

Evans earns esteemed endowment

A Northwestern Oklahoma State University graduating senior was one of a few students across the United States who earned the Newman Civic Fellows Award from Compact Connect.

Earning this prestigious award is Jordan Evans, a history major from Edmond who has served as the 2015-16 treasurer for Northwestern's Student Government Association (SGA) and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. He is captain of the men's cross country team and was named as Academic All-Conference for the Great American Conference. Evans served as an intern for State Senator Bryce Marlatt and was selected to Attorney General Scott Pruitt's Student Leadership Council.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Through service, research, and advocacy, Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change. These students represent the next generation of public problem-solvers and civic leaders. They serve as national examples of the role that higher education can—and does—play in building a better world.

Newman Civic Fellows are recommended by college and university presidents to



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Jordan Evans (right) received the 2016 Newman Civic Fellows Award from Compact Connect upon the recommendation of President Janet Cunningham (left).

acknowledge motivation and ability in public leadership. The awards are made in memory of Dr. Frank Newman, who dedicated his life to creating systemic change through education reform. Frank Newman's

leadership was selfless, optimistic, and determined, spanning an incredible career of more than five decades. At the core Newman's leadership was a belief in the power of individuals to make a difference

and in the power of connection with others. Newman Civic Fellows form a unique network of leaders who will inspire and keep hope alive for one another during college and afterward, as the network expands exponentially each year. Frank Newman had a tremendous impact on American education and its role in the development of citizens who want to make a difference. The Newman Civic Fellows are reflections and affirmations of his life's work.

"[Evans] ... is a very positive influence on campus," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "After he graduates, he plans to continue his education and public service work. Jordan is an individual who not only exhibits leadership, but seeks out opportunities to serve."

Evans submitted a written statement for the award: "My passion for service stems from the City of Alva and the [Northwestern] campus. The people of this community have adopted me in and have provided so much to me and my education; giving back is the best way I can repay them. I have worked to become involved in many different aspects of the university and community.

"My service as the treasurer of the Student Government Association has allowed me to assist in organizing and executing events for student body at the university. Volunteering at the local elementary schools as a tutor and mentor allows me to leave a positive impression on the

next generation of this community. Civic engagement has connected me with this small city. Seeing the impact that I make on those around me has been the greatest pleasure of my college experience. I continue to gain experience on how to better my community through the Leadership Northwestern class, taught by the university's senior administrators. I look forward to continuing my life of civic engagement into the Peace Corps and someday running for public office."

"Evans has been an integral aspect of our department for the past three years," Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology and social sciences department chair, said. "He has worked in our main office, participated in the Legislative Internship Program and currently serves as the treasurer for SGA. He is always engaged, always willing to take on extra jobs, and always gives of himself to others. I believe that the Newman Civic Fellows Award is a very fitting award for Jordan. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

The Newman Civic Fellows Awards are made possible through the generous support of the KPMG Foundation and Newman's Own Foundation.

To see Evan's online recognition visit <http://compact.org/newman-civic-fellow/jordan-evans> or for more information on the Social Sciences department at Northwestern, contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or kldecker@nwosu.edu.

Enrollment still open

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Writer

Enrollment for the Summer & Fall 2016 semesters is still open.

With this spring semester coming to an end, students who plan on returning to Northwestern for the summer and fall semesters are being urged to enroll for classes.

June 2, 2016 is the last day to add June only classes.

Enrolling for desired classes on time is a crucial part of staying on task with your academic career.

Many reoccurring students are procrastinating or simply not remembering to meet with advisors to enroll in desired and needed classes, for their degrees.

With students busy schedules it is easy to do; however, staying on task will be worth it in the end.

When waiting till the last minute to enroll, problems arise that can set the student back.

If classes fill up and a student



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cannot get into a particular class, then that messes up a planned schedule.

Some classes are only offered in spring or fall and if that is the case then students would have to cram the class they missed or possibly take additional semesters that they were not planning or budgeting for.

Caleb Mosburg, Dean of Academic Affairs, said, "Building good habits in college will come in handy when you're looking for a

job.

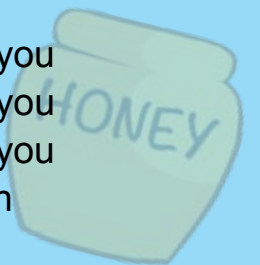
Employers like it when an employee is on the ball and able to get tasks accomplished in a timely manner."

Knowing what classes you need to take to keep on track helps reduce stress and saves time and money.

"Students should devote themselves to their education and have pride in wanting to continue your education at Northwestern," said Dean Mosburg.

Quotes of the week

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." - Winnie the Pooh



Editor's Note:

Dear readers,

Sometimes the computer wins -- that's what happened at the Northwestern News. At least that's what we think happened. The final paper prepared for printing Wednesday night -- exactly as we always do it -- wouldn't print on the press. So the paper couldn't be on the stands Thursday morning. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused you.

Thank you for your patience and as always thank you for reading the Northwestern News.

— Nick Villalobos, Editor in Chief

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Moving on Understand the stages of life

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor



Moving through the stages of life can be complicated.

I had the same best friend for all of elementary school. In what felt like a tragedy to my sixth grade self, she moved away.

Now, nearly a decade later, I find that I think of this girl maybe once every few months. I've immortalized her in my memory. Anytime I think of her, I picture the tomboy with blonde, braided pigtails and a toothless grin.

Middle school brought plenty of acne and awkward. It brought lunches eaten alone, in the corner of the cafeteria. It brought high reading scores and low social interactions. I believe there's no crueler world to a thirteen year old than that of a middle school girl's locker room.

High school came, and I became friends with an unlikely person. I was the school nerd; she was a cheerleader. And yet, we spent four years as the closest of friends. Laughing with one another, confiding in one another, surviving high school with one another.

Now, she and I speak on rare occasion. It's not that there was ever a falling out or a conflict. We

attended different universities. What had once been daily hangouts, now were daily texts, then weekly, then once a month. Before there was time to realize what happened, our friendship became cemented in the past, untouchable.

Now, weeks away from graduation, I question what people have defined my life at Northwestern. I wonder whom I might keep in contact with, and whom I'll only hear from once a year. I think about this closing chapter in my life, and I reflect on how fortunate I am for my three years at this university.

Stages of life are important. Sometimes it hurts to grow out of the past, but it's important to keep

growing.

You may be best friends with someone for six years; three years later, you only talk to them once a year. And I'm learning that's okay. It's incredibly important to treasure those moments of life, learn from them, grow from them.

