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Smile of the Week



LesLee Bradt, Custodian, said he smiles because the friendly faculty and staff that he gets to work with everyday.

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!

Photo contest

Dear readers,

In next week's issue of the Northwestern News, we will be having a "Can you guess where this is on campus" photo contest.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card.

Those interested in playing along, will need to find and identify all 10 places and drop off their answers in the Northwestern News newsroom, in Jesse Dunn Annex, Rm. 232.

The winner will be selected via drawing from the entries that will be turned in, and will have their photo ran in the following week's issue.

~Northwestern News

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Spring enrollment seen slight increase from 1,940 a year ago to 1,945 students this year./Courtesy of University Relations

Spring enrollment report shows slight increase

Headcount enrollment for the 2017 spring semester at Northwestern Oklahoma State University rose by five students when compared with 2016 numbers.

Northwestern enrolled 1,945 students for spring classes compared with 1,940 students a year ago.

At the main campus in Alva, 1,207 students are enrolled, compared with 1,241 a year ago.

Enrollment at Northwestern's other locations increased. Northwestern-Enid reported a six percent jump with 273 students, and Northwestern-Woodward saw a nine percent increase to 258 students.

Northwestern's outreach sites, including the University Center of Ponca City, have 157 students enrolled for spring classes. Online course offerings continue to grow in popularity with enrollment growing there by more than 20 percent.

A total of 120 high school students are enrolled in concurrent courses, up 36 from a year ago.

Comedy, drama One-acts on tap at NWOSU

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University speech/theatre majors will present two, one-act plays Feb. 16-17 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium. Doors open 30 minutes before each showing, and admission costs are \$2 with a student ID, \$4 for faculty and staff, and \$5 general admission.

Mickey Jordan, Iowa Park, Texas, senior, and Tori Hurley, Sheffield, Iowa, junior, will be directing the productions on the same stage.

Jordan's play, "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again" by Cleve Haubold, is a short comedy set in 1967. A young happy couple in a small apartment in San Francisco experience comical mishaps with their scatter-brained roommate.

Hurley's play, "Goodbye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy, is a short play about a 9-year-old girl who has trouble distinguishing between imagination and reality. She blames her behavior on a "clown" and imaginary playmate.

The pair are getting this opportunity to direct their own shows a little earlier than their peers who came before them in the program,



Mickey Jordan is working on the coordinating set for both "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again" and "Goodbye to the Clown."/Courtesy of University Relations

all because of suggestions made by those graduating the program during exit interviews.

During the interviews, Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts, and Tamara Brown, assistant professor of speech and interim chair of the communication department, took the suggestions and found the additional shows could provide valuable experiences to the students prior to them producing their senior capstone shows.

Weast believes giving the

students more opportunities to direct and design will build on the students' confidence and skills as they go through the production process. She also believes students learning to lead their peers now will benefit them in the future.

Jordan said this is an excellent opportunity for him to direct and get hands-on experience for what it is going to be like later in his career.

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Adele claims top honors at Grammys Sunday night

By CAITLIN COODY
Staff Writer

On Sunday, February 12, several artists were named winners at the 2017 Grammy awards.

There were over 80 categories, each with "the best" in music/music video. With so many categories to choose from, we've decided to list just a few that we thought would interest the majority.

From country to rap, we've named all the winners for this new year. The categories we've listed include:

- > Record of the Year
- > Album of the Year
- > Song of the Year
- > Best New Artist
- > Best Pop Solo Performance
- > Best Pop Duo/Group Performance
- > Best Pop Vocal Album
- > Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album

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News Flash

SGA Event

The Student Government Association is hosting the Faculty vs Student Basketball game and Pep Rally at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Percefull Fieldhouse.

Any Ranger interested in playing in the game must be signed up prior to the event.

Those not signed up on the list prior to that night's festivities starting will not be allowed to play.

The SGA officers and its advisor, Kaylyn Hansen is also asking those who will be playing Tuesday to wear a white shirt.

For those interested in signing up to participate in the Faculty vs. Students Basketball game, email Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu.

Prior to the game starting, there will also be performances from the Ranger band and cheerleaders.

Coaches and players from the spring sports will be speaking as well.

Scholarship opportunity

Applications for the Randy Murrow Memorial Scholarship are now available.

Students interested in applying can print the form out or come by Student Services in the Fine Arts building and pick up a copy.

They are also available on the bulletin board of Student Government office in the Student Center.

The selected scholarship recipient must be an undergraduate actively involved in campus activities at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

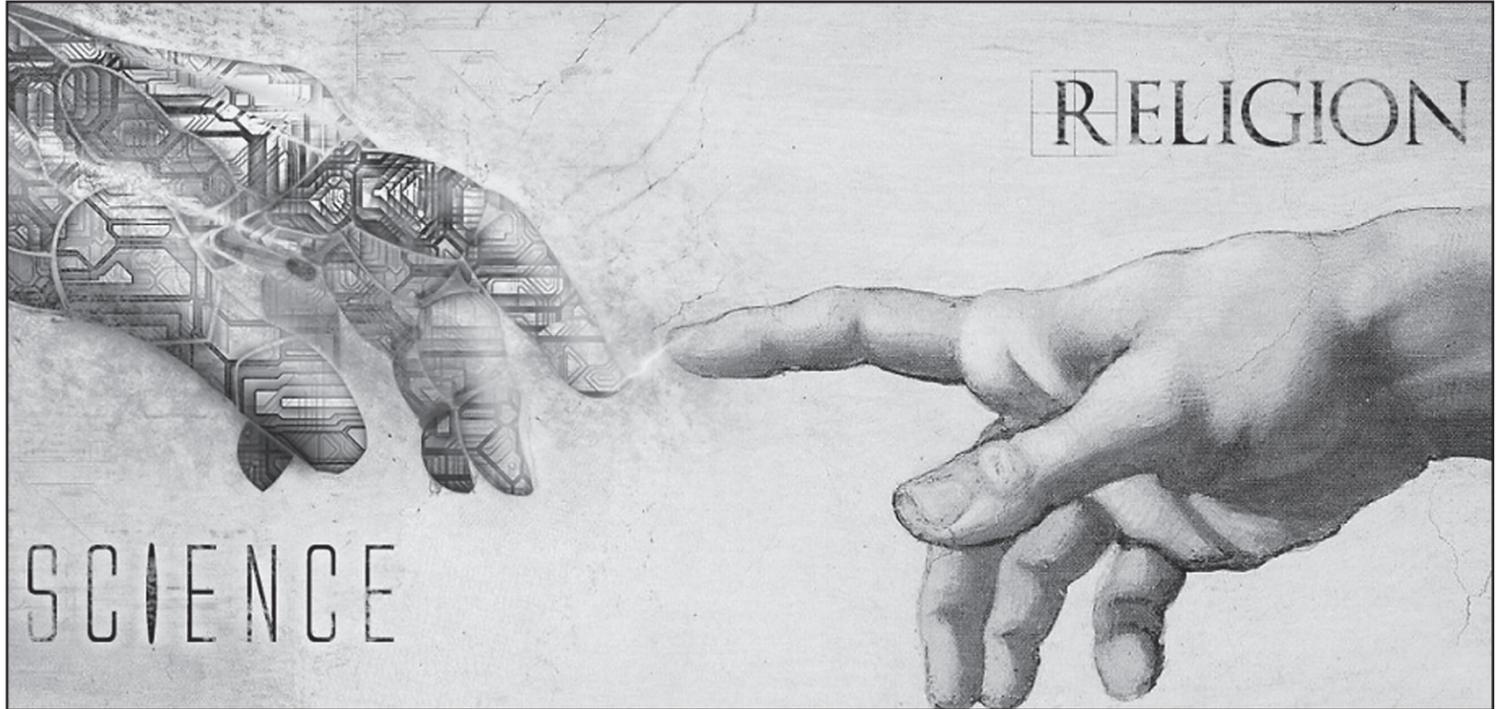
The scholarship recipient will receive the award during the 2017-2018 academic year.

