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## Smile of the Week



Paola Ponce-Villalobos, Northwestern sophomore and math education major said helping others makes her smile.

Meet Paola on page 5

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](mailto:nwnews@nwosu.edu)!

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Foundation participates with giving Tuesday



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# Mumps at Northwestern

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Editor in Chief

Northwestern officials were notified on Nov. 9 about a confirmed case of the mumps virus on the Alva campus.

The case was initially diagnosed late Nov. 7. Since the initial diagnosis, the student that contracted the virus has not attended classes. The student is also not a resident in on-campus housing.

The university said it has sought advice from health care officials on the matter and is working to insure those who could have come in contact with the student are notified of potential risk of the virus.

"The University has done a great job at notifying the campus community and assisting in preventing further cases," said Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment at Northwestern.

According to Mosburg, no other cases of the virus have been reported to the university.

For additional information about the virus, contact Share Medical Center at 580-327-2800 or visit them at 800 Share Dr. Alva, Ok. 73717.

## Mumps Symptoms:

Mumps is best known for the puffy cheeks and swollen jaw that it causes. This is a result of swollen salivary glands.

The most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- Swollen and tender salivary glands under the ears on one or both sides (parotitis)

Symptoms typically appear 16-18 days after infection, but this period can range from 12-25 days after infection.

## Transmission of Mumps:

Mumps is a contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads through saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose, or throat. An infected person can spread the virus by

- coughing, sneezing, or talking,
- sharing items, such as cups or eating utensils, with others, and
- touching objects or surfaces with unwashed hands that are then touched by others.

Mumps likely spreads before the salivary glands begin to swell and up to five days after the swelling begins.

Information source: [cdc.org](http://cdc.org)



Northwestern students decide to take advantage of the great weather on campus and practice for the annual children's production, "Fairy Tale Bits and Bytes." / Courtesy of University Relations

# Production opens tonight, 19 students take stage

Nineteen Northwestern Oklahoma State University students will take to the Herod Hall Auditorium stage Nov. 17-19 for the annual children's production, "Fairy Tale Bits and Bytes" by Christopher Gieschen.

Nearly 1,800 elementary students from surrounding schools will be attending four shows just for them Thursday and Friday, Nov. 17-18, with a show open to the public on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$1.25.

Kimberly Weast, professor

of theatre and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, is the director.

According to Samuel French, Inc., play publishers, the production is about an evil computer virus named Virus who has invaded a disk containing beloved children's stories, fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

The virus causes all of the story characters to become mish-mashed together. Byte and Bit are computer chips who try to set things right and defeat the

evil virus before he infects other computers.

Twelve of the 19 Northwestern students serving as the cast and crew in this production are fulfilling class requirements for Weast's Principles of Acting class.

To learn more about this production or Northwestern's theatre program, contact Weast at (580) 327-8462 or [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu).

See CAST, page 3 for full cast list

## Assistant professor receives accolade

Mindi Clark, assistant professor of agriculture at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree.

This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

The National FFA organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well-being of the nation.

"I was very honored as only a select few are nominated for this award from each state," Clark said. "There are numerous people who give their time

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# News

## Northwestern plans to host blood drive at Alva campus

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be holding a blood drive Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Ranger Room of the student center.

This blood drive will be sponsored by the NWOSU softball team.

To schedule an appointment, students can contact Angie Henson, service learning coordinator, who is organizing the event.

Those who make an appointment to give will be taken care of first but walk-ins are welcome!

Blood donors will receive a limited edition long sleeve T-shirt the day of the event.

"We have a goal of 80 donors for this blood drive," Henson said, "while we typically have about 100 come through, there are always some that are unable to donate due to circumstances."

If a student or faculty member would like to donate, but are unable to, they are able to donate their time instead. Individuals can contact Henson and offer to volunteer to help with the registration table, snack table or help spread the blood drive advertisements throughout campus.

This specific blood drive is a one day event, so make sure to schedule an appointment today!

For more information, students can contact Henson at 580-327-8442 or by email at aahenson@nwosu.edu.



Northwestern students and staff participated in the second annual rake and run Sunday afternoon. These individuals volunteered their time by raking and bagging the leaves on several properties throughout Alva. The event was planned by Tatum Radcliff, housing secretary and hall supervisor for Fryer Hall. / Courtesy of University Relations

## Foundation wants updated directory

Northwestern Oklahoma State University alumni and other friends soon will be contacted and asked for updates for the new "Northwestern Alumni and Other Friends Directory", due for distribution in November 2017.

The Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association has partnered again with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce an updated directory. The last directory was published in December 2013. PCI will contact Northwestern alumni, donors and other friends via mail, email and phone to request any updates to their information.

The new directory is available for sale only to Northwestern Oklahoma State University alumni. The directory is published at no cost to the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association.

"This is an excellent opportunity

to ensure that we have updated the information regarding our alumni, donors and other friends," said John Allen, director of alumni relations. "The directory provides a vehicle for our Northwestern family to reconnect with one another. The updates also will help our office to share timely and valuable information with our alumni about Northwestern."

When alumni receive a postcard or an email with a telephone number from PCI, they may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for the Northwestern directory project. The representative will verify all the information on file and then make updates as needed. Alumni will have the opportunity to tell the representative what information they prefer to have excluded.

The names, addresses and

information provided to PCI by Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association for the publication of the directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the directory and except as required by the court order or law. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association any and all electronic files that have been supplied by the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association or produced by PCI in connection with the production of the directory.

Frequently Asked Questions about the directory project can be found at <http://my.nwfoundation.com/alumni-directory>. For more information about the directory, please contact Allen at 580-327-8594 or [jwallen@nwosu.edu](mailto:jwallen@nwosu.edu).

## Campus club invites students to movie night

By **MEGAN GARNETT**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's psychology department will host their next monthly movie night on Nov. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Education Center Rm. 109.

This month's movie is "Bird Cage" starring Robin Williams. The film, which came out in 1996, is an R-rated comedy that is approximately 117 minutes. Some other actors in the movie include, Dianne Wiest, Nathan Lane, Dan Futterman, Gene Hackman and Calista Flockhart.

Popcorn from Rialto Cinema and Video will be provided for anyone attending the event. Psychology club president and psychology department student worker Zach Frisch noted that if students would like to see snacks other than popcorn, the club would be open to suggestions.

Psychology department chair Christina Gordon, said the department held two movie nights during the spring 2016 semester, which were increasingly successful with Northwestern students.

"I think a goal for the department [with movie night] is exposing what we do and a little bit of contact with psychology, especially for undecided students," Gordon said. "It brings not only students in the psychology department together but it brings our students together with [the rest of the campus]."

Psychology major and Northwestern junior Megan Metcalf is also a member of psychology club. She said movie night should be interesting for students because it can help them understand the psychology behind movies and give students a chance to interact and have fun.

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# News



## Foundation joins event

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association joined the global movement #GivingTuesday for the second straight year.

After raising more than \$30,000 for student scholarships during the event in 2015, the Foundation decided this year it's aim was to significantly increase the numbers of its online participants, according to Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association CEO, Skeeter Bird in a press release by University Relations.

"Our first online Giving Tuesday campaign last year was a huge success," Bird said in a statement released on Nov. 9

#GivingTuesday is a global day following Thanksgiving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities

and organizations to encourage philanthropy and generosity worldwide.

