

Red & Silver REVIEW

Chris Gerber to lead Jets' basketball program

Northern Oklahoma College has hired assistant coach Chris Gerber to lead the Jets' basketball program.

NOC announced the hire Sept. 30. Gerber replaces Aaron Butcher who left the Jets' program in August.

Gerber, 31, has been an assistant in the Jets' program three years assisting head coaches Aaron Butcher and Greg Shamburg.

"First, just want to thank (NOC President) Dr. Evans and (athletic director) Alan Foster for the opportunity to be the head coach at NOC Enid," Gerber said. "I am very honored and grateful to be a part of this program and community."

"I look forward to continuing the success and tradition I have learned from coach Butcher and coach Shamburg," he added. "More than anything, I am just excited to be with these players this year. Going into my 4th year at Northern, our expectations of competing on the court and in the classroom will stay the same. I'm really appreciative of the support and relationship with the Enid community and excited for the future of Jets men's basketball."

Athletic Director Alan Foster is excited to see Gerber take over the Jets' program.

"I appreciate the search committee's effort in this endeavor," Foster said. "Due to the NJCAA moving all games to the spring semester we felt like we could be more patient and diligent in our search. After an impressive group of

candidates considered we felt like Chris (Gerber) was the right choice to lead the NOC Enid Men's basketball program."

"His knowledge and connection to the program will be beneficial in moving forward," Foster added. "I am excited for Chris to get his first opportunity to be a head coach here at NOC Enid and I look forward to what he and the Jets accomplish in the future."

Gerber joined that staff in 2017 after spending two as the graduate assistant at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He also was a volunteer assistant coach at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas for two seasons, serving as the head coach for the JV team in the 2014-15 season.

Gerber is originally from Conway Springs, Kansas. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management. He also received his master's degree in Sports Management from SWOSU in 2018.



Chris Gerber

Voter registration ends October 9

By Keirsten Ala

The last day to register to vote in the state of Oklahoma is Oct. 9.

Registration is available through mail by mailing a registration form to the local election office. In person registration is also available.

Early voting for the presidential election begins on Oct. 29-31.

The election occurs on Nov. 3rd.

According to the latest poll, former Vice-President Joe Biden (D) currently has the lead. Polls indicate that Biden is getting support from women giving him his current advantage.

President Trump has room to narrow the gap claiming the work he has done in office these past four years.

Many voters plan to cast their ballot through mail, due to Covid-19.

For more information visit: ok.gov/elections.



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Late-start 8-week classes begin October 12

Northern Oklahoma College is offering enrollment for late-start classes for the Fall 2020 semester.

Eight-week courses begin Oct. 12. Students can also enroll for fall interim courses scheduled for Dec. 7-Jan. 7.

"Late-start classes are offered for both current students who wish to pick up additional credits and for those students who may have been uncertain about fall plans but now wish to get a start on their college education," said Dr. Pam Stinson, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Contact NOC at 580.628.6220 (Tonkawa), 580.548.2275 (Enid), and 580.628.6910 Stillwater or visit <http://www.noc.edu/online-courses> or <http://www.noc.edu/fall-sessions> for additional information.

Ten online courses have been added to the schedule for those who are interested in working towards their degree completion or are accessing only selected courses during the last eight weeks of the fall semester.

Distinguished alumni nominations sought

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2021 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 2, according to Kim Ochoa, alumni relations coordinator.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, March 27, 2021. In addition, since the 2020 Alumni and Friends Reunion was cancelled due to COVID-19, we will also be inducting the 2020 inductees, Risha Grant, Jon Kissinger and Marta Sullivan with the 2021 inductees.

The Distinguished Alumni Award has been established to recognize the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a.

Contact Ochoa at 580.628.6473, kim.ochoa@noc.edu or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni.

NORTHERN ENCOUNTER

Two sessions to choose from each day: Morning 9-11 am - Afternoon 1-3 pm

Up-Close Look At

- Programs - Services
- Faculty - Students - Campus
- Clubs - Organizations

Take a College Tour!

Northern Encounter has been designated as a day at NOC Enid, NOC Tonkawa and NOC Stillwater so high school juniors, seniors and their parents can get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern Oklahoma College has to offer.

**FALL
2020**



NOC Enid
Montgomery Hall,
Gantz Center

**OCTOBER 21
DECEMBER 2**

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NOC Enid hosts Northern Encounter October 21

Northern Oklahoma College Enid will be hosting high school students for Northern Encounter Oct. 21 at the Gantz Center on the NOC Enid campus.

There will be two sessions, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

High school juniors and seniors interested in NOC Enid will have an opportunity to hear from admissions, financial aid, testing and scholarship departments as well as the different degree programs, clubs, organizations and housing opportunities. Prospective students will also experience campus tours.

The students will receive a free t-shirt along with brochures with information for all three Northern Oklahoma College campuses.

Contact Terri Sunderland at 580.548.2353 for additional information. Students may pre-register at www.noc.edu.

There will be a second Northern Encounter at NOC Enid on Dec. 2.

Student Reaction to Debate

By Drew Elwell

The first presidential debate was much anticipated by the American public but especially by the collegiate student this election season. With a wide range of topics including a global pandemic all the way to environmental issues slated to be discussed the young voters were excited to tune in and find out where the candidates stood on these topics.

It became quickly obvious at the start of the debate that this debate was going to be different. Starting and finishing with interruptions from both sides the entire debate.

In American history great things always happen when the young people are invested in political outcomes. This debate was one of those times and it was difficult to understand the candidates views or policies over the



NOC Dean of students Ryan Paul (Left) and Resident Life Coordinator Chris Gerber registered voters on Constitution Day September 16. (Photo by Dru Bryant)

NOC registers student voters

By Dru Bryant

Because of historically low voting rates, students have not been the largest share in previous elections, but our generation will be the largest share of eligible voters in 2020.