But it's also important to know when it's time to move on to the next stage of life. I'll forever be grateful for those who have been a part of my life. Often, I feel guilty, like I haven't maintained connections in the way I ought to have. But I've come to realize that people come into your life, and you come into theirs at exactly the right moment.

You also leave at the right moment as well. Appreciate those people and the moments you've shared, but also appreciate the fact that you both have grown and changed, because that is what life requires.

Visiting my hometown, for me, always feels like trying on a dress too tight, a previously shed-off skin. My bones have grown. It's comfortable at first, but begins to pinch at my ribcage.

It's good to appreciate the past, but it's also good to continue to move forward, keep growing.

Freshman encourages students to have fun, but not at expense of safety

By BAILEY RANKIN
Student Reporter

Am I missing something?

I came to college with the impression that we are here to learn, not party and hook-up four years of our lives away.

Now don't get me wrong, I love the occasional party and hanging out with friends. Watching drunk people stumble around and make mistakes is so much fun! Defusing those fist fights? That is the highlight of my night.

Although I will say if you're feeling particularly spy-ish that evening you can probably gain some information from some loose lips who have had one too many.

I know this sounds like I'm the most boring person on campus but I prefer the term responsible-teenager-trying-to-adult.

Honestly I just want my friends and I to make it to graduation without a baby or some sort of legal offence. I guess the point is, how are we supposed to have the best years of our life if we blackout and can't remember them?

The health risks of living a stereotypical college lifestyle is

quite dangerous as well. Can you hear your liver screaming in pain? How about the brain cells that are slowly dying? Hey, let's hop into a car and drive around while we're at it.

The decisions you make while inebriated don't just effect you. One of these days you're going to swerve a little too suddenly and I'm not going to be able to stomp on the brakes as quick as the last time.

Not to come off too judgmental but please just grow a brain. Judgement is not what I want to pass at all.

What I want is to express my opinion on a person's decision that could hurt me or the people I care about.

I don't like to complain that often and this is probably the grouchiest I've sounded in a while, but if you just listen to the statistics it's not that hard to keep yourself, me, and my friends alive.

Surely your group of friends has a responsible one that wouldn't mind staying coherent and getting from point A to point B.

If you can't think of that person I challenge you to become them.

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Opinion

Northwestern News staff receives praise from weekly readers

Dear Editor,
I thoroughly enjoy picking up a copy and reading the newspaper each week.

Through reading the paper, I have been able to keep up to date on campus activities and news.

What I like the most about your paper is you include everything; you don't just focus on a specific campus group or activity. You make sure to give everyone on campus equal opportunity to shine.

Being new to Alva this semester, I came from Fort Hays State University.

FHSU honestly was mainly focused on their football, baseball, and men's basketball program.

If you were involved in anything else, you were never given the space or

opportunity to be known on campus. To be quite honest, I don't even think there even was a newspaper on campus for students to pick up and read.

The Hays Post was the only newspaper on campus, ran by professionals. Students weren't given the opportunity to write in the paper.

I really like how the rodeo team is featured in the newspaper.

Many had no idea we even had a rodeo team let alone club on campus at FHSU.

Here, the rodeo team is well known and supported. It means a lot. We work just as hard to keep our animals and ourselves in shape and practice for hours on end.

Thanks for providing such a great paper to read.

Dear Editor,
I thoroughly enjoyed reading this week's issue of the Northwestern News.

All of the articles were well written and I can tell ya'll as a staff put in a lot of work to construct such an insightful newspaper. I especially enjoyed the sports section this week, however I noticed that one person wrote most of the stories, Ryan Shumaker.

In order to make the sports stories more personal I feel like each sport should have someone writing

sports stories each week about the team so Shumaker isn't the only one doing all the work. Also, with the athletes writing the stories the content of the stories will be much more in depth and exciting for the reader.

All in all the Northwestern News is always enjoyable to read. Keep up the good work and don't believe that people don't read the news just because there is always hundreds of extras lined up every single day in the places to get the papers around campus.

Dear Northwestern News Editor,

My name is Selena Estrada and I am a freshman and currently a mass communication major. I write for the Northwestern News sometimes for my News Reporting class.

I wanted to write a response about the movie review section. I love how this section is always included on the paper. It certainly is one of my favorites because I love movies and seeing reviews on some I may want to see really helps me out on deciding whether or not I should spend money on it.


This week's review was over 'The Boss' and personally I was kind of disappointed on the reviews since I thought it would be

good because Melissa McCarthy would be in it. I decided to take a chance and watch it anyway, and I discovered that the reviews made by Natalie Sacket and Trenton Judd were pretty accurate.

'The Boss' was certainly not one of McCarthy's best films. I definitely enjoy reading the movie review section of Northwestern News because I believe they review it fairly and are more than often pretty accurate on the reviews they make.

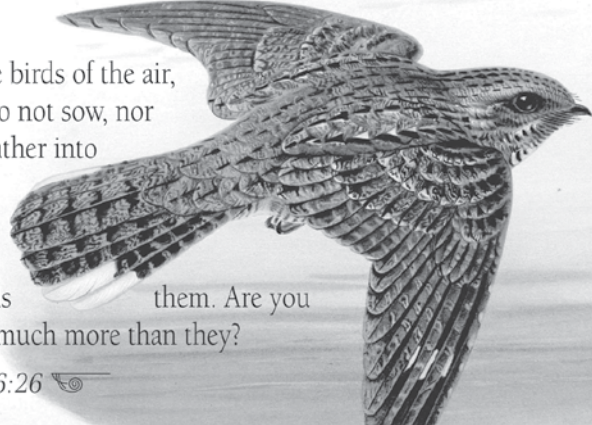
I would like to end this letter by just saying that Northwestern News does a great job on their newspaper and I enjoy reading it each week.

Yours truly,
Selena Estrada

 THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

Matthew 6:26



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BATTLE OF THE BACHELORS RESULTS

OUT OF THE TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED

NICK RECEIVED 6 VOTES	OSAMU RECEIVED 3 VOTES
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Graphic by Charles Boldes

The readers have answered, and the winner is-by a slim margin-Nick Villalobos.

We at the Northwestern News want to thank everyone of you who took the time to send in their responses to the article last week that matched our own editor-in-chief and assistant photo editor against one another in the 'Battle of the Bachelors.'

Ryan Shumaker, our sports editor, came up with the idea earlier this semester and we decided to go ahead and make that idea a reality for him last week.

Shumaker did a great job at providing the entertainment for you readers as well as for us as a staff.

We hope you all enjoyed the battle! Be looking for more of these fun interactive battles this fall!

