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VISTA Visits For Recruiting

Recruiters will be on the Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College campus on Feb. 24, according to Ken MacKenzie, an assistant field director for VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America).

MacKenzie said that VISTA has adopted a new, accelerated policy for students who have received their bachelor's degree or expect to receive it this year. "Our recruiters will now invite qualified students to training programs while we are on campus," he said.

The projects are located in urban slums, rural areas, Indian reservations, migrant camps, Job Corps centers and mental hospitals. VISTA trainees may express a preference for location and type of assignment.

The volunteers train intensively for six weeks and serve for one year. They receive a monthly allowance to cover basic living expenses. At the end of service they receive a stipend of \$50 for each month served.



NUMBER ONE LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM at Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth was from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M college. Team members and coach include (left to right) front row: Ray Rice, Chouteau; Junior Barnes,

Southwest City, Mo.; Joe Woodrow, Sarcozie, Mo.; Mike Steckel, Taylor, Neb.; back row: Bill Able, NEO agriculture instructor; Tom Siles, Okmulgee; Dillard Ungeheuer, Centerville, Kan.; Mike Elliott, Anadarko; and William Rouse, Neb.

"The Rope Dancers" Production Slated

By SUSAN WEEKS

"President, President Rutherford Hayes — Grew a beard in 28 days — Shaved it off to grow another — Made a pillow for his mother." This is the improvised chant which dominates the mind of a young girl as she skips rope off-and-on during the course of a story of darkness without light.

The girl is Lizzie. The story is "The Rope Dancers," NEO drama department's forthcoming production, to be directed by David Forman, humanities and speech instructor. NEO's third production of the season, to be presented Feb. 15-18 at 8:00 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Businessmen Speak to Thirty NEO Students

"How to get a job with a future" was the topic of a seminar presented at Northeastern A&M Wednesday, Jan. 25 by four members of Tulsa's Young Presidents' Organization.

Moderator of the seminar attended by some 30 students was Walter H. Helmerich III, president of Helmerich & Payne Inc. of Tulsa. Panel members were H. E. Hanna, president of Hanna Lumber Co., Inc.; Stephen J. Jatrass, of the Telex Corp., and Bob Patterson, president of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Tulsa.

The YPO is composed of persons who became president of their own companies with assets of over a million dollars before they reached the age of 35.

drastically departs from the mood of the previous two plays — turning to deep-seated inner conflicts rather than superficial blitheness.

Playwright Morton Wishengrad's first play, a 1937 Broadway success, occurs at the turn of the century in a New York tenement district. Focal point of the marriage parable is a cheerless Irish family — particularly the proud, self-tortured mother who believes she is being punished by the wrath of God for having conceived her daughter in sin. Her God is a God of inhabitation, of punishment, and of hate; her God has prescribed punishment as manifested in the sixth finger of her daughter's left hand.

Wishengrad's title refers to the "tightrope walker who fell to his death and was extolled above others by Zarathustra because he had lived dangerously" — and quite befits Wishengrad's characters as their furies and rages end in the ultimate tragedy of the child's death; the tragedy results in the realization of their errors; the realization results in the hope of rehabilitation.

A distinguished cast — including Joan Blondell, Art Carney, and Theodore Bikel — highlighted the 1937 production. The 1937 production will be highlighted by NEO's own noteworthy cast, which includes: Yolanda Goss, William Herbert, Theresa Helminghausen, Sue Wiedeman, Lucinda Malocay, Randy Kirtley, Phil Stevens, Jim Morrison, and Ron Russell.

Faculty Holds Annual Recital

Martha Irwin, soprano, Northeastern A&M instructor in vocal music, was the featured artist in NEO's first annual faculty recital Jan. 29.

Pianist Duane Lash, sophomore music major at Kansas State College of Pittsburg, and cellist David Cope, KSC instructor in cello and theory, assisted Mrs. Irwin.

Highlighting the afternoon program were "Alma mia" (Handel), "Der Gang zum Liebeschen" (Brahms), and "La Maja Dolorosa" (Granados); and "Pour le Piano" (Debussy). A graduate of Wichita State University, Mrs. Irwin is a candidate for an MS degree in voice from KSC this month.

