



Senior and Speech Theatre Major Tori Hurley is applying a Prostatic on Freshman Taylor Alexander who plays McQuadle the dragon in the Childrens production.

Photos provided by Michelle Willson

Annual Children's Theatre returns

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**
Student Writer

Why do dragons sleep during the day? Because they like to fight knights. In this case, people will be able to see the dragons both night and day.

The Annual Children's Theater Production is back and with a new playwright. McQuadle a Dragon's Tale.

McQuadle has to overcome obstacles, crazy characters, and self-doubt to find her destiny.

The production is scheduled for Nov. 16 and 17 for public school, and also will be presented for the general public on Saturday Nov. 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Herod Hall Auditorium on the Northwestern campus.

The Nov. 16 and 17 shows are going to be presented twice a day for the public school children and teachers. At this time there are over 1,000 students expected to attend Kimberly Weast, Professor of Theatre Arts, said.

The Annual Childrens Theater Production has a long history of presenting to students, teachers, and the public. Weast said it's been well over 30 years that the production has been going.

"It is an opportunity for children to be introduced to live theater," Weast said. "For some children the production is the first and possibly only time they will attend a live theater."

Despite the title, Annual Children's Theatre Production, Northwestern university students

from a theater arts class, as well as other theater students, will be do all of the acting in the performance.

Weast said she spends each summer reading many plays, searching for a script that will appeal to children. She looks for a story that children and adults will like, but the plays will contain some historical and cultural references that only adults would understand.

"Presenting the Annual Childrens Theatre Production is my most favorite part of my job at Northwestern," Weast said, "to see the theatre full of expectant and exciting children is very fulfilling."

For anybody interested in attending the general public date, the play will be on Saturday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m. The entry fee for the production is \$1.25 per person.



Sophomore Nick Wygle who plays Thurman and Lead Wizard is stage fighting with Freshman Chloe Henderson who plays the Evil Queen during a 5 minute break

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Editorial

Things that I find absurd

By **ASHLEY STREHL**
Entertainment Editor

Absurdity: the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

Synonyms include: preposterousness, ridiculousness, ludicrousness, incongruity, inappropriateness, risibility, idiocy, stupidity, foolishness, folly, silliness, inanity.

This column is, in the least of words, going to be one big rant. Surely we all have a list of things that get on our nerves, or grind our gears! Am I right? Life is so absurd that they dedicated a whole absurd day about absurdity. National Day of Absurdity is November 20th, so I decided I was going to write a whole absurd column about the absurd things about this absurd life.

First things first, how absurd is it that as soon as you buy Chap Stick you lose it in .5 millise-

onds. That stuff is what, \$3? The good kind at least, that just isn't fair.

It's completely absurd that this whole campus is one big downward hill starting from

Absurdity: the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

South Hall all the way to Herod, getting there is easy, but if you're walking towards South Hall or even the Caf, you might as well say bye to all the people

you love because by the time you walk there your clothes are covered in sweat and you're also on the brink of death.

It's absurd that we have to remember to go buy scantrons to take an exam that we didn't even study for.

It's absurd that I get mad about that because it's my own fault for not buying a scantron and not studying.

It's absurd that after stressing about a deadline the professor extends it, so you stayed up till 5:32am for no reason.

It's absurd how scary Jesse Dunn is at night, I think we should get a ghost busters team to investigate that place at 2am because I swear I heard someone whisper "there's a quiz on Friday" once and I was the only one in that building.

It's absurd how you don't realize how much you procrastinate on working out until you

and your friends say "we will tomorrow" every day until it's the weekend, and then the cycle continues.

ITS ABSURD THAT POTATOES ARE SO GOOD BUT IF YOU EAT TOO MUCH YOU TURN INTO ONE

It's absurd how we could all get up at 7am to get to high school but miss at least 1 9am a week because it's just "too early."

It's insanely absurd how you can't get a text back but they can still like a picture on Instagram. *sips tea*

National Day of Absurdity is November 20th,

**Interested in writing?
Share your opinions!
Contact Michelle
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Is Gray Thursday going too far?

