



Photo Provided by Kendall Jones' Uncle

Replica of Christopher Columbus's Nina destroyed during Hurricane Harvey.

# Hurricane Harvey hammers Houston

By DEITRA WEDD AND MELISSA NOLAND

Hurricane Harvey may have hit in Houston, Texas but even students here on campus have been affected by this natural disaster.

One such student affected by the hurricane is Brandon Green. Green is a senior studying accounting. He is from Houston, Texas. "I've lived there for 14 years," Green said.

Green came to northwestern because he got a scholarship. "I received a full basketball scholarship from former head coach, Andy Brown," Green said.

His first reaction to the news of a potential hurricane in Houston was to brush it off. "Things like that don't happen to Houston," Green said. "At least not since I've been there."

Green said he thought it would turn out to be just a little rain and some wind. "I was completely

wrong," Green admitted.

According to Green, the reality of what had happened didn't really sink in for him until he saw a sign. "It finally hit me that it was bad when I realized all the highways were closed and my high school was flooded," Green said.

Green also said there is a sign in Houston on the highway. "Someone graffitied 'Be Someone' on the sign," Green said. "It's rather famous to Houston and the water had risen all the way to that highway sign."

While Green's family home was not damaged his grandparents' house did take a hit from the hurricane. Green said that his Grandparents' are staying with his mom while their house sits under water. "Our house did not take a beating, we were blessed," Green said. "But my Grandparents' house was completely under water."

Kendall Jones is yet another student who has been affected

by Hurricane Harvey. Jones is a sophomore majoring in agriculture and she came to northwestern for softball. "I'm from Corpus Christi, Texas," Jones said. "I've lived there for 16 years."

Jones' first reaction to the news of the hurricane was to call her family to find out if they were staying or if they planned on leaving. Her parents decided to stay. "It would have been difficult to move my grandmother," Jones said. "So my dad boarded up the house and prayed for the best."

Jones said she was surprised to find out that the most damage done to her family's house was a few downed tree limbs. However, Jones also said that her parents wouldn't be staying through another hurricane.

In Houston, Jones' uncle was hit by the hurricane as well. "My uncle had to be rescued by the Cajun Navy from his apartment, which was on the third floor," Jones said.



Photo Provided by Kendall Jones' Uncle

Water rose above a parking lot and up the side of vehicles and a apartment building in Houston, Texas.



Photo Provided by Kendall Jones' Uncle

The third floor view from the apartment where Kendall Jones' uncle was trapped during the hurricane.



Photo Provided by Brandon Green

Brandon Green's grandparent's house under water.

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# Editorial

## It's almost fall —yippee!

By **ASHLEY STREHL**  
Feature Editor

It's September now, so everyone knows what's coming around the corner.

The fall.

The fall is Halloween, colder weather, Thanksgiving and pure happiness. The summer is over. It was fun. Maybe you traveled, maybe you got a new hairstyle, maybe you lost weight and even if you spent every day working, you have changed.

Everything about you is new and you just can't wait for classes to start so you can tell all your college friends about what you've been up to. Or, if you're an incoming freshman, you can't wait for new friends and new adventures.

The fall semester is a big beautiful mural of new possibilities and your mind should be open to all you're going to learn in the next couple months. It's your future being poured out in front of you, everywhere you look! You're taking a class that you didn't think you would enjoy but you do and that opens doors to so many possible careers post-graduation. The leaves are changing in the trees and you know that you're changing too, mentally and emotionally, soon the leaves die, but they always grow back, they'll be okay and so will you.

You meet people that can make such an impact on you, even if you've only known them a couple of weeks. The temperature is at that perfect spot, not too cold, not too hot. Oh, and don't forget... PUMPKIN SPICE EVERYTHING!