The scholarship may be given to more than one recipient if the scholarship committee deems it necessary.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 10.

To turn in the applications students can do that at the Students Services Office, Fine Arts 126, located on the Alva Campus.

Please contact Student Services at 327-8415 or the Student Government Association if you have any questions.



Northwestern's science department held a discussion Sunday in which relationship's between science and religion was examined. / Courtesy of sansmemetics.com

Workshop meets expectations

By TAYLOR MORRIS
Student Reporter

In honor of Charles Darwin's birthday and evolution weekend a science and religion workshop was held Sunday in the Science Amphitheatre on campus.

Northwestern's science department is involved in the Clergy Letter Project, which according to their website is an endeavor designed to demonstrate that religion and science can be compatible and their goal is to elevate the quality of the debate on the issue.

Professor of Biology, Dr. Aaron Place, Assistant Professor of Physics, Dr. Jennifer Sattler, and ordained pas-

tor of the United Church, J.F. Wickey all spoke at the workshop on Sunday. Place focused on the coexistence of science and religion.

According to Place, there has been a long history of conflict between science and religion and from the 16th century to the present the conflict has unnecessarily progressed.

Additionally, he discussed the possible relationships between the two. Both science and religion stand alone but have the ability to be reconcilable, Place said.

Place also touched on the fact that there are benefits to starting a dialogue about science and religion. For example, studying and learning

about creation brings people closer to God.

"My hope is that people see that you actually can accept science and understand science and still be a religious person," Place said. Sattler spoke about the big bang theory. "Scientist did not want the big bang theory to be true," Sattler said.

However, there is scientific evidence that it actually did happen. Sattler says, that residual heat left over from the big bang is what cemented the theory for scientists.

According to Sattler, we won't always know why particular things happen or why things are the way they are. "If research and science was easy

we would have all the answers 4,000 years ago," Sattler said.

Wickey discussed religion and evolution. "Scientists help me understand God's world better," Wickey said. He discussed the possibility that maybe God created the world differently then people think and the fact that people who choose to reject reality are in fact psychotic.

"I take the Bible very seriously, but I do not take it literally," Wickey said. After the workshop the room full of students and faculty were able to ask questions and to provide input on how they felt about science and religion and how they coexist in the world.

Applications available for teacher of the year

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Student Government Association is now accepting applications for the John Sheffield Teacher of the Year Award.

Applications can be printed out or are available in the Student Services office.

The deadline to submit the

application is March 10.

Applications must have at least one letter of recommendation, and the student submitting the student submitting the application cannot also submit the letter of recommendation.

The John Sheffield Teacher of the Year Award honors the memory and ideas of the late professor John Sheffield. This award is given out annually at

the Alumni Banquet.

The recipient of this award should display certain qualities of effectiveness for the student body, such as showing enthusiasm for people, work to serve people and the community, dependability and support of the student body.

For more information, contact Calleb Mosburg at cnmosburg@nwosu.edu.



The Garden Bug

Our national flower

In 1985, the United States Senate passed a resolution asking the president to declare the rose as the national floral emblem. On Nov. 20, 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation certifying the rose as the U.S. national flower in a ceremony at the White House Rose Garden.

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News

At a Glimpse

Food committee meeting slated for next week

The Northwestern food committee will be conducting their next meeting for 12 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Ranger Perk.

Every student is encouraged to attend the dine-in meeting, and to share their thoughts on how the school could improve its dining services.

For those interested in attending the meeting, please RSVP prior to Feb. 23. To RSVP, contact Kaylyn Hansen, director of student life and housing, and food committee member, via office phone at 580-327-8418 or email via klhansen@nwosu.edu.

Spanish Club bingo night

The Northwestern Spanish Club will be hosting a bilingual bingo tonight from 7-8 p.m. in the Alabaster Room, located in Vinson Hall.

Prizes will be offered to those participating in the festivities.

For more information on the event contact Dr. Francisco Martinez at his office phone (580) 327-8466, or at his email fjmartinez@nwosu.edu.

USFA to perform Feb. 22

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will host the USAF Band of the West Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m. in Herod Hall.

The USAF Band of the West is a large band consisting of members of the United States Air Force. The band was created in 1941 by professional musicians who wanted to serve their country through music. The USAF Band of the West members are Airmen that are highly-trained musicians.

The USAF Band of the West travel thousands of miles across the country to perform at various locations and events. The USAF Band of the West has performed for the president, as well as performing for communities.

The USAF Band of the West is divided into different ensembles such as Concert Band, Brass and Wind ensembles. The USAF Band of the West Clarinet Quartet is the ensemble that will perform at NWOSU.

Dr. Marc Decker, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts and Director of Instrumental Music and Music Education, contacted the group and asked them to perform



The Air Force Band of the West performs in front of the Alamo during the opening ceremonies of Fiesta, an annual celebration in San Antonio, Texas, on April 21, 2006. Photo provided by Wikimedia Commons

at NWOSU. Decker said the USAF Band of the West's main goal is to be largely interactive with all communities they perform for.

The performance by the

USAFA Band of the West is open to anyone in the public. Decker said the concert will not be formal, but interactive with the members of the audience.

The USAFA Band of the West

will perform their concert pieces, and then discuss the pieces with the audience. Decker said he is sure the performance will be phenomenal and quite entertaining.

Scholarship Drive has begun

The Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association continued the annual tradition of encouraging the Alva community to invest in the students of Northwestern Oklahoma State University by kicking off the Scholarship Drive on Wednesday, February 8.

During the month-long Scholarship Drive, off-campus teams consisting of a community member and either a University or Foundation & Alumni office employee and captains representing each campus building compete in raising funds.

These funds finance continuing student scholarships at Northwestern through the RISE (Rangers Investing in Students & Education) scholarship endowment. The Enid and Woodward

campuses also are represented by captains.

"Last year was fantastic, as we raised more than \$41,000 for scholarships," said Skeeter Bird, CEO, Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association. "Regardless of the tight agriculture and oil/gas markets, our goal is to match or beat last year's total."

Bird added, "It is inspiring to see the commitment our faculty, staff and community members have to our students and our University. Several of our scholarship drive volunteers have been a part of this event for more than 30 years. I remain proud to live in a community that repeatedly displays this level of commitment and dedication."

