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<u>Smile of the Week</u>



Sophomore Horatio Smith (Right) from Amarillo, Texas is smiling because he went to the zoo in Houston over spring break and saw a lot of really cool animals. Freshman Oakleigh Nickel (Left) from Aline, Okla. is smiling because she went to New Orleans this spring break and later was able to go home and spend time with family upon her return.

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Former president dies

By NICK VILLALOBOS Editor in Chief

Former Northwestern president, Dr. Joe J. Struckle, died Saturday at the age of 83.

Struckle was the sixteenth president of the university, as he served from 1975-2000, and his tenure as chief executive officer remains the longest in the university's history.

Struckle was a native of Bryant. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Following the war, he earned a bachelor's degree from East Central University, a master's degree from Oklahoma State University and finally a doctoral degree from the University of Tulsa.

Struckle began his career as a math teacher at both Shidler and Ponca City. He then served as a math professor and later Dean of Men at Northern Oklahoma College. In 1968, Struckle was hired as an associate professor of education as well as the dean of students at Northwestern.

During his career, Struckle was the recipient of many awards



Dr. Joe Struckle

for his service in education. In 1995, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame. Later, in 1998, he was also elected to the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.

Struckle was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame thanks to the nomination by fellow members of the faculty, according to Wayne Lane's book, NWOSU: A Centennial History. He was cited by faculty for his successful management of university finances, his work in adapting university offering to changing educational environments, his rapport with the faculty and community services



Dr. Joe Struckle speaks after being inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame. *Photos courtesy of NWOSU:A Centennial History.*

and his concern for the students.

While serving as the university president, Struckle witnessed the construction of the Wellness Center, and the renovations of both the Education Center and Vinson Hall. Struckle said in Lane's book, the construction of the Wellness Center, focused on the physical needs of older citizens because "such a service was becoming more critical with the increase in the number of older persons. the Wellness Center in 2000, the facility as he envisioned it would provide both a setting to train students to work in that field and for senior citizens in the community to exercise according to their needs, according Lane's book.

Struckle is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; his two sons, Jay Struckle of El Reno, and Jeff Struckle and wife Sharon of Olathe, Kansas, and two grandchildren Katelyn and Carter.

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Budget cut story correction made

By TAYLOR MORRIS Student Reporter

In last week's issue of Northwestern News there was a slight misunderstanding about the recent budget cut that the university has experienced.

The 16 percent budget cut that was referenced in the headline and story, actually came into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year revenue failure and the amount was removed from the budget at the beginning of March and will continue on through April, May, and June According to Steve Valencia, associate vice president for university relations, because of the overall cuts experienced this fiscal year, certain routine maintenance projects such as roof repair or replacement of heating and air conditioning units may be put



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17 budget that began July 1, 2016 and amounted to \$1,635,463. The recent budget cut that Dr. Cunningham referred to in her email to the Northwestern community was actually a 0.7 percent cut that amounted to \$52,128. The cut was caused by a general

Additionally, juniors in high school that wish to take concurrent classes at Northwestern will no longer receive a tuition waiver starting this upcoming fall semester. However, seniors in high school will still eligible to receive a tuition waiver if they choose to take courses.



Softball wins in 13-inning game on Saturday./Courtesy of Ranger Athletic Department Story on page 10



Damage from the wildfires that took place on March 6 in the panhandle area./Photo by Savannah Tillman

Wildfires cause damage on a catastrophic level

The Oklahoma-Texas panhandle and Kansas area, suffered major losses on March when several wildfires broke out.

Many individuals lost livestock, entire pastures of grass and in some instances their homes.

It was reported that three major fires broke out in the area, the larger being the Starbuck fire. The Starbuck fire burned 715,484 acres in Beaver and Harper Counties in Oklahoma, and Meade, Comanche and Clark County in Kansas.

For several days, the fires were uncontrolled and caused large amounts of damage to the area.

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Ready for launch New-Song grand opening

By NICK VILLALOBOS Editor in Chief

The New-Song Church, led by Jeremy Coolley, will be having its grand opening service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, in Waynoka.

The church has partnered with Open.Network and Life. Church in Oklahoma City.

New-Song aims to do things that nobody else is doing so to reach those nobody else is reaching at the present time, according to Coolley.

"We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ," Coolley said.



Courtesy of Jeremy Coolley

The church is located at 1971 Waynoka St. in Waynoka.

For more information on New-Song Church, visit www. new-song,church or email the church at nsong.church@ gmail.com.

Career, internship fair to benefit students

By MEGAN MAHARRY Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will host the spring Career and Internship Fair on March 27.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from different companies about career opportunities and internships. Students will be able to learn about career opportunities and internships offered by each company.

The company representatives will have tables set up in the Student Center Ranger Room from noon-3 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress well and

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bring with them resumes and cover letters.

Some of the companies that will be at the Career Fair are Farmer's Exchanee Bank, NW Family Services, Great Salt Plains Health Center, Project Transformation Oklahoma and James Crabtree Correctional Center.

Northwestern encourages students to attend the career fair.

For more information on the event, contact Andrea Lauderdale at amlauderdale@nwosu.edu



Women's History Month celebrated every March

By HAYLEE BATES Student Reporter

The month of March celebrates and reflects on the accomplishments that women have made throughout history.

According to the National Women's History Project, March was declared National Women's History Month in 1987 by Congress. Every year in March there is a presidential proclamation that honors women that make a difference in the United States. Women are also celebrated all over the world on March 8, for International Women's Day.

Women have continuously fought for equality throughout history. In 1920 the nineteenth amendment was ratified and granted women the right to vote.

