

# President welcomes Rangers

## Dear Northwestern Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Northwestern Oklahoma State University for the beginning of the fall semester. On behalf of the faculty and staff, allow me to express appreciation for your decision to attend Northwestern. We believe you have made a great choice.

If you are new to Northwestern, let me extend a special welcome to you. I hope you have made a successful transition to one of our campuses. Our goal is to serve you, so please reach out to the appropriate office if you need assistance of any kind. Never be afraid to ask questions or seek help.

Northwestern provides many opportunities for you to have a great college experience; however, it will take some work

on your part. Let me offer just a few suggestions.

Go to class. You are on your own now and no one can force you to attend classes, but your odds of earning the grade you want increase significantly with regular class attendance.

Enroll in 15 credit hours per semester. It takes 120 hours to earn most degrees at Northwestern. If you want to graduate in four years, you need to take 15 hours in the fall and spring semesters, or additional hours in the summer. Every extra semester costs you more in living expenses and lost wages.

Be active in campus life. Your student life experience will be richer if you choose to become involved in clubs and organizations and Greek life, attend athletic and fine arts

## Cunningham's helpful tips

+ Go to class

+ Enroll in 15 credit hours

+ Be active

+ Be proactive



performances, and generally be involved in the many activities offered on campus and in our campus communities.

And finally, do not let a little problem become a big problem. Any challenge you may encounter in the classroom, in the dorms, or with meeting the financial obligations of

attending Northwestern, can usually be addressed if you will seek help immediately. Our goal is to help provide you an opportunity to earn a Northwestern degree.

Take pride in being a Ranger and wear our Red and Black proudly. You are now part of a tradition that is 120

years old. It is my hope that you become the next graduate to add to our abundant legacy.

## Ride, Rangers, Ride!

*Janet Cunningham,  
Ed.D. President*

# Student Government Assn. invites students to join in

By **MACIE MALONE**  
SGA President

First of all, I just want to say WELCOME BACK! I hope all of you had a fun-filled, yet relaxing summer. I'm Macie Malone, your 2017-2018 SGA President!

I have met a lot of you, but still have yet to meet the rest of you! I am thrilled to be serving the student body as your president this year.

While SGA has taken a bit of a behind the scenes role in the past, I want to bring it to the spotlight! I want you all to have as big of a hand in what happens on campus as I do.

Besides, everything we do, we do for you! This year we are working on our best year yet, filled with new events and bringing some life into our classics!

That being said, we are not only here for events.

We are here for the other student concerns as well. If you

have an idea or a concern about anything on campus, or think of some way we can improve life for our students, let us know!

We want to make your time at NWOSU as grand as possible.

I want to wish each and every single one of you a wonderful school year, and encourage you to get involved in anything you can.

My dad used to wear a shirt while I was growing up that

in your classes, invest in your free time, invest in your friends and you will surely be rewarded!

I would love to see all of you at not only our events, but our meetings too. You can help us come up with new ideas and vote on issues at hand. They will be upstairs in the student center every other week in the Senate Chambers.

Again, I can not wait for the school year to unfold. I think

*"You get out what you put in. So invest in your classes, invest in your free time, invest in your friendships and you will surely be rewarded!"*

said 'YOGOWYPI,' and my siblings and I always thought it was so ridiculous. It was only after I grew up that I understood what it meant. YOU GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN. So invest

it is going to be an incredible year! We will continue working hard to make your time the best it can be! Please contact us with any ideas, concerns, or just to say hi! We are here for YOU!



SGA: J.C. Wells, Macie Malone, Sadie Vore, Jacey Bales /Photo by Corey Shirey



SGA officer J.C. Wells serves food on Aloha Night. /Photo Provided

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# News



Students hangout in the Student Center between class. /Photo by Katie Lackey



Northwestern students browse through the new Ranger Market located in the Student Center. /Photo by Katie

## Hamburgers to Starbucks

By **KATIE LACKEY**  
Student Reporter

Many Northwestern Oklahoma State University students have had mixed feelings about the complete renovation of the student center that happened over the summer.

Prior to summer, the student center offered two different eateries. The students had an option between ordering sandwiches like subway or a grill that served a variety of foods from hamburgers to chicken strips. These options have now been replaced by a convenient store setup.

A senior basketball player, Cody Halvorson said, "The way it looks and the setup is nice, but I miss the burger and sandwich place."

Halvorson is not the only one who misses the burgers and sandwiches.

"The new student center looks pretty but has been inconvenient for me because as a student that does not live on campus I depended on the hot meals that the student center provided," senior Faith Changara said. "Now I have to either pack a lunch or go to the cafeteria."

Dr. David Pecha, vice president for administration, shed some light on what brought about the dramatic changes to the student center.

"Our contract with Chartwells, which is our food service provider, provides upgrades every few years to the university capital upgrades. Our last upgrade was seven or eight years ago," Pecha said. "Last year we did a number of focus groups with students to get their feedback on what improvements they would like to see in the cafeteria and student center so out of that came Ranger Market."