Battle idea suggestions? Please send them to us at nwnewsroom.nwosu.edu.

Nick gets the vote!

"I think Nick wins the 'Battle of the Bachelor's' simply because of his good nature and innocence. Osamu's 'bad boy' mentality could easily get in the way of a solid relationship whereas Nick will treat a lady with the utmost respect no matter what the situation."

Osamu gets the vote!

"Osamu Sakamoto takes my vote. In his favor, are an accent, he has a motorcycle and he's a daredevil. Every girl loves a bad boy."

Nick takes the cake!

"Nick takes the cake because none of my friends watch The Walking Dead and I need someone to discuss the episodes with."

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News

Northwestern to hold blood drive

By **KATELYN BALL**
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be holding a campus wide blood drive on April 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The blood drive will be in the student center ranger room.

All students are encouraged to participate in the blood drive. It only takes about an hour to complete, and can make a difference for friends and neighbors in area hospitals.

All donors will receive a free gift.

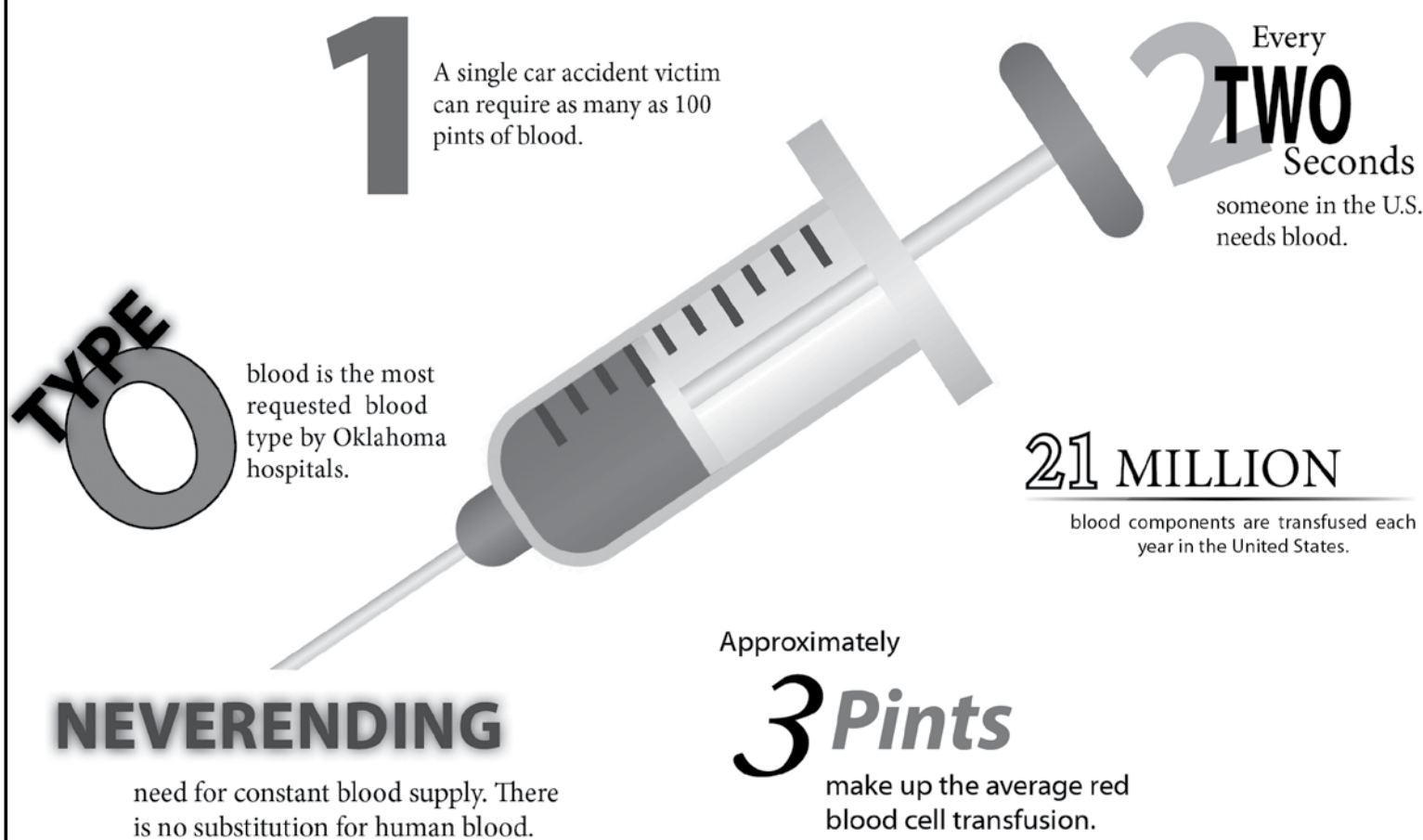
Donors can make an appointment by calling the Oklahoma Blood Institute at 877-340-8777 or visiting obi.org.

Walk-ins are welcome at the blood drive.

Donors should be prepared to donate by eating a good meal. They also need to bring a photo I.D. when they donate.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact: Rachel Stephenson-Spellman 580-327-8178 or rsstephenson-spellman@nwsu.edu.

Why does your donation matter?



Information from redcrossblood.org.

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Fine Arts Upcoming Events

Soundscapes: Choral Concert

April 23, 7:30pm
Alva Public School Bus Barn

Print Making Workshop by Gloria Shows

April 29, 10:00am-3:00pm
Graceful Arts Gallery Studios

Drew Faulkner, Senior Guitar Recital

April 29, 7:00pm
Fine Arts 200

Bryce Lewis & Kenneth McIntosh Senior Vocal Recital

April 30, 2:00pm
Fine Arts 200

Ashley Litke, Junior Vocal Recital

April 30, 4:00pm
Fine Arts 200

Cajun Folk Songs: Band Concert

May 1, 2:00pm
Herod Hall Auditorium

Student & Resident Artist Artwork Exhibition

May 6, 6:00-8:00pm
Graceful Arts Gallery Studios

Northwestern staff council to hold campus clean-up day

By **RACHEL EMERSON**
Asst. News Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Staff Council is looking for volunteers to help with its Campus Clean-Up event on April 25.

The Campus Clean-Up event is held each year in an effort to make the campus look good and is usually scheduled prior to the spring Alumni event. It is also a volunteer opportunity for any member of the Northwestern community and gives them a chance to give back to the university.

This year, the event will be held on Monday, April 25, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If the event is cancelled due to rain, it will be moved to Thursday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers can come and go as their schedule allows because all help is appreciated.