Still to this day, women are creating movements to bridge the gap for equality. Women are still paid less than men in the United States.

According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, women that work full-time make 80 cents



NWOSU president, Dr. Janet Cunningham is one of the most prominent female role models in the school's history./Courtesy of University Relation Archives

for every dollar a man makes. This creates a pay gap of 20 percent between males and females.

This pay gap sparked the movement of women from all over the country as they participated in strikes and rallies on March 8, 2017, to stand up against the inequality. The individuals were spreading the message campaign 'A Day Without a Woman'.

According to USA Today, the basis behind these rallies and

strikes was to encourage women to skip work and refrain from spending money. This was encouraged to show a woman's economic strength.

The women that were not able to skip work, but wanted to participate, wore red to support the movement. Many individuals in the marches wore red as well to unify all women.

Thousands of women attended rallies in places such as Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia in hopes of having their voices heard.



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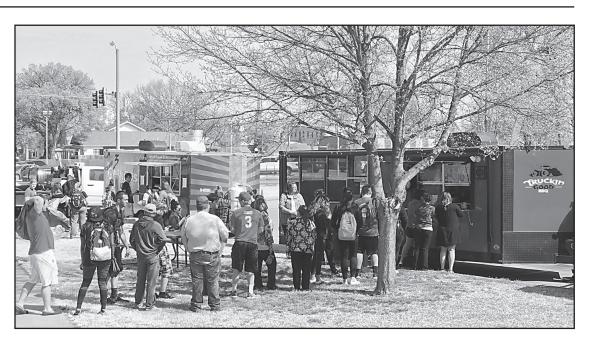
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Hofin wins "The Voice"



Madison Hofin plays the piano and sings in route to claiming the title of "The Voice Northwestern" winner on March 9. Hofin was a member of Matt Adair's team. Adair was a "celebrity" judge for the evening, and upon Hofin winning, he claimed the judges trophy. /Courtesy of University Relations



Food Truck Fest satisfies

As part of fall enrollment opening Tuesday at Northwestern, the office of Student Services hosted the second annual Food Truck Fest event for the student's convenience. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., enjoyed Papas, Gringos Grill, Truckin Good BBQ, Vanilla Bean and Scoops Ice Cream Truck, was parked between Fine Arts and Herod Hall. /Courtesy of University Relations.

Humanities classes gain knowledge from art pieces

Students in two different humanities classes at Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently received some in-person lessons in the critique and appreciation of art by viewing pieces entered in the 14th annual NWOSU Art Society (NAS) Art Show in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.

Members of the Art in Life class taught by Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and fine arts, and the Introduction to Literature class taught by Dr. Kathy Earnest, assistant professor of English, viewed pieces entered in photography, paintings, drawings, mixed media, digital art, cartoon/comics, fiber arts and artisan crafts. The show will remain open on campus through March 31, and is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

Kelsey said he placed his students into groups so they could pick out their top three pieces from one of the categories and present their findings. He had them look at the various elements of the artwork, originality of the piece, craftsmanship, composition, how the piece was presented through framing/mounting, and how the artist followed the theme of the category entered.



Students receive instruction from Ken Kelsey about the displayed artwork in the J.W. Martin Library./Courtesy of University Relations

something we have to have certain kinds of standards," Kelsey said. "Does it make a difference if you're buying it or if you're judging it? This just gets them to thinking about it, and this gives them an opportunity to actually do something, not just hear me talking about it...I like to hear each one of them, their voice, and their opinion, that's critical. I think that's what the Art Society is providing with this extraordinary on-campus opportunity."

some of their peers share their perspectives and creativity.

"In class discussions we try to make connections between humanities and studentexperiences," Earnest said.

Kaitlin Kokojan, Bison junior joring in health and sports science, said she honestly didn't expect to understand or take much interest in the art show, but found she really enjoyed it.

"Oil and Water" University of Oklahoma to host Indian law review

NORMAN — The University of Oklahoma College of Law will host the American Indian Law Review's annual Indigenous Peoples, Law, and Power Symposium Friday, March 24. This year's theme is "Oil and Water." The Symposium is co-sponsored in partnership with the University of Oklahoma's College of Arts and Sciences' Native American Studies Department. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Dick Bell Courtroom in Andrew M. Coats Hall.

Experts of Native American environmental issues will sit on two panels and give two keynote addresses. The speakers and their topics include:

• Morning Panel: "The Chickasaw-Choctaw Compact in Context"

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Stewardship: The Historic Chickasaw-Choctaw Water Settlement"

• Stephen Greetham, chief general counsel and special counsel on water and natural resources, Chickasaw Nation

• Michael Burrage, managing partner, Whitten Burrage Law Firm

Afternoon Panel: Sarah Hill, senior "Justice and Juxtaposition: Environmental Justice and Protest in Parallel"

"When we walk in to judge

Earnest said that her class is studying Oklahoma authors, and she wanted her students to see how

"I found myself looking at pictures and developing emotions

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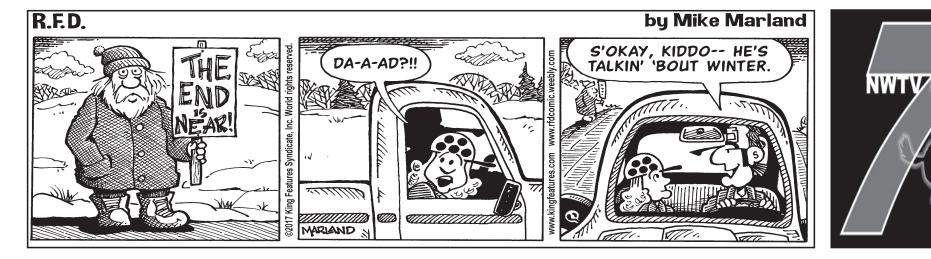
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• Taiawagi Helton, professor of law, University of Oklahoma College of Law

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Interpersonal communication: Determining the framework

By NICK VILLALOBOS Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks ago, we began looking at interpersonal communication by addressing the question, why study this form of communication and looked at how it will bring personal, social and professional success.