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Editorial Editor

After a morning of giving thanks, my favorite thing to do is fight with strangers over the best deals. I know it sounds contradictory but I am definitely not the only one who enjoys it. Thebalance.com estimates that there will be \$682.0 billion spent this year on Black Friday.

Should stores be able to start black Friday on Thanksgiving? I feel like starting late on Thursday is okay, mostly so I will not have to stay up till 5 the next morning but opening the stores too early will infringe on some people's Thanksgiving supper. I would say 8 or 9 at night is good time to open. By that time people should be done with supper and be able to join the mayhem.

Black Friday shopping has become one of my families traditions, we eat thanksgiving lunch and then take a little nap and plan out our strategies till it is time to leave. We separate my mom's list and fight our battles in

pairs (because it's safer that way). To be honest, I think that Black Friday shopping might bring my family closer together than the Thanksgiving meal itself. We actually get to spend time with each other and fight for the same goal. It is like our own little sports team for a day.

Black Friday can get crazy, but the crowds I have encountered have not been extremely mean. I have gotten cussed out a few times but most of the time before we get the signal to start, the others going for the same product will formulate a plan: "You grab the purple one and go that way, I'll grab the red and go the other way." Making a strategy prevents big jams that could lead to fights.

You just have to be courteous and realize that there is plenty of product, everyone around you is there for the same reason, and you should be respectful to one another. It's the one day a year you can respectfully fight over a half-priced TV. I say go have fun, fight to your heart's desire and get those good deals

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- 30 Regret
- 31 Kind of mark or tag
- 32 A welcome sight?
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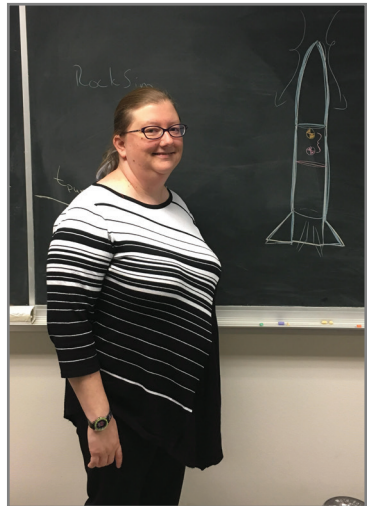
Day in the life of campus professor

By **EMMARAE COOK**
Columnist

She pulls into the parking lot, puts the vehicle in park, grabs her purse and bag of books and notes, makes her way to the science building, unlocks her office and starts to prepare for another day of teaching the subject she loves.

Dr. Jenny Sattler, the associate professor of physics, starts off her day just like this; she gets to her office and checks her email every morning. She looks over her notes for class and starts to get herself motivated to teach.

"I would say my greatest motivation would be my students," Sattler said, "I want to see them



succeed."

Sattler works meticulously to keep herself organized by keeping a planner, which she uses every day. She believes in an open door policy when it comes to her students. Students are always welcome to go to her office and get help with homework, assignments or to just talk.

Sattler believes some of the best advice for students is to stay organized. She understands that creating and keeping a planner that is organized and prioritized is difficult, but it is a great tool in the long run. Sattler said, "Organization is not something students are taught before they are in college."

She tries to be understanding of students when it comes to turning

in assignments, but there are always students who try and make excuses. The craziest excuse Sattler has been told was that a student's dog ate their laptop. Surprisingly enough, it was true, the student showed up with a laptop that had been chewed on pretty bad.

Sattler tries to be involved in NWOSU with organizations, such as, the science outreach program. She said her passion is helping students and being a part of these programs like robotics, physics and astronomy. The main thing that makes her happy and proud to be a teacher is seeing her students succeed. Sattler said, "I love having my students succeed and hearing stories from those that come back about their success."

**"My greatest motivation would be my students."
- Dr. Jenny Sattler
Associate Professor of Physics**

'It all started with a mouse'

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**
Editorial Editor

Mickey Mouse's Birthday is celebrated on Nov. 18. He is turning a whopping 89 years old. Mickey has always been the Face of Disney and children of all ages know his name.