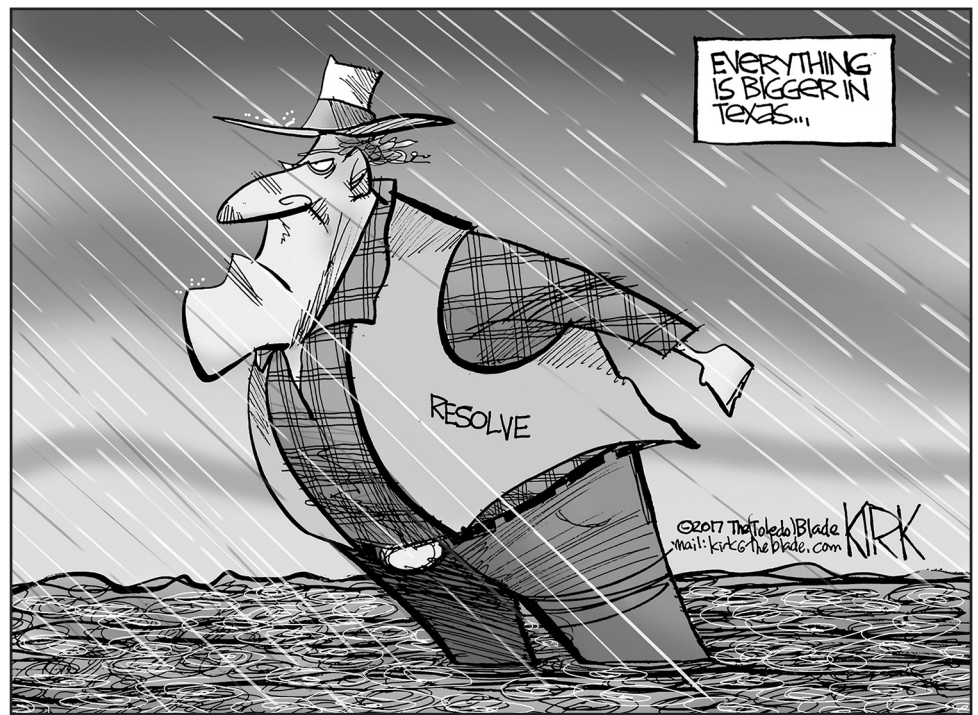
That's it. That's really the only reason I'm writing this article because pumpkin spice is that great.

Just kidding, but really, the fall is so fun! Maybe right now, getting back into the swing of things is tough, I know, trust me, but you'll be okay, you know how I know? Because in the fall everyone is in a better mood, for the reasons I just stated above, I hope you decide to join the "I just want everyday to be fall" club.

Spring is stupid; you only have barely a month to relax prior. You come back and you're ready for the semester to be over by the end of syllabus day, if someone else wants to give me a reason why spring is better than you can write a story on it. But I doubt it will be this good.

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## Follow me on Wales adventure

By **PATRICIA PIXLER**  
Columnist

What do you do when you find yourself facing an adventure? Are you excited? Do you ask questions? Do you make lists? Are you nervous? Do you decide to wing it, even just a little bit? Because, you tell yourself, maybe adventures should be adventures—exhilarating and uncertain.

Facing my own adventure, I'm doing all that and more. More being a summer of researching, gathering, and packing. On September 7th, I'll be embarking on my largest adventure thus far: moving abroad for four months. In the spring, I was chosen to represent NWOSU as a Brad Henry Scholar studying at Swansea University in Wales, UK this fall. I will be there from September to late December.

The Brad Henry Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity offered to Oklahoma residents in their junior or senior years at university. The scholarship involves all Swansea University tuition, fees, housing, as well as the airfare to the UK, paid for by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Each Oklahoma public university on a rotating list may nominate one student to send abroad for one semester.

Yet few students from NWOSU apply. Even after emails are sent



Photo provided by Swansea University

**NWOSU student Patricia Pixler will be attending Swansea University, in Wales, shown here in this aerial photo.**

each spring, interviews are written up, and videos are made for the university website. Applying is a simple process: an application, a transcript, a resume, an essay of why you should go, and two letters of recommendation. A bit time consuming to gather it all, a bit nerve-racking to write that essay and ask for letters of recommendation perhaps, but it's a small price for studying abroad free.

In truth, I almost didn't take the chance either. I become friends with 2015-2016 Brad Henry recipient Chandler Steckbeck when she returned from her semester abroad. I heard of her adventures overseas but, more than that, I heard how she

benefitted from her time abroad. I thought Swansea University was a fantastic opportunity—but it wasn't for me. I was too busy, I was too anxious, I was too focused on gaining my degrees; I didn't stand a chance. At least I thought so.

Last fall, I interviewed Brad Henry recipient Sydnie Lowe as she prepared to leave for her Spring 2017 semester in Wales. We talked about what Sydnie planned to do with her time in Europe and it was an interesting perspective. With Chandler, I had seen the outcome of going, but with Sydnie, I saw the possibilities of doing so. I saw the nervousness and excitement. Chandler solidified the idea when, for

my article, she advised everyone to apply and that the worst that could happen was a simple no.