This week, we are going to dive into the basic elements for this form of communication.

Looking back at the book by Joseph Devito, 'Foundations for Interpersonal Communication,' he wrote the basic elements of interpersonal communication consists of the source-receiver, messages, channels, noise and context

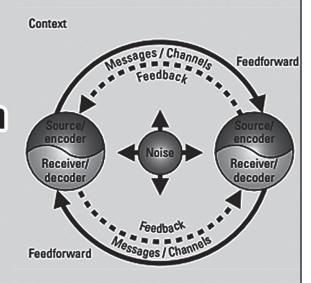
Source/Encoder

Beginning first with sourcereceiver, the source in interpersonal communication is the person formulating and sending the message on to the next person. For example, in a conversation between two friends, the person speaking is the one serving as the source.

Then on the flip side, the friend that is hearing the message is serving as the receiver. The receiver, in the words of 'Foundations for Interpersonal Communication,' the receiver is simply the person who receives and understands the message.

Also within the linked term, source-receiver, the source takes the role as an encoder, which means the person is taking the idea that they have thought up in





Graphic by Nick Villalobos

their head and using sound waves, gestures, facial expressions or body movements to pass it on to the receiver.

Then the receiver acts as a decoder, which in laymen terms means they are breaking down each of the different cues being sent their way.

Messages

Next, with the messages, according to the book refers to the expression of thoughts and feelings being both sent and received by the source/receiver.

Not all messages sent between the two involve verbal actions. Instead there are those of the nonverbal form that can take place as well, such as positive or negative body language or facial gestures.

In face-to-face communication, it is important to note that every action given during the delivery of the message by either the source or receiver can be used as feedback for the message.

Channels

Moving next to the channels, these are the mediums by which the messaged is passed between the source and receiver. The book refers to the channel as the bridge between both people on either side of the message.

One channel in which a message can be transferred is through a human's five senses; sight, taste, touch, smell, and hearing.

Another channel is through the more physical forms, emails, phone calls, text messages, faxes, etc.

One example of a channel, is the Northwestern News. We utilize the newspaper as a means to get the message across to you our readers.

Noise

Next, the noise element of interpersonal communication refers to anything that interferes with the delivery of the message. This can either be external factors or internal.

External factors for this might include an air conditioner, phone ringing or busy cars on the street.

In addition, internal factors that could serve as noise might also be preconceived thoughts, or assumptions on what the source's message is going to be before they even share it, a wandering mind or being closed-minded.

Other types of noise that can affect the delivery of the message

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Spring Break Louisiana changed at least one

By NICK VILLALOBOS Editor in Chief



tally awesome!] Then from there, we all gathered in our church vans and headed to New Orleans.

Though we had in our mindset that we would all walk around the downtown city area and find a restaurant to eat at, we never actually were given that opportunity because there was no place for parking in that crowded area. So, being the flexible group we were, we decided to try out another part of the New Orleans area for food. After finishing up our meals at Deanies [or attempting to because it was too much food,] we went back to Bedico, changed clothing and headed to Hammond, Louisiana to do the prayer walk on the Southeastern campus.

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Spring break showed me many things, whether it be in a spiritual sense or a physical.

On March 11, a group of about 10 college students, the BCM director, Ronnie Payne and I, departed for Louisiana. Our purpose was to be God's hands and feet as we helped in relief efforts from recent flooding near the New Orleans area.

After a 16 hour drive, which seen numerous stops along the way, we finally arrived at Bedico Baptist Church in Bedico, Louisiana. The church was to be our lodging for the next week while we were on our mission trip.

After exploring our living quarters and getting acquainted with the other college group that was joining us on the mission trip, we college students became acquainted with the church's

Members of the BCM enjoying New Orlean's cuisine./ Courtesy of Ronnnie Payne

indoor basketball gym and video games.

Then, to cap off the night, both groups gathered in the upstairs youth room and was given the rundown for what we would be experiencing in the coming days. After the rundown, we all just left the room in a bit of a cloud as none of it was real clear, even for the, now, two BCM directors.

We did know this though, we

would start working on Monday following a day of exploring New Orleans, and partaking in a prayer walk on the Southeastern Louisiana University campus on Sunday.

When dawn broke on Sunday morning, all of us in the two groups were invited to join the Bedico's college students Sunday school class and its morning church service [which was to-

Following the prayer walk, we went back to the church and rested up for Monday's busy work schedule.

When Monday came, we ate breakfast then set out for Mt.

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News Meet America's first jet setting president

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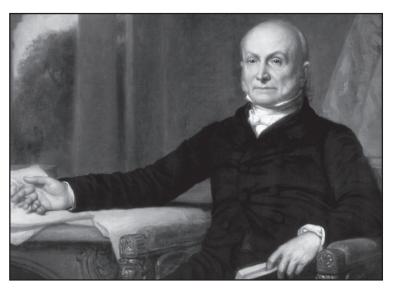
This year's focus will be on John Quincy Adams.

The program will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Education Center 109 on NWOSU's Alva campus.