The event aims to inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities by giving back in charities and various causes they support.

#GivingTuesday this year will take place Nov. 29. Any gift made to the RISE (Rangers Investing in Students and Education) annual giving fund from Nov. 29-Dec. 16 will count toward the Giving Tuesday campaign.

"Our donors realize what a quality value it is to invest in Northwestern and our students," Bird said. "Even though the state budget situation is the worst in decades, our donors realize the importance investing in higher education, and they choose to invest in our students for the long term."

Bird added, "Every single one of us can make a difference if we make the commitment."

**How to give:**

Each gift will be added to the endowment of the donor's choice. If no choice is made, the funds will go to the general endowed scholarship fund.

Gifts may be made online with a credit card at [my.nwfoundation.com/givingtuesday](http://my.nwfoundation.com/givingtuesday) or by check payable to the Northwestern Foundation and sent to 709 Oklahoma Blvd. Alva, Ok 73717.

For more information about #GivingTuesday, visit its website, [givingtuesday.org](http://givingtuesday.org), Facebook page, [facebook.com/GivingTuesday](https://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday) or its Twitter, [twitter.com/GivingTues](https://twitter.com/GivingTues).

For more information on RISE and annual giving, visit [my.nwfoundation.com/annual-giving](http://my.nwfoundation.com/annual-giving) or call 580-327-8593.

## Campus club invites students to show off original works at event

By **SAMANTHA MCGUIRE**  
Staff Reporter

The writers of Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be showing off their handiwork at the Writer's Roundtable Showcase at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1.

The Writer's Roundtable is a group focused on original, creative writing. Dawn Allen, an instructor of English and adviser of the Writer's Roundtable, leads members in fun writing exercises during their meetings.

Club members will get a chance to show off their original work at the showcase.

"This allows our members to gain experience, confidence and insights into the works they are proud to share," Allen said.

In the past, the showcase included poetry, short stories and scenes from longer works. Each student who signs up for the showcase is able to fulfill an allotted amount of time (usually 5 minutes) with the work they are proud to share.

This is the showcase's fourth

year. The showcase has evolved from teachers reading to visiting authors to Writer's Roundtable members. Unfortunately, in past years there has not been a huge turnout at the event.

Allen said she wishes more people would attend the event.

"There is a lot to be gained for these students in terms of preparation for public appearances and dramatic reading practice," she said. "It helps them build confidence and accuracy with speed and tone."

People should come to watch the showcase because it is pleasant for audiences to hear stories straight from the writers, Allen said.

The Writer's Roundtable is a club where students can learn about writing, publishing and editing industries as well as learning what it takes to become a professional writer, Allen said. The club also attends conferences and classes.

"Anyone who enjoys writing or story telling [should join the Writer's Roundtable!]" Allen said. "Whether poetry, short fiction, novels, creative essays, journaling or any others, our group focuses on writing, and we strive to include all students interested."

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## Editorial Section

### Employee of the Week



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**Bruno Miguel**  
Online Manager

Bruno Miguel is never one to complain about a task.

He will never give up on something until it is accomplished. He is calm, cool and calculated.

He is hardworking, dependable and one-of-a-kind.

Miguel joined the Northwestern News staff this semester as its online manager.

Since joining the staff, he has grown to be an essential part of the team.

Each week, Miguel comes into the newsroom, silently picks up the latest issue of the newspaper, and then proceeds to upload the content to our webpage, rangerpulse.com.

He says little to no words while completing his job, and whenever he has a question, Miguel doesn't hesitate to ask.

Miguel is dedicated to the Northwestern News and because of that reason; we found it only fitting that he would receive this week's employee of the week honors.

*"Thank you so much for all you do, Bruno. You are a stellar guy and we enjoy having you on the team. Keep up the hard work!"*

~Northwestern News

# Technology alters feelings

## The inappropriate use of technology has changed the way kids empathize

Last week we started examining the affect technology has on kids who overuse, or use it inappropriately.

We looked how the use of, or overuse of technology ultimately eliminated a child's way to think critically or use their imagination.

In an attempt to correct those negatives, edudemic.com writer, Pamela Deloatch provided two ways parents could help in eliminating the social disconnect that occurs to their children when they use technology.

Deloatch suggested someone more mature should monitor the use of technology for the child and also teach the child how to use it more responsibly.

This week, we are going to examine how technology has altered the way kids understand emotions.

In a 2014 study by the University of California, Los Angeles, two groups of sixth graders were tested over a five day period on how well they picked up on emo-



tions and nonverbal cues from 50 pictures of faces displaying random emotions.

One group of kids went the five day period without using technology, while the other group

of kids went the period using their electronic devices.

In the conclusion of the study, it was determined that the group that went five days without technology picked up on emotions and

nonverbal cues from the photos better than those that had access to technology during the entirety of the testing period.

**What does the study signify?**

The UCLA study showed that though technology has its benefits with its speed and convenience, it takes away people's ability to develop social skills and emotional reactions.

In the article about the study on npr.org by Juana Summers, UCLA psychology professor, Patricia Greenfield said, if the study with the students was expanded past the five day period more negatives would come as a result.

"It might mean they would lose those skills [face-to-face communication skills] if they weren't maintaining continual face-to-face interaction," Greenfield said.

In order to solve such negative effects for the overuse of technology, and to get the children's ability to empathize back in order, Greenfield added parents and kids should work together to determine a reasonable amount of time to use technology.

# Gentleness diffuses conflict

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
Editor in Chief

Conflicts are inevitable in today's world.

Whether it is two people not seeing eye-to-eye on a matter, or a group of people rioting in light of the presidential election results, conflicts are everywhere.

In a devotional by Rick Warren, founder and senior pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest California, he explained how gentleness diffuses conflict, disarms critics, is persuasive, attractive and communicates love.

When facing a conflict, whatever it may be, the best way to approach it is

by doing it gently.

Yes, it is going to be probably the hardest obstacle a person ever may face by turning against their human nature, which is to fight back when challenged, but in the end, there will be blessings that come from it.

Warren described in the devotional that he and his wife Kay have been married for nearly 40 years, and at times neither of them have seen eye-to-eye on every situation.

He said at times he would hurt her, and at other times, she would hurt him.

Instead of calling it quits though, both of them worked through the situation with gentleness. They for-

gave one another and moved past the conflict.

In the world today, there is conflict everywhere.

Friends and families are breaking apart, Americans are going crazy over the new president-elect and countries continue to wage war against one another.

Gentleness diffuses conflict, disarms critics, is persuasive, attractive and communicates love though.

By standing up against the conflict with gentleness instead of strife, however, every conflict can be extinguished.

Whether it is two people not seeing eye-to-eye on a matter, or a group of people rioting in light of the presidential

election results, every giant will fall with gentleness.

Warren added in his devotional about gentleness that whenever an argument transpires between two people, instead of a person raising their voice in response to someone raising theirs, that person should lower their voice.

It might sound weird yes, but Warren's reasoning behind it is that by refraining from raising their voice to match the opposing voice, a person is in fact practicing strength under control.

So, when faced with conflict, whatever it may be, approach it with gentleness and not strife.