Aggie Judging Team Wins at Fort Worth

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M's Livestock Judging team won first place in beef cattle and swine judging and third in sheep to win the top trophy, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth.

The Miami college team scored 1990 points in sweeping past 17 other colleges from six states. Tarleton State of Stephenville, Texas, came in second with a total of 1925 points.

Mike Steckel, Taylor, Nebraska, won honors as the high scoring individual of the contest. The second semester freshman had shown the Grand Champion Steer at Denver two weeks earlier. It was his second straight year to show a Grand Champion at the National West-

ern Stock Show, a record. Dillard Ungeheuer, honor student from Centerville, Kansas, was high scoring individual in swine and beef cattle and third overall. He also was top man in presenting oral reasons.

Another NEO team member, Tom Siles of Okmulgee, scored high in sheep and placed fourth overall. Coach of the team is Bill Able, Animal Science instructor at Northeastern A&M, who was a member of the local team in 1939 at which time he won high honors in the Fort Worth contest.

Nurses Receive Ten Diplomas

Ten women completing the licensed practical nursing course at Northeastern A & M were awarded certificates of graduation Tuesday, Jan. 17 in ceremonies in the Little Theater.

Dr. Cecil C. Ferris, dean of instruction, delivered the commencement address and Adelaide Blandin, coordinator - instructor of the college program, presented the diplomas.

Members of the graduating group included Mary Laymon, Miami; Peggy Conrad, Claremore; Betty Shipley, Miami; Carol Brown, Bluejacket; Judy Barber, Shreveport, La.; Betty Foster, Claremore; Helen Grimes, Afton; Joanna Russell, Chelsea; Dorothea Smith, Commerce, and Laura Downum, Miami.

BULLETIN

Pitsenbarger Heads NEO Student Senate

Derry Pitsenbarger, Redfield, Iowa sophomore, was elected President of Northeastern A&M's Student Senate in elections held yesterday in the NEO fieldhouse.

Other Student Senate positions filled during the election were Wallingford, Connecticut sophomore Pete Gallino, vice-president; Nowata sophomore Willie Tidwell, representative-at-large; Whitman, Nebraska freshman Vic Gentry, representative-at-large; and Miami freshman Sandy Sherard, secretary.

EDITORIAL

All is fair on the sports scene. The Golden Norse football team ended the 1966 gridiron season with a glossy 8-1-1 win-loss record and the NEO roundballers are at the moment sporting an impressive 11-4 record.

Yes all is fair, but what will become of the two spring sports at NEO, baseball and track? It is common knowledge that football is the bread and butter of college athletics followed closely by basketball. There is definitely more money and national prominence for a college in these two sports, but what of baseball and track?

At NEO baseball and track seem to be just two added attractions to take up the slack left by absence on the gridiron and hardwood. During fall and winter sports, pep rallies and advertisement in the student union promote student interest and spirit, but what of baseball and track? During the 1965-66 school year only a handful of fans attended home track meets and baseball games. Most of these fans were immediate friends of the participants. No pep rallies were organized nor were there any signs in the student union. No cheerleaders attended in order to inspire the crowd or the athletes.

Most football and basketball players attend NEO on athletic scholarships, but what of track and baseball? A few baseball scholarships are available, but those are moneyless half scholarships where a job is found for you paying enough to cover room and board. There was only one track scholarship given this year. The only reward for participation is an "O" Club letter jacket given if the person wins or places in a certain number of events.

Although there are several splendid track prospects available, at the moment the outlook for a track team at NEO is doubtful. NEO is famous for its track teams, although it is hampered for facilities and a staff. We can see its success by a look at the track record through the years. NEO won the Oklahoma Jr. College State championship in 1962-65, the Region II championship in 1962-1965 and the 800 and 440 yard relay in the 1963 SMS Relays.