It will feature Robbie Shimp of the Adams National Historic Park in Quincy, Massachusetts.

He will discuss the life and times of our sixth president, as well as career opportunities in public history.

As a diplomat, Adams played an important role in



negotiating key treaties, most notably the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 181.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call the NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies office at (580) 327-8522 or email mason@nwosu.edu.

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include physiological noise, such as hearing or sight impairments, and sematic noise, which include language or dialect differences between the source and receiver.

Context

The final element of interper-

Louisiana

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Calvary Church to begin our flood relief efforts.

It was messy, smelly and all out rough work to do, but because the work we were doing wasn't for our own satisfaction, we all loved it. We loved it so much so, that upon completing each the stripping of molded materials from the interior of the church we capped it off with a night of fun, food and games with third church group there doing additional relief efforts as well.

sonal communication is context, which is an environment that influences the form and content of the communication.

In the simplest terms, the way in which the message is delivered by the source/receiver depends on the environment that he or she finds themselves in at the time. For example, if a sympathetic message is trying to

night within the various church

groups, our group and the other

one that we were partnered with

dove into two more days of

full on, hard work. We painted

and cleaned up the interior and

exterior of a church as well as

cleaned up various flood victims

sore backs and tired feet, but

that's how we knew what we

were doing was good and not

Thursday afternoon, and then

we shifted our focus from flood

Each morning, we all had

We worked hard until

yards.

for ourselves.

be delivered at a funeral by the source, they should not try to put do so in a sarcastic manner. It should be in a quiet and calming manner.

Or, if the environment calls for a fierier means of delivery for the message, such as if it was in a debate between political candidates, the source should do so in a faster, but still clear way.

outreach event at Southeastern. Then to cap off that night, and the mission trip in general, we had one heck of a worship service with the Southeastern BCM group.

Then on Friday, we set course for Northwestern and little ol Alva.

After the returning 16 hour trip, we all had time to reflect on the work we did that week in Louisiana and though I can speak for each of the other members that went, I can say this about myself; that was one heck of a mission trip! From start to finish it wasn't for me

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from what I had seen in the painting and how it may relate to my life in the past," Kokojan said.

Jordan Coffman, Alva junior majoring in general studies, found the show to be interesting because several pieces were shown from a different perspective.

"These people are taking everyday objects and people that are shown to the world to be one way but are given a new meaning," Coffman said.

Alexandria Shepherd, Freedom freshman majoring in pre-med, said the art show gave her an easy opportunity to speak and have a conversation with another student, and she appreciated the fact the NWOSU Art Society took the time and was willing to put the art show up where anyone could see it.

"I'm so happy that our show has offered learning experiences to more students than just our own Art Society members," Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said. "I think the creative ways that faculty members are using our show are wonderful."

Case said 28 students produced 136 items in the show while 116 pieces were created by 14 non-students including four faculty, five staff, four alumni and one retired staff member.

All pieces within each category are judged for first, second and third placings. Each first place award is considered for a Best of Show prize. Students can win \$15, \$5 and \$2 for first, second and third placings along with ribbons, and a \$75 prize for Best of Show. Non-student winners receive ribbons.

"I'm thrilled with the quality of all the pieces entered this year," Case said. "I can see a happy trend in the work of our students, especially. While not every piece can win an award, every single person entering should be very proud; they made the judge's job very difficult!"

Case also encourages ryone visiting the art show

to vote for their favorite piece from among all entries. The artist whose piece of artwork garners the most votes will earn the distinction People's Choice winner and receive a ribbon and \$50 prize.

"On that ballot, you'll also find a place to leave us a comment about the show and your thoughts on ways to improve it for next year," Case said. "And then, before you leave, please sign our guest book and leave us a comment. Our members and our exhibitors value your comments very much."

Case said the People's Choice winner will be announced prior to the end of the on-campus show, but the Best of Show winners, in a new twist, won't be revealed until the Winner's Show that will take place in downtown Alva during the First Friday Art Walk April 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Runnymede Hotel.

Non-winning art from the campus show may be picked up at the library on Monday, April 3, by 5:30 p.m. Artwork from the community show at the Runnymede may be picked up at the end of that show at 8 p.m. or from Fine Arts 211 on Monday, April 10, by 5:30 p.m.

"The Art Society is a small but mighty group of students who love to promote the arts," Case said. "Our members work to raise funds all year so that we can have this art show for our students and non-students to enter, as well as to enjoy. We also appreciate the support of the Student Government Association for its co-sponsorship of the show."

For additional information about the art show or the Art Society, visit the NAS website at www.nwosu.edu/art, join the club's Facebook group or fan page or contact Case at arcase@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8577.

More information on classes within the Visual Arts program, please contact Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, at (580) 327-8108 or krlarson@nwosu edu

relief efforts to gaining souls After bonds were made that for Christ through a campus but for Him.

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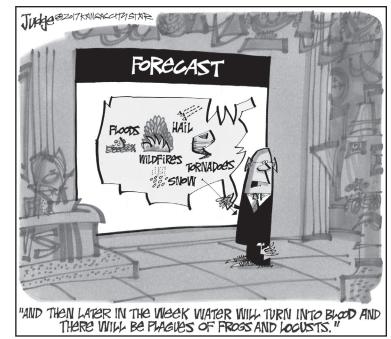
• Walter Echo-Hawk, of counsel, Crowe & Dunlevy

"This year's Indigenous Peoples, Law, and Power Symposium builds upon several dedicated events we have held this year, all of which have focused on the intersection of Native American rights and environmental law," said OU College of Law Dean Joseph Harroz Jr. "We are honored to host these discussions on such important issues and we're pleased to have the partnership

of OU's College of Arts and Sciences' Native American Studies Department as we do so."