## top ten

### Inflammation-Fighting Foods

1. Extra-virgin olive oil
2. Red wine
3. Tea
4. Grass-fed beef
5. Oily fish
6. Cocoa
7. Cranberries
8. Grapes
9. Walnuts
10. Broccoli

Source: HealthCentral



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## Birding BITS

BY  
Cindy Brook

*A Full and Thankful Heart*

Sometimes I like to sit on a chair in front of my patio doors and watch the birds while I eat my dinner. I think about how grateful I am for the good life I have, and how a yard full of songbirds makes it even better. Life is filled with joy.

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# What I am thankful for

By **CHRIS AGBOLA**  
 Staff Writer

"Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of Christ concerning you."-1 Thessalonians 5:18.

An attitude of gratitude is expedient for life. What we appreciate will proliferate.

Here are 5 things for which I am thankful:

**Life:** The most important thing to thankful for is the gift of life. Most people take life and good health for granted but as a Christian the Bible says every good and perfect gift comes from God so I'm grateful to Him for seeing me through the entire year even to this day.

Without life and health, there is no hope to accomplish

any dream, vision, goal or purpose.

A lot of people are bedridden and in other places in order to seek good health

**A loving school:** I'm thankful for a college that feels like a family. The administration, faculty and staff work tirelessly for the success of us the students.

Not many individuals are privileged to be in a college with dedicated professors, administration and staff.

**A supportive community:** Alva community has been a tremendous part of the college. The community supports all activities of the college, make donations for scholarships and contribute in so many other areas.

I'm thank for such a location that is rare.

**Peace:** Peace is essential. Without it, progress does not happen.

The United States just went through one of the most fierce and contested elections in the history of the union peacefully and the country is still strong and united.

In as much as there are protests, majority of the states are calm and bond together. Other nations of the world do not go through elections without war.

**Diversity:** This college is one of the most diverse in the state. Students from all cultures, races and upbringing all converge to exhibit the spirit of being a Ranger.

I'm thankful to meet people I never imagined to ever meet. But coming to college here made it a possibility.

## 5 QUESTIONS WITH

Paola

**1** Where are you from?  
 "I am from Beaver."

**2** Why did you choose Northwestern?  
 "I was originally a social work major and Northwestern was one of the schools that offered that degree."

**3** What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?  
 "I enjoy tutoring junior high and high school students in math."

**4** What has Northwestern taught you so far?  
 "During my time here at Northwestern, I have learned how to be independent."

**5** What is one interesting hidden talent you have?  
 "I really like to help others with any type of task, and push them to do their best. Motivating someone is something that makes me really happy."

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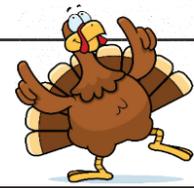
"All that meditating made me forget the question that I'm seeking the answer to!"

### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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# Feature



## Giving thanks to little things in college

By **RACHEL EMERSON**  
Staff Reporter

College is full of class, homework, stress, too much coffee and not enough sleep. But it's also full of fun, adventure and memories.

In the season of giving thanks, here are a few things to be thankful for as a college student, well and every other day of the year!

1. **Canceled classes:** I mean, who doesn't love those? Although we should be using them as catch up days for all that homework and the mile-long to-do list that are waiting to be completed, we typically just go back to sleep.

2. **Netflix:** The primary reason that we even have a mile-long to-do list in the first place.

3. **Study groups:** For holding us accountable by making us actually study and for the simple fact that if we're about to go down, at least we're going down together.

4. **Weekends:** Again, we should study, but honestly, we save that for Sunday night and then rush it and get it done in a couple hours.

5. **Support systems:** whether it be family, friends, roommates, professors, significant others or all of the above, they're there no matter what. They encourage, inspire and motivate us to keep going. Well, and let's be honest, tell it how it is when we're acting a bit crazy!

# Platform promotes confidence

By **VICTORIA SCHNAUFER**  
Student Reporter

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University crowned a new queen, on Oct. 30, to represent the university in Miss Oklahoma 2017, in June.

Kandi Hughart, El Reno senior double majoring in Psychology and Health and fitness management, now holds the crown. She has been a student at Northwestern for all four years of college and is planning on continuing her career as a student to secure her master's degree in Professional Counseling, at Oklahoma University, after graduation in May.

Northwestern has become a special place to Hughart. "I've met so many incredible people at Northwestern who I know will be lifelong friends," Hughart said. "The Northwestern community has been like a giant family that I am blessed to be a part of."

Hughart wanted to experience the benefits that presented themselves for entering the pageant.

"I wanted to be a part of the pageant for the opportunities that come with participating, the opportunity to gain confi-

dence and promote self-growth, the opportunity to give my voice a megaphone and impact lives around me and of course give back to Northwestern for all the university has done for me by proudly representing at Miss Oklahoma," Hughart said.

Each contestant competed in interview, talent, onstage question and lifestyle and fitness categories, to win. Hughart performed a fitness dance routine for her talent. Her platform is called "Choose Happy Be Happy- a Strong Mind Set".

"I plan on presenting my platform to all ages varying from elementary and high school students to the elderly, at the homestead," Hughart said. "I believe this is a message that can touch anyone's heart."

Hughart explained that her platform is to help others develop a mental attitude of love, appreciation, respect and confidence to help prevent body-shaming, self-hate and eating disorders.

Hughart has teamed up with Catherine Engelken, assistant director of the wellness center, to get a body positive club started in 2017.

"I believe this is a message that can touch anyone's heart," Hughart said.



Miss Northwestern 2017, Kandi Hughart plans to use her crown to impact lives and promote self-growth. Photo courtesy of University Relations

## Dedication of student shown on, off field

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
Student Reporter

Cyndi Phelps is a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University from Clearlake in Houston, Texas. She is a nursing major.

She has been part of the Lady Ranger soccer team at Northwestern for four years.

Phelps comes from a large family. She is one of eight siblings, and she is the seventh oldest. Phelps said she enjoyed the diversity of the city and all the different kinds of people she could surround herself with. Phelps said the thing she misses most about Houston is her family.

Phelps first began playing soccer when she was 4-years old. She played on a co-ed team, and hated the sport at first.

Phelps chose to come to Northwestern because the school was somewhat familiar to her.

She had five other siblings attend Northwestern, and she knew the nursing program was outstanding.

She also knew she wanted to continue playing soccer, and she was able to walk-on her freshman year.

Between soccer schedules and keeping up with the demands of her major, Phelps has been busy during her time at Northwestern.

Phelps said the Nursing course is vigorous, and she is constantly working or taking tests.

She attends a clinical every week. Phelps said there are several different fields within the nursing program that students can attend a clinical in.

Phelps has taken a special interest in mental health. She became interested in this area after visiting a mental health center at a clinic at the University of Oklahoma.

A career in mental health is the future path Phelps wants to pursue. She plans to work in the Oklahoma City area, and eventually hopes to work at the University of Oklahoma.

Soccer has played a large role in Phelps's life. She said soccer has made her a hard worker, and she does not take things for granted. She said soccer has taught her how to be a leader.

Phelps said her favorite part of being a part of a soccer team is the lifelong friends she has made. Also, said she loves all the knowledge she has learned during her time at Northwestern.

Phelps's advice to other college students is never take things for granted, and never give up on yourself.

"Even at your lowest moments, you can always find a fight in yourself," Phelps said. "There is always a way to persevere."

