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Smile of the Week



Crosby Dunbar, freshman speech and theater major, is smiling because she has gotten the opportunity to get involved in several campus activities.

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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!



Northwestern Oklahoma received several inches of ice over the weekend. To prepare for the storm and potential power outages that the storm imposed Northwestern Oklahoma State University officials, students and faculty took prior precautions to ensure their safety./ Photo by Ashley Strehl

Winter storm hits campus

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Reporter

With the recent ice storm that has made its way through Oklahoma, Northwestern officials met in advance to prepare plans for the campus.

The emergency planning team and the vice presidents at Northwestern were the two teams that discussed the best ways to care for the students and employees on campus.

"We've been meeting and

reviewing plans and trying to make sure that we can provide as many essential services to students as possible in case there is a wide spread power outage," said Steven Valencia, associate vice president for university relations.

The campus took steps to get prepared for the storm, including spreading salt around and through the campus grounds.

"Certainly we want to minimize the amount of traffic on campus, and we will be working on those areas around the dorms so

that students have a safe sidewalk to walk on to the cafeteria," Valencia said.

The four dormitories on campus had sign-in sheets at their front desks, and each student that stayed in the dorms over the weekend was expected to sign in. This was one way campus officials tried to get the number of students that would be on campus during the storm.

"The most important thing, first and foremost, always is student safety," Valencia said. "We wanted

to do whatever we could to maintain the wellbeing of our students."

The university also made the decision to cancel school Friday.

"We knew that there are some students who would feel more secure riding out an ice storm at home, rather than in a dormitory, so we wanted to give them sufficient time to be able to go home if they chose to do that," Valencia said.

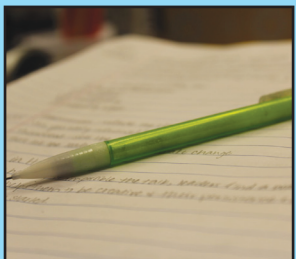
There were emergency plans that were developed to help keep

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership, critical thinking, and fiscal responsibility.

Junior nursing students gain experience with kids



A group of Northwestern junior nursing students spent time learning about pediatric nursing with a group of children on Tuesday in the Ketterman Nursing Lab in Carter Hall. Students performed assessments and interacted with the children by using developmental appropriate activities. The group of children participating included one 14 month old, two 5-year olds, two 6-year olds, one 8-year old and

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News

Homecoming date released; marshal entries deadline Feb. 1

The annual contest to select a parade marshal for the 2017 Alva/Northwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming has begun and is open to the public.

Deadline for submitting entries is 5 p.m. Feb. 1.

This year's Homecoming will be celebrated Sept. 28, through Sept. 30.

Persons nominated must have a significant connection, current or past, to Northwestern, whether as a student, faculty member, staff member, coach, administrator or friend of the university.

Nominations may be turned in to Pecha in Herod Hall, second floor, or by emailing him at dmpecha@nwsu.edu. Suggestions also may be submitted by visiting www.nwsu.edu/homecoming-parade-marshal.

For a listing of 2017 Homecoming events, visit www.nwsu.edu/homecoming. The page will be updated as details are finalized.

Storm

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the students remaining on campus safe. The emergency planning team looked at what would need to happen if there was a loss of water.

"If you lose water, we have stock piles of water that we always keep on hand," Valencia said. "We added to those stock piles this week to make sure that we were covered as well as we could. We will make arrangements to bring in portable toilets if we have to. Certainly loss of water is probably one of our more challenging scenarios that we have to deal with."

The emergency planning team also looked at ways to provide for students if there was a power outage on campus.

"Our generators will be focused on the cafeteria to be able to allow them to still work and to be able to serve students food," Valencia said. "We have two dormitories, South Hall and Coronado, that are equipped with fireplaces. If there is a long term power loss, we will be able to move students into those dormitory lobbies and have a place for them to shelter."

If there is any damage that occurs on campus from the ice storm, Northwestern will assemble a crew of people to assess the damage.

"After any type of an ice storm event, we go around and assess what damage has been done and immediately make plans to repair it," Valencia said. "Whether it be with our own people, or whether we have to bring in outside contractors to work with it. We should be able to assess any damage fairly quickly."

