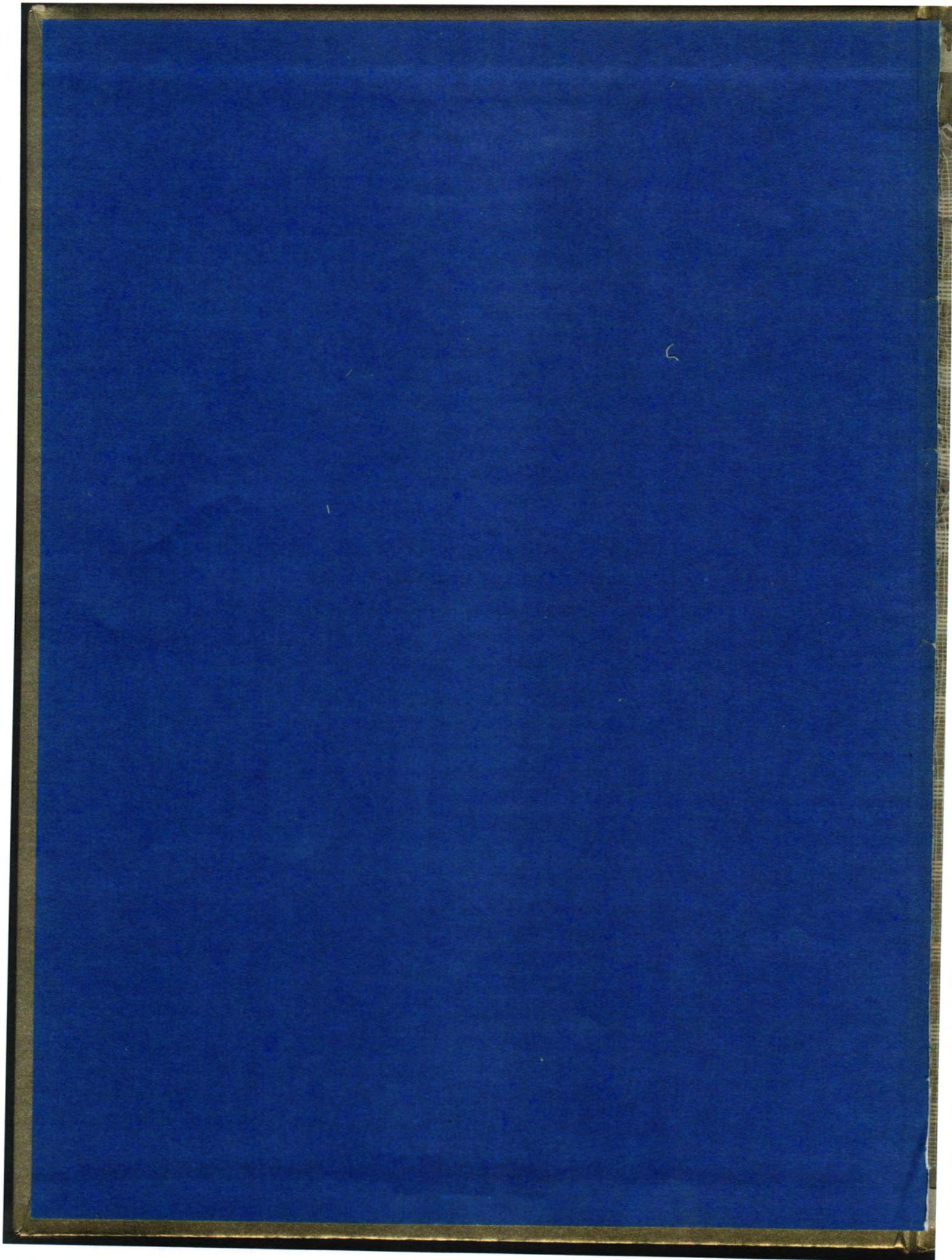


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New President



College president Dr. Glenn Mayle and his wife, Ethel, moved into the president's home to start 1998 as the new tenants made the trek from California to begin serving as the 14th president in NEO's history.

Dr. Glenn E. Mayle

President

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

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Dr. Glenn E. Mayle became the 14th president at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on Jan. 1 after being selected from a field of three finalists by the Regents for Oklahoma State University and A&M Colleges.

Prior to coming to NEO, Dr. Mayle served as president of Gavilan Community College at Gilroy, Calif., south of San Jose. "We were looking for a dynamic leader, who had a vision of what NEO is, and could be going into the next century. We felt Dr. Mayle best fit that bill, although all three candidates for the position were highly-qualified. It wasn't an easy choice," said Jerry Clark, chairman of the board of regents.

Dr. Mayle succeeded Dr. Jerry Carroll as president of NEO. Dr. Carroll resigned in 1993 after five years at NEO to become president of the Oklahoma State University campus in Oklahoma City.

Vice president of academic affairs, Dr.

James Lovell, served as interim president until the appointment of Dr. Mayle.

Prior to being named president of Gavilan College, Dr. Mayle served as president of Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario, Ore., and chief academic officer and dean of instruction at Arizona Western College, Yuma, Ariz.

Dr. Mayle holds a bachelor of science degree from Arizona State College, Flagstaff and a master of arts degree from Northern Arizona University. He earned a doctorate in educational administration from Northern Arizona University.

Dr. Mayle stated that he and his wife, Ethel, were familiar with the Miami area from previous travels, prompting his decision to apply for the vacant NEO position.

"We liked this area," he said. "I saw the college as an opportunity to continue developing the educational goals and standards I've set in my previous administrative experience."

In his resume, he cited a "shared governance" philosophy involving administration

and faculty at institutions where he has served.

"My goals are to arrive at joint proposals submitted by professionals who have mutual trust and respect for each other, and a desire to excel," he wrote.

"A shared governance system allows staff and student input in college decisions on all issues, including budgeting, curriculum, program review, staffing and grounds,"

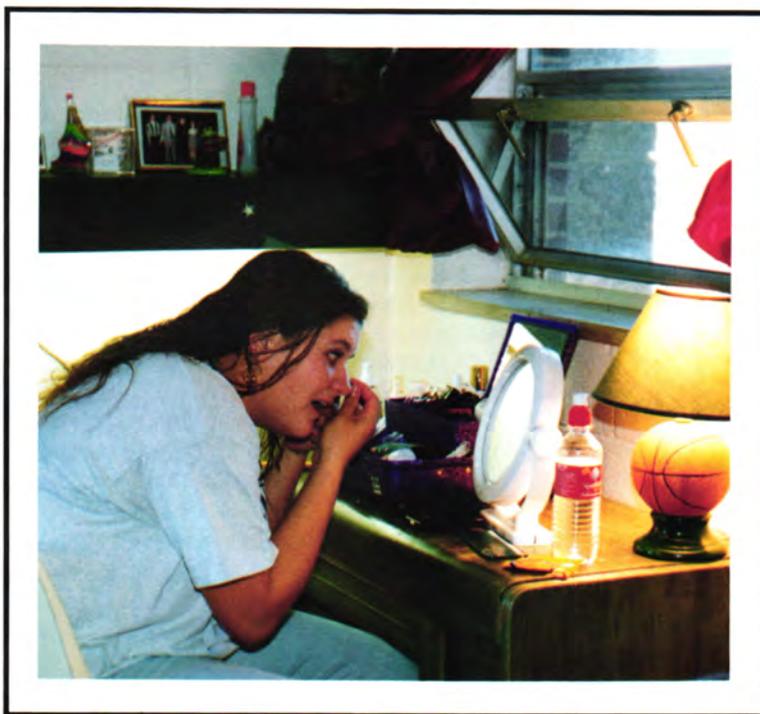
He stated that during his tenure at Gavilan College, the school emerged from a California economic recession "when enrollment and staff morale were at all-time lows" to a point at which the college is self sufficient and enrollment has increased by 14 percent in recent years.

"All community colleges, no matter what region of the country they're in, share the same challenges today of increasing academic standards, maintaining stable budgets and developing better community relations. We felt Dr. Mayle expresses a clear vision in all these areas regarding NEO," said regent Clark.

Waking Up IS Hard To Do

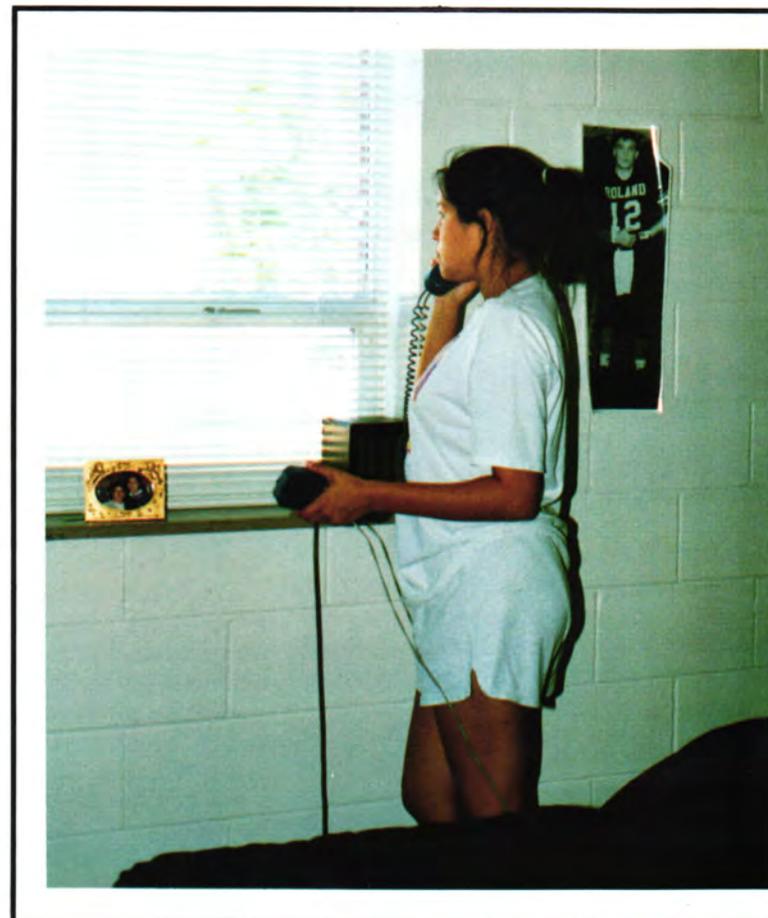
No matter whether your alarm is set on an awful squawk or your favorite radio station, the sound of an alarm clock going off usually reverberates down the halls every morning of all three floors of Harrill/Dobson dormitory. That makes it tempting for residents to hit the snooze button.

Freshman Demeka Richards of Tulsa makes sure every hair is in as she prepares to leave the rest at Dobson Hall and go to her first class each morning in a ritual that is formed by the more than 300 freshmen residents.



Detina Cheek, a sophomore from Hackett, Ark., applies the final touches at her desk in her dorm room at Dobson Hall as she prepares for an evening out on the town after working as a member of the college training staff and going to class during the day.

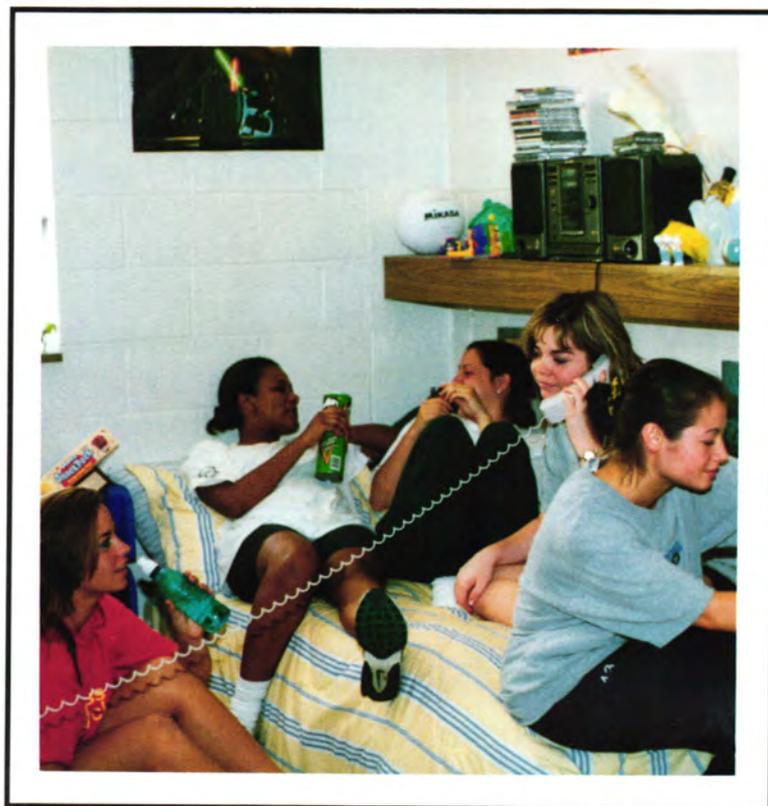
Making sure that she keeps in touch with her friends and family, freshman Kim Fox of Hominy gazes out the window of her dorm room as she carries on a long-distance conversation during a break between classes just before lunch.





Checking out her latest perfume purchase before trying out on a date is sophomore Elizabeth Gibson of Pryor. Gibson was a member of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity and represented the group as a Homecoming queen candidate.

Five coeds gather in a dormitory room for a variety of activities after a day of classes. The activities range from sampling beverages available in the refrigerator in the room to preparing a canned meal in a microwave and talking on the phone.



Angela Calwell, a freshman from Tulsa, works on applying her eye shadow and makeup as Kathy Dollins, a freshman from Shawnee, offers some support in the lighted dressing facility located in the Harrill-Dobson restroom areas.

CHECK-OUT

Residents of the six dormitories on campus main entertain visitors in the main lounges of the residence halls during specified visitation hours.

Lobbies may remain open longer with the permission of the head resident in each dorm.

Other residents and off-campus visitors are prohibited from visiting residence halls after closing hours. These hours are posted in the lobby of each dorm.



Looking for a card at the lobby desk as she prepares to check out of the dorm for the evening is sophomore Jennifer Hobbs of Thayer, Mo. All visitors to residence halls were required to register in the lobby before visiting a dorm resident.

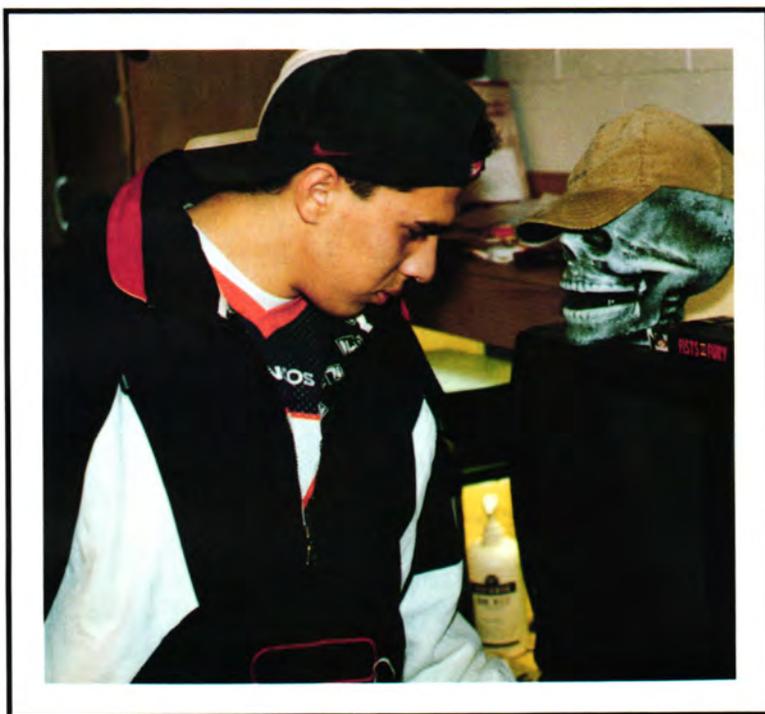
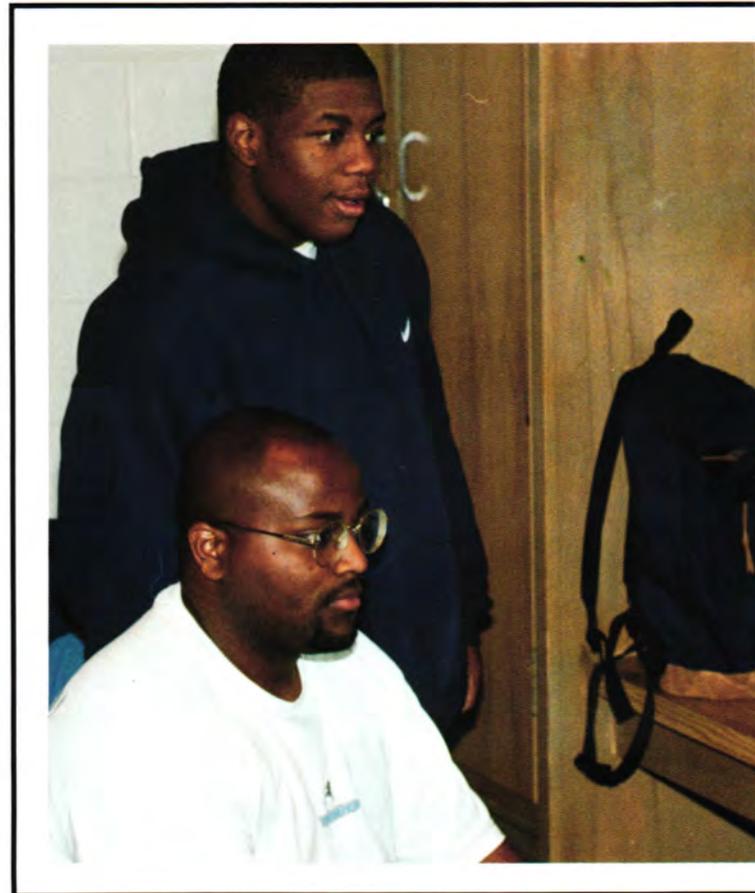
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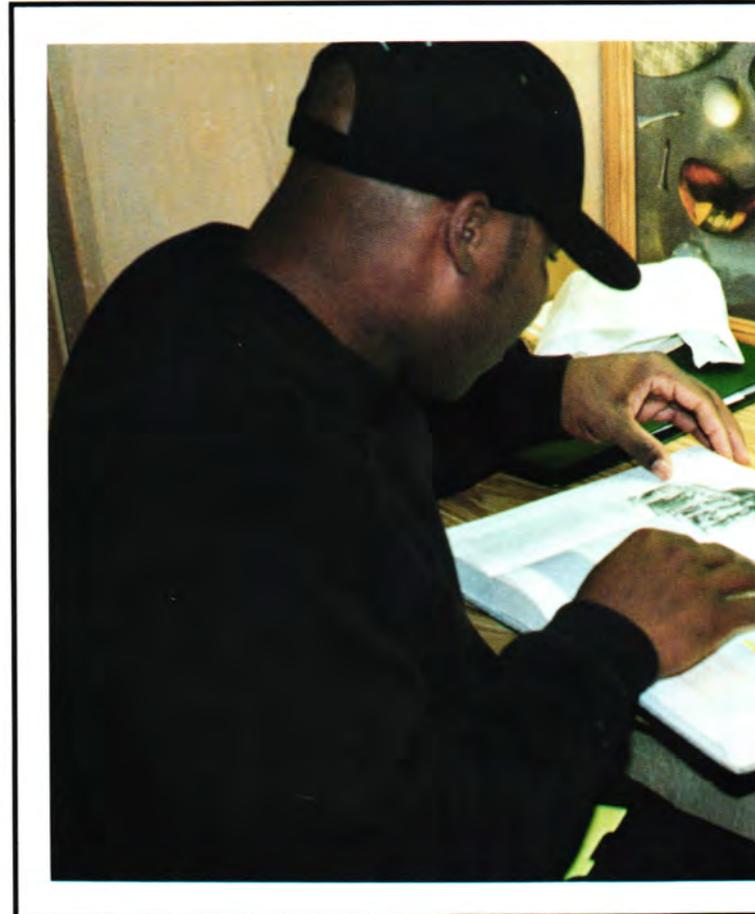
After a full day of classes, most of the 750 residents on campus spent their evenings in a variety of ways. Whether doing homework on their own personal computers, or engaging in a friendly game of dominoes or playing Super Nintendo, the nights were filled with being able to do what you wanted to do.

Two residents of Russell Hall challenge each other to a lively game of Super Nintendo 64 during leisure time in their dorm. More than 350 male students lived in Russell Hall, Vann Hall and Commons Hall during the fall semester. *Photo by Bill E.*



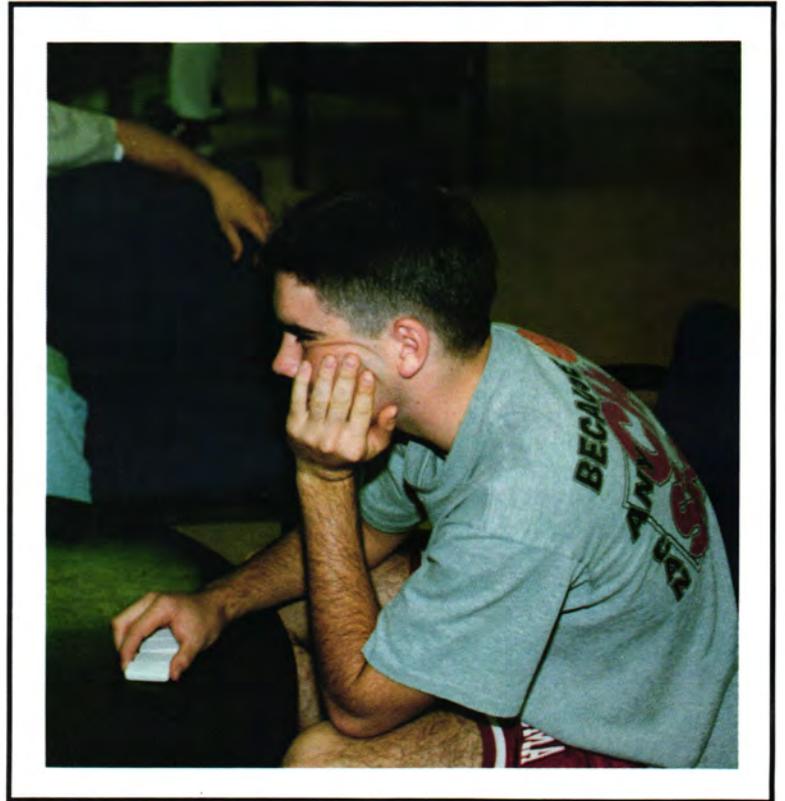
Turning on his stereo equipment after a hard day of classes is freshman Jason Bradshaw of Mountain Grove, Mo. Students were allowed to operate their own televisions and stereos as long as their entertainment could not be heard next door. *Photo by Bill Buoy*

Antonio Wells, a freshman from Oklahoma City, hits the books hard in his Russell Hall dorm room as he prepares for a career in engineering. Each dorm room featured a study desk for students to use at their own leisure. *Photo by Bill Buoy*



Making a call home to his family in Vinita is freshman Brian Griffith as he lounges on his bed in his Russell Hall dorm room. As a sign of progress in communications, many students on campus were equipped with their own cell phones. *Photo by Bill Buoy*

Deep in concentration and thought during a game of dominoes in the lobby of Commons Hall is freshman Sam Hedrick of Reeds Springs, Mo. Many students gathered in the lobby of each dorm to enjoy games or to watch television. *Photo by Bill Buoy*



GAME TIME



Featuring the largest residential campus among two-year colleges in the United States, many of the dormitory residents found unique ways of entertaining themselves once classes were over at the end of the day.

Along with various activities created by the Student Activities department, campus residents also had an opportunity to participate in a variety of intramural sports during the school year.

Trying to complete a term paper on his own personal computer in his Vann Hall dorm room is sophomore Travis Aldridge of Ozark, Mo. Students were allowed to bring their own computer system on campus for their personal use. *Photo by Bill Buoy*

Attempting to make a basket during a friendly game of beach basketball in his dorm room is freshman Jason Bradshaw of Mountain Grove, Mo. Along with studying, many students created their own kind of fun in the evenings. *Photo by Bill Buoy*

Tricks or Treats

One of the traditional activities that draws a lot of participation from the entire campus was the celebration of Halloween. Not only did the residence halls and several campus departments get involved with creative decorating, but the Student Activities department staged a Haunted Mansion in Kah-Ne-You-Ah dorm.

First-year student activities coordinator Hazel Miller flashes a bright smile as she uses her broom to prepare the Haunted Mansion for the night. The dorm is decorated with several decorated rooms (see page 10) for the night. Photo by DeLena Mincher.



A resident hall assistant prepares the bulletin board on the second floor of Dobson Hall to reflect the celebration of the Halloween holiday. All six residence halls, along with several campus areas decorated for the traditional holiday. Photo by DeLena Mincher

Zac Kellogg, a freshman from Hood River, Ore., tests the electric chair which was a popular attraction in the Haunted Mansion erected by the Student Activities department during a three-day run in Kah-Ne-You-Ah Hall dorm. Photo by DeLena Mincher





Sophomore Greg Lippe of Wyandotte adjusts the mask of a ghost sitting in the window display case which represented the college bookstore. The display window was located in the foyer of the Bruce G. Carter Student Union building. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

The Wolf Man was on hand to lend some muscle as several students worked long hours to transform the deserted Kah-Ne-You-Ah dorm into the Haunted Mansion during a three-day run to celebrate the Halloween holiday. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*



Trying to keep people off the phone while visiting the Haunted Mansion in Kah-Ne-You-Ah dorm is sophomore Jessica Dell of Cleveland, Okla. Her headless creation caused quite a stir as visitors struggled to escape the rooms in the mansion. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Haunted Mansion

More than 500 visitors cruised the hallways of the inaugural Haunted Mansion created by the Student Activities department.

Hazel Miller made a scary impression as student activities director by organizing a group of campus clubs and organizations to build the mansion in the deserted two-story Kah-Ne-You-Ah dormitory. Each club created their own spooky room to attract visitors.



Although it didn't cost an arm-and-a-leg to visit the Haunted Mansion, an unidentified young man paid a high price to try and take a shower while visiting the spooky joint. The guy should have known that there was no water. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Week

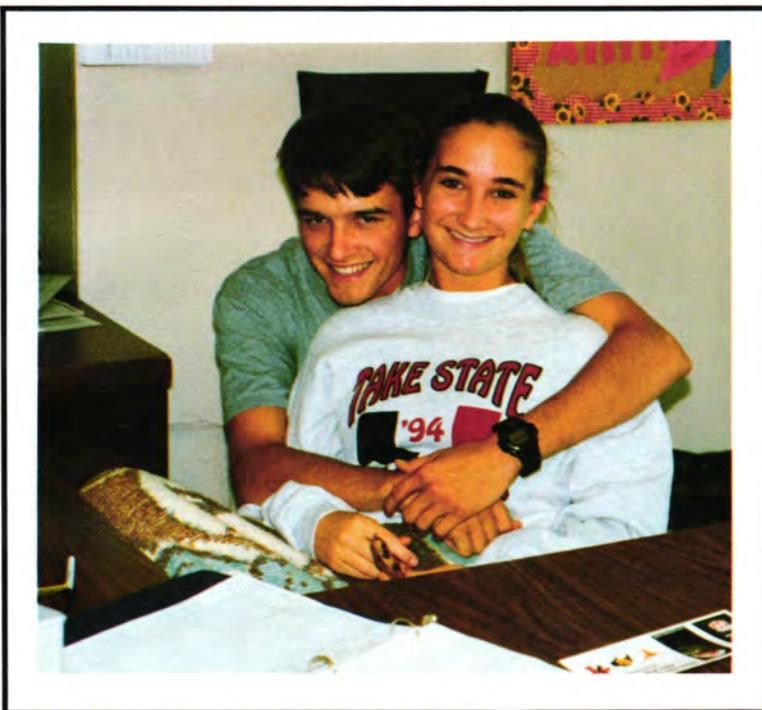
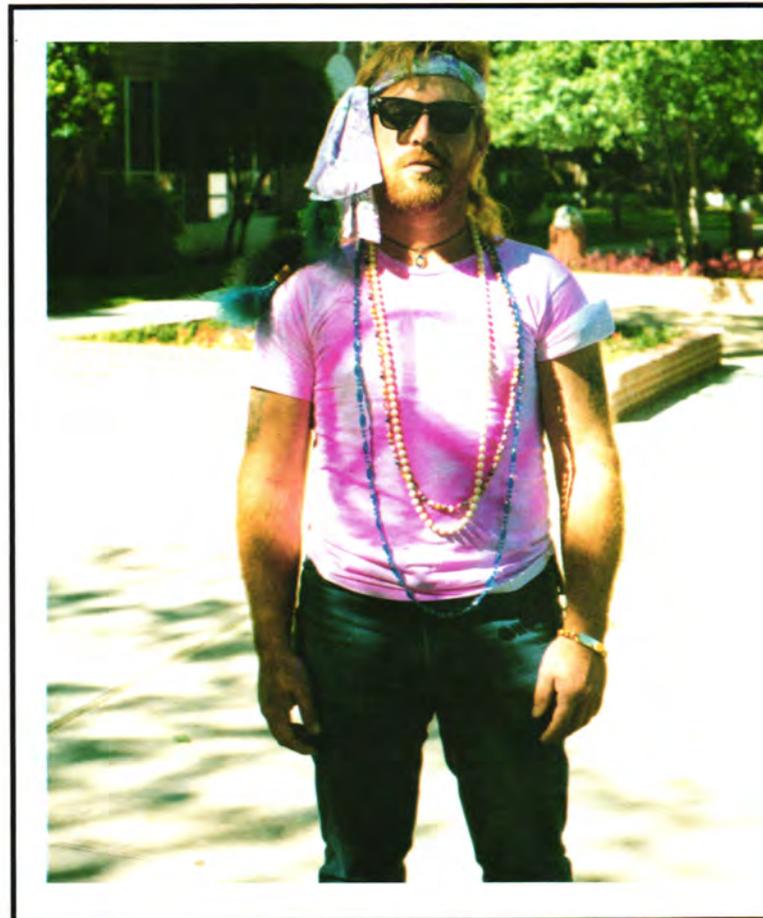
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Of Surprises

Traditionally compressed into two days, Homecoming/Family Day featured six days of various activities to try and generate school spirit for the NEO/Trinity Valley football game. Pajama Day kicked off the week followed by Hippie Day, Backwards Day, Blue and Gold Day and Hat Day to end the week before the parade on Saturday.

Pajama Day started a week-long celebration of Homecoming/Family Day. Three members of the OWLS club participating in the event were Pa Edwards, Stephanie Von Moss (kissing) and Krista Foster.

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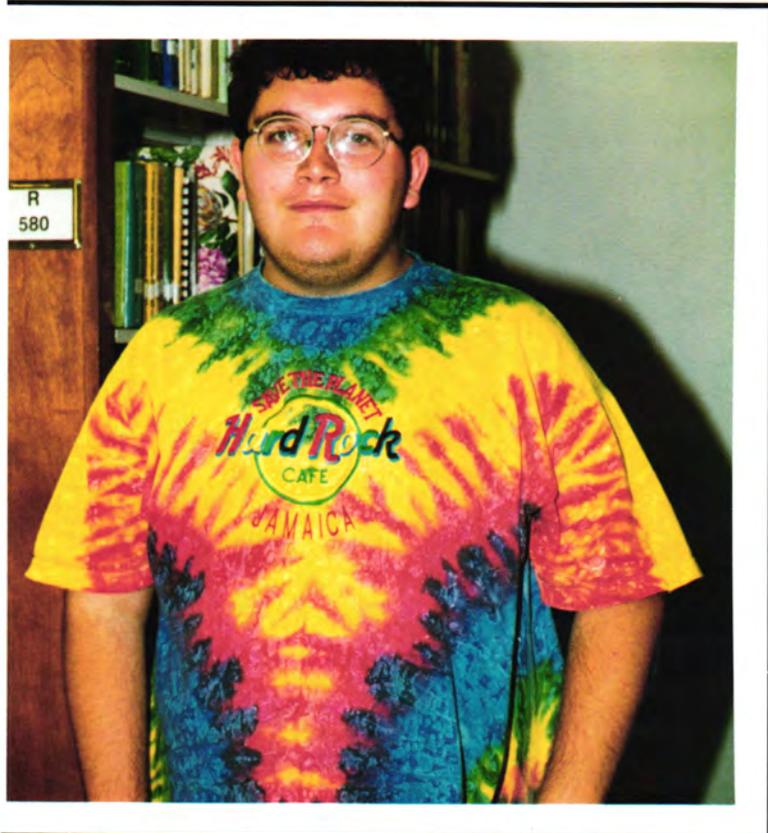
Sophomores Zach Hoffman, of Muskogee, and Amy Cox, from Tulsa, display their pajamas at the front desk of Dobson Hall during Pajama Day. Several students, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the activity. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Mike Prewitt, a sophomore from Fairland, struggles with flashback as he displays his outfit during Hippie Day. Prewitt was one of many members of the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learning Students) organization to dress up. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*



Taking time out between classes to display her 30-gallon head gear during Hat Day festivities was Beverly Doty, a sophomore from Grove. Doty, a marketing/management major, represented Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Members of the college cafeteria staff to participate in Hat Day were Cathy Capansky (seated), Leutisia Hogan, Pat Todd, Patsy Frost, and Shirley Preston. These ladies worked on the serving line during meals in the cafeteria. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*



Dress-up time

Attempting to generate more school spirit and participation by the student body, several activities were staged during the week of Homecoming/Family Day.

Along with the numerous activities, 30 prospective queen candidates were nominated by campus clubs and organizations to vie for the crown.

The queen candidates were required to attend several functions during the week.



Another participant during Hippy Day with a tie-die Hard Rock tee-shirt from Jamaica was Chris Lane, a freshman from Okmulgee. An estimate of more than 300 people participated in the Hippy Day activities on campus. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

After displaying the ultimate Hippy costume for Hippy Day, sophomore Mike Prewitt came to class as a living hat tree during Hat Day. Prewitt was one of several people to don costumes for each of the five special days. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Decorations

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Part of the celebration of Homecoming/Family Day included the creation of decorations in various campus buildings. After several days of preparation, a panel of judges selected the Masquers Club decorations first, the NEO Choir second and the Child Development Club third place in the competition.

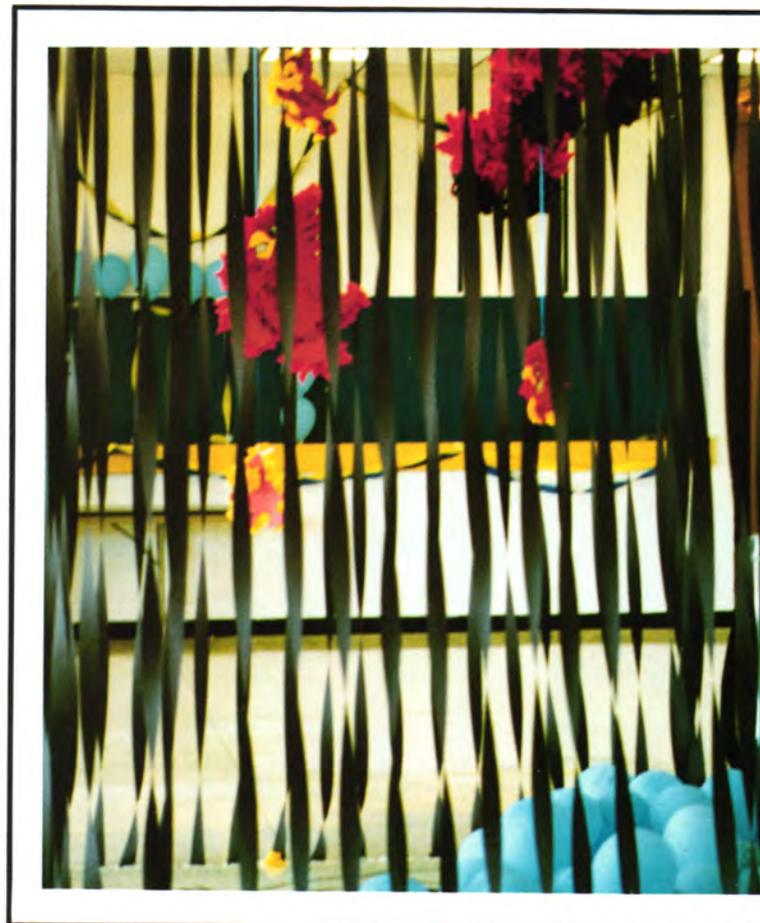
Dressed as Norse god Odin, Prewitt, a sophomore from Falls Church, slays the Trinity Valley Cardinal played by Grove freshman Lee, as part of the OWLS organization decoration on campus.

Photo by DeLena M



A member of the Child Development Club dressed in a Golden Norseman football uniform rides a ship as a Trinity Valley Cardinal mans the oars. The decoration was located in front of the Child Development lab school facility. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Trinity Valley Cardinals try to escape a cage constructed by the Norse Stars Drill Team and Cheerleaders. The makeshift jail was built in the NEO Fieldhouse and was one of several building decorations judged during Homecoming. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*





Attempting to give a shot of Blue and Gold to the Trinity Valley Cardinal is a member of the college nursing department. The physical therapy assistant student association was awarded honorable mention in building decoration judging. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Part of the first place award for building decorations was a Trinity Valley Cardinal meeting a terrible end in the Masquers Club decorations located in the Fine Arts Center. The Masquers received \$100 for first prize in the contest. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*



School Spirit

Several campus buildings were adorned with colorful decorations during the week of Homecoming/Family Day in an attempt to bolster school spirit.

The Aggie Society was the winner of the traveling trophy entitled the Norse Spirit Award.

The trophy was awarded to the the campus organization with the most number of students participating in all of the week-long activities.



Indicating that the Golden Norse were going to kick the Trinity Valley Cardinals into a cage during the Homecoming football game was the theme of this display in the Health Sciences building. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

A Trinity Valley Cardinal hangs trapped in a silver cage as part of a decoration in the Health Sciences building. Several campus buildings were decorated as part of the annual Homecoming/Family Day activities. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Jodi Able

captures

Queen's Crown

Following a week of fun and frolic, the moment arrived at half-time of the NEO-Trinity Valley football game at Robertson Field. Sophomore Jodi Able was selected 1997 Homecoming queen from a field of 30 contestants. Crystal Scott was named first runner-up while Angela Underwood won second and Lisa McCaslin third runner-up.

Just after receiving her crown and bouquet of flowers, Jodi Able, a sophomore from Wyandotte, poses before leaving Robertson Field to begin her year-long reign as Homecoming Queen.

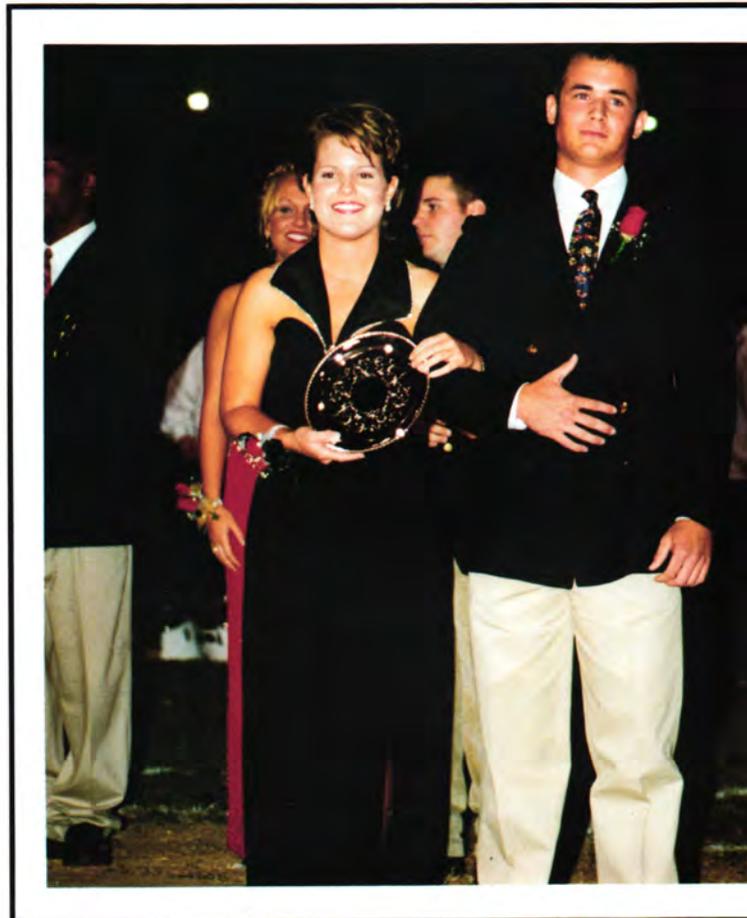
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Riding in a black 1967 Mustang and representing Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, Able waves to the crowd as the traditional Homecoming parade proceeded down Miami's Main Street during the afternoon. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Queen Jodi Able and her escort Keith Glenn pose with a silver platter she received before being named 1997 Homecoming Queen during halftime of the NEO-Trinity Valley football game at Robertson Field.

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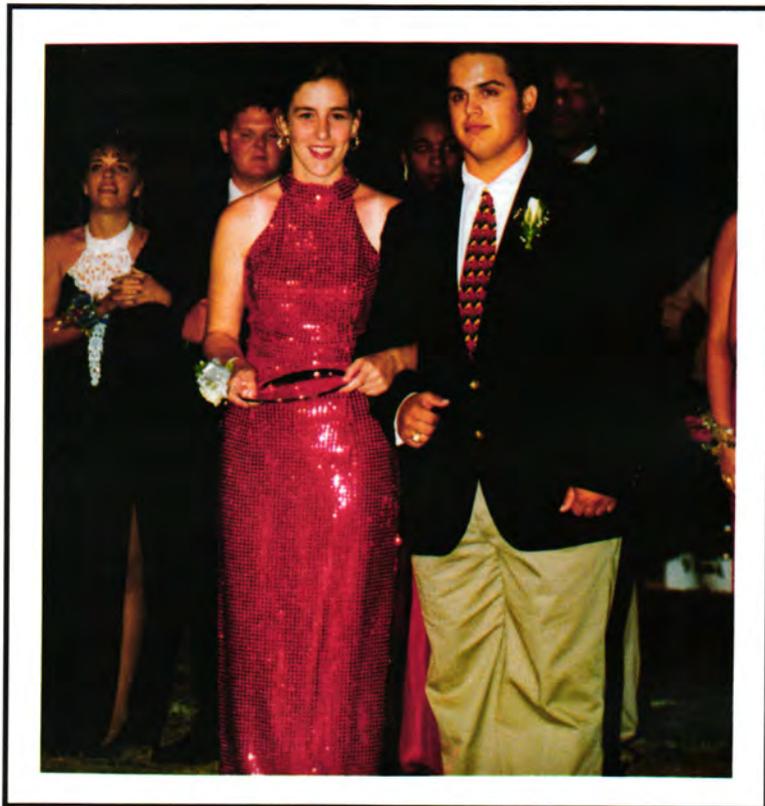


Queen escort Michael Williams smiles after Crystal Scott, a sophomore from Tulsa, was selected first runner-up in the Homecoming Queen contest. Scott represented the Young Democrats Club.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Representing the Baptist Student Union, Angela Underwood, a sophomore from Miami, was selected second runner-up in the queen contest. Underwood was escorted by Micah Lipscomb.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Sophomore queen candidate Lisa McCaslin, a sophomore from Tulsa, waves to the crowd during the Homecoming parade. McCaslin was selected third runner-up and Miss Norse Spirit as a representative of the Norse Stars. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Her Majesty

Jodi Able, a sophomore from Wyandotte, was selected from 30 candidates as 1997 Homecoming Queen during half-time of the NEO-Trinity Valley football game.

Able, an elementary early childhood major, represented Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was escorted by Keith Glenn.

She served as president of Phi Theta Kappa and was a member of the Foreign Language Club.



Patrick Shields, president of the Student Body Government, places the crown on the head of Jodi Able as 1997 Homecoming Queen. Able was selected from 30 candidates representing various campus clubs and organizations. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Santa Claus

makes

Annual Visit

Reflecting the true meaning of the Christmas season was the traditional Children's Christmas party held the last week of the fall semester in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. More than 300 Miami area under privileged children were "adopted" by NEO students and treated to a pizza dinner before a visit by Santa Claus.

Freshman Mavis Hatter of Clare watches as her "adopted daughter" opens a present during the annual Student Body Government Christmas party held in the Bruce G. C. Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Autumn Holdridge, a freshman from Colcord, takes great care to open a Barbie doll as her "adoptive daughter" Sonya watches to make sure none of the pieces are lost during the annual Children's Christmas party.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

"Adoptive dad" Josh Perry, a freshman from Tulsa, takes a shot in the face from his daughter Brandy while trying to open a present for her during the annual Student Body Government's Children's Christmas party.

Photo by Lacey Mangum





Santa Claus, alias John Scott of Quapaw, and Mrs. Claus, alias Mendetta Scott, listen intently as Echo Dixon tells them what she would like to have for Christmas during the Children's Christmas party.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Making sure that he understands what little Samantha Boyd wants for Christmas, Santa waits before handing her a present during the Children's Christmas party in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



"Adoptive dad" Michael Richardson of Picher helps his son Jeremy Kinsley put together a toy train during the present opening portion of the Children's Christmas party in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

HO!HO!HO!