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# Feature



Dating: Part 2

## The Freshman 15: Relationship Tips

By **CAITLIN COODY**  
Student Reporters

To catch you up if you missed last week's tips: 1. "Don't force a relationship out of thin air..." 2. "Never trust too easily," and 3. Avoid comparisons.

This Week on the Freshman 15 dating advice, we sat down with some of the guys. They gave their insight to tips on dating in college.

4. Don't kiss and tell!

Although your friends are probably thrilled for you, they don't need to hear every last detail about how much you love your significant other or how the two of you spend every second of the day. Keep some things to yourself.

5. First impressions will only take you so far.

Yes, first impressions are important in many scenarios, but keep in mind that things can change over time. "At my freshman orientation at college, the girl I thought disliked me and was

too cool for me wound up becoming one of my best friends," said Tyler, Junior, "there have been times when I met people and thought we would be close, and they ended up disappointing me."

You have to be receptive to the way people change, and be open to the fact that some people may surprise you (in good or bad ways).

6. Go on dates.

This may sound obvious enough, but so many people forget about dating and end up sinking right into a married couple routine. Comfort is great, but in your late teens and early twenties, do you really want to lose all sense of romance?

"Hanging out in a dorm room all the time can get boring really quickly," said Michael, Senior. Don't let that happen to you while you are still in college. Plus, dates allow you to meet new people!

*Part III will be in December 1, 2016 issue of the Northwestern News.*

## English student chooses education to pay it forward

By **PATRICIA PIXLER**  
Student Reporter



Photo provided

With his red hair, grin-inducing laugh and a love of all comic books and other facets of Geek culture, Charlie Wylie, an English education major from Ponca City, has only been on the Alva campus of Northwestern for a year but has made a big impact.

In that year, he has been Mr. Snow in the fall 2015 Northwestern theater production of "Cinderella Waltz," an active member of Castle Players Drama Club, the Writer's Roundtable, the Sigma Tau Delta

English Honor Society and the Anime and Manga Club. He has also written an occasional article for the Northwestern News. In addition, he worked for the English Department, as a student worker.

Before living in Alva, Wylie attended Midwestern State University in Texas, Murray State College in Oklahoma and made his way to Ponca City, where chance and accident had him check out Northwestern's University Center in the city. He attended Northwestern University Center for a year and a half before he moved to Alva to finish his degree, in the fall of 2015.

Wylie is currently a student-teacher at Alva Middle School, teaching eighth grade English as he wraps up his time here at Northwestern. In December, he will join the many others graduating from the university. Wylie intends to find a job where he can continue teaching middle school English, upon graduation.

"My main reason for becoming a teacher is I feel it is the best to pay it forward and help improve the lives of others," Wylie said. "If I did not have teachers that believed in and stood up for me, I probably would not be getting this degree. I truly believe that

education is the best way to improve one's life. It certainly has improved mine."

When reminiscing on the experiences that stood out to Wylie, he mentions everything from the friends he has made, to the clubs he's been active in and the classes he has enjoyed.

"I had classes that really opened my mind and improved my writing skills," Wylie said. "Those were Creative Writing, with Dr. Lane and Literary Criticism, with Dr. Page. The English faculty members are all excellent educators and gave me a great deal of education. Also, I really enjoyed working for Dr. Lane, with Natalie Sacket-Evans and Chandler Steckbeck. We had many a great conversation in that workroom."

"The hardest thing to do in this world is to live in it. Be brave. Live," Wylie said. The quote, Wylie clarifies, comes from the titular character of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

"I am a geek, so geek culture resonates with me," Wylie said. "The world isn't always a nice place, in fact sometimes it can be downright cruel, but you can be strong, accomplish your goals and live the life you want to live."

## Northwestern club attends conference

By **PATRICIA PIXLER**  
Student Reporter

Oct. 15, the Nimrod Writing Conference, for Readers and Writers 2016, was held in Tulsa. Members of the Writer's Roundtable, the creative writing club on the Alva campus, were in attendance, including: Dawn Allen, faculty sponsor; Patricia Pixler, club president; Don Tripp, club vice-president; and club member Sam Ruttman.

Also at the conference was Northwestern alumni and former Writer's Roundtable member, Nathan Sacket of Tulsa.

The conference is held annually, at the Tulsa University campus, by the Nimrod International Journal of Prose and Poetry, an organization whose purpose is to discover, develop and promote new writing.

Nimrod does this through their twice-yearly journals, their annual Nimrod awards and their annual writers' conference, in October.

The one-day conference offers classes on writing, editing and publishing by professionals within the industry.

The professionals are invited, from across the United States, to head panels, teach classes and give readings of their work.

Conference attendees select a morning panel to attend, a morning master class and an afternoon master class.

In addition to this, they provided a lunch, and offered the opportunity to listen to the readings, by the invited authors.

This year, the five morning classes and six afternoon classes included "Dialogue and Code-Switching in Fiction," "Publishing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Getting Your Work Out There," "Mystery: The Fine Art of the

Fight Scene," among others.

Writer's Roundtable attendees based their classes around their interests, or in areas they believed they could improve upon. This included the aforementioned dialogue and fight scene classes, as well as classes on poetry, romance and young adult fantasy.

This has been the first conference, the Writer's Roundtable, has attended but it will not be the last. "The Nimrod Conference for Readers and Writers at TU in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a dynamic opportunity for members of Writer's Roundtable to engage with other writers and attend sessions on the craft of writing," Allen said, Instructor of English and published writer. "We look forward to more conference and workshop opportunities as a club."

Given the busy schedule the conference offers, attendance usually costs \$60 but each Northwestern student received a scholarship, from Nimrod that dropped their attendance price to \$10.

This increased incentive for members to attend, knowing it was an opportunity that does not come to students too often during the school year.

Writer's Roundtable Vice President Tripp, explains the experience as, "Attending the writer's conference at Tulsa University was a great experience. I'm grateful to Mrs. Allen for taking us, and for sharing her expertise in writing and publishing with the Writer's Roundtable. The conference was an opportunity for us, as writers, to connect with others who share our passions for personal expression through the written word."

For more information about the Writer's Roundtable, please contact Dawn Allen at [dallen@nwosu.edu](mailto:dallen@nwosu.edu), or Patricia Pixler at [plpixler17@rangers.nwosu.edu](mailto:plpixler17@rangers.nwosu.edu).



# Entertainment

## Calendar of Events

### November 17

**Annual children's theater production**  
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.  
Show starts at 1 p.m.

### November 17

**Karoke Night**  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Alabaster Room

### November 17

**S'mores Night**  
7:30 p.m.  
Intramural Field

### November 18

**Annual children's theater production**  
**Morning showing:**  
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.  
Show starts at 10 a.m.  
**Afternoon showing:**  
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.  
Show starts at 1 p.m.