The emergency planning team tried to put together plans for the different scenarios that could occur with the storm, but they had one main concern when developing these plans: student safety.

"Whatever scenario and however many students were in the dorms, we were prepared to provide those service," Valencia said. "Safety of our students is always our number one concern in whatever decisions we make regarding emergency planning."

Off campus student input

How did the students and faculty that live off campus survive the impending weather?

Senior Mickey Jordan prepared for the bad weather by shopping a few days early and making sure he has enough supplies to last a few days without power. "At home, I made sure to bottle a few gallons of water, as well as dig out flashlight and candles just in



The winter storm that passed through Alva over the weekend left behind a great deal of ice build up on trees. Photo by Erin Hopkins

case," Jordan said. "Being prepared is the Eagle Scout in me!"

As for graduate student and printing services staff member Tracy Meza, she also was prepared for the ice storm. According to Meza, "We prepared by making sure the house was supplied with plenty of food and water and made sure we had plenty of batteries in case we lost power."

Meza added, "We spent the weekend inside working on homework, watching movies and playing board games. We were thankful to not lose power."

Professor of theater, Kimberly Weast, took precautions and left town to her parents in Weatherford.

"As I drove back to Alva I had a beautiful winter wonderland to view," Weast said. "I wish I could have stopped and taken pictures."

On campus student input

How did the students that live on campus fair during the inclement weather?

Tim Atakora, Sophomore biology major, Tim Atakora said, "I bought plenty of snacks and made sure to keep all my electronics charged as much as possible."

To pass the time Atakora spent his time on Netflix and doing homework.

Sophomore, math education major, Paola Ponce-Villalobos said she prepared for the storm by making sure she had plenty of food and water to last her in case she lost electricity and the cafeteria closed.

"I watched movies with my friend, did some homework, cleaned my room and colored."

Senior, biology major, Erin Norrie said to prepare for the storm

she didn't do much as far as food prep goes.

"I already had bread and water, so I just had to get some peanut butter," Norrie said. "I did make sure I had a puzzle to put together, and movies to watch as well."

To pass the time during the storm, Norrie said she watched tons of movies with friends and put a puzzle together.

"I definitely did not study! I also made many trips to Walmart just to get out of the dorms."

Junior biology major and housing office secretary, Macie Malone said, "I had to do a lot of preparation for the housing office," Malone added, "We had to be ready for the possible outages and having several hundred students living in our residence halls could have spelled trouble. Me personally though, I didn't do much to prepare. I made sure my backup chargers were charged if I needed them but that's about it."

During the duration of the storm, Malone said, "I spent a lot of my time sleeping, regretfully! But I also did some deep cleaning of my dorm and my bathroom. I played a bunch of board games and also fell into a Netflix trap when I began binge watching This Is Us."

Junior, computer science major, Dep Bajracharya said he didn't prepare for the storm that much.

"In the place where I from [Nepal], the weather does not get very severe, so I really did not know what to expect," Bajracharya said. "I was really surprised to see people preparing like some kind apocalypse was going to take place. But there was always this question in my head all the time 'how bad can it be?'"

Taylor Morris and Nick Villalobos contributed to this story.

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Campus Confessions

Preparing for new semester

By ERIN HOPKINS
Staff Reporter



Megan Metcalf
Psychology major

“Be more organized with homework and class attendance.”

“Staying positive and being more organized.”



Ashley Litke
Vocal Performance major



Eddie Venegas
Music Education major

“Getting a healthier lifestyle by drinking more water and getting more rest.”

Kimberly Weast
Chair of Fine Arts, Prof of Theatre



“Trying to look at what I am accomplishing and not what is YET to be accomplished.”

Karsten Longhurst
Director of Choral Music



“Follow my vision to finish my dissertation. Also try to hit the gym a few times a week and make sure to have fun in my classes.”

Katelyn Cutsinger
Vocal Music Education major



“Keeping planners in my room, work and with me at all times to make sure I'm aware of what I have going on. Put a fridge in my office to eat healthier, and trying to save money by putting change into my vacation jar.”

“Going to try to provide a more positive environment in the classroom.”



Bailey Trammell
Director of Student Success and Counseling

“Read my inspirational ‘Don't Quit’ poem every day to help me get through being a full time grad student and project advisor with student support services.”



RaLyssa Taylor
Project Advisor with Student Support Services

“Stay involved and prioritizing things. Definitely getting more organized.”



Ian Licea
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~ Luke 6:19 ~

Feature

Alumni program improved

By **SAVANNAH TILLMAN**
Feature Editor

The Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association changed up two areas within its program, effecting membership and fees.

The re-structuring of the alumni program now corresponds with the needs of Northwestern.

All students, attending Northwestern, are now part of the alumni association and the lifetime membership fees are now considered donations.

Director of Alumni Relations, John Allen, believes this initiative will support the goals of graduates to stay connected to Northwestern. "Lifetime memberships are being considered donations, and are providing many of the alumni association benefits to our students while they are at Northwestern," Allen said. "We know how important it is for our office to connect with the students while they are here on campuses, and we want to

keep that connection through their academic journey and beyond commencement."

The membership fees are being donated to RISE (Rangers Investing in Students and Education) scholarship endowment or they will be donated to an organization of members the choice. The membership cost for a single lifetime membership is \$300 and a family lifetime membership cost is \$400.

Also, the Northwestern Alumni Association provides a free monthly e-newsletter, Annual Report, roundUp and Northwestern's annual alumni magazine to alumni, to help them stay connected and know what is going on, at Northwestern. "Alumni are often champions for higher education and they are valuable recruiters for our school," Allen said. "When there's an opportunity to help with student's education, the alumni step forward and give."

By changing the lifetime membership fees to donations and



Being apart of the alumni association allows for graduates to continue to be a part of Northwestern. Proud Ranger alum, Natalie and Jordan Evans, attended the 50th Anniversary Theater Reunion, / Photo courtesy of Nick Villalobos

scholarships, the association is furthering to reinforce the goal to increase the number of student support recipients from five out of nine, to seven out of 10. "This is

a new chapter in the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association, one that we see better serving our alumni and our students," Allen said.

For more information about

becoming a member of the Northwestern Alumni Association, visit my.nwfoundation.com/membership or call John Allen at (580) 327-8594.

Penny for your thoughts

Blue, silver tear drops fall after loss on Sunday

By **Alex Reyes**
Student Reporter

The Dallas Cowboys lost simply and factually. The game had a few calls that should have swung in their favor here and there but overall it felt like they beat themselves.

The Cowboys are called "America's Team" from their 1978 highlight tape where the narrator of the film coined the term. The name stuck and from that moment on Dallas fans truly believed it.

For the first time in a long time the Cowboys had a legit chance to win a Super Bowl. On the backs of two rookies who turned into their two of their best players no less.

Hopes and spirits were high as the Cowboys fought and ended the regular season with a 13-3 record. They were rolling teams left and right, and their losses either came early or close.

On January 15, the Cowboys met the end of their season in the divisional round of the playoffs against another pedigree team, the Green Bay Packers.

The Cowboys loss hit fans hard, with reaction videos showing fans destroying televisions, screaming, breaking other items around their homes, and crying a large amount of crying.

It showed a passion, or obsession, throughout the fan base that only a few people from other fan bases have. It was experienced in Coronado Hall as the final field goal from the Packers sealed the deal.

Fighting back tears, punching at the air, yelling to vent frustration, the Cowboys first shot to win a Super Bowl arguably since their dynasty in the 1990's had been lost.

The Cowboys represented family to them, something they grew up with and loved that brought people together. Something they saw and thought "that's something I'm proud to be a part of."

Freshman Kolton Fishback said. "The Cowboys mean everything to me I've watched them since I was born I've always loved seeing that star on the team I love. I'm a Cowboy for life I bleed blue and silver."

Those that were in Coronado Hall when they lost were either too young to remember all the details of the game they saw, or not even born yet for the Cowboys last Super Bowl. Seeing that championship happen for a team they have been following their whole lives is everything.

