

Smile of the Week



Biraj Aryal, Northwestern junior computer science and math major, is smiling because his church family, and the campus community, are all so nice, welcoming and caring.

If you'd like to be the Smile of the Week, please send in a photo of you smiling and a short description of why you're smiling to nwnews@nwosu.edu!



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Northwestern avoided layoffs and furloughs for employees following the \$1.6 million reduction in state appropriations, but tuition still increased and travel, projects and operating costs were cut into.

Rangers affected by cuts

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor-in-Chief

Northwestern Oklahoma State University increased tuition, cut into its projects and operating costs, reduced employee travel expenses and started the year with 14 fewer employees as a result of the 16.4% reduction in state appropriations announced earlier this summer.

As a result of a nearly \$1.6 reduction for fiscal year 2017, Northwestern vice president for administration, Dr. David Pecha

said the university had to increase its tuition to 9.8% to help bridge part of the loss to state revenue.

For in-state students, the 9.8% increase raised their tuition from \$194 per credit hour last year to \$213 per credit hour this year. Likewise, out of state students tuition and fees increased to \$441.25 as well.

In addition, Northwestern also decided to not refill 14 vacant employee positions as well. After having these employees either resign or leave their positions for other positions at the university, Pecha said the budget planning committee decided to only refill

the positions that were critical.

"We had to do some reallocations, some juggling type scenarios to still provide the core services we need to as an institution," Pecha said.

Pecha added that Northwestern did not have to implement any furloughs, or layoff any employees in the fallout of the state reductions either.

Juan Rivera, a first generation college student, and senior accounting major at Northwestern expressed

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Hannaford optimistic with vice president role

By CHRIS AGBOLA
Assistant Editor

Prominent amongst them is the office of executive vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Bo Hannaford.

Hannaford has been with Northwestern for six years, but has only served in his new role for about a month.

He previously served as chair for the Division of Education and then dean of professional studies.

Hannaford received his bachelors and masters degree from Northwestern and attended to Walden University for his Doctorate in Education.

The vice president is married to Tara Hannaford who is the assistant bursar at Northwestern. Together, they have two kids; a daughter, Carson who is a freshman at Northwestern and a son in second grade, Tucker.

Hannaford has served in



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Bo Hannaford

academia for twenty-three years teaching and coaching. He served as a coach for football and then school principal in Ponca City.

He enjoys all forms of sports. In his free time, Hannaford goes fishing, golfing or plays basketball with his son.

On the new position, Hanniford said, "I think it's more demanding time wise with many meeting, but I have wonderful

people I get to work with everyday so it makes those challenging days more fun."

In addition, he indicated that the current role had a larger scope of service for all academic areas, and the faculty, to ensure success. Hannaford said that the big change to this school year is the reduction of the general education requirements from 54 to 55 and the overall graduation requirement from a 124 credit hours to a 120.

Nonetheless, the vice president eulogized his predecessor by calling Dr. Lohman a mentor and a friend he has known for a long time.

"Lohman taught me much about life and the career path that I have chosen", Hannaford said.

Reflecting on what it means to be a Ranger, Hannaford said "To me, being a Ranger means being part of a family where I

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Kaylyn Hansen, Director of Housing at Northwestern.

5 QUESTIONS

Hansen ready for directing role in housing office

1 When did you start as the director of housing?
"I began working on August 1st!"

2 What is the best part about your new role?
"I enjoy being able to get to know students and work with them on a daily basis."

3 What interesting activities will the dorms be doing throughout the year for their residents?

"The Hall Supervisors and Resident Assistants are currently working on deciding what activities to have in the residence halls this semester. We have already had a couple of events (Coronado Hall: Pokemon GO / South Hall: Back to School Cookout)! Get involved!"

4 What is the most common complaint you receive about the dorms?

"We have not had many complaints this year. Our Hall Supervisors and Resident Assistants have done a great job in working with the residents to resolve any issues that may come up."

5 What is the best things about living in the dorms?

"The best thing about living in the residence halls is the lifelong friendships that you will make. It is also easier to get involved and stay involved while being a student at Northwestern."

- Nick Villalobos

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News

Chartwells beefs up food

By **JORDAN McLEMORE**
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has some new faces on campus this semester, and one of these new faces is Charles Craddock, head of Chartwells food service for campus dining.

Craddock and his ideas have already began improving the food services on campus. Most people have long feared entering Coronado Cafeteria saying the food has been subpar for the last several years. Students have been flocking to the student center for better food options, which in turn has made the lines unbearable to get through each day.

Craddock has introduced a 'sub of the day' in the sandwich line in the student center, which is a grab and go option that has helped reduce the wait time.

Some other improvements have been made to help improve the campus food services, including an omelet bar every morning, a cooked to order sauté station and pasta that is available to stir-fry. All of these options are in the Coronado Cafeteria.

There has also been an increase in staff in both the cafeteria and the student center snack bar to provide better service to students



Punch card example

Photo by Jordan McLemore

at NWOSU.

The food services are also introducing a punch card, which is good for 10 meals. This is something for the commuters, faculty and staff and the community. Instead of having to purchase a meal card for the semester, or paying out of pocket whenever you decide to eat on campus these cards can be purchased as a substitute for a meal plan.

Each card has 10 punches, and each punch is good for one meal at the snack bar in the student center, or one, all-you-can-eat meal in the Coronado Cafeteria. These punch

cards are available for purchase in the cafeteria for \$60.

"Cash register price for lunch and dinner is \$8 plus tax, so they will save \$2.74 per meal," Craddock said. "Obviously a better deal at the cafeteria where it is all you can eat."

These cards are not good for Sunday brunch. For individuals that want to try the brunch, it is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 years old.

Jake Culbert, who has worked for Chartwells at NWOSU for several years, is excited about the changes happening in the food

services, he said. There will be many special events throughout the school year, which includes theme nights.

If students have any questions or concerns regarding the on-campus dining, they can reach out using Twitter or Facebook. @ChartwellsNWOSU is the handle for Twitter and the Facebook information is found on the Chartwells at NWOSU page. Students can also go to these sites for more information about the upcoming events Chartwells will be holding, and they can also view the future menu.

Homecoming Deadlines

The float entry and sketch deadline for homecoming floats is Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The theme is "Rangers: League of Heroes." Entry forms must be turned into the Office of Student Services on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building, room 126, by 5 p.m.

All floats will participate in the homecoming parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, in downtown Alva. Floats must be complete and in line by 9 a.m. in order for a portion of the judging to begin. Judging will take place before and during the parade. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on the Woods County Courthouse stage.

Three float categories for registration are: campus organization or group, commercial business, or off-campus non-profit group. All applications should include a sketch or design with details for approval consideration.

Those that choose to utilize the old armory, are required to write a check for a temporary \$100 cleaning deposit. The float and all materials used must be removed from the armory by 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, or the \$100.00 deposit will be forfeited. The deposit must be made out in the form of a check (no cash) and attached to the float design-application form.

When participants clean up

their areas in the armory, then the check will be marked void and destroyed by the Homecoming Committee. If there are problems, the money will be forfeited to the Homecoming Committee. Please bring brooms and dust pans to clean up the utilized area completely.

Entrants in the float contest are asked to design their floats according to the homecoming theme: "Rangers: League of Heroes." Dress, music and photos based on the theme could be used as part of the float design.

Participants will be in the running for prizes such as \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place within each of the float categories. In addition, each float in all categories will be considered for the President's Award—\$100 and engraved plaque—for the best overall float, and the Alumni Association Award of \$75 for an exceptional display of Ranger spirit.

Campus and non-profit organizations may qualify for up to \$200 reimbursement. These groups must provide receipts verifying expenses. The first five groups to turn in receipts will be reimbursed.

Entry forms, specific information about reimbursements, armory deposit and rules / guidelines on float building are available at www.nwosu.edu/float-entry-rules.

Any questions should be di-

rected to homecoming float chairman Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English, at (580) 327-8428 or rbadams@nwosu.edu.