Mickey first debuted on Steamboat Willie was released November 18th 1928 but he didn't get his voice till a year later in "The Karnival Kid".

In the last 89 years, Mickey has made appearances in many shows since. He also makes appearances in Disney's 12 theme parks, 52 resorts and on Disney's 4 cruise ships. He was also the first cartoon character to get his star on the walk of fame.

"I feel that Mickey Mouse is still popular in today's society because they have revamped him to fit the times and cultures. Also he was a part of our childhoods and we want our kids to have him in theirs. he

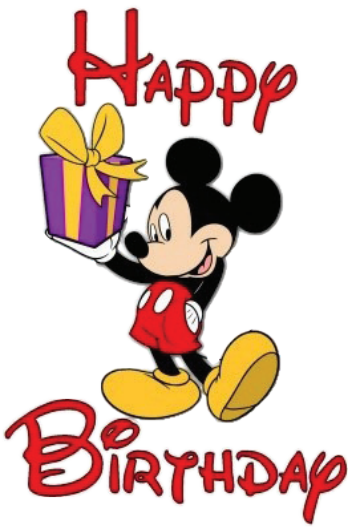
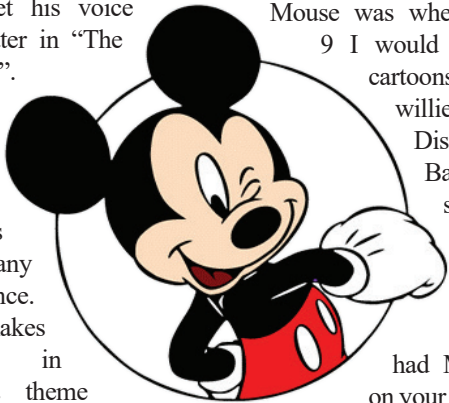
is the mascot for one of the most well known and most visited theme parks in the world and He has been the icon since the beginning. He is the face of Disney." Said Sophomore and Speech Theatre Major Katy Blair said

Most of us grew up with this famous mouse. It was the first thing that we can remember watching and we love him with all our hearts.

"My first memory of Mickey Mouse was when I was 8 or 9 I would fall asleep to cartoons and steamboat willie was always on Disney Channel." Bailey Rankin said

No matter where you came from, you probably had Mickey Mouse on your tv. It was a nice appropriate cartoon that is loved by all ages so much that many adults write in his name on election ballots

President Jimmy Carter once said: "Mickey Mouse is the symbol of goodwill, surpassing all languages and cultures. When one sees Mickey Mouse, they see happiness."



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Quotes of the week

To laugh at yourself is to love yourself
-Mickey Mouse

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."
— Robert Frost

Secretly we're all a little more absurd than we make ourselves out to be.
- J. K. Rowling

Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!
- Dr. Seuss

Life is like a wheel. Sooner or later, it always come around to where you started again.
- Stephen King

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Entertainment



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Stranger Things 2, the second season of the Netflix original Stranger Things, was released on October 27, and stars Millie Bobby Brown and Finn Wolfhard.

‘Stranger Things’ extraordinary, real

By BROOKE MCCLELLAND
Student Reviewer

Stranger Things season 2 is an excellent follow up to its stellar first season.

It continues to be impeccable with countless 80’s references, heart-rending stories, and impressive casting.

The original cast are on fire, shining through the darkness that their stories are too often involved with. The new cast shows no signs of slouching either, with Dacre Montgomery’s “Billy Hargrove” definitely stealing the show with every scene he’s in. It’s very clear that though he might not be the big

bad for the human side of things this season, he definitely will next season, which for many fans of the show will absolutely be delighted to hear about. Sean Astin’s “Bob the Brain” is definitely another bright spot within the new cast, bringing the side of humanity when things are at its darkest.

What didn’t work out particularly well is the episode that is solely based on Eleven’s storyline. It wasn’t bad by any means, but for the most part it didn’t fit into the wider picture that the season was shaping itself out to be. It appears it’s only purpose was to help Eleven elevate her powers, and face the pain that she’s been holding onto throughout the series.