The Ranger Market offers quick easy to grab snacks such as

sandwiches and parfaits and serves a full Starbucks menu. Students wanting a hot meal can still get one at the Coronado Cafeteria.

"I love the new look of the student center," senior Trista Watson said. "The Starbucks may hurt the other coffee businesses in Alva, such as Eva's and the Vanilla Bean, but it is great to see updates on campus."

With the new Ranger Market, flex dollars were also implemented. For those who do not know about flex dollars, they come in different levels as far as how many swipes or meals a person can get with their plan in the main cafeteria. Then there is your flex dollars value that can be used just like cash at the Ranger Market.

When a student runs out of flex dollars, they can either add more to their account or just pay with cash or credit. Northwestern Oklahoma State University was one of the last university's to start using flex dollars.

The renovation of the student center may be the most noticeable change on campus, but there have been and will be others.

Concrete was poured in the east parking area of South Hall. The money brought in through parking fees funded that renovation.

This fall students can expect to see more renovations such as a new roof on the industrial education building and a new roof on the Dunning Performance Center. It used to be called the armory, but when a donor funded all the improvements for the hitting area, turf, as well as other indoor improvements it was renamed. The Dunning Performance Center is located across from the football field

The underground electrical vaults will also be replaced around the Industrial Education building, science building, Health Sports and Science Education and library.



Workers pour concrete on the east gravel parking lot of South Hall on Aug. 16. /Photo by Kaylene Armstrong



The money generated by students' parking fees helped fund the renovation of just one South Hall's parking lots. Now both of South Hall's parking areas are paved. /Photo by Kaylene Armstrong

# News

## *There goes the sun! Eclipse wows*



Photos by Cedric Collinge

Students gathered at the Greenspace on Aug. 21 to watch the solar eclipse. Alva saw about a 90 percent eclipse, which many found to be impressive even if the moon didn't complete block the sun.

## Students, community gather to watch first total eclipse to be seen across entire U.S. since 1918

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**  
Staff Reporter

How do you organize a solar eclipse party? You planet.

The sun and the moon were not the only ones getting together on Aug. 21 on Northwestern's campus. Hundreds of students, faculty, and even the Alva community got to participate in the viewing. Millions of people in the U.S got to witness the totality of an eclipse again or caught their first look at it this year. It was more than 38 years ago that the last total solar eclipse was seen in any part of the nation (excluding Alaska and Hawaii).

A solar eclipse happens when the sun is completely blocked by the moon and cuts off all rays of sunlight from viewing. Eclipses happen when earth, moon and sun line up perfectly.

How rare is a Solar Eclipse? A total solar eclipse is visible to Earth every 1.5 years. Alva may have not received 100 percent totality, but there will be plenty more chances to capitalize on.

Steve Maier, science professor for Northwestern, hosted the event in the Green Space on campus and reeled in a rambunctious crowd. "This was a great idea to come to this spot [Green Space] so people can

see the not only the eclipse, but the area we are in," Maier said.

Maier is no stranger to the eclipse atmosphere though. He saw his first eclipse, an annular eclipse, during his undergrad years in New York state. This happens when the moon covers the sun, but leaves the Sun's outer edges visible, which is also known as the "ring of fire." A man of space and science, Maier was happy to bring his telescopes so people could get a full grasp of the spectacle. A student made a second telescope that was available for viewing.

Over a hundred students attended the event to view the eclipse, and all were engaged to use the telescopes despite the long lines. Dalton Manning, junior majoring in nursing, said he heard about the eclipse from his mother otherwise he would have never known. "This was a great idea to do it in this area," he said. "I like the scenery, and all the people who showed up."

April Burcziel, a sophomore majoring in pre-radiology, heard the event was happening through a school wide email that she received. "I came into the event super excited to see my first eclipse," Burcziel said, "I did not think the glasses were going to work, and was really scared to look up at the sun."

Though Alva did not experience a full eclipse this year, it was in the path of the last eclipse to be seen from coast to coast almost 100 years ago in 1918.



Dr. Steve Maier helps students view the eclipse through a telescope.

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# Editorial

## Rangers, spread the message

By COREY SHIREY  
Staff Reporter

Our land is grand. This nation was built on the idea that all people are created equal. That all people are endowed with certain unalienable rights. Rights that no man has the authority to take away.

Or was it?

We should often remind ourselves of a bitter legacy. A legacy that many call America's "cardinal sin". The sin of slavery. Of repression. Of violence towards others simply because of the color of their skin.

Roughly one month ago, a gathering of violent, torch-bearing white supremacists presented a stark and vicious manifestation of this country's historical baggage and its horrific capacity to claim the lives of the best among us.

We have seen this before. Tulsa, 1921. Selma, 1965. Los Angeles, 1992. Now, Charlottesville, 2017.

History has a way of repeating itself. We may use different words or have different leaders, but it's repeated nonetheless. That cardinal sin continues to fester. We may no longer have slavery as an institution, but we have folks in our midst who still view others as less than human, based simply on the color of skin or the God that they worship. We've called them different names throughout time. From confederates to white supremacists. From Nazis to the "Alt-Right". Different name, same game. And they've snarled their nasty teeth once again.