"We have a lot of people who take pride in our campus and they show up and volunteer to help us," said Judy Dollar, Payroll Accountant at Northwestern, and Staff Council chair. "Last year we had a lot of participation and it was very appreciated."

Volunteers will assist in cleaning flower beds and planting flowers, as well as repainting rails, no-parking curbs and handicap parking designation. Some additional job assignments include repairing walls that have chipped paint, raking leaves and picking up trash.

All Northwestern faculty, staff, administration, and students are encouraged to take time to get involved and take pride

in their campus.

"It just makes you feel good," Dollar said.

Student participation is particularly encouraged because without students, not everything can get done.

"Honestly without the students, we can't get it done so we really need students to help out," Dollar said. "We have a lot of student participation, but the more volunteers we have, the more we can get done."

The major areas to be worked on this year will be the mall area and student center area of campus. The "green area," located on the northwest corner of campus will be put on hold unless enough volunteers show up to help.

Volunteers will meet on the west side of the Student Center to receive their job assignments.

There will be a sign up sheet on site to log the number of hours employees and students work that can reflect in service learning reporting. Dollar said that each person will need to sign in and provide an approximate time they plan to volunteer.

The staff council would like a headcount so that they can arrange job assignments so they ask that anyone wishing to participate contact them by Friday, April 22. However, if you don't sign up ahead of time, you can still show up and volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Judy Dollar either by phone at (580) 327-8531 or by email at jcdollar@nwsu.edu.

Students to intern at state capitol

Two Northwestern Oklahoma State University students will spend their summers interning at the state capitol starting May 9.

Riley Pearce, Garber sophomore and political science major, will be interning with Sen. Bryce Marlatt at the Oklahoma Senate. Stefan Simpson, Frederick senior and political science major, will be interning with Rep. Jeff Coody in the Oklahoma House.

Opportunities such as these in-

ternships are made possible through the Northwestern Social Sciences Department Legislative Internship Program.

"The Social Sciences Department began its Legislative Internship Program several years ago, as a means of rewarding worthwhile students, and as a means of helping our younger generation understand, first-hand, how laws are made," Dr. Kay Decker, social sciences department chair and professor of sociology, said.

Students can spend anywhere from

one week to three months working in the Oklahoma State Capitol or the United States Capitol learning about legislative- and budget-setting processes.

Both Pearce and Simpson plan to attend law school after they graduate from Northwestern.

For more information about the social sciences department contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or kldecker@nwsu.edu.

News

Case family establishes scholarship

Due to James A. and Lorraine Case's long-time support of education, the Case family – along with the assistance of family and friends – has established a scholarship in honor of James and the Case family.

James and Lorraine of Waynoka, Okla. wanted their daughters, Angelia and Valarie, to earn college degrees.

Angelia became a graduate of Art at Northwestern in 1984, and Valarie graduated with a degree in mass communications in 1985.

The sisters have worked at Northwestern since 1989; Valarie is the university relations specialist and Angelia is the academics projects assistant and media specialist.

"Being a Ranger to me means bleeding red and black," Valarie said. "From the time I first became involved on campus as a student, Northwestern and its people became family. That feeling has just grown more and more through my years as an employee here."

Because of the impact Northwestern had on the Case family, they say they are excited to have the opportunity to give back to the university.

"Northwestern has meant and still means the world to my daughters," Lorraine said. "Both earned their bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern and have since become staff members. Through the

years the faculty and staff at Northwestern are not just friends, they are family."

With the passing of James in 1993, the family wanted to honor him with a contribution to education, as educational opportunities have always been important to the family. With the investment of family and friends at Northwestern who contributed to the Case Family Scholarship, it became endowed in 2014.

"My wish for the Case Family Scholarship is to help a deserving student with their education in our respective fields," Lorraine said. "Jim and I always believed every child should have a good education. I'm hoping they will enjoy Northwestern as Angelia and Valarie have."

The Case family understands the need of financial aid for students.

Today, Angelia (left), Lorraine (center) and Valarie Case (right) look forward to honoring the late James Case through the established scholarship.

"It is my hope that hard-working, involved students who may need a little extra help financially will get it through this," Angelia said. "We definitely needed a little bit of help financially in school. We want to be able to help others, to give back to the university that has given us so much."

"I attended Northwestern with Valarie and An-



Photo courtesy of University Relations

Today, Angelia (left), Lorraine (center) and Valarie Case (right) look forward to honoring the late James Case through the established scholarship.

gelia, so I know firsthand how much they love Northwestern," said Skeeter Bird, Northwestern Foundation CEO. "This scholarship is a fitting tribute to their dad, who I also know they loved very much. Considering the dedicated service these two ladies have provided to this University and the qualities portrayed by this family, we are honored to preserve the Case Family Legacy with this scholarship."

The scholarship will be awarded to a student either

in the Department of Fine Arts or the Department of Mass Communication. The selection committee will alternate between the departments each year. The recipient must be a full-time student at Northwestern, maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5, remain active in campus organizations and major or minor in Art or Mass Communications. First preference will be given to students from Waynoka, Okla. Second preference will be given to students from

Woods County, Okla. Third preference will be given to students from northwest Oklahoma.

The scholarship may be applied toward University-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, room and board.

For more information on the Case Family Scholarship or about investing in Northwestern students, call Skeeter Bird, Northwestern Foundation CEO, at 580-327-8599 or email him at aebird@nwosu.edu.



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Entertainment

'30 Reasons' provides fun

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Feature Editor

NWOSU Theatre's performance of "30 Reasons Not to be in a Play" April 15 and 16 provided many reasons you'll want to be at their next theater production.

This performance wouldn't be considered high theater compared to some of the productions



Taylor Morris, junior, delivers a monologue in '30 Reasons Not to be in a Play.'

NWOSU Theatre has undertaken; however, it was undoubtedly a fun performance to watch. The cast members looked like they were having a fun time onstage; consequently, I had a great time in the audience.

From its creative opening sequence to its intriguing use of stage space, this production can be called nothing but unique.

The cast, adamant that you were *NOT* attending a play, listed

30 reasons one shouldn't agree to be in a play. From the mundane excuses one might reasonably list, to the unfathomable excuses like igniting World War III or impacting the weather, the reasons not to be in a play get crazier and crazier. The satirical script is highly self-aware. Obviously plays are super fun; obviously the playwright wants you to audition for performances. This production mocks the crazy excuses given for not wanting to participate in theater.