Applying is about taking the chance, and I was lying to myself when I said I didn't want to. It was too good of an opportunity not to try. All the things I can do, all the experiences I can have. The perfect time to live abroad is during college, the saying goes. I'm inclined to agree.

In the end, I was fortunate to have been selected along with four other students in the state. Three of us will attend Swansea University this fall; the other two in the Spring. I will be able to take a light course load so I can explore Wales and beyond, especially during my favorite time of the year.

I'll experience Halloween, expatriate Thanksgiving, and preparations for Christmas from another perspective. It's a fantastic opportunity and a small price to push my graduation date back a semester and deal with the anxiety of being alone in a foreign country.

That's why I will be writing a series of articles from Wales. Instead of getting interviews of the before and after, you'll get a sense of what being a Brad Henry scholar is during the process. You'll learn as I learn. Experience as I experience. Along the way, maybe I'll convince another student to apply.

# News

## New events at Woods County Fair

### Activities today at fairgrounds

By **Katelyn R Lackey**  
Student Writer

The Woods County Free Fair is happening Sept. 7-9 at the Woods County Fairgrounds in Alva.

Fair-board president, Kevin Pingelton said, "The Woods County Fair is obviously a staple to the county. It gives Alva residents a place to come out and visit with local vendors and see what they have to offer, as well as a place for their kids to come play on the bounce houses or show their livestock that they have worked hard to get to that point."

Pingelton has served as a member of the fair board for the past 12 years, and he has been the board president for the past two years.

It takes a lot of preparation to get the fair setup Pingelton said. All the members of the fair board are unpaid, as well as all the groups such as 4-H and FFA that come to help setup pens are all on

a volunteer basis.

The only salary based employee for the fair is the Woods County Fairgrounds manager, Brock White.

"[The Woods County Free Fair] is one of the largest events we have," White said. "It brings in people from all over Woods County.

A new event this year will be a concert and free food Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. The singers are called Alaska and Madi. They were featured on season six of "The Voice" as members of Blake Shelton's team.

There will also be a team roping on Sept. 9 at 2 p.m., which is a new event at the fair.

President Cunningham has been involved with the fair since the '70s and plans to keep the tradition alive this year as well.

"I will be entering a Christmas ornament, a wood block craft, a jar of pickles and a cross-stitch," Cunningham said.

The 3-day event should have something to offer everyone from the food to the vendors and concert.

"It is kind of Americana at its best," Cunningham said.

The fairgrounds are located on Harper Road, south of the ARC.



Photo by Katie Lackey

President Cunningham won the Outstanding OHCE exhibit at last year's fair.

### Fair Events

#### Thursday, Sept. 8th

3 p.m.-9 p.m.: Merchant's Building opens

4-9 p.m.: Inflatables

7 p.m.: "Death by Chocolate"

#### Friday, Sept. 9

3 p.m.-9 p.m.: Merchant's Building opens

4-9 p.m.: Inflatables

6 p.m.: Horse show, indoor events

7 p.m.: Free feed and DJ music show; go-karts

7:30 p.m.: Ice cream treat — \$1 bowl

#### Saturday, Sept. 10

8:15 a.m.: Horse show speed events — outdoor arena

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Merchant's building opens

2 p.m.: All buildings close; non-claimed exhibits may be picked up Monday.

7 p.m.: Go-kart races at infield track

## 2017 Homecoming activities will 'Continue the Legacy'

Students can get involved now in planning for homecoming events.

Clubs and Organizations can enter in this year's Homecoming Paint Palooza Contest, where they will decorate a plywood board that will be spread around campus to show Ranger Pride during homcoming week.

NWOSU student government association will provide the plywood but the clubs, organizations and athletic groups will have to provide their own supplies. The board must have the groups name on it. The boards will be judged on originality and theme creativity. The award for the 1st place group is \$200 and the award for the second place group is \$100.

The new activity that students

can get involved with this year is the building decorating. Each building will pick a representative. The representative will be in charge of receiving the updates and answers to their building questions from Kaylen Hansen and to assure that their building is getting decorated. The goal is to show your ranger spirit. The decorations should include this year's theme "Come Back, Give Back...Continue the Legacy" All decorations must be done by 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Deadline to enter in both contest is September 20th. Students who are interested in participating should contact Kaylyn Hansen if you are on the Alva campus, Candace Reim if you are on the Enid Campus, or Milissa Sturgil if you are on the Woodward campus.