### November 18

**Ranger Research Day**  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Student Center Ballroom

### November 19

**Annual children's theater production**  
Doors open at 12:30  
Show starts at 1 p.m.

### November 21

**High School Holiday Festival for area high school choirs**  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Show starts at 6 p.m.  
Herod Hall Auditorium  
- Open to public

### November 23 - 25

**Thanksgiving Break**  
No classes, Offices closed.

### November 28

**Movie Night: The Birdcage with Robin Williams**  
7 - 9 p.m.  
EC 109

### November 29

**Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series #2**  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Show starts at 7 p.m.  
Harold Hall Auditorium

### November 30

**Student Holiday Buffet and Celebration**

### December 1

**Alva Campus Blood Drive**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Ranger Room and Wyatt Room



Club members Amanda (center) and Megan (right) Metcalf present Calleb Mosburg (left), with a Northwest-themed, painted pallet from NWOSU Art Society. Photo courtesy of University Relations

## Art society paints pallet, taking orders for donations

Club members in the Northwestern Art Society (NAS) at Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently completed a Northwest-themed, painted pallet for Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, and has plans to create more.

Mosburg solicited NAS members to show off their creativity on a blank pallet in exchange for a donation to the club. "[Mosburg] came to us and asked us if we would like to do a project, and we said 'okay, what project?'" Amanda Metcalf, sophomore music-instrumental major from Enid and NAS president, said. "He said he had a

pallet and wanted some sort of Northwestern design on it to display."

After gaining the necessary approval for the design, Amanda and Megan Metcalf, sophomore psychology major from Enid and NAS vice president, painted the Northwest design on the pallet.

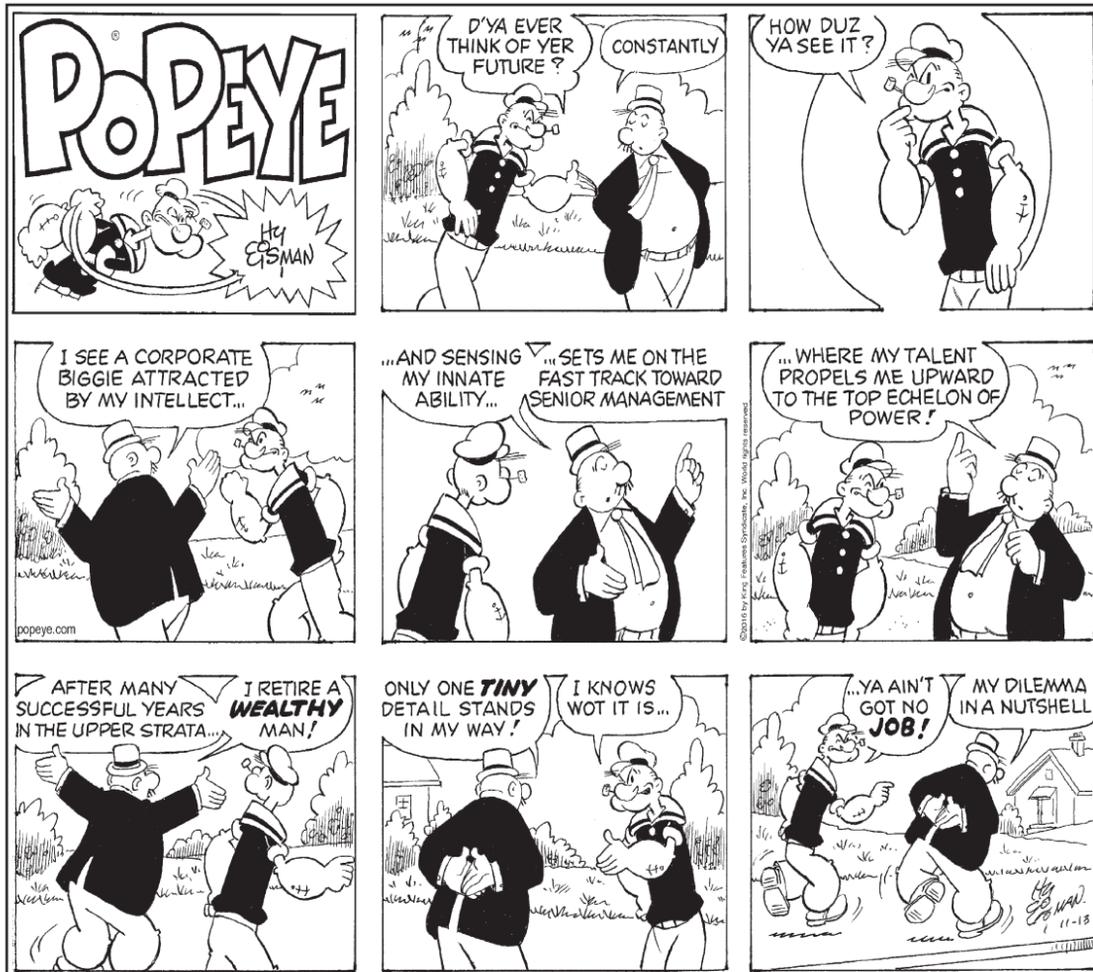
The decorated pallet now hangs in Mosburg's office. His donation and others like it help NAS fund the spring art show and future workshops. NAS members are looking to create another pallet to show during their goodie giveaways at home basketball games.

NAS is open to creating

more pieces, in exchange for a donation, if a pallet is supplied. The design will be the same on each piece produced although the color placement may vary.

Group members would be happy to take orders for these unique decorations; however, work schedules will vary while producing these pieces because of school commitments. Contact club sponsor Angelia Case with questions at arcase@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8577.

NAS meetings take place on Tuesdays at 6:23 p.m. in the Jesse Dunn Annex, room 327. For more information on club activities, contact Case.



## Cast

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The cast for the play, along with the characters portrayed, includes:

Shaden Foremen as Bit, Laverne freshman, speech/theatre.

Nicholas Cochran as Byte, Cherokee freshman, undecided.

Crosby Dunbar as the Witch, Owasso freshman, vocal performance.

Taylor Morris as the Queen, Lancaster, California, senior, mass communication.

Madison Williams as Red Riding Hood, Enid freshman, speech/theatre.

Katherine Blair as Goldilocks, Waynoka freshman, vocal music.

Cordell Hawkins as Virus, Woodward freshman, computer science.

Zach Sparks as Wolf 1, Owasso freshman, undecided.

Megan Webb as Wolf 2, Alva freshman, pre-medicine.

Laney King as Bear, Kingston freshman, undecided.

Bethany Pierce as Pig, Branson, Colorado freshman, nursing.

Earl Bell as Rabbit, Alva freshman, computer science.

Chloe Nutley as Crabby, Elk City freshman, mathematics education.

Cierra Sorrells as Smiley, Norman freshman, speech/theatre.

Amanda Metcalf as Goofy, Enid sophomore, instrumental music.

Nicholas Wygle as Jack Beanstalk, Noble sophomore, biology.

Shaq Williams as Jack Nimble, Davenport, Florida, sophomore, criminal justice.

Max Kaye as Jack Horner, Omaha, Nebraska sophomore, undecided.

Chance Mayhall as Jack Hill, Ponca City junior, music.

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# Sports

## Dawgs defeat Northwestern

By RYAN SHUMAKER  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University had a rough go against arch-rival Southwestern in Weatherford. The Bulldogs pulled away in the second half, downing the Rangers in the final game of the season by a final score of 47-16.

Senior quarterback, Reid Miller led the Rangers in passing despite leaving the contest in the third quarter due to injury. Miller finished his Ranger career going 16-28 for 191 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Runningback Jacob Peyton led the Rangers rushing attack with 17 carries for 72 yards. Wide receiver Tamarick Courtney grabbed six catches for 135 yards throughout the evening. Halfback Riley Hess also had a productive night with five receptions for 89 yards and a touchdown grab.