They've come back, of course, because of people taking an act of Here in the Ranger Nation, we have a healthy and diverse family.

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moral courage, just like before.

In Tulsa we wanted equal justice in the courtroom. In Selma, we sought equal access to the ballot box. In Los Angeles, we wanted justice for Rodney King.

In February, Charlottesville voted to remove a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee from one of its public parks. They chose to stop revering the Confederacy. To stop honoring the evil to which it stood and fought. The same evil that now rears its ugly head, illuminated by tiki torches.

To the alt-right and other white supremacists, the Lee statue's demise would represent a fundamentally American virtue they cannot stand: the capacity to change into a better, more compassionate nation.

Their goal was nothing less than to intimidate and brutalize. They are waging a battle to maintain the structures and symbols of white supremacy. To keep in place every remaining fragment of a dying and outdated

social order in which blacks and other minorities are persecuted and silenced. These people fighting against those ideals for which the Union fought. Fighting to preserve a monument to a group of traitors whose cruel, bigoted heart never stopped beating.

And in this battle, they may just win. I have heard too many friends suggest that by taking down these monuments, we are erasing our history. That we simply are refusing to look back.

I disagree. There is a place where we can place these monuments of a failed rebellion without revering them. That place is a museum. Having these monuments in public parks, resting high on pedestals, isn't just remembering. It's honoring. It's revering.

Here on the campus of Northwestern there is a monument of a different form. One that is often overlooked by many, because of where it is placed. Go look for it. I bet you'll have a challenge finding it.

It's a rather large bust of our 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln. A man, who arguably, was one of the greatest presidents who ever served. A man remembered due to the actions he made in just four

short years of his life. From his election causing the outbreak of the Civil War, to the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment in Congress just three short months before his assassination. His 1863 Emancipation Proclamation changed the mindset of the Union. Changed the spirit of why we were fighting.

He changed it from a simple legal matter to a moral imperative. He chose to fight to ensure that slavery as an institution would be ended. He is a man worth honoring. A man worth having a monument.

The terror that was cast upon Charlottesville should serve as a rallying call for all of those who see what is happening in America. The roots of this bigoted terror are strong and old, engrained in the DNA of America, and it will take every ounce of our moral fiber to rip them out.

However, that is the purpose to which we must rededicate ourselves. It's an effort that should span across those same lines of politics and ideology that keep us weak and divided.

Here in the Ranger Nation, we have a healthy and diverse family. We come from all different backgrounds, faiths, ethnicities, nationalities, and races. Hate and bigoted views have no place among us.

We, as a family of Rangers, are all equal, and we must not hesitate to reach out and spread that old message where ever we go. A message of progress. A message of equality. That message is needed now, more than ever. #riderangerside #ridewithpride

## You can survive, and thrive, at college

By MCENDREW BROWN  
Columnist

Every high school student almost always gets the question "Are you planning on going to college?" People can make you plan your future as much as they want. You can plan if you're going to college, where you'll go and what you'll major in. People even plan financial aid and line up a job in your college town. What they don't help you plan is what you will be doing once you actually get to college.

How to survive and thrive as a college student takes more thought than what comes to mind when asked "Are you planning on going to college?" Here are my top three pieces of advice for incoming college freshman.

My first piece of advice for any incoming college freshman is a very simple one, breathe! Things don't always go as planned. with many things in college life, ranging from not liking dorm life, to

stressing over how you're going to afford your text books, and a variety of other issues.

The best thing you can do when you get stressed and overwhelmed with college life is to stop, breathe and then move on. Sometimes things get hard, but you can get through it. You can find a way to solve your problem.

The important thing to remember is that every college student feels overwhelmed on a regular basis. It's a part of the growth and learning process that we experience on our adulthood journey. It is okay to feel overwhelmed, upset, and even lost.

I remember my freshman meltdown, sitting outside my dorm in the rain, tears rolling down my face, feeling lost and alone. All of my surroundings and people who always watched over me were now nowhere around, and I felt like I had no one.

Obviously I had the friends I had made on campus at that point, which was great, but it was nothing compared to a parent's em-

brace. The people who you knew cared whether you ate or not, whether or not you were sick, or even if you were dead or alive, were nowhere to be found. But that too shall pass.

My next piece of advice is to get involved. Get involved with a group, whether it is a church group, video game club, sports or the band. Being involved helps establish your sense of identity on your campus and makes you feel a part of your college community.

I could not imagine going through my freshman year of college without my fellow band members, and even my band director. I made so many new friends not only in the band, but around campus at events related to the band.

I didn't realize how much this meant to me until the beginning of my second semester when all my classes, friends, and classmates had all changed, but at the end of the day I still knew the group of supportive friends I was going to see at 3:30 p.m. in

Fine Arts 300. I knew they would know and care if I didn't show up, and would care if something was wrong. Believe it or not, that will mean a lot.