### Events

#### Thursday, Sept. 28

\* Miss Cinderella Talent Show  
7:30 p.m. Herod Hall Auditorium

#### Friday, Sept. 29

\* Rally 'Round the Ranger  
Noon (12 p.m.), Alva Campus, Ranger Statue

\* Lady Rangers Volleyball VS Southeastern  
6:30 p.m., Percefull Fieldhouse

\* Miss Cinderella Pageant  
8 p.m., Herod Hall Auditorium

#### Saturday, Sept. 30

\* Ranger Run (5K and 1-Mile Fun Run)  
8 a.m., Alva's Downtown Square, north side

\* Homecoming Parade  
10 a.m., Alva's Downtown Square

\* Alumni Lunch (\$6/person)  
Immediately following the parade, Alumni Tent on the Courthouse Lawn

\* Lady Rangers Soccer VS Harding  
11 a.m., Alva Rec Complex

\* Alumni Band Rehearsal  
2 p.m., Alva Campus, Fine Arts Building, third floor

\* Dunning Performance Center Dedication  
2 p.m., Dunning Performance Center

\* Massed Bands Performance  
Before the start of the football game, Ranger Field

\* Northwestern VS Southeastern Football Game  
4 p.m. Ranger Field

### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

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- 5 Third degree?
- 8 Admitting clients
- 12 Not pizzicato
- 13 Scull tool
- 14 Give a darn
- 15 Mary's follower
- 16 Genetic initials
- 17 Eastern potentate
- 18 Shoelace hole
- 20 Cried like a puppy
- 22 Flightless bird
- 23 Reaction to fireworks
- 24 Gen. — E. Lee
- 27 Knight's glove
- 32 Atmosphere
- 33 Plant bristle
- 34 Preceding
- 35 Blood bit
- 38 Bottom-row PC key
- 39 Spy org.
- 40 Mao's success-
- 42 Angelic babe
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- 49 Luau entertainment
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- 21 A billion years
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- 25 Lubricate
- 26 Arm bling
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- 29 Still frozen
- 30 Blunder
- 31 — Aviv
- 36 Long, harsh speech
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- 42 Bloke
- 43 Ginormous
- 44 Raised
- 46 Traditional tales
- 47 Early birds?
- 48 Whistle sound
- 51 Latin 47-Down

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- 4 Wine glass
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- 6 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 7 Heavy cart
- 8 Spotted wild-cat
- 9 Tract

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# Campus



The NWOSU marching band practices on the intramural field in preparation for Saturday's game on the Alva Ranger's field against the University of Arkansas at Monticello starting at 6 p.m.

## Calendar

### Sept. 7

Anime & Manga Club meeting 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Vinson Hall 200

### Sept. 10

Miss Cinderella Orientation 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Student Center Ranger and Wyatt rooms

### Sept. 13

Processing of student financial aid begins 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CORE meeting 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Science Conference Room, Room 215

Writer's Roundtable meeting 5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Vinson Hall 200

### Sept. 14

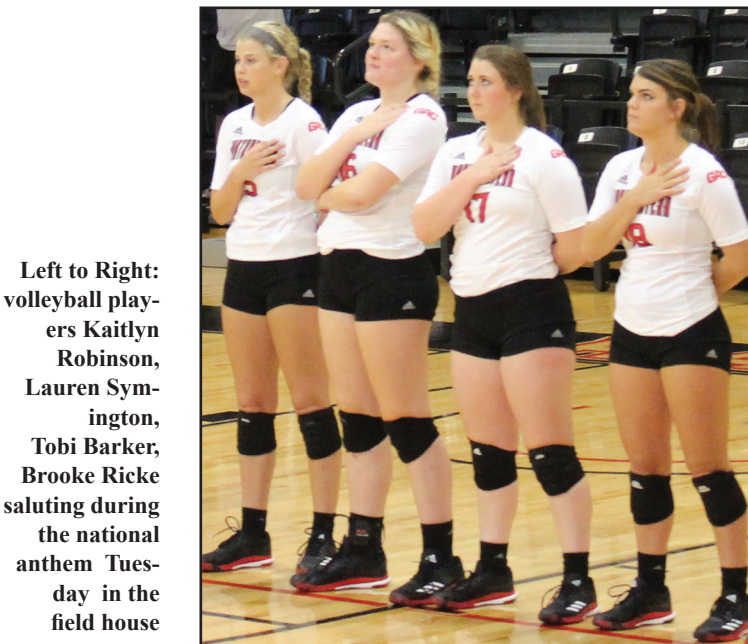
Speech/Theatre Alumna Kristy Benson teaching a workshop on stage model building 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. FA 327