Although baseball at NEO is getting to be a sport without a college, baseball outranks all other sports by far in successfulness. Ever since baseball came into existence at NEO, the Norse dominated the National Jr. College baseball scene to the tune of 313 wins and 86 losses. From 1958-1963 NEO won 13 straight state baseball championships. NEO baseballers advanced to the Nationals in 1958-1961. In three of those years, 1958, 1959, and 1960, the Norse advanced to the finals only to be beaten in the late innings.

For many years the main question at NEO has been "Is NEO just a one sport school?" (Football). From the looks of things at the present time it is not becoming a one sport college but a two sport one consisting of football and basketball. The problem is that there are four sports at NEO with baseball and track not gaining the recognition that they deserve. The Norse Wind is trying to remedy this by recognizing outstanding track and baseball individuals with the "Norse Wind Dragon" trophy in stature and importance with the trophies given to football and basketball stars.

We, the Norse Wind staff, are trying our best to equalize the sports scene, but we cannot do it alone. We must acquire student understanding and support. Through our combined efforts and support we can show that we do recognize these teams as a representative not only of NEO but of the student body as well.

Support can be shown by planned pep rallies, cheerleader attendance, and student body attendance. Pep rallies should be held before each home track meet and each home baseball game as is done during football season. If these things aren't done this year, track and baseball might sink from the sports scene at NEO until they are completely abandoned as tennis has been. Do you want that to happen?

Press Club Selects New Spring Officers

Officers for the second semester were chosen by members of Northeastern A&M's Press club during January. David Taylor, Bartlesville sophomore and editor of the Norse Wind, was elected president.

Bill Mahoney, Tulsa freshman, was selected vice president and Susan Weeks, Miami freshman, was named secretary. Among the first duties of the new officers is planning activities for the annual Press Day sponsored by the college journalism department. The yearly affair, scheduled for April 7, attracts high school newspaper and yearbook staffers from four states.

Civil Service Exam Offers Opportunity

Junior college students expecting to graduate this spring now have a new opportunity to qualify for civil service jobs if they act before Feb. 20.

The Civil Service Commission has announced the new Junior Federal Assistant Examination, which is specifically aimed at junior college graduates and at those with combinations of education and experience equivalent to two years of college. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 20.

The new examination is de-

signed to fill Federal career positions of a subprofessional, technical, or administrative nature at the GS-4 level, starting at \$92 a week. The jobs will be filled throughout the Government, some in Washington, D.C., and many outside of Washington.

Information about the Junior Federal Assistant Examination and how to apply may be obtained from many post offices, CSC regional offices and interagency boards of examiners, or the Civil Service Commission central office at 1900 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20415.

Applicants will be given a written test on Saturday, March 25. Junior college students who are still in school but expect to graduate within 9 months of the test are encouraged to apply, but they cannot be hired until the educational requirements are completed.

Young people of high potential are being sought through this examination to provide support and technical assistance in the important and interesting work of government in a modern world -- in such fields as economics, personnel administration, writing, automatic data processing, finance, accounting, law, library, statistics, supply, and transportation.

This examination does not apply to Federal jobs in the fields of science and engineering. Persons who apply for the Junior Federal Assistant Examination must have 2 years of college or 2 years of work experience of a type suitable to prepare them for positions covered by the examination. Combinations of experience and education will also be considered qualifying.

Honor Roll

Perfect grades were recorded by 28 students at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M for the fall semester 1966-67, according to Dr. Bruce G. Carter, college president. To qualify for the President's Honor Roll a student must make no grade less than an "A" in 14 or more solid hours.

Miami led the list with seven residents. They were Kent Alan Brown, Susan Graham Chesnut, Cassie LaRue Gaines, Marcella D. McGee, Dorothy Marie McKinney, Sandra Kay Sheard and Susan Ann Weeks.