Northwestern also offers additional decorating events leading up to the week of homecoming:

Building Decorating Contest:

The NWOSU Homecoming Committee is once again holding the annual decorating contest. Departments and dormitories can participate by decorating their building and the exterior windows of the building for homecoming week. The winning entries will receive a free pizza party for their building.

The goal in having this decorating contest is to get the interior and exterior buildings decorated for Homecoming.

Two categories of decorations will be available for competition:

- The first the interior of building (doors/hallways/offices)
- The second will be the exterior of the building (windows or outdoor decorations)

Decorations should include this year's theme "Rangers: League of Heroes".

To officially enter the contest, please contact Kaylyn Hansen (Alva Campus – Fine Arts 207) at (580) 327-8483 or klhansen@nwosu.edu

sen@nwosu.edu, Candace Reim (Enid Campus – Office 102) at (580) 213-3147 or cmreim@nwosu.edu, or Milissa Sturgill (Woodward Campus) at (580) 254-2503.

Dorm Decorating Contest:

The winning dormitory will receive a traveling trophy which will stay at the front desk of the winning dorm for one year.

Contact Kaylyn Hansen to register for the dormitory decorating contest, at Kaylyn Hansen (Alva Campus – Fine Arts 207) at (580) 327-8483 or klhansen@nwosu.edu. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

All decorations for buildings and dorms must be completed by 8:00 am on Sept. 27, 2016.

Judging will take place on September 27, 2016 after lunch.

Paint Palooza Contest:

Clubs/organizations are encouraged to participate in the decorating contest by decorating a plywood board.

Each board must display the name of the organization. They will be judged on originality and the theme creativity the week of homecoming.

All entries must register to Kaylyn Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu by September, 21 2016.

Employees can receive rewards for being active in campus gym

The J.R. Holder Wellness Center will host a "Fit and Fresh" challenge that is available for all of Northwestern Oklahoma State University's faculty and staff to participate in during the month of September.

All Northwestern employees will instantly receive a \$10 Subway gift card after completing 30 minutes of physical activity in the Wellness Center, or at their respective campus locations, on Sept. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

An individual has the potential to earn \$90 worth of Subway gift cards in one month by giving 30 minutes of their day on the selected dates.

All Northwestern's campuses—Alva, Enid and Woodward—have gift cards ready and waiting for participants.

Employees must have a valid 2016-17 Northwestern full-time employee ID and must check-in for the Fit and Fresh Challenge at the front desk.

Employees must complete 30 minutes of exercise during the dates and times posted. There is no minimum of activity required for the gift cards; from walking the track to taking a class. Gift cards will be awarded while supplies last.

The Wellness Center will offer a Spin Class and Body Blast Class during the posted times.

"Our idea behind the whole thing was to have people on campus take 30 minutes out of their day to receive the physical activity and also to make a healthier choice after that activity for their lunch," said Richard Burdick, director of the Wellness Center.

"It's killing two birds with one stone: increasing physical activity and the nutritional value of their food. Ideally what we are looking to improve upon is the health on campus and for the faculty and staff."

Last year the Wellness Center received Certified Healthy Campus award and looks to continue improving upon that reputation moving forward.

The Fit and Fresh Challenge is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS). More BCBS challenges for employees will take place during each semester.

Keep an eye out for the hashtag #HealthyCampus on social media.

For additional information about the Fit and Fresh Challenge, any future challenges or the Wellness Center, contact Burdick at (580) 327-8109 or rpburdick@nwosu.edu or Catherine Engelken at (580) 327-8105 or cgkelly@nwosu.edu. Their offices are located in the wellness center.

News

Budget Cuts

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his concerns with the state government implementing such a large cut to higher education.

"Instead of the state government cutting budgets for higher education, I think they should look at other nonessential areas to cut, especially since education plays such an important role for an individual to have a better future," Rivera said.

Pecha also encouraged students who have concerns about the state reduction, like Rivera, as well as other students in general to be actively engaged in this election cycle. "Talk to the people running for office and stress the importance of higher education," Pecha said.

Alva asks for students help

By KATELYNN BALL
Staff Reporter

Labor Day weekend has been scheduled as "Alva Clean Up Day." The event starts at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 5 through Sept. 7 on Oklahoma Boulevard, close to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University parking lot.

The host of this event is the SL/CE group. Volunteers are encouraged to bring personal gloves, mowers, trimmers, edgers, blowers, shovels and miscellaneous yard tools. This is one of several projects the city organizes in which Northwestern participates.

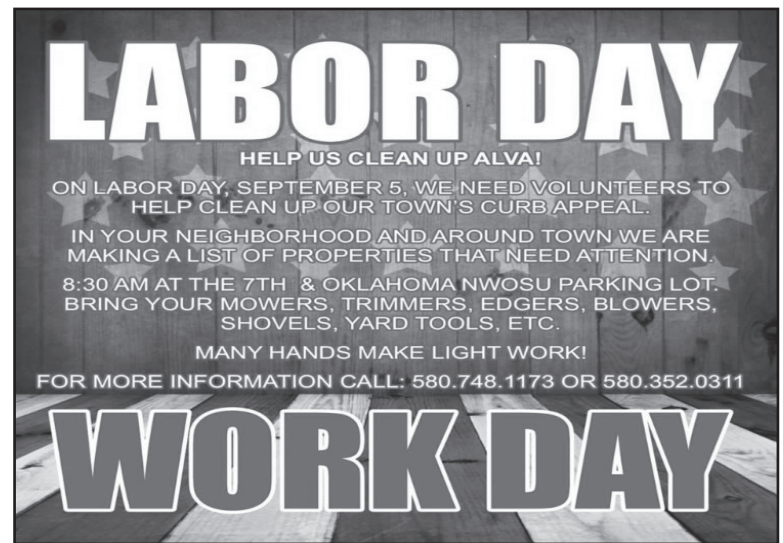
The community of Alva reaches out to its indigenes and residents in times of need. In effect, involvement in service programs like the cleanup is a way of expressing appreciation and giving back. Participants could state their volunteer hours on resumes and other documents that require community

service hours. Mayor Kelly Parker said, "Many hands make light work".

A description of activities during the event will be lawn care, sweeping and picking up trash. "Alva Clean Up Day" was organized in preparations for the homecomings at Northwestern and Alva High School and the Big Cruise and Car Show. Keeping the city of Alva kept creates the right impressions for residents when visitors attend these pending functions.

Bo Hannaford, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said, "I think there will be a little something for everyone to do." He said, "This is a good service for our community that shows that NWOSU students and Faculty not only care about the university but the community as well."

Parker said, "This is a good time to encourage our community to take pride in our properties and



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help our neighbors in need."

There are many other related events such as the "Great American Clean Up" which occurs from March to May. Students are urged to organize community cleanup events as well. Northwestern Oklahoma State University organizes several service events such

as "Paint the Town Red" and blood drives which can serve as volunteer opportunities.

For more information on the cleanup, contact Bo Hannaford at (580)-352-0311 or the Mayor Kelly Parker at (580)-748-1173. More information could be found on the mayor's Facebook page.

Students living lights out

By MEGAN GARNETT
Student Reporter

Power outages and plumbing issues are often frustrating, but when they occur in campus housing it can make those issues even more unbearable.

According to the Alva Review-Courier, a large area of Alva lost power August 18 after "a vehicle hit a guy wire cable supporting an electrical pole... [that] splintered and caught fire from electrical arcing."

While inconvenient, loss of power isn't normally a safety issue, said Alva firefighter Spencer Burns. "It's the reason why the power is out that's the safety issue," Burns said. "Live wires laying across a road and power poles or transformers on fire are the real danger."

Burns said that any time there is an outage, there can be a chance of sparks or fire that can be dangerous to the public. In such an event, he said, "Everyone is advised to call 911 and stay clear until told otherwise."

Along with the rest of Alva, Northwestern Oklahoma State University has had its fair share of issues, electrical and otherwise.

Bethany Morphis, Brianna McClure and Chandler Steckbeck all live in South Hall on Northwestern's campus and have experienced similar problems.

McClure, a sophomore, said she has had several encounters with different plumbing issues since moving into the dorms. "Last year for example," McClure said, "the water was turned off several times."