One of the most rewarding activities that takes place on campus during the fall semester was the annual Children's Christmas party in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

College students are encouraged to "adopt" more than 300 eligible area under privileged children and treat them to a meal in the college cafeteria.

Highlight of the evening is a visit by Santa.



Making sure he doesn't point his gift gun at anyone, little Josh Ball takes aim to try out his new toy while sitting on Santa's lap during the Children's Christmas party sponsored by the Student Body Government.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Masquers

present

Major Plays

When students enroll at NEO, part of their student activity fee is used to fund the production of four plays throughout the year by *Theatre NEO*. Students are admitted free to each play. The season opened with *A Flea in Her Ear* followed by the traditional children's Christmas play entitled *The Invention*.

Physia, portrayed by Amanda Alle Lawton, explains the formula for making the invention work to Mech played by Bill Scribner of Claremore during a scene from the children's play *The Invention*.

Photo by Tim Ingram

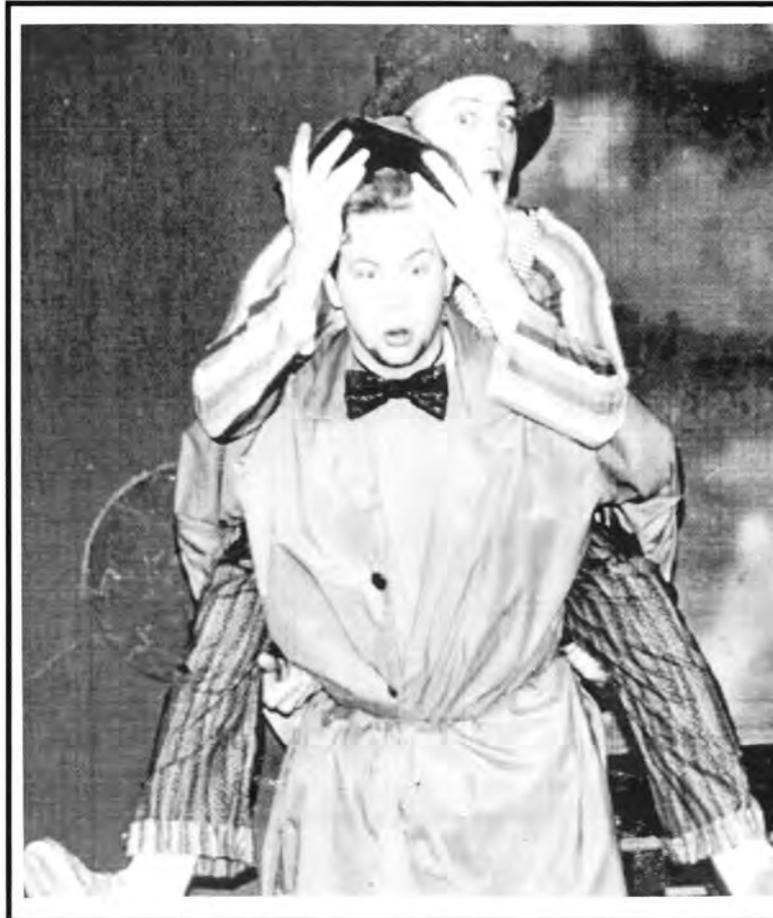


Kalibad, played by Jeff Thompson of Tahlequah, persuades the Fun Merchants, portrayed by Amanda Allen, Lawton; Bill Scribner, Claremore, and Adria Lightie, Webb City, Mo., to give him secrets to the invention.

Photo by Tim Ingram

The narrator Joyo, portrayed by Casey Yocum of Lewisville, Texas, climbs on the back of Kalibad to try and prevent him from damaging the invention during a scene from the children's production of *The Invention*.

Photo by Tim Ingram



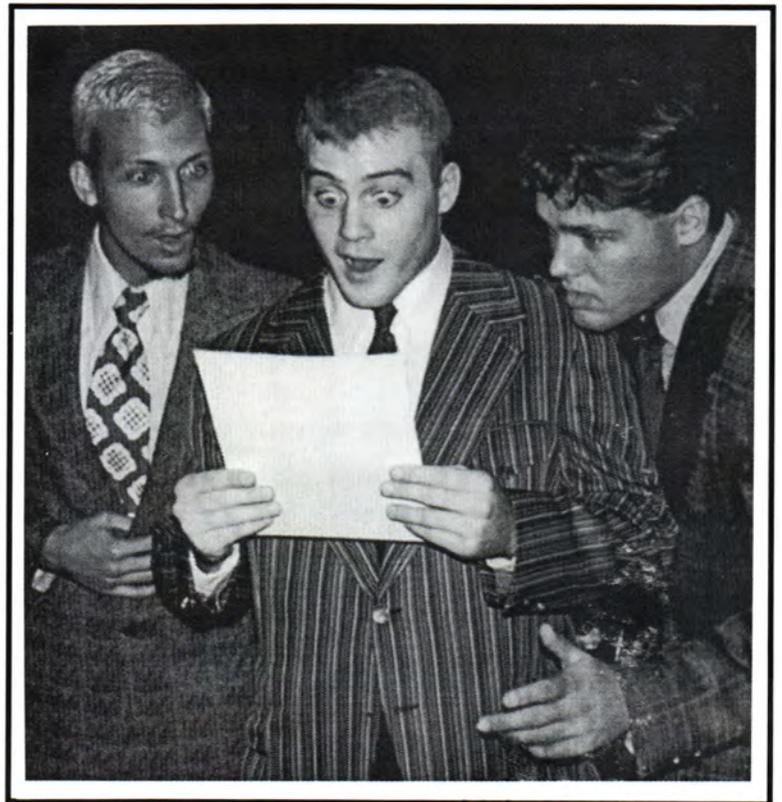


Dr. Panache, played by Shane Shoaf of Yukon, kisses the hand of Lucille, portrayed by Valarie Adair of Ardmore, during a scene from *A Flea in Her Ear* which was the first production of the season.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Victor, played by Casey Yocum, reads an anonymous love letter he received from a friend of his wife's to Blase, portrayed by Benn Stovall, from Picher, and Dr. Panache, played by Shane Shoaf.

Photo by Tim Ingram



Dr. Panache, played by Shane Shoaf (center), checks the pulse of a lifeless Goshe, portrayed by Casey Yocum, as a curious crowd of characters watch during a scene from *A Flea in Her Ear* which was the first play of the year.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Acting Up

During the fall semester students were treated to two plays that featured a variety of topics and a range of acting talent.

A Flea in Her Ear was a play which followed a pattern of mistaken identities, clandestine assassinations, and misplaced, but explosive jealousies.

Just before the Christmas break, more than 3,000 area grade school children attended the production of *The Invention* in the Fine Arts Auditorium.



Blase, portrayed by Ben Stovall, tries to get Yvonne, played by Amanda Allen, to accept his unwanted advances during a scene from *A Flea in Her Ear* which was presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Native Americans

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Fall Pow-Wow

More than 300 people participated in the annual fall benefit pow-wow organized by the Native American Student Association. The day-long event was held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom and featured several booths exhibiting Native American crafts along with a tribute to veterans of American wars.

Charles Chibitty served as master of ceremonies for the annual benefit pow-wow sponsored by the Native American Student Association, held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Bill Buoy



Men gourd dancers representing the Inter-tribal Dance Society were featured performers in the afternoon portion of the NASA benefit pow-wow. The dancers participated in several activities throughout the pow-wow.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Sonny Waters (center) served as head-singer and drummer along with Charlie Powell (left) and Capp Wrey during the annual NASA fall benefit pow-wow in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Bill Buoy



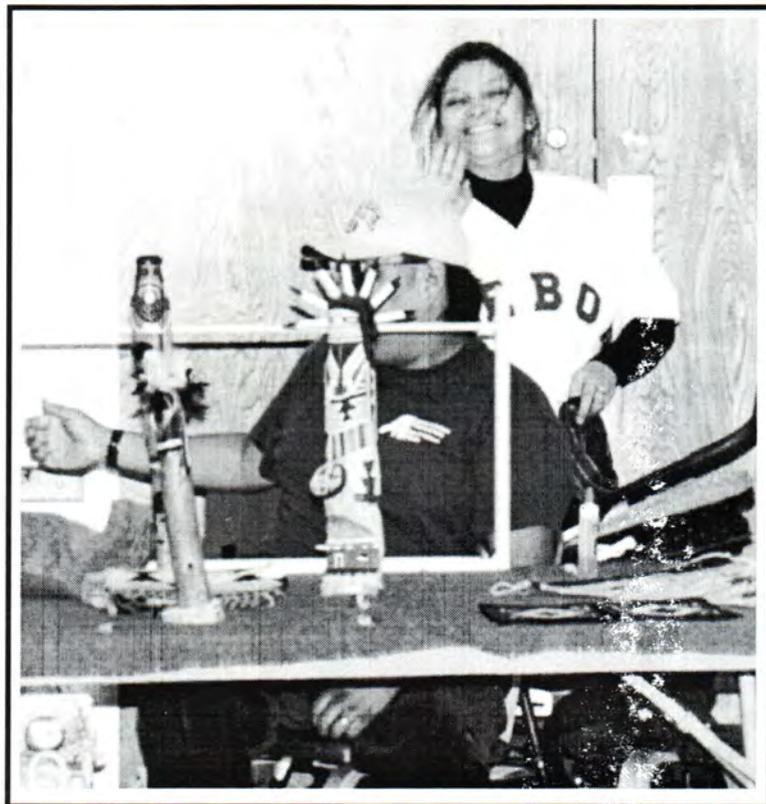


Ira Toland, a student in the Native American Dance class, applies some of the techniques he learned while participating in the Gourd Dance portion of the Native American Student Association fall benefit pow-wow.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Displaying various types of Native American crafts are two vendors that represented the Native American Student Association during the annual fall benefit pow-wow at the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Bill Buoy



Several members of the Inter-tribal Dance Society react to the music during a Gourd Dance session of the NASA fall benefit pow-wow in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Dancing

With more than 20 percent of the total student population of Native American descent, a free pow-wow was held during the fall semester in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

More than 300 people attended the day-long event which featured Gourd Dancing in the afternoon before honoring those Native Americans that had served in past wars to start the evening portion.

Eddie Harry, a freshman from Pittsburg, Kan., served as president of the Native American Student Association and helped coordinate the fall pow-wow along with club sponsor DeMaris Gaines.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Vocal Music

presents

Fall Concert

If students weren't into attending such sporting events as football, volleyball, or basketball games, they had the opportunity to attend a free concert presented by members of both the concert choir and the Meistersingers as part of the fall semester concert created by the college vocal music department and presented in the Fine Arts Center.

Mary Susan Whaley, vocal instructor and director of both concert choir and the Meistersingers, addresses the audience at the beginning of a performance by the concert choir in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
Photo by Jonathon Middleton



With more than 30 members, the concert choir presented several Christmas carols and other works during the annual fall concert presented by the college vocal music department in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Reacting to the direction of Mary Susan Whaley, the concert choir concludes the first portion of the fall concert with a group of Christmas carols to the delight of a large crowd at the free concert.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Amanda Allen, a freshman from Lawton, delivers a solo as a member of the Meistersingers music group during the annual fall vocal music concert presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Performing one of eight musical numbers, members of the Meistersingers keep the audience entertained as part of the fall vocal music concert held in the Fine Arts Center auditorium just before the end of the semester.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Adria Lightle, a sophomore from Webb City, Mo., and her partners with the Meistersingers offer dancing along with their songs during the annual fall vocal music concert in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Singing
 Demonstrating a wide range of musical talent, students participating in either the college concert choir or the Meistersingers vocal group put their ability on display during the annual fall vocal music concert.

Performing on the stage of the Fine Arts Auditorium, both groups presented several numbers which included several Christmas carole's and a variety of dance numbers by the Meistersingers.

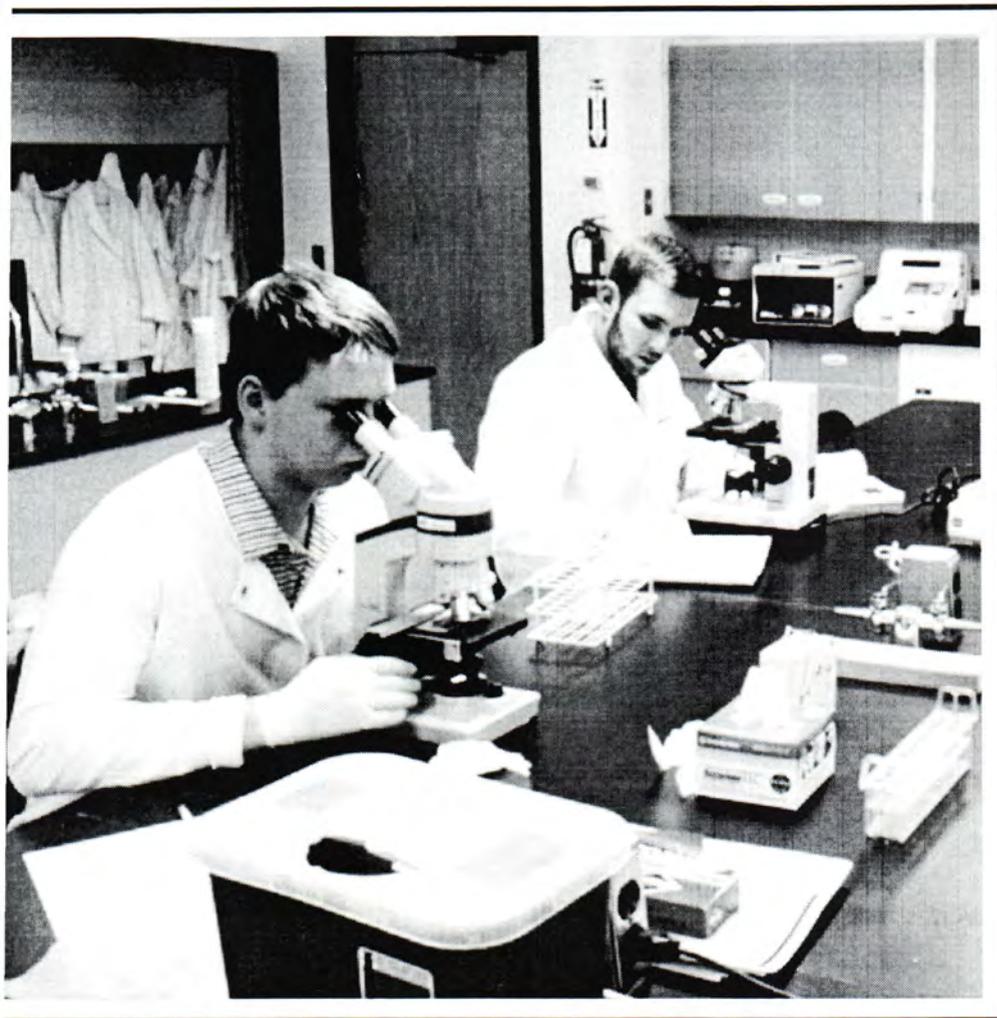


Lightle performs a Christmas carole solo during the Meistersingers portion of the concert. More than 200 people were in the audience of the free concert presented just before the end of the fall semester.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Organizations



Students in the Medical Lab Technology Club study several different slides during a meeting of the organization in the Health Sciences building. More than 45 organizations were in operation during the 1997 fall semester.

As part of the annual Homecoming Parade, members of the African American Society presented an interpretive dance much to the delight of the audience. Eight members of the African-American Society comprised the dance troupe that traveled the length of Miami's Main Street during the parade.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Nakita Montgomery, a sophomore from Okmulgee, represented the African American Society as a queen candidate during the traditional Homecoming festivities. Montgomery was a physical therapy major and was one of 30 queen candidates representing campus clubs and organizations.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Members of the college African-American Society were, seated, from left; Jamilah Whittaker, Sharonda Harris, Tranise Grant, Granyon Scott, Kenia Issacs, Dorothy W... and Latanna Law. Back row, Johnny Goff, Melvin Wilson, Athony Evans, Brian Hardrick, and Diamond Green.

Photo by DeLena Mi...

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY



John Hook, a freshman from Dibble, and DeLena Mincher, a freshman from Seminole, joined the College Ambassadors Club at semester and served as tour guides during the spring semester.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Christie Casey, a sophomore from Chicago, Ill., served as the College Ambassadors Homecoming Queen candidate. Casey, a history major, was the daughter of the Reverend Carey Casey who was the featured speaker for graduation.



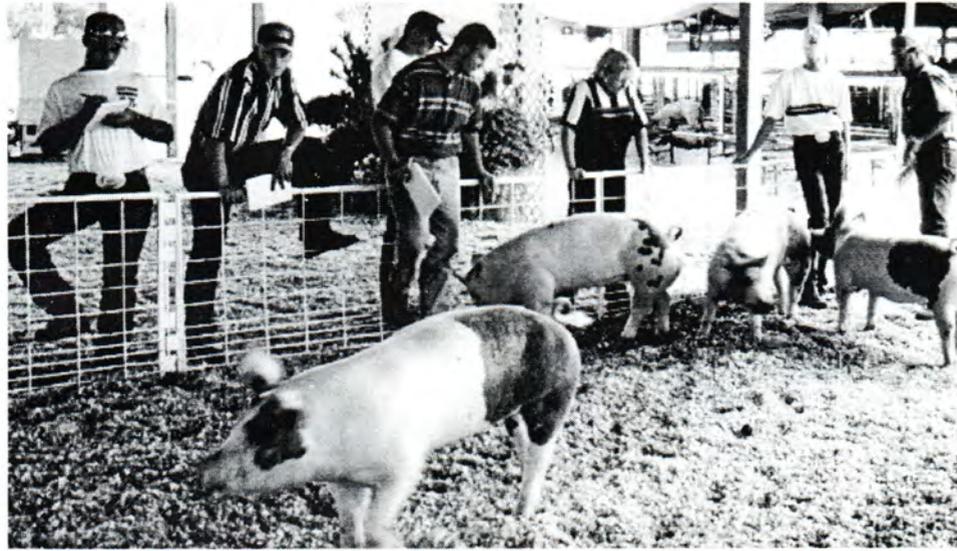
freshman DeLena Mincher of Seminole and sophomore DeTina Cheek, of Malvern, Ark., offer directions to a group of visiting prospective students during a campus tour by College Ambassadors.

Photo by Bill Buoy

AMBASSADORS CLUB

Going over notes they received in class, members of the Animal Science Club visit the swine exhibit during the annual Ottawa County Free Fair held at the Miami Fairgrounds in September. The club also worked with animals located on the college farm which is east of the main campus.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Taking it easy from the start of classes are members of the college Animal Science Club. The club held regular meetings in the college Equine Center located east of the campus on Rockdale Boulevard. The club also visited several area cattle feed lots and various cattle ranches to study animal behavior.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Members of the college Animal Science Club pose outside the intramural gym before conducting a regularly scheduled meeting in Ables Hall. Dr. Pete Smith (back row center) served as advisor for the organization.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

ANIMAL SCIENCE CLUB



Head trainer Mike Barlow (standing center) and his training staff attend to Golden Norse wide receiver Allen Carroll during a football game at Cisco, Texas.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Athletic trainers Doug Atkins (left) and John Gibbs help Golden Norse defensive tackle Reece Travis (58) to the sidelines after he suffered a bruised knee in a game at Robertson Field.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Members of the Golden Norse athletic training staff were, kneeling, from left; Kim Brave, Brandi Callaway, Angela Calwell, and Kathy Dollins. Standing are John Gibbs, Doug Atkins, Mike Barlow, head trainer, DeTina Cheek, and Tony Butler.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Nine students from the Northeastern A&M Baptist Student Union competed in a state-wide volleyball tournament. Members of the college BSU participated in several athletic events throughout the school year as well as participating in two mission trips. The Baptist Student Union is directed by Dr. Debbie and Bobbie Lipscomb.

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Putting the finishing touches on a lion's head sand sculpture are several members of the college Baptist Student Union on the beach at Padre Island. Several local BSU members participated in the Beach Reach Mission Trip as well as a Canadian Mission Trip during the 1997-98 school year.

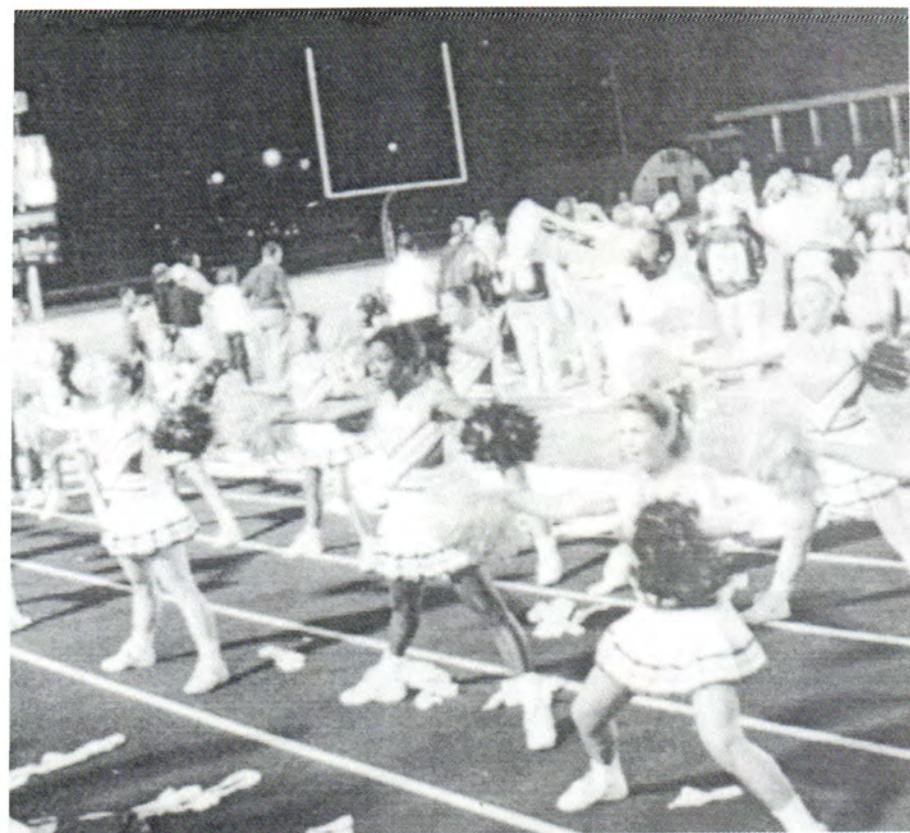
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Under the direction of Dr. Debbie and Bobby Lipscomb, the Baptist Student Union held meetings at noon on four days of every week throughout the school year in a building located just north of the main campus.

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BAPTIST STUDENT UNION



Members of the Golden Norse cheerleading squad perform a routine for home-town fans at Robertson Stadium during a football game.

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Trying to generate some spirit and enthusiasm during the annual Homecoming parade, members of the Golden Norse cheerleading squad crowd into the back of a pick-up truck and travel south on Miami's Main Street.



14-member Golden Norse cheerleading squad pauses during a football game at Robertson Stadium. The squad performed at all home football and basketball games as well as in several parades.

CHEERLEADERS

Following a year full of various activities, members of the Child Development Club traveled to Twin Bridges State Park for a family-style picnic. More than 50 people attended the day-long festivities which featured a meal prepared by child development majors. Sponsor Marcia Tynon organized the event.

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Several young people attending the college lab school received a special treat as members of the Child Development Club brought a calf for the youngsters to feed and pet. Throughout the school year members of the club helped with the children attending the lab school located between Commons Hall and Dyer Hall.

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Fifteen members of the Child Development Club gather on the side of Dyer Hall prior to participating in activities at the college lab school. Under the direction of Marcia Tynon, the Child Development Club attended several conferences and other activities associated with the care of children.

Photo by DeLena Min...

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLUB



Providing entertainment for the induction ceremony of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, several members of the Concert Choir perform a song.

Photo by James O'Neal

Four members of the Concert Choir sing to the audience during the annual Town and Gown banquet held in the Bruce. G. Carter Student Union Ballroom.

Photo by James O'Neal



Under the direction of Mary Susan Whaley, members of the Concert Choir were, bottom row, from left; Abby Jo Cox, Lindsay Page, Jeffrey Graham, Kevin Daniel, Tammy ... s, and Misty Cartmell. Second row, Adria Lightle, Amanda Owens, Jennifer Dobbins, Rob Heath, Mitch Kern, Travis Fleming, Jennifer Shaffer, and Tina Armstrong. Third row, Alene McDonald, Bethanna Jackson, Joseph Zodrow, William Raymond, Rebekah Percell, Jessica Ditty, and Lorra McDonald. Fourth row, Michael Sullivan, Justin ... bley, Robert Scott, Jeffrey Thompson, Troy Humphrey, and Wes Jaeger.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

CHOIR

Mary Swearingin, associate campus minister for the Christian Student Fellowship helps Betty Kelly replace bed mats during a mission to Juarez, Mexico over spring break. More than 20 students from the local chapter of Christian Student Fellowship participated in the week-long trip south of the border in Mexico.

Photo by James O'Neal

Katie Tippett of Cardin helps Hoi Lin from Taiwan remove a splinter while working on a house as part of the spring break mission to Juarez, Mexico. The Christian Student Fellowship took two vans with a u-hall trailer on the trip which lasted the entire week of spring break.

Photo by James O'Neal



Under the direction of Lonnie Portenier, members of the Christian Student Fellowship were, kneeling, from left; Mary Swearingin, Lonnie Portenier, Vivi Lo, Connie Vee Poon, and Paul Sanders. Second row, James O'Neal, Jotham Teygong, Chris Portenier and Kade, Richard Rakaming, Fred Rogo, Njari Gitonga, Marcelo Salazar, and C Williamson. Top row, Suskir Basyah, Billy Mavengere, Ayako Yamazaki, Satoko Taguchi, and Anys Shresthee.

Photo by DeLena Min

CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP



Damon Kimball, a sophomore from Enid, checks out some information on a Prototyping machine created by the computer-aided drafting and design class.

Photo by Tim Ingram

Misty Moreland, a sophomore from Miami, represented the Computer Information Systems Club as a Homecoming queen candidate. Moreland was a computer science major.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Members of the Computer Information Systems Club were, front row, from left; Kelly Mayer, Mike Jablonski, Melissa Morgan, Misty Moreland, and Benji Oakley. Back row, from left; James Sinclair, James Hollan, Justin Glenn, Fred Billups, and Craig Bacon.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Members of the college Forestry and Wildlife Club watch as a controlled brush fire is set so they can gain valuable experience in learning how to do a controlled burn and put the fire out. The group spent several hours in the woods learning about fire fighting and other aspects of wildlife preservation.

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Dr. Jim Gleckler (center) sparks a fire in a pile of dried leaves as two members of the Forestry and Wildlife Club watch the procedure. Dr. Gleckler took the club out into the woods to teach several different aspects concerning fire fighting. The group also visited a few national forests on field trips.

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Under the direction of Dr. Jim Gleckler (kneeling, second from right), the 14 members of the Forestry and Wildlife Club spent several days throughout the year in area woods learning different aspects of forestry and wildlife management.

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FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE CLUB



Performing the college fight song during an all-college cook-out are members of the Golden Norse Marching Band. The band provided entertainment at all home football games and also participated in several parades.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

The percussion section of the Golden Norse Marching Band provides quality sound during a pep rally held on campus prior to a home football game.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

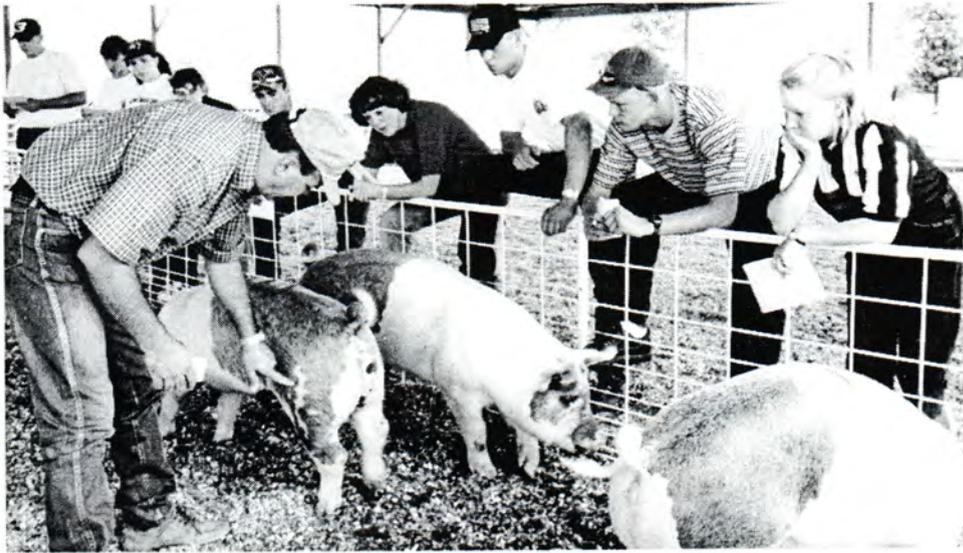


Marching in step as they proceed south on Miami's Main Street during the annual Homecoming parade are members of the Golden Norse Marching Band under the direction of Raybon Bewley.
Photo by Lacey Mangum

GOLDEN NORSE MARCHING BAND

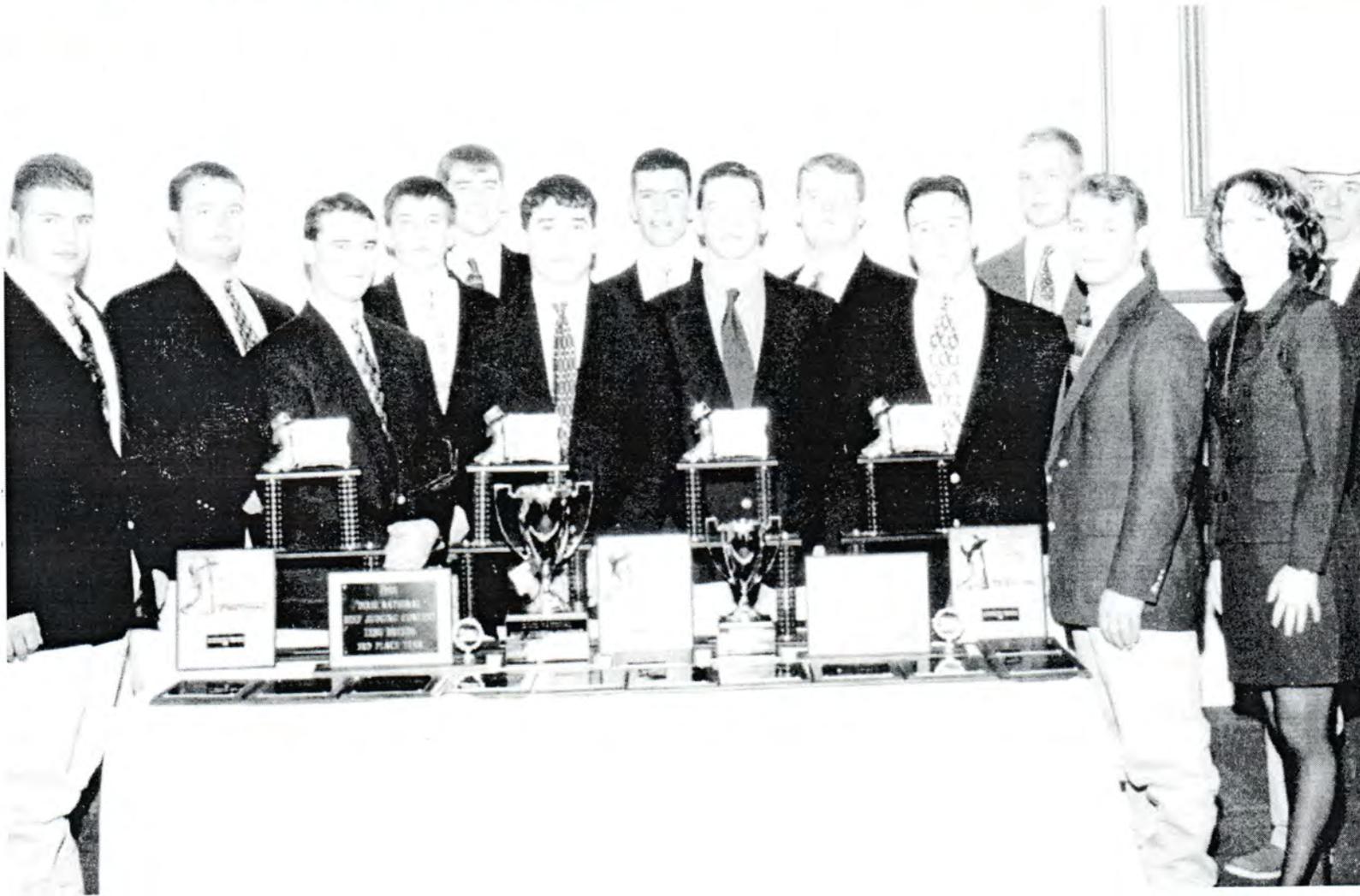
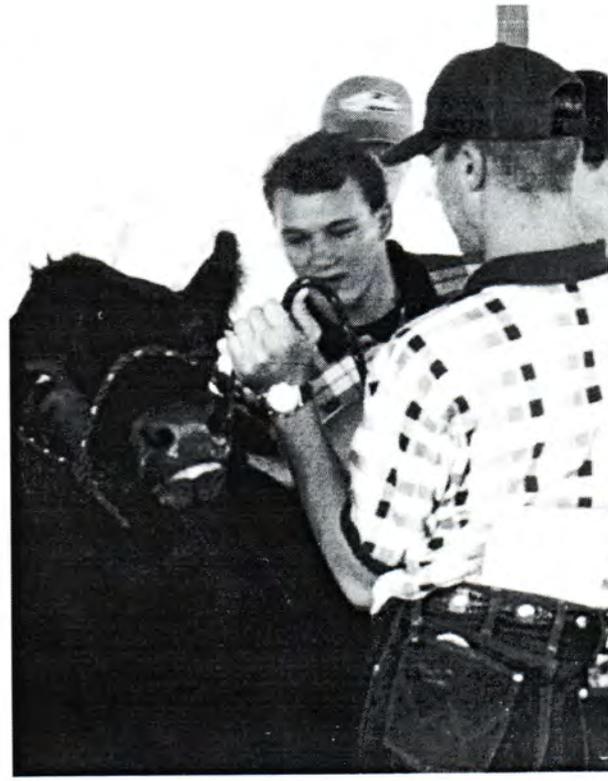
Jary Douglas, veteran coach of the Livestock Judging Team, explains to team members how to evaluate swine during a practice session at the Ottawa County Free Fair held at the Miami Fair Grounds. The team competed in several major national judging events throughout the school year.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Three members of the college Livestock Judging Team struggle to maneuver a steer into position to complete their judging during a practice session at the Ottawa County Free Fair. The judging team captured the team title at the Dixie National Livestock Contest in Jackson, Miss. during the month of February..

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Members of the Livestock Judging Team display the trophies they won during the Dixie National Livestock Contest in Jackson, Miss. Under the direction of Jary Douglas (back row right), the team competed in eight contests throughout the year.

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM



Receiving awards for their acting ability were, bottom row, from left; Alene McDonald, Annie Selig, Jules Pitts, and Lindsay Page. Middle row, LeAnn Mayberry, Benn Stovall, and Bill Scribner. Top row, Erick Schneider, Jeff Thompson and Clay Yocum.

Masquers Club sponsor Brian Hauck presents Alene McDonald, a freshman from Miami, with the "Best Actress in a Cameo Role" award during the annual Masquers banquet held at the end of the school year.



Under the guidance of Brian Hauck, David Froman, and Steve McCurley, the Masquers Club helped students develop their individual talents in acting and other theatrical abilities.

Photo by Brian Hauck

MASQUERS CLUB

Recipients of the Rosetta Seat Memorial Nursing Scholarship for the 1997-98 school year were, from left; Teresa Dubois, sophomore, Miami; Wendy Beaty, sophomore, Welch, and Kathy Cookerly, sophomore, Joplin, Mo. The scholarship was for \$500 per semester in memory of Rosetta Seat.

Photo by Tim Ingram



Members of the college medical lab technicians class pause during a training session in the lab facilities. While the medical lab technicians program trains students to work in a laboratory setting, the medical assistants program is designed to teach students how to work in a professional doctor's office.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Members of the Medical Assistants Club were, from left; Alma Hollan, Rhonda Staples, Michelle Hale, Sherri Lee, Malissa Clinton, and Pam Gelder, sponsor.

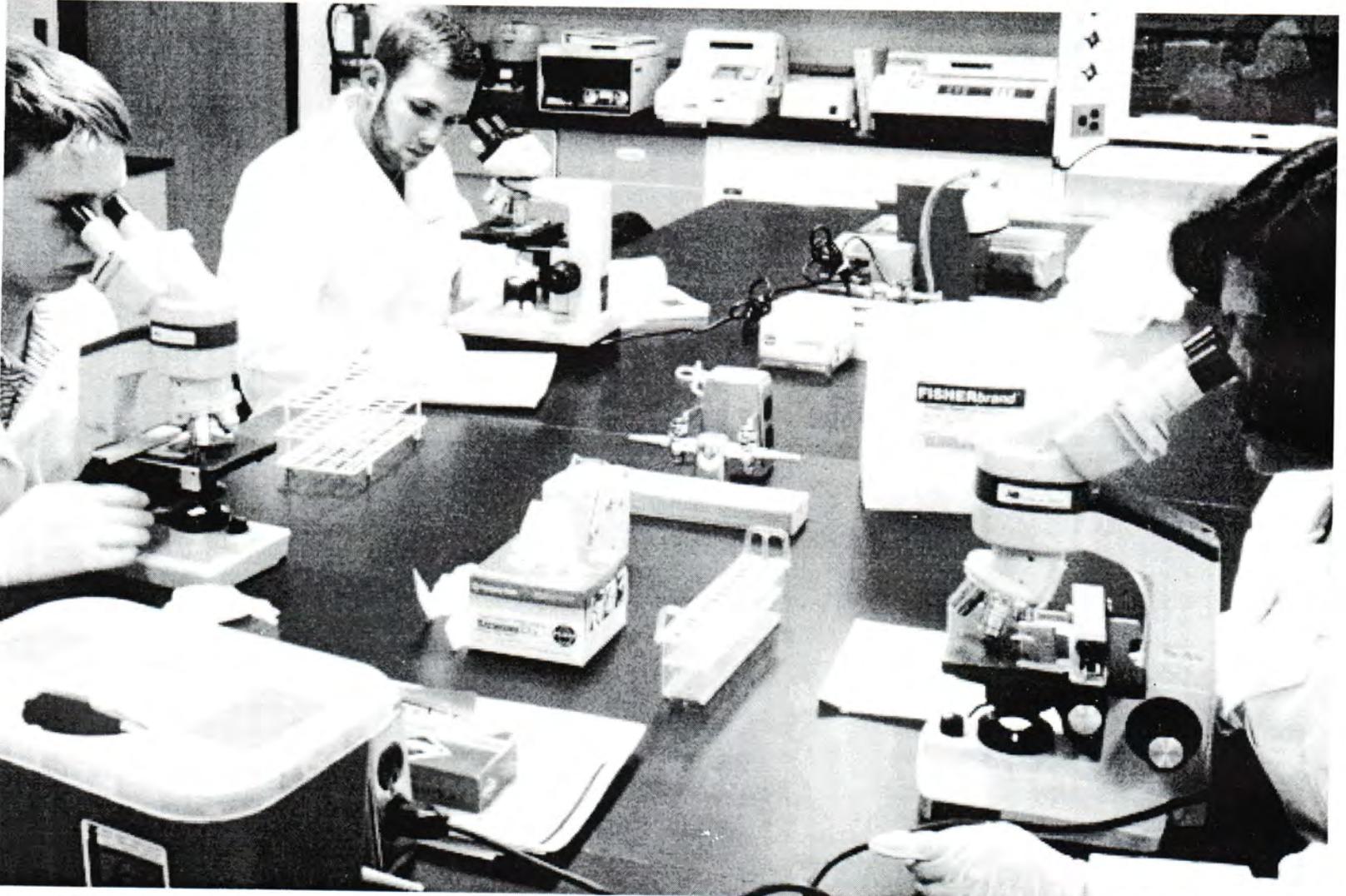
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT CLUB



Demonstrating the proper technique used to check a patient's hearing, Kay Harris, director of the Medical Lab Technicians program performs the procedure on student Jana Barnes, a freshman from Fairland. *Photo by Jonathon Middleton*

Stacie Cunningham, a sophomore from Caney, Kan., and Donna Adair, a freshman from Afton, study some blood samples under a powerful microscope during work in the college lab facility. *Photo by Jonathon Middleton*



Members of the Medical Lab Technicians Club study their projects on the facilities offered by the college in the Nursing building. The program is under the direction of Kay Harris and is designed to teach students how to conduct lab work. *Photo by Jonathon Middleton*

MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIANS

Justin Trombley, a sophomore from Webb City, Mo., and the rest of the Meistersingers group entertain the audience during the fall concert presented in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The fall concert was a combined effort by the Meistersingers and the Concert Choir in the college music department.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Taking a seat at center stage during a performance are members of the Meistersingers. The entertainment group made several appearances at such functions as the Town and Gown banquet, the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society induction ceremony and other civic functions.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Members of the college Meistersingers group were, bottom row, from left; Lindsay Page, Adria Lightle, Amanda Owens, Abby Jo Cox, Alene McDonald, Misty Cartmell, Ta Davis, and Debbie Mort. Top row, Mitch Kern, Rob Heath, Justin Trombley, Michael Sullivan, Tim Humphrey, Jeffrey Thompson, Travis Fleming, and Kevin Daniel.

Photo by DeLena Min

MEISTERSINGERS



Several members of the Inter-Tribal Dance Club participate in the fancy dancing portion of the Spring Pow-Wow hosted by the Native American Student Association in the intramural gym.
Photo by Bill Buoy

Darla Cowan, a sophomore from Vinita majoring in nursing, waves to the crowd during the Homecoming parade. Cowan represented the Native American Student Association.
Photo by DeLena Mincher



Under the direction of DeMaris Gaines (left), members of the Native American Student Association were, Cathy Quick, Melody Jones, Kim Pease, Sabrina Myers, and Johnny [unclear].
Photo by DeLena Mincher

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Generating spirit and enthusiasm as the head south on Miami's Main Street, the Norse Stars Dane/Drill Team participated in the annual Homecoming parade. The Norse Stars were featured halftime entertainment at all home NEO football and basketball games while also participating in several area parades.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Competing against each other in the Yell-Like-Hell contest during the annual Homecoming all-college picnic, the Norse Stars battle the Cheerleaders for top honors. Both groups attempted to build pyramids to attract attention to their vocal outbursts during the pep rally which followed the picnic.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Under the direction of Nancy Bishop, the Norse Stars Dance/Drill Team performed at numerous activities throughout the school year. The 25-member squad performed home football and basketball games.

Photo by Tim Ing

NORSE STARS

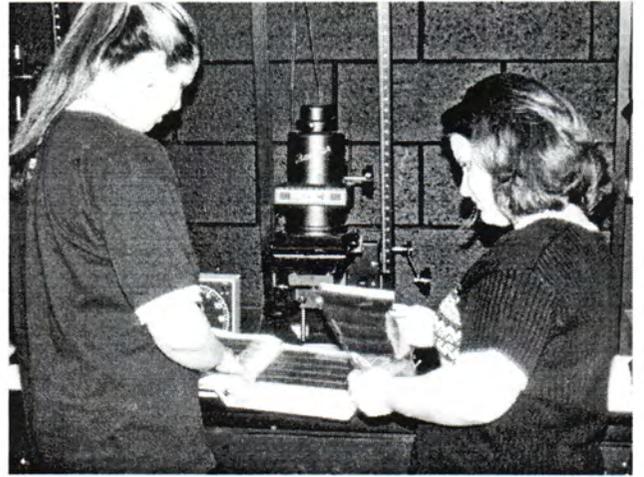


Five members of the *Norse Wind* student newspaper display the certificates they won during competition in the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association spring convention .

Photo by Monty Franks

Lacey Mangum (left), a freshman from Quapaw, and DeLena Mincher, a freshman from Seminole, served as photographic editors for both the student newspaper and the yearbook.

Photo by Josh Maxson



Under the direction of Monty Franks, members of the *Norse Wind* student newspaper staff and the *Viking* yearbook staff were, from left; Bill Buoy, editorial editor, Bartlesville; Chris O'Neal, managing editor, Fairland; Josh Maxson, sports editor, Miami; Lacey Mangum, photographer, Quapaw, and DeLena Mincher, photographer, Seminole.

NORSE WIND NEWSPAPER

Seven adult members of the Older, Wiser, Learning Students organization gather for a group picture prior to the start of the 1997 graduation ceremony. Many of the students that participate in the OWLS program go on to pursue bachelor degrees at four-year institutions after they finish at NEO.

Photo by Dana Johnston



Serving as mascot for the OWLS program is Mr. OWL as he recruits students before entering the OWLS Center located in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union building. Mr. OWL was introduced as the mascot during the 1995-96 school year and he appears at several civic functions throughout the year.

Photo by Dana Johnston



Some of the more than 200 members of the Older, Wiser, Learning Students group were, from left; Mikael Long, Glen Robison, Beverly Doty, John Wilbanks, Ernest K and Aletha Redden.