My last piece of advice is to always search for your text books online BEFORE going to your colleges book store! My freshman year I trusted the nice helper to give me the best deals on the right books. My second semester I did searching online and saved hundreds of dollars just by searching online first! With that being said, the best deal isn't always online. While much of the time online is way cheaper, sometimes your book store pulls through and has a better or equal deal.

Your college experience is what you make it. If you follow this advice and breathe, get involved, and search around online for your books first, it will make it that much better.

The things you learn in your first year that aren't in the text books are the ones you will remember the most.

# How to have a successful year

By EmmaRae Cook  
Student Writer

Professors across campus offer advice to students on how to make this the best year yet.



Jeff McAlpin instructor of Criminal Justice and Psychology, Social Sciences

“Most successful students I know have not been afraid to make mistakes and ask questions. Get to know your professors and fellow students. Get your head out of your cellphone. Enjoy the process don't be in such a hurry to get your degree. Enjoy Learning.

“I wish I was more to have responsibility and be seen as an adult when I was an under grade. Be more involved in the entire learning process open your mouth and get help if you need it. Take ownership of your education.”



Dr. David Hawkins Assistant Professor of Business

“Key to success would be to schedule your work and activities

and stick to your schedule. Pick what is most important to you and let the rest go. Be sure to plan some fun time. Never forget it's ok to change your major.”



Jennifer Mahieu Assistant Professor of Nursing

“Get organized, ask questions and don't be afraid to visit with any faculty at NWOSU we are very passionate about student success. Time management. Take the time to figure out what you are passionate about before you jump on in.”



Dr. Kathleen Earnest Assistant Professor of English

“Be organized, communicate with classmates and professors, use the library, don't procrastinate and make sure you understand an assignment, ask questions, be involved, be open to new opportunities.

“These skills you can carry into the workplace. If you learn them now they will be with you in you later careers.”



Brooke Fuller, Director of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness

“Go to class! If you are not in class you won't gain what you need. Don't make excuses. Figure out who you are. You do you man!”



Dr. Tim Maharry Chair of Math and Computer Science

“Don't get behind, if you are struggling go to Professors for help. Try to keep a balance get sleep, eat healthy, exercise, manage your time to include these as well as school work. Get involved in campus activities.”



Dr. Mindi Clark Assistant Professor of Agriculture

“Take the time to read syllabus and prepare yourself for the class so you know what it takes to be successful in class and be sure to attend class.

“Get to know your advisor and ask questions, get involved in student organizations so you can begin developing leadership skills and creating a network of people that could be applicable for a future career.”



Kyle Larson assistant Professor of Art

“Stay organized, time management. What helped me is having an agenda or physical calendar. Don't wait until the night before break things up, life gets easier when you break things up. Don't procrastinate, give yourself enough time to finish.

“In Art you need to let your work breathe step away and come back the next day to re-evaluate the situation. I wish that I would have explored more areas of study, because that's what college allows you to explore who you are. If you only focus on one study you miss out on something you could potentially be passionate about. Everything you do in college every assignment is a reflection of who you are.”



Dr. Jason Wickman Associate Professor of Chemistry

“Be prepared, study ahead of time and keep up with class work, be open to possibilities.”



Dr. Sheila Brintnall Professor of Math

“Don't be afraid to go talk to your instructors we are here to help you. Get involved, do your homework, don't procrastinate.”

## What are best classes to take?

By Mary Shklar  
Student Writer

Students shared their suggestions for anyone looking for great classes to add to their wish lists.

Ethan Price junior, agriculture major  
“Livestock Feeding — anyone who owns livestock of any kind or plans teach agriculture should take this course.”

Kennedy Jewell junior, health and sports science major  
“Sociology — it really opens the mind to learning the development and structure of human society.”

Amber Miller junior, agriculture major  
“Personal Finance — everyone needs to know how to manage their own finances.”

Emma Reed junior, social work department major  
“Intro to Speech Communication — it teaches skills that you'll need in virtually every job field.”

Carter Spellman senior, health and sports science major  
“Kinesiology — being a body builder it's important to know how the body works.”

Katherine Blair sophomore, music instrumental major  
“Band — it brings people of different cultures together and allows individuals to grow through music.”

Osam Sakamoto senior, nursing major  
“Human Physiology — you get to learn basic but important physiological functions.”

Callee Gift sophomore, biology major  
“Biology — in almost every major you are going to need a basic knowledge of biology.”

Bailey Forell junior, health and sports science major  
“Human Anatomy — it was by far the best class I have taken!”

Alysson Stewart sophomore, pre-med biology major  
“Human Anatomy — it's fun to learn about and something you will be doing in your future career!”

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# Feature

## Welcome back, Rangers!



Photo by: Bailey Rankin

Community member and students gather downtown to watch local artists and visit local businesses.



Photo by: Cheyenne Hankins

Brittani and Baylee watch students go down the slip and slide.