Others on the list and their hometowns include Arthur Wayne Anderson, Seneca, Mo.; Willard Hudy Bowlin, Jr., Commerce; Hazel Beason, Picher; Marilyn Joyce Davis, Blue Jacket; Ronald Dean Duffield, Spavinaw; Mary Alene Henson, Vinita; Betty Marie Karnes, Dorthat; Harold Franklin Mammern, Lockwood, Mo.; Arley Eugene McIntire, Broken Arrow; Paula Means, Big Cabin; Karen Ruth Mitchell, Afton; Linda Jean Pierce, Commerce; Ali Asghar Ramezani, Tehran, Iran; Deloris Jean Ramsey, Colcord; Gary Wade Rogers, Welch; Benny Edward Simson, Seneca, Mo.; Connie Louise Skages, Quapaw; Tommy Burton Taul, Baldwin, Kan.; Larry Don Winkle, Marionville, Mo.; Gary Ramsey Young, Tulsa, and Neila J. Young, Seneca, Mo.

There were 34 Miami residents listed on the Dean's Honor roll, having made a "B" or better average for the semester.

The Miamians were Clifford LeRoy Blazer, Michael Ray Costney, Charlotte Sue Ellis, Marilyn Dean Gladden, Thomas Joe Jones, Stanley Glenn Mays, Sally Jo Morrison, Jack Gilbert Nichols, Margie Carter Nickerson, Martha Jean Sapp, Terry Rosalie Smoot, William Ray Anderson, Walter Duane Benbrook, David Lee Cook, Mary Christine Hammond, Ralph Livingston Naylor, Letisha Isabelle Stapp, Jo Ann Walkup, Linda Faye Grisson, Weldon Ralph Hill, Lou Ann Mieka, Debra Ann Nichols, David Ables, James Neil Cline, Charles David Cooksey, Larry M. Irwin, Gary Kent Koterber, Walker Leon Laysman, Bruce Wesley McAllister, Mary Elizabeth Moreland, Jo Ann Myers, David Ritchie Parker and Karla Kay Zordell.

Others on the Dean's list and their hometowns include Darrel Lee Ratchel, Minco; David Akhavi, Shiraz, Iran; David Paul Campbell, Claremore; Leslie Ray Conner, Broken Arrow; Sarah Lee Helm, Seneca, Mo.; Aref Najib Hijaz, Bakkefa Lebanon; David Lee Hoicombe, Mayesville, Ark.; Terry Alan Nixon, Tulsa; Danny Earl Novak, Bartlesville; Ann Rae Roller, Mounds; Clydette Marie Stillee, Anderson, Mo.; Lee Allen Williams, Oklahoma City; Mary Loretta Bryant, Wyandotte; Lawrence Milton Clark, Vinita; Linda Cheryl Manning, Grove; Stanley Bruce McConnell, Wyandotte; Laura Lee Means, Big Cabin; Linda Florence Boston, Pryor; Lonnie Jay Butler, Tulsa; James Calvin Chapman, Sapulpa; Suzanne Dyer, Vinita; Yousef Halavi, Tehran, Iran; Joyce Kaye Hendren, Centralia; Janet Carol Jones, Coffeyville, Kan.; Janet Diane Kidwell, Seneca, Mo.; Jimmie Nell Kilgore, Pryor; Glenda Ann Long, Sand Springs; Lynda Sue Miller, Picher; Yousef Neman - Ebrahim, Shiraz, Iran; James Alan Rubush, Gary, Ind.; William Henry Schaefer, Fairland; Beverly Tiger, Mounds; Dillard Lynn Ungebauer, Centerville, Kan.; Cecil Lee Allison, Welch; Rhonda Jean Bassoe, Vinita; Carol Marie Burnside, Blue Jacket; Roddy Mark Deen, Ovasso; Dorothy Jean Farris, Tulsa; Welson Roy Gannaway, Lubbock, Texas; Paula Jean Garza, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Donald Lar Inman, Allamore; Ann Lorene McKee, Wyandotte; Kenneth Donald Nash, Collinsville; Catherine Shipman, Afton; Billy Wayne Turner, Rose; Mary Sue Wiedemann, Broken Arrow; and Phillip Gerald Williams, Duncan.

Dan Shepard, freshman from Henryetta, Oklahoma was seriously injured Jan. 25 in Russell Hall when he reportedly fell as the chair he was sitting in slipped from under him. Shepard was taken to Miami Baptist hospital, and was immediately transferred to Joplin because of lack of facilities. Shepard received a back and a compound fracture to his nose. He was unable to return to school until Jan. 31.