Freshman Maurice Wright Jr. capped off his outstanding season with 12 total tackles as well as



Jacob Peyton led the Rangers in making 17 carries for 72 yards./Photo Provided

two pass break-ups. Safety Shane Collins followed up his impressive performance against Harding with seven total tackles. Corner Aharon Barnes had five pass break ups in the Rangers secondary.

It took both teams multiple drives to finally settle in, but Southwestern struck first with an 83-yard drive to put the first points on the scoreboard. Miller and company continued to struggle and wouldn't

find the end zone until after the Bulldogs scored again, making the score 14-7 late in the second quarter.

Following the Miller to Hess touchdown connection, the Bulldogs quickly found pay dirt again and extended their lead to 20-7, which they would carry into the half.

The Rangers regrouped and marched down the field in their opening drive of the second half, setting up a 36-yard Andrew Le-

snick field goal. The ten-point cushion would only last 19 seconds however, as the Bulldogs scored on a 38-yard rush on the first play of the following drive.

The Rangers would hang tough and answer the Bulldogs quick strike with a one-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Cody Weinzheimer to slot-receiver Arte' Miura Jr. Weinzheimer checked into the game after Miller left the contest in the third quarter, which seemed to be the major difference the rest of the way in.

Southwestern kept the Rangers at a comfortable distance throughout the remainder of the third quarter and then finished off the rivalry game with three straight fourth-quarter touchdowns, extending the score to 47-16.

Northwestern will begin off-season work outs and return to the field for the annual spring game next semester. The Rangers will look to continue to improve, as they have done in both seasons under head coach Matt Walter.

### Volleyball coach resigns

Volleyball coach, Fredrick Wagner, submitted resignation on Nov. 4. The assistant coach, Lailani Maile, will lead the team through the remainder of the season. NWOSU will begin searching for a new coach immediately.

The director of athletics, Brad Franz said, "We will be looking for a coach who is committed to building a successful program on and off the court. I am proud of the effort put forth by our volleyball team members this season and believe they represented NWOSU well at all times."

### Athletic Events

#### November 18

##### Womens Volleyball

TBA Rangers vs. Great American Conference

#### November 19

##### Womens Volleyball

TBA Rangers vs. Great American Conference

##### Womens Basketball

1 p.m. Rangers at Arkansas Tech University

##### Mens Basketball

3 p.m. Rangers at Arkansas Tech University

#### November 20

##### Womens Basketball

6 p.m. Rangers at Mid-America Christian University

##### Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs. Emporia State University

#### November 28

##### Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State University

#### December 1

##### Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs. Southern Arkansas University

##### Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs. Southern Arkansas University

## Volleyball loses to arch rivals

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University volleyball team suffered a big loss against rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs for the last game of the season on Nov. 10.

The Rangers started out their final game of the season with Senior Night. It was there that five seniors were mentioned at the last game of the season. Natalie Fahey, Hayley Brattain, Noralia To'omalatai, Asia Pipkin and Vanessa Maile were the five seniors who were honored at the start of the game. The seniors were rewarded for the efforts at Northwestern with a gift and a picture.

As the game got underway, the Rangers kicked off with a strong start in the beginning of the first quarter until it came to a tie of 15-15.

The Bulldogs ended the first set of the match with a 25-20 victory over the Rangers.

When the second match began, it looked like the Rangers might not recover until senior, Hayley Brattain, was able to give the Rangers a huge comeback to make it close.

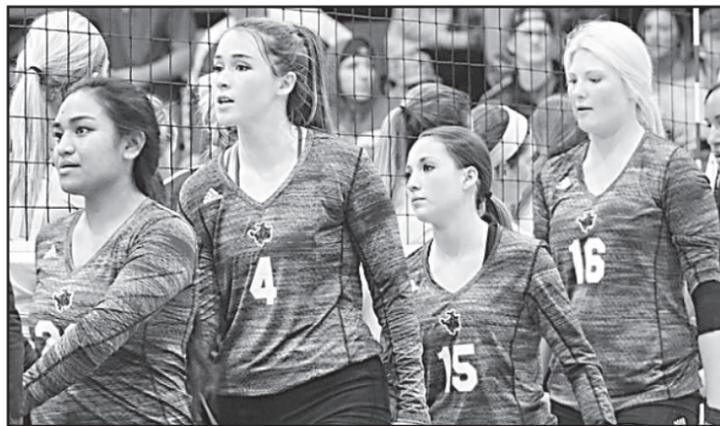
The Bulldogs ended the second set with a 25-22 lead.

When the third set began, the Rangers were able to kick it up with a 10-5 lead for the first half.

With the Bulldogs trying to catch up, the Rangers were able to keep a slight lead for a short while but came up short when the Bulldogs ended the match with 25-23, finishing the game with the match of 3-0.

This closed out the season for Rangers volleyball team.

Next for the Rangers will be going into their off-season to prepare for next season, as well as the Great American Conference



Vanessa Maile, Natalie Fahey, Lacey Garcia, and Taylor Hayden slap hands with SWOSU team after their loss./Photo Provided

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# Sports

## Mens basketball makes a comeback at Edmond

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern men's basketball team had a successful start to their season.

They fell short against the University of Central Oklahoma with a 77-68 loss. Against Northeastern the Rangers were successful with a 91-80 win.

Against UCO, senior, Adrian Motley won the opening tip-off at Hamilton Fieldhouse on Friday evening, opening the Rangers 2016-2017 regular season against UCO. As part of the MIAA/GAC Challenge, the teams squared off in the second part of a women's-men's double header.

Northwestern got off to a slow start, allowing a seven point run by the Bronchos before finding their groove and answering back with seven straight points of their own.

A strong presence on the defensive front was visible early, as transfer Trey Johnson had two huge blocks at the rim. The opening frame saw plenty of lead changes, as the Rangers and the Bronchos went back and forth before UCO rattled off 14-2 run to close the half with a 35-29 lead.

The Bronchos would extend their lead to twelve as Motley found himself in foul trouble midway through the second. Northwestern refused to lay down, fighting back to within two points with just over a minute remaining.

Following a costly turnover with less than a minute left, Northwestern was forced to foul. UCO was able to



Cody Halvorson playing against the Bronchos in close loss by the Rangers with a score of 77-68./ Photo Provided

hit their free throws when it mattered late, holding off the Rangers late push for a 77-68 final.

Sadly, the Rangers were ultimately unable to regain control of lead after the Broncho's 14-2 run late in the first half. But Rangers made a comeback in the game on Sunday against Northeastern. The Rangers got off to a slow start Sunday, trading missed opportunities with the Riverhawks early on. Northeastern eventually jumped out to a 13-8 lead at the first media timeout.

A notable milestone was reached today when with 10:03 to play in the first half, senior Adrian Motley dropped his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point on a layup. Northwestern then found a way to break open the scoring, going on an impressive 26-2 run over a span of eight minutes while only shooting 1 for 9 from three-point territory in

the half. Armed with an explosive attack, the Rangers would take a 14 point lead into halftime.