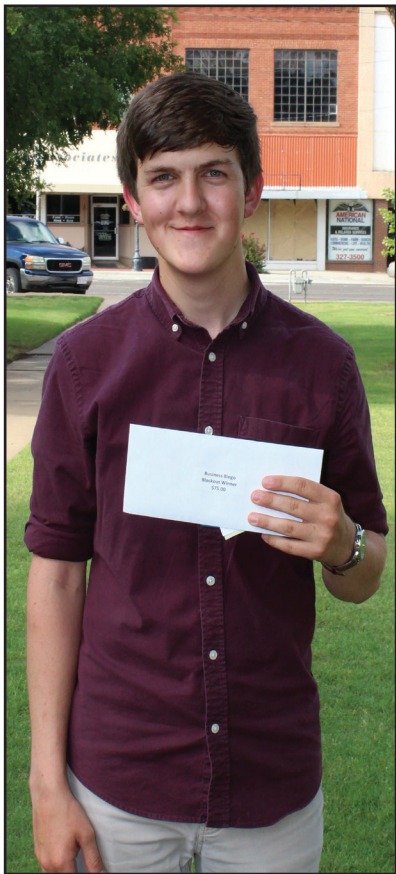


Photo by: Bailey Rankin

Ethan Sacket won \$75 Chamber Bucks for gathering most signatures during Bingo On the Square



Photo by: Ashley Strehl

Freshmen learn about the clubs and organizations they can join on campus.



Photo by: Ashley Strehl

Freshmen sign up for organizations during Freshmen Orientation.



Photo by: Corey Shirey

Students and Faculty have fun doing the "Cupid Shuffle"



Photo by: Cheyenne Hankins

Kenzi Winter enjoys a hamburger at Aloha Northwestern.



Photo by: Cheyenne Hankins

Ryne Hansen enjoys the Howdy Week activities with the students.

# Feature

## First week frenzy



Students play hackysack at the block party.

Photo by: Corey Shirey



Teams competed in a game of trashket ball.

Photo by: Bailey Rankin



Students had to transport water from one bucket to another at freshman frenzy.

Photo by: Bailey Rankin



The students competed as teams to complete a hula hoop challenge.

Photo by: Bailey Rankin



The freshman class competed in teams of different colors at Freshman Frenzy.

Photo by: Bailey Rankin



Students hang out.

Photo by: Corey Shirey



Destiny Peffly, Chris Marshall and Jacque Ruhl enjoy the food at Aloha Day.

Photo by: Cheyenne Hankins

# Entertainment

## 'Dunkirk' sheds light on war

By **DR. RICHMOND ADAMS**  
*English Department*

Reared by bookworm parents to love history, I wanted to see the movie "Dunkirk" as soon as I knew a film was forthcoming.



I was more eager still that Christopher Nolan, who plays Batman in "The Dark Knight" (2008). I still maintain is the most important cultural document over the last 25 years, was directing the project. So with high hopes, I watched "Dunkirk" develop into something unexpected in its three vantage points whose intersection portrayed the miracle often credited with saving western civilization.

I do not overstate that claim. In early June 1940, the British Expeditionary Force, along with some of the collapsing French army, found itself pinned against the coast by superior German arms. As a map that came unto one British soldier, Tommy, played by Fionn Whitehead, indicated, the already decimated Allies were "surrounded" with only the beach separating them from the world's best military.

At the same time, a flotilla of ships has set sail to try to save as many Allied soldiers as possible.

## 'Thrones' fans want more

By **BROOKE MCCLELLAND**  
*Student Writer*

The season finale of "Game of Thrones" season 7 just aired, and it's full of reunions, game changers, and long held secrets being revealed.

Many would call this a fantastic, and epic finale after a shorter than normal season. There are definitely some plot holes throughout the season that sadly don't get resolved, but the massive final episode more than makes up for it.

### On TV

Coming in at one hour and twenty-one minutes, this is the longest episode in Game of Thrones history, and it is jam packed. The season has ended, and every living man, woman, and child have a part to play in "The Great War" that is to come. Who will survive the war against the dead? Will there be anyone left to sit on the Iron Throne?

It stays true to the central theme of the season, which is ice versus fire, or more accurately,



'Dunkirk' Premiered July 21, 2017 tells the story of the war in France in 1940. Photo Courtesy: Warner Brothers

With combat now shifted mostly to the sky, Royal Air Force Pilot Farrier, played by Tom Hardy and two other comrades, engage the Luftwaffe so that the craft at sea might make it to Dunkirk.

Nolan accomplishes these three action lines by mixing them in tension with scenes of horrifying death and, as with one British boat captain, Mr. Dawson, played by

Mark Rylance, a stoic heroism that simply inspires awe. Portraying a narrator of sorts, Kenneth Branagh adds star power as the Naval Commander who supervises the men boarding the ships, and by sacrificing himself by remaining behind to rescue as much of the French Army as possible.

Nolan, however, did not direct a documentary any more than

he portrayed a superhero in his Batman trilogy. By using an episode upon which history was literally, in Winston Churchill's later recounting, on a "hinge of fate," Nolan asks us in 2017 what it is that "has us surrounded." Nolan's question, like that facing the Allies in 1940, may seem cryptic, but it still requires us to give an answer.