Morphis said, "There have been issues with the water heater and the pressure...there have been days where you just can't get anything to come out of the faucet."

"When these issues arise, I can't wash my dishes or my clothes," she said. "I have to start conserving the water that I've filtered because I don't want to spend the money and it's irritating."

Of the two issues, Morphis

said she found losing electricity to be the bigger problem.

Steckbeck, a junior English major agreed that power surges were an unwelcome frustration she had faced while living on Northwestern's campus. Steckbeck said the problem became the most disruptive during ITV classes.

Steckbeck said, "When the power surges or when it goes out, it's disruptive as well as frustrating. Not only will you have to deal with the loss of power, but you will also have to deal with rebooting the system and waiting to reconnect to the other classes."

She also spoke of a friend who "recently lost a refrigerator because of a power surge."

To help offset electrical issues in the dorms, Morphis and Steckbeck both purchased surge protectors to keep their utilities and devices from being damaged.

McClure and Steckbeck also agreed that buying fans can help make dorm life more comfortable when the air conditioner doesn't

function correctly.

Morphis said, "Many students question why they invest in a housing situation that may or may not be functionally equipped."

She said, "It forces them to decide whether they will need to add things like water and batteries to a budget that can barely accommodate textbooks."

All three south hall residents agreed that despite the issues, they have all enjoyed their time at NWOSU and in their dorms.

Steckbeck stressed that she found the university "...has always made sure to work with students, faculty and staff to make sure everything is running well and that everyone has what the need when they need it, or as soon as possible.

"A lot of the issues that Northwestern faces are unpredictable," Steckbeck said. "I think the university does a great job of communicating with students and getting information out so that they know what is going on."

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Editorial



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Not only did the number of international students at Northwestern increase this year, but the price of their tuition and fees did as well. It comes as a result of the 16.4% cut to state appropriations.

International students hit hard by tuition increases

Northwestern may have avoided the dreaded furloughs and layoffs of employees following the 16.4% cut to state appropriations, but they were unsuccessful in keeping the tuition and fees from increasing for the students.

Although all students suffered from the 9.8% increase in tuition, one group that was hit the hardest was the international students.

According to Rebecca Cook, the international student advisor for Northwestern, 151 international students attend the university. Of that total, 82 students just arrived this semester.

For international students, the process to apply to a university in the states requires a lot of documents and effort, according to a blog post by Jenny Frankel, director of financial services at Envisage International.

For example, in the blog post, Frankel said individuals who are interested in studying in the United States first need to go through the standard college application process after researching the correct college or university to attend.

Then after that process is completed, the school in which the student is accepted sends an official document called an I-20 form, that says he or she

applying for college has been accepted and the dates for when they should arrive and when classes start.

Next, the students then have to apply for a student visa, which means the students must fill out or provide even more paperwork.

Then, after completing that process, and receiving their student visa, the international students are set to attend classes in the states, but that is of course if the tuition and fees don't increase beyond a reasonable amount.

"If the amount of tuition and fees changes from the amount we originally put on their I-20, then sometimes, it's actually more difficult to get money here to pay the bills," Cook said. "Sometimes the international student's countries will only allow them to bring that specific amount on the sheet."

If the amount does increase, Cook said the students get caught in a tight spot, especially since they are confined to work only on-campus jobs, and with the budget cut, the amount of on campus jobs were reduced as well, so the spot that the students get caught in becomes that much more tighter.

Currently, the amount of out of state tuition and fees stands at \$441.25 per credit hour, according to Dr. David

Pecha, Northwestern vice president for administration.

He fears that the cuts to higher education will not stop at the 16.4% in fiscal year 2017.

"I am not real optimistic that the end is here for the state cuts, so I will just have to take it month by month and see where we end up at the end of it all," Pecha said.

If that amount increases anymore, junior nursing major from South Korea, Jesse Cho said, he would consider transferring to "a cheaper school with the same, or better, quality of education."

Cho also said in order to pay for his education, he is having to cut down on a lot of extra expenditures.

When it comes to retaining the new 82 international students, a problem that the university has had for several years, Cook said she hopes to have at least half of the students return for not just the spring semester, but for years to come as well.

With the fear of more reductions to state funding, and possible tuition increases in the future, looming, it might be safe to say, international students will continue to take a hit based off of what has been seen already.



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Northwestern News unveils new look

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

Have you noticed anything different with the Northwestern News? Maybe something with the layout and design of not just the printed paper, but with our website as well? What about with the type of content filling the pages, or even with whose writing content for that matter?

Hopefully, some of you said yes to at least one of those questions because this summer our editorial staff has been hard at work developing a new look for the Northwestern News, and after numerous hours of planning, we finally were able to come up with something we all liked on both the printed paper and our online website.

Before I go into what each of those changes are though, I am going to introduce the Northwestern News team for this fall.

I, Nick Villalobos, will be serving as the editor in chief this semester. It will be my second full semester in the position and I really look forward to seeing how this semester goes for us as a team. I am a senior, mass communication major/minor.

Next, our news editor for this semester will be Haylee Bates. She is a senior mass communication major/minor as well.

Our feature editor is Savannah Tillman, senior mass communication major/minor.

Our sports editors for this fall are Katie Lackey and Sami McGuire, junior mass communication major/minors.

Our assistant editor is Chris Agbola. He is a senior biology major, and he will be assisting Bates and Tillman throughout the entirety of this semester.

Our photo editor is Katelynn (Kat) Ball, a senior mass communication major/minor. This will be her final semester with the team, as she is set to graduate in December with a Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern.

Our circulation and ad manager for this semester is Jordan McLemore. She previously served as the news editor for the Northwestern News. McLemore is a senior mass communication major/minor and, like Ball, she too will be graduating in December as well.

Our production manager is Rachel Emerson, mass communication major/ business minor. Emerson will also be heading up the entertainment section and the buzz section as well.

Finally, our online manager for this fall is Bruno Miguel. He is a senior computer science major.

Now that the team has been introduced, it's time to look at the new changes took place to the Northwestern News's layout, design and content.

Layout and design wise, we decided to change the look of front page as well as the inner sections. We added a new double sidebar look to the front page, with two news stories in the middle of each. This is actually a more standard and modern look for newspapers from around the state.

The sidebar look is also continued throughout the inner pages as well, with the incorporation of weekly calendars and various story jumps.

Content wise, the Northwestern News will include a few new sections and also new story forms. The new story forms include the five questions sidebar, Q&A's with various individuals and in-depth articles on various issues.

The new sections the staff has added to the Northwestern News include Your Voice and The Buzz. We will also add a state and national news section as well in the coming weeks.

The hope for this new look is to give the readers something fun to view, and get involved with each week. We as a staff would also like to bring home some more awards for the Northwestern News next spring too.

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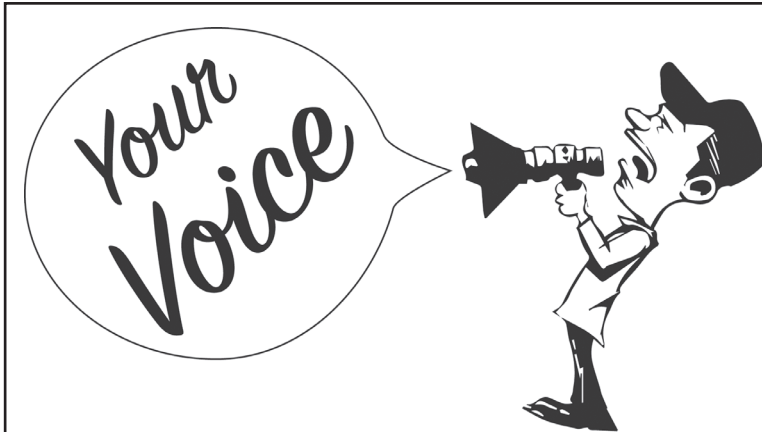
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How college chose me

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Columnist

Most people, come their senior year, are faced with choosing a college.

For some, the college decision is easy and they know right away where they want to attend college. For others, myself included, the college decision can be extremely stressful and difficult.