Photo by DeLena Min

OLDER, WISER, LEARNING STUDENTS



More than 80 students participated in the candle lighting ceremony during the spring induction of new members into the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. **Photo by James O'Neal**

Three members of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society work a recruitment table during the Seniors on Campus day held in March.

Photo by James O'Neal



Sponsors Kenda Grover (left) and Pat Creech (middle) pose with several members of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society during a trip to the National Convention in Nashville, Tenn. The group was awarded the coveted Five Star Distinction for the fifth consecutive year.

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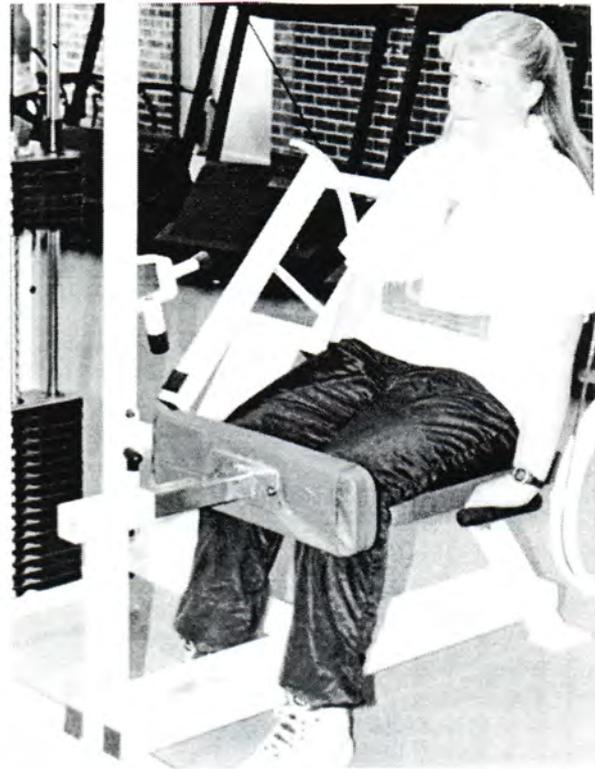
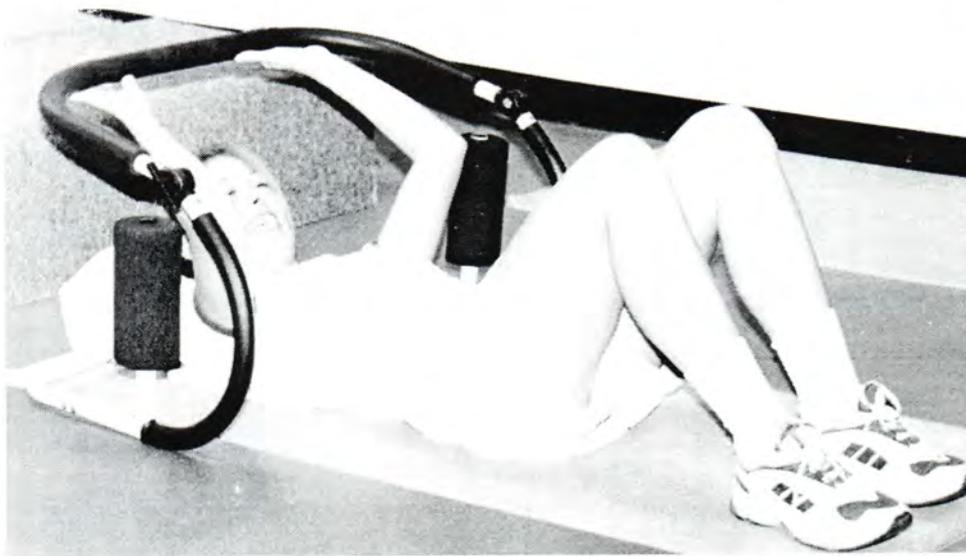
PHI THETA KAPPA

Jamie Clover, a freshman from Miami, strains through some abdominal stretches during an early-morning workout in the college Wellness Center located in the northeast corner of the NEO Fieldhouse. The Physical Therapy Assistants program is a new academic program which started in 1996.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Jessie Kingen, a sophomore from McCordsville, Ind., works to strengthen her lower back muscles on one of the more than 20 weight and aerobic stations located in the college Wellness Center. Several of the students enrolled in the Physical Therapy Assistants Association workout in the center.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Under the direction of Barbara Taylor, members of the Physical Therapy Assistants Association were, kneeling, from left; Amy Powell, Nora Malone, Rikke Mitchell, Jo Wilson, and Melissa James. Seated are, Pat McAuliff, Jodi VanLanduit, Tiffany Anderson, Tawni Chewey, Jimmy Christman, Anna Boyst, Scott Van Hoose, and Cindy Ha. Back row, Scott Webster and Jennifer Kenney.

Photo by DeLena Min

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION



Serving as Hall Directors for the Resident Life Council were, from left; Jo Girdner, Vann Hall; Scott Harvell, Russell Hall; Matt Parker, Dyer Hall; Jacinda Watson, Dobson Hall, and Kathryn Dlabach, coordinator.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

Six adults served as Head Residents for Commons Hall, Dyer Hall, Russell Hall, Vann Hall, Harrill Hall and Dobson Hall. Kathryn Dlabach served as coordinator of Resident Life.
Photo by Kathryn Dlabach



teen students served as Student Assistants during the fall semester for the six dormitories under the Resident Life Council. Kathryn Dlabach served as coordinator of program.

RESIDENT LIFE COUNCIL

Five members of the college Rodeo Team practice their team roping skills during a session at the arena on the college farm located east of the main campus. Throughout the year the men's and women's rodeo teams competed in 10 Central Plains Region rodeos sanctioned by the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Prior to the start of practice at the college farm arena, some members of the college Rodeo Team work on their roping technique by using a stationary target. Under the direction of first-year coach Ben Foreman the Rodeo Team participated in 10 Intercollegiate rodeos against both junior colleges and four-year schools.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Four members of the college Rodeo Team captured the women's title in the 31st-annual Garden City (Kan.) Community College Central Plains Region rodeo. Competitors were, from left; Jennifer Weaver, Angie Andrews, coach Ben Foreman, Samantha Chandler, and Tessia Parker.

Photo by Tim Ing

RODEO TEAM



Members of the college Equine Judging Team gather on the bleachers of the Equine Center located east of the campus to begin a judging practice session.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton

Equine Judging coach Kevin Poole (seated) checks the schedule as he answers a question from judging team member Stoney Stamper, a freshman from Locust Grove.

Photo by Jonathon Middleton



Displaying the awards they won as champions of the 1998 National Western Collegiate Horse Judging contest in Denver, Colo., are, from left; Kevin Poole, coach; Stoney Stamper, freshman, Locust Grove; Rachel Shultz, freshman, Centralia, Mo.; Regina Gee, freshman, Antlers, and Luke Anderson, sophomore, Chelsea.

Photo by Tim Ingram

EQUINE JUDGING TEAM

JoYo, played by Clay Yocum, a freshman from Lewisville, Texas, climbs aboard Kalibad, portrayed by Jeff Thompson, a freshman from Tahlequah, during a scene from the play *The Invention*. Yocum and Thompson were also members of the interscholastic Speech Team representing the college.

Photo by Tim Ingram

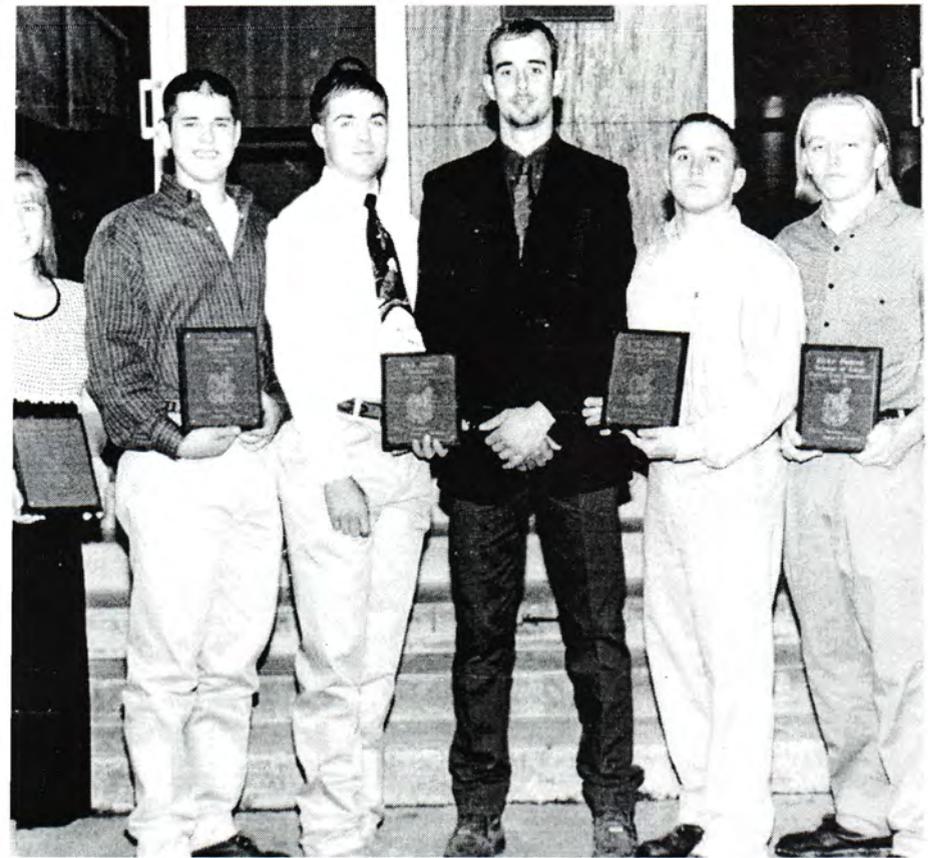
David Froman (right), coach of the Interscholastic Speech Team, presents sophomore Bill Scribner of Oologah the certificate for Best Actor in a Supporting Role during the Masquers Club banquet. Scribner also participated in numerous speech contests across the state.

Photo by Brian Hauck



Under the direction of David Froman (left, top row), members of the Interscholastic Speech Team were, bottom row, from left; Benn Stovall, Picher; Bill Scribner, Oologah; Erick Schneider, Coopersburg, Pa.; Rob Heath, Pawhuska; Clay Yocum, Lewisville, Texas, and Cory Brunger, Pawhuska. Back row, Froman; Adria Lightle, Webb City; Amanda Owens, Decatur, Ark.; LeAnn Mayberry, Vinita, and Steve McCurley, assistant coach. Not pictured are Annie Selig, Purdy, Mo., and Bethanna Jackson, Grove.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPEECH TEAM



Serving as officers for the Student Body Government were, from left; Mavis Hatter, Seth Harold, Rick Porter, Rhea Shields (president), J.W. Stanley, and Ricky Duncan. Not shown is Ryan Parker.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

Student Body Government president Rhea Shields and other members of the group try to generate spirit during the annual Homecoming parade down Miami's Main Street.
Photo by DeLena Mincher



Members of the Student Body Government were, kneeling, from left; Rhea Shields, J.W. Stanley, and Rick Porter. Second row, Tracy Means, Rachel Schultz, Tiffany Davis, [Name obscured], and Fred Billups. Third row, Kaci Moran, Anthony Evans, Ricky Duncan, Mavis Hatter, and Taneesa Hall. Fourth row, Shelly Baumgar, Brian Gensamer, Les Inkelear, Wes McCluskey, Apollo Russell, Seth Harold, Gary Graham, and Shirley Patterson. Fifth row, Ryan Parker, Troy Humphrey, Nick Tinsley, Keith Graff, Kip Long, Kenny Cochran, Jason Reynolds, Mike Truitt, and Dr. Jim Atkinson, advisor.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT

Dr. Mark Cotner, surgical technology program medical director, conducts a demonstration at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo., with NEO students Cassie Ross, a sophomore from Miami, and Scott Mallory, a sophomore from Baxter Springs, Kan., as Freeman Hospital employee Phyllis Walton assists.

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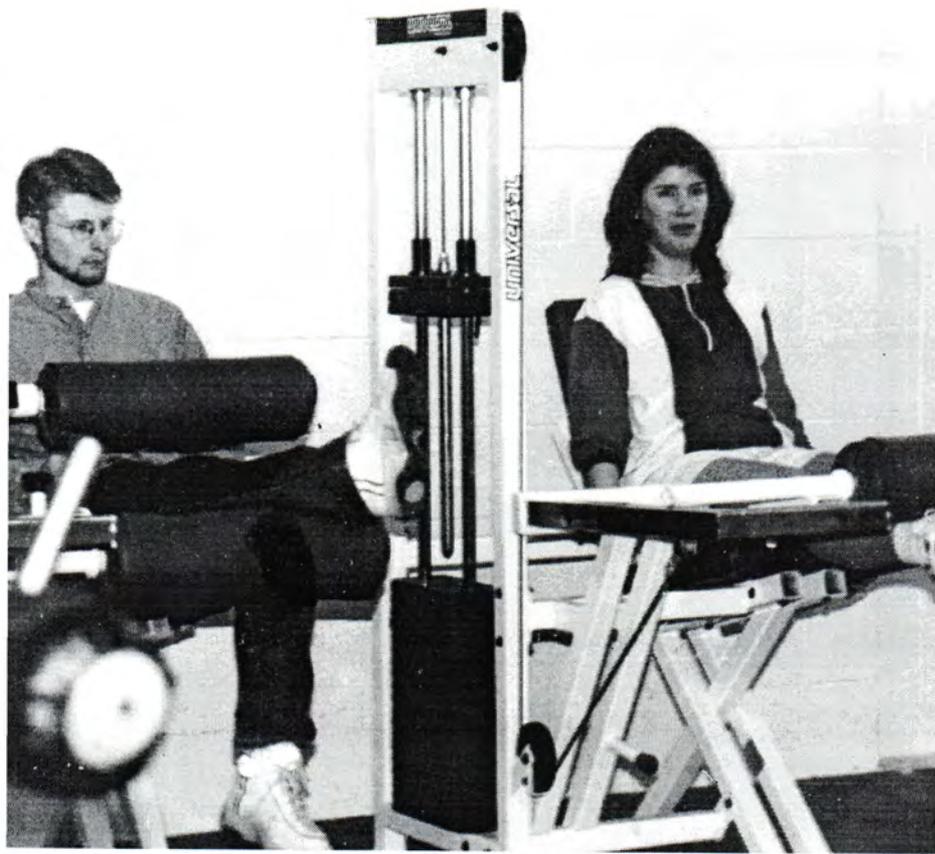
Students participating in the Surgical Technology night class were, bottom row, from left; Cindi Swearingen and Karrie Berliaw. Top row, Terry Kaneer, David Madden, and Rodney Ramsey. The class was taught by Judy Hancock and was part of the college night school offerings.

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Under the direction of Judy Hancock, members of the Surgical Technology Club were, front row, from left; Dorsey Thieman, sophomore, Wyandotte; Tammy Davis, sophomore, Cassia, Mo.; Amie Matherly, sophomore, Wyandotte, and Julie Jennings, sophomore, Seneca, Mo. Back row, Teresa Jemes, sophomore, Neosho, Mo.; Cassie Ross, sophomore, Miami, Mo.; Kari Sparlin, sophomore, Baxter Springs, Kan.; Rhonda Couch, sophomore, Inola; Natalie Morgan, sophomore, Columbus, Kan., and Scott Mallory, sophomore, Baxter Springs, Kan.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Sophomores Shane and Michelle Haffe, both of Miami, take advantage of the weight lifting stations set up in the college Wellness Center as part of an aerobics fitness class.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Science instructors Mary Kirkpatrick and Betty Spradlin get a solid cardio-vascular workout on the Stair Master machines during their daily visit to the college Wellness Center.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Under the direction of physical education instructor Nancy Bishop, the college Wellness Center not only features aerobic fitness classes and weight lifting classes but also the center offers memberships to non-students. Former chemistry instructor Chester Campbell and Jodi Rivers, a freshman from Enid, enjoy a ride on stationary bikes.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

WELLNESS CENTER



People



Two sophomore students offer directions to a group of visitors before continuing to class. With an enrollment of more than 2,300 students during the 1997 fall semester, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College remained the nation's largest two-year school with students living on campus.

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Abell, Brad-freshman

Miami, General Studies

Able, Jody-sophomore

Wyandotte, Child Development

Ables, Crystal-sophomore

Locust Grove, Education

Abrams, Jessica-freshman

Pawhuska, General Studies

Adair, Valarie-freshman

Ardmore, Speech



Adams, Terri-sophomore

Miami, Criminal Justice

Adkins, Doug-sophomore

Lawton, Mathematics

Adkins, Julius-freshman

Hugo, General Studies

Ailey, Bryan-sophomore

Grove, General Studies

Albert, Josh-sophomore

Sand Springs, Pre-engineering



Alden, Jeremy-freshman

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San Diego, Calif. General Studies

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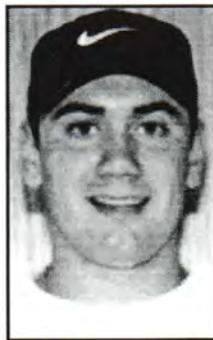
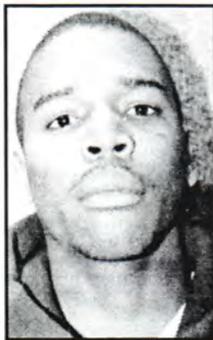
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Allen, Shane-freshman

Cisco, Texas, General Studies

Almond, Lori-sophomore

Grove, Social Work



Alverson, Teri-freshman

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Bluejacket, Nursing

Anderson, Dawn-freshman

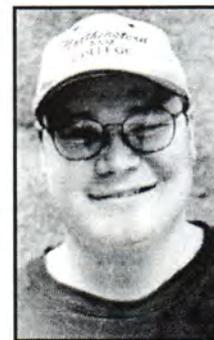
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Anderson, Luke-sophomore

Chelsea, Agriculture

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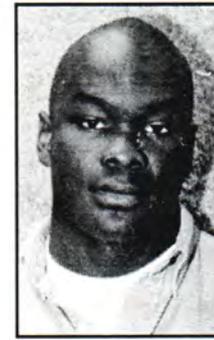
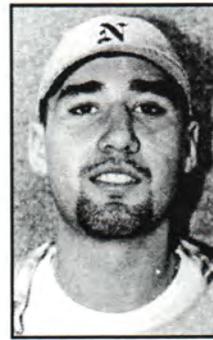
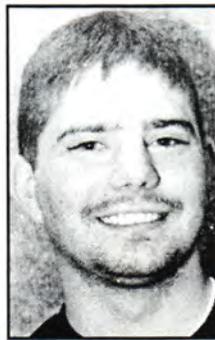
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Catoosa, General Studies



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From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Vorse Wind*.

Five new faculty members joined the college at the start of school in August.

Chris Fancher joined the college instructional staff in the business department. Fancher also served as offensive line coach for the Golden Norse football staff.

Fancher, a graduate of Duncan High School, played football for the Golden Hurricane at the University of Tulsa. He earned a bachelor's degree from TU and a masters degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Prior to coming to NEO, Fancher taught and coached at Midwest City High School.

Pamela Gelder joined the college faculty as the head of the newly created medical assistant program.

Gelder was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in numerous positions. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New York and a bachelor's degree from George Washington University.

Joining the college as the new multi-media instructional technologist was Dr. Wendell McAdams. He was a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. McAdams earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, a master's

from the University of Southern California and a doctorate from LaSalle University.

Robert Miller joined the faculty as a math instructor. Miller earned both a bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeastern State University.

Charles "Choo" Thomas returned to NEO as a physical education instructor and defensive secondary coach in football.

Thomas earned an associate's degree while playing for the Norsemen in 1975. He earned both a bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tulsa.

He coached and taught at several high schools across Oklahoma before returning to his alma-mater.



Auffet, Amanda-freshman
Stilwell, Physical Education
Austin, Alicia-freshman
Miami, Nursing
Austin, Paul-sophomore
Decatur, Ark. Agriculture
Azbill, Todd-sophomore
Oologah, Computer Science
Babb, Myron-sophomore
Miami, Drafting



Bale, Steven-freshman
Grove, Athletic Training
Barnes, Jana-freshman
Fairland, Education
Barrett, Shawntel-freshman
Miami, Education
Bartley, Chad-freshman
Wyandotte, General Studies
Barton, Hank-sophomore
Jay, Agriculture

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Base, Kyle-freshman
Geary, Forestry

Bassert, Lacey-sophomore
Ponca City, Education

Basyal, Sudhir-freshman
Miami, Computer Science

Bates, Ramon-freshman
Oklahoma City, Physical Education

Battle, Kiwana-freshman
Springfield, Ohio, Physical Education



Baty, Jody-freshman
Miami, General Studies

Baumbach, Shane-sophomore
Cuba, Mo., Ranch Management

Beal, Ruth-freshman
Wyandotte, Pre-nursing

Beaty, Sam-freshman
Welch, Pre-engineering

Beavers, Steve-sophomore
Bartlesville, Business Administration



Beaverstock, Larissa-freshman
Quapaw, General Studies

Beck, Cody-freshman
Jay, Computer Science

Bellows, Terrance-freshman
Wynnewood, General Studies

Bellman, Bart-sophomore
Cleveland, Agriculture

Bennett, Amy-sophomore
Tulsa, General Studies



Bennett, Kari-sophomore
Frederick, Education

Bernard, Angela-freshman
Van Buren, Ark., Animal Science

Bethel, April-freshman
Tulsa, Child Development

Billie, Dusty-sophomore
Skiatook, American Indian Studies

Billups, Fred-sophomore
Miami, Computer Science



Bird, Anita-sophomore
Quapaw, Agriculture

Blades, Calvin-sophomore
Tulsa, Business Management

Blair, Erin-freshman
Chelsea, Speech

Blair, Sheri-freshman
Fairland, Pre-nursing

Blakey, Cindy-freshman
Ava, Mo., Ranch Management



From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Vorse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

Music has been a major factor in the life of DeMaris Gaines, instructor of music and coordinator of Native American studies.

For the past 30 years, Gaines has been part of the institution, teaching students how to enrich their lives with music.

Gaines retired at the end of the 1998 spring semester as a full-time faculty member.

Gaines musical training began at the age of five. Her mother was a pianist in the Cincinnati conservatory, and along with the other musical teachers learned much about music.

At the age of 16, Gaines entered Baylor University in Waco, Texas as a music major.

While at Baylor, Gaines worked

on a double major with a minor in harp music.

Gaines received her degree in 1958 with in performance skill in the piano, harp, and pipe organ.

Gaines received her masters degree in performance 11 years later at the Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburgh, Kan.

After graduation, she moved to Miami, and worked at the First Baptist Church.

While there, she was active in being the church organist and director of the youth choir.

"Dr. Bruce Carter, who was president of the college at the time, observed my work and musical talent and invited me to teach at the college," said Gaines.

"I accepted the teaching position in 1969, and have enjoyed every minute in teaching students music.

In addition to teaching music at the college, Gaines is a coordinator for native american studies.

Gaines began her teachings in the field after attending a medicine conference under a Comanche

medicine man Edgar Manatache.

Gaines decided to start the heritage program for the purpose of protecting and teaching the languages, history, and traditions of Native Americans.

"I took my plan to both Jack Rucker, chairman of the Communications/Fine Arts division and made an appointment with Dr. Bobby Wright, the college president, to get an official approval of the project," Gaines said.

"This program flourished into a full, efficient degree program because of this," said Gaines.

The program was basically formed to preserve the history of the various tribes of the area.

"Everyone understands that without protecting the languages and traditions of Native Americans, they can be lost," Gaines said.

After retirement, Gaines has a full schedule ahead of her.

"I would like to give my appreciation to the college and the community who have always supported the music program."



Blaylock, Christine-freshman
Jay, Drafting
Blevins, Sarah-sophomore
Tulsa, Wellness
Booth, Eric-sophomore
Miami, Criminal Justice
Borton, Kayla-freshman
Afton, Computer Science
Boswell, Chantal-sophomore
Commerce, Nursing



Bowden, Sonny-sophomore
Miami, Nursing
Boyles, Ian-freshman
Grove, Computer Science
Braden, Shelley-freshman
Afton, Child Development
Bradshaw, Jason-freshman
Mountain Grove, Mo., Agriculture
Brasky, Bill-freshman
Jay, Agriculture

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Jay, General Studies

Brazil, Jeff-sophomore

Colcord, General Studies

Bridges, Phillip-freshman

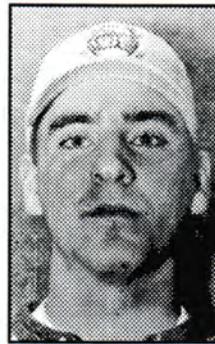
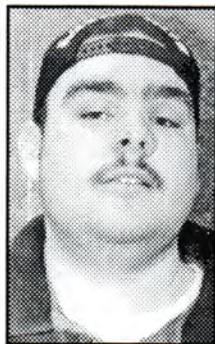
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Lawton, General Studies

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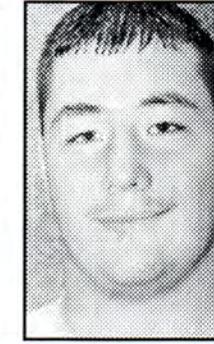
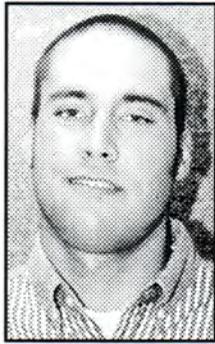
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Tulsa, Agriculture

Brown, Josh-freshman

Skiatook, Physical Education



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Sapulpa, General Studies

Brown, Traci-sophomore

Bixby, Nursing

Browning, Rhoshod-sophomore

Oklahoma City, General Studies

Bruffett, Seth-freshman

Carthage, Mo., Animal Science



Bucanan, Kris-sophomore

Chandler, Broadcasting

Bunnir, Corey-freshman

Tulsa, General Studies

Buoy, Bill-sophomore

Grove, Journalism

Buoy, Matthew-freshman

Bartlesville, General Studies

Burdine, Roderick-freshman

Tulsa, General Studies



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Burkhart, David-freshman

Shawnee, Ranch Management

Burki, Shaun-freshman

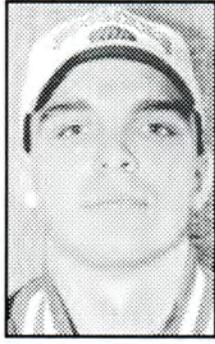
Miami, Physical Education

Burns, Justin-sophomore

Stockton, Mo., Agriculture

Burr, Jeremiah-freshman

Decatur, Ark., Ranch Management



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From the headlines...

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By James O'Neal

High school students from the surrounding four-state area were on campus during April to participate in the 47th annual Aggie Day.

Sponsored by the Agriculture Department, the Aggie Society, and several other students in the agriculture field, the day-long event featured competition in various categories.

Some of the areas of competition included: livestock judging, poultry judging, farm shop, meat judging, farm business management, land judging, crop judging, entomology, and soil and

water management.

Other categories included in the competition were: speeches, dairy products, pasture and range, forestry, nursery/landscape, floriculture, and dairy contests.

The day began at 7 a.m. with sign up for the livestock and poultry contests.

The Junior FFA Livestock contest was open to students in the eighth through the 10th grades. The Senior FFA contest was open to other students currently enrolled in the organization.

The contest also featured competition in cattle, hog, and sheep classes with oral reasons presented in each category.

Contestants also had an opportunity to participate in a farm shop contest. The competition consisted of a written exam,

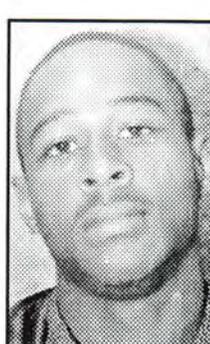
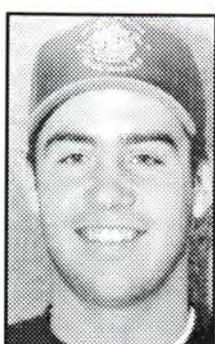
a tool and small engine parts identification, and evaluation of practical welding skills.

Winners in each of the judging contests were presented their awards during an assembly in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

"The annual Aggie Day supports our recruitment efforts when equine judging teams attend the event," said Jary Douglas, chair of the agriculture division and coordinator of the event.

"With entries from 60 area schools representing the four-state area, this is one of the largest events of its kind in the area," Douglas said.

Along with more than 2,000 students participating in the day-long event, Aggie Day also attracted several professional judges to observe the competition.



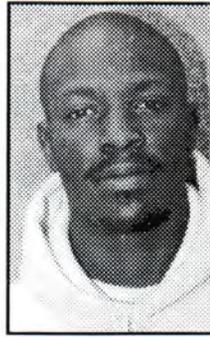
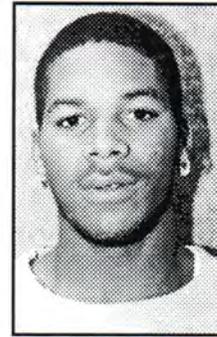
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Collinsville, General Studies
Buster, Travis-freshman
Salina, Equine
Butler, Tony-sophomore
Tulsa, Athletic Training
Byers, Kerry-freshman
Tulsa, Pre-law



Caldwell, Jamie-sophomore
Balko, Ranch Management
Callahan, LuAnn-sophomore
Miami, Nursing
Callison, Jeremy-freshman
Ketchum, Physical Education
Callaway, Brandi-freshman
Turney, Mo., Athletic Training
Canbunke, Jim-freshman
Yukon, Agriculture

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Carder, Kevin-freshman
Colcord, Forestry
Carder, Tonya-freshman
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Carroll, Allen-sophomore
Tulsa, General Studies



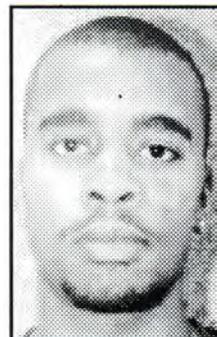
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Miami, Pre-nursing
Carter, Brooke-sophomore
Vinita, Education
Carter, Chrissy-freshman
Gore, Physical Therapy
Carter, Robert-sophomore
Tulsa, General Studies



Casey, Christie-sophomore
Lees Summit, Mo., History
Cecil Silas-sophomore
Russellville, Ark., Agriculture Business
Chadrick, Toby-freshman
Tuttle, Forestry
Chandler, Joseph-freshman
Stilwell, General Studies
Chandler, Kristy-freshman
Afton, Broadcasting



Christian, Jimmy-freshman
Afton, Criminal Justice
Clark, Janae-freshman
Grove, Education
Clark, Jeri-freshman
Welch, General Studies
Clark, Julius-freshman
Tulsa, Business
Clark, LaTisha-sophomore
Neosho, Mo., Social Work



Clendening, Tina-sophomore
Oceanside, Calif., Computer Science
Clift, Bryan-freshman
Tishomingo, Animal Science
Cloke, Scott-sophomore
Meeker, Drafting
Cochran, Kenny-freshman
Sapulpa, Accounting
Coghill, Anthony-sophomore
Claremore, Pre-engineering



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From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the northeastern Oklahoma A&M college student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

Competing against more than 2,000 chapters from across the United States, the MU Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society won a five-star ranking during the national convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Capturing the coveted Five-Star Award for the fifth consecutive year, the MU Chapter continued to climb among the top 100 chapters in the nation.

Under the direction of co-sponsors Kenda Grover, Pat Creech, and Jeremy Radebaugh, 16 members of the MU Chapter competed against other chapters

for various hallmark awards.

The awards were given to chapters who showed excellence in scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service.

Greg Lippe, a sophomore from Wyandotte, captured the award for Distinguished Chapter Officer.

Kenda Grover, co-sponsor for the MU Chapter, received the Paragon Award. The award recognized the efforts of new advisors of the numerous chapters.

George Stephonopolis, a former campaign manager for President Clinton, was one of the keynote speakers during the four day event.

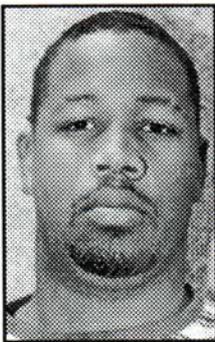
Other students attending the convention were: Jody Able, sophomore from Wyandotte; Misty Moreland, sophomore, Miami; Mavis Hatter, freshman, Claremore; Mike Truitt, fresh-

man, Claremore; Tara Flannigan, freshman, Miami; Amy Barker, sophomore, Miami; and Abby North, freshman, Grove.

Other students participating in the convention were: Charles Inkelarr, freshman, Afton; Kenny Cochran, freshman, Sapulpa; Joel Grigsby, freshman, Miami, and Linsay James, freshman, Welch.

Also participating were; Mary Spencer, freshman, Welch; Jennifer Rucker, freshman, Miami; Beverly Doty, sophomore, Grove, and Josh Tomlin, sophomore, Miami.

"We were very excited and pleased with our performance on the national level," said Grover. "This is a extremely difficult competition and we had the added pressure of continuing our Five-Star ranking."



Coheen, Danny-freshman
Tulsa, General Studies
Colbert, Simeon-freshman
El Reno, Accounting
Collins, Sean-sophomore
Kansas City, Mo., Business
Conder, Antoinette-sophomore
Picher, Art
Conn, Rachelle-freshman
Catoosa, Speech



Cook, Josh-freshman
Grove, General Studies
Coombes, Charles-freshman
Stilwell, General Studies
Cooper, Michael-freshman
Oklahoma City, Physical Education
Cosby, Josh-sophomore
Hominy, General Studies
Couch, Rhonda-sophomore
Inola, Surgical Technology

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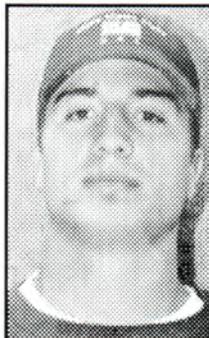
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Cousatte, John-freshman
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Vinita, Nursing
Cox, Abby Jo-freshman
Bolivar, Mo., Music
Cox, Amy-sophomore
Tulsa, Wellness



Craven, LeAnn-sophomore
Waurika, Agriculture
Crews, Rick-sophomore
Sheldon, Mo., Ranch Management
Crisp, Corey-sophomore
Tulsa, General Studies
Culwell, Angela-freshman
Tulsa, Athletic Training
Cummings, Dayna-sophomore
Tulsa, Journalism



Cunningham, Stacie-sophomore
Caney, Kan., Medical Lab Technician
Daniel Kevin-freshman
West Fork, Ark., Music
Davis, Bryan-sophomore
Moore, General Studies
Davis, Tammy-sophomore
Cardin, Surgical Technology
Davis, Tiffany-sophomore
Tulsa, Agriculture



Deems, Amanda-sophomore
Miami, Education
Dell, Jessica-sophomore
Jennings, Pre-vet
Denham, Crystal-freshman
Centralia, Mo., Agriculture
Denney, Quyen-freshman
Grove, General Studies
Denton, Casey-freshman
Westville, Agriculture



Detherage, Mandy-sophomore
Miami, Child Development
Diederich, Amy-freshman
Grove, Pre-medicine
Dobbins, Jennifer-freshman
Porter, Business Administration
Dollins, Kathy-freshman
Seminole, Athletic Training
Dorsey, Jeff-sophomore
Jenks, Marketing



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From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Norse Wind*.

Five members of the NEO student publications staff captured 19 awards during the 28th annual Northeastern Oklahoma State University Media Day activities in Tahlequah.

More than 550 area junior high, high school and junior college students attended the event which featured guest speakers in 10 different sessions. Dr. Greg Combs, interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters served as master-of-ceremonies during the luncheon and awards presentation.

James O'Neal, sophomore managing editor of *The Norse Wind* student newspaper from Fairland, won a \$10 cash prize for finishing third in a news writing competition. O'Neal finished second in the newspaper news writing category and second in the news features competition.

Both *The Norse Wind* and *The Viking* yearbook finished third in the overall excellence categories. Eastern Oklahoma College of Wilburton won first place in both categories.

The newspaper was judged second-best overall in front page layout and received third place certificates in inside page design, overall photography, sports writing, news writing, and feature writing.

Sophomore editorial editor Bill Bouy of Grove won first place in the newspaper sports feature writing.

Josh Maxon of Miami finished third in sports writing, sports features, and honorable mention in news photography.

Freshman photographer Lacey Mangum of Quapaw placed first in newspaper sports photography and honorable mention in sports column writing.

Delena Mincher, freshman photographer of Seminole, received honorable mention recognition in both newspaper sports and feature photography.

"We really did well when you stop and consider that we only had a five-person staff," said Monty Franks, advisor.



Doty, Beverly-sophomore
Grove, Marketing
Douglas, Levi-sophomore
Miami, Management
Downing, Cicley-freshman
Vinita, Physical Education
Dreyfess, Mandy-sophomore
Vail, Ariz., Agriculture
Duncan, Ricky-sophomore
Lawton, Pre-medicine



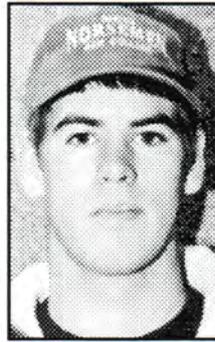
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Tulsa, General Studies
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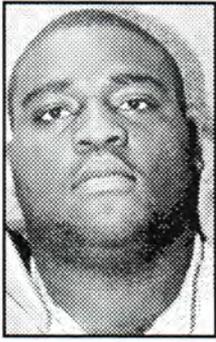
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Chetopa, Kan., Nursing
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Anderson, Mo., Physical Therapy
Elzo, Amy-freshman
Claremore, General Studies



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Claremore, General Studies
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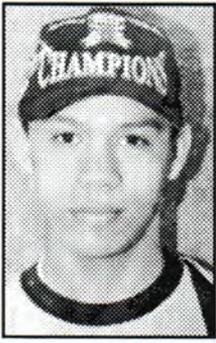
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Fields, Amber-sophomore
Mounds, General Studies



Finnell, John-freshman
Tulsa, Journalism
Flehmer, Stephen-sophomore
Pierce City, Mo., Animal Science
Fleming, Travis-freshman
Fort Towson, Music
Floyd, Amecia-freshman
Tulsa, Zoology
Floyd, Lacreia-freshman
Tulsa, Social Science



Foreman, Bud-freshman
Jay, General Studies
Freeland, Kelly-freshman
Ketchum, General Studies
Fry, William-freshman
Vinita, Pre-vet
Fryman, Brandy-freshman
Jay, General Studies
Gaines, Rayson-sophomore
Galveston, Texas, Physical Education



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From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

Ten NEO students attended the annual Spring Leadership Conference of Phi Beta Lambda at the University of Central Oklahoma.

PBL was NEO's organization for business students and an extension of the Future Business Leader's of America (FBLA) in high school.

Both student groups are sponsored by the Oklahoma Vocational and Business Education divisions at Oklahoma State University.

Sherry Garrison, a sophomore from Jay, presided at the conference as the state's vice president for the PBL organization for the 1997-98 school year.

Taking honors were, Ian Boyles,

freshman, Grove, placed third in computer application competition.

Richard Rahming, sophomore, Nassau, The Bahamas, placed sixth in marketing.

Tracey Means, sophomore, Aurora, Mo., placed seventh in business law.

Gary Graham, freshman, Quapaw, placed eighth in public speaking.

Three 11th place finishes in the statewide competitions went to the following;

Missy Plant, freshman, Grove, was recognized in the word processing category.

Rebekah Percell, sophomore, Pryor, placed in computer concepts.

Peggy Owings, sophomore, Big Cabin, was recognized in the business communications category.

The competition included hundreds of college students representing nearly 80 institutions with 27 public colleges and universities in Oklahoma,

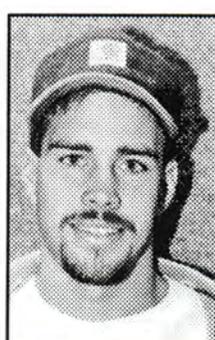
six private colleges, including OBU, Southern Nazarine University, Oklahoma Christian University.

Over 50 vo-techs and technology centers from throughout the state also were on hand to participate in the event.

Considering the size of the competition, NEO was able to capture a total of five awards, which was truly extraordinary, considering the hundreds of students competing, according to PBL vice president Abby North, Grove freshman.

First and second place finisher's were invited to attend the PBL-FBLA national competition in Orlando, Fla. over the summer.

"With so many PBL freshmen returning next year, including PBL president Gary Graham of Quapaw, NEO's business student competition team should be stronger than ever," said Dr. Fred Patrick, faculty advisor.



Gandy, Resha-sophomore
Galena, Kan., Nursing
Gardner, Cassie-sophomore
Miami, Business Administration
Garner, Tracy-freshman
Joplin, Mo., General Studies
Garrison, Sherry-sophomore
Jay, Business
Gensamer, Brian-sophomore
Marlow, Forestry



Gibbs, John-freshman
Verona, Mo., Athletic Training
Gibson, Frankie-freshman
Commerce, Surgical Technology
Gibson, Shelia-freshman
Miami, Business Administration
Giles, Connie-freshman
Fairland, Business Administration
Gilstrap, Megan-sophomore
Seneca, Mo., Medical Assistant

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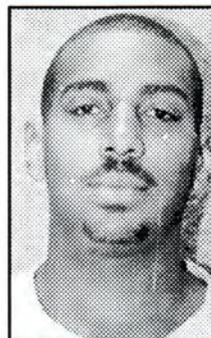
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Goldman, Jared-sophomore
Grove, Education
Gooch, Jason-sophomore
Mulhall, Pre-engineering
Gosney, Lisa-freshman
Nowata, General Studies



Graff, Keith-freshman
Chickasha, History
Graham, Deann-sophomore
Columbus, Kan., Medical Lab Technology
Graham, Jeffrey-freshman
Grove, Music
Gray, Jeffrey-sophomore
Hominy, Marketing
Gredwin, Robyn-freshman
Grove, General Studies



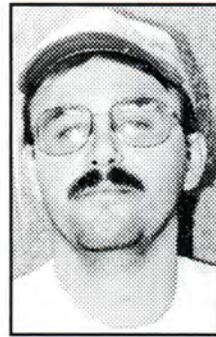
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Green, Stephan-freshman
Kansas City, Mo., General Studies



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Greninger, Janice-sophomore
Miami, Nursing
Grove, Ali-freshman
Porum, Psychology
Grover, Cathy-sophomore
Broken Arrow, Forestry
Gutierrez, Banessa-sophomore
Okay, Biology



Haggard, Ryland -freshman
Jay, Equine
Hall, Shane-freshman
Tulsa, Education
Hall, Tanessa-freshman
Bradleyville, Mo., Pre-vet
Hall, Tim-sophomore
Miami, General Studies
Hall, Valarie-sophomore
Miami, Nursing



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From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the northeastern Oklahoma A&M college student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

The heart stopping thrills of a high wire act, death defying flyingapeze artists, clowns, jugglers, and other acts became a part of the campus life after a circus spent our days refining their acts on campus.

No, NEO was not putting a new curriculum to train circus performers, but the campus became the special rehearsal site for a troupe called Circus Chimera.

The Miami Tent Factory's ability to produce a big order in a short time was

responsible for helping bring one of the nation's premier circus attractions to Miami for a special season kick-off performance.

Circus Chimera, based in Hugo, Okla., made a surprise appearance in Miami and held a public performances at NEO.

The circus established their "Big Top" on the NEO intramural field located just east of campus.

According to Lee Gentry, coordinator of advance promotions for Circus Chimera, they had ordered a new tent from overseas, but was notified the company could not deliver the item on time. At the last minute, they contacted the Miami Tent Company who agreed to tackle the job of

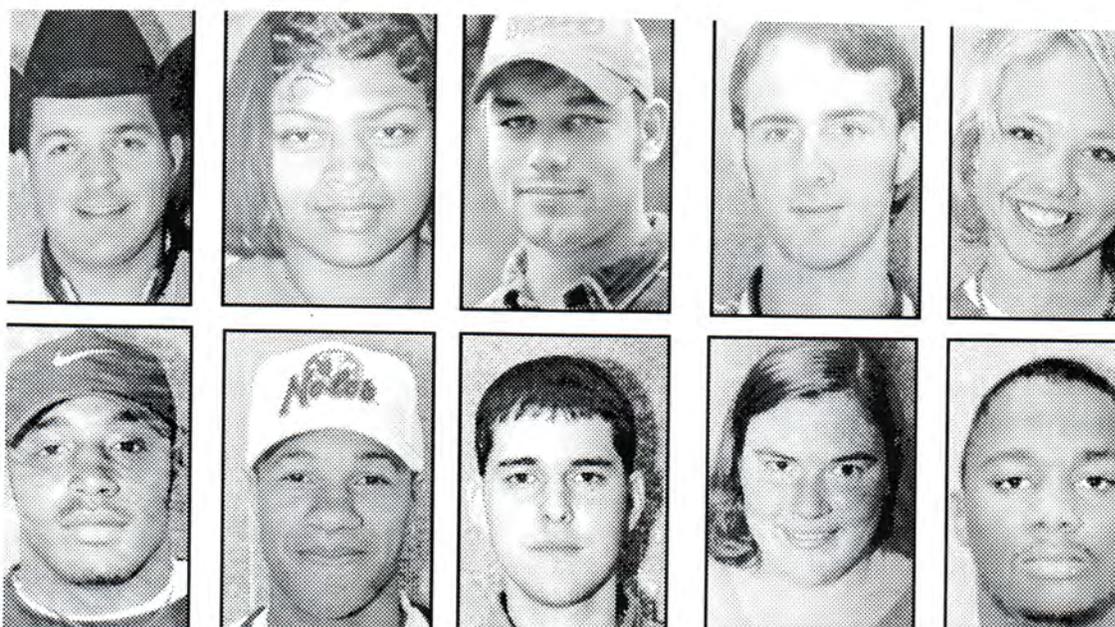
constructing a new circus tent.