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'Game of Thrones' character Petyr Baelish played by Aiden Gillen. Photo Courtesy: HBO

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Many would call this a fantastic, and epic finale after a shorter than normal season. There are definitely some plot holes throughout the season that sadly don't get resolved, but the massive final episode more than makes up for it.

Coming in at one hour and

twenty-one minutes, this is the longest episode in Game of Thrones history, and it is jam packed. The season has ended, and every living man, woman, and child have a part to play in "The Great War" that is to come. Who will survive the war against the dead? Will there be anyone left to sit on the Iron Throne?

It stays true to the central theme of the season, which is ice versus fire, or more accurately, the dead versus the living.

## 'Death' is gateway to anime

By **BROOKE MCCLELLAND**  
*Student Writer*

"Death Note" is the newest Netflix original movie to come to our TV, phone, or computer screens, and it doesn't fail to impress.

It pays tribute to its anime origins throughout the movie, and has a stellar "American Horror Story" reference with a sticker stating: "Normal People Scare Me" inside of main character, Light's, locker which kind of draws its own parallel to the very first season of the TV show "American Horror Story."

The ending leaves you wanting more, and gives an audience member unfamiliar to "Death Note" a cliffhanger. As an introduction, it certainly lays down the basic principal of what "Death Note" is, and the cliffhanger leaves us with many questions.

It stars Willem Defoe and Nat Wolff, who both make a great performance throughout the movie. Listening to Defoe brought back many memories of his time as the Green Goblin from the original Spiderman movies in the early 2000s, and Nat Wolff has certainly progressed from his early Nickelodeon days.

With an excellent cast playing layered characters, some believe that Netflix's adaption of "Death Note" could be a gateway into the world of anime for those who have shown little interest. Could this be a gateway or something more? Maybe overrated? You might be surprised by what you find.

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Starting Sept. 7th  
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# Around Town

## New updates off campus

By Melissa Noland  
Student Writer

Returning Northwestern alumni and students will notice a few new changes and upgrades that have been made to the campus including the paving of South Hall's gravel parking lot and the complete renovation to the Student Center. People will also be noticing the recent changes to the Alva community as well.

Some of these changes include the recent face lift the downtown Banc Central, the expansion of Gamett Oil Co and the closing of Taco Mayo. Last fall the addition of the Vanilla Bean coffee cart was a smashing success with the community and college kids. New businesses are hoping to have the same intensity of feed back with their upcoming arrivals.

Some new business ventures include the addition of Shepherd Oil Truck Stop, The Other Place and You Pick. Along with your normal gas station amenities, Shepard's is sporting a full diner that serves everything from a breakfast omelet to ribs or chicken fried steak.

The diner is open from 6am to 9pm everyday. Shepard's opened this past week and has received

*"Our menu will have food ranging from steak dinners to fish or pasta entrees." — Dalton Costello, The Other Place*

positive reviews so far. "It looks so new and clean!" said Jordan McLemore, a recent NWOSU alum. "The service was great and the food was even better. Shepard's seems like a great addition to the Alva community."

Back in May, the investors of the Angry Bull Saloon bought what used to be Champs which was located on the South side of town, just across from Jiffy Trip. This entire summer they have been working hard to remodel and change the existing building in to what is now going to be called "The Other Place".

Dalton Costello is a recent graduate from OSU in Stillwater and has returned back to Alva to help his father run their businesses at the Angry Bull and now The Other Place.

"The name The Other Place came about one day when my dad and I were talking about everything that had to be done with the project" said Costello.

"We were having a really hard time finding a name that everyone really liked and really fit. I had just been casually referring to it as the other place because we already have Angry Bull Saloon, so I just looked at my dad and said "why don't we just call it the other place since that's all we refer to it as" and it stuck."

The Other Place is set to open the middle of September and will be offering a variety of food options. "Our menu will have food ranging from steak dinners to fish or pasta entrees." said Costello. "We are doing this that way people don't feel like they are always eating the same thing, something that happens a lot in small towns like this one."

The real question is what will be replacing the old Taco Mayo building. Alexandra Mantz, who works with the Alva Chamber of Commerce and their Community & Economic Development, said that they are talking with the existing owner and pursuing interests in the building.

"We are always excited to have new businesses look at our community and start a business here" said Mantz. "We also want to assist those expanding or changing their business to fit the current needs or trends."



Photo by Melissa Noland

Taco Mayo closed this summer and nothing new has taken its place.



Photo by Melissa Noland

The new gas station by Atwoods features a Shepard's diner.

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**We have moved!**  
**Welcome back students**  
**Come see us at 428 Flynn**  
**20% off with student ID**  
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### Facebooking the Eclipse



Photo by Cedric Collinge

Students and faculty gather on the Green space with their protective glasses, to watch the eclipse and take photos of themselves and friends.

# News

## Plan fun for Labor Day

By Quincy Tunstall  
Student Reporter

With many students, having already spent their first two weeks back in Alva and many being newcomers, are anticipating that hopefully long 3-day weekend off for Labor Day. But, all are asking the same question: "What is there to do?" With Alva, having only around two thousand people in the town itself, there really isn't much to do. For those who may be obligated to stick around, here are a couple things that may make your weekend stretch.

The Rialto Cinema & Video Theatre is a small, 3 screen theatre and video store located at 526

Flynn Street in the heart of The Square. It is your typical small town movie theatre, providing candy, popcorn, hotdogs, and various types of theatre drinks. Times and showings can be found either on their Facebook page or by calling them at (580) 327-0535. They are open Monday-Friday from 10am-9pm and on Sundays from 12:30pm-9pm. Make your way out to Rialto for Happy Hour drinks & popcorn are held all day, all night, at all hours!

Alva also is the home of Cherokee's Strip Museum. It's located at 901 14<sup>th</sup> Street just west of the University. The Museum "is dedicated to providing activities and opportunities that educate,

entertain, and provide a place where families enjoy learning experiences. They are open Tuesday-Sunday from 1pm-5pm and sadly closed on Monday's. Admission for kids 11 & under is free, while 12-17 is only \$1, and 18 and up is \$3. This makes it very affordable for large families and even college students "on a budget."

It was originally built in 1932 and was Alva's General Hospital up until 1972. In 1976, it became the new home of the Cherokee Strip Museum. If the history doesn't make you want to check this out, maybe this will cut the cake. They just recently had a group of very active paranormal

investigators visit the the site. You may not believe in ghosts, but very interesting.....

Now, for those who don't mind taking a trip through the lovely roads of Oklahoma, Cheyenne is having their 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheyenne Arapaho Labor Day Powwow on September 1-4 at the Colony Powwow Grounds in Colony, Oklahoma. It's about 15 miles south of Weatherford, but a little more than 2 hours from Alva. Arts and crafts, food booths and musical and dancing entertainment will be offered throughout the event. Admission is free and dress code is whatever you're feeling that day!

### Calendar of Events

**Aug. 29**  
Last day to add 16-week class  
Extreme PB&J

**Aug. 30**  
Writers Round Table Meeting

**Aug. 31**  
International Student Meet and Greet

**Sept. 1**  
Last day for 100% refund on complete withdrawals  
Last day to DROP, no grade required, (16-week classes)

**Sept. 3**  
National Bacon day

**Sept. 4**  
Labor Day – No classes, Offices Closed

**Sept. 4 – 10**  
National Waffle Week

**Sept. 5**  
W required for dropped courses (16-weeks)

**Sept. 6**  
NWOSU PreNA Information meeting

## Freshman Frenzy



Photo by: Bailey Rankin

Freshman Frenzy was held August 28th at the baseball feilds.



Photo by: Bailey Rankin

One of the games the freshman played was the "Over and under game"

## Dear DJ

By Rachel Kirkland  
Columnist

Dear DJ

**I've suspected that my boyfriend has been fooling around, and when confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again. Should I just let it go?**

**Seriously Single/Not Single**

Dear Single/Not Single,

It is easy to see where you are coming from. Trust and Communication are the most important factors in any committed relationship, whether it be between partners, co-workers, friends, and family. Humans are a very social creature and without trust we can't socialize and paranoia sets in. When you allow yourself to enter a new relationship you open yourself up to be hurt. Everyone in life will end up hurting you, but it is up to you to figure out who is worth the pain. Before answering your question, you must ask yourself, is there a reason for the mistrust? Could it be a

past relationship that makes you believe he could be doing the same thing? Insecurities? If you believe the mistrust comes from an outside source perhaps talking with him about these issues and coming up with a plan to help you build confidence. However, if you have seen him or he has done something to warrant the mistrust then it's in another field. Trust is very hard to gain back once it is lost. You must ask yourself, can you trust him again? If you see him with another female like a classmate are your thoughts "Is it her?" The Paranoia will eventually consume you to the point any future relationships could become jeopardize. Look yourself in the mirror and try and visualize yourself with him, do you believe you will be able to trust him again? Will you be able to let me go out with "the guys" and not wonder if there is another girl with them. Is he worth the pain?

If you would like your question answered by DJ, please submit your questions to [nwnews@nwosu.edu](mailto:nwnews@nwosu.edu). Some times a third party response can help you!

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# Sports



The Ranger football team was divided into red and black jersey teams. They competed against one another to start off the season and prepare for their upcoming games./Photo by Conner Poage

## Scrimmage prepares Rangers

By **MEGAN MAHARRAY**  
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University football team gave students and fans a preview of all that is to come this football season in a Red and Black scrimmage Monday night.

The NWOSU football team was divided into Red jerseys and Black jerseys, and the players competed against each other in order to prepare them for their upcoming season.

Matthew Walter, NWOSU's head football coach, said the results of the scrimmage made him excited for this season. Walter said his team did well both offensively and defensively.

"Defensively, our third downs were much better," Walter said. "Last year we struggled converting on third down defensively."

Walter said his offense did well in completing third down conversions, and getting the first down. He said the offense also did well scoring touchdowns.

Walter said his team focuses on three tactics: execution, preparation, and effort. These are the tactics he likes to see in his players. He said his team put in great effort throughout the scrimmage.