During my senior year, I struggled with making a decision about college. At one point, I thought I had it all figured out, but then the tables turned, and, ironically, I found myself looking at a college I told myself I was not even going to bother with.

My dad has been teaching math at Northwestern Oklahoma State University for eighteen years, so of course I was familiar with the college.

I grew up spending time in my dad's office, drawing on the whiteboards in his classrooms and attending various sporting events with him.

To me, NWOSU was just the college down the street from my house. I had never put much thought into attending school there. I told myself there was no way I was going to stay in Alva, the town I had spent nearly my entire life in, and attend NWOSU. In fact, my exact words to my parents were: "I will look at any college but NWOSU."

During the fall of my senior year, I began looking at schools in Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. I visited five schools between these four states, and was able to eliminate two of them rather quickly.

I was then left with three schools to decide between: the University of Oklahoma, Colorado State University and Pittsburg State University.

By Christmas, I still had not made my decision, and I was growing anxious. Most of my classmates knew where they were attending college, and I still did not have a clue.

I eventually eliminated OU first. I liked the campus, but it was not the school for me. Even though CSU had been my top choice of the three, it was the second school to go. Out-of-state tuition was through the roof (like \$42,000 a year through the roof) and I grudgingly accepted it was too expensive for me to attend.

That left Pitt State.

In February, I told my parents I thought attending Pitt State



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Megan Maharry

was right for me. Logically, since it was my last option, I figured it was a good choice. My choice never felt perfectly right, but I had not disliked Pitt State, so I convinced myself it was the best option.

In April, everything changed when an assistant soccer coach from NWOSU saw me at high school soccer practice.

I spoke with him after practice, and he encouraged me to look into school and soccer at NWOSU.

At first, I was not sure I wanted to look into NWOSU. Never before had I even considered NWOSU an option, and I had told myself several times I wanted to leave Alva. Yet, I could not shake the feeling that I should consider playing soccer at NWOSU.

Before I knew it, I was calling the head soccer coach at NWOSU to set up a time to practice with the team. After practicing with the team and meeting with the head coach, I was given the option to play soccer at NWOSU.

I suddenly felt like I was back at square one: I had no idea where I wanted to attend college. Since NWOSU had become a legitimate option for me, I met with a professor in the Mass Communication department to discuss the program.

It was that meeting that ultimately made the decision for me. For the first time, I knew exactly where I wanted to attend college. It was May when I finalized my decision to play soccer and major in mass communication at NWOSU.

After spending many stressful months trying to decide which college to choose, in the end, NWOSU chose me.

It was definitely not the school I thought I would ever attend, but I could not be more excited to start my journey there this fall.

Ride, Rangers, Ride!

I am so happy I picked my roommate

By **KAYLIE CRAWFORD**
Columnist



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Kaylie Crawford

Random roommates are just scary, am I right?

Senior year my biggest fear about going to college wasn't what classes I would be taking, what I wanted to major in, or about where I was going.

It was whether my roommate was going to kill me in my sleep or not.

I mean haven't we all seen the movie "The Roommate" and feared a little for our future?

I am, personally, a very dependent person. So, if my roommate and I didn't get a long I would hate my life for my entire first semester of college.

There was no way I was going to get a roommate randomly picked for me. Oh, no. You better believe I picked who I was rooming with and made sure they were sane before I even brought up the idea of living together. And boy am I glad I did! I mean, we are living in the smallest room known to mankind.

My roommate and I spent a whole week together so we definitely got to know a lot about one another.

I know that if she wakes up early she NEEDS coffee and if she doesn't get it everyone better steer clear of her. But if she doesn't get coffee a Monster will do just fine. I will not be waking her up early unless I want my head chopped off!

I also learned that she is the most caring and thoughtful person I have ever met. She makes sure that whatever is put in our color-coordinating room matches both of our visions.

She is also the most loyal friend as well. I know that when I need to vent, cry, scream or eat away all of my feelings she is going

to be right next to me. And she won't make fun of my ugly crying face. And trust me it is ugly!

I know my sister's biggest fear about going into college is not knowing her roommate is just going to be psycho or that she won't be as outgoing as my sister is.

(Obviously she has seen "The Roommate" too.)

And I completely understand that because how awful would it be to have a roommate that didn't talk at all?

I would be bored to death the first couple of weeks. Being in a new place with people you do not know and rooming with a person that doesn't even talk I would be going home every weekend or never be in my room with her.

Everyone always says that you don't have to be best friends with your roommate and I agree to an extent. You do have to at least be on good terms. I mean you are sharing a very small room with them.

I know that my roommate and I are going to be, if not best friends, at least really close friends and I honestly cannot wait!

So, underclassman, my one piece of advice for you is, handpick your roommate. If you are anything like me, you will thank me completely. So, you're welcome!

"Welcome to our new 'Your Voice' section. This section will be devoted to the voice of you readers. We editors decided over the summer break that including your voices into our paper would give each of you the opportunity to share your stories. We welcome all reader's stories. All we ask from you is when you send us your stories, to nwnews@nwsu.edu, that you send a picture of yourself as well. Thank you and we at the Northwestern News hope you enjoy the new additions."

-Nick Villalobos (Editor in Chief)

Feature

Lowe ready for Wales

By **PATRICIA PIXLER**
Student Reporter

In the spring of 2017, one Northwestern Oklahoma State University student will be studying abroad in Wales at Swansea University. Sydnie Lowe, a senior double major in Biology and English with a chemistry minor, from Missouri, was selected as the 2016-2017 Brad Henry International Scholar.

The Brad Henry International Scholarship was established to give an opportunity for one undergraduate student, from each of Oklahoma's regional universities, to participate in a semester abroad at Swansea University in Wales. Students may choose to attend during either the Fall or Spring semester. Lowe chose the Spring semester to take advantage of classes available during NWSU's rotating class schedule this fall.



Courtesy of University Relations
Sydnie Lowe

"They offer bio-chemistry in the fall here and I needed to take it. Everyone is asking if I chose [spring] for the weather," Lowe said.

The spring semester at Swansea University ends in April, giving Lowe four months in Europe. "I'm supposed to fly out January fourth or so," Lowe said.

After the program ends, Lowe plans to stay in Europe for a few weeks to make trips. Currently she plans to visit both Paris and Berlin, while abroad.

"I'm in Europe, you know. I should take advantage" Lowe said.

The Brad Henry International Scholarship award amount is \$10,000. This allows major educational expenses to be paid for while abroad. As Lowe pointed out, "My flight, my tuition obviously, I'm pretty sure my housing as well is covered." Other expenses and traveling is paid for out of pocket, but even that doesn't need to break the bank. On the subject of traveling to other countries while in Wales. "I think the [airplane] tickets were usually only \$80. I have to do it for that," Lowe said.

Lowe is undecided about which classes she will be taking so far, but hopes to study German among other subjects. "Their school is like how we chose our

majors," Lowe said. "You pick a school to apply to and you take classes at that school. I don't want to just take German classes, I want to take this and that, so I'll see what happens," Lowe said.

Academics and traveling aren't the only activities Lowe hopes to take part in while in Europe. Lowe, an experienced skydiver, plans to skydive while there. "I also found this thing called coasteering, which is a thrill sport. Kind of like cliff diving," Lowe said.

Europe's longest zip-line, the hiking trails and St. Patrick's Day, in Dublin, are also on the agenda.

Traveling, let alone living, in another country can seem intimidating for some but Lowe isn't too worried. "No to the worries because I think I'm naïve," she said. "I don't know what to expect. It's all new."

Though Lowe admits to having fears of landing in a foreign country and not knowing what to

do, she's realistic about it. "It's not something that's going to keep me up at night. I'm sure I'll find my way around," Lowe said.

Lowe is still making preparations but is eager to go abroad. "I'm just waiting for it to be here so I can go over there and enjoy it," she said. Lowe noted she applied to the scholarship because she knew college was the perfect time to go abroad for an extended stay without major responsibilities. "I knew I had the opportunity, so I went for it," Lowe said.