"This was a new style of tent for the Miami Tent Company so we were able to set the tent up to try out all of the 'bells and whistles'," Gentry said.

"At the same time, this was a brand new show, so we want to put in the lights, sound, and seats to have several rehearsals."

Gentry stated that the circus arrived in Miami by the first of the week and began practicing putting up the tent, setting up rigging, and begin full dress rehearsals.

"Regardless, we're on our way and excited about playing on campus with real, live audiences," said Gentry.



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Tulsa, Physical Education
Hardrick, Brian-freshman
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Harold, Seth-sophomore
Nevada, Mo., Ranch Management
Harrah, Marsha-freshman
Wyandotte, General Studies
Harris, Jeffrey-freshman
Gary, Ind., Business Administration

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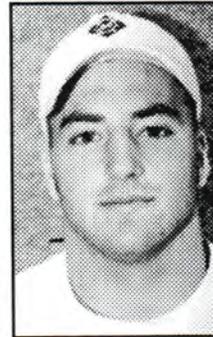
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Booneville, Ark., Agriculture Business
Heath, Robbie-sophomore
Pawhuska, Music



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Bluejacket, Agriculture
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Picher, Pre-nursing
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Grove, Accounting



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Hirsch, Beth-sophomore
Thayer, Mo., Pre-vet



Ho to Ho

From the headlines...

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NEO became one of the few schools in the nation who have the opportunity to use a new prototyping machine which has become useful in modern industrial technology.

Of an estimated 18 colleges and technical schools in the United States, NEO was fortunate to obtain the JP5 Rapid Prototyping Machine.

The machine allows for a vast number of industries to design a new product, or make changes on a previous one in a matter of hours, instead of months.

According to Ron Combs,

the computer-aided drafting and design instructor, the product idea was drawn in a 3-dimensional format using the program's computer software.

Once the product was displayed on the screen, a prototype cutting machine begins to produce the model of the product.

The computer controlled cutter cut single thin layers of polymer on paper. The designer then placed the pieces together similar to a 3D puzzle.

After the following steps were concluded, the model was coated with polymer and the rough edges are refined.

"From this model, an industry can actually see their product in a fraction of the time it would normally take to produce a prototype," Combs said.

"This model can serve to form a cast or mold that the actu-

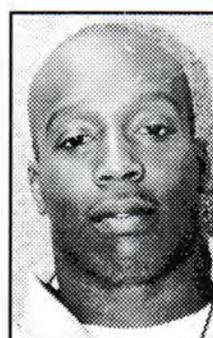
al product will eventually be produced from."

Combs stated that because of the system, many businesses and industries will average savings that run into the thousands of dollars.

In effect, this will allow them to use their savings to produce products which will cost less for the consumer.

"Many times when a new product comes out, it is very expensive in the beginning because a company has to recoup a great deal of design and prototyping expenses," Combs said.

"Of course the prototype machine is in a similar situation. Eventually, you'll see most companies going to a prototype system once the costs of equipment and software decrease," Combs added.



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Lawton, Physical Education



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Gason, Ind., Equine
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Purcell, History
Hooks, Julie-sophomore
Afton, Child Development
Hoover, Amanda-freshman
Berryville, Ark., Psychology
Hopkins, Jennifer-freshman
Quapaw, General Studies

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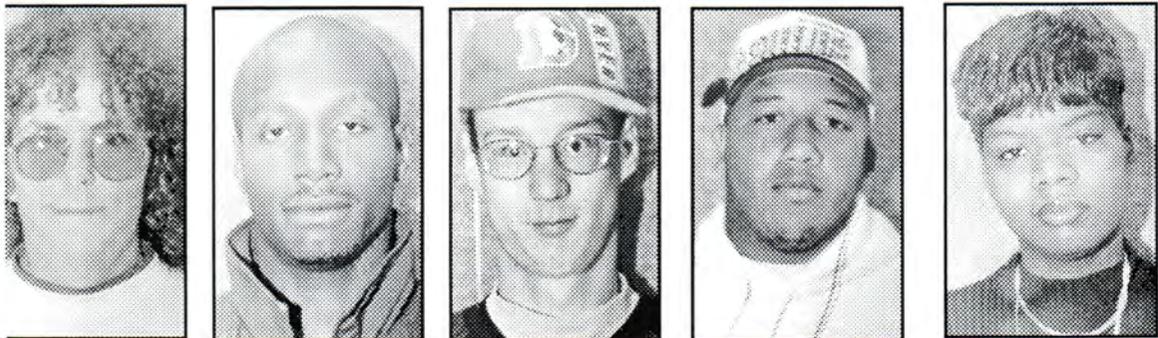
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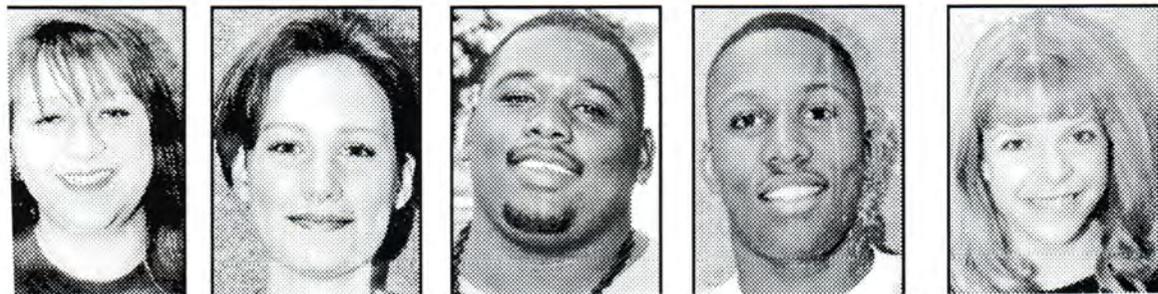
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Je to Jo

From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

Showing the pride of their native heritage, the Native American Student Association (NASA) participated in the gathering of the Nations Pow-wow in Albuquerque, N.M.

DeMaris Gaines, sponsor of the NEO organization, explained that the pow-wow allowed many representatives from different nations from around the world to share in their heritage.

"It was a very big gathering, where one could see the brigalia of many nations, and see many competitions," said Gaines.

While there, the officers of the club had the opportunity to see a vast number of jingle dancers, grass dancers, and other types of Native American traditional dance.

Participating in the event has become a yearly event over the past four years for the NASA organization.

"We have had a fine representative body of NEO students that have attended the pow-wow," Gaines said.

"The students always come back having learned the customs and traditions of many tribes."

Gaines feels that the event is as much a learning experience as a joyful one.

While in the area, the students who attended the pow-wow had the opportunity to view the spectacular scenery and the culture of the past natives who lived

in the area.

"Last year we went to Acoma, 'The Sky City' to see the pueblo. While there, we were able to see the architecture and the pottery of the local tribe," Gaines said.

With numerous fund raising events such as raffles, cake walks, and finance from individual tribes, the NASA organization was able to attend the annual gathering.

"The Tribes of the Nine Nations are the main sponsor of the event," said Gaines

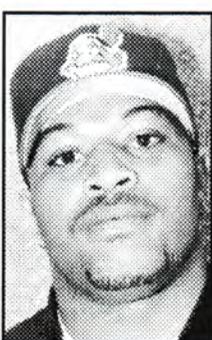
"We danced in the inter-tribal portion of the event," Gaines said.

The pow-wow was held in "The Pit" on the campus of New Mexico University.

"Part of the excitement is to see so many people belonging to the various indian families," said



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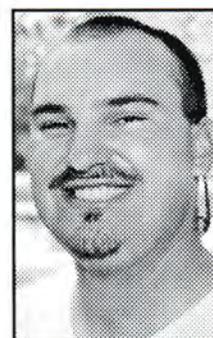
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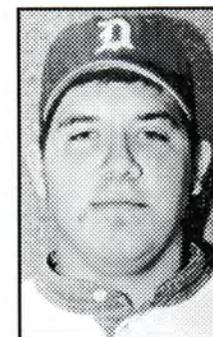
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Hominy, Education



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Sarcoxie, Mo., Social Science



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La to Li

From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Vorse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

The idea of spring break can mean a number of things to many people.

To some, the break allows for the student to take a break from the books. To others, it is a time to be spent with family and friends.

On the other hand, some persons felt the need to help others, and to somehow change not only the lives of the people who receive the help, but their own lives as well.

The Christian Student Fellowship became an outlet for that very opportunity. Each spring break, the fellowship travels to

Juarez, Mexico to become a helping hand at the Campamento Christiano Fronterizo Mission.

While there the helpers assisted in numerous aspects of completing the mission buildings, and some of the furnishings within.

A total of 27 people were able to give their endless effort and time to the cause. In addition to students from the fellowship, members of the First Christian Churches in Miami, Cardin, and Afton also participated.

The group experienced the usual long trip westward to Mexico, the fuel stops, the fellowship within the group, and of course, the distinct smelling feed lots of western Oklahoma.

For the first night, we were able to stay at the "snore den" in the gymnasium of the Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

The next day seemed to be

somewhat of a different story. Like most long distance trips, someone gets a flat tire. It just happened that the van I was traveling in was the one chosen to have that honor.

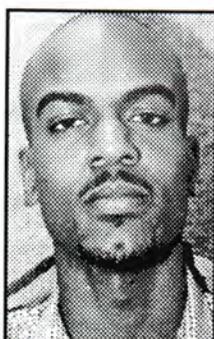
After spending the time to change the tire, the group went to the nearest town to replace the worn tire, so that the spare could still be saved for the remainder of the trip.

The members of the group were treated to authentic Mexican food later that evening at Leo's restaurant in El Paso, Texas.

That evening, we spent the night in the Colonia Revolution Church.

The next morning, the basic outline of our week was established after some morning devotions and breakfast.

The image you receive from the people was a very positive one.



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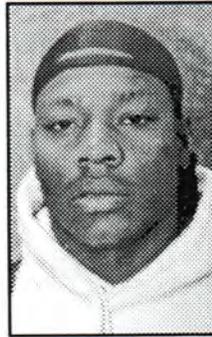
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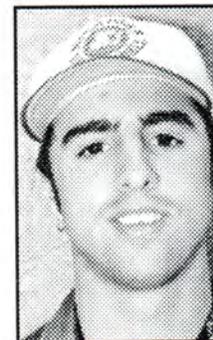
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Lofton, Aron-freshman
Tulsa, Library Science



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Ma to Ma

From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Norse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

Offering students an opportunity to search for either temporary or permanent employment, the annual Job Fair featured several major corporations and other business seeking employees.

Held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom, the Job Fair also focused on career opportunities for students.

Eight sperate corporations sat up booths during the event.

Corporations participating in the event were; MANPOWER, U.S. Army, Oklahoma State University, Tyson Foods, Avis Rent-A-Car, Staffing Solutions, Kansas City, Mo. Police Department, and Mt. Carmel Medical Center.

Along with the job opportunities featured during the fair, students also received valuable transfer information from several colleges and universities participating in the day-long event.

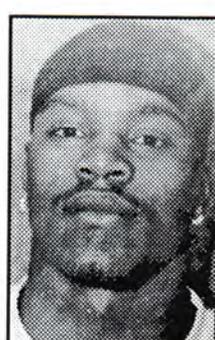
"Students were able to become aware of the classes that would transfer to other institu-

tions," said Dr. Jim Atkinson, vice president of student affairs and coordinator of the event.

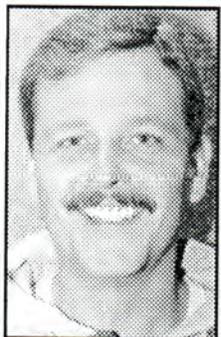
Employers from the Tri-State area were looking for employees interested in full-time, part-time and summer employment.

"The fair gave students an opportunity to enter their field of study, without having to search endlessly for a job using other conventional methods, such as searching the classifieds," Dr. Atkinson said.

"With employers from the area participating in the event, students had the opportunity to stay and work in the Miami area."



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Miami, Journalism
Mayfield, Tim-freshman
Afton, General Studies

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Welch, Forestry
McCaslin, Lisa-sophomore
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Corydon, Iowa, Ranch Management



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McCracken, Tandi-freshman
Wheaton, Mo., Computer Science
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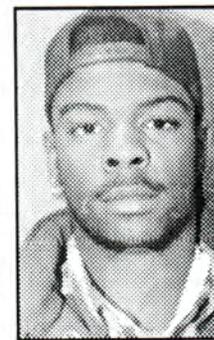
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Me to Mo

From the headlines...

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Sexual assault has been one of the fastest rising crimes in the United States over the past several years.

Because of this rapid increase, NEO joined forces with the Community Crisis Center to offer a program to help teach people how to help those who were victims of such crimes.

Sexual Assault Intervention Training (SAINT) was intended to be a training experience for individuals who may consider working with victims of sexual assault.

The course dealt with the relationship between the victim and the advocate, and their rela-

tionship to the community agencies of law enforcement, medical and mental health, and the judicial system.

"The objectives of this course was to educate people to the needs of sexual assault victims, to show how techniques can be used in supporting the victim through the medical and legal processes, and to show that the community is best served by supporting the victim," said Diana Collings, sociology instructor and co-organizer of the course.

Subjects covered through the SAINT course included confidentiality issues, networking with law enforcement agencies, rape examinations, crisis reaction, listening techniques, statutes and legislation, victim rights, and legal service options.

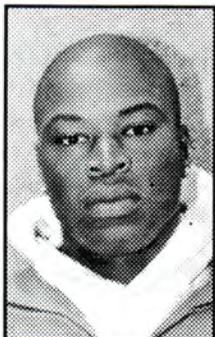
"Through this course we hoped to help develop a model for rural

communities in dealing with sexual assault intervention," Collings said.

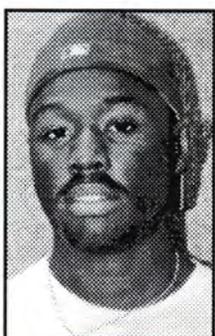
"Many large cities have model plans but rural areas present some different challenges that metropolitan areas don't have."

Collings said this course would benefit those particularly in the fields of law enforcement, health care workers, clergy, those in the judicial system, as well as the ordinary citizen who is committed to helping with these kinds of issues.

"This course isn't just for women either. Even though it is usually the female who is assaulted, there may be a male family member who will have trouble dealing emotionally with the situation of what happened. So it is important to have men in these intervention roles as well," Collings added.



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Dewey, Athletic Training



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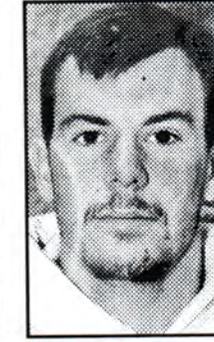
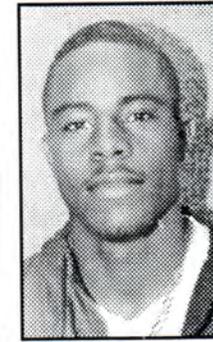
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Mountain Grove, Mo., Animal Science



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Oa to Pa

From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the northeastern Oklahoma A&M college student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

By James O'Neal

For 60 years, the March of Dimes corporation has worked to improve the health of many children of this nation.

Since her help with the organization in 1991, academic counselor Teresa Thompson has been behind the efforts of the corporation, hoping in some way to lend a helping hand.

"Before I accepted this position at NEO, I was offered a position with the March of Dimes as a director in Joplin," said Thompson.

"I had to make a decision between the two and I decided to

come to NEO and stay in education."

While filling the position at NEO, she still managed to be a part of the March of Dimes.

"I was approached to be a part of the March of Dimes organization on campus. I eagerly accepted the position, and have been part of it ever since," said Thompson.

Believing in the mission of the March of Dimes, she feels that it is possible with help from the community, to improve the health of babies by preventing infant mortality and birth defects.

"When I retire (from NEO) I plan to do a lot of volunteer work with the March of Dimes," said Thompson.

Walk America is the most popular way that branches of the organization can raise funding for research and transportation for

needy children.

"Sixty percent of the funds stay here, and are used for things such as transportation for children to the Baptist Regional Hospital. Forty percent of the funding is used towards research."

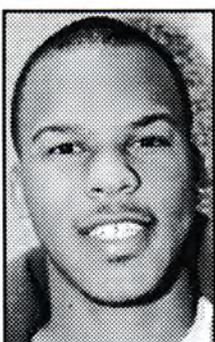
Thompson believes that power is in the numbers, and hopes more people could participate in the *Walk America* program.

"We usually have 12 or 15 employees participate in the walk," said Thompson.

Many teams formed from area organizations participate in the fund raiser.

"This allows the program to be more competitive, which helps us raise more money."

In the last competition, the Child Development Club won the fund-raising event, raising \$115.51.



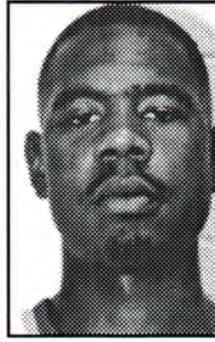
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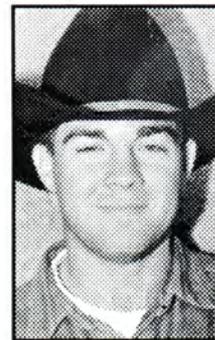
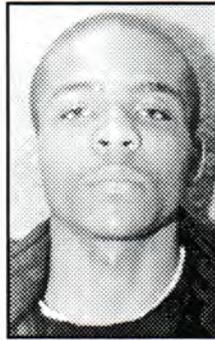
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Skiatook, Nursing



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Presley, Aaron-freshman
Moore, Forestry
Provence, Lucinda-freshman
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Prewitt, Mike-sophomore
Fairland, Political Science



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From the headlines...

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By James O'Neal

The talents of the drama and music departments were combined during the presentation of the Marshwin musical comedy *Crazy for You* in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Crazy for You was a comedy filled with mistaken identities, plot twists and dance numbers that celebrates theater in a recreation of a 1930's musical.

The beginning of the play opened in the backstage of the Zangler Theater in New York during the 1930's.

Tess, the dance director (Linda Owens), is dodging the advances of Bela Zangler (Jeff

Thompson).

Bobby Child, (Clay Yocum) the rich son of a banking family is waiting backstage for an audition with Zangler. Bobby performs the song *K-ra-zy For You*, failing to impress Zangler.

Bobby is met outside by Irene (Adria Lightle), a wealthy debutant to whom he has been engaged for five years and his mother Mrs. Lottie Child (LeAnn Mayberry) who demands that he carries out some banking business for her.

Bobby is instructed to go to Deadrock, Nevada to foreclose a rundown theatre.

When he arrives in the town, it is clear to him that the town has seen better days.

Everett Baker (Ben Stovall) is awaiting for Bobby to arrive, foreclosing his Gaiety Theater.

The only woman in town is

Everett's daughter, Polly Baker (Lindsay Page) vows to get even with Mr. Child.

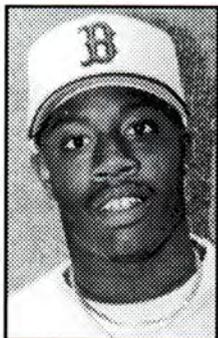
When arriving in Deadrock, Bobby instantly falls in love with Polly at first sight, not knowing who she is, and expresses his excitement by singing *Things are Looking Up*.

Lank Hawkings (Shane Shoaf), ardent suitor of Polly, and the owner of the saloon, is not pleased to encounter a rival for the admiration of Polly.

Bobby finds himself making the decision of foreclosing the theater or gaining the heart of Polly.

Finally, after some thought, he decides to impersonate Zangler and wants to put on a show, so that the mortgage of the theatre could be payed off.

Opening night arrives, but the only ticket buyers are the Fodors (Kevin Daniel and Bethanna Jackson), an English couple writing



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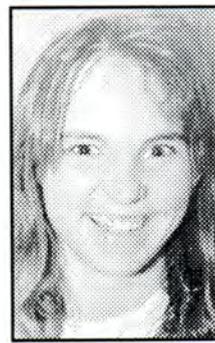
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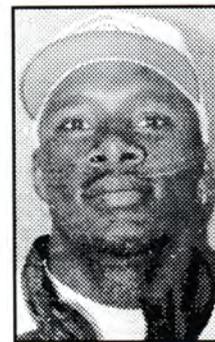
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By James O'Neal

Family, friends and guests were on hand during a special ceremony to induct eighty-five students into the Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national organization that recognizes leadership and academic accomplishments of students in two-year colleges.

Throughout the year, PTK students participate in activities that show leadership and service skills, while encouraging high academic skills.

To qualify for PTK, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above, and be enrolled at NEO full time.

Afton: Kathy Mayberry, Terry Rotman, Alicia Sharp, and Sheree Woodworth.

Big Cabin: Robin Colvin

Bluejacket: Dori Short

Broken Arrow: Kelly Inkelaar and Jon Malham.

Claremore: Jason Brown, Jeremy Buffalo, Mavis Hatter, and Mike Truitt.

Commerce: Lori Knight, Justin Reading, and Tammi Smith.

Cushing: Audra O'Kelley

Deleware: Clint Hallett

Enid: Jodi Rivers

Fairland: Tammy Jones

Grove: Jason Clark, Amy Diederich, Gary Dominguez, Deborah Herrin, and Abby North.

Locust Grove: Ryan Langston

Miami: Kimberly Botts, Jamieson Clover, Kevin Daniel, Jennifer Deems, Adrei Dessiatov, Shane Eller, Kieth Graf, Joel Grigsby, Roni Jackson, Janine Madewell, Megan Pitts, Jamie Prince, Adriane Randall, Kiera Robinson, Sarah Sorrentino, Garrett Stover, Josh Tomlin, and Amanda Tunnell.

Mustang: Darren Riddles

Nowata: Kurtis Sears

Oklahoma City: Leslie Berumen

Ponca City: Mindy Pametycky

Quapaw: Mike Longan

Reeds Spring: Alisha Quick

Sapulpa: Kenneth Cochran

Savanna: Craig Rackley

Tulsa: Jason Harding and Jonathon

Vandrell.

Vinita: Roxann Ferris, William Fry, Brian Hardrick, Shelly Henderson, and Cory Hensley.

Welch: Leisa Armstrong, David Hickey, Lindsay James, Andrea Mooney, Brandy Pence-Fryman, Kelli Snodderly, and Mary Mary Spencer.

Out of State students include:

Rogers, Ark.: Kylie Pettay

Commerce City, Colo.: Wendy Kaysen

Sedalia Colo: Carey Peck

Riverton, Kans.: Kyndra Lunderman

Coffeyville, Kans.: Mary Penick

Haywarden, Iowa: Tyson Rule

Blue Springs, Mo.: Melissa Porter

Exeter, Mo.: Staci Selig

Jasper, Mo.: Angie Gastel

Lamar, Mo.: Jared Jeffries

Lebanon, Mo.: Jonaton Robertson

Milo, Mo.: Jay Sloniker

Nevada, Mo.: Micah Wilson

Sarcoxie, Mo.: Elizabeth Willoughby

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Wheaton, Mo.: Tandi McCracken

Central Point, Ore.: Matthew Debrick

Pukwana, S.D.: Cade Peterson



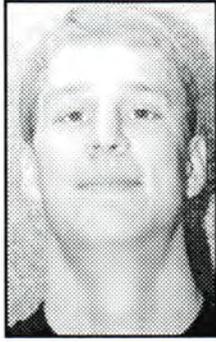
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Miami, General Studies



Salazar, Marcelo-freshman
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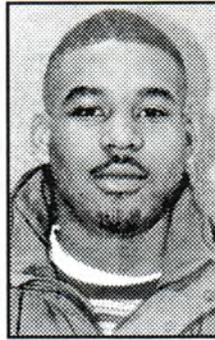
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Ramona, Ranch Management
Scott, Crystal-sophomore
Tulsa, Wellness



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Segura, Jon-freshman
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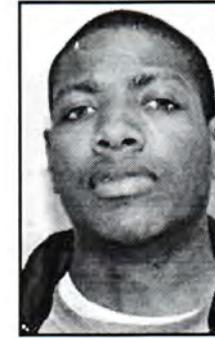
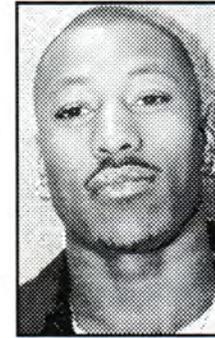
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Guthrie, Animal Science



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Bluejacket, Education
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Centralia, Mo., Equine
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Chelsea, Pre-vet
Simmons, Ronnie-sophomore
Vinita, Physical Education
Sloniker, Jay-sophomore
Milo, Mo., Agriculture



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Members of the NEO livestock judging team took the championship post at the 1998 Dixie National Livestock Contest held in Jackson Miss.

The livestock team defeated nine other participating schools to gain the highest honors at the recent competition.

The team received high team overall honors by placing first overall honors by placing first on team reasons, English breeds, and continental breeds.

The team was able to place second in Market beef and third in Brahman influence as well.

Individual efforts were led

by Plymouth, Ind. sophomore Wes Richie, who placed first high individual overall with a seventh place finish in English breeds, fourth in Brahman influence, third in Continental breeds, and fourth in reasons.

Fillmore, Mo. sophomore Scott Deering finished third high individual with an eighth place finish in English breeds, ninth in Continental breeds, and 10th in reasons.

Shane Emberson of Nowata who finished in the fourth high individual position by placing first in English breeds, fifth in Market beef, and fifth in reasons.

Rounding out other team finishes included Levi Douglas, Miami, eighth overall, 10th in English Breeds, second in Continental breeds, and seventh in reasons.

Jeremy Reno of Jay fin-

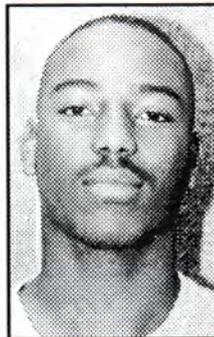
ished 16th overall, second in market beef and 11th in reasons.

Tyler Cates of Modoc, Ind. placed second in English breeds and 10th in Market beef.

Other team participants included Sandy Dowdle, Calumet; Toby Wood, Hennessey; Matt Debrick, Central Point, Ore.; Phillip Bridges,; Arnoldsville, Ga.; Kurtis Sears, Nowata; and Megan Pitts, Nevada, Mo.

"We made some mistakes at this contest that put our team in jeopardy of getting beat, but the kids showed a great deal of maturity in winning the reasons category to insure a win," said Jary Douglas, livestock judging coach.

"Winning this contest will hopefully give the team some confidence heading into one of our major competitions at the Houston Livestock Show in March."



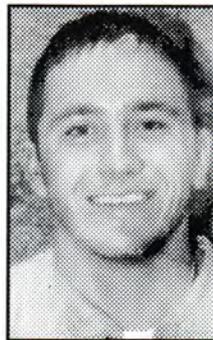
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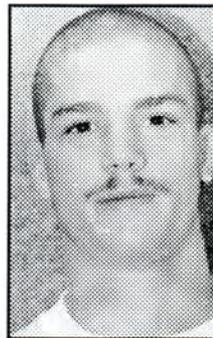
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Ripley, Ranch Management
Stanley, J.W.-sophomore
Miami, Agriculture



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Steeley, Nolan-sophomore
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By James O'Neal
From Five to Five Thirty, As Angels Watch and **The Actor's Nightmare** are the final theatrical productions of the season.

The one-acts were directed by members of the Theatre NEO group.

From Five to Five Thirty was directed by Adria Lightle, a sophomore from Webb City, Mo.

Portraying the part of Mrs. Treetopsi was Amanda Owens, a sophomore from Decatur, Ark.

Freshman Erin Blair of Chelsea played the part of Edith.

Alice was portrayed by Alene McDonald, a sophomore from Miami.

Gertie was played by Corrie Craig a freshman from Miami.

LeAnn Mayberry, a freshman from Afton was playing the part of Mrs. Boxer.

As Angels Watch was directed by Yukon sophomore Shane Shoaf.

Playing the part of Benjamin was Jeff Thompson, a freshman from Tahlequah.

Bethanna Jackson, a sophomore from Grove played the part of Victoria.

Freshman Bill Schriber of Miami played the

part of Joe.

Mary was portrayed by Linsey Page, a freshman from Grove.

The Actor's Nightmare was directed by Erick Schneider, a sophomore from Coopersburg, Penn.

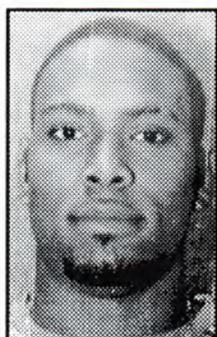
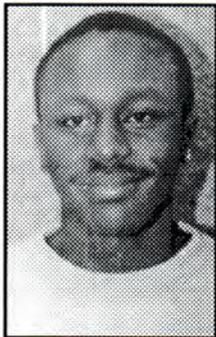
Ben Stovall, a freshman from Miami, played the part of George Spelvin.

Meg was portrayed by Ardmore freshman Valerie Adair.

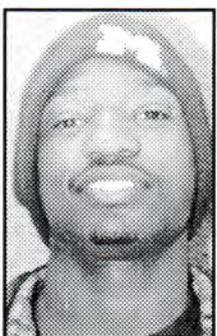
Julie Pitts, a freshman from Jay played the part of Sarah Siddons.

Ellen Terry was played by Abby Jo Cox, a freshman from Bolivar, Mo.

Freshman Clay Yocum of Lewisville, Texas, played the part of Henry Irving and executioner.



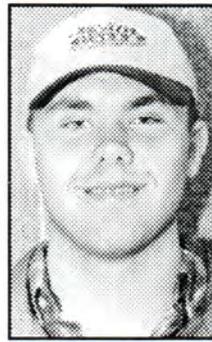
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Tahlequah, Speech



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Timmons, Colleen-sophomore
Pawhuska, Sociology
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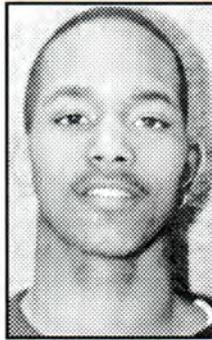
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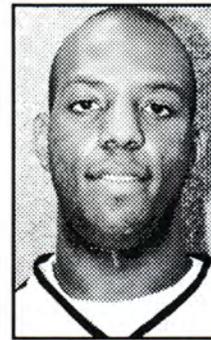
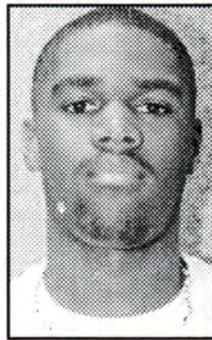
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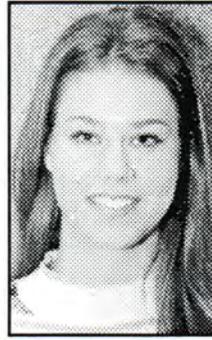
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Grove, Child Development



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By James O'Neal

Reverend Carey W. Casey, senior vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, Mo., delivered the commencement address during the annual graduation ceremony in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Approximately 238 sophomores completed the requirements for an associate of arts degree or associate of applied science degree and are expected to participate in the ceremony.

Individual academic

awards were presented to students in the six divisions that had achieved academic excellence. Dr. James Lovell, retiring Vice President for Academic Affairs issued the awards.

College officials also presented the Joe Ables Award to the top student in the applied science discipline and the Carl Rigney Award to the outstanding male and female athlete.

A graduate of Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, Va. in 1974, Reverend Casey played two years for the Golden Norsemen as a tailback.

Reverend Casey transferred to the University of North Carolina and appeared in two post-season bowl games in 1977 and 1978. He earned a bachelor's

degree in religion in 1979.

Reverend Casey attended the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and the Virginia Union University School of Theology.

Reverend Casey was named NEO Outstanding Alumni in 1991 and has been listed for six straight years in Who's Who in Black America.

Reverend Casey and his wife, Melanie, have four children including daughter, Christie, who participated in graduation ceremonies.

Graduates returned caps and gowns to the intramural gym immediately following the ceremony.

A reception for graduates and their guests was held in the Student Union Ballroom.



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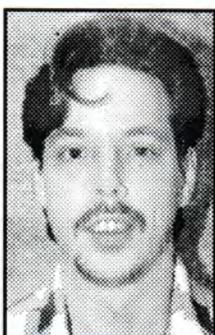
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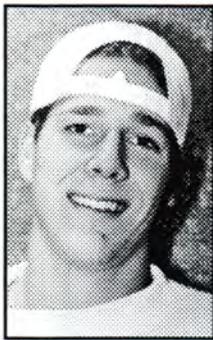
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White, Gerald-freshman
Tulsa, General Studies
White, Melanie-freshman
Miami, Equine
White, Richard-sophomore
Tulsa, Electronics



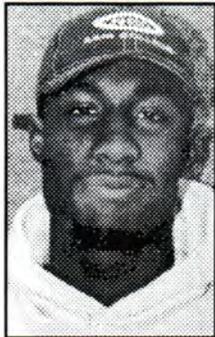
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Grove, Social Work
Wilkins, Larry-freshman
Decatur, Ark., Ranch Management



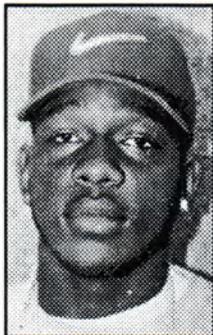
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Williams, Michael-freshman
Tulsa, General Studies
Williams, Phileo-sophomore
Nixa, Mo., Music
Williams, Tammy-sophomore
Miami, Nursing
Williamson, Chris-sophomore
Miami, Forestry



Williamson, Kevin-freshman
Oklahoma City, Physical Education
Williamson, Valarie-sophomore
Miami, Child Development
Willoughby, Elizabeth-freshman
Sarcxie, Mo., Pre-engineering
Wilson, Kari-sophomore
Stroud, Child Development
Wilson, Melvin-freshman
Tulsa, Computer Science



Wiseley, Sam-freshman
Stockton, Mo., Agriculture
Withers, Brent-freshman
Oklahoma City, General Studies
Woodcock, Heather-sophomore
Picher, Social Work
Woods, Hunter-freshman
Hominy, Physical Education
Woodworth, Sheree-freshman
Afton, Business Administration



Wo to Zo

From the headlines...

Editor's note: Each story that appears in this section was written for an edition of the northeastern Oklahoma A&M College student newspaper *The Horse Wind*.

By Josh Maxson

Reuben Leonard (Rube) Berry, 63, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at 4:05 p.m. at his daughters home in Tulsa after a long illness.

He was born July 3, 1934, in Aurora, Mo., to Helen Teller Berry and Burton Berry.

He married Barbara Moore on July 18, 1986 at their home on Grand Lake.

He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Berry was an area coaching veteran, and directed teams in Pierce City, Mo.: Mount Vernon, Mo., and Sterling College, Hillsboro, Kan. He was

the assistant coach for Fort Scott (Kan.) Junior College and the football coach of Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Mo., Northeastern A&M College in Miami: the assistant coach for the BC Lions in Vancouver, British Columbia; head football coach of the Saskatchewan RoughRiders and Williard High School in Williard, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of the home; his mother, Helen Berry; his children Lynn Berry Forkum, Miami and Todd Berry Normal, Ill.; three step-children, Mishell Blevins Garver, Tulsa; Lise Blevins, Tulsa, and Jason Blevins, Miami.

Five grandchildren, Adrion, Jordon, Courtney, Nikki and Hunter; two sisters, Bonnie Berry Rea, Aurora, Mo., and Jean Berry Ransom, Ridgecrest, Calif.; and one brother, Earl

Berry, Verona, Mo.

A celebration of the life of Coach Reuben L. Berry was held at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Miami on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Noel Doherty will officiate.

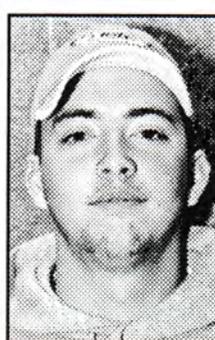
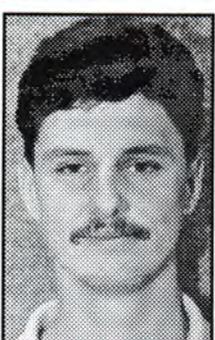
Interment was at the All Saints Memorial Gardens of Miami.

Honorary pallbearers were Frank Greer, Mike Long, Jerry Mustain, Rod Kramer, Gary Yancy, Bill Reeve, Harve Welch, Kirk Welch, Mike Miller, Jeremy Anderson, Kelly Parsons, Jerry Burwell, Ronnie Evans, Ron Coker, Dave Williams, Hary Lumpy, Woody Pendergrass, Everett French, George Newton, Jeff Viles and Chuck Hepola.

Services were under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home in Welch.



Wooley, Jason-freshman
Miami, Education
Wortham, Dorhy-freshman
Tulsa, Child Development
Wright, Angie-sophomore
Miami, Child Development
Writer, Mandy-freshman
Cassville, Mo., Pre-vet
Wynn, Tim-sophomore
Oklahoma City, Music



Wyrick, Rusty-sophomore
Grove, General Studies
Yates, Travis-freshman
Kingsville, Mo., Agriculture
Yocum, Casey-freshman
Lewisville, Texas, Speech
York, Robert-sophomore
Miami, General Studies
Zodrow, Joseph-sophomore
Skiatook, English

Who's Who Among America Junior College Students

Earning recognition for both their academic success in the classroom and their leadership qualities both on campus and in the Miami community, 14 sophomores were nominated to the 1998 edition of the *Who's Who Among America Junior College Students* publication.

Representing more than 1,800 higher education institutions around the United States, the Who's Who organization has

been in existence since 1966.

Selection of the 14 students representing NEO was made by a nominating committee after the nominations were submitted by faculty members.

Students were chosen based on their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities and their potential for continued success.



Co-sponsor Kenda Grover conducts induction ceremonies during the spring banquet for the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Ballroom. More than 80 students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa which included several of the Who's Who nominees.

Who's Who Selections

JODY ABLE

Jody Able, of Wyandotte, was an early childhood/elementary education major with a 3.4 grade point average. She was selected 1997 Homecoming Queen. Able was active in several campus organizations including serving as president of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was a class representative for the Student Body Government, a member of the Childhood Development Club and the Foreign Language Club. She was the daughter of Bob and Jane Able.

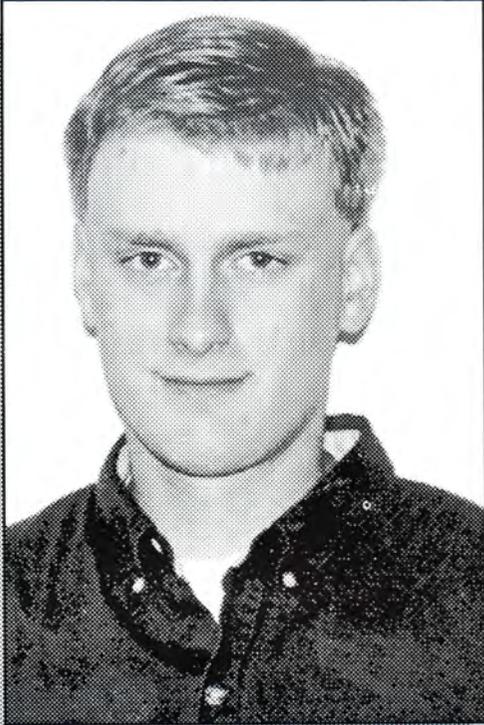


BEVERLY DOTY

Beverly Doty was a marketing-management major from Grove. Doty carried a 3.5 grade point average through four semesters. She served as vice president of the business fraternity Phi Beta Lambda. She also served an active role on the leadership council for the Older Wiser Learning Students. She represented Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society as a representative in the Student Body Government.



Who's Who Selections



STEPHEN FLEHMER

Stephen Flehmer maintained a 3.9 grade point average through four semesters as an animal science major. The Pierce City, Mo. native was an active participant in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He served as treasurer of the NEO Aggie Society. He also served as a member of the NEO livestock judging team. He is the son of Ed and Judy Flehmer of Pierce City.



BETH HIRSCH

Beth Hirsch, a pre-veterinary medicine major from Thayer, Mo., earned a 3.5 grade point average during four semesters. She served as president of the Pre-vet Club and was an active member of the Farm and Ranch Management Club. She also was a member of the Equine Club and the NEO Aggie Society. She was an active member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Herbert and Kathleen Hirsch of Thayer.

Who's Who Selections

FERRA HOOVER

Ferra Hoover, a sophomore of Commerce, maintained a 3.95 grade point average through four straight semesters. She was an animal science/business major. Hoover was a member of the NEO Aggie Society and the Equine Club. She was also very active as a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Marvin and Sandy Hoover.



TROY HUMPHREY

Troy Humphrey was a sociology major from Yukon with a 3.84 grade point average through four semesters. Humphrey served as a representative to the Student Body Government as a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He was also an active member of the Student Social Work Association, the Concert Choir, and the Meistersingers. He is the son of Larry and Kay Humphrey.

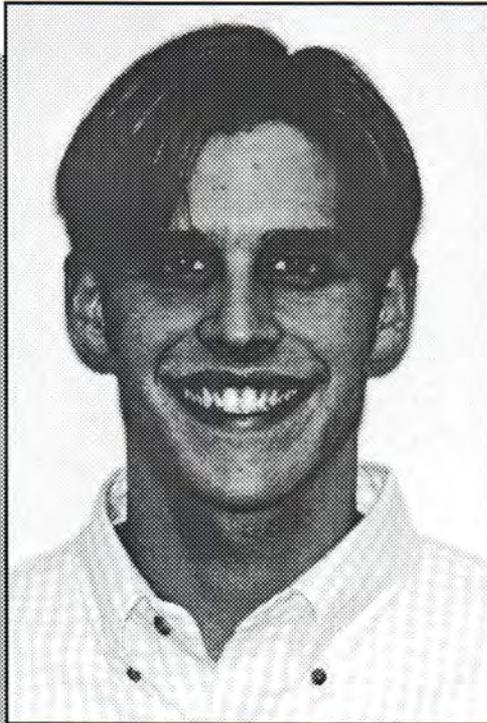


Who's Who Selections



WENDY KAYSEN

Wendy Kaysen, an animal science/production major from Brighton, Colo., maintained a 3.6 grade point average through four semesters. She served as a Student Body Government representative for the Aggie Society. She was also a member of the Livestock Judging team, and Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Kaysen is the daughter of Edward and Linda Kaysen.



GREG LIPPE

Greg Lippe, a sophomore of Wyandotte, earned a 3.67 grade point average through four semesters as a nursing major. Lippe served as vice president of the MU Chapter Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He was also a member of the Student Ambassador tour group. He is the son of John and Wanda Lippe.

Who's Who Selections

MISTY MORELAND

Misty Moreland was a computer science major with a 3.5 grade point average through four semesters. The Miami native served as treasurer for the Student Body Government and Student Body Government representative for Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was secretary for the Computer Information Systems Club. She is the daughter of David and Lana Moreland.



CAREY PECK

Carey Peck, a farm and ranch management major from Sedalia, Colo., earned a 3.66 grade point average through four semesters of work. She served as president of the Farm and Ranch Management Club. She was also a member of the NEO Aggie Society, the Equine Club, and the Pre-vet Club. She was an active participant in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Bruce and Marhta Peck.



Who's Who Selections



KAREN RHINE

Karen Rhine was a child development major from Miami. Rhine served as secretary for the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She was an active member of the Child Development Club while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average through four semesters. She is the daughter of Jim and Peggy Rhine.



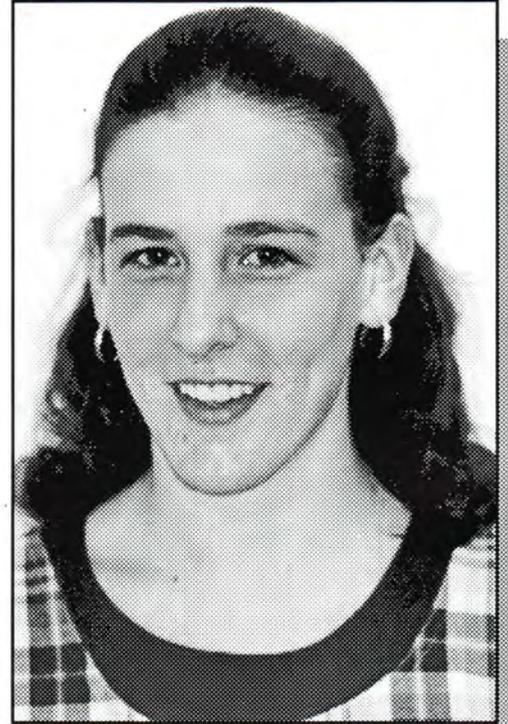
ALEXAINE SMITH

Alexaine Smith, an accounting major from Nassau of the Bahamas, earned a 3.4 grade point average through four semesters. She served as Student Body Government representative and vice president for the Friendship International Club. She was also a member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the Afro-American Society. She is the daughter of Clarence and Louise Smith.