The second half was a different story for the Rangers, as they allowed the Riverhawks a chance to climb back into the ballgame. Both teams traded punches in a game that saw six lead changes in regulation. Northwestern managed an eight-point comeback in the final minute and a half, forcing a 5 minute overtime.

The Rangers managed a strong offensive showing in the extra frame, as Northwestern took control with an 83-71 lead. Cody Halvorson netted consecutive three pointers and forced a steal, while Brandon Green added five points and two steals in OT for a 91-80 final.

On Thursday Northwestern will get another chance to win against Harding University.



Jaylyn Robinson playing offense against UCO in a tough game to start out the women's basketball season./ Photo Provided

## Womens basketball faces defeat at GAC

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State Women's Basketball was defeated 101-42 by the University of Central Oklahoma in the first game of the MIAA/GAC challenge on Nov. 11.

Although the Rangers were defeated many of the girls still played a strong game. Kori Barrios had a successful debut in a Ranger uniform, providing a double-double that included 10 rebounds to go along with 15 points. Bailey Forell went 3-4 from three-point range, finishing with nine points. Coach, Tasha Diesselhorst got underway in Edmond against MIAA power Central Oklahoma. Kalea King hit the first basket of the season with 7:35 left in the first quarter, but it wouldn't take long for the Bronchos to jump out ahead of the Rangers.

The home team went on a huge 24-point run to take the lead at 28-4 early in the second quarter and never looked back.

The Rangers did show some resilience however, as three consecutive threes from the duo of Barrios and Forell threatened for a small Ranger comeback. The Bronchos quickly answered, and slowed down the outside threat from the Rangers, allowing them to take a 50-18 lead into the half.

The onslaught of offense would prove to be too much for the Rangers in the second half as Central Oklahoma finished off the contest with a 101-42 victory.

The Bronchos shot the ball from behind the arc at a ridiculous rate. Central Oklahoma made 19 threes, shooting exactly 50 percent from long range. The Rangers shot just 21 percent from the field in the contest, while the Bronchos posted a ridiculous percent number.

Sadly, Northwestern lost another game on Sunday to Northeastern State University in a 82-67 final score.

Following a tough season opener against Central Oklahoma on Friday evening, the Rangers returned to action at Hamilton Fieldhouse on the campus of UCO

to take on MIAA foe Northeastern State. Guard Jonae Isaac gave the Rangers their first lead of the season with a deep three-point shot just 12 seconds into the ball game. The Riverhawks answered with three buckets from behind the arc, going on a 15-4 run midway through the first quarter.

Coach Diesselhorst settled down the troops following a timeout and used some potent perimeter shooting of their own in the form of three point shots from freshman Taylor Cell and senior Ashley Pride. A lay-up from Isaac brought the Rangers within one with 42 seconds left in the opening quarter, but a Riverhawk lay-up brought the score to 26-23 at the end of the quarter.

After the break in action, the Rangers defense allowed a few lay-ups to the Riverhawks, but another three for the Rangers slowed the bleeding, and a lay-up from Isaac brought the Rangers within three. Both teams tightened up on the defensive side of the ball as neither team was able to put any more points on the board for nearly four minutes.

A deep three from the Riverhawks gave them a 41-34 lead going into the half. Coming out of the break the Riverhawks got a quick lay-up to extend their lead to 43-34, followed by a stretch where both teams once again went cold until Northeastern got another lay-up to fall all the way at the 6:38 mark of the quarter.

Northeastern continued their explosion of offense and extended their lead to the largest of the ball game at 58-43. The Rangers closed out the third quarter with six unanswered points to bring the score at the end of three to 58-47.

Isaac hit another crucial shot to bring the Rangers within ten points, and King's free throw added to the mix brought the Rangers back within single digits of the Riverhawks. An 8-0 run during the midway point in the half gave the Riverhawks the control they needed to finish off the Rangers 82-67.

Northwestern will be looking to take the first win of the season on Thursday against Harding.



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# Area News

## Clark

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and effort to help agricultural education and FFA, and to be selected from such a large number of supporters was truly an honor.

“I have loved agricultural education and FFA since I enrolled in my first agriculture class as an eighth grader. I spent my time in middle and high school taking advantage of the opportunities they provided and served as a state FFA officer my freshman year of college. After graduating college, I taught agricultural education in eighth-12th grades at Fairview. Then, I took advantage of the opportunity to work at Northwestern in its agricultural education program. As such, I have been involved with it in multiple facets, and this award serves as a wonderful reminder of my love for the profession and the importance of my service to it because it has truly helped shaped me into the person I am.”

The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

“I don’t teach for the awards that sometimes come as a result of teaching,” she said. “However, this award does serve as a reminder that we as faculty are impacting agricultural education on the national level, and we should always work hard to help produce the highest quality teachers we can. As a result, those teachers will impact the profession and their students.”

Members of the National FFA organization’s board of directors approved the nomination for Clark.

She received the award at the 2016 National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana.

All recipients received a medal, and their names were permanently recorded.

The National FFA organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

For more information about Northwestern’s agriculture degrees contact Dr. Dean Scarbrough, professor of agriculture and chair of the Department of Agriculture, at (580) 327-8487 or [dascarbrough@nwosu.edu](mailto:dascarbrough@nwosu.edu).



Taylor McNeel (left), National FFA president, presents the Honorary American FFA Degree to Mindi Clark (right), assistant professor of agriculture at Northwestern. Photo courtesy of University Relation




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### 2016 GAC STANDINGS

Team	GAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
(5/9) Harding	10-0	1.000	10-0	1.000	416	116	5-0	5-0	0-0	Won 10
(RV) Southern Arkansas	8-2	.800	8-2	.800	347	226	4-0	3-2	1-0	Won 3
(RV) Henderson State	8-2	.800	8-2	.800	360	208	4-1	4-0	0-1	Won 2
Ouachita	6-4	.600	6-4	.600	365	321	4-1	2-3	0-0	Won 2
Southeastern Oklahoma State	6-4	.600	6-4	.600	352	316	5-0	1-4	0-0	Won 1
Arkansas Tech	6-4	.600	6-4	.600	340	227	4-1	2-3	0-0	Won 2
Northwestern Oklahoma State	4-6	.400	4-6	.400	345	390	3-2	1-4	0-0	Lost 2
Arkansas-Monticello	4-6	.400	4-6	.400	296	376	4-1	0-5	0-0	Lost 1
Southwestern Oklahoma State	4-6	.400	4-6	.400	287	304	2-3	2-3	0-0	Lost 2
Oklahoma Baptist	2-8	.200	2-8	.200	244	422	1-4	1-4	0-0	Lost 6
East Central	1-9	.100	1-9	.100	191	370	0-5	1-4	0-0	Lost 7
Southern Nazarene	1-9	.100	1-9	.100	122	389	1-4	0-5	0-0	Lost 4