Of course not everyone on campus is a Cowboys fan, but everyone that is a sports fan can relate to the feeling. There is always next year to grab more talent and for the young players to improve.

Next year may very well be the Cowboys year to win the Super Bowl. If you don't believe it is ask any Cowboys fan they'll tell you so.

Students interact with kids during nursing lab Tuesday



Sung Jin Cho, Northwestern junior nursing student, practiced pediatric nursing skills while interacting with 5-year-old Grady on Tuesday in the Ketterman Nursing Lab in Carter Hall./photo by Alex Reyes

THE CASHIER

BY RICARDO GALVÃO



Entertainment

Calendar of Events

January 21

Theatre Production Rehearsal
8 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Harod Hall Auditorium

High school Speech
7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

High school Speech
8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Jesse Dunn, Carter Hall,
Vinson Hall, Fine Arts

January 22

Teach Like a Pirate Book Study
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Education Center 103

January 25

FCA Meeting
8:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
Coronado Hall

January 28

Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Art Society Goodie Giveaway
12:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
Percefull Fieldhouse

February 1

FCA Meeting
8:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
Coronado Hall

February 2

Red Tie Jazz
6 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Woodward Conference Center



The university band, shown above, preforms at the Holiday Gala. The band is led by Dr. Marc Decker. He is the director of instrumental music and music education at NWOSU. /Courtesy of University Relations

Expressing artistic talents through use of melody

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Assistant Editor

The music department at Northwestern Oklahoma State University offers many different classes revolving around music, and opportunities for students to join choir and band.

Karsten Longhurst is the choir director for NWOSU. He also teaches a series of classes in the music department. He teaches musicianship and conducting. Longhurst conducts three different choirs in the music department. The concert choir is open to anyone, including members from the community of Alva.

The concert choir gives a concert every fall. Chorale is an elite group that students must audition for. Longhurst said Chorale performs many different styles of music, ranging from classical to contemporary. Chorale gives a fall and spring concert every year, and they sometimes perform at various events around Alva.

The Singers is the most advanced choral group at NWOSU. The Singers also sing a wide variety of music styles. They give a fall and spring concert, but also perform at large events outside of Alva.

Longhurst said the Singers and Chorale will perform at the Enid Symphony Collaboration this year. The Singers and members

from Chorale are also touring and performing in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic in July. Longhurst said his favorite part about teaching and conducting is the interaction he has with students and music. He invites people to join choir no matter what.

"I believe singing is something that can enrich your life," Longhurst said.

Dr. Marc Decker is the director of instrumental music and music education at NWOSU. He teaches the classes Instruction in Percussion Instruments, Introduction to Music Education, and Instrumental Materials for the Secondary Schools, which are targeted for music education majors. He also directs all the bands.

The Ranger Marching Band performs and entertains at the football and basketball games. The Northwestern Jazz Ensemble is a smaller group that travels and performs at various community events. Decker said the Jazz Ensemble is performing at the Alva Citizens Choice Awards this semester.

The Symphony Band is a larger ensemble that performs concert works of the highest artistic value. Decker said the Symphony Band will perform twice in Herod Hall this semester. The Community Band is a new ensemble that will begin rehearsal in March and will perform in concert in April. Decker

said the best part of being a band director is watching the students and entire ensemble, grow and learn.

Lawana Newell is an instructor of music at NWOSU. She teaches all voice students. She teaches her voice students good vocal technique as well as good tone quality and breathing. She also teaches Vocal Literature, Language Diction and Vocal, Music and Life and a musical theater class.

Newell said her favorite part about teaching at NWOSU is imparting her passion for music to her students. She said the music department aims to expand students' horizons and instill a good structure of music.

"We have very fine students at NWOSU who work hard," Newell said.

Madison Hofen is a sophomore music major at NWOSU. She participates in all three choirs, the Ranger Marching Band and the concert band. Hofen said she has a lot of fun singing in all the choirs. Her favorite genre of music to sing in choir is gospel and spiritual.

Hofen plays the trumpet in concert band, and she is the Drum Major for the Ranger Marching Band. She was recently selected to the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Honor Band. Hofen said she loves being part of the music department.

"I like any opportunity to make music with my friends," Hofen said.

Students give tips to break winter blues

By **SABREENA BURKS**
Student Reporter

As we deal with the storm this winter, there are some that love the season and there are some that get what is known as the winter blues. Here are some tips that help break the winter blues and on what to do this season.

10) "Use Vicks Vapor Rub on your chest and under your nose so that you wouldn't get sick."-Demetri T. Wilson, Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Major

9) "I drink lots of coffee"-Nick Wygle, Biology Major

8) "I normally make hot chocolate and watch movies."-Allie Smith, Nursing Major

7) "Warm blankets, hot chocolate, movies and great friends."-Katherine Blair, Music Education Major

6) "Tea, great friends, movie and lots of reading."-Baleigh Roberts, English Major

5) "Binge watch Netflix and snuggle up with your favorite blanket." -Kelsey Schumpert, Health and Sport Science Major

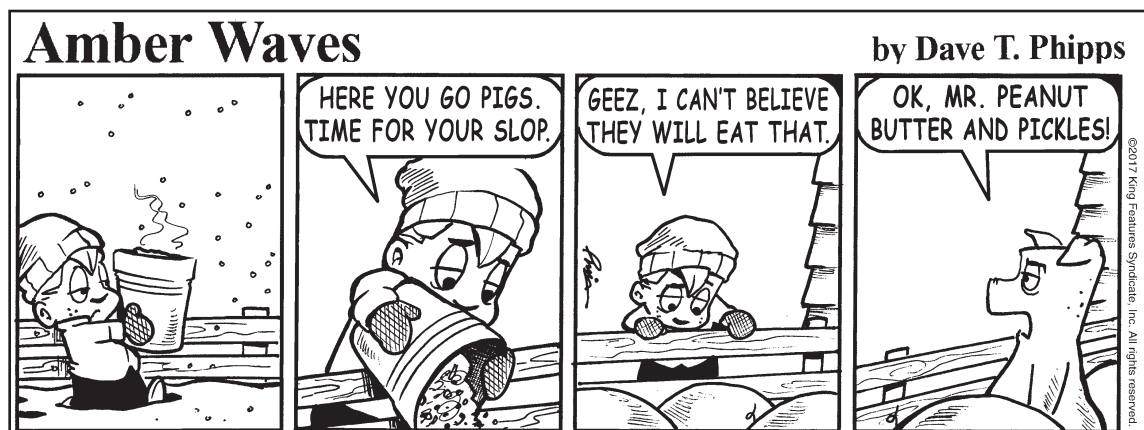
4) "Listen to music with friends."-Brittany Westervelt, History Major

3) "Keep in mind that you can always call your family."-Alexis Stuart, Elementary Education Major

2) "Get to know your suitemates by watching movies or talking."-Katelind Wright, Pre-Medical Major

1) "Hang out with friends so that you don't go nuts being bored."-Shaina Ford, Undecided Major

Many students have their own way of dealing with the winter blues, whatever it might be it just goes to show on how even when it's freezing outside it doesn't stop the students from having fun inside.



Entertainment

Movie Review

Wahlberg's "Patriots Day"

By Caitlin Coody
Staff Writer

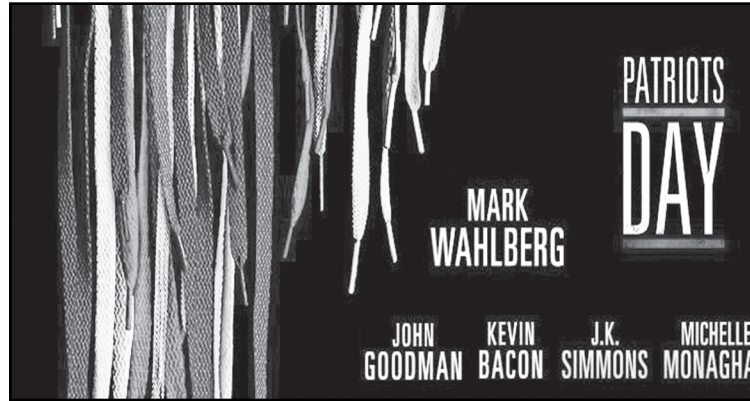
April 15, 2013 was supposed to be another beautiful day for the Boston Marathon.

Unfortunately, beautiful had a different definition for the Tsarnaev brothers, the bombers of the Boston Marathon bombing.

The directors, Peter Berg and the actor Mark Wahlberg, have collaborated once again to create the docudrama of the season. "Patriots Day" takes the audience back to the morning of the bombing and into some of the lives affected on April 15.

The movie starts off with viewpoints of different families getting ready on the morning of the explosions. Although, Wahlberg's character, a police detective who's working off a suspension by doing uniformed duty at the marathon, is a fictionalized composite, almost all of the other characters — from Gov. Deval Patrick of Massachusetts to the newlyweds played by Rachel Brosnahan and Christopher O'Shea — are based on real people.

Berg and Wahlberg even give an insight to the Tsarnaev family having a dispute over milk for Tamerlan and Kathrine Russell's (Melissa Benoist) toddler daughter, Zahira. This is about as



humanizing as the depiction of the terrorists gets.

The Boston police get slightly irritated when the F.B.I. team led by Richard DesLauriers (Kevin Bacon) shows up. The film does a good job at showing how easy ideas can fall through the cracks as well as what can be accomplished when multiple agencies try to collaborate. Instead of focusing on Tamerlan's ideology behind the attack, the movie concentrates on the community that the bombings intended to tear apart, and how Boston and its surrounding towns came together, imperfectly but with a determination, to apprehend the culprits.

All the actors here are terrific, but those in the law enforcement roles — Mr. Wahlberg, Mr. Bacon, John Goodman, J. K. Simmons and Jake Picking among them — are particularly

convincing. The movie also provides a simultaneously shocking and disheartening account of how much havoc a pair of, determined, heavily armed vile beings can wreak, especially in a shoot-out scene between the brothers and the police.

At the end of the movie, there is a segment featuring interviews with the real figures fictionalized in the movie, which moved the crowd into tears, if they weren't already.

In the words of Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic, Roger Ebert, movies allow us to enter other minds, not simply in the sense of identifying with the characters, although that is an important part of it, but by seeing the world as another person sees it. "Patriots Day" was well directed overall and the order Berg and Wahlberg chose was beyond admirable.

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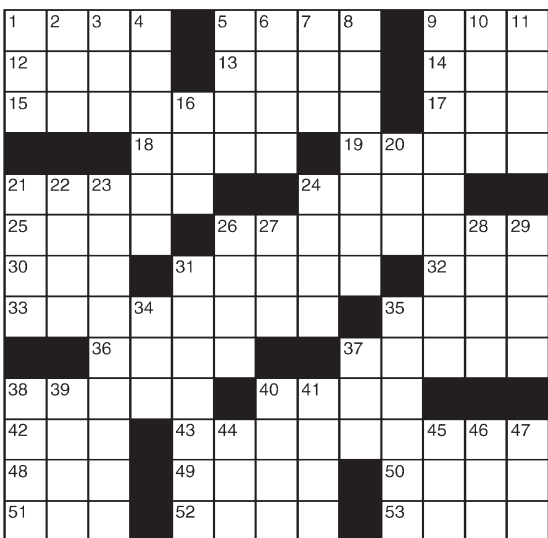
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- 5 K Magic
Bruno Mars
- 6 Side To Side
Ariana Grande Featuring Nicki Minaj
- 7 Don't Wanna Know
Maroon 5 Featuring Kendrick Lamar
- 8 Let Me Love You
DJ Snake Featuring Justin Bieber
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Drake
- 10 Bad Things
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Sports



Coach Franz encourages Ranger women's basketball team as they win over arch-rival SWOSU. Photo Provided

Rangers overcome Dawgs

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern's women's basketball team held on in the crucial minutes of the game to take down arch-rival Southwestern Oklahoma State by a final score of 87-80.

In an electric atmosphere inside Percefull Fieldhouse, the Rangers pounced on the Bulldogs early and used some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch to give head coach Tasha Diesselhorst her first win over rival Southwestern.