Who's Who Selections

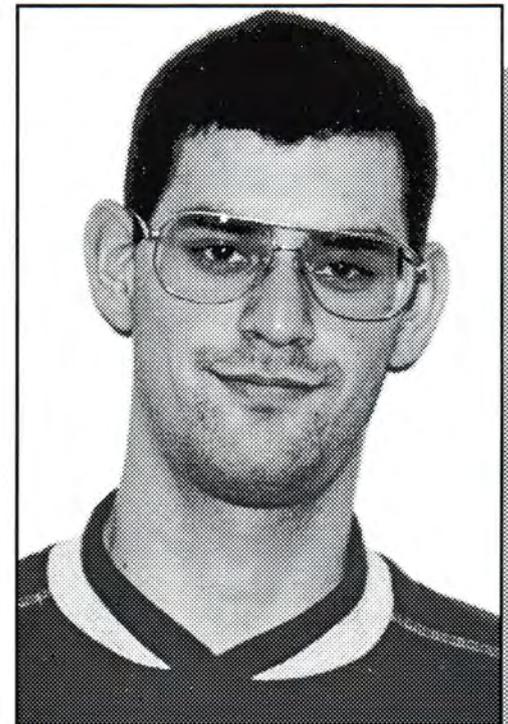
ANGELA UNDERWOOD

Angela Underwood, a psychology major from Miami, maintained a 3.75 grade point average through four semesters. She served as vice president of the Baptist Student Union. She was also an active participant in the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She is the daughter of George and LaDonna Underwood.



ERIC WILLIAMS

Eric Williams maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average through four semesters while attending NEO as an engineering major. The Wyandotte native served as president of the Engineers Club. He also served as Student Body Government representative for the club. He was an active member of the MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He is the son of Gary and Patricia Williams.





Academics



Taking turns checking each others vital signs along with blood pressure and pulse rate are two students enrolled in the first year of the college nursing program. Each year more than 20 students gain entry into the two-year associate of arts nursing degree program.

INTERIM PRESIDENT



Dr. Jim Lovell

Dr. Jim Lovell, vice president for academic affairs and executive vice president served the 1997-98 school year as interim president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

Dr. Lovell was appointed to the position by the Oklahoma State and A&M Board of Regents to fill the vacant position left by the resignation of Dr. Jerry Carroll.

Dr. Carroll left the institution to become provost of the Oklahoma State University campus in Oklahoma City.

A native of Marshall, Okla., Dr. Lovell came to NEO in 1993 after serving five years as vice president for academic affairs at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

Dr. Lovell earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He earned a doctorate of education degree in 1964 from

Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Starting his career in educational administration in 1967, Dr. Lovell served as chair of the biological department at Southwestern State University in Weatherford. After a 12-year career at Southwestern, Dr. Lovell served as a national coordinator for the American Medical Association from 1979 to 1982.

Dr. Lovell served four years as assistant dean at the Texas Tech University Science Center from 1982 to 1986.

He became assistant vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan., from 1986 to 1988 before moving on to Southern Arkansas University.

Following his six-month term as interim president, Dr. Lovell returned to serving as vice president of academic affairs before retiring from the position in June.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



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Tom Poole
Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Sharon Johnson
Director of Institutional Research
Lloyd Ogle
Director of Auxiliary Services



Tom Bain
Director of the Learning Resource Center
Tim Ingram
Director of Public Information
Mike Watson
Director of Campus Safety
Howdy White
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Several coeds listen closely to a demonstration during a self-defense seminar conducted in the lobby of Harrill/Dobson dormitories. Sponsored by the Student Services department, the seminar offered several helpful tips in self-defense situations.

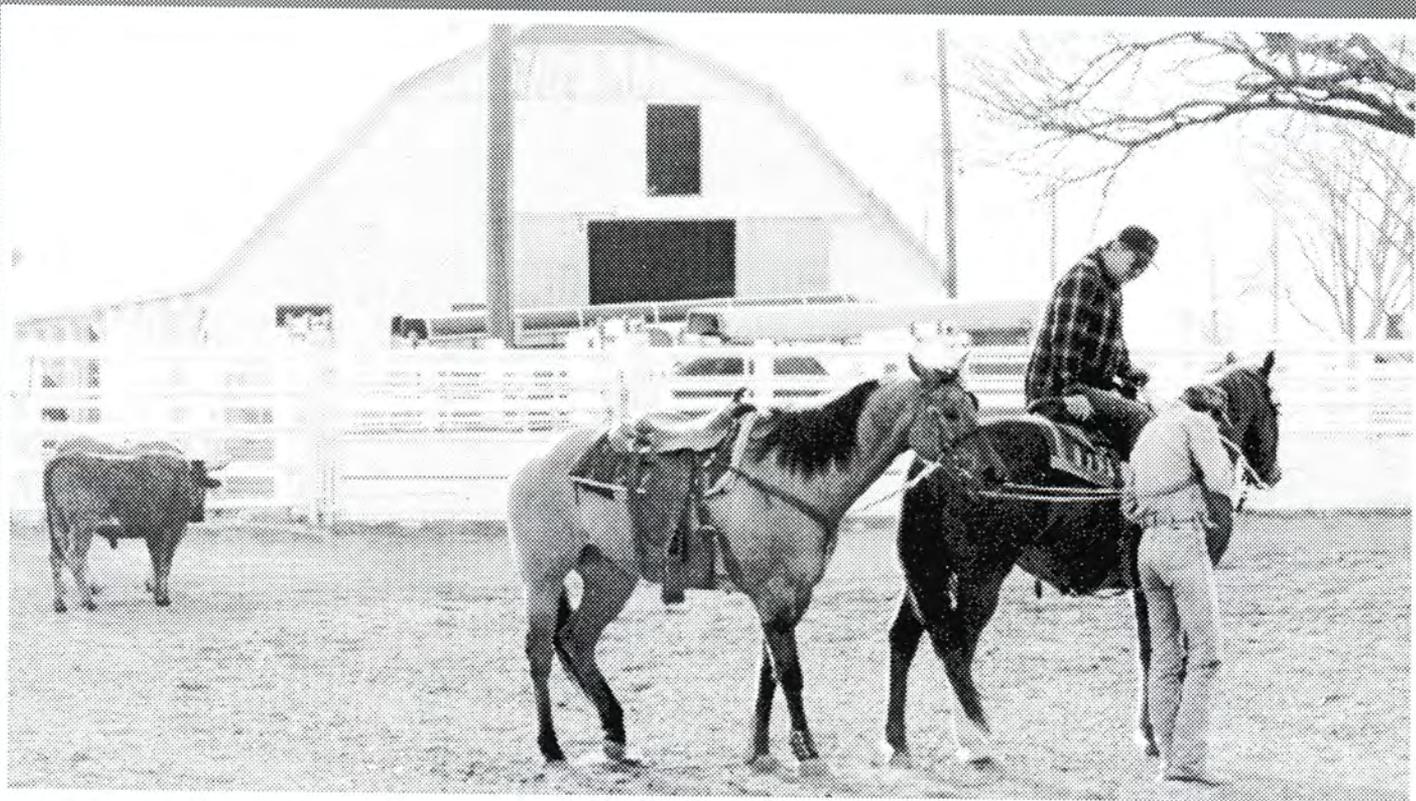
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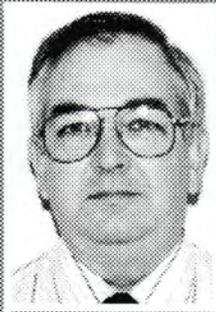
Ben Foreman
Rodeo Team Coach
Dr. Jim Gleckler
Forestry/Wildlife
Kevin Pool
Equine Team Coach
Dr. Pete Smith
Agriculture



College farm manager Lawson Essex (on horse) watches as a member of the college rodeo team adjusts the halter on his horse during a practice session on the college farm out-door arena. The college farm has dormitory facilities for agriculture majors as well as space for horses and other cattle necessary for the agriculture program.

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BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE



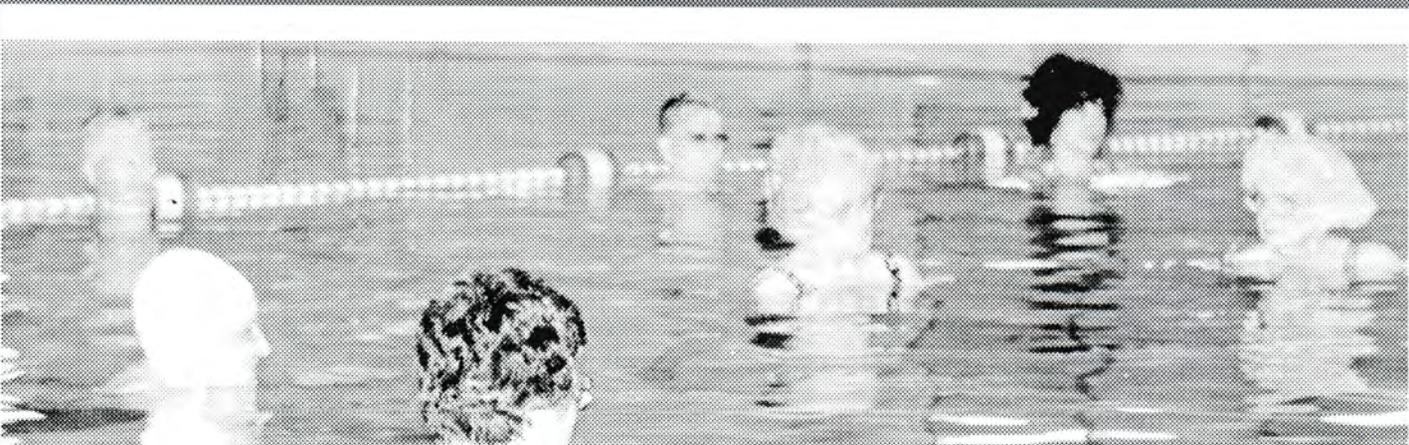
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Social Science
Nancy Bishop
Physical Education
Katherine Blundell
Psychology



Carol Calcagno
Physical Education
Diana Collings
Sociology
Randy Gipson
Psychology
Rod Kramer
History
Dr. George Largent
Political Science



Alan Lauchner
History
Leon Manning
Criminal Justice
Dale Patterson
Social Science
Charles Thomas
Physical Education
Marcia Tynon
Child Development



Taking advantage of the college pool, several senior citizens participate in a swimming course offered through the college physical education and recreation department. Sponsored by the American Red Cross and designed to help people with arthritis, the course was taught by Carol Calcagno.

Photo by Kathy Childers

BUSINESS, COMPUTER & INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE

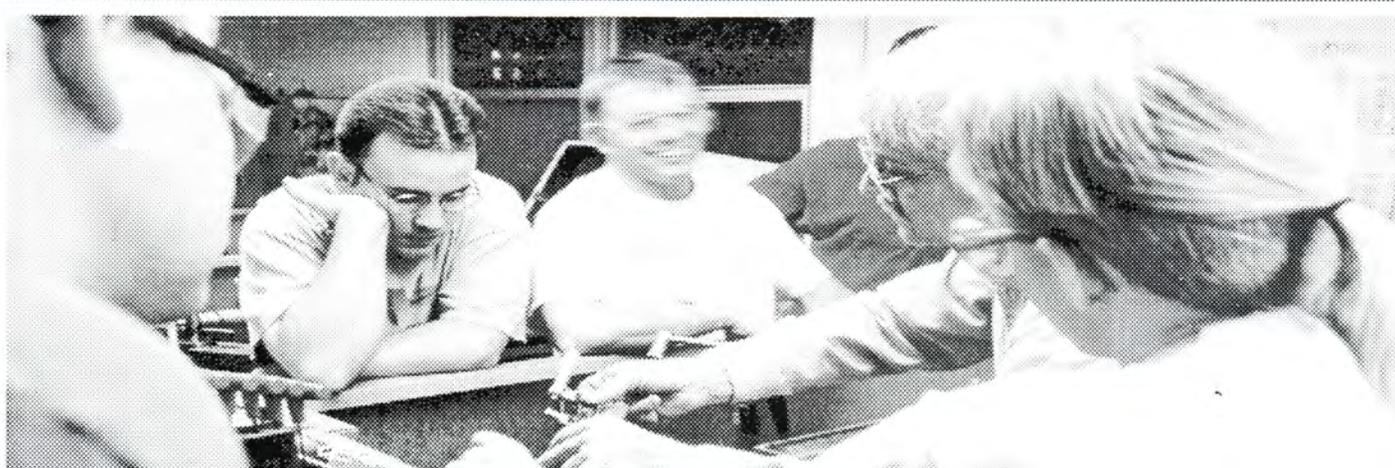
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Jeff Aldridge
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Shirley Coker
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Ron Combs
Industrial Sciences



Pat Creech
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Jeb DeHanas
Industrial Sciences
Chris Fancher
Business
Jim Grover
Computer Science
Edwin Hammons
Computer Science



Joy Hearon
Business
Doug Lee
Industrial Sciences
Steve Leonard
Computer Science
Chuck Levo
Business
Jan Stukey
Business



Industrial science instructor Doug Lee checks the gapping on a lathe as students observe the procedure during a class in Ables Hall. Students were taught technical skills that would help them achieve success in a chosen technology profession.

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COMMUNICATIONS/FINE ARTS



Jack Rucker
Division Chair
Dr. Robert Bayse
English
Rabon Bewley
Music
Anthony Bickham
English
Betty Caskey
English



Dr. Hank Coiner
Humanities
Kirsten Couch
Art
Monty Franks
Journalism
David Froman
Speech and Theatre
DeMaris Gaines
Music



Brian Hauck
Speech and Theatre
Brian Inbody
Television
Cheryl Jones
English



Ruth Ann Maxwell
English
Steve McCurley
Speech and Theatre
Carla Murphy
Reading



Carol Smith
English
James Webster
English
Mary Susan Whaley
Music

Dusty Billie, a sophomore from Jay, puts the finishing touches on a piece of sculpture he did for the annual Student Art Show.

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HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION

Bethene Fahnestock
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Elizabeth Follis
Nursing
Pam Gelder
Medical Assistant
Judy Hancock
Surgical Technology



Kay Harris
Medical Lab Technology
Pat McConnell
Nursing
Barbara Taylor
Physical Therapy Assistant
Peggy Wood
Nursing
Roberta Wood
Nursing



Rhonda Couch, a sophomore from Inola, completes a surgical scrub before participating in clinicals at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo. Surgical Technology was one of seven programs within the Health Science Division.

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING



Dr. Mark Grigsby
Division Chair
Orland Aldridge
Mathematics
Vickie Berry
Mathematics
David Dallas
Biology



Greg Diabach
Mathematics
Randy Jones
Physical Science
Mary Kirkpatrick
Physical Science
John Lomax
Mathematics
Matt Mayfield
Physical Science



Robert Miller
Mathematics
Jeremy Radebaugh
Mathematics
Karen Rogers
Mathematics
Betty Spradlin
Biology
Sam Wells
Physical Science



Students from the four-state area sign-up for the annual college Science Fair which featured projects and exhibitions concerning different aspects of the science profession.

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SUPPORT STAFF

Jerr Alexander
Counselor
Carolyn Anderson
Library Assistant
Flo Atkinson
Staff Nurse



Mike Barlow
Athletic Trainer
Verna Bass
Recruitment Secretary
Lacinda Baughn
Grove Coordinator
Carolyn Berry
Admissions Clerk
Shirley Blair
Computer Technician



Sandy Blevins
Assistant Head Cashier
Nancy Brady
LRC Secretary
Pam Bushyhead
Post Office Clerk
Cheryl Butler
Director of Counseling
Joan Clapp
Bookstore Manager



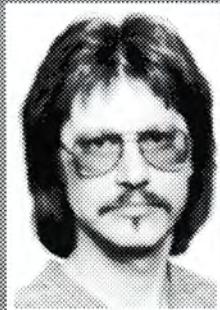
Two unidentified coeds take time out from their busy schedules to shop for sweatshirts and other clothing in the college bookstore. Not only does the bookstore have a variety of clothing and other personal items, but it also features gift wrapping and other special services.

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SUPPORT STAFF



Elaine Collard
Reading Lab Assistant
Grace Ann Combs
Assistant Bookstore Manager
Janice Coppock
Library Assistant
Kathy Crownover
Business Division Secretary



Kathryn Diabach
Residential Life Coordinator
Pauline Edwards
OWLS Coordinator
Kevin Eifert
Print Shop Manager
Terry Eifert
Composition Coordinator
Marcia Enyart
Data Control Coordinator



Sharon Grigsby
Purchasing Assistant
Kim Grimes
Head Cashier
Kathie Hulsey
Athletic Secretary
Alberta Hutchings
Library Assistant
Dana Johnston
JOBS Coordinator



Members of the college business office and registrar's office lend a hand at planting flowers during the Campus Beatification Day held in conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day.

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SUPPORT STAFF

Darin Grover
Vann Head Resident
Eric Iverson
Softball Coach
Karen Key
Financial Aid Director
Mary Largent
LRC Assistant Director
Glenda Longan
Foundation Secretary



Rosemary Maloney
Postmistress
Jan Mathis
Maintenance Clerk
Jackie Matthews
Programmer
Jonathan Middleton
Graphics Technician
Billie Minson
Engineering Secretary



Connie Molder
College Recruiter
Debra Nichols
Library Technician
Donna Patterson
Staff Assistant
Mary Patterson
Staff Assistant
Shirley Patterson
Staff Assistant



Bill Pfannenstiel
Reference Librarian
Judy Poole
Testing Center Secretary
Stephanie Rapp
Computer Operator
Rayma Redden
Bookstore Clerk
Peggy Rhine
Staff Assistant



Rick Riitschel
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Jo Rooney
Switchboard Operator
Lonnie Spencer
Counselor
Greg Tackett
Assistant Basketball Coach
Teresa Thompson
Academic Counselor



CAFETERIA SUPPORT STAFF



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Cafeteria Office Manager
Sue Williams
Cafeteria Secretary
Donna Stephens
Cafeteria Manager
Melvin Simmons
Parking Control Officer
Keith Sutton
Testing Coordinator



Dennis Atkinson
Custodian
Jerry Calvin
Cafeteria Worker
Cathy Capansky
Cafeteria Worker
Ron Capansky
Cafeteria Worker
Bob Cover
Cafeteria Worker



Golden Norse head football coach Dale Patterson checks with cafeteria server Bernice Grayson about some ketchup and mustard during the All-College picnic on the campus grounds. The food services area caters to numerous dinners and banquets each week.

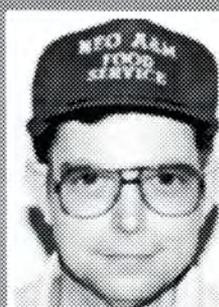
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CAFETERIA SUPPORT STAFF

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Cafeteria Worker
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Patsy Frost
Cafeteria Worker
Paul Gandy
Cafeteria Worker
Bernice Grayson
Cafeteria Worker



Betty Griffith
Cafeteria Worker
Joyce Hayworth
Snack Bar Worker
Luetisha Hogan
Cafeteria Worker
Ron Howerton
Groundskeeper
Clifford Hulsey
Cafeteria Worker



Alfreda Kelly
Cafeteria Worker
Helen King
Cafeteria Worker
Lloyd Mahurin
Groundskeeper
Hazel McCoy
Cafeteria Worker
Jack Phillips
Cafeteria Worker



Karen Reil
Cafeteria Worker
Sherrie Rogers
Cafeteria Worker
Bill Self
Groundskeeper
Geraldine Sherwood
Cafeteria Worker
Eula Tindell
Cafeteria Worker



Bonnie Tyler
Cafeteria Worker
Deloris White
Snack Bar Worker
Ricky White
Head Chef
Bobby York
Groundskeeper
Marsha York
Cafeteria Worker



MAINTENANCE STAFF



Rolie Williams
Maintenance Supervisor
Darrell Blevins
Building Attendant
Francis Burleson
Building Attendant
Don Fields
Air Conditioning Mechanic
Steve Grimes
Heating Mechanic



Wanda Hawkins
Building Attendant
Gary Hodge
Building Attendant
Jerry Marshall
Painter
Wendell Rooney
Electrician
Ruby Sanez
Building Attendant



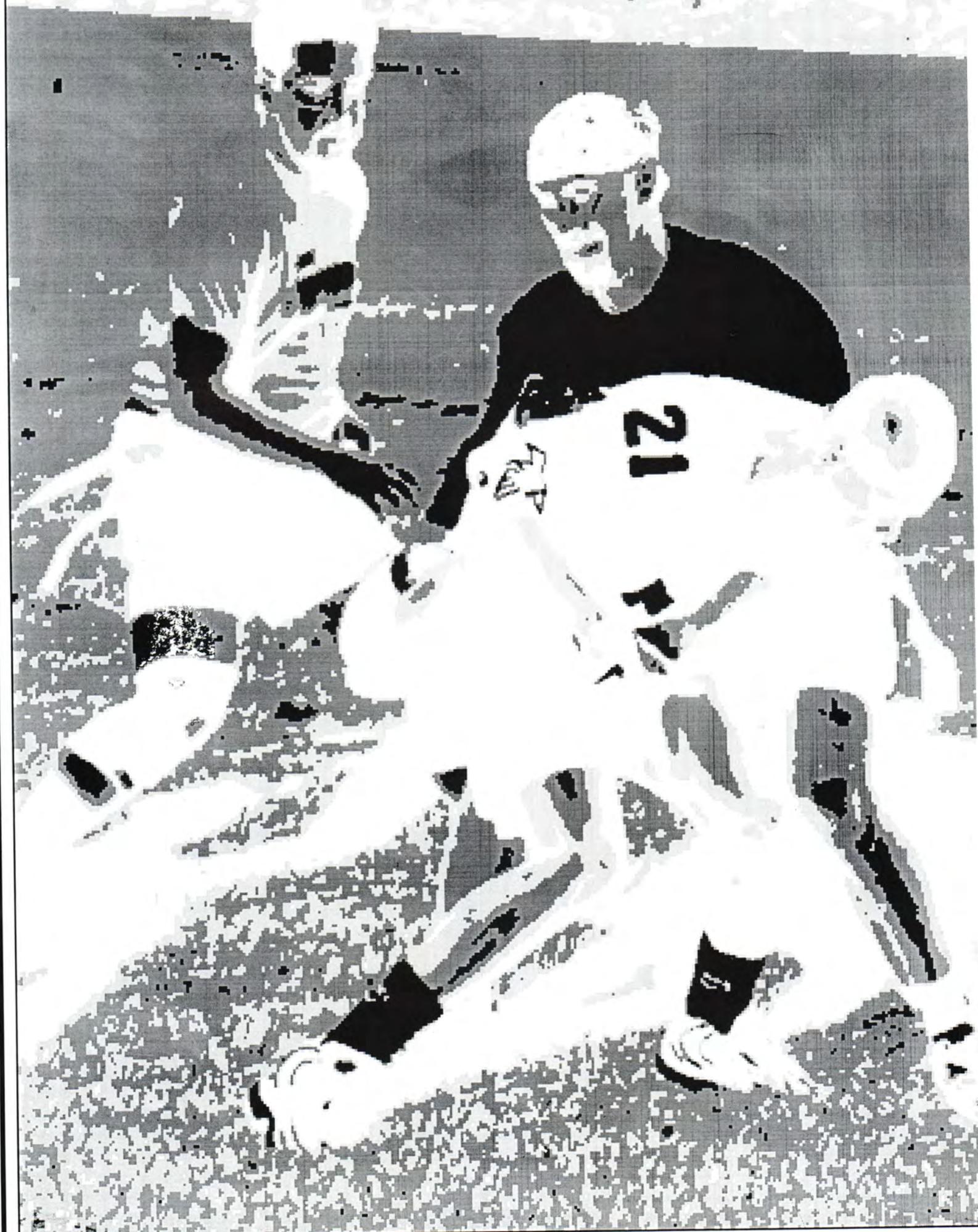
Helen Shelton
Building Attendant
Carolyn Ellington
Building Attendant
Julius Kline
Vending Machines
Mike Neal
Water Treatment
Doug Walls
Building Attendant



Maintenance workers removed furniture and other items from offices located in the Dayle Creech Library/Administration building during a major renovation project in the 1997 fall semester.
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Toby Woodworth
Plumber



Sports



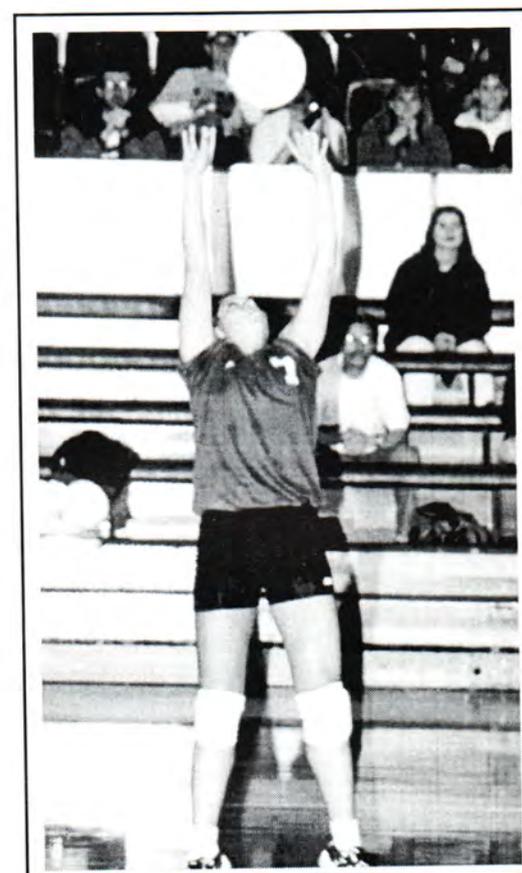
Academic counselor Jeff Alexander and alumni coordinator Bryan Harrington combine to make a stop of Terriko Carr during an intramural flag football game. NEO featured six intercollegiate sports along with a varied intramural sports program.

Members of the Lady Norse volleyball team huddle with head coach Jan Stukey and assistant coach Matt Elliott during a crucial point in a game with Independence, Kan., at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by James O'Neal

Freshman mid-hitter Ruth Beal (8) of Wyandotte goes up and tries for a block of a shot by Michelle Davenport of Redlands College during a match in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Bill Buoy



Making sure of a proper set is sophomore Michelle Horcica (7) of Broken Arrow. Horcica established several NEO records during her two-year career with the Lady Norse.

Photo by James O'Neal

Members of the 1997 Lady Norse volleyball team were Leslie Beruman (32), Ruth Beal (23), Tandi McCracken (2), Angie Gastel (25), Latasha Pierce (2), Amy Plunkett (31), Anna Horsley (9), Katrina Smith (10), Michelle Horcica (7), Lisa Eslick (16), and Emily Thornburg (6).

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Going through a practice session on their home court are Lady Norse freshmen Lisa Eslick (17), Emily Thornburg (15) and Tandi McCracken (11).

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Veteran off-hitter Amy Plunkett (31) of Tulsa East Central sends a shot over the net against Sue Rosenberger of Coffeyville, Kan. as Ruth Beal waits.

Photo by James O'Neal



Youth leads Volleyball squad

Three sophomores return for second season

After opening competition in Division I of the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball league in 1996, second-year head coach Jan Stukey guided the Lady Norse to the Region II Tournament with only three sophomores on a 12-player squad.

Plagued by numerous injuries throughout the regular season, the Lady Norse finished with an 11-15 overall record. NEO suffered a three straight game loss to Redlands College of El Reno in the finals of the Region II Tournament in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Returning from the 1996 squad was setter/off-hitter Michelle Horcica (5-7, Broken Arrow).

Sophomores Latasha Pierce and Amy Plunkett also provided valuable on-court leadership.

Pierce (5-7 from Skiatook) was hampered as a freshman with ankle problems before playing in most of the matches at mid-hitter as a sophomore.

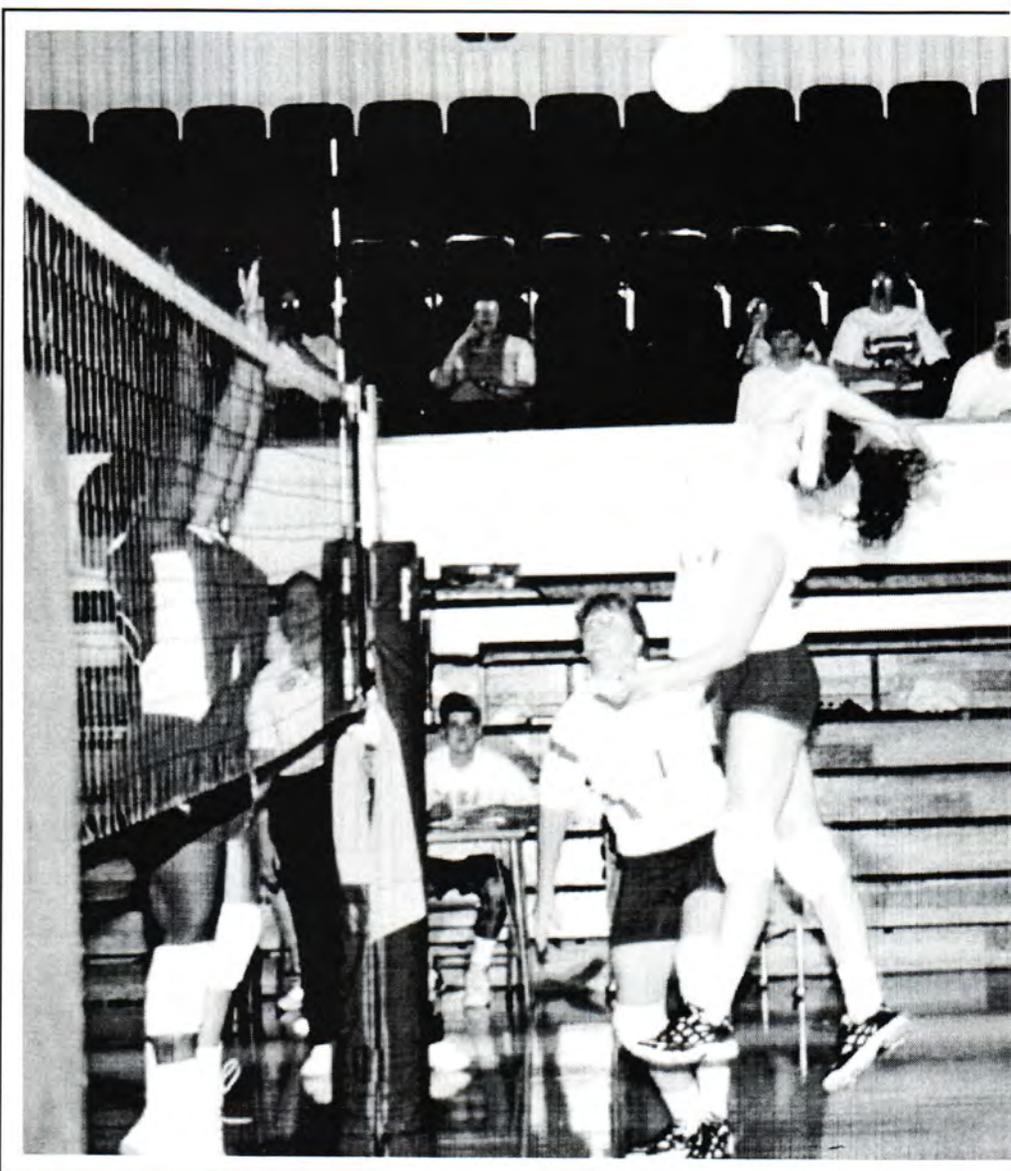
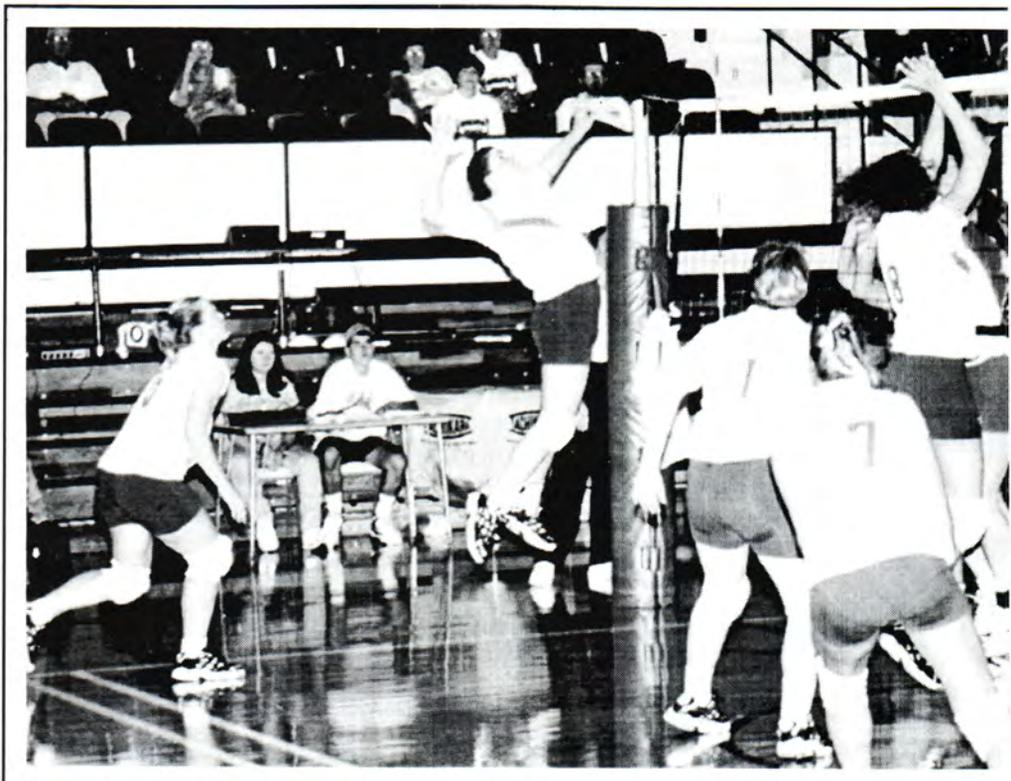
Veteran Amy Plunkett (5-9 from Tulsa East Central) joined the Lady Norse after one season as a member of the Lady Norse basketball squad.

Leslie Beruman tries to save a shot from going out of bounds as teammates Amy Plunkett (1), Ruth Beal (8) and Michelle Horcica (7) await the end result of the play.

Photo by James O'Neal

Surrounding the ball to make a play on a shot by Amanda Lane of Coffeyville, Kan., are Lady Norse teammates Amy Plunkett (1), Anna Horsley (22), Ruth Beal (8) and Michelle Horcica (10).

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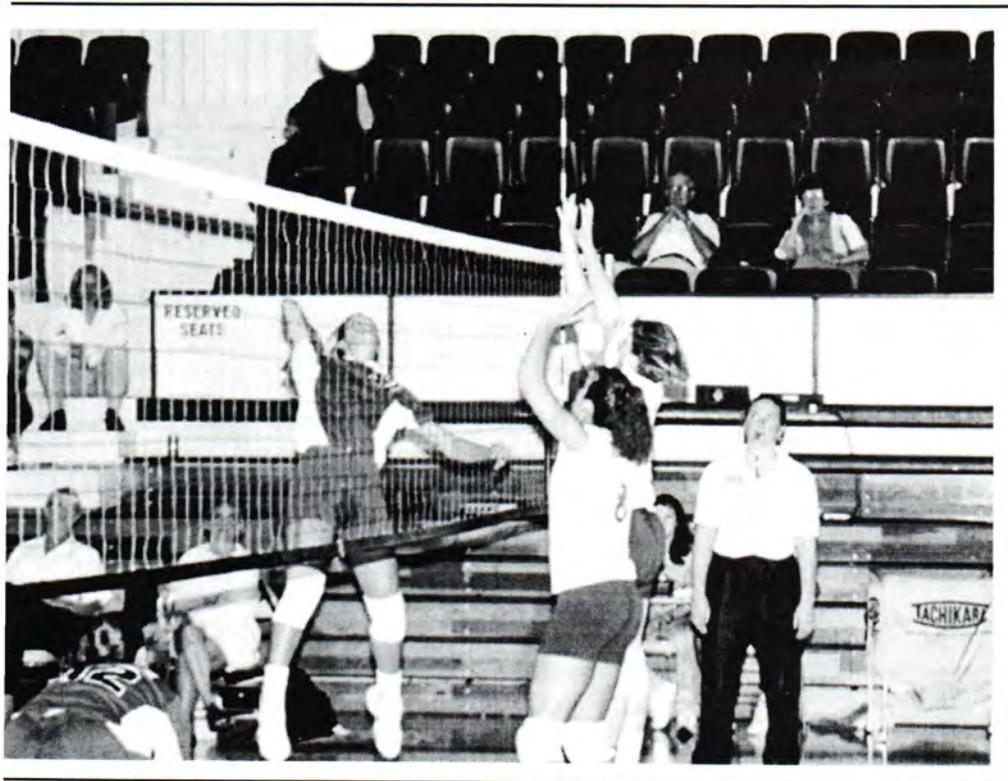


Freshman defensive Lisa Eslick leaps to defend the net as teammate Ruth Beal provides backup in a match against Labette, Kan.

Photo by James O'Neal

Making a play in the middle of the court for the Lady Norse is freshman mid-hitter Tandi McCracken against the defensive pressure of Neallene Warner and Amber Austin, both of Redlands Community College.

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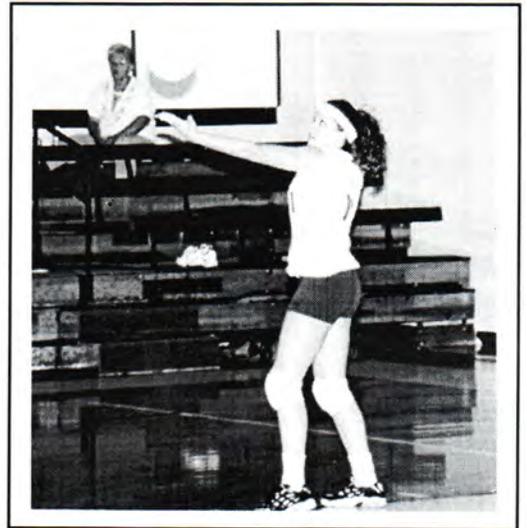


Amy Plunkett and Ruth Beal attempt to block a shot by Laura Cain of Longview, Mo., during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Freshman server Emily Thornburg (21) prepares to fire a shot over the net in a match against Allen County (Kan.) Community College.

Photo by James O'Neal



Freshmen fill valuable spots

Injuries force numerous lineup changes

Bothered most of the season with nagging injuries to key people, the Lady Norse were forced to use a variety of lineups to get through a tough intercollegiate schedule.

Playing the serving position for Jan Stuke's squad were freshmen Emily Thornburg (5-6 from Winchester, Ind.) and Anna Horsley (5-7 from Edmond North).

Seeing action at the off-hitter positions were freshmen Lisa Eslick (5-4 from Skiatook) and Katrina Smith (5-8 from Pierce City, Mo.).

Filling the mid-hitter spot

were freshmen Ruth Beal (6-0 from Wyandotte), Tandi McCracken (5-9 from Wheaton, Mo.) and Leslie Beruman (5-11 from Putnam City West).

"Our kids worked hard all year to adjust to the lineups we were forced to play because of injuries," said Stuke. "We just couldn't get to a point in the season where we could put it all together."

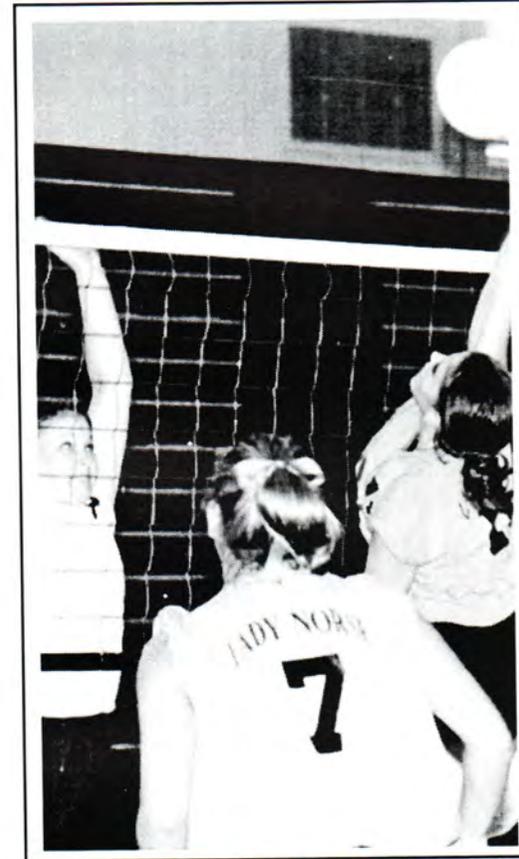
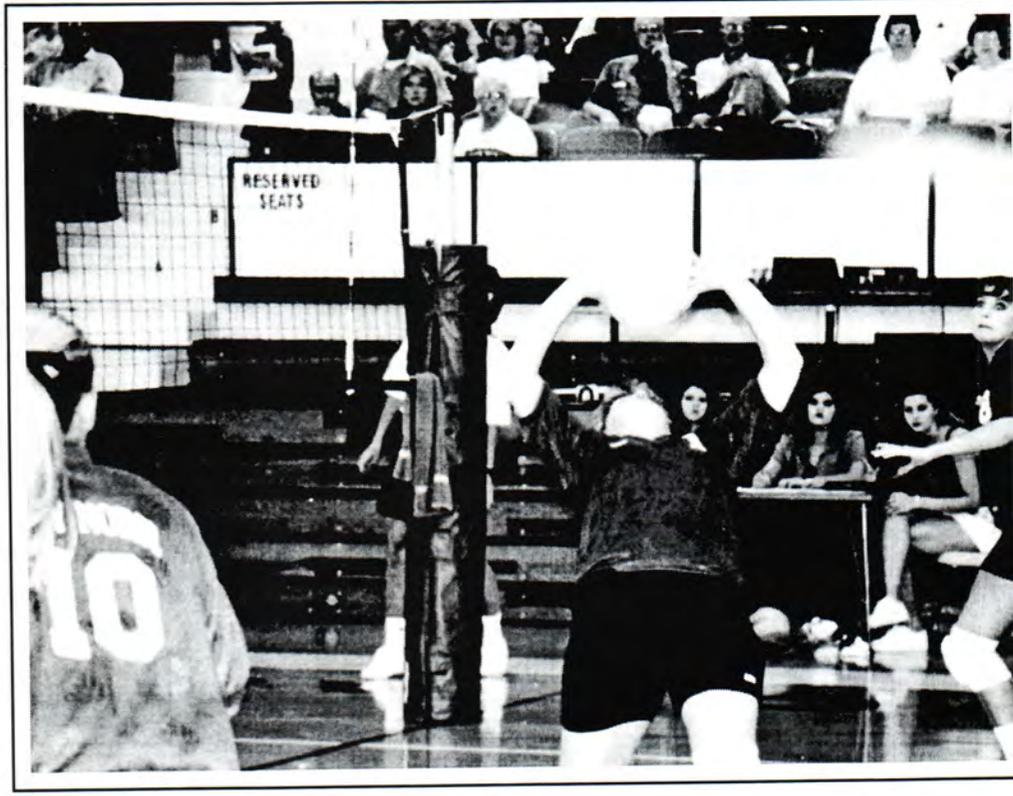
(Latasha) Pierce missed a month with a knee injury while Beruman and Beal both missed the final three matches of the regular season with ankle injuries.

Sophomore setter Amy Plunkett bends over backwards to prepare a shot for Ruth Beal as teammate Katrina Smith (10) watches the action to see what the next move might be.

Photo by James O'Neal

Pulling off a double block along the front line are Lady Norse teammates Michelle Horcica (7) and Leslie Beruman (12) in a game against Independence, Kan. at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by James O'Neal



Freshman mid-hitter Tandi McCracken (24) gets a return off the net against Julie Moeller of Coffeyville, Kan., as Lady Norse veteran Michelle Horcica watches the play.

Photo by James O'Neal

Trying to block a double team shot by Laura Cain and Michelle Davenport, both of Redlands College is Lady Norse freshman defensive specialist Ruth Beal. Redlands defeated NEO 15-7, 15-11 and 15-3 in the Region II Tournament at the NEO Fieldhouse.

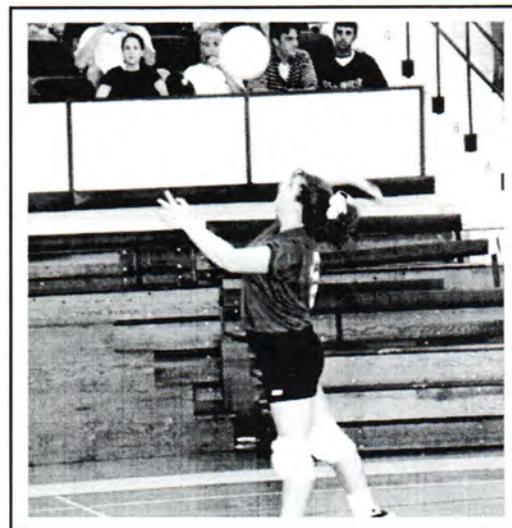
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Awaiting a shot along the back line for the Lady Norse during the Region II Tournament were from left; Katrina Smith, Leslie Beruman, and Tandi McCracken.
Photo by Bill Buoy

Freshman server Emily Thornburg (21) prepares to fire a shot over the net in the Region II playoffs against Redlands College Lady Cougars.
Photo by Bill Buoy



Lady Norse suffer loss

Redlands wins Region II Championship

Forced to play with several players out of position, the Lady Norse lost three straight games to Redlands Community College in the inaugural Region II Volleyball Tournament at the NEO Fieldhouse.