It also introduced a character that had a lot of potential, but was shoe-horned in as a way to move the plot along. One good thing about that episode was giving Eleven an updated look, which was pretty awesome in retrospect.

It’s hard to decide which season was better, which goes to show how amazing the new season is. The humor is more real and effortless, and like the first season, everything is believable.

Even with all the aliens, the freaky mind powers, and the fact that it’s all happening in a small town is extraordinary. Stalk up on eggs and brush up on your 80’s movies.

Stranger Things will return,

and if it had to be based on the first two seasons, the third will be epic.



Up coming on campus entertainment and arts events

- November 16-18th- Children’s Production
- November 19th- Senior/Junior Recital
- November 20th- HS Holiday Festival
- November 28th- Celtic Christmas

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‘Daddys Home 2’ a waste

By MAXWELL ARCHER
Student Reviewer

To be perfectly blunt, “Daddy’s Home 2” is simply not funny.

It’s weak from beginning to end in almost every measure. Even for a generic holiday comedy, the plot is thin, and, with a few exceptions, the jokes are weak and lazy.



The majority of the “jokes” are just pointless throw-away physical gags, and they aren’t even remotely clever. There is no punchline to these kind of gags; when Will Ferrell gets hit in the head by a kid on a swing or spills hot chocolate all over himself, the movie just expects that to be funny by itself.

The only part of the movie I found to be vaguely funny was when Will Ferrell’s character admires Mel Gibson’s character from a distance upon first meeting

him. He gawks at how beautiful and ruggedly handsome Mel Gibson is, and I found myself relating to the movie at that point because Mel Gibson has aged remarkably well. Other than a few watchable moments such as that, the film is just comprised of directionless toilet humor and shallow character conflicts.

The conflicts in this movie are unbelievable and forced, and they ultimately end in a big over-the-top sentimental Christmas pageant of fluff instead of any real substance. The movie essentially dedicates itself to cramming in as many low-effort and poorly paced non-jokes as possible while tricking the audience that it has some heart.

This fraudulent heart comes front-and-center at the end of the film while the entire cast spontaneously sings “Do They Know It’s Christmas?” after conveniently putting aside all of their differences and overcoming the complex obstacles of coexisting in a blended family. It is a completely undeserved and borderline insulting moment



Photo Courtesy: Paramount Pictures

Daddy’s Home 2 is a 2017 Christmas comedy film starring Will Ferrell and

to end the movie on, and it just cemented the bad taste this movie had generated in my mouth.

I would recommend this film to no one under any circumstances; in fact, I wouldn’t wish this film upon my worst enemy. Don’t waste your time or money on this.

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News

Senior music recital coming soon

By MELISSA NOLAND
Student Writer

Aдриanna Tibbett, senior Vocal Music Education major, will be performing her senior recital on November 19, at 4 p.m. in Fine Arts, as a final recognition of her time here at Northwestern.

Tibbett is originally from Beaver, OK and chose to attend Northwestern because of the education department and the great music programs. “Dr. Messoloras was doing great things when I was a senior and recruited me to come be a part of the department,” Tibbett said. “After coming to an Allstate clinic put on by NWOSU when I was a senior and hearing the wonderful talents that were here, I knew this was where I needed to be.”