Methodists to Hear Gibson

Waymon Gibson, head of the zoology department at Northeastern A&M, will speak at the Wesley Foundation Student Center Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

"The Genetic Code -- Can Man Shape His Own Evolution?" will be the topic of Gibson's talk. The Rev. Hugo Johnson, director, said all students are invited to the Foundation.

Johnson also announced that a study group is being formed to get students more aware of contemporary theological trends and to understand how these relate to the revolutionary happenings in such disciplines as science, political science and the arts.

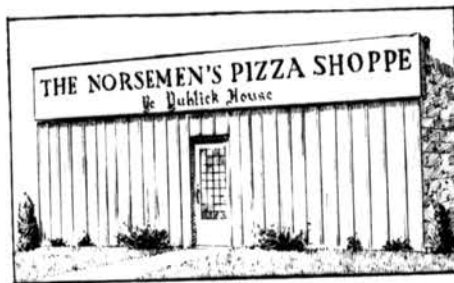
Student interested in attending The Ecumenical Institute Weekend at the University of Oklahoma Feb. 24-26 are asked to contact Rev. Johnson for more information. The institute, sponsored by the Oklahoma Methodist Student Movement State Conference, will study "Significant Involvement in our Civilization".

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McLain Mentor Heads NEO Gridiron Staff

Chuck Bowman, head football coach at Tulsa McLain high school for the past three years, was named to succeed S. A. (Red) Robertson as head football coach at Northeastern A & M.

The announcement concerning Bowman was made official at the Feb. 4 meeting of the State Board of Regents for A & M Colleges in Stillwater. The announcement followed NEO president Bruce G. Carter's recommendation of Bowman, which was made at an informal dinner held at the college Jan. 26.

Robertson, head coach and athletic director at Northeastern A & M since 1945, was approved at the meeting as an instructor at the Junior college.

Bowman's past coaching experience includes one year as assistant coach at Shawnee, five years as a Tulsa Central assistant, and his duties at McLain since 1964.

The new head coach was also an all-state tackle at Ponca

City during his high school years, and played line-backer under Bud Wilkinson at the University of Oklahoma. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1957 and his Master of Science degree in Education in 1958 at Oklahoma University.

Bowman, who is 31 years of age, is married and has two children. His wife is a graduate of Tulsa Central high school and Oklahoma State University.

Bowman, who prefers the type of offense used by the 1966 Norsemen, emphasized an interest in "wide open, spectator-pleasing" football.

John Hazleton, speech and drama instructor at Northeastern A&M, is directing the next Miami Little Theater production, "Harvey."

Cagers Fall to Cameron 76-68

Litling Northeastern A&M's high-scoring duo of Bill Hull and Gary Jones to a combined 13 points, the Cameron Aggies went on to down the Golden Norsemen, 76-68, in a Jan. 28 contest in Lawton.

Moshing close to 50% of its floor shots during the first half, Cameron erected a 40-28 bulge at intermission.

NEO connected on its first five shots from the field to gain a temporary 19-9 spread, but then missed nine consecutive attempts to fall behind 24-12, never to catch up again.

The Norsemen closed to within 8 points, 34-26, with 2:30 left in the first half, but could get no closer during the remainder of the contest.

The lead varied from 8-12 points during the first part of the second half. Then the Aggies opened up a 13-point spread, their biggest lead of the evening.

The last 13 point spread was at 69-56, when freshman guard Dave Lofton triggered a Norse comeback by scoring 10 of his team's last 12 points to construct the final 76-68 reading. Lofton highlighted the Norsemen attack with 18 points. He received double figure support from Ray Cooper and Terry Johnson, who meshed 16 and 11 points, respectively.

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NEO Roundballers Gain 3-2 Bi-State Record

Overcoming first half shooting problems, Northeastern A&M cagers blasted Westark junior college, 92-74, Jan. 21 at Fort Smith, Ark.