Thelma Crouch, co-chair, leads the off-campus teams, including Drue Washburn and Christee Jenlink, JoDe Bradt and Karsten Longhurst, Deb and Paul Corr, Thelma Crouch and Charla Turner, Bill Beeler and Calleb Mosburg, Guy Forell and Shane Engelken, Rod Gourley and Dr. David Pecha, Dayna Jordan and Skeeter Bird, Jane Tucker and Dr. James Bell, Bettielou Lane and Dr. Janet Cunningham, Melissa Fisher and Dr. Mindi Clark, Barbara Rockenbach and Karen Koehn, Kendra Schnebel and Hailey Cudmore, Don Thomas and Lawana Newell, Linda Tutwiler and Susan Holliday, Brandon Sherman and John Allen, and Traci Williams and Rita Castleberry.

The on-campus teams are led by Dr. Bo Hannaford, co-chair. Team captains include Patrick Wilson, Dr. Shawn Holliday, Brooke Taylor, Dr. Jennifer Mahieu, Dr. Deena Fisher, Dr. Tim Maharry, Dr. Wayne McMillin, Dr. Chandler Mead, Natalie Miller, Melissa Brown, Dr. Venkata Moorthy, Jake Boedecker, Dr. Dean Scarborough, Tara Hannaford, Markangela Kinnett and Debbie Anderson.

The 2017 Scholarship Drive will conclude March 8 as the off-campus teams and on-campus captains celebrate their funds raised.

RISE, introduced in Nov. 2015, is the Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association's newest annual giving program. It

replaces the former Millennium Club scholarship endowment and encourages every person to give at some level, without a pledge commitment.

Those interested in giving to Northwestern students through the RISE program are encouraged to donate online with a credit card at my.nwfoundation.com/RISE or by check payable to the Northwestern Foundation and sent to 709 Oklahoma Blvd. Alva, OK 73717.

For more information about investing in students at Northwestern, the RISE annual giving program or to get involved with next year's Scholarship Drive, contact Bird at aebird@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8599.

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The Way We See It

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Simon Say's

Technology reason for Millennials behavior

This excerpt comes from a video entitled "Simon Sinek on Millennials in the Workplace." Be sure to check out next week's issue for part three of "Simon Say's".

Part II: The other problem to compound it is we are growing up in a Facebook/Instagram world, in other words, we are good at putting filters on things. We're good at showing people that life is amazing even though I am depressed...

Everybody sounds tough, and everybody sounds like they have it all figured out and the reality is there's very little toughness and most people don't have it all figured out. So when the more senior people say "well, what should we do?" they sound like "this is what you gotta do!" - but they have no clue.

So you have an entire generation growing up with lower self-esteem than previous generations - through no fault of their own, they were dealt a bad hand. Now let's add in technology. We know that engagement with social media and our cell phones releases a chemical called dopamine. That's why when you get a text - it feels good. In a 2012 study, Harvard research scientists reported that talking about oneself through social media activates a pleasure sensation in the brain usually associated with



"Simon Say's," Part II: Technology

Illustration by Nick Villalobos

food, money and sex. It's why we count the likes, it's why we go back ten times to see if the interaction is growing, and if our Instagram is slowing we wonder if we have done something wrong, or if people don't like us anymore. The trauma for young kids to be unfriended it too much to handle. We know when you get the attention it feels good, you get a hit of dopamine which feels good which is why we keep going back to it. Dopamine is the

exact same chemical that makes us feel good when we smoke, when we drink and when we gamble. In other words, it's highly, highly addictive...

We have age restrictions on smoking, drinking and gambling but we have no age restrictions on social media and cell phones. Which is the equivalent of opening up the liquor cabinet and saying to our teenagers "hey by the way, if this adolescence thing gets you

down - help yourself."

An entire generation now has access to an addictive, numbing chemical called dopamine, through cellphones and social media, while they are going through the high stress of adolescence.

Why is this important? Almost

For complete article, visit rangerpulse.com and click the editorial tab.

Taking it one rodeo at a time

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Sports Editor

One step forward. Two steps forward. The steam of the horse's sweat lingers around me, and above me I can hear a roaring crowd. When they fall silent with expectation. I can hear the announcer's voice booming and intense music complimenting the atmosphere.

Three steps forward. I am being ushered through an alley under the stands where hundreds of people sit waiting. Waiting for me and the many other girls and their horses that are packed under here with me. Although the crowd above us is roaring, the girls down here are silent.

Four steps forward. Down here anticipation swarms around us. My heart pounds in my chest, and the blood rushes down to my fingertips. My fingers fiddle with my rope that is looped around my saddle horn.

Five steps forward. As I sit atop my horse she can feel my apprehension. Her heart beats hard between my knees, and I have to keep tension on the reins to keep her from prancing forward.

Six steps forward. This is all



McGuire during the 2016 SWOSU N.I.R.A. Rodeo. Photo provided

I can think about. This is the rodeo I've been waiting for my whole life, the College National Finals Rodeo. It's the biggest rodeo I have ever been to.

Seven steps forward. Right now I'm surrounded by the best college breakaway ropers in the sport. They are all decked out in their trophy saddles, and sponsor patches.

Eight steps forward. I emerge out of the alley into the holding pen behind the boxes. I can see the sea of people are holding signs and sporting their college colors.

As the girl in the box backs her horse into the corner the crowd falls silent. She nods her head and lets her horse go after the calf.

Nine steps forward. It's time to focus. It is game time. Even my breathing, wiggle my toes, check my rope and brush my hands down my horse's neck to calm her. I'm inching closer to the box.

Ten steps forward. I'm next. Everything goes silent. I can hear my heart beating in my ears. I can feel the rope's rough

texture between my fingers. I can smell the dirt of the arena. I can see my calf's slick black hide in the alley behind the chute.

Eleven steps forward. Now I'm in the box. Two men pull the barrier out in front of the box. Other men stand alert behind the chute, where my calf is loaded.

One step back. I back my horse into the corner of the box. She tenses, waiting for her cue. I tense up on the reins, and stare at the back of my calf's head. I wait for the calf to settle in the chute, and then I nod my head, cuing the man behind the chute to let my calf out.

One swing. My calf leaves the chute. My horse leaves the box. The rope swishes around my head, propelled by the power of my arm, and the momentum of my horse surging forward. My calf trips.

Two swings. My horse closes the distance between me and the calf. Suddenly I'm right within range to throw my rope. I focus in on the calf's neck to aim my rope.

Three swings. I stand up in my stirrups, and I let my rope fly from my hands. I trust muscle memory to do the rest. I watch as my rope twists around my calf's neck, the white rope against its black hide.

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Opinion

Rodeo

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I pull the slack out of the rope, it comes tight around the calf's neck, and then the white rope flies away in a spiral behind the running calf.

One slide forward. My horse comes to a stop, her momentum sliding her forward as she sits on her butt to end the run. The announcer's voice comes back in, and the crowd cheers. "2.1 seconds!" he roars through the microphone.

One step forward. Joy and adrenaline take over my body. I grin from ear to ear, and then the announcer says the only thing that could take away my happiness at that moment. I broke the barrier, faulting me, and adding ten seconds on to my run.

Two steps forward. My happiness deflates. I'm no longer winning the round, but sitting nowhere in the standings. I had my moment, and as fast as I had my moment it was ripped out of my hands.