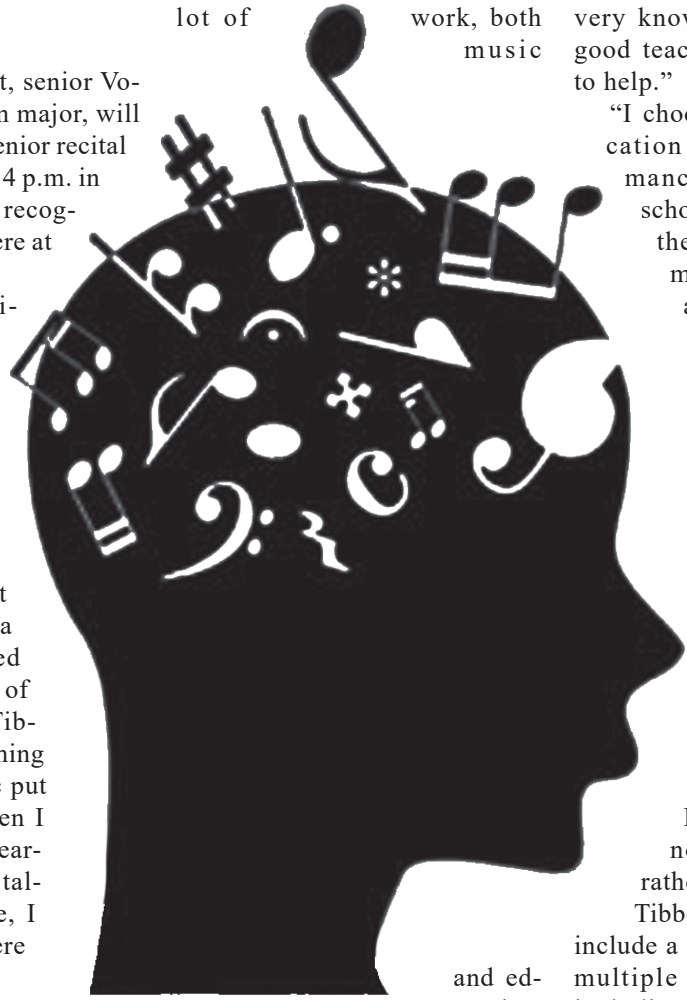
Tibbett’s decision to major in music was due to her passion and love for the art. “I knew it was

something I wanted to pursue for a career,” Tibbetts said. “The music education program is a lot of work, both music

is just so much to learn, but we have some great professors in both departments that are very knowledgeable and very good teachers that are willing to help.”

“I choose to do music education rather than performance because my high school music teacher was the one that really got me interested in music and taught me to love it, and really helped me to do the best I could at it,” Tibbett said. “I wanted to do that for students as well, I want to teach them to love and appreciate music whether they become musicians or music teachers or they just love it for the rest of their lives. I feel a calling to teach music and I know that there is nothing else I would rather do with my life.”

Tibbett’s senior recital will include a variety of songs from multiple eras and languages including; Italian, French and German. They are all songs that Tibbett loves and they all came from her favorite composers.



and education classes

are intense and there is a lot of work involved in them. There



Photo provided by Kaleigh Crawford

Kayleigh Crawford working at Holder Drug as a soda jerk.

Making milkshakes

By EMMARAE COOK
Student Writer

Making milkshakes can be delicious or they can be messy.

Kayleigh Crawford, a soda jerk at Holder Drug, does this every day at work and has started to perfect the routine.

Crawford scoops up the vanilla ice cream and puts it into the metal cup used for milkshakes.

She makes her way over to the fridge where she measures the milk and chocolate syrup for a chocolate milkshake.

Slowly she puts the metal container on to the mixer and starts it on low, trying not to splatter milk and chocolate everywhere.

While the milkshake is stirring, she holds it in place and continues to welcome customers and talk to some of the regulars at the counter.

Crawford is a freshman biology major at NWOSU and has been working at Holder Drug since August of this year.

She has learned many things

from her experiences at Holder’s.

She understands better customer service and how it is important to take time even while you are busy to check on customers such as she does when making milkshakes and looking over her shoulder to say “hi” and see how everyone is doing.

She started working at Holder’s in order to afford going to college “They are great at being flexible with my class schedule,” Crawford said. “The customers are really nice.”

During the day, customers steadily flow into the fountain, but between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. on weekdays a flood of kids come rushing in after school.

During this time, Crawford rushes from station to station—scooping ice cream, making milkshakes, getting drinks and still finding the time to talk to customers and make them feel welcome.

“It’s always fun seeing the kids every day.” Crawford said, “I love hearing their stories about what happened at school. Working the rush is so fun!”

Donations are being accepted

By DEITRA WEDD
News Editor

Donations are officially being accepted by the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Social Workers Association of Tomorrow (SWAT). These donations are a part of the “Compassion in Action Dignity Drive.