Previous Brad Henry International Scholar for the 2015-2016 year, Chandler Steckbeck, a senior English major from Enid, encourages students to apply for the scholarship. "Just apply. They can only say no. There is no application fee or other risk in applying for the scholarship. But by applying, you have the chance to go abroad and have a wonderful experience," Steckbeck said,

Northwestern: Lion vs. Lamb

By **VICTORIA SCHNAUFER**
Student Reporter

The class of 2020 is welcomed to campus for the first time as Northwestern students, while the class of 2017 is embracing their last months as collegiate students.

Every year the campus brings in new faces and says goodbye to familiar ones. This year is no different.

Mustang freshman, Molly Wingard said, "I am so excited to get out of the house and learn to be more independent!"

Freshman like Wingard are excited to take on their college career, as seniors stand on a tight rope swinging back and forth from excitement to not being ready to take on the "real world".

Putnam City Senior, Rontez Smith said, "I am scared to take on life without school and football, but I'm looking forward to transitioning from a player to a coach."

Freshman and seniors have a lot of feelings in common about their lives and future endeavors.



Photo provided
Molly Wingard

They are both making choices to give themselves the best future outcome, but fear failure in the class and working world.

Tulsa Freshman, Marcus Brent said "I am scared of failing classes, or letting down my team on the field."

Smith shared his fears of graduating, "I know what I want to do, but I'm afraid of not being able to do it. I want to coach at my little brother's high school."

Although there is a lot to look forward to starting a career after college some student will continue their education. Seniors

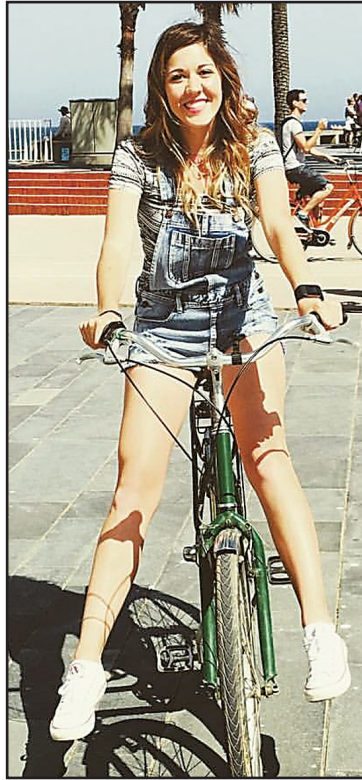


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Morgan Renbarger

choosing to take a detour and returning to school to obtain their master's degree still look forward to working but also look forward to seeing what lies ahead in the two years to come.

Calumet senior Morgan Ren-



Photo provided
Rontez Smith

barger said "I'm really not going to start working in my field immediately because I will be staying at Northwestern to receive my Masters in Educational Leadership, but I am preparing for taking on a classroom with my current position as South Halls head resident."

There will always to be something to look forward to. Some seniors are looking forward to their last firsts.

Smith said "I am more excited to start this football season than any other I have been a part of."

While other seniors are

excited to learn more.

Renbarger said "I am excited to done with school and start again! I can't wait to use all that I have learned in my own classroom."

The excitement of freshman radiates. Being on your own for the first time is a big step. College is a culture shock.

Wingard said, "being out of the house excites me, but I'm not excited about the distance from home and the size of Alva."

College is different from high school and comes with a whirl of emotions. All are worth it when you walk across the stage and receive the paper were all trying to obtain.

The emotions leading up to receiving a diploma are every bit as exciting and trying.

Renbarger said, "Although I still have some time, I am still striving to be the best teacher I can be. I have been doing over the phone interviews for practice."

No matter what year you are in college, what your major is or where you see yourself in ten years, every student is preparing for their future.

Prepping for a new semester

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Student Reporter

The back to school season is a busy and stressful time of year. Parents are scrambling to get their kids all the necessary school supplies, students are

worrying about their schedules, and teachers are finalizing their plans for the school year.

At the college level, professors are busy with their own work preparation. Everyone has several steps they take in order to begin their semester in the best way possible.

Professor Tammy Brown has been teaching at Northwestern Oklahoma State University for eighteen years and is the chair of the Mass Communication department. Along with many other professors, she puts much time and effort into preparing for the semester.

Before the semester begins, Brown determines her goals as the teacher and the learning objectives for her students. She finds it important to determine what knowledge and skills her students should leave the classroom with at the end of the semester, by reviewing how

she taught previous classes and making any adjustments to her teaching.

Brown reviews sections of the textbook and course notes, and makes any changes she feels are necessary.

She also develops her course

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Feature

Celebrate Labor Day the Northwestern way

Hanniford

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have established relationships and those individuals taught me about my work ethic, my preparation and my integrity which has guided me in my life. I believe Rangers are winners and I am forever grateful to be one".

Hannaford expressed his excitement about the appointment of Brad Franz as the new director of athletics by Dr. Cunningham and cannot wait to witness the tremendous progress and success the diverse sport programs will make under his tenure.

He commended Dr. Marc Decker on his ingenuity as being the director of the bands. Hannaford said he would be on the lookout for the awesome and amazing performances of the bands and choirs as well in this school year.

To the faculty, staff and students, Hannaford said, "It has been a great start to the school year and I look forward to a very successful year".

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Sports Editor

There is a holiday that happens every year, on the first Monday of September. It gets students out of class, teachers out with their families and America celebrating. If you guessed Labor Day, then you my friend, guessed correctly.

According to the United States Department of Labor, Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement, and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

Only once a year do people celebrate a day dedicated to working, by not working.

At Northwestern students don't do much, on their day off to celebrate, and teachers take this day to relax. For others

looking to spend their day off doing something, here are a list of things to do in the Alva area.

Kiowa, Kansas Labor Day Parade

Dena Walker, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, said she usually goes to see her family, and some years attend the Kiowa, Kansas Labor Day Activities.

The Labor Day activities in Kiowa include a parade, bean feed, 5K run, classic car show, craft vendor booths, sporting tournaments, cake walk, bingo, musical entertainment and more.

Alabaster Caverns State Park

Walker also recommended, Alabaster Caverns State Park in Freedom. The park is 200 acres total, has 2.5 miles of hiking trails, has guided tours available everyday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and camping areas.

The cavern is a quarter mile, and is formed of alabaster, a rare

form of gypsum.

It is the largest natural gypsum cave in the world open to the public.

Great Salt Plains State Park

Another state park close to the Alva area is the Great Salt Plains State Park. It is located three miles south of Cherokee on State Highway 8.

The park is known for crystal digging, which is open from sunrise to sunset, on Labor Day. The park also has a variety of wildlife such as snowy plovers, whooping crane, American avocet and much more.

Dean Scarbrough, an agriculture professor at Northwestern and active community member, recommended fishing at the Salt Plains Lake, which is located at the park.

Little Sahara State Park

For people who enjoy dirt

bikes and ATV's there is the Little Sahara State Park. This park is located in Waynoka, and is known as one of the best riding spots in the Midwest.

It has sand dunes as high as 75 feet. Personal ATV's that follow safety guidelines are allowed, and people can also rent ATV's if they don't have one of their own.

Alva Golf and Country Club

Another outdoor activity that a group or family could enjoy is golfing. Alva's golf course is located north of Alva. On Labor Day it will be open from 11 a.m. to dark. People can rent golf carts and golf clubs, hit some range balls and play nine to 18 holes.

Rialto Cinema

People who prefer to stay out of the heat on Labor Day can attend a movie at the Rialto Cinema, which is located on Flynn Street in Alva.

that would benefit her students, and works to incorporate these different strategies into her teachings.

In preparing for the first day of class, Brown reviews the course roster, and determines how to make the course information relevant to her students.

By preparing for her classes, it allows her to set the tone for the class, and to help the students

feel more comfortable.

Brown feels it is important that her students feel at ease in her classroom.

Getting to know her students is an important factor to Brown. "I try to learn the names and a bit about each of my students, within the first week," Brown said.

By incorporating class activities within the first week of classes, such as activities

in which students introduce themselves and share a bit about themselves, Brown is able to get a feel for each student.

She has her students fill out a learning inventory and reads over them and makes notes about each student.