Redlands overcame a 7-4 deficit in the first game to capture a 15-7 victory before posting a 15-11 win in the second and grabbing a 15-3 win in the third game to win the best three-of-five tournament.

"This was a difficult situation for us because our entire team was playing out of position because of

illness to our setters. We came into this tournament without any experienced setter and it showed. The setter is the quarterback of your team and we had to rely on Michelle (Horcica) and Anna (Horsley) to be our setters which changed our approach," said Stukey.

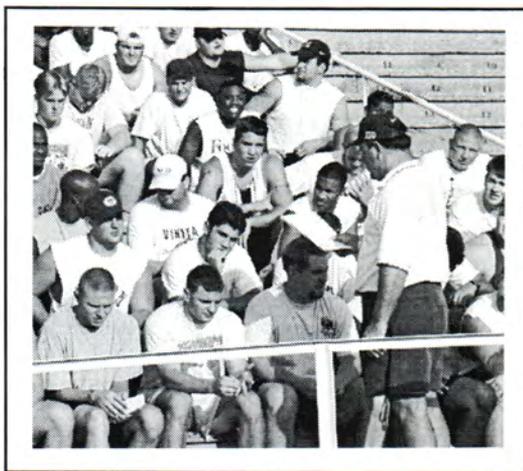
"With Michelle and Anna playing out of position, it put pressure on other people to step in and fill the gap defensively. By the time that we got to the third game, our inexperience in certain positions really showed," Stukey said.

Veteran linebacker Donavon Laviness combines with sophomores Itis Atkinson (22) and Michael Stamps (6) to stop Fort Scott (Kan.) Greyhound wide receiver Pete Hornung (88) after a 6-yard pass play.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Second-year head coach Dale Patterson talks to the more than 135 prospects that reported for pre-season drills during a meeting at Robertson Field in early August..

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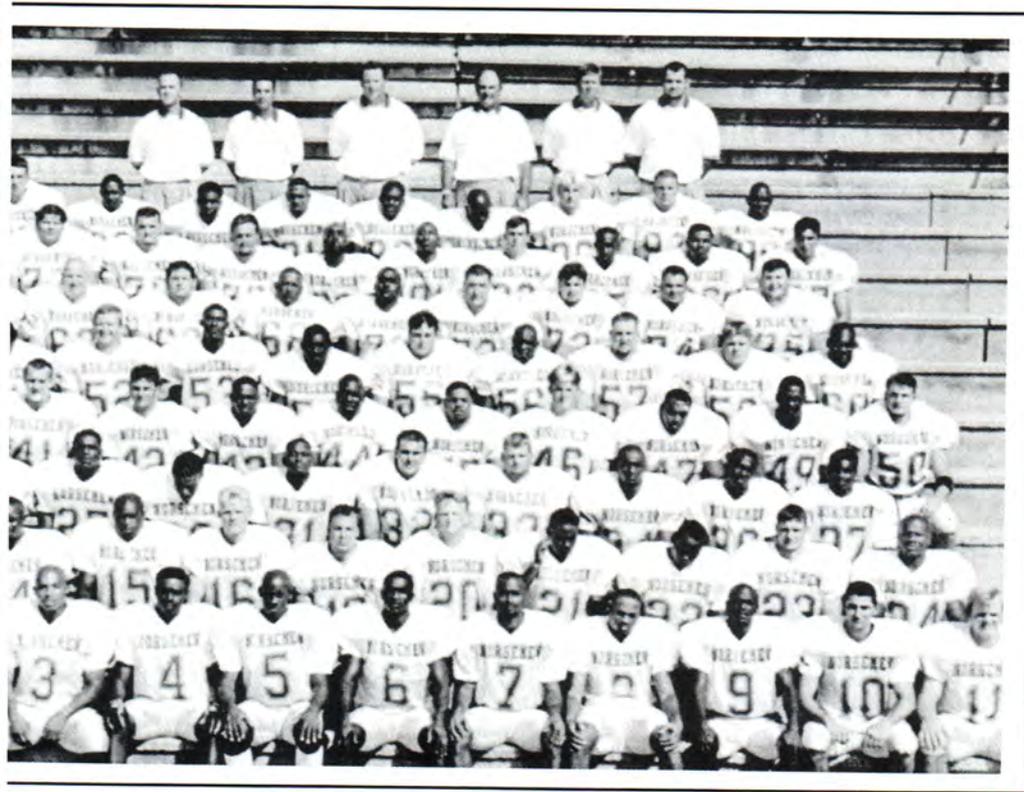
Golden Norse All-Conference offensive lineman Bill Sagley (75) and freshman Hunter Woods (63) fight to keep the Ranger, Texas defensive front at bay.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore tailback DeShaun English plows ahead for tough yards as a host of Kemper Military defenders attempts to stop his progress. English finished fifth in rushing in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference with 729 yards and seven touchdowns.

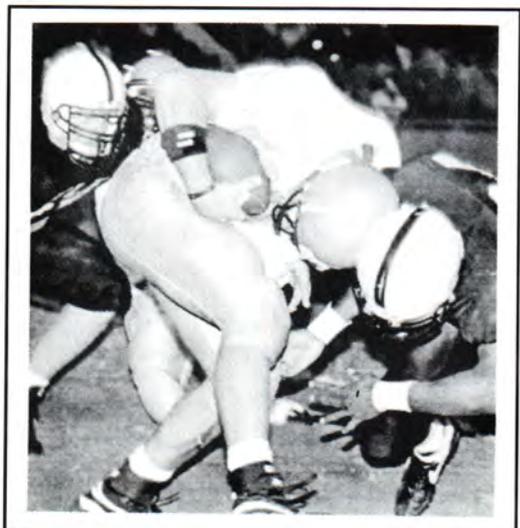
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Members of the 1997 Golden Norse football team pose for the camera during Press Day at Robertson Field. The Golden Norse finished 5-4 on the season.
Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore quarterback Andy Collier lowers his head and takes a hit from Ranger, Texas defensive end Paul Couter and cornerback Mark Denny.
Photo by Lacey Mangum



Norse open with three wins

Football team returned 25 sophomores

After compiling a 5-4 overall record and finishing tied for third in the first year of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference in 1996, second-year head coach Dale Patterson entered the 1997 campaign with a solid nucleus of 25 sophomores.

Norsemen 10-Kemper Military 7

A 29-yard field goal by freshman Nick Blackman with 1:08 left in the game gave the Norse a 10-7 win over the Yellowjackets in Miami.

Norsemen 48-Fort Scott 16

Erupting for 27 points in the

fourth quarter the Golden Norsemen buried the Greyhounds, 48-16, at Robertson Field.

Veteran quarterback Andy Collier completed 13 of 15 passes for 181 yards and one TD to pace NEO.

Norsemen 22-Ranger 12

Opening competition in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference, the Golden Norse received 211 yards rushing by tailback DeShaun English to defeat the Rangers in Ranger, Texas.

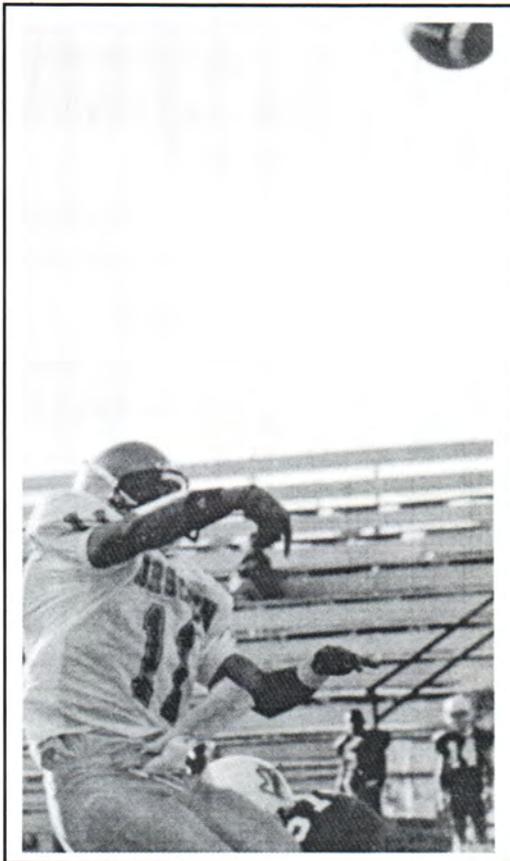
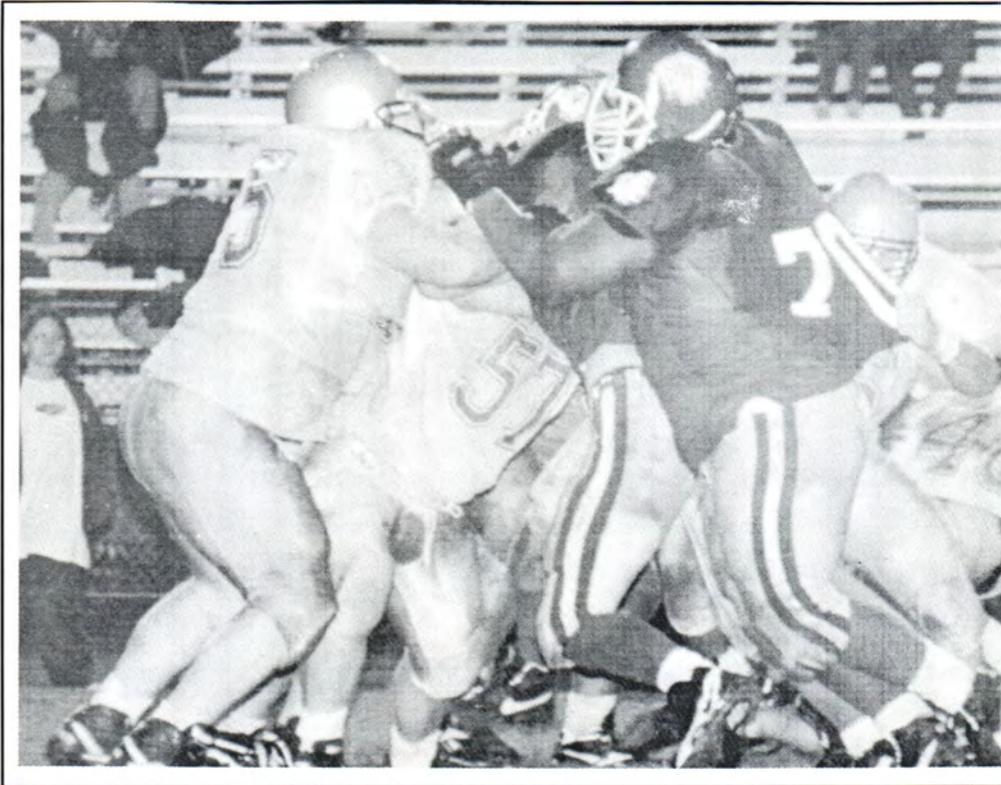
Veteran linebacker Donavon Laviness led NEO with nine tackles.

Trying to keep the defensive rush of the Navarro Texas Bulldogs from getting to freshman quarterback Sherad Poteete, Golden Norse offensive linemen Bill Sagley (75) and Kendall Zelny (57) do the job.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Veteran linebacker Donavon Laviness and freshman defensive end Matt Henson attempt to stop Trinity Valley All-American tailback Carlton Booe (1) from scoring..

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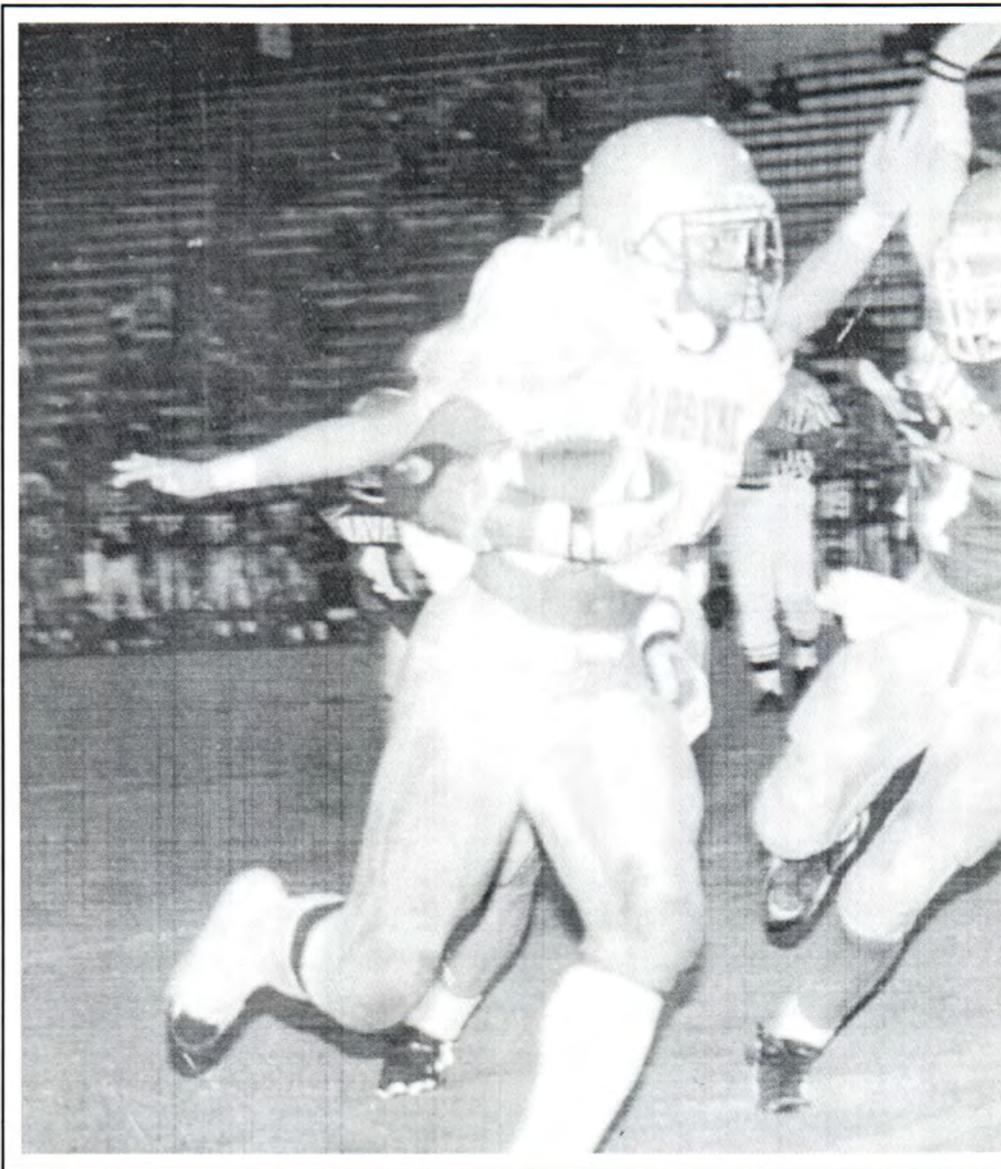


Freshman quarterback Sherad Poteete (11) launches a pass amid defensive pressure from the Wranglers of Cisco Junior College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Sophomore tailback Marcus Long (24) turns the corner against the Navarro Bulldogs on a 14-yard run. Long finished with 38 yards on six carries as the Golden Norse posted a 24-9 victory over the Bulldogs in Corsicana, Texas.

Photo by DeLena Mincher





Kilgore, Texas tailback Anthony King (3) tries to elude the tackle of Golden Norse defenders Matt Henson, Ennis Robinson (54) and Jeremy Atwell (1).

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Trinity Valley, Texas defenders Robert Lewis and Iran Hodge try to collar Golden Norse quarterback Sherad Poteete after a 15-yard run.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Conference teams tough

Golden Norse lose two straight league games

Tyler 10-Norsemen 6

Making their second consecutive trip across the Red River, the 13th ranked Golden Norsemen not only suffered a 10-6 loss to the sixth-ranked Tyler Junior College Apaches, but they also lost starting quarterback Andy Collier.

Collier suffered a season-ending knee injury as the Norse offense managing only a 7-yard touchdown run by English in the third quarter.

A fumble by NEO's Cody Sensintaffar at the Tyler 15-yard line with 1:34 left ended NEO's hopes.

Trinity Valley 24-Norsemen 6

Facing their second straight nationally ranked team, the Golden Norse returned home to face fifth-ranked Trinity Valley, Texas as part of Homecoming/Family Day at Robertson Field.

Poteete gained 74 yards rushing as the Norse were held to only 208 yards in total offense. English missed the game with a bruised shoulder.

Featuring the conference's leading offensive unit, the Cardinals were held 150 yards below their average with only 271 yards in total offense.

Trying to find an open receiver, freshman quarterback Sherad Poteete drops back as veteran tailback DeShaun English (3) throws a block on Cisco, Texas defensive end Wayman Carter (94).

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore offensive interior linemen Josh Kay and Bill Sagley attempt to prevent an onslaught of Cisco, Texas rushers from reaching Golden Norse quarterback Sherad Poteete.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



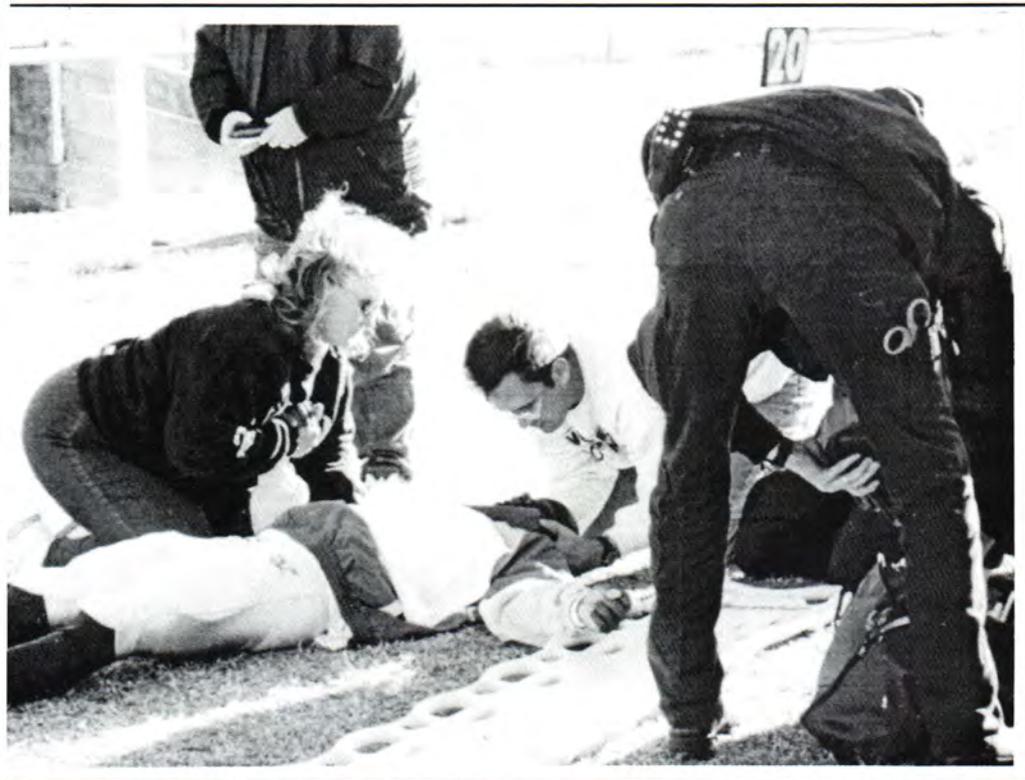
Despite a sore shoulder, sophomore tailback DeShaun English turns the corner as Cisco Wrangler linebacker Demarcus Benjamin (53) comes up for the tackle.

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Veteran cornerback Rhoshod Browning (2) puts the stop on Cisco Wrangler tailback Gerald Harris after a short pass play as NEO linebacker J.C. Thomas (51) comes to provide help. Harris scored three touchdowns to lead Cisco to a 37-21 win.

Photo by Lacey Mangum





Golden Norse head trainer Mike Barlow asks NEO cornerback Rhoshad Browning some questions after the player collapsed on the sidelines with a concussion at Cisco, Texas. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Attempting to shake the defensive pressure of Cisco linebacker Daniel Issacson, freshman quarterback Sherad Poteete gets pulled down for one of five sacks. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*



Roller coaster ride

Skid ends in rain at Corsicanna, Texas

Norsemen 24-Navarro 9

Traveling to Corsicanna, Texas the Golden Norse scissored a two-game losing streak by posting a 24-9 Southwest Junior College Football Conference win over the Navarro Bulldogs.

Playing in a steady rain the Norse built a 14-3 lead at halftime on a 32-yard touchdown run by English and a 2-yard TD plunge by Poteete.

A 20-yard field goal by Matt Reeves and a 1-yard run by Poteete closed out the scoring for NEO in the fourth quarter.

Norsemen 28-Kilgore 17

Returning home the Golden Norsemen improved to 3-2 in the conference and 5-2 overall with a 28-17 victory over the Kilgore Junior College Rangers.

English rushed for 83 yards on 16 carries and scored two touchdowns to pace the Norse ground game. Poteete added 57 yards on 11 carries.

Poteete connected on 15 of 20 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

The Norse generated 411 yards in total offense.

Members of the 1997 football coaching staff were, from left; Brad Ballard, receivers; Matt Parker, defensive line; Travis Hill, offensive coordinator; Dale Patterson, head coach; Chris Fancher, offensive line; Charles Thomas, defensive secondary.

Freshman tailback Kevin Prosser (30) circles left end and eludes the tackle of Trinity Valley cornerback Derek Coleman (22). Prosser gained five yards on the play.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Veteran wide receiver Allen Carroll (9) heads for the endzone against Cisco. Carroll caught four passes for 46 yards without a touchdown.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

All-American linebacker Donavon Laviness (50) combines to make a stop of a ball carrier. Laviness earned All-American honors with the *J.C. Grid-Wire* publication after leading the conference with 72 unassisted tackles, 52 assists and five quarterback sacks.

Photo by Lacey Mangum





Freshman kick return specialist Marcus Long (24) ranked third in the conference with a 28.4 yard average.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Sophomore cornerback Jesse Nelson (21) eludes a tackle while returning punts for the Norsemen. Nelson ranked sixth in the conference in punt returns.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Season ends abruptly

Two straight losses keep Norse out of playoffs

Cisco 37-Norsemen 21

After winning two straight, the Golden Norse came unraveled by suffering a 37-21 loss to the Cisco Wranglers in Cisco, Texas in the final road game.

Three Golden Norse turnovers led to Cisco touchdowns as Wrangler tailback Gerald Harris scored three touchdowns to pace Cisco.

A 9-yard run by Poteete along with a 9-yard pass to Brian Blackwood and a 10-yard pass to Paul Jones were the lone touchdowns by the Golden Norsemen.

Blinn 7-Norsemen 0

Eventual two-time national champion Blinn College eliminated the Norsemen from post-season consideration with a 7-0 win in the season finale at Robertson Field.

The Norse finished the year 5-4 and 3-4 in the SWJCFC.

Blinn took advantage of an NEO fumble and moved 35 yards in eight plays with 6:36 left in the game.

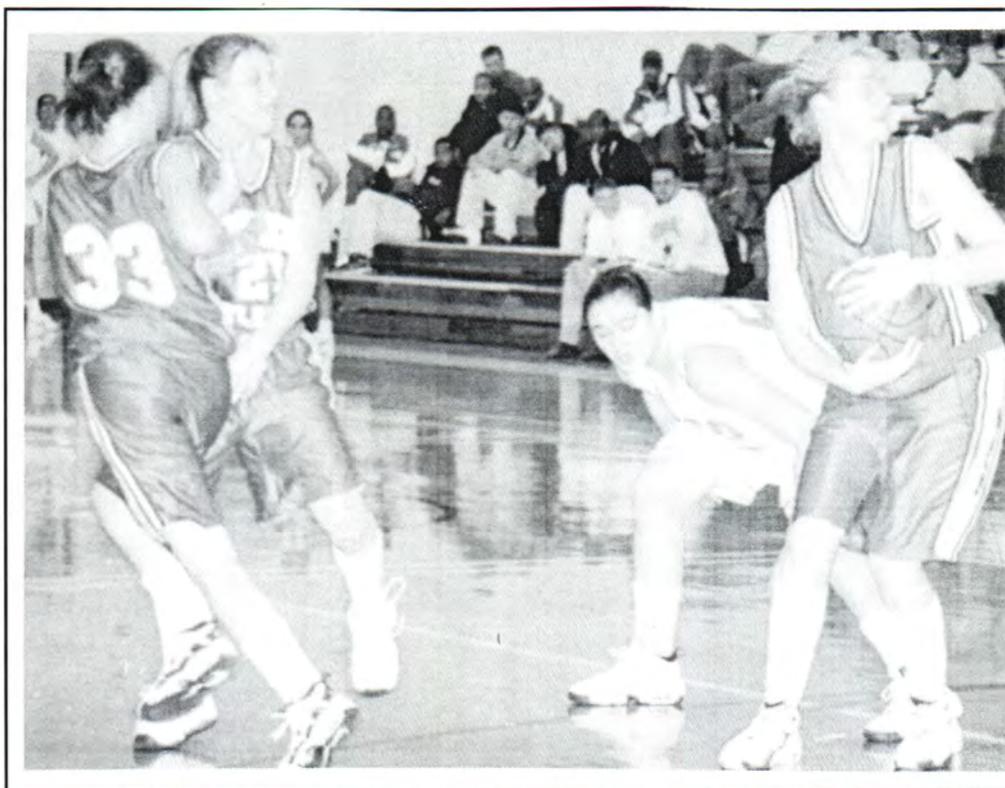
NEO linebacker Donavon Laviness earned All-American honorable mention while defensive tackle Reese Travis was Academic All-American.

Sophomore center Tina Clendening (50) reaches around Cowley County, Kan., center Jennifer Fagg as Lady Tiger teammates Moneeke Bowden (33) and Zakiyyah Johnson (21) await the outcome.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Freshman forward Dori Short (33) tries to avoid the defensive pressure applied by Twania Bennett and Angie Lackey (34), both of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Trying to stop the progress towards the basket by guard Wendy Kennedy (31) of Eastern Oklahoma College is Lady Norse sophomore Brooke Carter (25).

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore forward Dedra Ray (55) goes to the basket despite defensive pressure by Keisha Bethea of Coffeyville, Kan. Ray was forced to leave the Lady Norse at semester because of health problems after averaging seven points and four rebounds in nine games.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Freshman forward Carolyn Weirick (44) attempts a pass against the defensive pressure of Cathy Rogers (33) and Mandy Perkins, both of Northern Oklahoma College. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Trying to prevent an outlet pass by Coffeyville's Twania Bennett (30) is Lady Norse freshman forward Kiwana Battle (32). *Photo by Lacey Mangum*



Ladies start rebuilding

Freshmen fill key positions

Following the first .500 season in his 10-year tenure as head coach, Randy Gipson started the 1997-98 women's basketball season with a nucleus of four sophomores and nine freshmen.

Even though the Lady Norse compiled a 16-16 overall record during the 1996-97 season, the team finished third in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 5-5 mark.

Gipson, the winningest coach in Lady Norse history, compiled a 251-52 overall record during his nine-year tenure.

During the first 13 games of the 1997-98 campaign the Lady Norse struggled to a 6-7 overall mark.

"We had to overcome injuries and

illnesses which depleted our squad from four experienced sophomores to three. That had an adverse effect on our performance during the first part of the season," said Gipson.

"We also played several teams that had only lost one or two games and that made it tough for us to get any consistency going."

The Lady Norse faced defending national champion Trinity Valley, Texas along with nationally ranked Seminole State College, Independence (Kan.) Community College, and Cowley County (Kan.) Community College all during the fall portion of the schedule.

"Things weren't going to be any easier with the conference schedule."

Lady Norse head coach Randy Gipson (center) checks over the plans for renovation of the lockerroom with sophomores Carla Rogers, Dedra Ray, Tina Clendening, and Brooke Carter.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Veteran guard Brooke Carter (25) tries to get off a shot over the defensive pressure of Shannon Hands (15) and Stephanie Stovall (31), both of Northern Oklahoma College.

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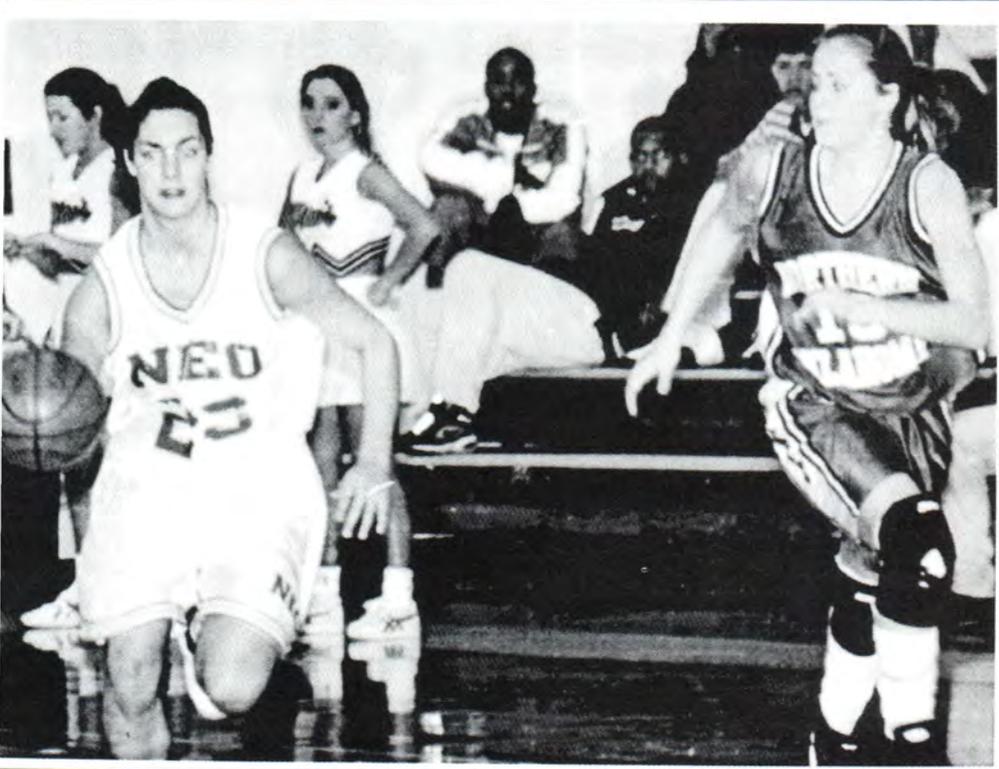
Sophomore forward Dedra Ray (55) goes in for a layup against the Lady Ravens of Coffeyville Community College.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Shooting a traditional sky hook over the defensive pressure of Coffeyville Lady Raven center Carrie Hess is Lady Norse center Tina Clendening. Clendening led the Lady Norse in rebounding with a 7.5 average per game.

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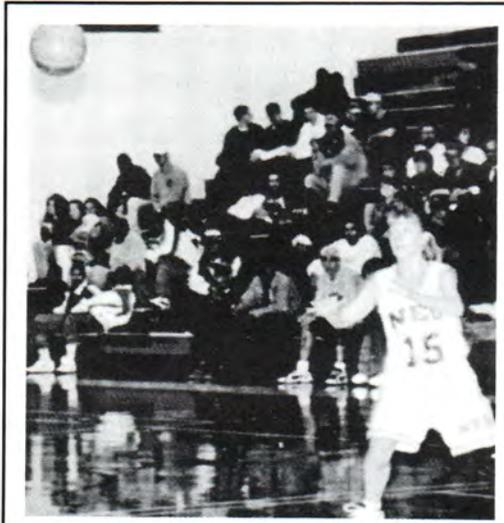


Attempting to brake the pressure applied by Michelle Brown of Northern Oklahoma College on a full court press is veteran guard Brooke Carter.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore point-guard Carla Rogers returned to quarterback the Lady Norse offense after sitting out her freshman season with a knee injury.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Sophomore leaders

Lady Norse lose one veteran to illness

After starting the season with four sophomores, the Lady Norse lost the services of veteran forward Dedra Ray for the spring semester.

Ray (6-0 from Claremore) appeared in the first nine games before being forced to leave the team because of an illness. Ray ranked fifth on the team in scoring with a seven-point average while scoring 4.1 points per game.

As a freshman Ray averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds through 29 games.

Returning to anchor the point-guard position for the Lady Norse was Carla Rogers (5-4 from Neosho, Mo.). Rogers averaged 5.4 points with 59 assists and 19 steals through 13 games.

Rogers missed her freshman season after suffering a knee injury just before the start of the season.

Joining Rogers at guard was veteran Brooke Carter (5-7 from Vinita). Carter averaged 7.7 points with 34 assists and 23 steals the first half of the season. As a freshman Carter averaged 6.8 points with 84 assists and 56 steals.

Returning at the center spot for the Lady Norse was Tina Clendening (6-0 from Oceanside, Calif.) Clendening was tied for the lead in rebounding with a 7.5 average while scoring 9.2 points per game.

During her freshman season Clendening averaged 7.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

Trying to apply defensive pressure before reaching halfcourt by Jorena Smith (22) of Eastern Oklahoma College is freshman guard Cicley Downing (14) in a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Freshman forward Dori Shortt (33) tries to deny Kuriston Walker (23) of Murray State College access to the ball down along the baseline for an inside shot at the basket.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Battling for the opening tipoff with Courtney Pierce of Cowley County, Kan., is freshman forward Carolyn Weirick (44)

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Providing solid defensive pressure inside the blocks is freshman center Sara Kellhofer as Moneeke Bowden (33) of Cowley County, Kan., kicks the ball back out after trying to take a shot over the defensive pressure of Kellhofer.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Surrounded by four players from Murray State College, Lady Norse freshman guard Kiera Robinson kicks the ball back out front.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Freshman shooting guard Latrecia Floyd (32) watches a pass from Danelle Monie of the Northern Oklahoma College Lady Mavericks.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Freshmen contribute

First-year players fill major rolls

Even though sophomores provided some valuable leadership, all of the freshmen were major contributors in the Lady Norse rotation system during the fall semester.

Forward Carolyn Weirick (5-11 from Berea, Ohio) provided a team-leading 12.8 scoring average and a 7.5 rebounding mark while making 14 blocked shots.

Shooting guard Kiwana Battle (5-10 from Springfield, Ohio) came off the bench to average 9.8 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

Cicley Downing (5-6 from Vinita) started at shooting guard

and averaged 7.7 points with 59 assists and 19 steals.

Providing depth at guards were Amecia Floyd (5-7 from Tulsa), Kiera Robinson (5-7 from Miami) and Adrienne Everett (5-7 from Louisville, Ky.).

Alternating at the power forward spot were Dori Shortt (5-11 from Bluejacket) and Latrecia Floyd (5-7 from Tulsa).

Freshman Sara Kellhofer (5-10 from Sarcoxie, Mo.) saw considerable action at the center position for the Lady Norse through the first half of the season.

Trying to penetrate the defensive pressure of Jennifer Williams of Northern Oklahoma College is freshman forward Carolyn Weirick (44) as Danielle Monie (21) looks on.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Taking the ball to the basket is Lady Norse shooting guard Cicley Downing (14) as Shantika Scott (13) of Murray State College tries to stop her progress to the hoop.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Freshman forward Dori Shortt (33) puts up a shot over the outstretched hands of Keya Downing (14) of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Attempting to use a head fake to keep defender Billie Yarbrough (33) of Eastern Oklahoma College from blocking the shot is Lady Norse guard Kiwana Battle. The Lady Norse defeated the Lady Mountaineers 47-43 in the NEO Fieldhouse.

Photo by DeLena Mincher





Forward Carolyn Weirick (44) concentrates on not allowing Keisha Bethea (23) easy access to the basket.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Providing a solid double team underneath the basket are Lady Norse defenders Kiwana Battle (52) and Tina Clendening.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Streaks mark first half

Ladies win two of last three before break

A 33-day break for the Christmas holidays and change of semester found the Lady Norse with a 6-7 overall record.

Opening the season at home the Lady Norse posted a 72-67 victory over the Lady Ravens of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

After gaining a 79-43 win over Rose State to start a three-game road trip, the Lady Norse suffered a 77-54 loss at Seminole and a 71-68 loss at Crowder College in Neosho, Mo.

The Lady Norse started a three-game home stand with a 47-43 victory over Eastern Oklahoma College. Following a 79-65 win over Murray State College, the Lady Norse dropped a 72-63 decision to Cowley County, Kan.

Competing in the Montgomery

County Classic over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Lady Norse suffered three consecutive losses.

Independence, Kan., defeated the Lady Norse 70-63 in the opening game before host Coffeyville gained an 84-80 win in overtime.

The Lady Norse faced defending national champion Trinity Valley, Texas in the final game of the Montgomery Classic and suffered a 94-61 loss.

Returning home the Lady Norse gained a 77-75 victory over Northern Oklahoma College.

Traveling to Arkansas City, Kan., the Lady Norse dropped a 65-53 decision to Cowley County.

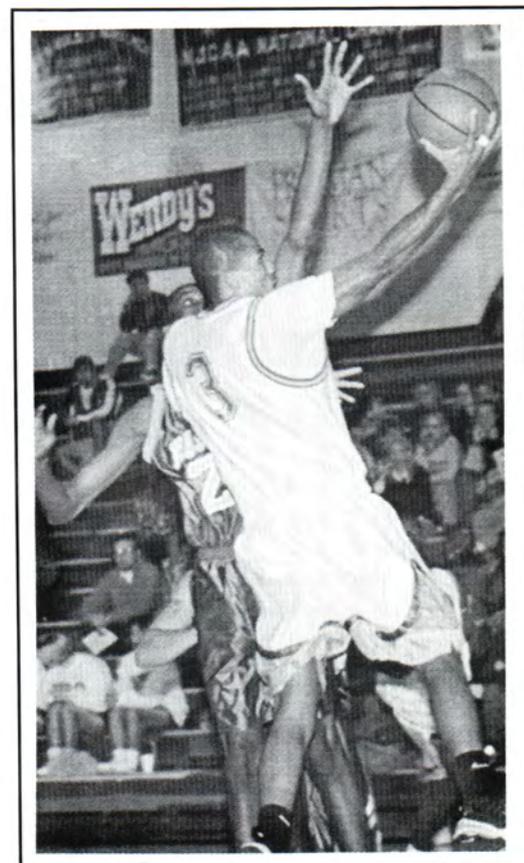
Closing out the fall portion, the Lady Norse gained a 70-51 win over Rose State.

Freshman guard Beau Wallace (20) does the Fosberry Flop over Martin Palmer (24) from Cowley County, Kan., as Tiger forward Alphah East (25) and NEO forward Marlon Green (21) watch..

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Veteran shooting guard Brent Porter (3) looks for an open man as Derrick Davis (4) of Cowley County Community College applies defensive pressure in a game at the NEO Fieldhouse.

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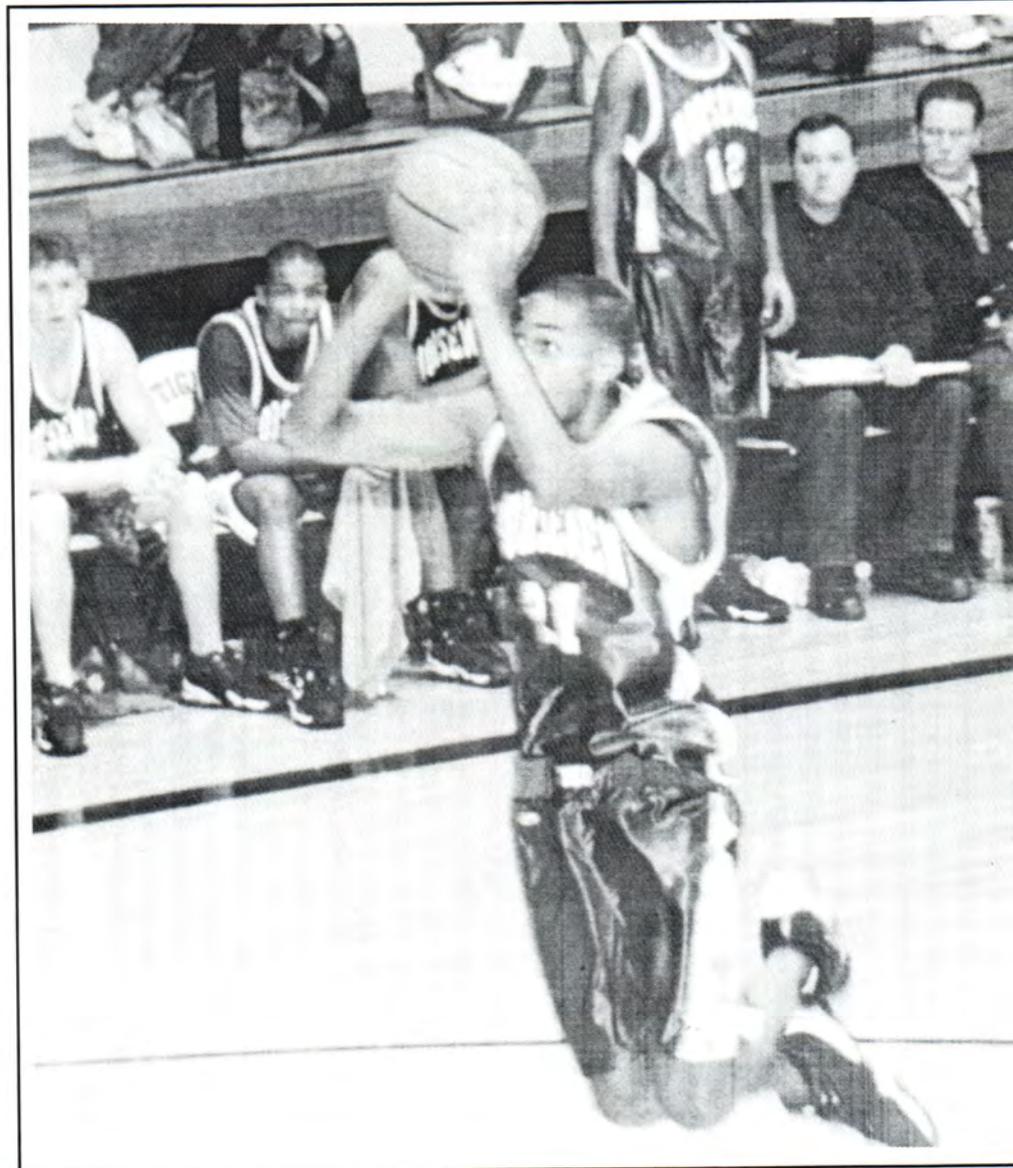


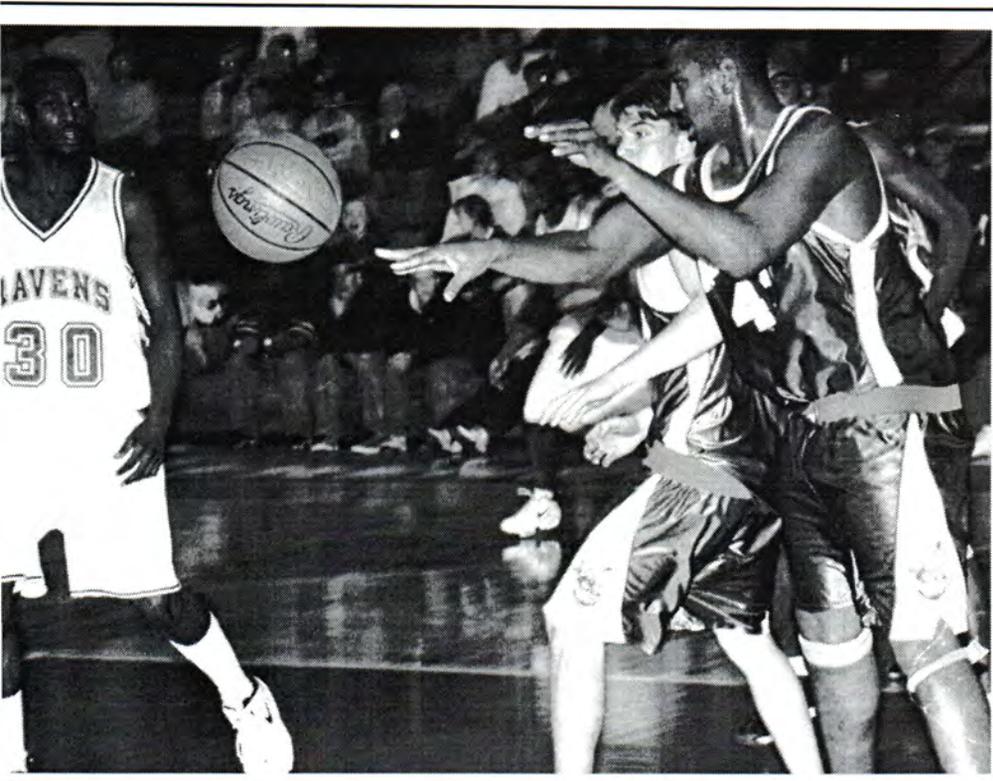
Displaying some "ups" as he goes to the hoop, sophomore guard Brent Porter (3) scores despite the defensive effort by Marquette Williams (22) of Eastern Oklahoma College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Hanging in mid-air as he takes the ball to the basket during a break-away situation against Cowley County in Arkansas City, Kan., is freshman forward Marlon Green. The Golden Norsemen sustained an 84-69 loss to the Tigers on the road.