Three steps forward. My horse and I continue out of the area somberly. I give her a pat on the neck and recoil my rope. On to the next rodeo.

Unworthy

We don't deserve a dog's unconditional love

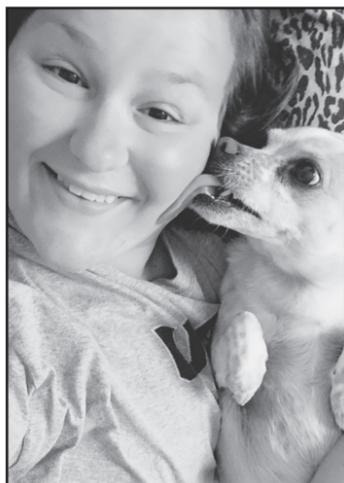
By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Feature Editor

According to Google, the average lifespan of a human is 79 years.

We get 79 years to grow, not only physically but mentally as well. In that period, we figure out what love is and choose who we fall in love with. We get close to eight decades to figure out the importance life. Well what if that 79 years was cut down to 13?

For dogs, 10-13 years is their average lifespan. However, what takes us a lifetime to realize, they have known since they took their first breath.

Dogs are the most selfless and loyal creatures. They



Savannah and Stormie

spend their whole day, when we are away, waiting for us to come home just so they can give us some slobbery kisses and cuddles. Even after we get so wrapped up in our day-

to-day lives, they are always there to show us it's going to be all right with their kind and gentle eyes.

Any dog owner knows, that our fur babies trust us with their lives. They rely on us to give them a good home, food, water and loving attention. On-the-other-hand we trust them to protect us and be there when we need them.

They will put themselves in harms-way just insure our protection, from strangers, or simply bark at a leaf, to show it who is boss.

Our dogs are the shoulder we lean on and ears when we need to vent. If you have had a bad day at work, they allow you to say a few choice words and they don't judge.

Or even when you

begin crying uncontrollably watching Titanic, for the hundredth time, because Rose let Jack freeze to death, your dog licks up your tears and brings a smile to your face.

We don't deserve the unconditional love that dogs give us. They give us their support and all they ask in return is affirmation, treats and belly rubs. Whether you have had them long or the relationship is new, dogs loves us for everything we are and everything we are not.

They bring us light in the darkest of days and laughter in the dreariest of moments. They may only be in our lives for just a short time but we are their entire world. They are blessings from above and teach us what love truly is.

Live selfless, not selfish

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Writer

As a society I believe that we've become so self-centered that we miss out on the things that truly matter in life.

We continuously push ourselves thinking that the next milestone we overcome will make us happy. We think that a good grade in a tough class will make us happy. We try to convince ourselves that making more money will make us happy. We become consumed with the thought that buying material things will bring us lasting joy. The truth is those are huge lies that we all buy into at some point.

We become so focused on bettering ourselves and reaching the next level that we miss the important things in life. We fail to appreciate

the time we're given here on earth, the individuals that we're blessed to have in our lives and the moments we've been fortunate enough to experience.

In our drive for success, we can belittle others or deprive them of chances as we seek our own. We aren't given a life to live and then die; we're given a life and a purpose to fulfill. I don't believe that we were given a life to take advantage of others so we can be on top.

We should take more time to appreciate the individuals in our lives and the things we have. Being appreciative can be seen as a sign of weakness, but in actuality it's a sign of contentment and happiness with the state you're in at this moment. We need to stop worrying so much about our

own success, and we need to spend more time being appreciative of others and the things we already have in life.

I believe there are four ways to change a self-centered mindset:

1. Develop a relationship with God that can't be altered by this world. The root of having a happy life is knowing where life comes from and who the provider is. With God at our foundation, our life is no longer centered on ourselves. It starts to become centered on God, and in return, God will point us toward loving others and building them up.

2. Spend more time with those you love. You never know when you won't have the opportunity to see them again. Life is short, and it only gets shorter if you fail to embrace the time you're given. Tell

those who matter most to you that you love them often.

3. Become content with the things you have in life. Be happy with the blessings you're given. Happiness is a choice, and choosing to be happy may be one of the best decisions you ever make.

4. Embrace the moments you're given. We are all given a life to live, so make sure you are living it to the fullest. Hanging on to the moments that brought a smile to your face can make you appreciate things even more. You should always try to have a positive outlook on things.

We all could spend a little less time thinking about ourselves, and spend it thinking about others. The time we spend building others up and appreciating the things we have is never wasted time.

top ten

Things Shunned by Millennials

1. Fabric softener
2. Vaccinations
3. Cash
4. Credit Cards
5. Cars/Houses
6. Bar soap
7. Deodorant
8. Cereal
9. Diamonds
10. Cable TV



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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break...

Luke 5:4-6

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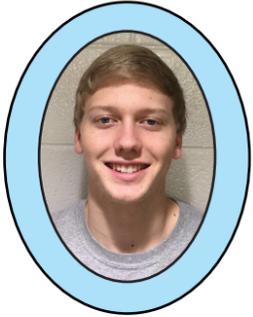
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Campus Confessions

What would you do for a Klondike bar

By CEDRIC COLLINGE
Student Reporter

BRANDON KIRK
Business Administration major



“I would rob the store for a Klondike bar.”

CRAIG LIDDELL
Women’s Soccer Coach



“I’d spend a week in the dog house, with my wife, for a Klondike bar.”

LENSE RAMEY
Computer Science major



“I would drive fifteen miles and pay double price, but it has to be mint flavor.”

GREG MINOR JR.
Mass Communication major



“I would walk from my dorm to Walmart for a Klondike bar.”



Two Northwestern freshmen, Rhianna Chesser, a pre-radiologic technology major, and Mandra Maxwell, biology major, enjoy breakfast together in the Student Center./ Photo by Erin Hopkins

Coffee bean aroma, warm smiles, Christ

By VICTORIASCHNAUFER
Student Reporter



Eva Welch mixing a frozen drink while stopping to smile at her guests on Thursday./Photo by Victoria Schnauffer

Door bells chime weekday mornings with the aroma of freshly brewed coffee filling the air on 516 Olive Street.

“What can I get you,” Ms. Eva Welch asks each customer with a smile, while they unknowingly give this woman an answered prayer and a closer walk with God.

She ventured to small expresso shops on the west coast while visiting her sons after losing her husband after 48 years. Sitting there with waves rustling she felt lead by Christ to bring that small relaxing coffee shop atmosphere to the community of Alva.

“God just kept telling me it’s what I needed to do,” Welch said.

Two years after being home, her local family helped her transform her husband’s hand built work shop into the dainty parlor it is now. Thirteen years later, at 80 years old, her shop doors remain open 7 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

She spends her time

talking with costumers, cleaning her shop, preparing for tomorrow and making lists of things to get when she has the opportunity to run errands. The supportive community and her close family keeps the little business successful.

“Some people think Eva’s Coffee is just a place for just coffee but it is so much more,” Welch said with a grin.

Welch moved into the shop making half of the building her home. “I’m here as long as God wants me to be, nothing has fallen apart or gotten to be where I can’t handle it,” she said. “So, I feel like I am still supposed to be here.”