The cast, as a whole, matched the high level of energy and melodrama needed for the performance. A few standouts from the large cast were Chance Mayhall, Tori Hurley, Michelle Penner, Taylor Morris, Trenton Judd, Michael Collins and Eddie Venegas.

Professor Kimberly Weast, the director of "30 Reasons Not to be in a Play," did an excellent job in casting the roles. The actors were paired perfectly with monologues



Photos by Osamu Sakamoto

Cast members depict an 'ancient legend' explaining why not to be in a play.

that suited their personalities. The actors, in turn, adapted to their characters quite well. Several of the actors were required to take on several parts, and they transitioned between them exceptionally. As a whole, the cast was cohesive, which can be quite difficult with a cast as large as this one.

The set and costuming, though simple, matched the laid-back production. Despite a lack

of props and complex staging, the actors used the stage well.

The lighting and audio suited the production well also, and there were even some (mild) simulated pyrotechnics.

Overall, the production was fun and entertaining, and the cast, under the direction of Weast, did an excellent job. Given the space, I could easily provide 30 reasons this performance was a success.

Go on a journey with 'Jungle Book'

By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Natalie: 4 out of 5



Take an exciting journey with your favorite jungle boy, Mowgli, in "The Jungle Book."

Disney can applaud itself on yet another successful live-action remake of its films. "The Jungle Book," a remake of the 1967 animated film based on Rudyard Kipling's book by the same name, is sure to awaken a sense of nostalgia in you. The film closely follows the original plot of one of your favorite childhood animated films, elevating it to a whole new level and genre.

The star-studded cast includes big names like Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, Christopher Walken and Lupita Nyong'o, though they made appearances only in voice acting. The true star of this film was the young Neel Sethi, playing the lovable Mowgli. Not only is this kid a talented actor, but he did a phenomenal job acting in what was primarily a CGI film.

Speaking of which, the animation of this film was gorgeous. I kept forgetting that these weren't real animals onscreen. I'm honestly amazed by all that can be done with a mix of cinema and technology. This film can truly be considered a masterpiece. It's depictions of the jungle will leave you breathless. You're imagination will be ignited with this phenomenal, visually dazzling adaptation.

It's an adventure film unlike



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto, Graphic by Natalie Sacket

any you've seen of late. One moment, you'll be tense with anticipation; the next, you'll be touched by a heartfelt moment. It's an emotionally-charged tale, one that will leave you with plenty of moral lessons.

Its PG rating makes this a great family friendly outing, but it's a film enticing for any age of viewer. Movie lovers young or old, this is the film for your next evening off.

Bottom Line: Pack your survival kit. It's an adventure out there with "The Jungle Book."

Trenton: 4 out of 5



It looks like Disney is looking to create a cinematic universe based on live action reboots of their old animated films. How does a live action version of "The Jungle Book" hold up with today's standards?

This version of "The Jungle Book" tells how a lost child named Mowgli, played by Neel Sethi, is left

alone in the woods until a panther named Bagheera, voiced by Ben Kingsley, takes Mowgli to a pack of wolves where he is raised by a wolf named Raksha, voiced by Lupita Nyong'o. The wolves are accepting of him, but a tiger named Shere Khan, voiced by Idris Elba, has a particular hatred toward humans and threatens to disrupt the bond of the only family Mowgli has known.

I'll start off by saying that Neel Sethi is an amazing actor due to the fact that he is the only real thing in this movie. Sethi has to act on his own against purely CGI characters, and he does this perfectly.

This leads me to say the CGI in this movie is very well done and the characters seem so human, but this is probably due to the advanced motion capture technology that is used on top of the voice talent behind many of these animals.

Each character Mowgli comes across is memorable, but there are some characters I felt should have had more screen time due to how much potential they had.

Some of the pacing in this movie is a little off, and I feel that it tries to rely too much on the old movie to be entertaining. What I mean by this is there are two songs from the original movie, and one of them works to where it feels organic in the situation, but the other song does not fit the look or the situation of the character that

is singing it. What I would have preferred is if they had switched this particular song and another character's song that played during the end credits. Even though this certain song felt off, it did not distract from the overall movie.

The writing was done well, and you can tell where the writers decided to use more of the book in this version, which does makes this different from the 1967 cartoon.

As you can tell from the trailers the tone of this movie is also very different from the cartoon because of the darker colors, and it does have some intense scenes that reflects our modern society's needs for things to be realistic, but this movie still remains kid friendly.

Bottom Line: "The Jungle Book" was a great movie that is faithful to the book and faithful to Disney's brand. I would definitely recommend watching it and I look forward to the other live action reboots that Disney has in store for us.

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Features

A decade of service President reaches anniversary

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

One decade ago, when Northwestern Oklahoma State University needed a new leader, the right man for the job was a woman.

July 1, 2016, Dr. Janet Cunningham will reach her 10 year anniversary as president of Northwestern. She is the first woman to ever be named president of the university.

Her legacy as a Ranger began long before her presidency, however, as she first attended Northwestern as a student in 1973. A business education major, Cunningham was active in Phi Beta Lambda and in the business and financial aid offices as a student worker.

For Cunningham, one should take great pride in being a Ranger.

"I go back to the pioneering spirit of how the school started," Cunningham said. "When people in this part of the state said 'we want higher education, we deserve higher education, and we're willing to go put money into it and fight for it.' To me, that's pretty amazing. I think we continue to represent that spirit."

Cunningham has served many leadership roles at Northwestern. She was a professor from 1979 to 1985, after which she taught at the University of Oklahoma while her husband, Rick Cunningham, attended law school. She returned to Northwestern in 1988. She served as the vice president for fiscal affairs for twelve years, after which she became the executive vice president in 2002. Four years later, she would become the president of



Photos provided
Dr. Janet Cunningham

Northwestern.

Many people admire Cunningham for her exceptional leadership qualities. For Cunningham, a good leader should possess three main qualities: integrity, empathy and vision. "I admire that in other leaders," Cunningham said. "I hope to see that in myself as well."

When Cunningham became president, her focus was on instilling a sense of pride in the university. "I think people know we have a great institution, but sometimes that can be taken for granted," Cunningham said. In her first six months, she aided in bolstering the campaign, "ride with pride."