Photo by Josh Maxson





Teammates Stephan Green (43) and Rod Sooter combine to steal a pass from Alex Griffin (30) of Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Sophomore forward Todd Green (32) puts up a shot over the defensive pressure of Markeal King (40) from Coffeyville Community College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Experience counts

Situation basketball benefits Golden Norsemen

While starting the season with the nucleus of six experienced sophomores, Golden Norse basketball coach Lonnie Spencer understood the value of creating a platoon system which would match up with various types of game situations.

During the 1996-97 season the Golden Norsemen compiled a 19-11 overall record while finishing tied for third in the Eastern Division of the Bi-State Athletic Conference with a 6-4 mark.

Spencer has posted a 117-72 overall record during his seven years as head coach of the Golden Norse.

Through the fall portion of the 1997-98 season the Golden Norsemen had compiled a 7-5 record against teams like Northern Oklahoma College, Seminole

State College, Coffeyville, Kan., Cowley County, Kan., and West Plains, Mo.

"Obviously, when you take 34 days off between semesters for Christmas it is a lot like starting over," said Spencer. "But everyone in the Bi-State was in the same situation, so it wasn't a disadvantage for anyone."

"We used the first 20 non-conference games to get us ready to compete in the Bi-State East. Whether anybody would admit it, those final 10 games of the schedule are playoff games," Spencer said.

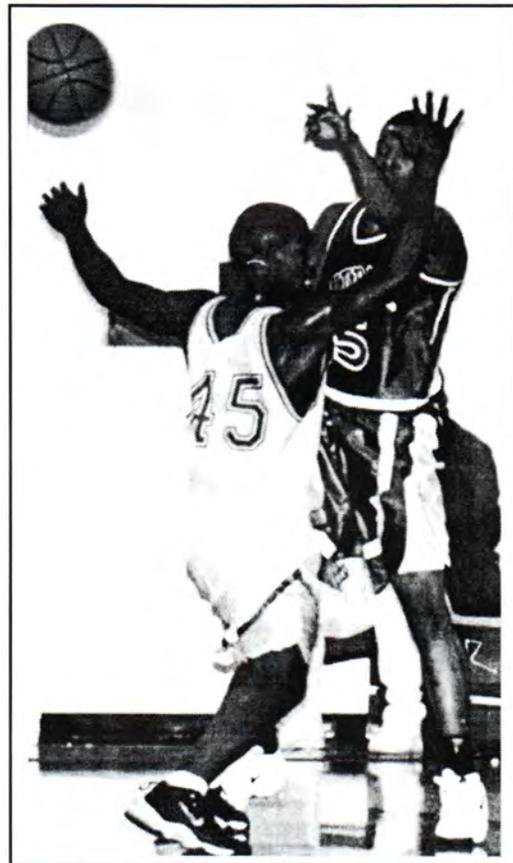
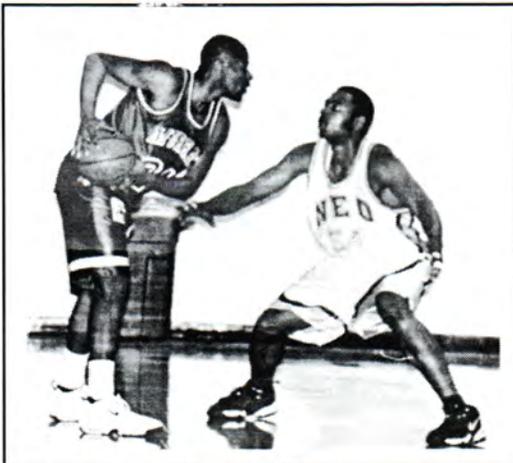
"So, mentally and physically, we had to get ready to play every time we took the court against our conference teams. Game in and game out, you were actually playing for a tournament spot."

Hooking his arm around defender Anthony Burks of Cowley County, Kan., is veteran shooting guard Brent Porter (3). Porter was one of six returning sophomores for the Golden Norse.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Taking a solid defensive stance underneath the basket is Golden Norse post player Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker (54) as Jameel Haywood of Coffeyville, Kan., looks for an opening..

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Forward Corey Crisp (45) applies defensive pressure to try and prevent an inbounds pass from Kyle Dean of Northern Oklahoma College.

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Sophomore guard Todd Green (32) puts up a shot over the outstretched hands of Josh Reginer and Todd Seibert, both of Northern Oklahoma College. Todd Green led the Golden Norsemen to a 96-76 victory over the Mavericks in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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Veteran forward LaCross Lee (33) pressures Aaron Noel (11) of Eastern Oklahoma College near the mid-court line.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Attempting to prevent Chris Kelley (5) of Murray State College from making a pass is sophomore guard Rod Sooter (24).

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Sophomore foundation

Six veterans provide experience

Despite faltering in late season which resulted in a 19-11 overall record in 1996-97, the Golden Norse started the 1997-98 campaign with six tested veterans.

Two of the sophomores, Brent Porter and Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker, missed the first five games because of a violation of team rules.

With the return of the veterans the Golden Norse went 5-2 enroute to a 7-5 record at the break.

Porter (6-2 from Tulsa) was averaging 14.3 points with 30 assists and 14 steals in five games as an off-guard.

Parker (6-7 from Coweta) was leading the team at center in scoring with a 14.7 average and rebounding with an 8.9 mark.

Along with Porter and Parker in the starting lineup during the first half was veteran Rod Sooter (6-3 from Miami) at shooting guard. Sooter was averaging 10.4 points with 22 assists and 11 steals.

Alternating with Sooter at guard was veteran Todd Green (6-4 from Cleveland, Okla.) with a 6.4 scoring average and a 5.1 rebounding mark.

Sharing playing time at the small forward spot was sophomores Corey Crisp and LaCross Lee.

Crisp (6-2 from Tulsa) was averaging 7.2 points and 5.8 rebounds through the first 12 games.

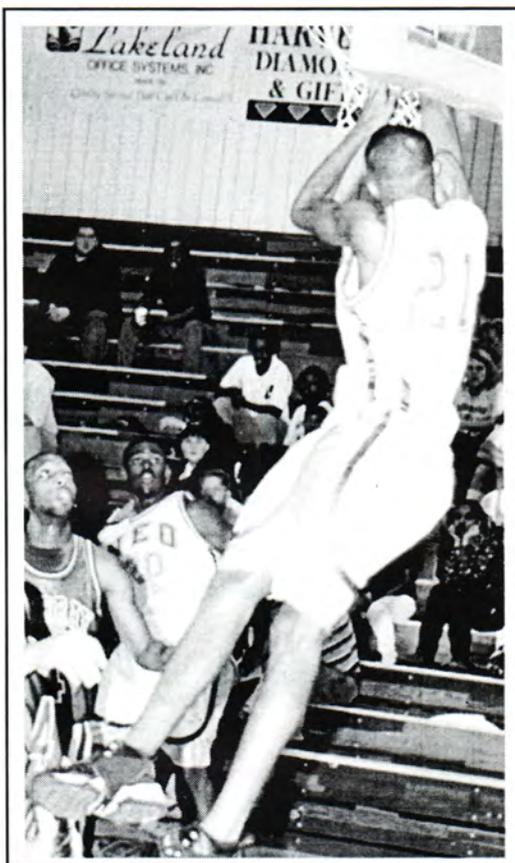
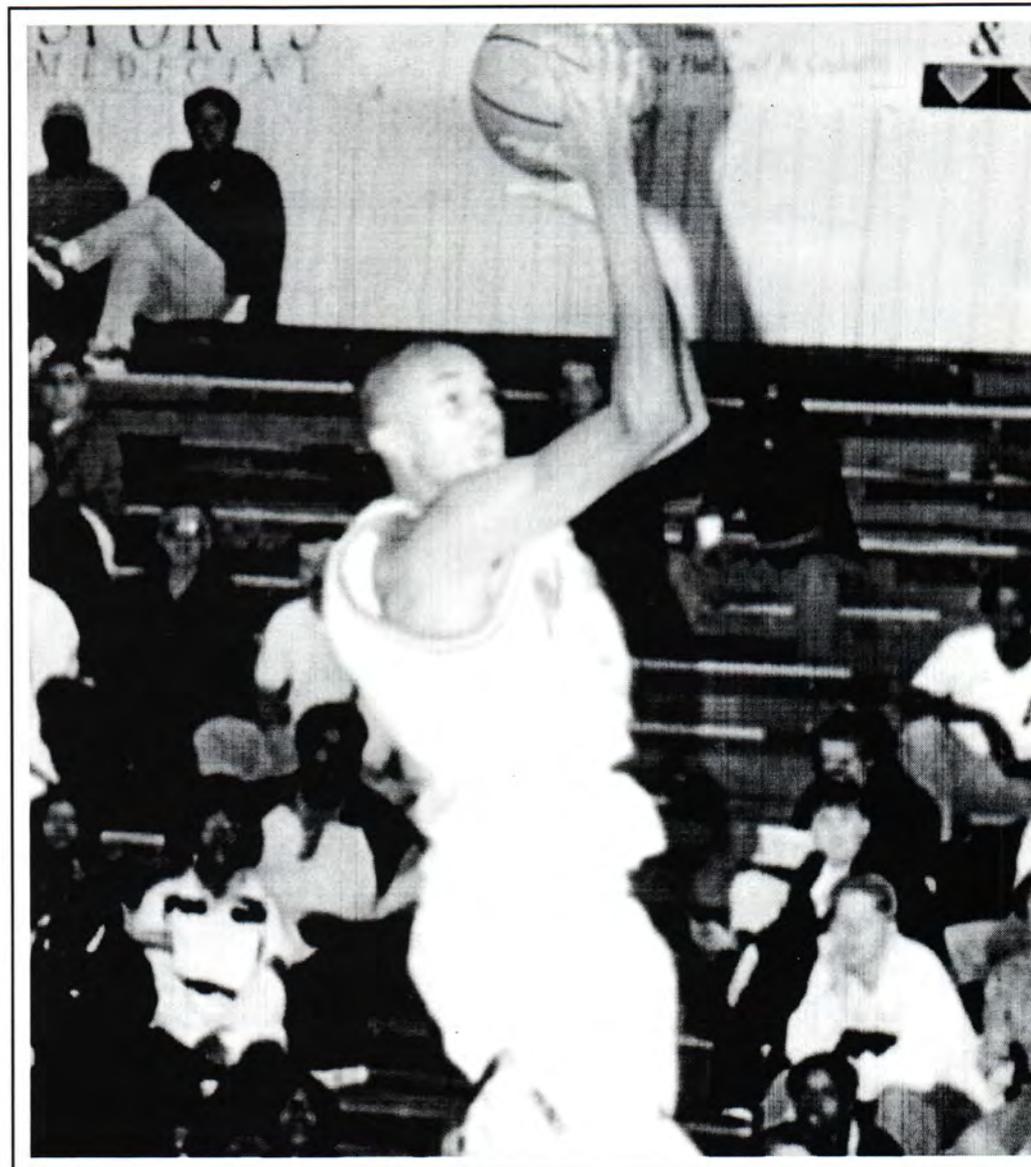
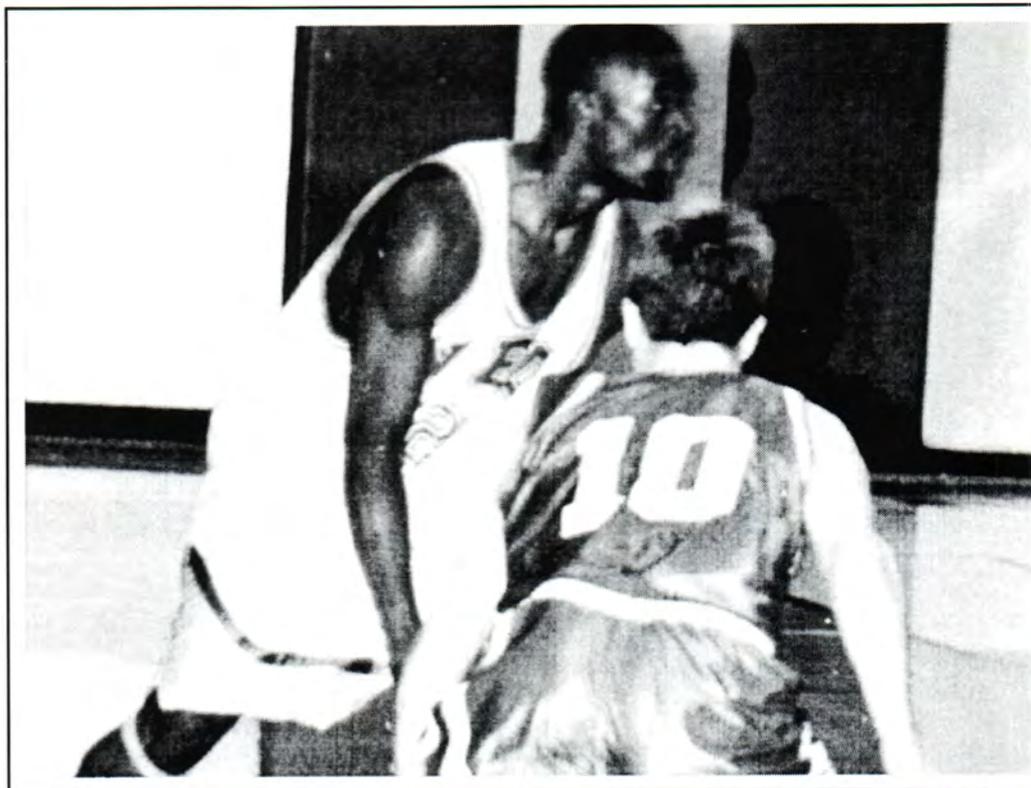
Lee (6-5 from San Diego, Calif.) was scoring 6.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game before the break.

Freshman point guard Beau Wallace (20) brings the ball down court against defensive pressure by Will Mitchell (10) of the Northern Oklahoma College Mavericks.

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Trying to make a pass inside against the defensive pressure of Billy Foster of Coffeyville Community College is Golden Norse freshman guard Beau Wallace.

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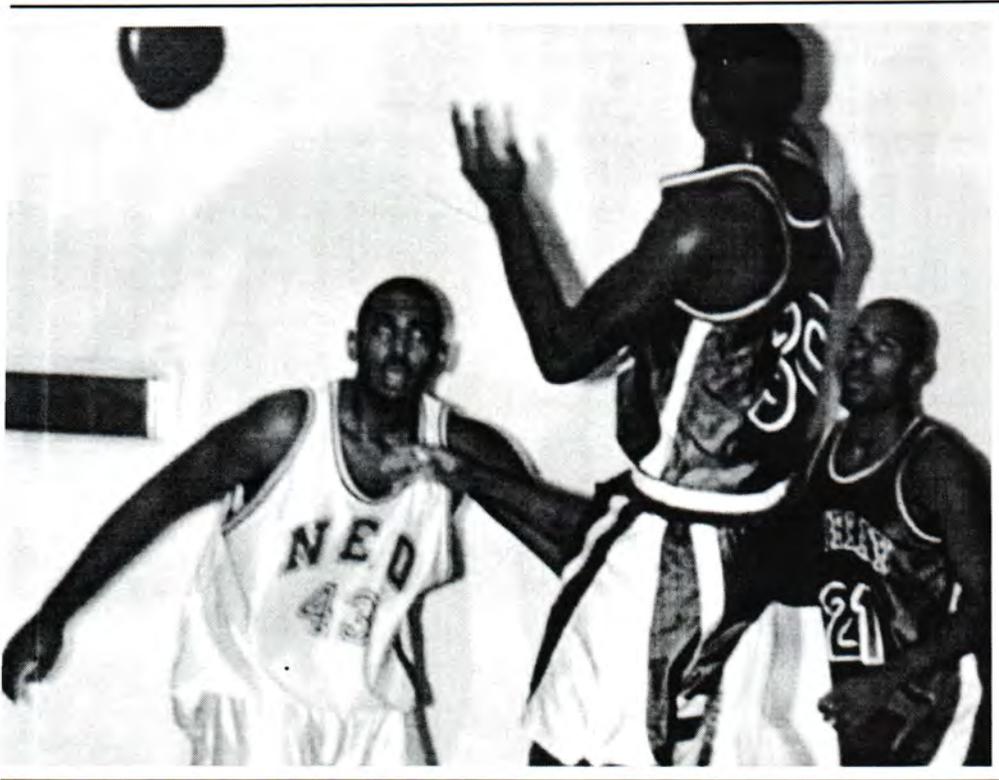


Taking an alley-oop pass from Beau Wallace for a monster dunk is freshman forward Marlon Green (21) against Coffeyville Community College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Pulling up for a jump shot on the perimeter is freshman forward Marlon Green (21). Marlon was one of three players on the Golden Norseman squad with the last name of Green and none of the players were related.

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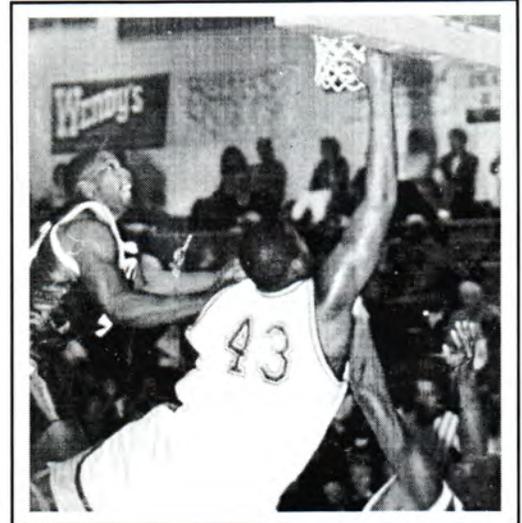


Freshman power forward Stephan Green (43) waits for a missed shot by Lyndon Hawkins (32) and Demorrio Driver (21), both of Murray State College.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Falling hard to the floor after making this lopsided layup against defensive pressure from Murray State College is freshman Stephan Green.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Freshmen role players

Fill key spots in the rotation system

With the availability of six sophomores, the Golden Norse relied heavily on seven freshmen to serve as key role players in the rotation system.

Stepping in as a starter at point guard was freshman Beau Wallace (6-1 from Broken Arrow). Wallace led the team with 61 assists and 26 steals through 12 games.

Providing depth at the three guard positions were freshmen Rashad Turner (6-2 from Hugo) and Jaiger Allen (6-3 from San Diego, Calif.)

Alternating at the small forward position were freshmen Marlon Green (6-4 from Denver, Colo.) and Marcus Watson (6-4 from Greensboro, S.C.).

Seeing action at either power forward or center was freshman Stephan Green (6-7 from Kansas City, Mo.). Stephan Green ranked second in rebounding with a 6.4 average and fourth in scoring with a 8.1 average and eight blocked shots.

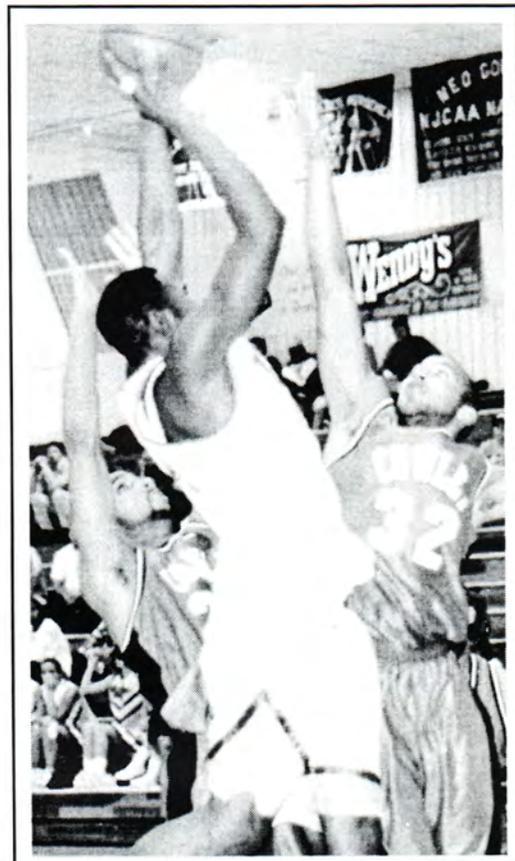
Playing in 11 of the first 12 games at center was freshman Nate Niehus (6-9 from Grove).

Putting the ball up and over the outstretched hand of Roland Martin (23) of Coffeyville Community College is veteran forward LaCross Lee (33) during a game in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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Corey Crisp (45) goes high above the rim to grab a defensive rebound despite the pressure from two Coffeyville Community College defenders during an 85-75 loss to the Red Ravens in Miami.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Attempting to make a turn-around jump shot from the center position is Golden Norse veteran Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker against Cowley County, Kan.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Northern Oklahoma College guard Mike Weiberg (21) tries to find an opening after driving inside against the defensive pressure of NEO's Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker. The Golden Norse defeated the Mavericks 96-76 in the NEO Fieldhouse.

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Shooting guard Brent Porter soars high above the defensive pressure of two Northern Oklahoma College defenders as he scores a basket.

Photo by Lacey Mangum

Attempting to block the shot of a Cowley County Community College Tiger is veteran post player Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker (54) for the Golden Norse.

Photo by Lacey Mangum



Norse build streak

First-half losses to Kansas schools

Faced with beginning the season without the services of sophomores Brent Porter and Mahcoe "Punchy" Parker, the Golden Norsemen lost three of the first five before winning five of the next seven.

After dropping a 111-71 decision to Southwest Missouri/West Plains on the road, the Golden Norse came home to suffer a 85-75 loss to the Coffeyville, Kan. Red Ravens.

Starting a four-game road trip the Golden Norsemen gained a 56-54 win over Rose State at Midwest City.

Traveling to the Coffeyville Classic the Norse posted a 69-67 win

over Cowley County, Kan.

Former Golden Norse assistant Jay Herkelman guided the Red Ravens to a 71-58 win over the Norse in the finals of the Coffeyville Classic.

After gaining a 83-81 victory at Seminole, the Norse returned home to defeat Eastern Oklahoma 90-70 and Murray State 86-43 before dropping a 81-80 decision to Cowley County, Kan.

The Norsemen concluded a four-game homestand with a 96-76 win over Northern Oklahoma College.

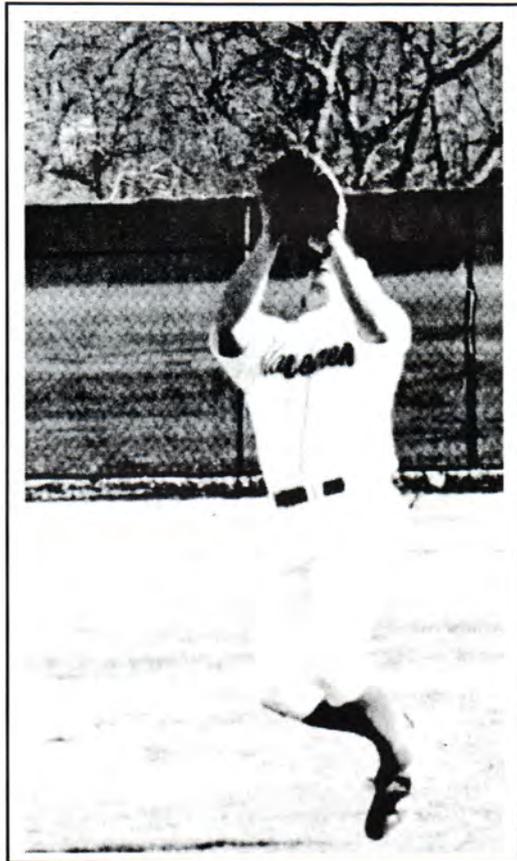
Visiting Cowley County, Kan., the Norse sustained a 84-69 loss before defeating Rose State 87-71 to close the fall semester.

Freshman first baseman T.J. McFarland (14) comes off the base to take a throw from Jeff Dorsey at third base as Joe Barrett of Connors State College reaches on the error.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Coming off the bag at first to handle an errant pickoff move by pitcher Sam Brittan is freshman first baseman Trevor Troxell (22) as Tony Arthur of Crowder (Mo.) Community College tip toes on the bag.

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Center-fielder Zach Rogers, from Owasso, circles under a fly ball to make the catch during a game at Homa Thomas Field on the NEO campus.

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Veteran left-hander Aaron Presley, from Moore, tries to sneak a fast ball past Clay Wiedower of Rose State College during a Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header at Homa Thomas Field. Presley was one of four NEO pitchers to throw a complete game.

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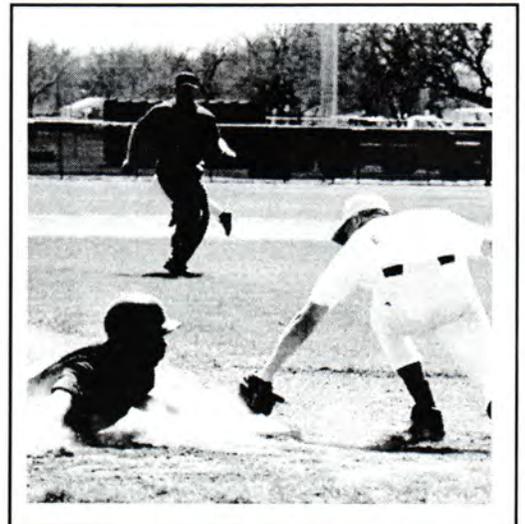


Freshman right-fielder Casey Littlefield (9) slides home safely ahead of the tag by Crowder Community College catcher Chris Yust.

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Sophomore third baseman Jeff Dorsey, from Jenks, tries to tag out Clint Cantrell of Cowley County (Kan.) Community College as he tries to steal third.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Changes hurt

New coach and inexperience plague Norsemen

Even before the start of the 1998 baseball season, Kirk Piskor knew as head coach he was lacking experience both on the pitching staff and in the outfield.

After compiling a 22-24 overall record in 1997, the Golden Norse baseball program plummeted to a 10-36 overall mark to conclude the 1998 campaign. The Golden Norsemen lost 22 of the final 25 games which included the last 14 games played during the regular season.

Four sophomores returned to anchor the 18-man pitching staff for the Golden Norse. Only veterans Jeff Garwood and Aaron Presley had pitched for the Norsemen the previous season.

Veteran catcher John Chadwick

and sophomores Matt Beller, Jeff Dorsey, T.J. McFarland and Shaun St. Cyr returned to anchor the infield for the Norsemen. McFarland transferred to NEO after one season at Eastern Oklahoma College in Wilburton.

The Golden Norse outfield featured five freshmen with no college experience.

The end result for the Golden Norse was the worst season since a 6-18 campaign in 1979 and it marked only the second time in the 40-year history of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region II Tournament that the Golden Norsemen failed to qualify.

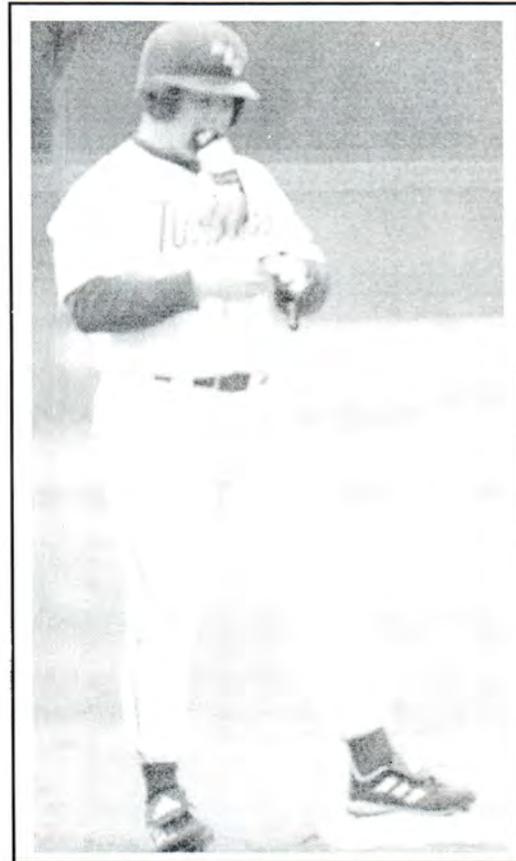
"We could never get any momentum going because of our lack of leadership and inexperience," said Piskor.

Sophomore left-hander Aaron Presley makes a soft toss over to first baseman T.J. McFarland (22) as Nick Saunders of Connors State College beats the lob back to the base.

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Veteran catcher John Chadwick makes a throw by to the mound while taking warm-up pitches between innings. Chadwick was one of nine returning sophomores for the Golden Norsemen.

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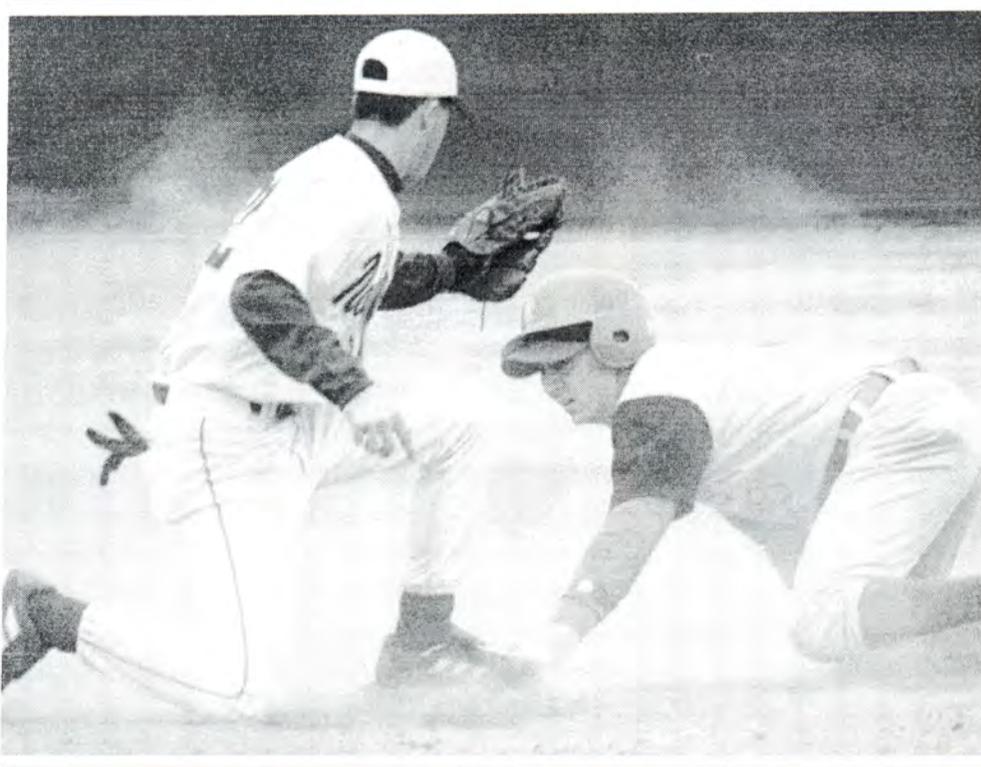
Making sure he makes the changes from batting gloves to sliding gloves after hitting a double to left-center is Golden Norse sophomore Jeff Dorsey.

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Umpire Jeff Grace gives the safe signal after Terry Bennett of Connors State College avoids the tag of Golden Norse third baseman Jeff Dorsey. Bennett was safe at stealing third base during a 2-1 victory by the Cowboys at Homa Thomas Field.

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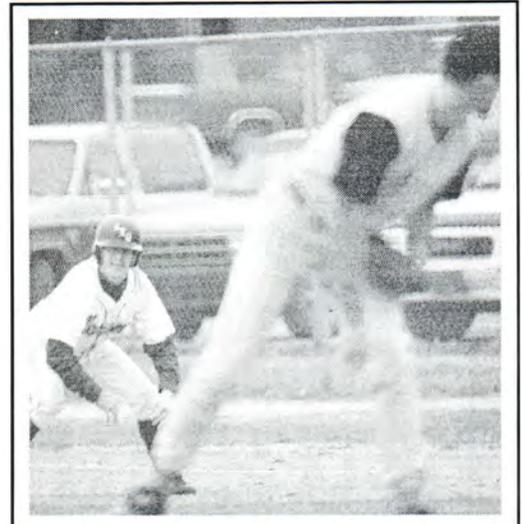


Matt Beller applies a quick tag at second base in an attempt to get Nathan Long of Eastern Oklahoma College on a stolen base attempt.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Shaun St. Cyr takes a lead off first base as Corey Walters of Eastern Oklahoma College checks the base runner before delivering to home plate.

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Veterans contribute

Experience lacking in outfield

With four pitchers returning on the mound and a solid defensive corps up the middle, the Golden Norsemen started the 1998 season with a sound foundation.

But numerous injuries and a lack of leadership from the returning veterans caused a collapse midway through the season.

Right-hander Jeff Garwood of Owasso returned to bolster the pitching staff. But Garwood worked only five innings before a shoulder injury sidelined him.

Veteran left-hander Aaron Presley of Moore appeared in eight games with a disappointing 1-7 record in 37.2 innings of work.

Relief specialist Leland Hanson of Miami recorded one save in eight appear-

ances while posting a 3.68 earned run average.

Sean Collins of Kansas City, Mo., pitched in only three games because of injuries.

Veteran catcher John Chadwick of Ontario, Canada, led the Norse offense with a .397 average with six home runs and 23 RBI.

Second baseman Matt Beller of Coweta hit .352 while leading the team with 10 stolen bases.

First baseman T.J. McFarland of Sapulpa finished with a .337 batting average.

Third baseman Jeff Dorsey of Jenks led the Norse with eight doubles while hitting .280.

Steven Bale, a freshman from Grove, streaks across the bag to beat out an infield hit as Mark Duranski of Des Moines (Iowa) Area Community College stretches to take the throw.

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Veteran third baseman Jeff Dorsey (25) slides face first into third base as T.J. McFarland cruises into second base with a double in a game at Homa Thomas Field.

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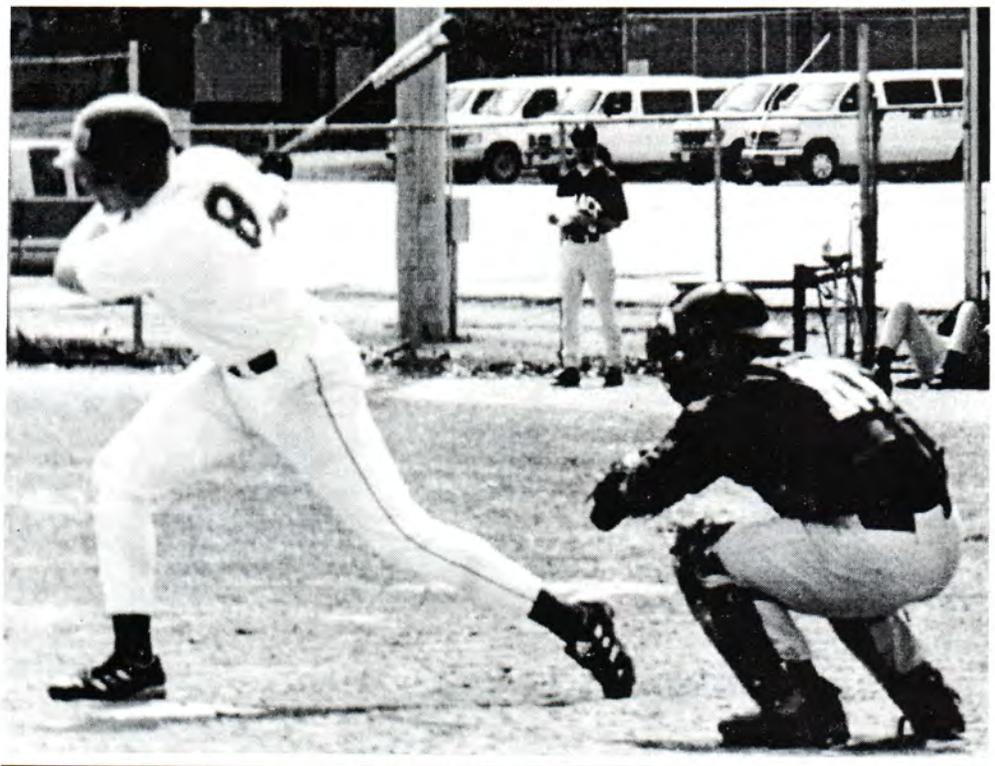
Golden Norse catcher John Chadwick tries to chase down a wild pitch as umpire Steve Crawford watches the play develop.

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Head coach Kirk Piskor and catcher John Chadwick try to find out why freshman Wes Edwards is having difficulty delivering a pitch in a game with North Central Missouri. Edwards gained a 10-4 victory in the game at Homa Thomas Field.

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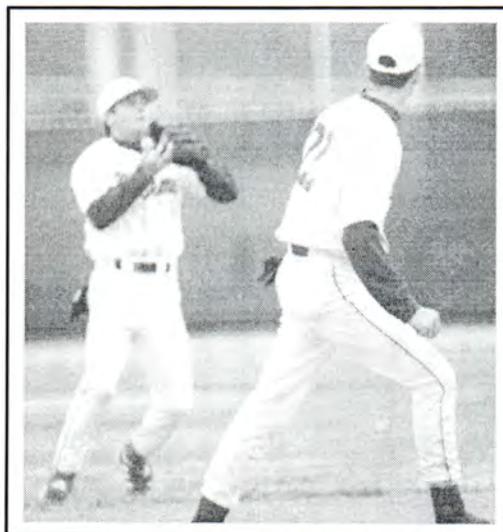


Sophomore catcher John Chadwick takes a healthy cut at the plate as Westark Community College catcher Chris Willis watches the flight of the ball.

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Shortstop Matt Beller corrals a pop up as freshman third baseman Trevor Troxell (22) makes his way to the dugout at the end of the half inning.

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Freshmen fill key spots

Anchor outfield positions

While the Golden Norsemen started the season with nine veterans, freshmen filled all three outfield positions and three of the five starting pitcher spots.

Leading the group of freshmen on the infield was Trevor Troxell of Moore with a .338 batting average.

Freshman first baseman Chris Marks of Stillwater led the team with 10 home runs and 26 runs batted in along with freshman Steven Bale of Grove.

Outfielders Zach Rogers of Owasso, Travis Tyner of Stillwater,

and Casey Littlefield of Grove, provided solid offensive performance for the Norse along with Ryan Kenney of Miami and Jason Stewart of Napoleon, Minn.

Hard-throwing right-hander Angus Roy of Ontario, Canada posted a 3-3 record while Sam Brittan of Bixby compiled a 2-3 record.

"Our biggest problem was our inability to throw strikes. We were always working behind in the count which hurt us. We couldn't be consistent around the strike zone," Piskor said.

Freshman Steven Bale stretches in an attempt to beat out a ground ball to shortstop as Cowley County (Kan.) Community College first baseman Cody Spikes goes down to get the throw.

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Trevor Troxell circles third base as he comes in to score on a double by Travis Tyner in the first game against Cowley County, Kan. The Golden Norse suffered a 22-2 loss in five innings.

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Chris Marks takes a hard look at second base as he reaches the bag for one of his six doubles on the season. Marks led the Norse with 10 home runs.

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Freshman left-hander Ryan Mayne delivers a pitch to Golden Norse catcher Dirk McReynolds (42) as Jeremy Silva of Rose State College waits for the pitch. Mayne posted a 9-5 victory in the second game of the Bi-State Athletic Conference double-header.

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Strambling to get back to first base ahead of a pick-off move is freshman Chris Marks as Connors State College first baseman Chad Cole (25) takes the throw.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Sophomore second baseman Shaun St. Cyr collects a base hit as catcher Tim Sealock of Des Moines (Iowa) Area Community College watches the play.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Tough competition

Four teams ranked nationally

Along with opening the season with a new coach and several inexperienced players in the starting line-up, the Golden Norsemen also played 12 games against teams that were ranked in the top 20 nationally.

After opening the season with a split at home against Coffeyville, Kan., the Golden Norsemen divided two conference games with Bacone College in Muskogee.

Facing defending national champion Cowley County, Kan., at home, the Golden Norse were outscored 35-7 in losing a double-header.

Following a 4-4 record

against Sauk Valley, Ill. and Eastern Oklahoma College, the Norsemen lost six straight to Des Moines, Iowa and North Central, Mo.

NEO dropped eight of the next 10 conference games with Rose State College, eighth ranked Connors State, Westark, Ark., Crowder, Mo., and Eastern.

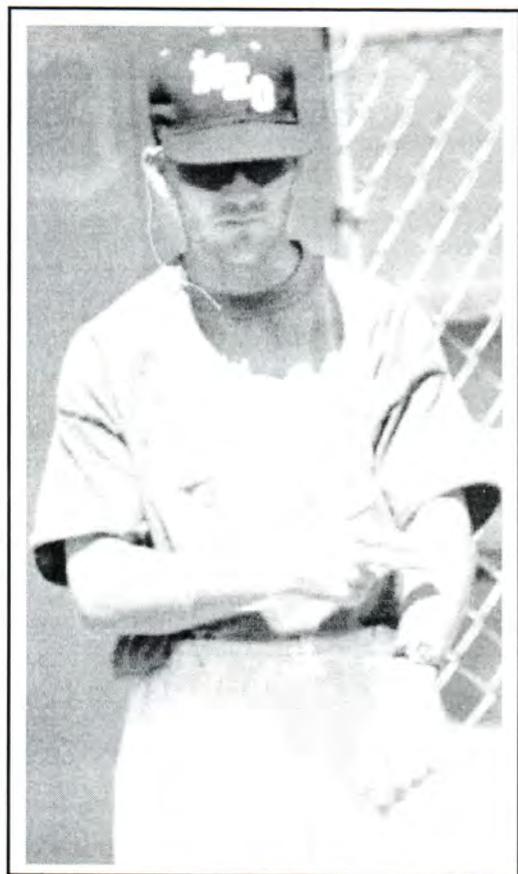
Despite sweeping a conference double-header 10-2 and 14-13 from Bacone College, the Golden Norse began a 14-game skid by being outscored 55-3 in four games against fifth ranked Indian Hills, Iowa and 50-8 in four games with fourth ranked Seminole State College to finish 10-36 on the year.

Freshman third baseman Jodi Rivers puts the tag down to put out a sliding Erin Crank of Northern Oklahoma College as left-fielder Angie Ayres backs up the play.

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Veteran catcher Keri Stanton fields a bunt in front of the plate as first baseman Lorenda Littlefield avoids disrupting the play at second base during a game on the NEO diamond.

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Lady Norse head coach Eric Iverson flashes some signs to the batter from the third base coaching box at the NEO diamond.

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Freshman outfielder Jesse Abrams (22) takes to the air for a safe slide into second base as Mandy Lannford of Connors State College takes the throw from the catcher. The Lady Norse lost 1-0 and 2-1 to Connors in the Region II Tournament at Broken Arrow.

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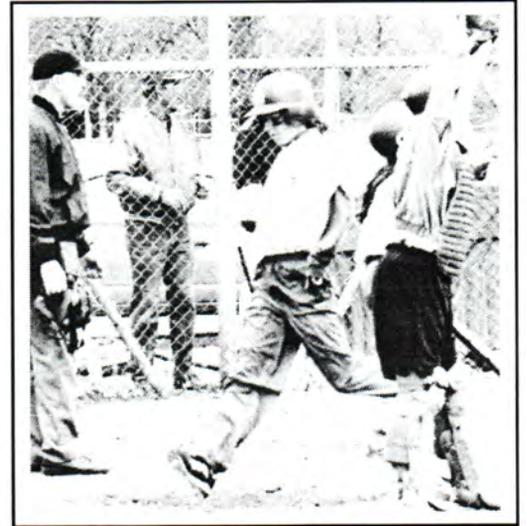


Sophomore centerfielder Shasta Sullivan (8) streaks across first base for an infield single against Carl Albert State College.

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Sullivan, a second-team All-Region II selection, scores a run in a game played against Crowder (Mo.) College on the NEO diamond.

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Lady Norse rebuild

Pitching losses and injuries hurt

With less than three weeks before the start of the regular season, Lady Norse head coach Eric Iverson was dealt a severe blow as both returning pitchers were declared academically ineligible.

Coupled with the fact that freshman catcher Jodi East was sidelined for the season with an injury, Iverson was forced to do some juggling to start the season.

The end result was that following a 1-8 start, the Lady Norse rebounded to finish third in the Region II Tournament with a 20-17 overall record.

Iverson went out and recruited freshman Mae Phillips of Pryor to replace the departed All-American pitcher Pokey Fish while freshman outfielder Jamie

Prince was enlisted to replace Alicia Austin as the other pitcher.

Phillips finished with a 13-11 overall record while Prince compiled a 7-5 season mark.

All-Region II third baseman Keri Stanton moved from the hot corner to handle the catching chores for the Lady Norse. Stanton earned first team All-Region II honors behind the plate as a sophomore.

Veterans Lorenda Littlefield and Shasta Sullivan joined Stanton as the only players with college experience.