Freshman Joe Greutman from Roanoke, Texas listens to Michelle Penner as she explains the bookstore’s rental agreement policy when he checked out with a new book./ Photo by Erin Hopkins



Students walking through the mall in the morning going about their daily routines. Busy students could be headed to another class, the library, Student Center or back to the dorms to catch some sleep./ Photo by Erin Hopkins

Feature

Gilbert

From student to librarian

By **PATRICIA PIXLER**
Student Reporter

She used to be the first person you saw in the library, sitting at the first desk you encountered. She'd smile and ask you how you were today, eager to talk or tell you a story. If there was a problem or question you had, she'd be right there to assist you. If the student worker was unavailable, she would happily check your library materials for you.

Shawna Gilbert has been a mainstay at the Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Alva campus since she was an undergraduate.

Originally from Enid, Gilbert has called Northwestern and Alva home for nearly ten years. An alumnus of 2013, Gilbert graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree in General Studies. After graduation, her experience as a Student Librarian Assistant in the NWOSU library allowed her to take the full-time position of Office and Technology Assistant in the library. It was in that position she stayed until January 2017, when she became the Access Services Librarian.

Asked why she wanted to be a librarian, Gilbert says, "I enjoyed my time at Northwestern, especially in the library. Then getting the Office and Technology job here, Northwestern and the library felt like a second home to me. The relationships I was able to build with Mrs. Jefferies and Mrs. Leaper gave me that much more love for



Shawna Gilbert/ Photo by Patricia Pixler

the library."

As Access Services Librarian, Gilbert has gained additional responsibilities. She keeps an eye on all the books located in the collection of the library as well as handles all interlibrary loans and patron accounts. Any student with problems is now referred to Gilbert.

Gilbert adds "I'm a people person. I like helping people and I want to see students come in and succeed. The library is one place that can help them, give them information they help them succeed in their classes."

Though Gilbert has only been the Access Services Librarian since the beginning of the semester, everyone around campus will have noticed she stopped occupying the front desk during the Fall 2016 semester. The retirement of previous Access Services Librarian Verna Graybill opened up both a position and an office for Gilbert.

When asked why she decided

to take the opportunity, Gilbert says it made sense to move into the position. It allowed her to stay at Northwestern, which she loves, so she jumped on the opportunity.

While Gilbert moved to her new office and prepared for her new role, the library hired Kenneth Prigmore to take over Gilbert's position as Office and Technology Assistant. Gilbert assisted in Prigmore's training, while also hiring and training new student workers, dealing with the flux of the library's structuring after the retirement of Graybill, as well as Interloan Librarian Pam Davidson, and attending graduate school full-time.

Gilbert is a student at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, obtaining a Masters in Library Science. The program is through distance learning, with Gilbert only required to travel to Emporia a few times each semester. This allows her to continue to live and work in Alva and gain practical experience working in the NWOSU library. Gilbert will finish the program during the summer, allowing her to shift all her focus on her librarianship career.

"I love this position I'm in now and I'm looking forward to being part of the Northwestern family still."

Beyond the library, Gilbert continues to be a mainstay at NWOSU games, where she plays in the Alumni Band. She can also be found at Art Society events, Graceful Art events, and all around Alva showing her support for Northwestern. A true ranger, Gilbert cannot imagine being anywhere else.

Campus Confessions

Benefits to living in a small town

By **Deitra Wedd**
Student Reporter

JOSE GRANADOS
Computer Science



"I like living in a small town because the people are more friendly and traveling from point a to point b is not a hassle."

KELSEY SCHUMPERT
Health & Sports Science



"I like living in a small town because everybody knows everybody and supports each other because it's usually a close knit society."



ALEXIS STUART
EARLY ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

"I like living in a small town because you can walk into a restaurant and know everyone there. This is an advantage because they will ask how you've been because they know you and actually care. It's nice knowing that the people around you care about you and your well-being."



Students gather in the Student Center lounge area to relax, hang with friends and catch up on some last minute homework./ Photo by Erin Hopkins

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Entertainment

AMC's thriller, "The Walking Dead", returns

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Editor-in-Chief

The Walking Dead season seven is back!!

Sunday marked the return of the epic AMC thriller, The Walking Dead, and it did not disappoint.

In the first half of the season, Rick and company was dealing with the tragic aftermath of losing Glenn and Abraham at the hands [or shall I say baseball bat] of Negan, leader of the Saviors.

In the second half, the moral of the group has taken a complete 180 degree turn. Instead of grieving over the death of two beloved characters, the group has shifted their focus to war with the Saviors and in the season seven, mid-season premiere entitled "Rock in the Road," we see just that.

[SPOILERS]

As the episode began, it picked up right where it left off in the mid-season finale, which was with Rick and the group's trip to the Hilltop to speak with Gregory, the Hilltop's "leader," about joining in on the march toward war.

Unfortunately, Gregory is a bit of a coward and denied Rick's proposition. Thanks to Maggie, however, the unofficial new leader of the Hilltop Colony, the rest of the community members agreed to join the march.

After winning over the Hilltop, Jesus next leads Rick and company to meet King Ezekiel and introduce them to the Kingdom.

Upon meeting Ezekiel and his pet tiger, Shiva, Rick was unsuccessful in winning over the king. Fortunately, after leaving

Daryl at the Kingdom in hopes to sway King Ezekiel, and to keep himself safe from the Saviors, Rick and the group discovered a line of explosives on the highway.

Thanks to some quick thinking on the group's part, Rick and company were able to fight off a herd of walkers, snag the explosives and make it out alive. So the trip to the Kingdom was not a complete loss.

Following the big win with securing the explosives, Rick next arrives back at Alexandria only to find that Father Gabriel took their supplies and bailed on the community.

Then as the episode concluded, Rick and company wandered into a new group's territory looking for Gabriel, and after being surrounded by a lot of new people with weapons, Rick smiles ear-to-ear and the camera cuts to a black screen.

All in all, I'd say this episode was an absolutely perfect way to return from the break. It had plenty of intensity, a few good quotable moments and even a few laughs. It also left me definitely wanting more immediately following the screen going dark.

My expectations for next week's episode, "New Best Friends," is that Rick and the new group join together and continue to build up supplies and man power for the epic war against the Saviors. I expect it to have more of the same high levels of intensity too.

Be sure to check out a new episode of The Walking Dead at 8 p.m. Sunday on AMC.



Listening

In the early-morning hours, just before light, I stand still in my yard and just listen.

In a matter of seconds I hear catbirds, cardinals, titmice, grackles, red-winged blackbirds, wrens, an ovenbird, goldfinches, robins, doves and a red-shouldered hawk. All those birds in a heartbeat of time. What do you hear?

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"Passengers" ending plot twist will surprise viewers

By **Deitra Wedd**
Staff Writer

Passengers is a story about one of humanities greatest flaws: our inability to survive alone.

It's the chance of a life time, an opportunity to experience something never before experienced, a chance to build a new life. At least that's what passengers Jim Preston, Chris Pratt, and Aurora Lane, Jennifer Lawrence, think when boarding the starship Avalon.

The ship was designed to travel for one hundred and twenty years while its inhabitants sleep in hibernation pods which were designed to keep its occupants from aging while they slept away the one hundred and twenty years.