In December 2015, the OU Board of Regents unanimously voted to elevate Native American Studies from a program to department status at the request of OU President David L. Boren.

Since 1994, OU's Native American Studies focus has attracted and served students of diverse backgrounds who are committed to using distinctly Native American perspectives to place the sovereignty of Native nations and the cultures of Native peoples at the center of academic study.



Feature



Staff Reporter

Devastation in the form of wildfires struck Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas in the first week of March.

Several fires started in the Oklahoma and Texas panhandle and southwest Kansas on March 6. Dry climates and high winds pushed the fires to get bigger and more dangerous. For several days the fires were uncontrolled and caused large amounts of damage.

The fires were so bad Governor Mary Fallin declared a state of emergency in 22 counties.

There were three fires

area. The largest of the fires was the Starbuck fire. The Starbuck fire burned 715,484 acres in Beaver and Harper counties in Oklahoma and Meade, Comanche and Clark counties in Kansas. The 283 fire burned

71,168 acres in Harper County. The Selman fire burned 47,289 acres in Harper and Woodward counties.

In the Texas panhandles three separate fires burned over 400,000 acres.

According to The Weather Network, seven people died as a result of the fires, homes and land were destroyed, and the fire killed a lot of livestock as well. Many people's ranches were burned down and people were forced to move livestock or set livestock free. Even after the fires were put out the devastation didn't stop. Some ranchers didn't get their livestock out in time and had to put down several hundreds of cattle from burns and smoke inhalation.

This wasn't the only devastation, whole pastures of grass and hay for the livestock was burned. Luckily the community helped as much as they could.

Joby Allen, a senior, is one of many whose family had to deal with fires on their land. "There was an over whelming amount of

Left: Miles of fencing burned up during the fires. Below: Many homes, barnes and other structures became

and people allowing people affected by the fire to put livestock on unburnt land," Allen said.

Catherine Goris, a senior, was one of those who tried to help. She offered to set up transportations of hay donations from Missouri to the effected areas. Goris said by the time she got things organized ranches were no longer accepting hay donations because of the large amounts that had already been donated.

Allen's family lost 1,500 acres and three sheds to the fire. He said the most devastating effect of the fire was the loss of livelihoods of some neighbors and the loss of cattle.



Above: Beaver County has become nothing more than roling plains of black suite and sand.

Below: Thousands of cattle cover fields, burnt and liefeless.





victim to the flames.



Feature

A week in the life

Spring Break photo contest



Above: Enjoying spring break with the family and observing the calm sea and sunsets in Destin, Florida. Right: Capturing the symbolic image of love, with the hand of Sebastian Escalante and Mattie Lynn Calhoun, in Destin, Florida. / Photos provided by Sebastian Escalante





Above: After a day of hard work during a mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, our church group decided to chill on the little green tractor.

Below to the left: Our church group awaiting Canjun food, selfie style! Below to the right: We were painting at Crossgate church in Louisiana. / Photo provided by Biraj Aryal



Above: This photo was taken in downtown Manhattan in New York City. It shows Erin Norrie wearing a T-shirt from Rwanda just blocks from the center of Times Square. I was there to spend the week with an old friend from high school that goes to school at Columbia University./Photo provided by Erin Norrie

Below: Koda, one of my dogs, running at the Meadowlake dog park in Enid. I love taking my dogs to the park to run off energy, and to socialize. We don't always get time to go because I work and go to school, so we went as many times as we could over the break!/Photo provided by Rachel Emerson







Entertainment

New movies coming to theaters this Friday



Book Revie

'The Face on the Milk Carton'

By DEITRA WEDD Staff Writer

Caroline B. Cooney wrote a piece of art when she wrote the face on the milk carton series.

With many twist and turns, the ending of the first book will leave readers craving more. With a great setting and plenty of emotions she pulls readers in with her words. All the characters are fun and quirky leading them to be very likable.

The face on the milk carton is a story written by Caroline B. Cooney, about a young girl who discovers her face on a milk carton. After finding her face on the milk carton Janie struggles with the realization that her parents may not be who she thinks they are, and may not even be her parents.



How do you tell your parents, the people you've grown up loving, that you think they aren't your parents, and based off the missing child's photo on the milk carton you believe they might have kidnapped you? Janie must figure out the answers before curiosity and the feelings of betrayal drive her mad.

With the help of her best friend, who she may or may not be falling for, Janie's upturned life, while difficult to navigate, may not be so bad.

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Entertainment



'The Shack'

By Richmond B. Adams



It has long been a maxim that within polite conversation, the two issues to be avoided are politics and religion. So while Stuart Hazeldine's The Shack does not delve into the former, its focus upon the latter needs to be approached with caution. Originating from William P. Young's 2007 novel, the film centers upon Mack Phillips' (Sam Worthington) attempt to grapple what had been his basic acceptance of evangelical protestant Christianity with the murder of his youngest daughter. Some months later, Phillips is invited to reenter into a conversation with "Papa," but to do so in the same woods where his child had been murdered. It is through the mixture of theological affection amongst the woods that Hazeldine's film achieves some cultural complexity. Namely, that within American life dating from the Puritans, there has been concern about the relationship between the Christian God and the wilderness. As such, the notion of a faithful person, which in his way Phillips personifies, attempting to clarify one's faith goes to

the center of our national life. In short, Phillips' walk into the woods, whether within time, a dream, or something else, restates something as traditional as Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Young Goodman Brown," the ghastly events of the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864, and both Cormac McCarthy's The Road and Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games.