This helps her to grasp each student's strengths and weaknesses.

Brown really enjoys teaching and cares a lot about her students. "I look forward to each and every year," Brown said.

She works diligently to ensure she is completely prepared for the semester. All the hard work and preparation set the

scene for the start of a great semester.



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Tamara Brown

Prep

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syllabi and forms it around any new information or changes made.

Afterwards, she then considers new teaching methods



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Calendar of Events

September 1

Study Abroad Extraganza
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Vinson Hall - VH200

September 2

International Student meet & greet
7:30 p.m.- 11 p.m.
Coronado Hall - Ranger Perk

September 6

Alva area wide college fair
9 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
Student Center Ballroom

September 7

FCA meetings
8:30 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Coronado Hall - Ranger Perk

September 11

Miss Cinderella Orientation
2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Student Center - Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

September 17

Heartland BEST Kickoff
8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Coronado Hall - Ranger Perk
Student Center Ballroom

Heartland BEST Robotics Kickoff
9 a.m. - noon
Herod Hall Auditorium

September 26-27

OBI Blood Drive
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Student Center - Wyatt Room & Ranger Room

Top ten 2016:

Highest grossing movies

Movies are one of America's biggest past times. As the year gets closer to ending, let's look at the top 10 grossing movies for 2016, according to IMBD.

1 "Finding Dory" - \$479.60 million. "Finding Dory" is a long awaited sequel about a blue tang fish on the search for her long-lost parents when she learns about the real meaning of family.

2 "Captain America: Civil War" - \$407.83 million. In this action, adventure film, political interference in the Avengers' activities cause a rift between former allies Captain America and Iron Man.

3 "The Jungle Book" - \$363.56 million. Disney brings back to life a story tale involving a few of the "bare necessities." After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self-discovery with the help of panther, Bagheera, and free spirited bear, Baloo.

4 "Deadpool" - \$363.02 million. In this action, adventure and comedy, a former Special Forces operative turned mercenary is subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopting the alter ego Deadpool.

5 "The Secret Life of Pets" - \$353.34 million. The life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. Watch as him

and other pets act without the presence of their owner.

6 "Zootopia" - \$341.26 million. A rookie cop is just trying to make it in the real world. The only problem is, her "real world" is a world of anthropomorphic animals, and she's a bunny. Watch as she works together with a cynical con artist fox to uncover a conspiracy.

7 "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" - \$330.25 million. Fearing that the actions of Superman are left unchecked, Batman takes on the Man of Steel, while the world wrestles with what kind of a hero it really needs.

8 "Suicide Squad" - \$284.08 million. Fearing that the world is vulnerable to otherworldly threats, the Government enlists the disposable Task Force X on a high-risk mission in exchange for absolution: Meanwhile, the Joker operates his own agenda.

9 "X-Men: Apocalypse" - \$154.99 million. After the re-emergence of the world's first mutant, world-destroyer Apocalypse, the X-Men must unite to defeat his extinction level plan.

10 "Star Trek Beyond" - \$150.89 million. The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test.



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Current must-see titles in theaters this week

By COLLIN STORK
Student Writer

"Sausage Party" A sausage voiced by Seth Rogan and his friends go on an adventure through the supermarket they're being sold in on the night before the Fourth of July sale. Other actors include Michael Cera, Kristen Wiig and Salma Hayek Citations

"War Dogs" A mix of Scarface, Goodfellas and The Wolf of Wall Street, War Dogs is based on the true story of David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli. These two were arms dealers based out of Miami, Florida that made a fortune off of selling arms and ammunition to the allies of the U.S. during the Bush Administration's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The film stars Jonah Hill, Miles Teller and Steve Lantz.

"Suicide Squad" When an elite squad of fighters is needed

for a top-secret mission, a U.S. intelligence official assembles an expendable group of dangerous and incarcerated supervillans and arms them with government weapons. Actors in this movie include Will Smith as Deadshot, Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn and Jared Leto as the Joker.

"Pete's Dragon" A remake of Disney's 1977 animated film, this movie is the adventure of an orphan and his best friend, a dragon named Elliot. This film stars Bryce Dallas Howard, Oakes Fegley, Wes Bentley Karl Urban to name a few.

"Kubo and the Two Strings" Kubo is a quiet young man in a small Japanese town that is known for his story telling. Once he accidentally summons an ancient spirit, this movie turns into an epic action/adventure film. Actors in this movie include Art Parkinson, Matthew McConaughey and Charlize Theron.

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By **BAILY RANKIN**
Student Writer

Fall is the season of football, falling leaves, cooler weather and new TV shows trying to make the cut. Once you are done supporting your favorite team, or just want to escape the chill outside, sit down and check out these fall TV hopefuls.

“This Is Us” (NBC) airing September 20 at 9 p.m.



“This Is Us” begins with the premise of being connected by sharing a birthday. Watch as Jack and Rebecca, played by Milo Ventimiglia and Mandy Moore, begin a family with the birth of their children. View Randall and Beth (Sterling K. Brown and Susan Kelechi Watson) supporting one another and their children when tough times arise. See how brother and sister, Kate and Kevin, played by Justin Hartley and Chrissy Metz, navigate life and get through it together.

“Designated Survivor” (ABC) airing September 21st, 9 p.m.

When an attack on the U.S. Capitol, during the State of the Union address, leaves Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Tom Kirkman, the only remaining member of the



President’s cabinet, he is suddenly thrust into a high profile position, President of the United States. Follow Kirkman, played by Kiefer Sutherland, as he struggles to run a country still grappling from the attack, while dealing with criticism from the public, other politicians, and his own family.

“MacGyver” (CBS) airing September 23, 7 p.m.



Putting a twist on the 1980’s series, CBS’s imaginative reboot brings us Angus “Mac” MacGyver, an ingenuitive being who can get himself out of almost any situation. With the development of a government strategic task force, Mac, played by Lucas Hill, joins forces with other talented individuals in order to avert any crisis that may come up.

“Mary + Jane” (MTV) airing September 5 at 9 p.m.

Dating, working and avoiding arrest for drug distribution. These are just a few problems that best buds, Jordan (Scout Durwood) and Paige (Jessica Rothe), have to deal with while

trying to establish their all-female marijuana distribution business. All the girls have to do is keep their customers happy while doing the least work possible.



“Frequency” (The CW) airing October 5 at 8 p.m.

Detective Raimy Sullivan (Peyton List) discovers she can communicate with her deceased father over an old radio they used to work on together. Soon Raimy’s life seems to be splitting into two separate realities. Now, with help from her father, she has the opportunity to prevent specific tragedies from ever occurring in the first place.



“Better Late Than Never” (NBC) First aired August 24 at 9 p.m.

NBC is taking five celebrated men from across genres on an epic adventure throughout Asia with its new alternative comedy series “Better Late Than Never.”

The one-hour series travels to Tokyo, Kyoto, Seoul, Hong Kong, Phuket and Chiang Mai before heading home. The five

navigate their way through each city - communicating with the local population, immersing themselves in local traditions and enjoying exotic food - all the while dealing with the unexpected twists and turns that any trip presents.

As they check off items on their own personal bucket lists, the five rely on each other for support and encouragement and, in the process, demonstrate that friendship is the ultimate gift.



Lethal Weapon (FOX) Airing September 21 at 8 p.m.

Combining action and drama with ride-or-die friendship and humor, “Lethal Weapon” reimagines the hit movie franchise, as it follows classic cop duo Riggs and Murtaugh, who work a crime-ridden beat in modern-day Los Angeles.



Calendar of Events

September 29

National training for counselors and mentors workshop
9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Enid 127

Powder Puff Football and Tailgate on the tiers
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Miss Cinderella
7:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

September 30

Miss Cinderella Interviews
8 a.m. - noon
Herod Hall

Miss Cinderella
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

October 1

Homecoming Alumni Tent & Luncheon
8 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Downtown Alva

Homecoming Parade
10 a.m. - noon
Downtown Alva

Homecoming Football Game
4 p.m.
Ranger Field

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Sports

Ranger football underway

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The 2015 season was full of changes and the program was surrounded by new, but this 2016 season will be surrounded by familiarity.