However, something goes terribly wrong and causes Jim

Preston to wake up ninety years too early.

Jim decides to make the most of his time on the ship, but after a year of being the only soul on the ship awake, Jim must make a decision.

He must decide between two options. Jim could jump into space without a suit on, or he could wake someone up, someone he's had his eye on, someone named Aurora.

Jim struggles with his decision knowing that if he decides to wake Aurora up he will be condemning her to a death on the ship without hope of reaching their destination, just as he is condemned to the same fate.

Find out what happens by watching Passengers, a movie with an interesting story line, and a plot twist you won't see coming.

King Crossword

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- 49 Watchful one

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- 51 Dangling site
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- 53 Vast expanse
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- 11 Pianist Dame Myra
- 19 Bobcat kin
- 20 Early nuclear org.
- 23 However, in verse
- 24 Deterioration
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- 26 Driver's license datum
- 27 Triumph
- 28 Bygone
- 29 Crucial
- 31 Treasure seekers in a 1985 movie
- 32 Create
- 34 Rx watchdog grp.
- 35 About 30 percent of Africa
- 36 Lower in rank
- 37 Playful water critter
- 38 Endorse
- 39 Press
- 40 Heredity unit
- 41 "The Third of May 1808" painter
- 42 They give a hoot
- 43 Libertine
- 44 Relaxing practice

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College Fun Facts:

The first college to graduate women was the Oberlin College. Mary Caroline Rudd, Mary Hosford and Elizabeth Prall graduated with AB degrees in 1841.

Thats pretty neat!

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Answers from last week

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Thursday Last Night "Split" 6:45 nightly

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Coming soon: "John Wick" "Logan" and "Kong: Skull Island"

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Entertainment

Calendar of Events

February 16

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5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Percefull Field-house front Lobby

Theatre Production III
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

Bingo Night
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Vinson Hall - Alabaster Room

February 17

Theatre Production III
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

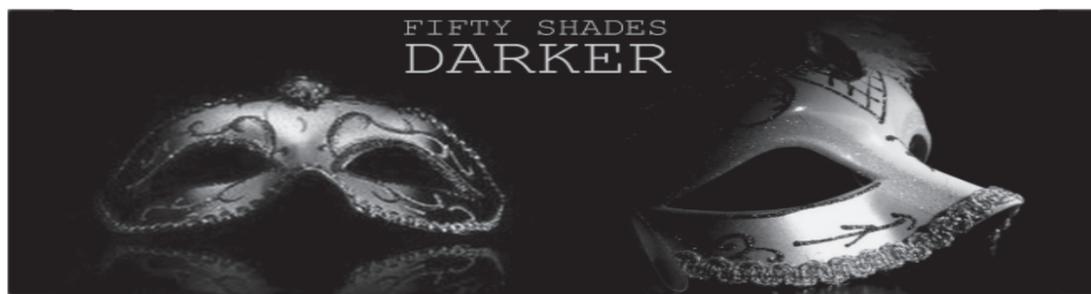
February 18

CEOE Teacher Testing - OGET/OSAT/OPTE Examinations
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Industrial Education - Computer Lab & Little Office

Theatre Production III
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

February 17

Theatre Production III
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium



50 shades of bad directing

By **CAITLIN COODY**
Staff Writer



In 2011, an erotic romance novel by British author E. L. James took readers by surprise, by introducing the world of BDSM (bondage/discipline, submission/dominance), with the book "50 Shades of Grey". Since then, two of the three books have been, poorly, recreated in visual form.

You would think a film that made over 46 million (yes, that's correct)

James Foley has produced several great films and shows, including: House of Cards, Hannibal and Glengarry Glen Ross. However, the 50 Shades trilogy doesn't match his ability to direct.

As most people know, the book is *always* better than the movie. Now, there are some movies that capture the book

perfectly so the viewers have an understanding of what truly was happening. In this case, if I hadn't read the book, I would be completely lost in Foley's logic. There were way too many important scenes and build-ups missing from the book. Jack Hyde, Eric Johnson, went from your average, creepy-boss, to raging psychopath in a matter of three scenes. At least in the book you were, slowly, introduced to Jack's more sinister side. Plus, Foley rushed through the entire movie. I was worn out just trying to keep up with the extreme changes from one scene to the next.

Along with the horrible directing, the two main actors weren't convincing anybody of the supposed "heat" between the two. It's like Ana, Dakota Johnson, and Christian, Jamie Dornan, hadn't seen each other in ten years and, all-the-sudden, decided to have a *very* intimate relationship. If you're going to

make a passionate movie, there should probably be passion in... the movie. Unfortunately, they weren't the worst in the movie. Elliot Grey was poorly casted in my opinion. Luke Grimes doesn't have an acting bone in his body. Any time he was on scene, I tried to only focus on the pretty face. If you got any deeper than that, you'd be severely disappointed in his lack of performance... I guess that's why he only had a couple lines.

Overall, the movie was trash. I hate saying that too because I actually love everybody who's in the film, besides Grimes. If you're only interested in nudity and sex, you might like this movie. However, if you are interested in more of a deeper background and passion, go read the book.

The only reason I give this movie a star is because I enjoy Dakota Johnson and her subtle, sarcastic, facial expressions that gives the movie some humor.

Record Of The Year:
"Hello" — Adele

Album Of The Year:
25 — Adele

Song Of The Year:
"Hello" — Adele Adkins & Greg Kurstin, songwriters (Adele)

Best New Artist:
Chance The Rapper

Best Pop Solo Performance:
"Hello" — Adele

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance:
"Stressed Out" — Twenty One Pilot

Best Pop Vocal Album:
25 — Adele

Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album:
Summertime: Willie Nelson Sings Gershwin — Willie Nelson

Best Dance Recording:
"Don't Let Me Down" — The Chainsmokers featuring Daya

Best Dance/Electronic Album:
Skin — Flume

Best Rock Performance:
"Blackstar" — David Bowie

Best Rock Song:
"Blackstar" — David Bowie, songwriter (David Bowie)

Best Rock Album:
Tell Me I'm Pretty — Cage The Elephant

Best R&B Performance:
"Cranes in the Sky" — Solange
Best R&B Song:
"Lake By the Ocean" — Hod David & Musze, songwriters (Maxwell)

Best Urban Contemporary Album:
Lemonade — Beyoncé

Best R&B Album:
Lalah Hathaway Live — Lalah Hathaway

Best Rap Performance:
"No Problem" — Chance The Rapper Featuring Lil Wayne & 2 Chainz

Best Rap/Sung Performance:
"Hotline Bling" — Drake

Best Rap Song:
"Hotline Bling" — Aubrey Graham & Paul Jefferies, songwriters (Drake)

Best Rap Album:
Coloring Book — Chance The Rapper

Best Country Solo Performance:
"My Church" — Mar- en Morris

Best Country Duo/Group Performance:
"Jolene" — Pentatonix Featuring Dolly Parton

Best Country Song:
"Humble and Kind" — Lori McKenna, songwriter (Tim McGraw)

Best Country Album:
A Sailor's Guide to Earth — Sturgill Simpson

Best Score Soundtrack For Visual Media:
Star Wars: The Force Awakens — John Williams, composer

Best Music Video:
"Formation" — Beyoncé

2017 Grammy award winners

Production

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"I love the creative process, and I love how four months ago this was a script in professor Weast's office," Jordan said. "I laughed all the way through it, and I'm so glad to put this show on. I'm really looking forward to it."