In reflecting on her decade of service, Cunningham said she hopes to have achieved that goal. She said she feels confident that excellent accreditation visits, for the university as a whole as well as with specialty programs, have provided external, positive feedback. The advancements of Northwestern under Cunningham's leadership serve

Dr. C has a calm, confident way of doing things, whether it's a small task or a long-range project. She just knows how to handle things. And she has best memory! She remembers everything: dollar amounts, dates, game scores. I really love working with her. **Myra Davison**
*Administrative Assistant
President's Office*

For me, it is truly an honor to work with her. She is someone who cares greatly about this university and its employees and students. I take great pride in my job working under her leadership. **Caleb Mosburg**
*NWOSU Alumnus &
Dean of Student Affairs*

Dr. Cunningham is equipped with the skillset to accomplish the many tasks that a president faces with ease. Her vision for Northwestern, ability to inspire others and level of support for the student body is rare. She sets the example through her tremendous work ethic and dedication. Dr. Cunningham has the unique ability to make every single person on campus and in the Ranger community feel valued. **Paige Fischer**
*NWOSU Alumna &
Director of Recruitment*

as proof of her positive influence. In her time as president, the university has shifted to NCAA, developed a new doctorate of nursing practice and added new programs.

Cunningham still has several goals for Northwestern, the first of which being conquering the current budget situation facing higher education. She said this might be the biggest challenge she's faced in her service as president.

"Really, after almost forty years in higher education, this has been the most serious financial situation I've seen," Cunningham said. "I'm confident we'll make it through, but it takes an inordinate amount of time, and it takes some very serious decisions to make sure we're minimizing the impact on students while still maintaining a high quality of education."

Aside from the budget situation, Cunningham also hopes to achieve some goals regarding fundraising and capital projects, including renovations of the mall area and Herod Hall auditorium.

"I will do all that I can do, and then it will be passed on to the next to accomplish those projects if I'm not able to," she said. "I think that's what's so great about being at a university. There are always things to do."

For Cunningham, being a Ranger is a lifelong tradition, one she has exemplified.

"I have spent most of my life as a Ranger, definitely more years than not," she said. "Being from Alva, the university has literally been a part of my life since I was born."

She recognized as a student in high school that she belonged in higher education.

"I fell in love with being at a higher education institution," Cunningham said. "Education was just so important to me. That's an arena that I thought, 'this is where I want to be.'"

Many people, including past students, faculty and staff, have said they look up to "Dr. C" as a role model. When asked who she considers to be a role model for herself, Cunningham referred to the three Northwestern presidents she has served under.

"I learned a lot from each of them," Cunningham said. "Dr. Struckle was a long term president, and I learned from him that there are battles worth fighting for, but you have to choose those carefully. Dr. McDaniel was the most wonderful people person. He had a way of making you feel like the most important person in the room; some people just have that gift. Dr. Beran had the language and technology of higher education, and I learned that from him."

Her compassion and consideration of others is easily ap-



Cunningham attends a Northwestern homecoming parade in 1985 while wearing a button that says, "Can's stop Ranger spirit."

parent. When attending a Northwestern event, it is likely you will see Cunningham somewhere in the crowd. She attends a majority of Northwestern activities, whether it be an athletic event, choir or band concert, theater production or student government activity.

When asked what her favorite part of her job is, Cunningham quickly responded with one word: "students."

"People often comment that I attend a lot of student events,

often in a questioning way," Cunningham said. "To me, that is the absolute best part of my job, and I don't even look at that as part of the job. That's the fun part. That's where I can just enjoy what our students are accomplishing."

Cunningham's leadership has had an extremely positive impact on Northwestern in the past decade, but for her, the time has flown by.

"It's amazing to me to think it's been 10 years," she said.

It has been an honor for me to know Dr. Cunningham as a teacher, mentor and friend. Her leadership has had an immeasurable impact on Northwestern. With Dr. C as president, our university has made great strides in the right direction and has produced and will continue to produce alumni proud to call themselves Rangers.

Jake Streck
*Alumnus
English Education*

I am convinced Northwestern has the best president a university could ask for. I got to know Dr. Cunningham through the President's Leadership Class. I figured when the class ended, a person such as Dr. Cunningham, who meets countless people on a regular basis, would forget about a freshman like me. I'm glad to say I was proven wrong. Now as a senior, she not only knows me, but she always asks me about my job and how the road to medical school is going. I don't know of any other university where the president cares enough about the students to stay current with them!

Brady Fields
*Senior
Biology*

Features

#Hashtags take over social media, marketing

By **SAM McGUIRE**
Student Writer

It's changing the world of business, whether it's called a pound sign or a hashtag.

The term "hashtag" was first coined on August 26, 2007, by Stowe Boyd. Hashtags were originally used as twitter grouping, but now businesses use them as a prominent marketing tool.

According to Sprout Social's website, the way a hashtag works is using the pound symbol (#) paired with a word or phrase to create a link for the post that makes it easily searchable.

Kayleen Van Buren, a 28-year-old from Brainerd, Minnesota, said she is living the dream. Two years ago, Van Buren started selling ItWorks, a multi-level marketing company which sells health products, to try to make some extra money. At first, Van Buren didn't use hashtags when marketing the products, but she said she could have saved herself a lot of work if she would have used hashtags from the beginning.

Van Buren now uses hashtags regularly to market her ItWorks products.

"I am better able to target a specific group of people that I know will have interest in my products," Van Buren said. "I can narrow down that playing field drastically to the people who might be in the market."

Van Buren said she enjoys

how hashtags narrow down your audience, but the hashtags can start to seem less personal if too many are used.

Sarah Otto, a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and owner of the Coyote Cowgirl, said hashtags have more negative qualities than just over usage.

"I've never been a fan of this trend," she said, "[hashtags are] tacky to use in a professional business, in my opinion."

Christopher Sommer, social media strategist at VI Marketing and Branding in Oklahoma City, said companies using hashtags also need to be aware of some other cons before posting one on their social media pages. Some hashtags can be used for something completely different, Sommer said, and a brand using them would need to make sure the meaning doesn't conflict with their message.

DiGiorno Pizza made the mistake of not checking the hashtags other uses before using one in 2014. The hashtag was #WhyIStayed, which, according to David Griner's story in Ad Week, was being used at the time to fight the victim-blaming attitude of Janay Palmer's critics who questioned why she would marry a man who knocked her unconscious.

Besides all the negative possibilities associated with hashtags, Sommer said when used appropriately they can

significantly promote a business.

Northwestern is a campus that incorporates many hashtags into their marketing. Ali Gavitt, one of Northwestern's university relational specialists for the department of University Relations, helps with all of the university's social media channels. Northwestern has many social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and recently has created a Snapchat with hopes to use it in the future.

"We typically try to use #NWOSU in all of our social media posts to make them easier to find," Gavitt said. "We want the students to be involved. We want the students to look for the events and post them with the same hashtags. That's why we try to use them when possible."

It seems the popular vote is hashtags are here to stay.