### GAC WEEK 11 SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 12**

Match Up	Venue/City	Time	Series History/Last Meeting
Ouachita Henderson State	Carpenter-Haygood Stadium (9,800) Arkadelphia, Arkansas	1:00 PM GAC	Henderson State leads 43-40-6 HSU, 21-17 (Nov. 14, 2015)
Southern Nazarene Oklahoma Baptist	Crain Family Stadium (3,500) Shawnee, Oklahoma	1:00 PM GAC	Southern Nazarene leads 1-0 SNU, 33-32 (OT) (Nov. 14, 2015)
Southeastern Oklahoma State East Central	Koi Ishto Stadium (4,500) Ada, Oklahoma	2:00 PM GAC	Southeastern leads 47-46-6 SE, 37-27 (Nov. 14, 2015)
Arkansas Tech Harding	First Security Stadium (5,000) Searcy, Arkansas	2:00 PM GAC	Arkansas Tech leads 31-22 ATU, 27-24 (Nov. 14, 2015)
Southern Arkansas Arkansas-Monticello	"Convoy" Leslie Cotton Ball Stadium (4,500) Monticello, Arkansas	3:00 PM GAC	Southern Arkansas leads 55-35-1 SAU, 49-29 (Nov. 14, 2015)
Northwestern Oklahoma State Southwestern Oklahoma State	ASAP Energy Field (6,000) Weatherford, Oklahoma	5:30 PM GAC	SWOSU leads 51-28-4 SWOSU, 31-17 (Nov. 14, 2015)

### SUPER REGION THREE

1	Northwest Mo. St.	10-0	10-0
2	Sioux Falls	10-0	10-0
3	Harding	10-0	10-0
4	Emporia St.	9-1	9-1
5	Minn. Duluth	9-1	9-1
6	Azusa Pacific	8-1	9-1
7	Central Mo.	8-2	8-2
8	Southern Ark.	8-2	8-2
9	Henderson St.	8-2	8-2
10	Augustana (SD)	7-3	7-3

### 2016 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### OFFENSE

Wk. 1:	Reid Miller	QB	NWOSU
Wk. 2:	Kaymon Farmer	WR	SE
Wk. 3:	Austin Warford	QB	OUA
Wk. 4:	Isaiah Mallory	RB	OKB
	Kris Oliver	RB	OUA
Wk. 5:	Evan Lassiter	QB	HSU
	Park Parish	QB	HU
Wk. 6:	Devlon Wortham	RB	SE
Wk. 7:	Reid Miller	QB	NWOSU
Wk. 8:	Marc Evans	QB	SWOSU
Wk. 9:	Andrew Black	QB	HSU
	Tanner Hudson	TE	SAU
Wk. 10:	Andrew Black	QB	HSU
Wk. 11:	Shun'cee Thomas	RB	OUA

#### DEFENSE

Wk. 1:	Cam Sonnier	LB	HSU
Wk. 2:	Sam Johnson	DE	HSU
	Charles Taylor III	CB	OKB
Wk. 3:	Corey Bassett	CB	HU
Wk. 4:	Stacy Lawrence	DB	SAU
Wk. 5:	Conner Bays	S	SWOSU
Wk. 6:	Scott Middleton	DB	HU
Wk. 7:	Maurice Wright, Jr.	DB	NWOSU
Wk. 8:	Deric Robertson	S	SWOSU
Wk. 9:	D'Vonta Derricott	LB	ATU
Wk. 10:	Raheem Thomas	CB	SE
Wk. 11:			

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Wk. 1:	Ke'Vontae Pope	KR/WR	OUA
Wk. 2:	Bradford Grems	K	SAU
Wk. 3:	Jarod Haynes	K/P	EDU
Wk. 4:	Tanner Hudson	P	SAU
Wk. 5:	Joel Carlos	P/K	SE
Wk. 6:	Joel Carlos	P/K	SE
Wk. 7:	Cole Antley	K	OUA
Wk. 8:	Jamal Chevis	KR	UAM
Wk. 9:	Tanner Hudson	P	SAU
Wk. 10:	Jonathan Weisheit	PR/KR	SAU
Wk. 11:			

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## Volleyball bracket finalized, Championship game set

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ark.** – With home wins on Thursday, Harding and Ouachita claimed shares of the Great American Conference’s volleyball regular-season title and thus earned the top two seeds for next week’s GAC Championships - Presented by Subway.

The GAC Championships, set for Thursday through Saturday the November 19 from the Bank of the Ozarks Arena in Hot Springs, Arkansas, opens at noon with No. 3 Southern Nazarene facing No. 6 Henderson State. The Reddies, making their first-ever appearance in the GAC Championships, defeated the Crimson Storm in four sets on October 8.

In game two, set for 2:30 p.m., No. 2 Ouachita takes on

No. 7 Arkansas-Monticello. The Tigers won both regular-season matches in four sets. The third quarterfinal features top-seeded Harding and No. 8 Southeastern Oklahoma State at 5 p.m. The Lady Bisons swept the Savage Storm on October 8.

In the nightcap, No. 4 Arkansas Tech squares off with No. 5 Southwestern Oklahoma State in a meeting of previous two GAC Tournament champions. In the lone regular-season contest, the Bulldogs beat the Golden Suns in three sets on October 15 at home.

All seven matches stream on GACSportsNetwork.com with Michael Westbrook and Joey McWilliams calling the action and Paul Smith working the sidelines.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

—Romans 14:6—



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# The Buzz



## Annual holiday gift store to return

The seventh annual Holiday Gift Store for Kids and Photos with Santa event is coming up Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Northwestern Student Center in Alva. Members of the NWOSU Art Society (NAS) sponsor this annual event.

Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said that the Holiday Store provides children an inexpensive and fun way to shop for loved ones, friends, teachers and even pets.

Prices on a variety of merchandise usually range from 50 cents to less than \$20.

"We love seeing the children come in to shop for their loved ones," Case said.

"We hope that by providing this store the children get to experience the thrill of 'secretly' buying gifts, as well learning the practical lessons of budgeting, handling money and making decisions, but most of all, the pride and joy of gift-giving.

"We welcome parents and family members to accompany their children through the store if they so choose, but if your child wants to keep your present a surprise, we'll have club members available to help them stay within their budget," Case said.

"Our club members and



**Ellie and Rowen Cook, children of Dustin and Rebecca Cook, had a visit with Santa Claus last year during the NWOSU Art Society's annual Photos with Santa event.** / Photo Courtesy of University Relations

volunteers also will help get the gift items bagged and ready for giving during the holidays."

Case said that only a few children are allowed in the store at one time to make it a positive experience for everyone.

"If you're waiting to come into the store, take advantage of a visit with Santa Claus, who will be right next door ready to visit and take photos with kids of all ages," Case said.

Several photos will be taken

during visits with Santa and then downloaded to a laptop computer for immediate viewing, Case said. Photos can be selected, and for a flat fee of \$5 for each photo, the purchaser will receive the original digital negative file(s).

"We only have one photographer, but we are planning to have more than one Santa Photo viewing station to help speed up the photo-selection process," Case said. "Since the event is a little later this year, we encourage everyone who can to bring a jump drive to the photo shoot to receive the images right away.

Those without a jump drive will have to wait for the files to be emailed to the address they provide, but we'll get them sent as soon as possible.

"In the past, we've had a handful of emails either bounce back to us with no way for us to get ahold of anyone for an alternate email address, or the messages haven't bounced back to us leading us to believe that all is well only to find out that some never received their photos," Case said. "If you haven't received your photos within a week, please let us know."

For more information about the Holiday Store, Photos with Santa, NAS in general, or if other members of clubs would like to volunteer their time to help in the store or to do activities outside the store while children are waiting, please contact Case at (580) 327-8577 or [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu).