safely with a stolen base.

Photo by Monty Franks

Des Moines Area Community College second baseman Kirt Till tries to sneak in behind Golden Norse base runner Beau Blacken for a pick-off attempt play.

Photo by Monty Franks



bhomore outfielder Justin Small (15) beats out an infield hit that got past Des Moines a Community College pitcher Dustin Eisenbraum and first baseman Jay Barkenpas as Golden Norsemen swept a non-conference double-header 13-0 and 17-13 over the Bears Homa Thomas Field.



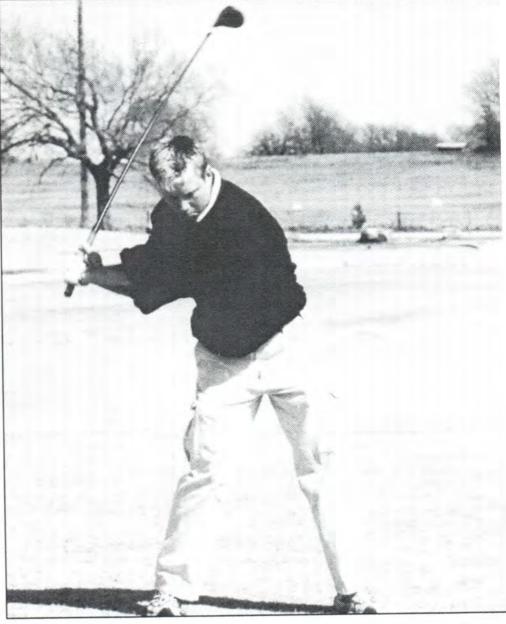
Concentrating as the pitch crosses the plate, sophomore infielder Justin Willis (23) looks for a pitch that he can drive for a base hit. Photo by Monty Franks

Eric Hill, a freshman from Carthage, Mo., hits a drive off the first tee to open a dual match with Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College at Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Photo by Monty Franks

Taking advantage of a fairway wood on a long par five at Peoria Ridge Golf Course, freshman Jordan Whitford of Nowata helped the Golden Norsemen defeat Coffeyville Community College in a dual match.

Photo by Monty Franks









Seven members of the Golden Norse golf team pause with head coach John Lomax (left) ar assistant coach Chester Campbell (right) before beginning competition in the Northeaster A&M Invitational Tournament at Peoria Ridge Golf Course.

Photo by Monty Frank

Golden Norse head coach John Lomax (left) discusses the layout of the Peoria Ridge Golf Course with a visiting coach during the Northeastern A&M Invitational Tournament held in March.

Aembers of the Golden Norse team vait to see where they tee off as host eam of the Northeastern A&M nvitational Tournament. Photo by Monty Franks

GOLDEN NORSE GOLF win dual



Opening the season with a win over arch-rival Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, the Golden Norseman golf team also hosted a tournament during the year.

Freshman Eric Hill shot a 76 to lead the Golden Norse to a 311-318 victory over the 23rd-ranked Red Ravens in an 18-hole dual match

Another freshman, Jordan Whitford of Nowata, finished

with a 77 score against Coffeyville.

The Golden Norsemen finished fifth in the NEO Invitational Tournament.

Members of the team were Hill; Whitford; Danny Taylor of Davenport; Phillip Braddy, Broken Bow; Josh Sohosky, Carl Junction, Mo.; Bryan Meador, Noel, Mo.; Ryan Wise, Owasso, and Josh Harris, Comanche.



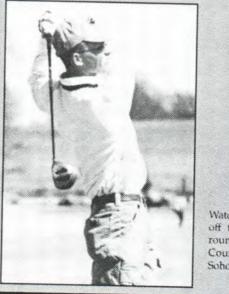


Two members of the Peoria Ridge Golf Course staff hold a drawing to determine the starting positions of the 11 teams that competed in the Northeastern A&M Invitational. Photo by Monty Franks

Golden Norse head coach John Lomax (center) presents Lyle Long (right) and Missouri Southern coach Larry Clay, the medalist trophy for the NEO Invitational Tournament Photo by Monty Franks



ophomore Danny Taylor of Davenport gets in some work with his woods on the practice nge at Peoria Ridge Golf Course before starting a practice round. Taylor shot a four-overar 76 to lead the Golden Norsemen in a dual match with the Lions of Missouri Southern ate College in Joplin, Mo.