Ragged play was the order of the night as the roundballers of both teams committed numerous mental lapses through the first half. The Norsemen dropped behind 10-4 before Ray Cooper developed a sure touch and led a rally which netted the Miami squad a 14-12 edge. The Norse added to the lead

steadily and held a 48-33 margin at halftime.

Gary Jones paced the scoring with 29 points with Cooper netting 24 for his season high. Jones led in rebounds with 11, backed up by Terry Johnson with 8.

The victory over the Lions from Westark left the Norsemen with a record of 3-2 in Bi-State Conference play this season. The tiny crowd at Fort Smith reflected the 0-8 conference record of the Lions who stand 4-16 on the year.



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Cagers Romp Past Devils

Jumping off to a quick 9-2 lead, the Golden Norsemen led all the way in defeating Iola, Kans., 89-75, at the Miami Civic Center Jan. 14.

Bill Hull continued his hot shooting as he paced the charges of Coach Cletus Green with a total of 21 points. Backing up the 6-7 sophomore were Gary Jones with 17 tallies and Terry Johnson with 14 points.

Hull and Jones dominated the backboards, each hauling down 9 rebounds. The hustling defense put the pressure on the Red Devils from the opening tip-off as the Norse picked off passes at will for the first few minutes of play.

A dozen players saw action for NEO as the Kansans couldn't overcome the early lead. At halftime the fans relaxed with the Norse leading 47-39 as girls from Tulsa's Southside YWCA presented tumbling performances.

Cagers Go For League Title

The second-place Northeastern A & M basketball squad hopes to keep its chances alive of becoming the Bi-State Conference champs by winning the remainder of the scheduled conference games. This includes "must" wins over Okmulgee Tech twice, and highly-touted St. Gregory's once.

Help for the Norse five must come from the other conference teams who have remaining games with the league's only undefeated team, St. Gregory's of Shawnee.

NEO plays Okmulgee at home Feb. 14, and on the road March 4. St. Gregory's will travel to Miami on Feb. 21 for a game which could effect the conference standings.

Other non-conference games include re-matches against Cameron on March 2, here; Crocker of Neosho, Mo. on Feb. 9, here and Feb 25, there; and a trip to Kansas City to try and avenge last week's 83-82 loss to the "K." C.'s five here at Miami.

PUMPING IN A TWO-POINT-ER from the corner, Bill Hull adds to the Golden Norsemen victory column against the Westark Lions. The lanky sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind. has paced NEO scoring through most of the season.



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Norse Gain Revenge Over Bacone 69-58

In grabbing their third consecutive triumph, and upping their Bi-State record to 4-2, Coach Cletus Green's Golden Norsemen trounced the Bacone Warriors, 69-58, in a Jan. 26 encounter at the Miami Civic Center.

The victory revenged an earlier 120-118 setback that the Warriors handed NEO in Muskogee.

The Norse dropped behind the Warriors, 29-27, at the half after dissipating an early lead because of poor shooting and erratic ball-handling.

Having been staved off by Bacone's hustling zone defense during the first half, Green's charges cracked the Warriors wall after intermission with some deadly shooting and roll-in on an easy victory.

Paced by Bill Hull and Gary

Jones with 16 and 15 points, respectively, the Norsemen increased their season's record to an impressive 11-5 reading. Two of the losses were suffered at the hands of the No. 1 and No. 4 ranked teams in the nation, Moberly and Hutchinson.

In conquering the Warriors for the second time in three meetings this season, NEO held Bacone's high-scoring sensation, Jack Tudor, to a mere 11 points. He meshed 41 in the previous Bacone triumph.

Clair Tromsness, Northeastern A & M English instructor, was nominated for the annual Distinguished Service Award by the Miami Jaycees. Tromsness was nominated for his involvement in many civic affairs and his help in organizing The Toastmasters Club.



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Cagers Ambush OMA In Overtime 88-82

By KEN BROADS

After trailing the entire game, Coach Cletus Green's Golden Norsemen, led by David Lofton's clutch playing, silently ambushed the Cadets of Oklahoma Military Academy, 88-82, in sensational overtime action at the Miami Civic Center, Feb. 2.