On Sept. 16, Northern Oklahoma College set up a booth in the Zollars Memorial Library to encourage voter registration. At the booth, students could pick up a voter registration form, a pocket constitution, and ask questions about the voting process. Around 25 students filled out a new voter registration form.

NOC understands the importance of providing voter access and resources for students and wants all students to know their voices should be heard through the voting process. With the presidential election coming in November, it is important for students to educate themselves and know that every vote does matter.

Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms in American life. Many people in countries around the world do not have the same freedom, nor did many Americans in centuries past.

No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights.



Life changing.

Coach Hill establishes culture for Jets' softball

By Dru Bryant

"Explanations are reasons you can't achieve a goal; excuses are reasons why you don't want to accomplish a goal. Excuses only get in the way. Everything has to be worked for; things aren't given to you on a silver platter."

This is just one of Northern Oklahoma College softball head coach Megan Hill's life philosophies. With that philosophy being installed into the NOC softball players, Coach Hill hopes to make the players grow as young adults as well as athletes on the field.

With COVID-19 epidemic cutting her first college coaching season short she believes that this year the team can turn some heads and she is ecstatic to get this group on the field. "We have a very talented group of young ladies who want to work hard and soak up as much information as they can. We are going to turn some heads this year," says Jets' head coach.

Hill's love for softball started in Derby, Kansas where she grew up with her brothers. She did everything with the boys and began having success at only 12 years old when she was selected for a baseball team.

After succeeding in high school, Hill moved to the next level at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas.

While at Emporia State she continued her success and broke several school and conference hitting records. Hill's most memorable accomplishment was finishing as runner ups at the NCAA Division II softball world series in 2006.

Hill's first coaching job was her sophomore year in college as the coach of a youth club softball team and upon graduating from college became the head coach of a private high school in Kansas.

Hill was looking for the next step in her coaching journey when the NOC head coach position became available. What drew Hill to NOC was the closeness to family, home, the campus, and the facilities.

The Jets' head coach and her coaching staff believe that with the group of softball athlete's currently on campus and with the group of incoming recruits coming in that their goal of achieving a national championship is within striking distance.



Coach Megan Hill

Covid-19 causes baseball practice adjustments

By Brandon Lees

Scrimmaging and playing games during a pandemic has been something everyone has had to become accustomed to. Things like social distancing, contact tracing, and stadium capacity are all things that have had to be accounted for to make sure everyone competing or in attendance for a game would be as safe as possible.

The NBA Bubble has been the biggest example of what it looks like to play a sport in 2020. All NBA teams that qualified to get into the playoffs were put into a bubble. They mostly have not been allowed to leave the bubble, required to socially distance, masks and proper sanitization are all things that are a part of the reason the bubble has had success, and stayed open to finish the season.

At the Junior College level, it is obviously much harder because the money for all the things the NBA is using is not available. We have had to make do by following the same type of guidelines, without the bubble. At practice and games, we are required to wear a mask if we are not competing, keep 6 feet apart, and sanitize frequently.

These are all easy guidelines to follow, the struggle comes with what to do when we are not supervised or in competition. The answer that me and most of my teammates have come to was staying in our rooms as much as possible, along with following the other precautions we use while at the field. As of now we have been able to manage this new game and have been able to adapt quickly.

FAFSA filing period underway at NOC

High school seniors and current college students looking for federal and state financial aid to attend college next fall should complete the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.

Visit the NOC Financial Aid Office in the Everest Administration Building Room 106B at NOC Enid.

"The financial aid staff at Northern Oklahoma College is ready to help students and parents fill out the 2021-2022 FAFSA," said NOC Financial Aid Director Holly Lee. "Our priority date for consideration for state aid is Dec. 1, 2020. This means students have a two-month window to submit the FAFSA online. It is always better to finish the FAFSA early rather than waiting until the last minute. Students and parents may contact the financial aid office to ask questions or set appointments. Please call 580-628-6595 or email us at financial.aid@noc.edu."

The FAFSA is used to determine how much financial aid a student may be able to receive to help pay for college. In addition to serving as the gateway to apply for all types of federal financial aid, a completed FAFSA is also required for some state aid, including the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship and the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program. Many students underestimate their financial need or assume they won't qualify for financial aid, but every student should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 of the senior year of high school and every subsequent year that financial aid will be needed during college.

"Students who complete the FAFSA have access to numerous state and federal scholarships and grants, work-study programs and, if needed, federal student loans,"

said Chancellor for the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education Glen D. Johnson. "It is vitally important that high school seniors and our current college students complete the new FAFSA as soon as it becomes available, as some types of state and federal financial aid are awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis."

Students can complete the 2021-22 FAFSA online at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or by using the myStudentAid mobile app. The online FAFSA features skip-logic technology that eliminates irrelevant questions based on the applicant's previous answers, and applicants can choose to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which will automatically transfer their 2019 tax return information to their FAFSA. To complete and submit the FAFSA online, students and one parent will each need to create a Federal Student Aid ID at [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). The FSA ID serves as an electronic signature on the FAFSA and certain student loan applications, and allows students to access other federal student aid websites. It is beneficial for families to create FSA IDs before starting the FAFSA to speed up the application process. The U.S. Department of Education estimates the form will take most families less than an hour to complete.

The Oklahoma College Assistance Program (OCAP), an operating division of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, offers free FAFSA materials, tools, and workshops to support school- and campus-based FAFSA education for families across the state. For more information about the FAFSA process and to access free educational resources, including tutorial videos in English and Spanish, visit OCAP's FAFSA completion website, startwithfafsa.org.



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