Americans have, as the film suggests, forever "wrestled" with our notion of God (which has firm biblical basis in both Christian testaments), and our view of the wilderness as either open, hostile, or indifferent. Hazeldine's film portrays more to imagine, and does so in both emotionally and intellectually stretching ways. The Shack, however, does not simultaneously attempt a comprehensive reconciliation between claims of faith and events from life. What it does accomplish, despite being about 30 minutes too long and occasionally overly thick with pathos, is to explore one man's sense of what it means to be a man beyond a horrid personal loss that, not coincidentally, also reflects our national devastation following September 11, 2001. Within those boundaries, it is worth seeing and discussing... but doing so politely.

Five technology trends that will dominate 2017

By CAITLIN COODY Staff Writer

I'm amazed at the technology we have available to us. It's pretty awesome to have the power to retrieve almost any information and communicate in a thousand different ways using a device that fits in your pocket. Can you imagine your grandparents trying to figure out all the technology that's at our finger tips? Technology has come so far in a short amount of time that most people don't realize we've only had "smartphones" for 20 years. That's not that long in retrospect.

The way I see it, there will be/are five major tech trends in 2017:

1. Smart Home Technology

We've been hearing about the forthcoming revolution of the Internet-of-Things (IoT) and resulting interconnectedness of smart home technology for years. Smart technology already exist in our phones, headphones, laptops, printers and some TVs, so it's only natural for it to weave itself into every day, house-hold items, e.g., showers, stoves/ovens, heat and air conditioning units and even toilets. Imagine walking into your home, grabbing a remote that's on the wall, and being able to control just about everything in your house. This new technology is about to make our lives even easier.

2. AR and VR.

We've already seen some major steps forward for augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technology in 2016. Pokémon Go, an AR game, exploded with over 100 million downloads. There's already a high demand for such technology and I see it growing more so.

3. Machine Learning.

Does "Hey Siri" ring a bell? I thought so. Machine learning has taken some massive strides forward in the past few years, even emerging to assist and enhance Google's core search engine. It won't be long before machine learning becomes a kind of "new normal", with people expecting this type of artificial intelligence as a component of every form of technology.

4. Automation.

It's likely that we'll start seeing productivity skyrocket in a number of white-collar type jobs-and we'll start seeing some jobs disappear altogether. I'm not overly fond of this particular technology, but I know it's only going to increase the more we learn. When automation is combined with machine learning, everything will move even faster, so 2017 has the potential to be a truly landmark year.

5. Everything On-Demand.

Thanks to brands like Uber, people are getting used to having everything on demand via phone apps. In 2017, this will develop even further. We have thousands of apps available to us for rides, food deliveries and even a place to stay for the night, but soon we'll see this evolve into even stranger territory.

Calendar of **Events**

March 23 Book Talk 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Vinson Hall - VH200

March 24

OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Campus - Jesse Dunn, Carter Hall, Vinson Hall, Fine Arts

Herod Hall - Herod Hall Auditorium

Student Center - Ballroom, Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

Vinson Hall - Alabaster Room

March 27

Career and Internship Fair 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Student Center - Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

March 28

FFA Interscholastic Contest 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Percefull Fieldhouse -Gymnasium

FFA Interscholastic Contest 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jesse Dunn - All of Jesse Dunn including Kitchen

The Presidential Lecture Series 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Education Center - Education Center 109

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WEEKEND BOX OFFICE RESULTS

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6.	• The LEGO Batman Movie	\$4,600,000	↓ -40%	\$167,330,000
7.	• The Belko Experiment	\$4,140,000	NEW	\$4,140,000
8.	O Hidden Figures	\$1,480,000	↓ -47%	\$165,530,000
9.	O John Wick: Chapter 2	\$1,180,000	↓ -56%	\$89,770,000
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Sports Softball victorious at home

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Softball team showed their never back down attitude as they beat UAM 3-2 in an emotionally charged 13 inning contest. Despite losing the first game of the day 1-0, the Rangers took the series 3-1 and seem to be gaining some steam heading into the second half of the season. *Game 2 March 18*

Offense was hard to come by in the first game, and game two on the afternoon proved no different.

Both teams were unable to get much of anything going until the fourth inning, when the Rangers threatened with two runners. Backto-back singles by Mills and Parrott left runners at second and third, but UAM starter Kaylee Freeman got Estes to ground out to end the inning.

Karly Murray was in the circle for the Rangers, a day after firing a complete game shutout over UAM. The right-hander allowed just two hits in her first four frames before Aubree Head led off the fifth with a double to left. Murray cruised through the first seven innings of the ballgame, but the Ranger bats just couldn't give her the support she had earned.

It wasn't until the bottom of the ninth that the Rangers gave themselves any opportunities to score. Only needing one run to break the scoreless deadlock, Northwestern tried to beat the Blossoms with some small ball. With Brittany Corrales leading off the inning with a single through the right side, Webb looked to Mills to sac-bunt her over to second. But the Rangers couldn't capitalize, stranding Corrales and extending the game.

The tenth inning saw both squads escape sizable jams, but ultimately neither could take advantage. Murray left the bases loaded and Freeman shrugged off a leadoff double by Estes that never came around to score.

Northwestern had yet another chance in the 11th when Peyton Garrett made it to second on an error by Monticello second baseman McKenzie Rice. Corrales bunted,



Ranger softball excited and cheering during their weekend winning streak against UAM. /Photo Provided

allowing Garrett to make it to third with just one out. Mills appeared to have ended the game with a line-drive to the right side, but Rice made an incredible catch and throw to double off Garrett at third, who couldn't scramble back to the bag in time.

UAM finally broke the drought in the top of the 12th when a leadoff hit-by-pitch and an RBI single by Rice gave the Cotton Blossoms the game's first lead.

When the game looked all but over with two outs in the bottom half, a walk to Estes set the stage for Macy Madewell to be a hero. The Texan outfielder drove a 2-1 offering from Freeman off the wall in right-center, allowing Estes to scramble around the bases and tie it up at one a piece. But the euphoria was short lived. Maranda Clendenin sent a charge through her dugout when the UAM shortstop annihilated a ball over the fence in left to once again give Monticello the advantage.

Another error by the UAM infield gave Jordan Sutton a free bag to lead off the 13th. With pinch runner Hayes in the game, Garrett singled to the right side to give the Rangers runners at first and second

with nobody out. After throwing 12 innings of one run softball, UAM coach Alvy Early lifted Freeman in favor of game one starter Kendra Coleman to try to close out the game. The move appeared to pay off when Coleman caught Corrales swinging, however the Rangers had other plans.

Amber Mills came through with a game-winning 2-RBI double to left that finally put an end to the 13 inning marathon.

Murray's fantastic weekend ended with a gutsy 188 pitch outing in which she allowed just two earned runs on 12 hits. The Ranger starter struck out 15 without walking a batter in her 13 innings of work in the 3-2 walk-off victory.

On March 17 of the tournament the Rangers also dominated. The Northwestern Oklahoma State Rangers rode two strong pitching performances from Garza and Murray to a sweep over the Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms on Friday. Northwestern won the first game in tight 2-0 fashion, but exploded for nine runs in the first inning to take a onesided 11-0 victory in game two. <u>Game 1 March 17</u> their side, the Rangers took the field against a quality opponent in Arkansas-Monticello in the first of a four-game Great American Conference series. Looking to build off their strong performance against East Central just a week ago, the Rangers were relying on junior Garza to lead the charge. And she delivered an outing for the ages.

Northwestern found some early offense thanks to a Madison McGraw two-run home run to left, cashing in Corrales to give the Rangers a 2-0 lead.

After surrendering a leadoff walk, Garza sat down the next 17 Blossoms batters. The only other blemish came in the sixth when Garza made an error with two outs, but the right hander was unfazed and was able to get the final four outs.

The Rangers threatened again in the fourth and sixth innings, but UAM starter Coleman threw a solid game of her own allowing just two earned runs on seven hits and no walks. NWOSU catcher Audrey Estes gave Coleman some trouble, going 2-for-3 in the first game.

With Garza cruising through

close out a remarkable feat standing right in front of her.

The Ranger dugout erupted when Garza got Maranda Clendenin to fly out to left, with Mc-Graw making the catch to secure Northwestern's first solo no-hitter in the NCAA era. *Game 2 March 17*

Murray picked up right where Garza left off, retiring the Blossoms in order in the top of the first, setting the stage for what would become the Ranger offense's most explosive inning this season.

UAM pitcher Maylie Bain made her second start of the year, and the Rangers took advantage of the junior transfer from Harding early and often.

After Corrales led off the game with one of her four hits on the afternoon, it looked like Webb's Rangers would continue to display their small ball skills as Mills sac-bunted Corrales over to second.

But five straight hits for the Northwestern batters ruined Bain's day after recording just one out. The junior allowed five earned runs and six hits before giving way to Mallory McWhorter who didn't fare much better.

The Rangers managed five more hits off of McWhorter as she was lifted in favor of Paisley Pratt, who got the Blossoms through the next three and two-thirds innings.

However, the damage was already done as the Rangers scored nine runs in the frame, in part thanks to a multi-hit inning from both Corrales and Madi Parrott, who each singled twice. UAM tried to answer in the next half, but Murray pitched her way out of a jam, stranding runners at second and third.

Corrales single drove in two more runs for the Rangers in the bottom of the second.

With the safety of an 11 run lead, Murray breezed through the remainder of the game earning her fourth victory of the 2017 season. Murray tossed five innings of shutout softball, allowing just four hits and two walks while striking out six Cotton Blossom batters.

With the weather finally on

her 12th start of the season, she seemed calm as ever in the seventh inning with the opportunity to

Northwestern would take an 11-0 victory over Arkansas-Monticello.



Sports



Ranger baseball team coming together to celebrate during East Central game win over spring break./ Photo Provided

Ranger baseball defeated

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State baseball team took the field with the Weevils of Arkansas-Monticello for the series finale today and battled throughout, but came away with a 9-5 setback.

The Rangers sent Brandon Nesseralla to the mound for the start where he went 3.2 innings, giving up six runs in the outing. The other three hurlers to see game action for the visitors were Matthew Bickford, Nick Llorente and David Sanchez.

Leading the way at the dish today was designated hitter, Cooper Stanley who was 2-for-3 on the afternoon with two runs scored and three RBIs. The other three Rangers to collect hits were Garrett Douglas, Arturo Castro and TJ Kassner.

Each team put one man aboard a piece in the first inning of play, but neither converted, going scoreless through the first, but the score wouldn't remain like that for long.

Monticello opened up the bottom of the second with a walk, and they were able to bring him around on a single up the middle, which ultimately scored two runs, making it an early 2-0 lead for the Weevils.

The hosts tacked on another in the third, but the Rangers fought back

in the top of four as Stanley smashed a ball over the right centerfield fence, plating Pat Delano as well to make it a one-run ballgame.