The Campus Library is open Sunday 1 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to midnight and on Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday at 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Left to Right: volleyball players Kaitlyn Robinson, Lauren Symington, Tobi Barker, Brooke Ricke saluting during the national anthem Tuesday in the field house

## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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# Entertainment

## 'Artrageous' concert series

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**  
Student Writer

Paint, glow sticks, music, and more is just a start to an outrageous evening, or rather, an Artrageous evening.

Northwestern Oklahoma Concert Series kicks off Sept. 19 2017, with an all new lineup and Artrageous is just the right group to see to get a taste of the concert series. It offers a variety of musical and artistic talents from across the country.

There will be a total of four performances throughout the year, each performance is a new group. Following Artrageous, there will be three other groups performing, all of which will have set dates throughout the school year.

The audience will get to experience live art, music, dance, life sized puppetry, and get to be part of the show. Now in its 20th season, Tomáseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas" recreates the joy and innocence of a night before Christmas in a remote farmhouse in the parish of Teampall an Ghleanntáin in the west of Ireland.

One performance created and conceived by Oklahoma-native artist Greg White, "Flipside" of-



personal spin on that Singing Rage, Miss Patti Page. Flipside sings Page's greatest hits, so the crowd can always stay involved.

*"Come, show up, and be exposed to something new!" - Kimberly Weast*

Kimberly Weast, Chair of Fine Arts Department, and Co-Director of the Northwestern Oklahoma Se-

ries, contributes a lot of her time to make these performances churn.

It does not take much to view these amazing performances. Five dollars for an hour and half of a live performance that would normally cost \$30-40 anywhere else. The more student involvement, the bigger and better the next performing artists or groups may be. "Come, show up, and be exposed to something new!" said Weast.

The theatre commits a lot of

their time to set up these performances from lighting, equipment set-up and day of performance monitoring.

It will take two days to load in all the equipment and gear for the first performance. Theatre performances take practice just like sports and constant, consistent effort from every individual. Artrageous is a one of a kind interactive performance that incorporates many different art forms on the same stage.

### Concert Series

Artrageous:  
Sept. 19

Celtic Christmas:  
Nov. 28

Russian String Orchestra:  
Feb. 27, 2018

Flipside: The Patti Page  
Story: April 3, 2018

### Billboard August Top 10

**1 - "Despacito," Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Ft. Justin Bieber**

**2 - "Wild Thoughts," DJ Khaled Ft. Rihanna & Bryson Tiller**

**3 - "Bodak Yellow (Money Moves)," Cardi B**

**4 - "Believer," Imagine Dragons**

**5 - "Attention," Charlie Puth**

**6 - "Unforgettable," French Montana Ft. Swae Lee**

**7 - "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back," Shawn Mendes**

**8 - "That's What I Like," Bruno Mars**

**9 - "Shape Of You," Ed Sheeran**

**10 - "Rake It Up," Yo Gotti Featuring Nicki Manaj**

## 'Dark Tower' uninteresting

By **MAXWELL ARCHER**  
Student Reviewer

Although technically competent in most regards, "The Dark Tower" offers a strikingly unremarkable movie-going experience.

The film is completely barren of any qualities that could lift it above anything beyond simply passable and makes few attempts to kindle its audience's sympathies or interests.

As I made my way through this film's incredibly long-feeling 90-minute run-time, I quickly found that I neither liked nor cared about any of the film's protagonists and was more focused on how much more time was left until the movie ended.

I never could have imagined that a movie featuring a supernatural, gun-slinging Idris Elba and an evil, magic-wielding Matthew McConaughey could be so uninteresting.

On a surface-level, "The Dark Tower" is not a complete train wreck. Among the film's merits are that it is at least coherent and has the visual appearance of being a legitimate major motion picture.