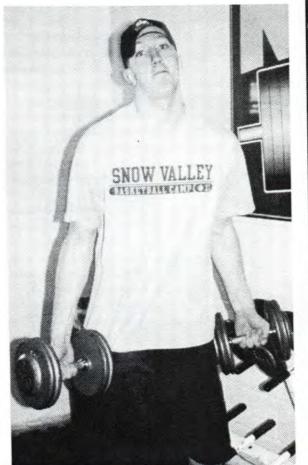


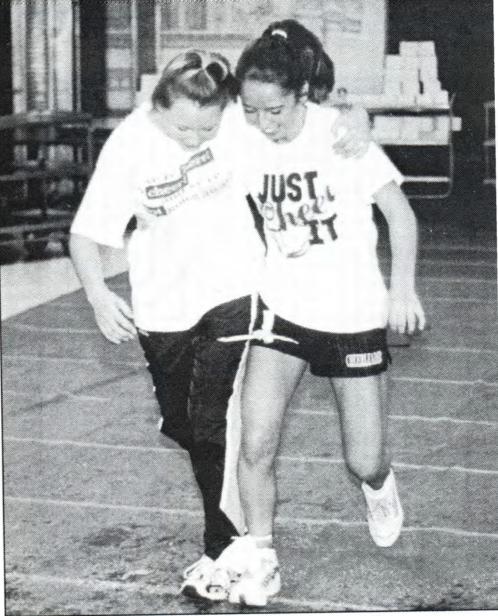
Watching the flight of the ball off the tee during a practice. round at Peoria Ridge Golf Course is freshman Josh Sohosky of Carl Junction, Mo. Photo by Monty Franks

Two coeds participate in the three-legged race which was part of the Wacky Games held during the fall semester and sponsored by the Student Activities Association. Photo by Danielle Boyd

Mike Carlyle, a freshman from Los Angeles, Calif., works out in the college weight room located in the east side of the NEO Fieldhouse. The intramural sports program offered students a wide variety of activities.

Photo by Danielle Boyd









Taking advantage of several key blocks, a running back with the Vann Hall Misfits tries circle the end during an intramural flag football game held on the intramural fields locat just east of the Health Sciences building.

Photo by Daniel Bo

Jason Byars, a freshman from Owasso, rolls out to find an open receiver during an intra-mural flag football game. Nine teams participated in the league held during the fall semester.

Photo by Danielle Boyd

ldie Harry (left), a sophomore from iami, defeated freshman Dustin rober, Ava, Mo., for the intramural ol singles championship. Photo by Monty Franks





INTRAMURAL SPORTS *several events*

Under the direction of Student Activities director Jon Stelle, the college intramural sports program featured numerous events for the student body throughout the school year.

The intramural program began with the annual Wacky Games during the second week of the fall semester. Heavy rains forced the activities to move into the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. More than 250 students participated in the games.

Nine teams took part in the three-week intramural flag football season. The Kukumungakillers won the title.

Twelve teams participated in the bowling league while seven men's teams and five women's teams played intramural basketball.

Nine teams played in the two softball leagues.



The Dirty Dawgs captured the men's title of the intramural softball tournament with a 17-7 win over B.J.'s Team in the tournament championship game.

Photo by Jon Stelle

With only one loss during the regular season, the Kukumungakillers defeated 3rd Ward G's 39-38 to advance to the intramural flag football title game against Stunnaz.

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mbers of the Stunnaz flag football team pose after finishing second in the annual intraral flag football league. The Stunnaz's finished the regular season with a 6-2 record. After eating the Bulldogs 21-12 in the post-season tournament semifinals, the Stunnaz dropa hard-fought 34-33 decision to Kukumungakillers in the title game.

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Student Activities director Jon Stelle enjoys some food after coordinating events during the annual Wacky Games. Wet grounds forced the event inside. *Photo by Danielle Boyd*







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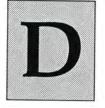


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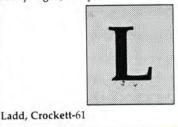
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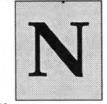


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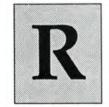


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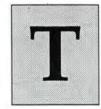


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Graduates flip their tassels to signify the end of the graduation ceremony and the beginning of the next phase in the education process.

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GOLDEN NORSE CHEERLEADERS



Julie Layman, a freshman from Farmington, Ark., goes high into the air to create some school spirit at a football game. Members of both the Golden Norse Cheerleading squad and the Norse Stars gather around the statue of Odin.





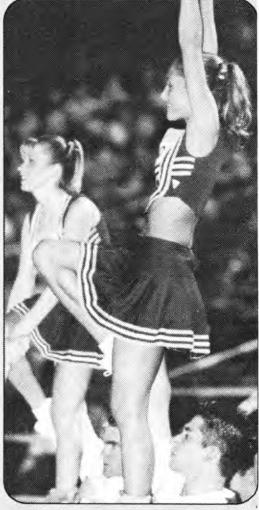
The members of the Golden Norse Cheerleading quad pass out candy while walking the parade route turing homecoming.



These five members of the cheerleading squad discuss the chants and yells they will use before the start of a football game.



The Golden Norse Cheerleading squad performs a high-risk manuever during a halftime skit of a Golden vorseman football game at Robertson Field. The squad, under the direction of Christy Olsen, performed on the idelines and at halftime of both football and basketball games.



Two members of the cheerleading squad are hoisted into the air during a skit along the sidelines at Robertson Field.

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