The opening moments of the game baffled NEO fans as OMA dominated the game with fast break ball and key rebounding. Also, NEO couldn't handle the ball and missed 80% of their attempted shots to add to the first half tragedy. Late in the first half, NEO's Young came off the bench to hit several key shots to keep the Norse within striking distance at the half.

Slashing back furiously at the outset of the second half with Hull finding the shooting range, Jones dominated both boards. First Hull came alive finding the hoop easily. Then Gary Jones displayed enviable defense while Randy Sileox came off the bench to keep the Norsemen's sword slashing. But OMA was not to be denied the lead with their high scorer, Steve Little, dumping 21 points to stiffen OMA's threat.

OMA cautiously slowed the pace. This time Ray Cooper with 1:23 left in the game with NEO down by four points stole the ball, setting up a situation in which Jones produced a vital tip-in which was the turning point of the contest. The Norsemen then returned to their goal with only seconds remaining to watch Lofton sink a long "do or die" shot which tied the score at the final buzzer, 74-74. The blue and gold trap had finally sprung.

OMA morale dropped to a sudden low. In eager desperation to win, OMA goal tended twice which was fatal. Gary Jones had only two points the first half but kindled the fire which aroused Green's sleeping giants and spearheaded a sudden comeback crusade which raised the roof but dropped the Cadets 88-82 during over-time action. Jones finished high for the Norsemen with 20 points.

Rumors are the NEO faculty fannies intramural basketball team (Rucker and the boys) could show the Golden Norse cagers a thing or two.

Students are reminded that the last day to withdraw from a class is Friday, March 3.

Moberly Mops Up on Norse

Missing 80% from the field in the first half, the No. 2 ranked Moberly, Mo., Greyhounds vaulted to an early lead and then outran visiting Northeastern A & M 94-77. In a game played Jan. 14.

According to coach Cletus Green, the Norse failure on the boards, which saw the locals out-rebounded 55-38, proved to be a decisive factor in the outcome of this important game.

The Golden Norsemen battled the top-ranked Greyhounds on even terms during the second half, but the 32-34 deficit facing NEO at the half proved too disastrous to overcome.

Inaccuracy from the field kept the Norse chances at a minimum during the first half as the Miami cagers connected on only 12 of 40 floor shots, a miserable 30%. Meanwhile, the Greyhounds were stizzling the nets at a 35% clip, hitting on 21 of 38 attempts.

Gary Jones proved to be the only effective weapon in the NEO attack as he crammed in 20 points, including 8-9 from the charity stripe. The only other scorers in double figures for the Norse were Dave Lofton and Ray Cooper with 12 points each.

Sophomore returnee Barney Copeland paced the Moberly attack with 36 points and 21 rebounds.

Coach Maxwell Sees NEO Berth In National Baseball Finals

By DAVE CARLSON

Take a schedule of 27 games, mixing in several four-year schools and participation in a new separated regional tournament, add the ingredients of eight returning lettermen from last year's team, flavor with the bright freshmen prospects available, and the result is an exciting upcoming baseball season.

"We want to go to the nationals this year. We're not going to settle for second-place." Coach Bob Maxwell was referring to last year's Regional tournament at Ft. Smith, Ark. when NEO lost in a last round, last game contest to its arch-rival Cameron. The loss cost the baseballers a trip to Grand Junction, Colo., and a berth in the National Junior College Baseball Finals.

This year the tournament is divided, with half of last year's participants playing at Shawnee, and the other half at Ft. Smith. NEO will once again travel to Ft. Smith.

Feeling that starting practice too early in the gym causes staleness, Coach Maxwell scheduled Feb. 8 as opening day of practice. Pitchers and catchers are working out, with

the rest of the team reporting a week later on Feb. 15.

Coach Maxwell emphasized reporting in shape. He has assigned certain pre-practice habits which will aid each player.

Dave Marikham, Chris Hooper, Terry Nixon, Dennis Howard, all of Tulsa; Raymond Glover of Oklahoma City; David Carlson from Gary, Ind., and Tom Jones and Fred Lemons from Miami form the nucleus around which Coach Maxwell hopes to build a winning team.

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