UAM had something to say about that in their very next at bat however as they posted three more runs on the scoreboard to make it a four-run game at 6-2.

After a scoreless fifth inning for both teams, Northwestern struck again in the sixth, where Stanley brought home Delano for a second time on a fielder's choice, but that would be all the guests could muster in the inning.

For the second straight inning following a Ranger score, the Weevils answered again with two more runs of their own, making it a commanding 8-3 advantage.

Monticello added their final run in the eighth, making it 9-3, but the Rangers in their final at bat would plate two more on a homer by Castro to left field, scoring Stanley in the process.

The two runs would be all the Rangers could bring around in their final plate appearance however, falling 9-5.

Although Northwester had a rough go this past weekend during spring break they did come away with a win. Northwestern baseball took the field for the final game of the series with East Central on March 11 and would come up with a big win 11-6.

Starting on the bump for the Rangers in his first collegiate start was redshirt freshman, Nesseralla who went a stellar six innings, surrendering just two runs on five hits.

As an offensive unit, the Rangers were hot at the dish this afternoon as seven batters all reached base on hits and collecting 14 as a whole. Jacob Long and Jorin Van Amstel led the way for Northwestern however as they each collected three hits apiece.

East Central drew first blood in the contest on a wild pitch in the bottom of the first inning, while the Rangers were shut down in three straight batters.

The visitors threatened in the top of the second, getting two men on board, but were unable to plate any runs, but they would cash in some runs in the third.

Two big hits in the top of the third got the Ranger offense going as Carrington started things off with a bunt, moving Kane to second in the process. In the next at-bat Long would smoke a single to right field and it would skip under the rightfielders legs and travel to the wall, scoring Carrington and Kane. Long would then cross the plate on a balk by the Tiger hurler, making it a 3-1 Northwestern advantage.

The Tigers would get on the board again in the bottom half of three with one run, but the Rangers erased it immediately and added another on top of it, making it a 5-2 visitor lead.

The top of the fifth was a big one for the Rangers as well, putting three more on the board on two singles and an error by the Tigers> pitcher and first baseman. Following the threerun frame for the visitors, they would stretch the lead to six at 8-2.

Northwestern would tack on another run in the top of the seventh to make it a commanding 10-2 lead and the lead would remain at eight through the bottom half of the inning, following a three-batter shut down inning by Bickford who came on in relief for Nesseralla.

For the sixth straight inning, the Black-and-Red added another run to their side of the board, making it 11-2. The Rangers also held the hosts to their fifth straight open frame in the bottom of eight.

The final Tiger at bat would belong to Sanchez who struggled to get outs for a good part of the inning, allowing four to cross the plate, but he would recover and a fly out to Carrington ended the inning and the game in the Rangers' favor.

Athletic Events

Softball

2 p.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas University

4 p.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas University

Baseball

7 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Arkansas University

March 25

Softball

11 a.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas University

1 p.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas University

Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Arkansas University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Arkansas University

March 27

Womens Golf

Rangers at Colorado State University

March 28

Womens Golf

Rangers at Colorado State University

Baseball

5 p.m. Rangers vs Newman University



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Ranger golf has tough loss

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

<u>Women's Golf</u> The Northwestern Oklahoma





athletes in Cole Ward and Drew Sims, who shot rounds of 75 and 78 respectively. Ward's round of 75 places him in a tie for 21st place

State women's golf team finished up both rounds during the opening day of competition in the RSU Hillcat Classic at Bailey Ranch Golf Club in Owasso.

The Rangers struggled throughout the day with team totals of 356 and 354, placing them in 10th place. St. Edwards University blitzed the field by nearly 20 strokes and will hold the overnight lead with a total of 589

Brittani Casement, a sophomore, led the way for Northwestern finishing in 50th place with a tworound total of 174. Kelsi Wilson, a junior, was next up on the leaderboard with a total of 178.

Halle Ward, a freshman, saw major improvement during her second round with an 83 after a first round 96, placing her in 54th

Nikkole Donk and Drew Sims./ Photos Provided.

place with a total of 179. Olivia Brock and Kennedy Jewell finished up the squad with totals of 183 and 189.

<u>Men's Golf</u>

On March 13 the Northwestern Oklahoma State men's golf team opened up the 2017 Dave Falconer Classic with a team total of 314.

The 314 puts the Rangers in

15th place in a field that featured all but one Great American Conference foe as well as multiple regionally ranked teams. Tiffin University and Cameron University finish round one tied for the team lead with 296, while Ryan Dyck fired a 69 to hold the overnight individual lead.

The Rangers were paced by a pair of experienced Northwestern

while the 78 from Sims puts him in a tie for 46^{th} .

The other two countable scores were shot by a pair of Ranger freshman, Parker Rehorn and Cody Hixon, who finished one stroke apart with rounds of 80 and 81. Clayton Davison, a junior, rounded out the travelling team with an 87.

The Dave Falconer Classic is an annual tournament that invites some of the top teams throughout the region with this year's first round proving difficult for even the conference's best. Cold, breezy conditions at Chamberlyne Country Club kept low-scoring to a minimum as the Rangers find themselves with-in striking distance of multiple conference foe's and just 16 strokes behind the leading team from the GAC in Henderson State.





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Northwestern News

March 23, 2017

The Buzz



AboveL: Olivia Yandel, Northwestern admissions counselor and recruiter, looks at the entries for the NWSOU Art Society's art show located in the library. *Photo by Haylee Bates*





Left, Above, Right and Below : Art Society students prepare for the annual art show by placing students art work on the hanging walls. Dozens of pieces were presented in this years showcase/ Photos provided by University Relations