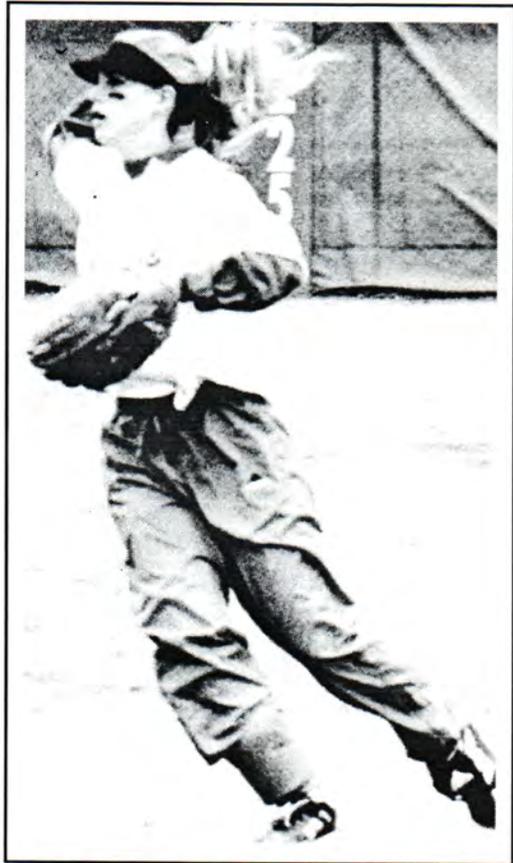
"I was very proud of the way our girls overcame the many adversities they faced all year. It would have been easy for them to quit, but they didn't," said Iverson.

Taking a throw from third baseman Jodi Rivers, All-Region II second baseman Lorenda Littlefield (11) makes the put-out on a bunt by Kim Garrison of Northern Oklahoma College.

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All-Region II first team catcher Keri Stanton returns the ball to the pitcher during a game on the NEO diamond. Stanton had earned All-Region recognition as a freshman at third base.

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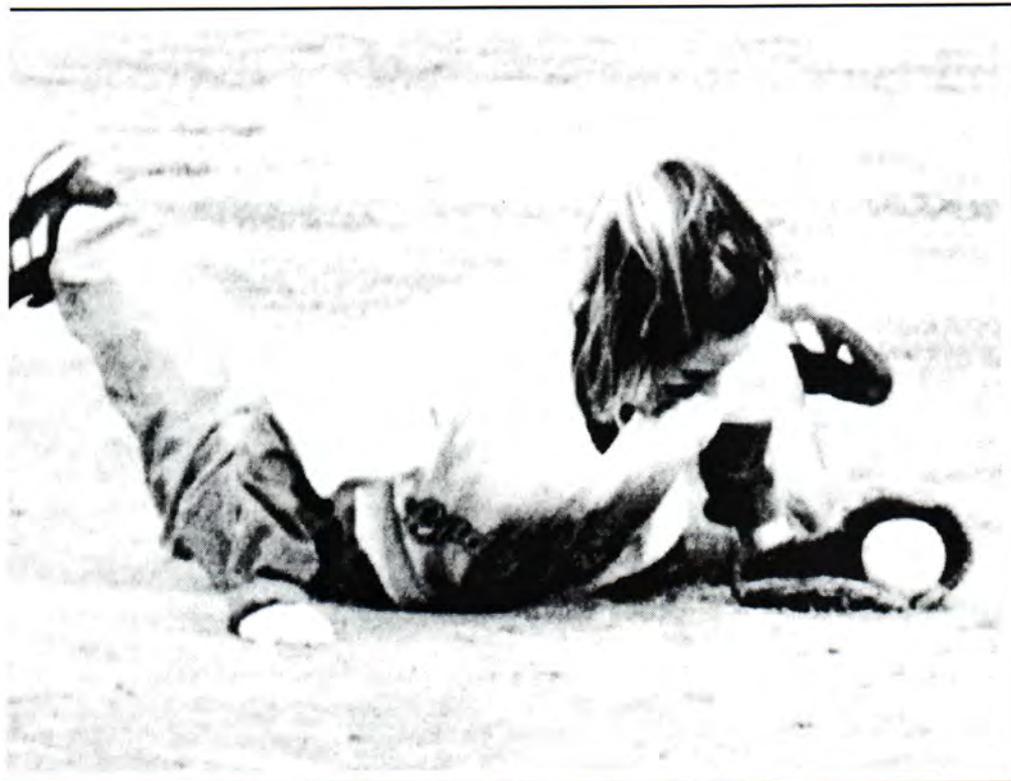
Veteran centerfielder Shasta Sullivan returns the ball to the infield after making the catch. Sullivan was an All-Region II selection to the outfield.

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Catcher Keri Stanton takes a long look at second base after fielding a bunt out in front of the plate as teammate Lorenda Littlefield tries to avoid the play. Stanton and Littlefield along with Sullivan were the nucleus of the Lady Norse team.

Photo by DeLena Mincher





Second baseman Lorenda Littlefield gets her uniform dirty but makes a diving catch in a game at the NEO diamond.

Photo by DeLena Mincher

Veteran centerfielder Shasta Sullivan makes a strong throw to third base after making a catch in right-center against Connors State.

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Solid nucleus

Three sophomores serve as leaders

Even though academic casualties and injuries disrupted the start of the Lady Norse softball season, three sophomores provided quality leadership both on and off the field.

Keri Stanton, from Adair, returned at third base after earning All-Region II recognition as a freshman. Stanton moved behind the plate after freshman Jodi East was sidelined with a injury.

Stanton earned first team All-Region II honors and a All-American nomination after hitting .392 in 97 at-bats. Stanton led the Lady Norse with 31 runs batted in and 12 doubles with two triples.

Lorenda Littlefield, of Grove, returned to start at first base. Littlefield was selected second team All-Region II

at second base after hitting .344 in 96 at-bats. Littlefield scored 22 runs and recorded 16 RBI with four doubles and two triples.

Shasta Sullivan, also from Grove, earned second team All-Region II honors after hitting .290 as the centerfielder for the Lady Norse. Sullivan led the team with 30 runs scored while stealing nine bases and collecting 13 RBI.

"Our sophomores did a tremendous job of setting examples for our freshmen, both on and off the field. They really came through and produced what ever it took at the time," said Iverson.

"They provided our team with the stability we needed because of all the inexperience we had."

Freshman third baseman Jodi Rivers (3) relaxes after tagging out Tera Eakins of Northern Oklahoma College as NEO shortstop Lindsay Jarvis and pitcher Mae Phillips (16) watch the play.

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Making a play on a pick-off move against Shiela Beck of Connors State College is freshman second baseman Kim Hartling (33) in a game played on the NEO diamond.

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Freshman outfielder Angie Ayres rounds third base on her way home after a single to right field by Shasta Sullivan as Northern Oklahoma College third baseman Erin Crank watches. *Photo by DeLena Mincher*

Freshman third baseman Jodi Rivers makes a throw across the diamond to first baseman Lorenda Littlefield (11) to nip Northern Oklahoma College batter Sarah Roughface in a game played on the NEO diamond.

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Freshman righthander Jamie Prince delivers a pitch as third baseman Jodi Rivers awaits the outcome in a game against Carl Albert College.

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After making a play from the seated position at shortstop, freshman Lindsay Jarvis (12) receives a hand from outfielder Angie Ayres (5).

Photo by DeLena Mincher



Major contributors

Freshmen fill major rolls

With only three veterans returning, the Lady Norse were forced to rely on the talents and skills of 14 freshmen to fill key positions as the season started.

Handling the pitching responsibilities for the Lady Norse were freshmen righthanders Mae Phillips of Pryor and Jamie Prince from Miami. Prince also saw considerable playing time at first base.

Kara Trease of Fairland pitched in four games before being sidelined with an injury.

Sharing time behind the plate was freshman Vicki Young of Miami.

Freshman Kim Hartling of Enid and Andra Mooney of Welch filled in at second base.

Starting at shortstop for the Lady Norse was freshman Lindsay Jarvis of Grove.

Freshmen Jodi Rivers of Enid and Jennifer Harris of Tulsa shared duties at third base.

Sharing outfield duties were freshmen Angie Ayres of Welch; Jesse Abrams of Pawhuska; Keri Brown of Ketchum; Traci Brown of Bixby, and Kayla Webb of Grove.

"Our freshmen really matured as the season went on," said Iverson.

Rich Lillard (ball carrier) tries to elude would-be tacklers in a game of flag football played on the intramural fields located just east of the main campus. The league featured nine teams.

Photo by Bill Buoy

Members of the GDI's flag football team congratulate each other after scoring a touchdown during one of 39 games played during the intramural flag football season.

Photo by Bill Buoy



Antonio Wells, a freshman from Tulsa, drops back to find the open receiver during an intramural flag football game on the college intramural fields.

Photo by Bill Buoy

David Spicer, a freshman from Eufaula, crosses the goal line for a touchdown as referee Stacey Barton gets out of the way. Each flag football game featured two referees, a clockkeeper and a scorekeeper provided by the Student Activities department.

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Jeff Alexander causes a fumble as teammate Bryan Harrington makes sure the ball carrier doesn't advance during a flag football game.

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Quarterback Rich Lillard tries to out-run a defender during a flag football game on the intramural fields located just east of the campus.

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Intramural sports

Program featured a wide variety

One of the benefits available to students that pay the activity fee was the ability to participate in an intramural sports program which featured a variety of activities.

Under the direction of coordinator Keith Patterson, the intramural sports program featured competition in four major sports. Students had the opportunity to play flag football, volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Champions were crowned for each of the major sports while individual winners were honored in a slam dunk contest, a 3-point shot contest, and a pool tournament.

Students also had a opportunity to participate in Wacky Games held in the

NEO Fieldhouse and the Mud Pit Games held in conjunction with Spring Fling Week.

The Student Activities department also sponsored two golf tournaments. One was held at Baxter Springs, Kan., while the other was played at Shangri-La Resort.

"We had good participation by the student body in most of our intramural sports," said Patterson. "Once the kids came out and got involved, they seemed to have a real good time."

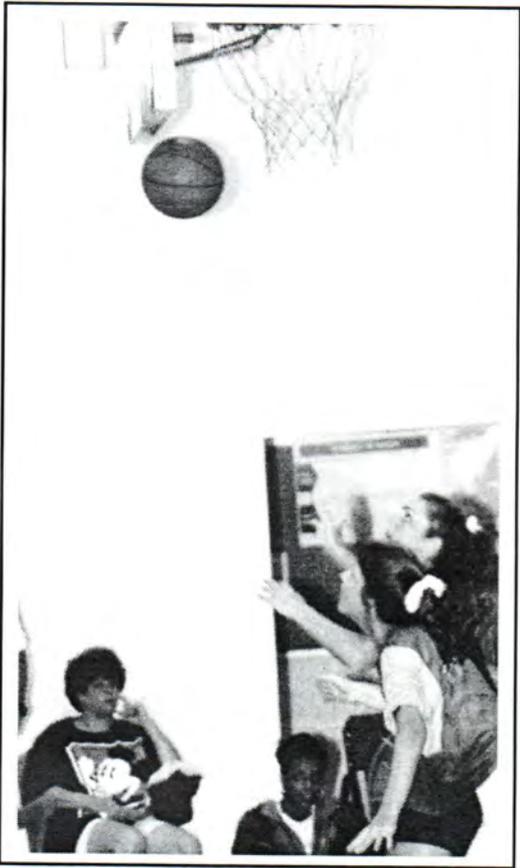
"For any student activities function to be successful, we've got to have involvement. We'll be evaluating student needs and making adjustments in the activities that we have to offer," Patterson said.

Students take turns dunking each other in mud during the first-annual Mud Pit Games held on the intramural fields during the annual Spring Fling Week. An estimated 250 students participated in the fun.

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Freshman Kerra Myers of Jay makes a serve during an intramural volleyball game at the sand pit located between Harrill/Dobson dorm and Russell Hall. Ten teams played intramural volleyball.

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Waiting for the ball to come off the backboard are participants in the intramural basketball program. Twelve teams participated in 44 games throughout the season.

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Intramural sports coordinator Keith Patterson (sun glasses) referees a Mud Pit Game as Aaron Lofton, a freshman from Tulsa, tosses Lisa Eslick, a freshman from Hominy into the mud as Anna Horsley, a freshman from Edmond, and Leslie Berumen, a freshman from Oklahoma City watch.

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Members of the Broadstreet Bashers captured the intramural softball championship in a league which featured eight men's teams and six coed teams.

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Kathy Wyrick, a sophomore from Coweta, lines up a shot during the intramural pool tournament held in the Bruce G. Carter Student Union Game Room.

Photo by Bill Buoy



Activities for fun

Student involvement crucial

Intramural activities started with flag football in the fall and concluded with the Mud Pit Games during the annual Spring Fling Week.

Nine teams participated in the flag football season which started in late September. The top four teams qualified for the playoffs following a season which featured 39 total games.

The intramural volleyball season started in October. The league featured six teams with four players on each squad and four teams with six players per team. A total of 22 games were played during the season.

Twelve teams participated in the basketball season which started in November. The league featured two, six-

team divisions. The top eight teams participated in a double-elimination tournament. A total of 44 games were played during the season.

The intramural softball program featured an eight-team men's league and a six-team coed league. Both leagues conducted a double-elimination tournament. The season featured 57 total games.

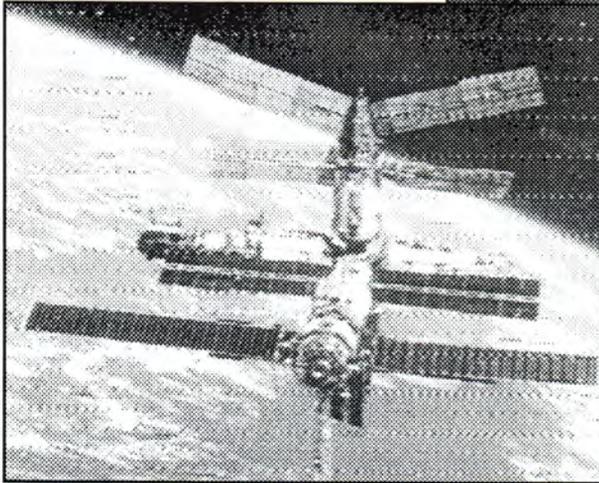
Also available for students were a walley-ball tournament, a free throw shooting contest, a weight-lifting contest, two golf scrambles, a pool tournament, a bowling night, and other individual contests.

The intramural sports program served more than 800 students.

Britain's Prince Charles looks as Princess Diana's brother Earl Spencer and sons William and Harry react during the farewell tribute to the popular princess.

Diana, Princess of Wales was killed in a car crash in Paris. Her funeral grabbed worldwide attention and an astonishing outpouring of grief.

Since being put in orbit in 1986, the Mir space station has been manned continuously with more than 60,000 trips around the earth.

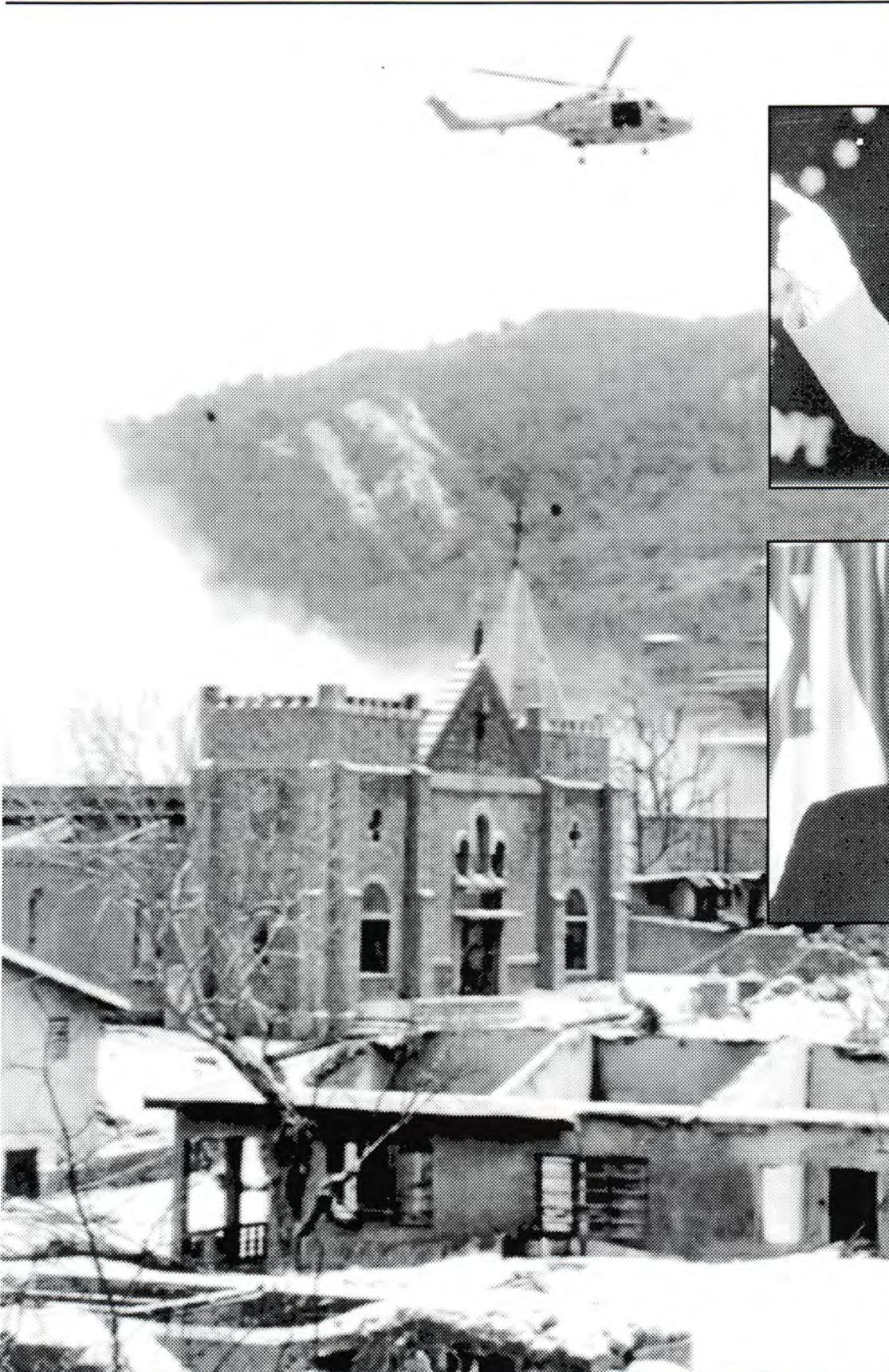


Diana's death shocks the world

International Happenings

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Mid-east peace struggles continue



The 11,000 residents of the Caribbean island of Montserrat witnessed first hand the devastation of an active volcano as two-thirds of the population vacated the island.

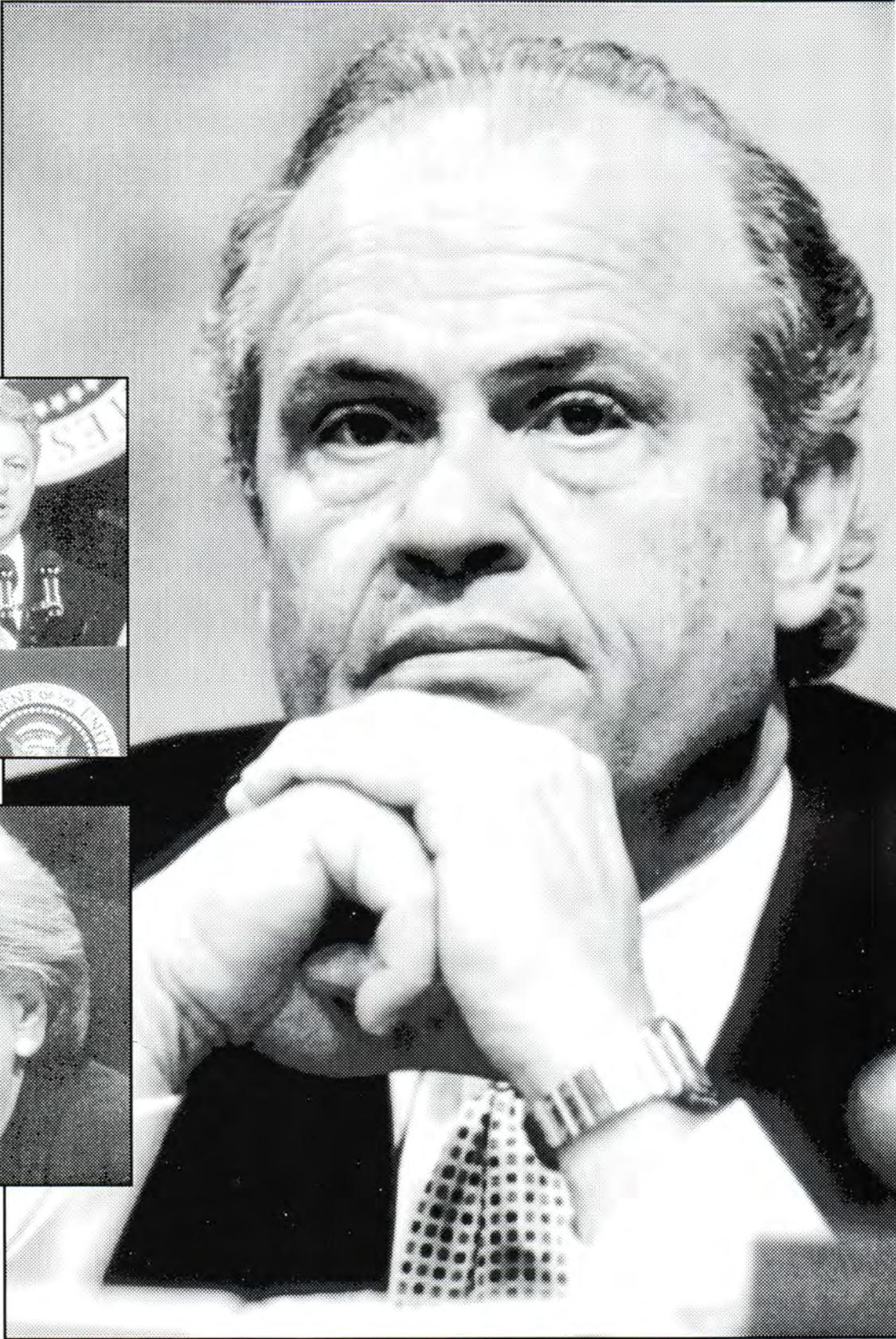
Yasser Arafat played a very important role as the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization in attempting to keep the peace in the Middle East.

Israel's first American-style politician, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected a land-for-peace begin with the Palestinians which halted peace proceedings.

Former actor turned Senator Fred Thompson listens intently to opening statements during a special investigation into questionable fund raising by Democrats.

Vice president Al Gore and President Bill Clinton address Congress concerning a proposed balanced budget. Clinton was the first Democrat in 60 years to win a second term.

Madeline Albright became the highest ranking women in United States government history when she was appointed to the position of Secretary of State.

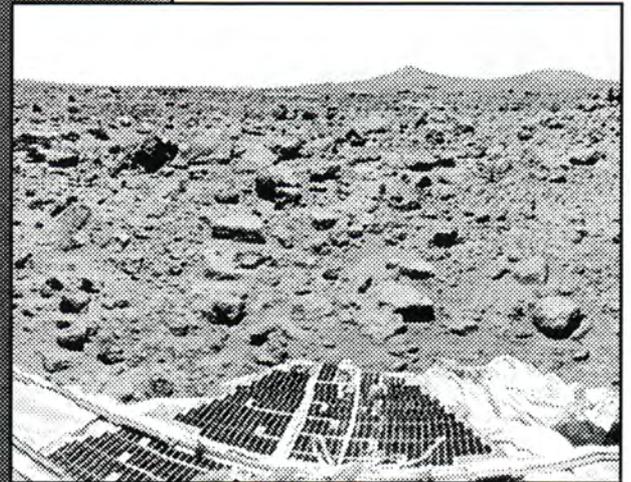


President Clinton battles problems

National Happenings

National Happenings

Reno pushes for bombing verdict



Attorney General Janet Reno focused on crime prevention by pushing for the death penalty for Timothy McVeigh who was found guilty in the Oklahoma City bombing.

The roving vehicle Sojourner landed on Mars in 1997 and gathered soil and rocks. The machine, which was the size of a microwave oven, sent information back to earth.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, first lady of the United States, represented the most famous of the Baby Boomers generation as she celebrated her 50th birthday in 1997.

President Bill Clinton poses with daughter Chelsea during the 1996 campaign. Chelsea left the White House in 1997 to attend Stanford University in California.

Stopping for a family mini-conference before departing on a diplomatic trip to China, President Clinton confers with daughter Chelsea and wife Hillary.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin demonstrates to an audience that a reported two heart attacks during the previous two years had not slowed him down.



President schedules visits

National Happenings

National Happenings

El Nino ravages both coasts



Plagued by the weather phenomenon known as El Nino, fire fighters battle forest fires in Florida from the air after the region became locked in a drought situation.

While fires roared in Florida, residents on the west coast also had to deal with the wrath of Mother Nature as wild fires destroyed several homes in Southern California.

Fires weren't the only bi-product of an active El Nino weather pattern as residents in the upper mid-west struggled with torrential rains which caused wide-spread flooding.

Country singer Garth Brooks enjoyed mammoth success during 1997 with huge concerts in Tulsa and New York City's Central Park.

Another country singer that achieved stardom during 1997 was Tim McGraw whose two albums, "Not A Moment Too Soon" and "All I Want" sold a combined seven million copies.

Combining the elements of rock, jazz, funk, folk, and world beat, the Dave Matthews Band released three albums during the year of 1997.



Garth Brooks entertains millions

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Women singers capture spotlight



A native of rural Missouri, Sheryl Crow developed her songwriting skills early by learning to play both the piano and organ at the age of six.

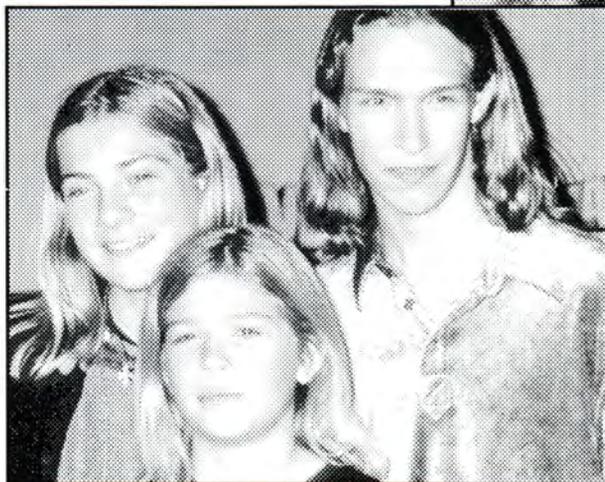
Even though the Spice Girls enjoyed huge popularity in 1997, the group was shocked with the departure of member Gheri at the start of 1998.

After starting to write songs at the age of 17, Jewel became a full-fledged star at age 23 with the release of the album "Pieces of You" in 1995.

The Verve Pipe gained considerable recognition during 1997 as a rock/pop/alternative band from East Lansing, Mich., following the release of "The Freshman" single.

Originating from Tulsa, the trio of brothers known as The Hanson's built a solid following among younger listeners with their infectious single "MMMBop".

Guitarist Trey Anastasio and the other three members of the rock and roll group Phish dazzled music listeners with their reputation for tireless touring.



Area group hits the big time

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Girls sweep through music charts



Canadian-born Celine Dion continued to hold court in the pop charts after collecting several Grammys for her rendition of "My Heart Will Go On".

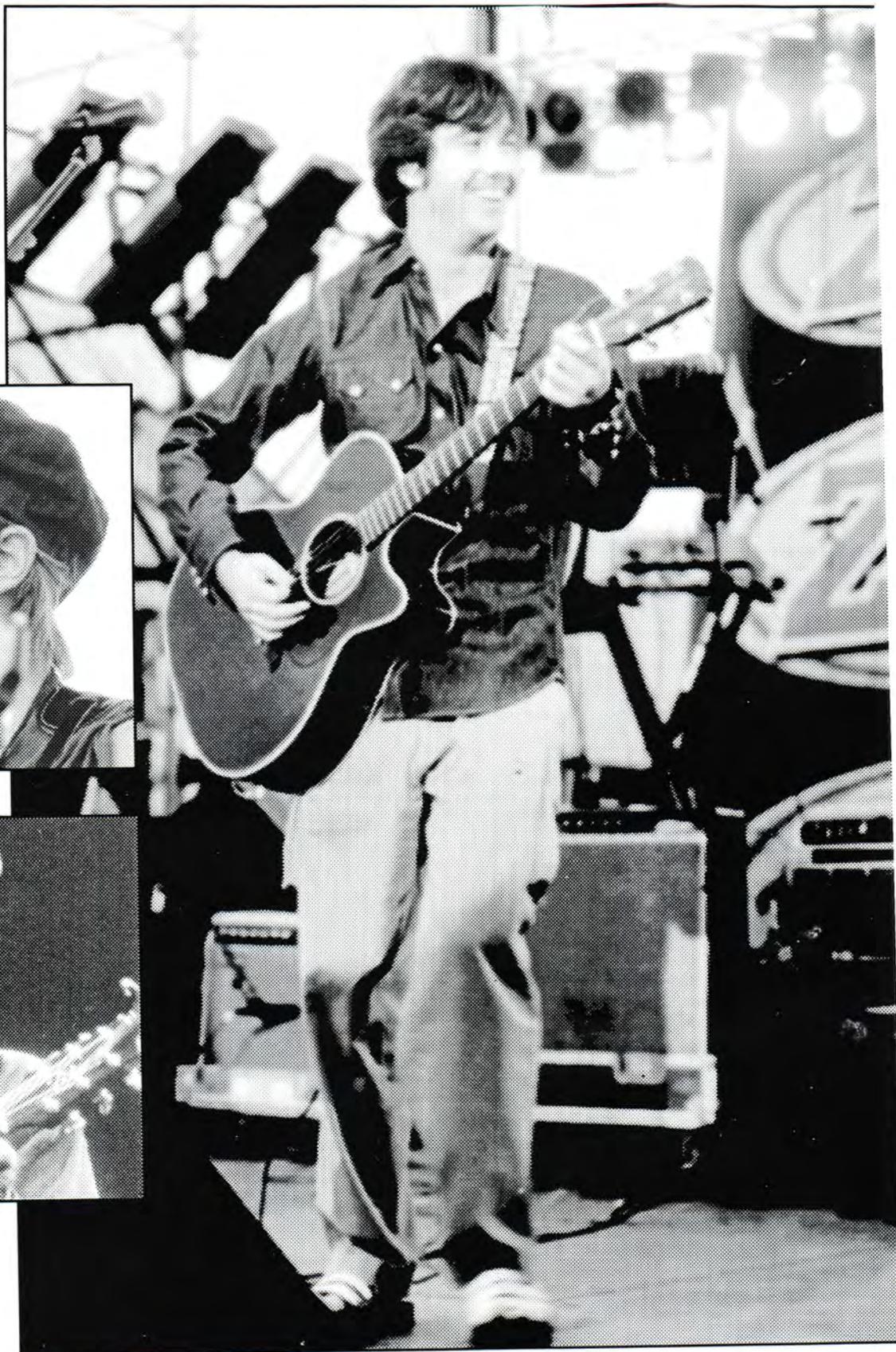
With 11 songs on the album "This Fire", singer Paula Cole received several honors and awards during 1997. The album was overflowing with personal emotions.

Achieving gold with her album "Tidal", Fiona Apple spent most of 1997 at the top of Billboard's best-selling chart. "Tidal" was a collection of 10 timeless songs.

Using a strong voice and his acoustic guitar, Duncan Sheik took the music scene by storm during 1997 with his debut album "Duncan Sheik".

Folk-pop songwriter Shawn Colvin owns one Grammy for "Steady On", but her 1997 single "Sunny Come Home" was a bona fide hit.

Darius Rucker, a member of Hootie & the Blowfish, reacts to the crowd as the group enjoyed a lot of success during the 1997 performing season.



Songwriters strike gold with albums

Entertainment Happenings

Gone, but not forgotten...

Several influential people passed away



One of the most well-known and highly respected women in the world, Mother Teresa died of heart failure at the age of 87 at her convent in Calcutta.

Congressman Sunny Bono of California was killed in a freak skiing accident in Colorado when he collided with a tree. Bono, and his former wife, Cher, were rock stars in the 60's.

Singer, songwriter John Denver was killed when his light aircraft crashed just off the coast of California. Denver recorded eight platinum records during his career.

A member of the United States women's ice hockey team drapes an American flag around her shoulders as she celebrates a gold medal for the team.

Members of the Florida Marlins celebrate a 3-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians in the seventh game of the World Series as the Marlins won in 11 innings.

Denver Bronco tailback Terrell Davis eludes a tackle by a Green Bay Packer defender during Super Bowl XXXII. Led by quarterback John Elway the Broncos won 31-24.

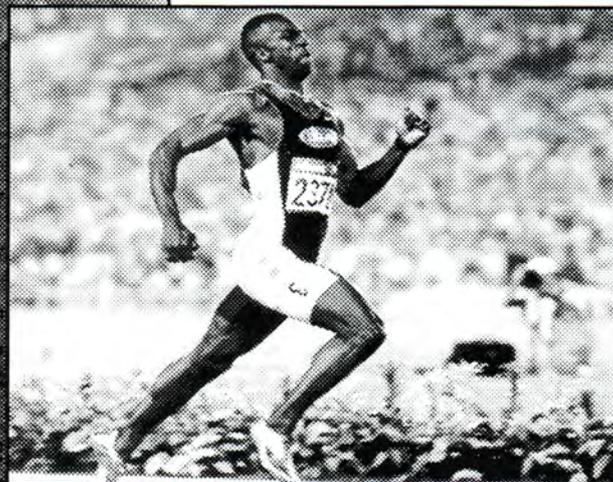
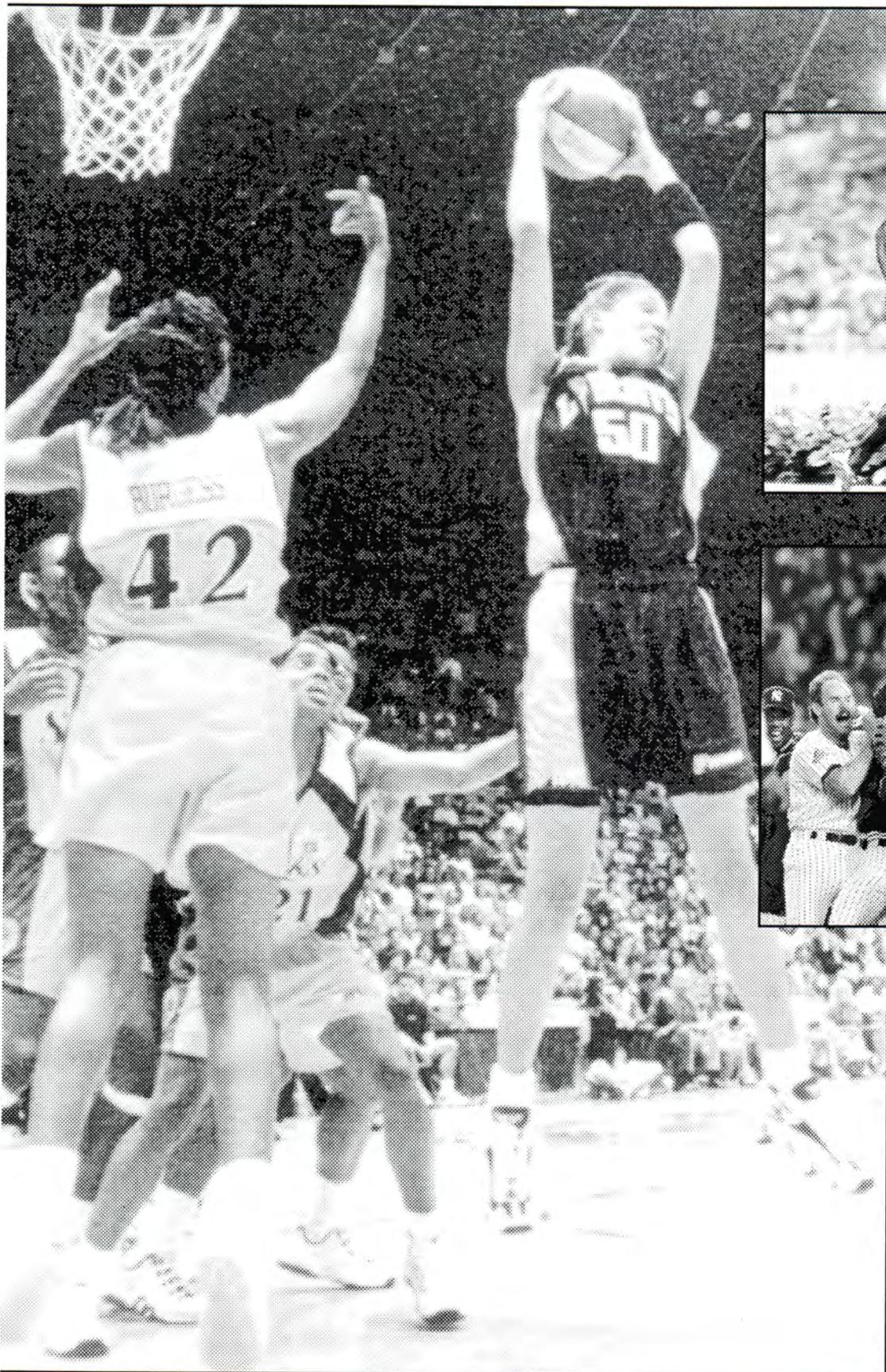


Upsets highlight sports events

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Women enter professional basketball



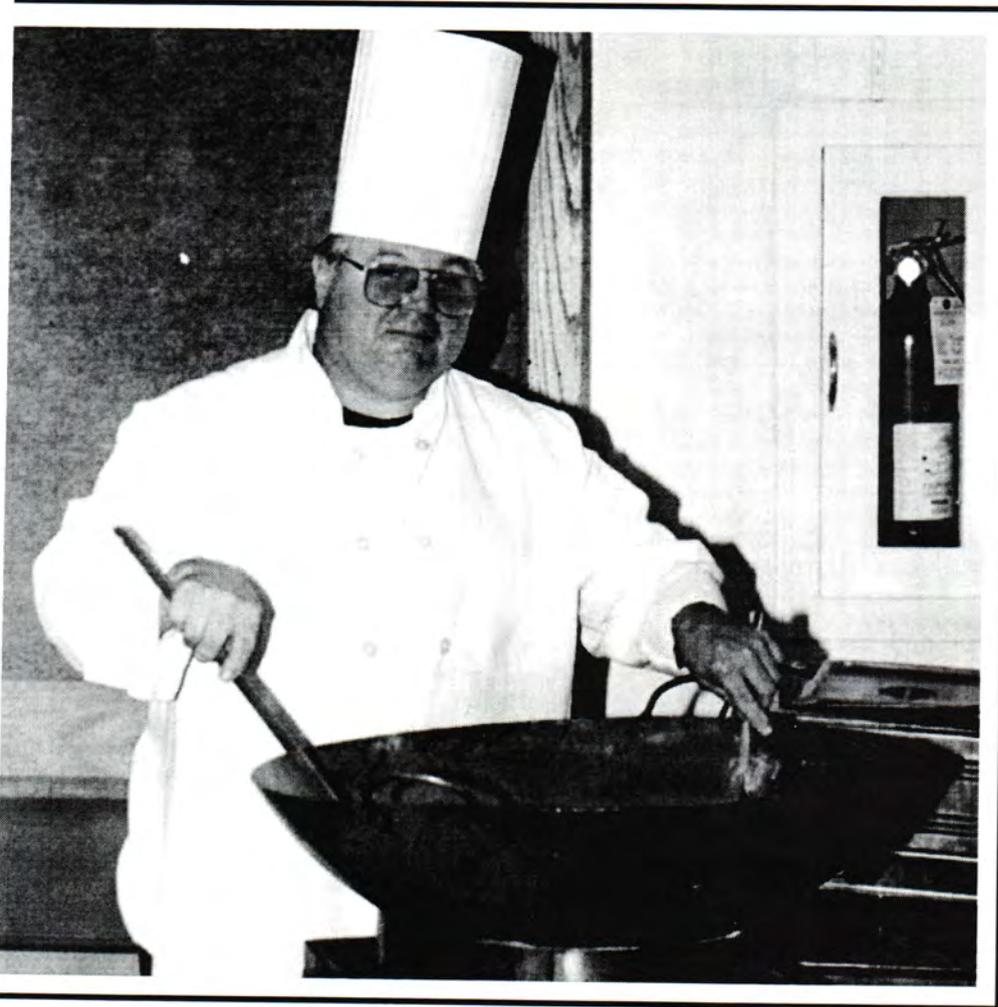
Two members of the Women's National Basketball Association battle for a rebound as the WNBA started its first full season of competition with eight teams.

World-class sprinter Michael Johnson continued to enjoy success during the 1997 outdoor track season while establishing several world records.

Members of the 1997 New York Yankees celebrate briefly during an American league playoff game with the Cleveland Indians. The Yankees failed to repeat as champions.



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No, these are not members of the cafeteria staff preparing pies for dinner, but these children are participants in the college child development program. Under the direction of Marcia Tynon, the college offers morning and afternoon sessions for area children ages four and five as part of the curriculum for students enrolled in child development.

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Tammy Elliott, a freshman from Idabel, and Joe Henski, a sophomore from Ochelata, enjoy a slow dance during the Mardi Gras Spring Fling ball. More than 150 students participated in the evening which included a banquet at the B.F. Goodrich Union Hall. The festivities concluded a week-long event on campus which included Mud Games, Big Toys and a parade.

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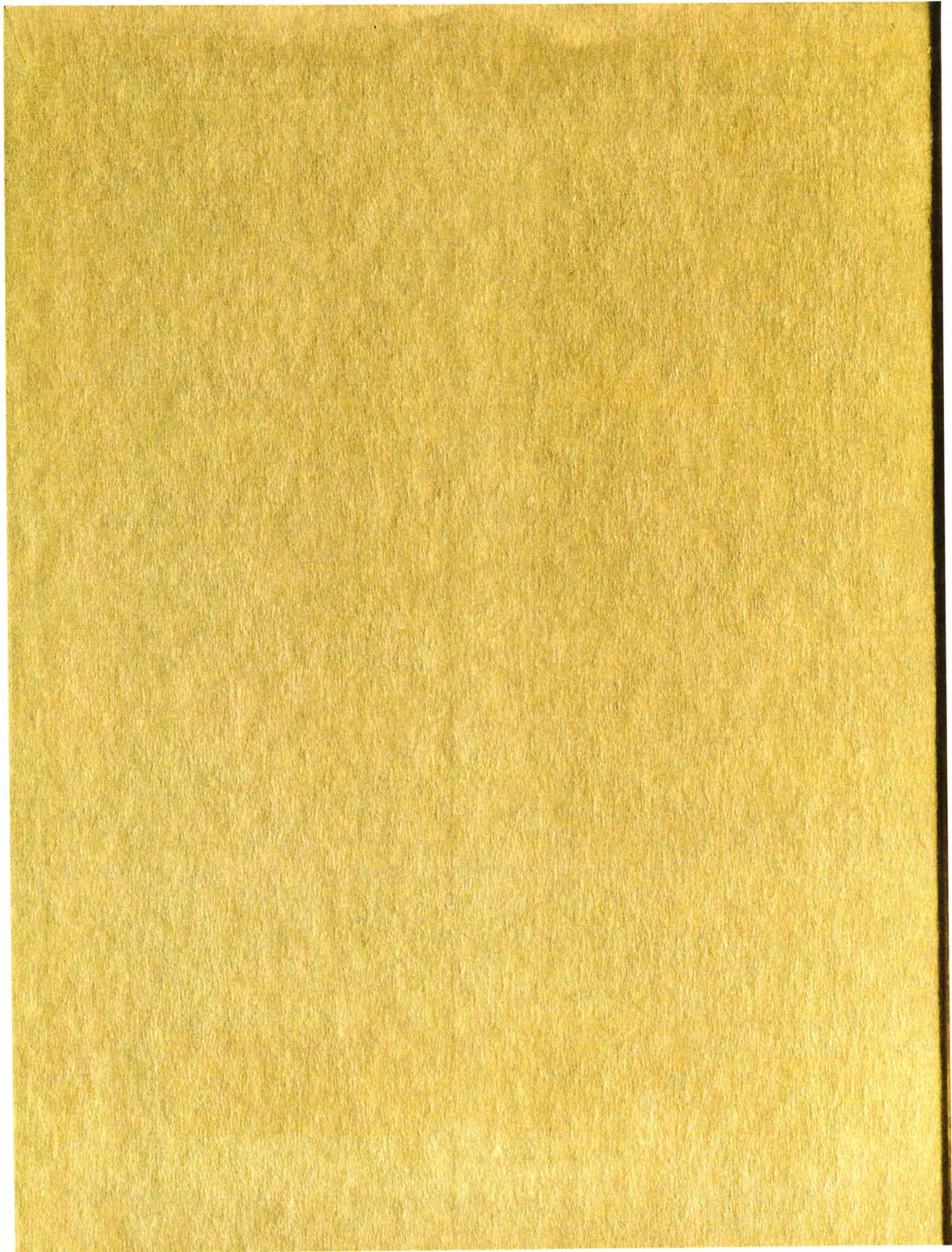
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