Walter said his team needs to work on converting third downs offensively, and defensively doing better on the goal line. He said his defensive team must work hard to match the offenses of their opponents. He said his offense must work to execute every play.

To prepare for their first game, Walter has his team in meetings and to watch film. His team is doing lighter work on their feet to help physically prepare their bodies.

Mentally, Walter said his team is watching film and learning tac-

tics of the upcoming opponents.

Walter said he is most excited for the first game. Walter said in football, only eleven games are guaranteed, unless a team makes the playoffs. He said his team works all year for only eleven games, and that is why he is most excited for the first game.

"You always look forward to the first game," Walter said. "It doesn't matter who you're playing."

Walter adds he also always looks forward to playing rival team Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Overall, Walter wants his team to improve both on the field and in the classroom.

"We hope the students will come out to support us and watch us play," Walter said.

Jacob Peyton is a redshirt sophomore from Perkins, Oklahoma. He serves as one of NWOSU's football captains, and he is a running back. He is majoring in Health and Sports Science.

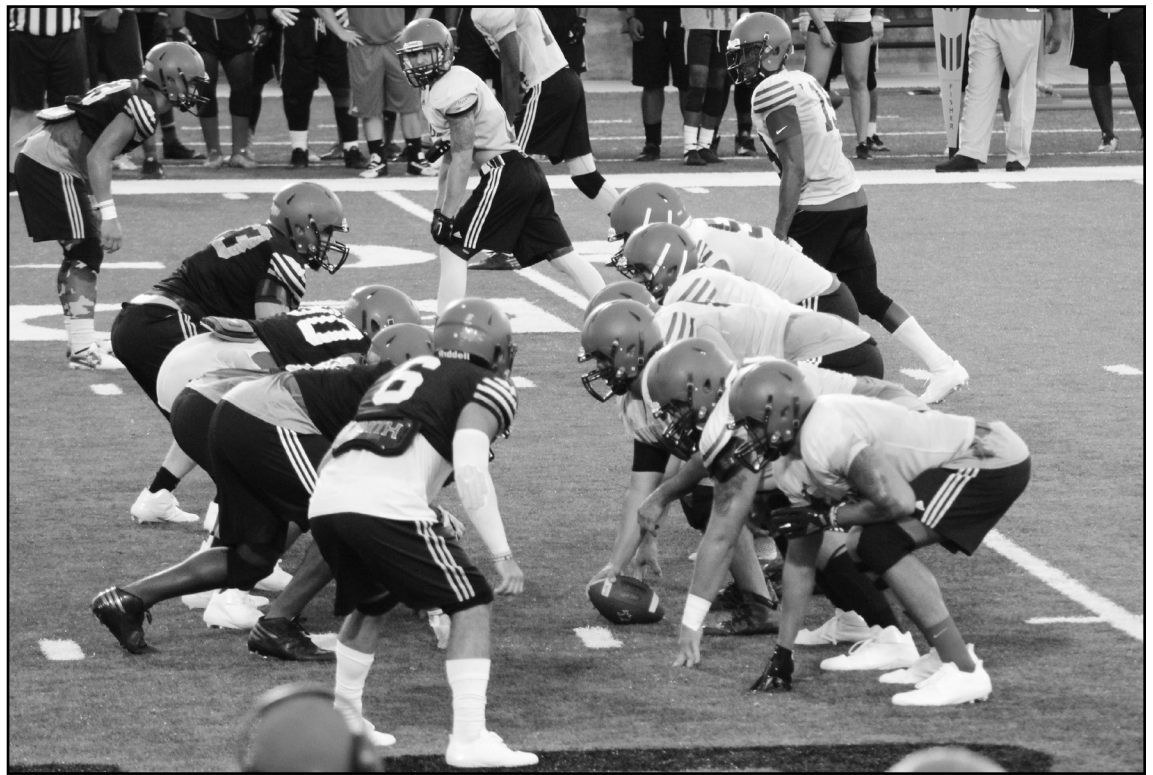
Peyton competed in the scrimmage Monday night, and he said he saw many good things from both the offense and the defense. He said both sides were competing well.

Individually, Peyton has a couple goals he would like to achieve this season. He wants to rush for 1,000 plus yards and score 10 touchdowns.

Peyton said his team needs to work on getting to know each other better. Overall, he expects his team to win.

"We are completely different from last year so we should be able to surprise some people at this university," Peyton said.

The NWOSU football team will kick their season off with their first match up against Great American Conference opponent Ouachita Baptist on Thursday in Arkansas.



The Rangers line up to start off the scrimmage on August 21 at Ranger Field./ Photo by Conner Poage



Teammates belly bump each other in victory after a successful scrimmage./Photo by Conner Poage

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# The Buzz

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*Photo by Conner Poage*

Sunset over the Ranger Field on August 21 where the Ranger football team kicked off the season with a scrimmage. Rangers were picked to finish 9th overall in the Great American Conference, but coach Walter said he believes they will do much better than that if they follow the process and do things the right way.

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