The coaching staff is now a year in their system, and things are looking up for Northwestern Oklahoma State football.

Speaking of familiarity, Northwestern is now a full member institution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and it's going on its second year this season.

The Rangers will see a good portion of lettermen returning to the squad for the upcoming season as a total of 91 student athletes return to the gridiron for Rangers. Among those individuals include six starters on offensive side of the ball and seven from the defensive side from the 2015 season. Northwestern posted a 3-8 record overall a year ago with a 3-8 record in the Great American Conference as well.

Head coach Matt Walter is now in his second season at the helm for his alma mater, where he had tremendous success as a student athlete.

Walter was a member of the National Championship team in 1999 where he was the MVP of the title game. Following his playing days, he's been very successful as a coach. Before returning home to Northwestern, Walter was the offensive coordinator as well as the strength and conditioning for Emporia State where he helped resurrect the program, bringing them to a 9-2 season and a Division II playoff birth before arriving at Northwestern.

Walter added a few new coaches to the staff this year with the addition of Eric Pruitt and Carlton Hall, who will both be working with the defensive line.

Defensively the Rangers see a total of six returning starters from a year ago, which include Shane Collins, Erick Cook, Joby Saint Fleur, Jordan Norris, Devin Peyton and Rontez Smith.

Leading the way on the defensive unit is Saint Fleur, who was a First-Team All-Great American Conference selection, First-Team All-Region and an Honorable Mention All-American. Saint Fleur led the GAC in sacks with 10.5 throughout the season imposing his will on opposing offensive lines and

quarterbacks. He was also top three in two other categories, with tackles for loss (17) and fumbles forced (3).

Due to all of his honors and play on the field last season, Saint Fleur has also made two preseason All-American lists.

Norris and Peyton were also All-Conference selections, as each was awarded honorable mention status.

Norris was able to steal away seven passes on the season, leading the league, while also returning one for a score against Henderson State. Norris's incredible seven interceptions on the year tied for fifth most in Division II in the 2015 season. His total interceptions were also two more than the next closest in the conference.

Peyton was also a force in the linebacker position as he was second in the league in tackles with 119 with the most per game at 10.8 per contest. He also led the team by a wide margin as the next closest defenseman was at 77 tackles for the year. Not only did he have the second most tackles in the conference, but was also keenly aware on the field. He recovered four fumbles in the season, leading the conference in that

category. His four recoveries were also second in the country.

Walter had nothing but good things to say about his defense and his confidence in them for the upcoming season.

Walter said: "We are very excited to have another year with guys like Joby, Devin and Jordan, who had very good seasons last fall, and we're ready to see what they have in store for this year. The level of experience on the defensive side of the ball should be extremely helpful. We were also second in the league in turnovers gained with 32 and would like to be at the top of the list this year and are fully expecting to be."

The offensive side of the ball is also loaded, with six starters returning, including Arte' Miura Jr., Scott Batchelder, Riley Hess, Reid Miller, Horatio Smith and Kenneth Stewart.

Miura led all Rangers in touchdowns a season ago with eight. True freshman, Smith was one behind with seven, four of which came against Southern Nazarene, where he tied the school record with four in a single game. The four touchdowns also came during the first half, which proved to be a record as well.

Miller also was able to break

eight Northwestern records following his junior season: passing attempts in a game (69), passing yards in a game (500), passing touchdowns in a game (6), passing attempts in a season (515), passing completions in a season (311), passing yards in a season (3,259), passing yards per game (296.3) and passing touchdowns in a season (30).

The big year for Miller led him to a Harlon Hill candidacy as well, which is an honor for the most prestigious and distinguished football players in Division II.

"Offensively we're very excited and ready for the season to begin and to have our starting quarterback in Reid as well as a top-notch receiving core that will make some noise this year," Walter said. "We are also deeper at the running back position, which we hope will take pressure off the passing game and will be an effective weapon throughout the season."

The Ranger coaching staff and players are ready to get the season underway and for an in-depth look at this week's game with Arkansas-Monticello on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m., check out the game notes for week one.

Hall's experience helps Rangers

By **Michael Jordan**
Student Reporter

Northwestern's football program welcomed three new coaches this year.

Carlton Hall, defensive line coach, spoke about what he brings to the team.

Q: What do you bring to the table as the new defensive line coach here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University?

A: First, I am extremely fortunate coach Walter asked me to be a part of his staff and this team. I have been a college football coach for 14 seasons now. I have coached at the high school, Division III, Division II, Division IAA and Division 1A levels. They have all provided me with different experiences, both good and not so good.

Q: How will your past experiences from playing college football and in the NFL help you lead your athletes to success?

A: I tell my players all the time, "There isn't much I have not had the fortune or misfortune of experiencing directly or indirectly as a college or professional football player." So please ask or tell me if something is wrong or not. We will find a way to fix the problem and expound on the positives!

Q: What assets do you feel you can personally bring to the team as a whole?



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Carlton Hall

A: Experience, hard work, and accountability. I've been doing this for a little while now. I think I am pretty good at what I do. I will work as hard, and expect the defensive lineman to work as hard, as anyone they have seen before. I will hold the defensive lineman to a much, much higher level of accountability than has ever been asked of them before. Just ask one of them.

Q: What does being a Ranger mean to you?

A: Well, when I was a little kid (I know, a long, long time ago), the Lone Ranger was a TV show, not that horrible movie with Johnny Depp. This cat was basically going around and avenging the death of his brothers, on a white horse with a cool as a fan Indian dude. So, to me, I feel like being a Ranger right now in 2016 means we have a whole 'lotta avenging to do.

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Sports

Ranger rodeo athlete goes pro

By **KATIE LACKEY**
Sports Editor

He won the college finals and the daddy of 'em all, now he's vying for a chance to compete at the biggest of them all.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is known for producing well-known rodeo athletes. James Struxness is an example of one of those athletes. He is a senior who majors in agriculture business.

Struxness kicked off the busy season of rodeo in June at the College National Finals Rodeo where he took home the College National Champion steer wrestling title.

Right behind him, with the reserve title, was Jacob Edler, who is also a senior agriculture business major at Northwestern.

Struxness hopes for a repeat year of success in the college steer wrestling for his final year of college rodeo eligibility. The college finals win was just the start to his summer of success though.

The biggest of Struxness's wins came in July at the Cheyenne Frontier Days aka "The Daddy of 'Em All" in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The big win there along with others such as, Lawton Rangers Rodeo and the Lea County Fair and PRCA Rodeo in Lovington, New Mexico has him sitting 8th in



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Struxness at Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association standings as of Aug. 29 with only a month left in the professional season.

The top 15 cowboys and cowgirls in their event go on to compete at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. "I hope it happens," Struxness said, "but I still need to win a little more." The National Finals

Rodeo is Dec. 1-10 with a rodeo performance every evening where the contestants will be vying for the coveted world title.

"Not very many teams in college rodeo have guys making the National Finals Rodeo, and that is the super bowl of rodeo," Graves said. He said Struxness is physically and mentally more mature than most guys his age.

The maturity that Struxness has shines through when it comes to school. He is diligent about staying on top of his class work, even though there are only a few months out of the year he can actually attend class. The college does a good job of working with him, he said, but he mainly takes online classes.

Struxness handles his school-

ing with diligence, which is the same way he handles rodeo. "It's all about having the confidence to go out there and do it," he said. The rodeos that he has won have propelled him towards more wins.

Graves is who Struxness credits his success. "He got my confidence up and made my steer wrestling better," he said.

Struxness spent 2015 learning the ropes from Graves. They hauled together to many rodeos, which ultimately contributed to Struxness's successes he has had this year.

Struxness's steer wrestling was already there, but his ability to make business decisions at the professional ranks had to come, Graves said, "Don't relax, set your goals and try to accomplish them."

Another rodeo athlete Graves has mentored is Edler, who now hauls along with Struxness to the professional rodeos.

"We push each other to make ourselves better," Edler said, "and we have set goals that we have conquered."