The two student directors began preparations for their productions in early September of last year.

Hurley explained there were numerous aspects of getting their shows ready that can't always be seen by the audience who attends the production. From selecting the play and the actors, holding a number of rehearsals and gathering stage props to creating the set and finding or sewing costumes, it all comes before the actual show is ever presented to the public.

"It's rewarding to see all the work and effort you've put in come to life on stage," Hurley said. "With all the actors cast, and all the sets you've designed, it's really amazing."

Cast members for "The Mice Have Been Drinking again" include: Tiffany Willson, Conway Springs, Kansas, freshman, early childhood education; Shaden Foresman, Laverne sophomore, speech/theatre; Taylor Morris, Lancaster, California, senior, mass communication; Arthur Bohlman, Hooker graduate student; and Jordan.

Cast members for "Goodbye to the Clown" include: Nicholas Wygle, Noble junior, biology; Crosby Dunbar, Owasso freshman, vocal performance; Katherine Blair, Waynoka freshman, music/vocal; Abbie Tillman, Elk City senior, biology; Zach Frische, Northwestern alumnus; Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and fine arts; and Hurley.

For more information about the Northwestern theatre program, contact Weast at kkweast@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8462.

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Sports

Rodeo team prepares for win

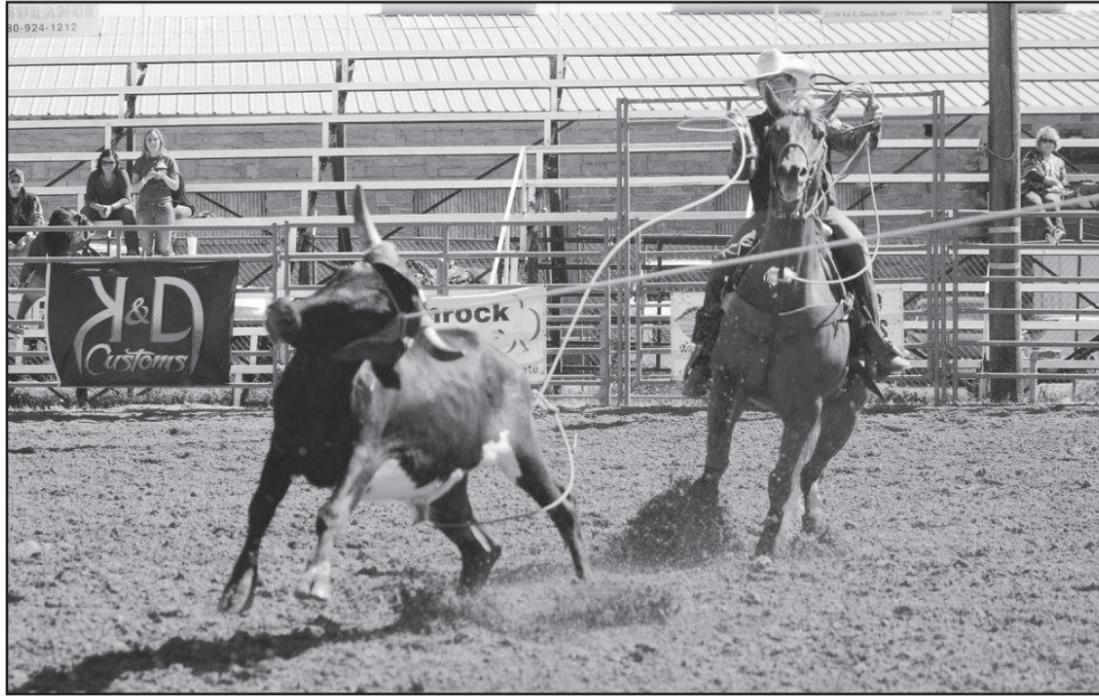
By **SAMI MCGUIRE**
Sports Editor

The spring season of rodeo is starting off on Friday in Manhattan, Kansas. The rodeo will be at the stadium at Kansas State University. The Ranger rodeo team will be competing against all the other college rodeo teams throughout the Central Plains Region, which consists of the colleges throughout Oklahoma and Kansas.

Currently the Ranger men's team is sitting fifth in the team standings, 705 points behind first. The Ranger women's team is sitting fourth, 975 points behind first.

Many of the Rangers are sitting well in their individual standings also. Mason Bowen, a senior, is sitting fourth in the tie down roping.

"My main goal is to win the region, and of course, make the College Finals," Bowen said. He also said he is preparing now by becoming physically and mentally prepared to win



Tanner Nall, freshman, heeling at the Durant college rodeo. /Photo by Melissa Couture

under any circumstance.

Ranger men are sweeping the steer wrestling standings. Joby Allen, a senior, is sitting second, 20 points behind William Carpenter of Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Sitting third in the steer wrestling standings is Colt Madison, a freshman. Fourth in the steer wrestling standings is Cody Devers, a junior.

Sitting fifth in the steer wrestling standings is Grayson

Allred. The steer wrestling is a tight race, and they are sitting all within 65 points of first place.

Dylan Schulenburg, a junior, is sitting first in the team roping standings with

his partner Wyatt Miller from Fort Scott Community College. Cassidy Bittle, a freshman, and Edgar Fierro, a junior, are sitting third in the team roping standings.

Fierro said "Our goal is to make the college finals and having enough confidence in each other to get there is key."

Katy Miller, a junior, is sitting eighth in the breakaway roping standings, 110 points away from first. Miller is also sitting fourth in the goat tying standings.

Miller said her goal is to make the college finals, and she hopes to win the women's all around title.

Miller has been working hard in and out of the arena to achieve these goals. "To achieve those goals I make it a point to rope calves and tie goats every single day without any excuses," she said. "Also going to the gym is a huge priority to me everyday."

Another Ranger is sitting fifth in the goat tying standings, Tearnee Nelson, a senior.

Rangers fall in rivalry

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The Rangers travelled to Weatherford for a much-anticipated showdown with Southwestern Oklahoma State. Despite leading by as many as 12 in the second half, Northwestern was downed by a final of 73-67.

It was Rivalry Night in the Great American Conference and the Rangers rolled into the Pioneer Cellular Event Center riding a three game winning streak.

Northwestern got off to a hot start, jumping out to a 10-2 lead over the schools most bitter rivals.

With Southwestern in the midst of a six-game skid, the Rangers were looking to improve their chances of making the conference tournament with this late-season push.

Despite being a perennial contender in the GAC, the Bulldogs



Dumas making a shot while other players assist. /Photo by Caitlin Coody

have struggled to make much of anything happen this season. But the standings don't do much to tame this storied rivalry.

Since rejoining the same conference in the 2012-13 season, Northwestern enjoys a 6-3 advantage in the series.

Northwestern dominated the of-

fensive boards in the first half, in part thanks to junior college transfer Trey Johnson and his physical presence.