The vital question to ask is: "What is 'The Dark Tower' missing that leads it to fail as an adventure-fantasy movie?" The answer is focus. The film spends too little time developing character relationships and maintain-



Photo Courtesy: Sony Productions

"The Dark Tower" stars Idris Elba, and was released in theaters July 31, 2017.

ing the tension of the imminent threat of a clearly motivated antagonist, and it instead focuses on delivering exposition for its overly complex setting.

Too many elements are introduced, and it doesn't leave itself enough time to give its audience reason to care about any of it. For most of the film, the protagonists' actions seem inconsequential and the antagonist's motivation is hard to keep track of. Films of this genre that work well keep a lively pace and contain colorful, exciting characters, but this film does neither.

Despite its fun and potentially interesting premise, "The Dark Tower" simply does not possess the entertainment value that one would expect from a universe-trotting fantasy film with such high-caliber headliners. The film is not offensively bad, but it had difficulty maintaining my interest for an hour and a half.

**"What is 'The Dark Tower' missing that leads it to fail as an adventure-fantasy movie?"**

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# Sports

## Volleyball undefeated in OPSU tournament

By MEGAN MAHARRAY  
Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger volleyball team's season began on Friday and Saturday as the Lady Rangers traveled to Goodland, Oklahoma to face opponents in the Oklahoma Panhandle State University tournament.

The Lady Rangers finished the weekend 4-0.

The Lady Rangers faced the University Of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Panhandle State University on Friday. The Lady Rangers swept both teams 3-0.

The Lady Rangers continued their winning streak on Saturday, when they faced opponents Jarvis Christian College and Fort Lewis College. The Lady Rangers swept Jarvis Christian College 3-0, and won the match 3-1 against Fort Lewis College.

Hannah Williams had a successful weekend during the Oklahoma Panhandle State University tournament. The junior from Thornton, Colorado was a key piece for the Lady Rangers throughout the tournament.

Williams plays the 6 rotation Outside position. In the first two matches, Williams had a total of 19 kills and 2 aces. During Saturday's matches, she had a combined 17 kills, 2 aces and 3 blocks.

Williams said she thought she performed best in the match against Fort Lewis College.

"I feel I played the best in the last match against Fort Lewis because I had never played so consistently in the back row, both passing and digging," Williams said. "The goal for the Fort Lewis match was to be the most consistent in the back row and be the go-to hitter in the front."

Williams said the wins from the tournament were important for the rest of their season. She and her teammates set a goal to go to the Great American Conference tournament and win it.

"The wins this weekend were

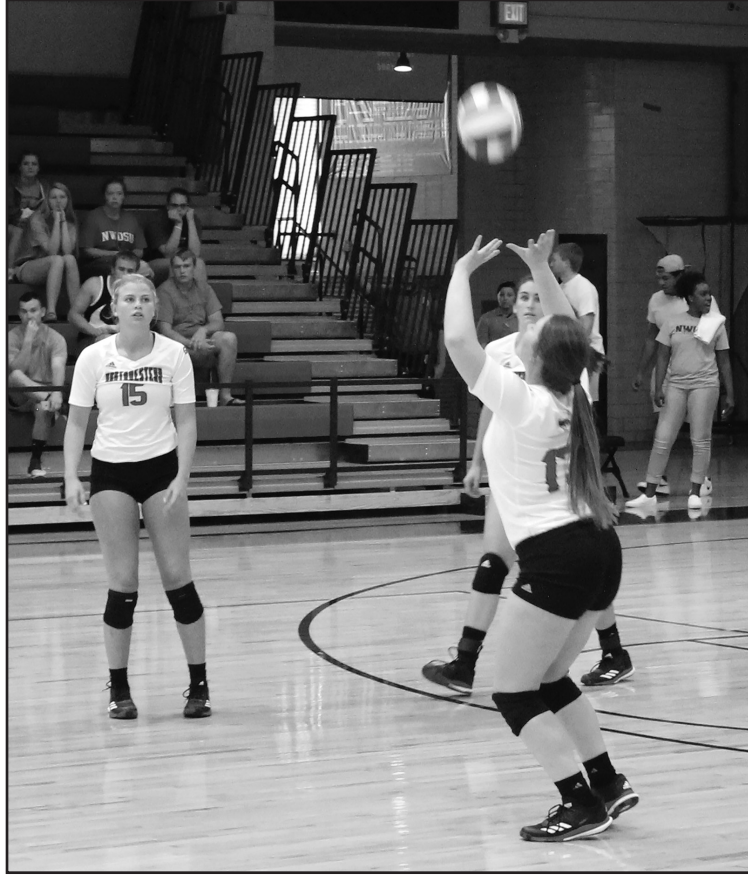


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Tobi Baker, a junior, sets ball for players during home game Tuesday.