They planned to go first and second at the college finals, make circuit finals and all-American finals, which they have been successful at doing.

"[Struxness] is focused, devoted and hard working," Edler said. "He is going to be one of the all time greats in this sport."

Athletic events

Sept. 1

7 p.m. FB vs. University of Arkansas -Monticello

7 p.m. WSOC at Newman University

Sept. 2

9 a.m. WVB vs. Texas-Permian Basin -Goodwell

3 p.m. WVB vs. Fort Hays State University

Sept. 3

9 a.m. MXC at UCO Land run

9 a.m. WXC at UCO Land run

1 p.m. WVB vs. Missouri Southern State University

5 p.m. WVB vs. University of Colorado -Colorado Springs

Sept. 5

7 p.m. WSOC vs. Northeastern State University

Sept. 6

7 p.m. WVB at Newman University

Cross country ready for season

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

With the start of the 2016 cross country season right around the corner, the Rangers are gearing up for a big year.

Last week the Great American Conference released both the Men's and Women's cross country preseason poll. This is where all the head coaches in the conference vote on who they think will win the conference and where the other teams will finish.

The coaches picked Harding as the top team for the women while the Rangers ranked 10th tenth. On the men's side Harding and East Central shared the top spot while the Rangers were picked to finish fifth.

For the Ranger women, the key to their success may be in the hands of two seniors, Willow Gahr and Rebecca Black, along with Sophomore Anna Parra. These three will be the anchors of the group, but first year head coach Clay Tarter has brought in a talented, young group to help out.

Manuel Reyes, who was a

vital part of last year's team, is the only returning member from last year. Still, the Ranger men will depend a lot on the help of some newly acquired runners to make Coach Tarter's first season at the helm a memorable one.

Both teams will have their first shot at showing what they got on Sept. 3 in Edmond, Oklahoma at the University of Central Oklahoma land run.

Women's Rankings

1. Harding
2. East Central
3. Southern Arkansas
4. Southwestern
5. Southern Nazarene
6. Arkansas Tech
7. Southeastern
8. Henderson State
8. Ouachita
10. Northwestern

Men's Rankings

- T1. East Central
- T2. Harding
3. Southern Arkansas
4. Southern Nazarene
- T5. Arkansas-Monticello
- T5. Northwestern



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The Buzz

Students evaluate Pokemon Go

By **DIONDRAY MARTIN**
Student Writer

The new game app “Pokémon Go” has people, both nationally and internationally, addicted. People are playing everywhere they go. Even celebrities have taken interest in chasing these fictional characters.

In many cities around the world, people get together and create Pokémon hunting groups. Some people even say that they’ve lost weight playing the game.

Many students here at Northwestern play the game on a daily basis. Athletes, students, professors and coaches all seem to have an extreme interest in Pokémon Go. Of course, the game will have its ups and downs.

There are many “PokeStops” throughout Northwestern’s Alva campus, so many students play as they walk from one building to another. “PokeStops” allow users to collect “Pokeballs” and other game collective items.

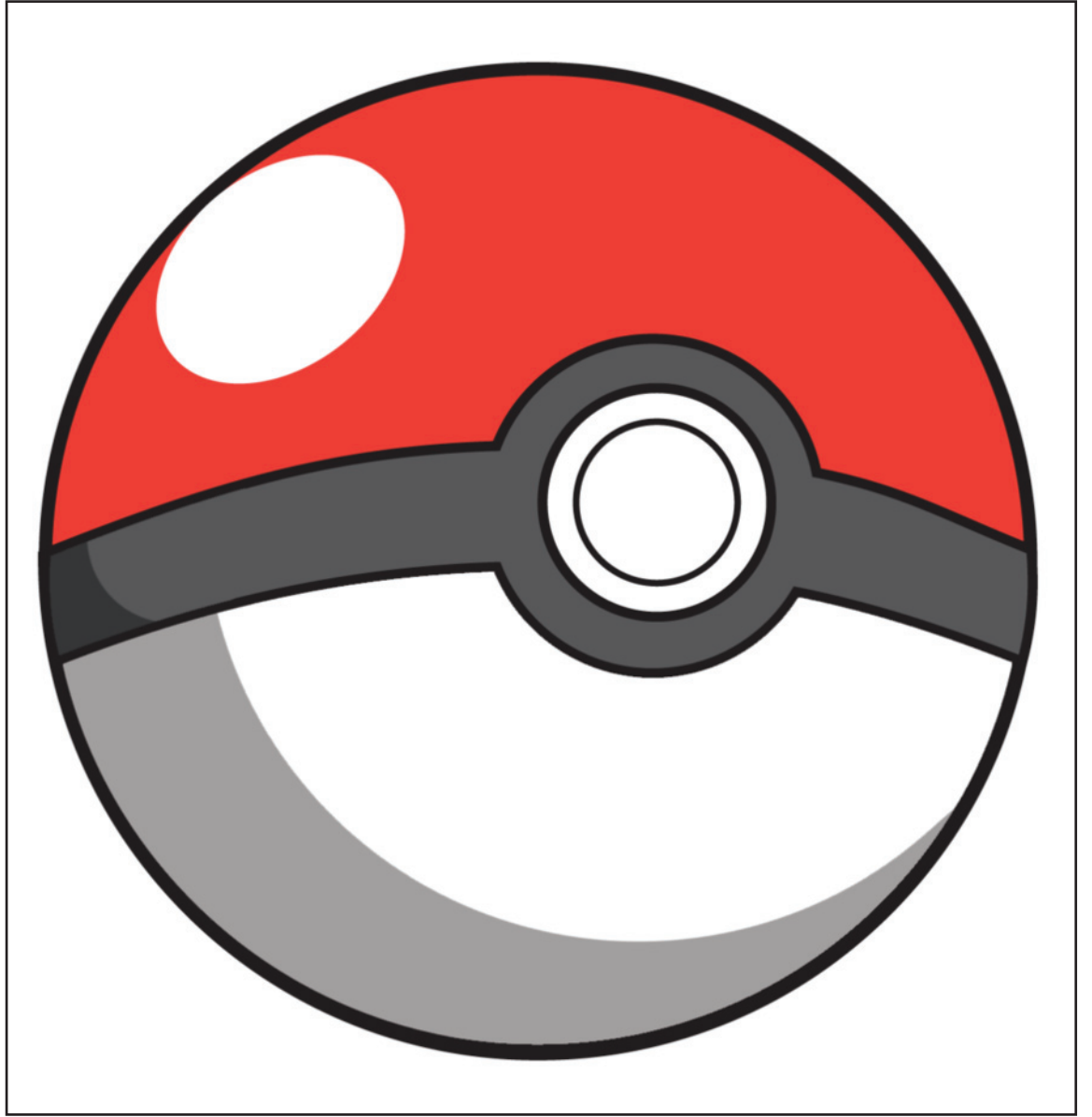
Most Northwestern students have nothing but positive comments about the game and why they love it so much. “Pokémon Go is highly addicting,” said Greg Minor, a Northwestern basketball player. “In order to have the best Pokémon, you have to walk around and find them in certain places to catch them.”

Other Northwestern students view the game as an added way for individuals to get more

exercise and to socialize more. “The best thing about the game is that it is good for people who don’t normally work out,” said Trey Johnson, a student at Northwestern’s Alva campus. “The game is a good excuse to go on long walks or runs just to find Pokémon. It also gives people a chance to interact with other people and make new friends of they decide to hunt for Pokémon in groups”

However, some people feel differently about the game. Deja Beechum, a basketball player at Northwestern had more negative comments about her experiences with the game. “Pokémon Go would be fun if people weren’t taking the game so seriously,” she said. “People are getting hit by cars or getting killed in accidents because they are not paying attention to their surroundings.” She also said that she tried playing “Pokémon go” but she never caught on to the thrill of playing it all day long.

People will have mixed emotions about the game. Either people are going to like or they are going to hate it. Pokémon Go has gotten global attention from different news agencies and has gotten different reactions from people who play the game. Most get the thrill of walking around to different places catching Pokémon with their friends and families and even create hunting groups. However, people should be cautious when playing.



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