The organization is accepting donations for personal hygiene products such as shampoo and conditioner and soap and deodorant. Feminine hygiene products, body lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and any other hygiene based products are also acceptable donations.

The drive is underway at all Northwestern locations until December 8. For Enid, a local church

will help collect and distribute donations through their weekly soup kitchen offerings, which will take place during the holiday seasons.

Donation drop off areas are at the Student Center in Alva and at the Commons area in both Enid and Woodward.

Jennifer Pribble, SWAT faculty sponsor and assistant professor of social work, said that some families simply cannot afford these hygiene products.

“A student from the SWAT organization last year noticed this need first-hand,” Pribble said. The SWAT student was working with a female

student in her practicum course



who couldn’t afford feminine hygiene products. “That’s when the ‘Compassion in Action Dignity Drive’ was developed,” Pribble said.

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Sports

Eight Rangers make GAC list



Maurice Wright Jr.
Sophomore

- Led GAC with 104 tackles
- 13.0 average tackles per contest



Aharon Barns
Sophomore

- Tied for second in league
- 33 passes defended
- 55 tackles



Devin Peyton
Senior

- Second team honors
- Averaged 10 tackles per game



Caleb Longest
Senior

- Second team honors
- No fumbles in season
- Fifth in Conference in punting
- Average 35.0 punting yards per contest



Horatio Smith
Junior

- Second team honors
- 36 catches for 596 yards
- Five touchdowns
- Ninth in league with 54.2 receiving yards per game
- Fourth in Conference with 123.4 all-purpose yards per game
- Conference high of 193 kick returns



Anthony Cota
Junior

- Honorable Mention



Petar Stosic
Senior

- Honorable Mention



Dakota Driskill
Senior

- Honorable Mention



Women defeated in opening tournament

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women's basketball team dropped their regular season opener to Northeastern State University by a final score of 82-75.

Despite leading for just shy of 75 percent of the contest, the Lady Rangers couldn't answer the 51 bench points that the Riverhawks accumulated during the game in tournament action at the GAC/MIAA Challenge in Durant.

Four Lady Rangers totaled double digit points including junior Jade Jones, who posted team highs in points with 17, as well as rebounds with nine. Jones also manufactured the offense with seven assists, guiding the Lady Rangers to a 48 percent shooting percentage from the field on 27-of-56 shooting.

Trailing 58-52 moving into the final quarter of action, the Riverhawks tied the contest up for the first time since late in the second quarter at 61-61 with just over seven minutes remaining in the game. The Lady Rangers had taken a 34-28 lead into the halftime break in a relatively low

scoring first half of action for both squads.

A 7-3 run then put Northeastern in the driver's seat with less than five minutes remaining before back-to-back buckets from Jones and senior Amani Davis brought the Lady Rangers back to within one.

Davis totaled six points and two rebounds throughout the game.

Following a made free throw from Northeastern, the Lady Rangers committed a costly turnover with just under three minutes in the game leading to a lay-up that extended the Riverhawk lead to four. Timely buckets and made free throws allowed Northeastern to capitalize on that late advantage and seal their first victory of the season.

Freshman Kinsey Neiderer posted 14 points in her Northwestern debut, while senior Kori Barrios and freshman Bailey Brown each recorded 12 points. Barrios led the squad with a 2-for-5 performance from behind the arc, as the Lady Rangers hit 4-of-13 three pointers.

The Lady Rangers were also defeated on Saturday in the second game of the tournament. Just two second quarter points proved to

be too much to overcome down the stretch as the Lady Rangers dropped an 88-50 decision to Central Oklahoma in the final game of the GAC/MIAA Challenge.

That tough second quarter proved to be the deciding factor as Central Oklahoma capitalized on the tough offensive drought for the Lady Rangers and took a 44-13 lead going into the halftime break. The Bronchos continued to keep the Rangers at a comfortable distance and closed out the second half, handing Northwestern their second loss of the weekend.

Guard Jakeria Otey led the squad with 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting while also posting two assists and two steals. Freshman Kinsey Neiderer and Aneli Thompson both posted nine points while fellow freshman Selena McDonald led the way with six rebounds.