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Eubanks, Hesson and Williams prepare for the ball to come over the net.

extremely important for us this weekend because it certainly proved to everyone that we are capable of winning," Williams said. "Last season definitely brought us down because we had nothing to play for, this season we want

to play for each other AND our coach which is a huge motivator."

Williams and the rest of the Lady Rangers will be back in action Friday and Saturday on the road against opponents Rockhurst University and Texas A&M Uni-



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Kaylie Cunningham playing offense during the soccer game.

## Soccer defeated in opening weekend

By MEGAN MAHARRAY  
Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger soccer team kicked off their season on the road in matches against Rogers State University and Northeastern Oklahoma State University on Thursday and Saturday.

The Lady Rangers fell short of a win against Rogers State with a score of 0-3 on Thursday, and were unable to win on Saturday against Northeastern with a tough loss of 0-7.

In the match against RSU, the Lady Rangers struggled offensively. Coming out against the nationally ranked RSU team, the Lady Rangers took to the field in a new formation in hopes to close down RSU's offense.

The Lady Ranger's defense was strong throughout the game, keeping the score 0-1 until the 70<sup>th</sup> minute of the game. Although RSU has 19 total shots on goal, the Lady Rangers were able to clear most of them out with

help of junior goal keeper Kylee Loustaunau. Loustaunau had 5 saves for the Lady Rangers.

The Lady Rangers had a few good looks on offense. Sophomore Hollie Pankake took a close corner kick, and junior Karla Lopez and senior Kim Bell both had shots against RSU, but could not convert those shots into goals.

On Saturday, the Lady Rangers looked to redeem themselves against Northeastern State University. However, the Lady Rangers had trouble on offense again, and were unable to match the tough offense of NSU. The Lady Rangers took a hard loss of 0-7.

NSU fired a total of 26 shots against the Lady Rangers, 19 of them shots on goal. Sophomore Hollie Pankake came close to scoring for the Lady Rangers in the first half. Pankake had two shots on goal, forcing the NSU keeper to make a save.

The Lady Rangers will look to gain results at home on Thursday and Saturday against Washburn University and Southwest Baptist University.

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# Sports

## Teamwork guides Rangers

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Sports Editor

Leadership and teamwork is the theme for this year's football season. With a new defensive coordinator, and several field positions being taken over by new faces, the Rangers football team started the season with hope for an outstanding year.

One new face on the team is Isaiah Weed, a junior who transferred to Northwestern in the spring semester. Weed, having always been a quarterback from a young age, filled Northwestern graduate, Reid Miller's, position as the Ranger quarterback.

"I've been playing the quarterback position all my life, since I was seven years old," Weed said. "I'm pretty used to it. I've been playing college football at this level since I was a freshman because I played quarterback at my last school at the D2 level. But it's great, you are the field general, you control the whole team and you set the tone for every game."

The season opener game took place on August 30 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, against the Ouachita Baptist Tigers. Unfortunately the Rangers lost the



Photo by Conner Poage

Rangers, shown here in a preseason scrimmage, lost the opener to the Tigers, but have improved this year.

game 28-31. Although this was a loss there were improvements made in the defense to last year's average.

"Coach Ken Gordon (defensive coordinator) has been a really good coach coming in this spring," Weed said. "He is really pushing them hard so I think that has made them better as a whole group, and they really did well the second half of the game."

The Ranger's coaching staff has helped improve the game for this season, but the team just needs better execution, Weed said.

"We need to execute and show good effort," Weed said. "It is something Coach Walter talks about a lot. Throughout the game I think we just had a lot of small errors and little mistakes that were really key in the game."

To improve upon this the football team practices are intense, Weed said. They try to keep their focus on one game at a time.

Weed has his own improvements he hopes to make to help the team get better.

"In the quarterback position I'm working on my leadership skills everyday," he said. "Trying to be a leader on and off the field."

On the field I have all the skills to play the game, but there are small things I need to work on. I am learning the playbook and just 100 percent mastering it."