Sommer said, "I think [hashtags] are so widely used now and so common that they are just a part of day-to-day use of social media."

Van Buren also shares these thoughts. "I think hashtags are a thing to stay," she said, "Instagram users are growing daily and that system is based solely on hashtags."

"In the world of marketing, social media is a god-send," Van Buren said. "Word of mouth is the best advertising. Social media is free and targets the most people... Let's be honest, how many times a day do you check your Facebook?"

Here's what happened to popular meme stars

By **BETHANY SYZEMORE**
Student Writer

Cultural norms in today's technological world we live in are important, the rising factor of our norms are memes, and they are everywhere.

Memes are a symbol of culture; they differ from country to country. Memes are all over the internet about all things made by almost everyone, and changed by people as they are passed around through social media sites. Memes have a theme and text on top of a picture, most of the times a picture that is used multiple times having a funny saying or slogan over laid on the photo. Many famous people, along with every day people made famous because they were a meme that went viral in the public.

Many famous memes include one of the more famous ones everyone knows is Bad Luck Brian, a blonde kid in a blue polo under a red sweater vest with braces giving a cheesy smile. He is a symbol of being bad luck, because of his geek-like appearance many people write bad luck things to go along with his appearance. One of the most famous memes, which has been created over again thousands of times. Bad Luck Brian, who is actually Kyle Craven, an internet

celebrity made over night when his friends posted his seventh grade school photo, going viral. T-shirts were made sold and marketed at many different places. Craven was not able to copyright on his fame that was made by his own face. The picture that went viral was a photo that was meant as a joke for the yearbook. Craven is now 25 years old and builds churches for a living is now trying to leave the image of Bad Luck Brain behind him.

Another very famous meme character in real life is the crazy girlfriend meme. It is a younger girl early 20s looking eagerly at the camera in a light blue t-shirt, she has a very crazy look in her eye. The actual screen shot of the video from a girl singing a Justin Bieber song that she made a parody to for a contest. The crazy girlfriend is actually Laina Walker, who is now 23 years old. She has made booksoos of fame from her YouTube channel. Walker is not a crazy attached girlfriend like everyone has made meme's with her pictures. Now Walker is very successful from being the face behind a meme.

There are many different people behind the memes that often no one thinks about the real lives behind these pictures some people see on a daily basis. Some memes mean success outcomes and some of them do not prosper from their own faces.

There's a 'dating app' for new Netflix shows

By **SELENA ESTRADA**
Student Writer

One of the hardest tasks we can face is choosing what to watch on Netflix. Whether it's on your own or with a group of friends, choosing what to watch is always a struggle.

This struggle, however, may come to an end. According to "Seventeen Magazine," there is a new app that is basically a Tinder, but for Netflix. This new app is called "Mighty TV" and may be the next big thing. The Mighty TV app offers choices not only for Netflix, but a few other streaming services.

This new app will show you a variety of shows and movies based on your likes. Just like Tinder, you have the option of swiping right if you like it, left if you dislike it and upwards if you want to skip it. If you connect with Facebook, it will allow you to see what's popular among your friends.

The Mighty TV app will also allow you to connect with friends and has a feature called "Mashup," which will combine all your friend's interests, making it easier to pick a movie when you're with friends.

Now that you know about this handy new app, choosing what to watch will be an easier task for you and your friends.

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Sports

Rodeo girls capture Hays title

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Championship-caliber teams know overcoming adversity is a big part of winning titles.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's team moved one step closer to claiming the Central Plains Region championship this past weekend by overcoming poor conditions forced through heavy rains that splattered Doug Phillips Arena at Fort Hays (Kan.) State University.

"Southwestern was really close to us for the girls team, so it was really good to pick up some points and extend the lead on them," said Tearnee Nelson, who was the guiding force behind the Rangers women's team title in Hays. "It's really nice to stay in that No. 1 spot."

What makes the Northwestern women such a standout team in a tough region?

"I'd say it's our competitiveness," said Nelson of Faith, South Dakota, "Everybody wants to win, and we have a lot of talent on the team. Stockton could put eight combinations together to make up the (four-person) team, and I think we'd all be huge contributors to it."

The water poured over the western Kansas community of 21,000 Saturday, making for a wet and muddy mess for the final



Photo by Rangers Athletic Department

The Northwestern women's rodeo team will look to finish out a spectacular season with a Central Plains region championship after another victory at the Fort Hays rodeo over the weekend.

two performances of the rodeo – including Sunday's championship go-round.

Then came the heavy stuff. By the time the final round was to begin, the arena dirt was more like a mud pit.

"I was told to go play in the mud," said Nelson, who sloshed through her goat-tying run in 12.1 seconds to finish second in the short-round and second in the two-run aggregate; she also teamed with younger brother Wylee to gather a time and secure points in both the championship round and

average in team roping.

"It was fun. I didn't want to hurt my horses in the mud, but they held up. I just went out and made my run the best I could. It was either going to be good or good watching."

While her 12.1-second run in goat-tying was slower than she would've liked, it ended up being solid. She and Wylee then posted a 23.6-second team-roping run – they were just one of three teams to score a time in the short round.

"I honestly didn't think I was going to do anything (in goat-

tying) in the short round," she said. "I was kind of upset, but I had to get on my horse for team roping."

The brother-sister team worked through the adverse conditions. They finished second in the final round and third in the aggregate.

"We maxed out in penalties – I broke the barrier, and Wylee caught a leg," she said, pointing to the 10-second barrier penalty and the 5-second penalty for not capturing two legs on the heel loop. "With the conditions, it was pretty tricky. We were pretty lucky that Wylee got a

leg at all."

Those conditions made it tough on everybody. For instance, Shayna Miller of Faith won the first round of goat-tying with a 7.5-second run.

Her 18.7-second-round run held up for sixth place in both the final round and average. Elli Price, who posted an 8.0-second run in the rain on Saturday night, earned 25 points for finishing in a tie for fourth place in the long round but was unable to handle the muck and mud Sunday afternoon.

Barrel racer Sara Bynum of Beggs, Oklahoma, was third in the long round, then was nearly 2 seconds slower in the final round to finish fifth.

Breakaway roper Katy Miller of Faith finished second in the long round but was unable to score a the short round, finishing sixth overall.

Now the goal is to finish the season strong the final weekend of April at the Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo in Guymon, Oklahoma.

The Rangers will lean on the lessons they've learned through the season from coach Stockton Graves.

"He always pushes us," Tearnee Nelson said of Graves. "He's recruited a lot of good girls, and now we've got a shot at the team title. If everybody goes out and makes their runs, it should be no problem."