The Bronchos out-shot the Lady Rangers by a final percentage of 50 percent (34-of-68) to 28.4 percent (19-of-67).

Northwestern held steady in other major statistical categories, as both teams committed a total of 13 turnovers, but the strong shooting percentage and second quarter dominance pushed the Bronchos ahead.

Volleyball team falls in final regular season match against SWOSU

By MEGAN MAHARRAY
Sports Reporter

The Lady Ranger volleyball played their final match of the regular season against heated rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Thursday. The Lady Rangers fell in straight sets, 3-0.

The Lady Rangers struggled offensively to keep up with the Bulldogs. Sophomore Jennifer Eubanks recorded just 7 kills during the match. Redshirt freshman Kiauna Clark had 20 assists during the match.

Senior Carley Geer had a successful night, as she recorded 20 digs, which gave her the single season all-time digs leader with 402 total.

Despite the loss, the Lady Rangers are looking to prepare for the Great American Conference championship this weekend. Eubanks said after the tough loss against SWOSU, she and her team must bounce back not only physically, but mentally.

"We will need to be really focused and disciplined in our skill sets because that is a vital

key to winning," Eubanks said.

The Lady Rangers first face Southern Nazarene University. She said she and her teammates are working on their techniques and skill set that has made them so successful throughout the season.

She said the toughest thing about the tournament for her is knowing nothing is set in stone.

"There are all great teams in the conference," Eubanks said. "It's anyone's game so you don't really know who you are expecting to play the next day because it could go either way."

Eubanks has had a successful season as a Lady Ranger. She has broken the hitting percentage record twice in back to back games. She also has the second highest hitting percentage in the GAC conference and is in the top ten for kill leader.

"The support of the town and our other teams on this campus really help us thrive and persevere," Eubanks said.

Eubanks and the rest of the Lady Rangers will face Southern Nazarene in GAC championship in Hot Springs, Arkansas beginning on Thursday.

Sports

Men victorious in tournament

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State men's basketball came out on top of the MIAA/GAC Challenge tournament. The Rangers beat Northeastern State University, 61-50, on Friday.

To win the tournament the Rangers just needed to beat University of Central Oklahoma on Saturday, and they did just that. The Rangers defeated UCO 77-60.

In the UCO game, the Rangers had three scorers in double digits as Cody Halvorson (16 points, 3 assists), Greg Minor Jr. (12 points, 2 steals) and A'keem Oglesby (12 points, 2 steals) were all staples in the Northwestern offense.

Fresh off their season opening win over Northeastern State Friday night, the Rangers took to the hardwood inside Percefull Fieldhouse to host the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos in the final matchup of this weekend's MIAA/GAC Challenge.

The Rangers led by as many



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Trevon Andres, a junior, and Cedric Colliage, a senior, leap for the ball to keep it away from NSU.

as 23 over the Bronchos, who came into the contest ranked fifth (preseason) in the MIAA. Shooting an impressive 54.2 percent from the field, the Rangers continued to charge ahead all

night and never let UCO back into the game.

Northwestern was lights-out from the field in the first half, connecting on 17-of-30 shots to take a commanding 44-24 lead

into the break. After a frustrating three-point showing on opening night, Cody Halvorson found his stroke as the senior went 4-for-7 from beyond the arc. Halvorson continuously

sent a charge through the Percefull Fieldhouse crowd that was already fired up from Saturday afternoon's 35-7 football victory over SWOSU.

When asked about how difficult it can be to keep the pressure after building an early advantage, Ranger head coach Shawn Dirden said, "We came out ready to go. Our guys were focused, and I talked to them at halftime and told them we want to be consistent. Coming out with a 20 point halftime lead against a really good UCO team, you don't want to let up and you still want to be aggressive."

With just over two minutes to play in the contest, Tu Godwin and Hayden Graham made their season debuts for the Rangers. After a technical foul was issued to the Broncho bench, Godwin went to the line for head coach Shawn Dirden and sunk both of his free throws.

The Rangers next game will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday against Henderson State University in the Percefull Fieldhouse.