Leadership is important to Weed just as teamwork is. Most of his goals are centered on doing things to help the entire team rather than just himself.

"Being a team player is probably the most important things when it comes to being a quarterback," he said. "because you can't play just for yourself. You have to play for the people around you and be a good teammate to everyone. Because the team looks to the quarterback so you have to set the example."

Weed's team mentality is what drove him to become a Ranger. He said he transferred because he wanted to be around a team that feels like home. Northwestern feels more like home to him than his other college did.

"I came here and the team welcomed me with open arms and I got to know everyone pretty quick," he said. "It is a great atmosphere for the football team and the coaches are really great. I love the school. I love to be a Ranger."

## Coach helps athlete succeed

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Sports Editor

Sports can be a frustrating way to live your life. With the right support system and a lot of try Kayla Gourley, a junior from Wichita, Kansas, is pushing her limits and finding that the

frustration might all be worth it.

On Sept. 2 the cross country teams headed to Edmond for the UCO Land Run. Gourley on her first run as a Ranger had a 21:06 second run, which carried her to 10<sup>th</sup> place on the all-time list at Northwestern.

"Now that I've run a 21:06 my next goal is to beat the school

record," Gourley said, "which is a 19:30. So I'm thinking if I ran this well at my first meet then on a fast course I can probably beat the record."

The Ranger's women's team finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall as a team and the men finished seventh. This was Jill Lancaster's first meet as head cross country

coach, and she was proud of how they did in their first match, she said.

Lancaster proved to be just the support system Gourley needed to succeed. Although Gourley said her father was always supportive her mother wasn't.

"I grew up with divorced

parents and my dad was much nicer than my mom," Gourley said. "My dad would support me and my mom didn't believe in me. Every time I accomplish something I want to tell her how I achieved things she said I would never achieve."



Kayla Gourley

Support is a thing that helps Gourley succeed.

"[Lancaster] is a great coach," she said. "I absolutely love everything about her. After every single thing you run she's always saying 'good job, your doing great'."

Lancaster has coached at many places and has many years of wisdom; this is why Gourley said she decided to put her trust in her, even when Lancaster had a different approach than Gourley was used to.

"Here I've been running around 20 miles a week and I came from a junior college where I was running 50 to 55 miles per week," she said. "So when I was running half of the miles I was running at the junior college I thought I was not going to perform well."

Gourley now plans to break the Northwestern record.



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# Rangers: A Driving Force



## Motivation for all Rangers

### What is your favorite quote?

There's two. Both by Peyton Manning.

1. *"Remind your critics when they say you don't have the expertise or experience to do something that an amateur built the ark and the experts built the Titanic."*
2. *"Pressure is something you feel when you don't know what the heck you're doing."*

### Team pep talk.

I like to remind them to only focus on the elements of the game that we can control, and to be confident in those elements because we train them every day.

### What does it mean to be a team?

Team is Family. You don't always have to be best friends or even like everyone the same. But you must love each other and lay it on the line for one another just as you would for your family.

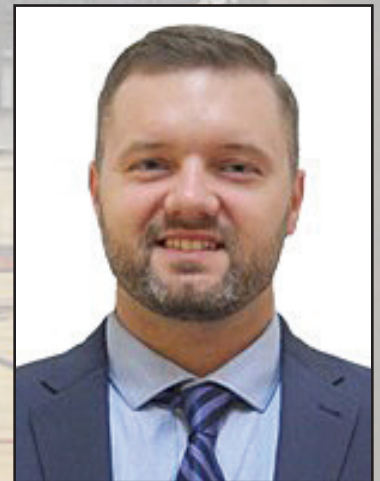
### What is a moment you have felt really motivated or inspired?

It was the day my dad told me to forget about what everyone else wanted me to do for my career, and choose something that would make me happy. I changed my major to Health and Physical Education that day. Sports were so important to me throughout my life, but hearing my dad, who I look up to tremendously, tell me it was okay to "be a coach" gave me such relief and set me off on the path I'm on now.

### What would you tell students struggling with school/competitions?

I really want to get those kids who are struggling to relax and discuss the issues. Let's sit down, relax and think with a clear mind we can find solutions to our problems much faster. When we struggle, we have a tendency to panic so I believe that calming the kid down is key.

## Jeremy White, Head Volleyball Coach



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