Junior Kori Barrios had a banner

day with 29 points, eight rebounds, and two assists. Barrios was 8 for her first 11 shots, scoring 22 points in the first half alone. Deja Beechum continued her emergence as a vital part of the Ranger offensive attack with 20 points of her own along with six rebounds and two assists.

Kalea King also provided some quality points for the Rangers, totaling 18 on the night and continued to garner the attention of the Southwestern defense while her counterparts attacked.

The Rangers shot 41 percent on the evening, as well as hitting 17-27

free throw attempts. The Northwestern defense finally showed what coach Diesselhorst was looking for on the defensive side of the ball and held one of the GAC's top-scoring offenses to just 35.8 percent shooting from the field.

It was evident from the early stages of the game that the crowd had a profound effect on the Rangers, as even the Bulldogs looked a bit surprised by the intensity and the emotion across the board for Northwestern. Barrios proved to be the driving force of that energy, which seemed to travel throughout her teammates. The

Rangers opened up a 49-31 lead in the first half, thanks in a large part to the 15 forced turnovers that resulted in 16 points for the home team.

The Bulldogs came out in the second half and gave the Rangers all they could handle. Northwestern started the final quarter leading 67-48, but a 19-7 run by Southwestern over a four minute span narrowed the Ranger lead to just 74-67 with 3:59 left to play. Four straight free throw makes from Barrios stalled any hope of a Bulldog comeback for the time being, but a lay-up on the fast break with just 34 seconds remaining

brought the Bulldogs back to within two points. The Bulldogs fouled and sent King to the line, where she hit both free throw attempts. Northwestern's pressure defense stepped up again and forced a Bulldog turnover underneath the basket, forcing a foul that allowed senior Ashley Pride to essentially seal the ball game with 16 seconds left.

The Rangers will enjoy this big-time win for just a few days before they return to the court against Oklahoma Baptist on today at Percefull Fieldhouse. That game is set for a 5:30 p.m. tip-off.

Basketball victory over break

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During Christmas Break, the Rangers won against Randall University 82-72. They had two tough losses against Ouachita Baptist 70-74 and Henderson State 77-80.

Throughout those three games, junior guard, Cody Halvorson, was shooting 50 percent in 3-point percentage. Senior forward, Adrian Motley was averaging about 18 rebounds per game and led the Rangers in

shooting against Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State.

Head coach Shane Dirden said "[Motley] is finding that balance we need to put up more wins." The team has been working on playing together and trusting one another.

For some of these players, this is their third coach in the past three years. Even though the defensive style is similar to what the Rangers have been playing, the offensive style is slightly different to what they are used to.

Motley has said "[Coach

Dirden] knows everything about the game and is teaching us everything about it and he'll lead us in the right direction."

Some players that have stepped up this season are Hunter Frisby, Alonzo Williams, Jared Jenkins, Adrian Motley, and Cody Halvorson. Redshirt freshman forward, Hunter Frisby, has been fairly consistent even with the lack of minutes he's played. Frisby hit a big three to tie the game against Henderson State.

Freshman guard, Alonzo Williams, has been playing well

even though he is a freshman and hasn't found his consistency yet. Also freshman guard, Jared Jenkins, has put in good work for the team but is trying to get his footing.

The biggest challenge that the Rangers have to work on for the second half of the season is trusting each other and making plays they know they can make.

The Rangers trusted each other versus Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State and played some really good basketball. With trusting their teammates, the Rangers

will be able to make plays no matter who is on the court.

For the rest of the season, the three teams to beat are Arkansas Monticello, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and East Central University. Earlier in the season, Arkansas Monticello only beat the Rangers by six points which proves that we can play with some of the best teams in the Great American Conference.

The Rangers next game will be at 7:30 p.m. against Oklahoma Baptist University in Percefull Field House.

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Ice storm causes havoc



Ice formations on the Ranger statue/Photo by Erin Hopkins



Tree damage in front of Jesse Dunn after ice storm/Photo by Erin Hopkins



Icicles lining a bench facing Ranger statue/Photo By Erin Hopkins



(LEFT) Thick layer of ice clinging to fence post after ice storm/Photo by Caitlyn Coody