Graphic by Charles Boldes

The event will take place in the Herod Hall Auditorium and is open to all of those who are invited. Multiple awards will be awarded, as well as videos and pictures of all Rangers sports teams. Awards will include male and female athlete of the year awards as well as special awards such as the Ranger award and sportmanship award.

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Sports

Softball swept by Bison in Alva

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

The Northwestern softball team was swept over the weekend by Harding University despite some strong individual performances from the Rangers.

Sophomore Madison McGraw, senior Jordan Haya, and junior Amber Mills all had strong performances at the plate throughout the weekend. However, the Rangers dropped all four games to the Bison, as none of the Black-and-Red's pitching staff could find consistency over the weekend.

In the first game of the series, the Bison opened the game up in the fourth inning and cruised to a 10-4 victory. Mills went 2-4 with two RBI's from the lead-off position in the order, while McGraw produced three hits from her clean-up role in the line up.

Sophomore Madison Garza started in the circle for the Rangers, but only lasted three innings while allowing six earned runs.

Three other Rangers would come on in relief, but none could find the formula to slow down the Bison offense. The pitching struggles for the Ranger hurlers would continue into the afternoon game.

Despite all but one Ranger



Photo by Walt Watham

Northwestern softball was swept over the weekend by Harding University at the Alva Rec. Center. The Rangers will look to close out the season on a high note in the final conference series April 22-23.

recording a hit on the afternoon, the Bison would once again defeat the Rangers in a high-scoring contest, 15-7. The major highlight for the Rangers would come in the top of the sixth inning when Mills, designated hitter Megan Sanders

and shortstop Jordan Haya would record back-to-back-to-back home runs.

The damage was already down however, as the three homers for the Rangers only narrowed the lead to 14-7. Freshman Karly

Murray got the start for the Rangers and threw three innings before being relieved by junior Erin Norrie.

The Rangers showed great plate discipline throughout the ball game, striking out only three times total as a team. That discipline

would not show up the next morning however, as the Rangers were shut out by the Bison, 7-0.

Mills, Haya, and designated hitter Alexis Hayes were the only Rangers to record a hit in the ball game. After Garza started off the contest in the circle, Junior Brittany Olender and Norrie would come on to finish out the remaining three innings without giving up a run.

The Bison kept up the impressive softball and finished off the sweep during the afternoon game of the double header, defeating the Black-and-Red, 12-2. McGraw would get back on track and provided the two RBI's for the Rangers in the form of a fourth inning homerun.

Olender, Garza, Norrie and Murray would all see time in the circle for the Rangers, but none of them could find a way to slow down the Harding offense. Olender was credited with the loss after giving up the first six earned runs.

Softball will hit the road and travel to Russellville, Arkansas where they will square off against Great American Conference foe Arkansas Tech in a four game series beginning at 3 p.m. Friday afternoon.

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Complete game saves series

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

A complete game for starting pitcher Robert Lawhon helped the Rangers avoid the sweep this weekend against Harding University.

The complete game came in the final game of the series, while the Rangers struggled mightily in the previous two games against the Bison.

Despite eight hits from the Rangers, they could only manage three runs in a 9-3 loss to open up the series.

Catcher Jacob Long had an outstanding day from the plate

for the Rangers as he went 3-4.

Junior Cooper Stanley and graduate student Thomas Bess also had solid days in the middle of the line up for the Rangers, each going 2-4 on the day.

Junior Pat Delano went six innings and gave up eight earned runs on 14 hits for the afternoon.

Berryhill, Okla. native Zach Postoak came on and shut down the Bison in the final two innings.

The Rangers once again found themselves down early in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, and couldn't put enough hits together to over-

come the deficit, losing 7-2.

The Rangers had the game as close as 4-2 in the top of the seventh, but a triple in the bottom of the eighth extended the Bison lead to a comfortable enough margin for them to finish out the game.

The Rangers only had four hits as a team, two of them coming from freshman Steven Deckard.

First baseman Tito Montano hit a home run in the seventh inning, while Long provided the other RBI for the Rangers in the same inning.

Sophomore Matt Bickford got the start for the Rangers and

gave up two runs before being relieved by right-hander Dakota Stanek, who gave up three more runs in relief duty.

Another Montano home run and a standout performance from Ranger's ace Lawhon would be needed to avoid the sweep with a 4-1 Rangers victory.

A wild pitch in the first inning would get the scoring started for Harding, but a huge fifth inning would provide Lawhon with all the runs he needed to ensure a Rangers victory.

Shortstop Xyruse Martinez got the inning started with a single to left field, and then

the Montano bomb would send him all the way home. A Long double would provide the other two runs needed for Lawhon to shut down the Bison for the rest of the game.

Lawhon's complete game performance included eight strikeouts to go along with only four Bison hits.

Bess also provided two hits to continue his stellar year at the plate.

The Rangers next series will be against Arkansas Tech University at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by a doubleheader beginning at noon on Saturday at Glass Family Field in Alva.

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Sports

Students flex their muscles



Photos by Osamu Sakamoto

Carter Spellman won the 191-220 pound weight class with a total lift of 1055 pounds in the wellness center weightlifting competition.



The winners from this past weekend pose together after winning each of their respective weight classes.



Willow Gahr took home the victory in the 121-145 lbs. girls class with a total lift of 370 lbs.



Shane Engelken focuses during his squat max which would add to his 1280 lbs. total. Engelken won the 221-245 lbs. weight class during the competition.

Softball struggles with Bison



Madison McGraw, Peyton Garrett and Caitlin Cooty watch as a pitcher warms up in the circle.

Senior pictures on back page

Madison Garza saw extensive action in the circle for the Rangers this weekend. The Black-and-Red will have one more opportunity to get some conference victories April 22-23, against Arkansas Tech.

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Softball seniors say farewell



Jordan Haya, Caitlin Coody, Taylor Watham and Staphanie Couser, Northwestern seniors, ended their college softball careers over the weekend.



Photos by Walt Watham

Coody, Skitook, Oklahoma native, finishes her three year collegiate softball career with nine runs, six hits, two homeruns and five RBI's.



Watham, Blanchard, Oklahoma native, ends her two year career with the Rangers after collecting two runs, six hits and three RBI's.



Haya, Maple Hill, Kansas native, finishes her two year career at Northwestern with 26 runs, 49 hits, 11 home runs and 30 RBI's.



Couser, Moore, Oklahoma native, ends her two year career with the Rangers after collecting 12 runs, 33 hits, two home runs and 19 RBI's.