The Rangers will take a much needed break before returning to Percefull Fieldhouse for a Thursday night battle with East Central University. That game is set for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

Women's basketball defeated; two Rangers battle in tough game

By **GREG MINOR**
Student Reporter

Women's Basketball came up short after two hard fought battles against Southwestern Oklahoma State on Thursday (76-67) and Southern Nazarene University on Saturday (106-95).

Going into the game Friday our Lady Rangers had a chip on their shoulder from their previous encounter with the Savage Storm mid-January and came out hot firing from all cylinders, leading at half-time by 12 points.

Kalea King finished with a double-double, 16 points and 11 rebounds. King also had some help from Jonae Isaac who finished with 15 points and 2-2 from three.

Even with the stellar performance individually from duo, The Rangers couldn't hold the lead for long after the halftime break.

The nail biting moment in the third quarter with the score at 53-52 Rangers ahead. The Savage Storm came out shooting the ball proficiently eventually pulling forward and stretching the lead, finishing the game on a 17-2 run.

The Rangers record is now set at 7-16 after Saturday's match-up against Southern Nazarene. The game started off rough for the Rangers and eventually turned out to be a very high scoring game.

The Crimson Storm came out hot making an 11-0 run at the start of the contest. Right before the halftime break the Ranger's McKenzie Billy knocked down a long range three, assisting Northwestern on their 17-3 run bringing them into arms reach of the Storm.

Two of our Rangers King and Isaac lead the way once again, combining for an impressive 47 points. With four Rangers in double figures and making all the necessary strides for success, it just wasn't enough to get over the hump and take the lead down the stretch.

Monday night the Lady Rangers traveled to Weatherford to take on their rivals, Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The Lady Rangers were defeated 80-65.

Next the Rangers will play against the Tigers of East Central University at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Percefull Fieldhouse.



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Sports

Softball loses in Texas

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State softball team concluded play in the North Texas Softball Bash on Sunday afternoon in Grand Prairie, Texas. The Rangers were bested in both games, first by Texas Woman's University by a final of 5-7 and then by Tarleton State University 1-8.

Game One

Fresh off of a solid day of softball on Saturday that included a 6-3 victory over Texas A&M-Kingsville, Northwestern got off to a fast start in the first inning with a sacrifice fly from junior Madi Parrott that brought Corrales home on the throw home.

Texas Woman's University answered quickly in the bottom half of the inning with a bases loaded fielder's choice RBI that scored a

runner. A single two batters later would drive two more runners home before Garza finally got out of the jam with a strikeout.

The early runs would continue as Corrales continued to make an immediate impact to the line-up with a double to left field that scored Garrett and second basemen Amber Mills following a throwing error for the Pioneers. That 3-3 tie would remain until the fourth inning where the Rangers sluggers would strike again with another two-RBI double, this time from shortstop Jordan Sutton, scoring Corrales and Garrett.

In the bottom half of that inning, Garza would find herself in another jam thanks to a bunt single from the Pioneers setting up an RBI double that brought the contest to 5-4.

Jones once again escaped the inning with minimal damage thanks

to a strike out to head to the sixth inning. Northwestern nearly took the lead in the top half of the inning.

The Pioneers would finally jump ahead in the bottom half of the inning. A sacrifice fly to right field moved the runner over to third and then a single to the opposite side of the field brought the runner home to take a 6-5 advantage.

Another RBI single moved the score to 7-5, and the Rangers were unable to capitalize on a lead-off double by Madi Parrott, sealing their fate.

Game Two

In the second game, Tarleton State jumped on Northwestern early with three runs in the opening inning. With Murray on the mound, two Ranger errors allowed the first run to cross the plate after a sacrifice fly. A single to right center scored an unearned run and then a triple to deep

right brought the other Aggie runner home, making the score 3-0 after one inning of play.

Northwestern failed to manufacture runs after two lead off hits in back-to-back innings from Corrales and catcher Audrey Estes. Tarleton padded their lead with two more runs in both the third and fourth innings. Bell finally got a run on the board for the Rangers in the bottom of the fifth inning, but the damage was already done as the Aggies out hit the Rangers 10-to-4 throughout the game and enjoyed a complete game from their starter Haley Freyman.

The Rangers find themselves with a record of 3-9 after their two pre-conference tournaments. Northwestern softball will get a weekend off before welcoming No. 11 Arkansas Tech to Alva on Feb. 24-25.

Ranger baseball swept

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

A six run first inning wasn't enough to take down the West Texas A&M Buffaloes as the Rangers wrapped up their three game series Saturday evening.

After dropping their first two contests in shutouts on the road, Northwestern was looking for a spark to kick-start their offense. It didn't take long for the bats to wake up in this one as the Rangers hung up six runs in the top of the first.

An RBI double to left from Arturo Castro gave the Rangers their first run of the series which Steven Deckard followed up

with a double of his own, plating two more. A walk by Nathan Kane knocked Buffs starter Matt Littrell out of the game after only recording one out, but the Rangers were able to add to their early lead thanks to Garrett Douglas who hit a ball to deep right center that bounced over the wall to score two.

Armed with a six run lead, Nick Llorente took to the mound making his second start of the season.

The Buffs second inning proved to be the decisive blow as they would put up eight runs on Llorente. With the first 10 batters of the inning reaching safely, head coach Sam Carel looked to red-shirt freshman Brandon Nesseralla to put

an end to the huge inning. The Alva native got the next two batters to fly out to right, ending the onslaught that saw West Texas put up eight runs on six hits, a walk and two hit-by-pitch's.

With the Rangers down but definitely not out, Nesseralla did his part to keep the deficit within reach going 3.2 innings while surrendering just one run.

Looking to gain momentum in the third, Northwestern had the bases loaded with one out. Colton Krokroskia then popped out to short and Casey Dickerman was thrown out trying to tag up and score on the play, ending the threat and keeping it a 10-6 game. The Rangers scored a run in the top of the eighth

when Douglas hit his second double of the game, followed by a sac-fly from Castro.

Adding a run in the fifth after a leadoff walk, West Texas showed they still weren't done. Tagging Sean Rydell and David Sanchez for three runs each, the Buffs went on to take a run-ruled shortened game by a 17-7 final.

The Rangers will need to regroup in a hurry as they host Harding University on Friday to open Great American Conference play. Northwestern and the Bisons will play a single nine inning game at 3 p.m. Friday, followed by a doubleheader beginning at noon on Saturday.



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February 16

Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs East Central University

Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs East Central University

February 17

Baseball

3 p.m. Rangers vs Harding University

Rodeo

Rangers at Kansas State University

February 18

Rodeo

Rangers at Kansas State University

Baseball

12 p.m. Rangers vs Harding University

3 p.m. Rangers vs Harding University

Womens Basketball

1p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

Mens Basketball

3p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

February 19

Rodeo

Rangers at Kansas State University

February 21

Baseball

2 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Christian University

5 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

February 23

Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State Uni-



The Buzz



Game provides entertainment



The Northwestern band played for the crowd during a time out of the women's basketball game Thursday night.



Northwestern hosted Alva's third grade boys' basketball team Thursday night. The team played during the halftime of the men's game.



The Northwestern cheerleaders performed to the fight song after the conclusion of the women's basketball game Thursday night.



Alva's third grade boys' basketball team lined up after being announced during halftime of the men's basketball game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Photos by Haylee Bates