

Events

Thursday, Sept. 14

NWOSU Study Abroad Summer 2018 UK Trip Interest Meeting, noon Industrial Education 128

Friday, Sept. 15

Voter Registration Sign-Up 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Student Center Commons Area

Refund check released for dropped classes.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Heartland BEST Robotics 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Herod Hall, Student Center and Science Building

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Concert Series presents "Artrageous" 7 p.m. Herod Hall Auditorium

W or F issued on dropped 1st eight-week classes

Woodward Campus Fall Picnic 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Woodward Campus Hispanic Heritage Salsa Tasting 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



Photo by Bailey Rankin

Students gathered at Ranger Field on Sept. 6 for the annual Ranger Rally. Those attending received free T-shirts and hot dogs. They participated in games on the field before the cheer-

leaders and the band performed. Then the coaches for the fall sports addressed the crowd. They encouraged the students to attend the games for all sports. The rally precedes the first

home football game every year. The Rangers opened the season at home with a 37-35 loss to Arkansas Monticello Boll Weevils. The Rangers travel to Henderson State on Saturday.

Time to plan for Family Day

By CEDRIC COLLINGE
Student Writer

Family, tradition and football. There is not much else anybody would need for a great Saturday in Alva.

But wait! Don't forget about one the essentials every student needs: tuition money. And some of that will be going around, too.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University continues their tradition of Family day beginning Friday, Sept. 22 to Saturday, Sept. 23. This annual event will allow families to take tours of the campus, shop for tuition scholarships, buy ranger gear and attend the football game.

Families participating in the event will visit various Alva merchants to "shop for tuition." There are over 20 different businesses participating in the event to help students and families. Students will be able to register (however many times they choose to) for \$500, \$300, or \$200 tuition giveaway for the spring semester on either Friday starting at 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Students can earn one of the three different scholarship opportunities to pay off some of their tuition.

On Saturday 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Presidential pre-

game where Jane Cunningham, President of Northwestern, will make an address to welcome students and their families. Any student participating will have their name put into a hat and the winners will be announced at halftime of the football game.

Family Day will be a time for students and their families to bond together with those at the university. They will understand how and why Northwestern goes about creating a lifelong tradition through this event.

"For a number of years, we

have made this a tradition as to what we do," Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs said, "to the family feel that Northwestern gives off, it does not just rub off on the students, but to their families as well."

Mosburg believes in the culture and tradition Northwestern has going and will continue to create a bigger and better family atmosphere. "We are here to serve the student and the families," Mosburg said, "There will always be hands that are there to help, that is why I love it here."

Whether it be getting time to spend with family, the chance to win tuition money or maybe just to enjoy a Saturday night football game with the family, this is an event people want to attend, not to mention the \$3 tailgate dinner right before the game hosted by Student Services.

All it takes is a student and his or her family to show up and the rest will take care of itself.

For more information, visit the family day page at <http://www.nwosu.edu/traditions/family-day>.

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Friday and Saturday

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- Atwoods
- Bar S Outfitters
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- Cancun Mexican Grill of Alva
- Community Bank (building open Friday; only drive-thru open on Saturday)
- Cookie's Bowl & Café
- Daisy Village
- El Maya
- Gambino's
- Graceful Arts Gallery
- Holder Drug
- LaDEEda
- Lyn's T-Shirt Factory

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- Merle Norman
- Radio Shack
- Rialto
- Sonic
- Schuhmacher's Copper Penny
- Taco Village
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Editorial

The importance of fine arts

By **TIFFANY WILLSON**
Columnist

John Ruskin, the leading English art critic, once said: "Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together." The arts are a special type of education that requires both the left brain and right brain to work simultaneously and in partnership.

This fact makes the Fine Arts valuable, but it is not the only reason. Fine Art programs help raise test scores, lower depression among young adults and gives participants an outlet for their creativity which in turn reduces stress. The financial problems drowning school districts have caused them to shut down the art programs to balance budget cuts, but these programs are vital to a student's educational experience.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, depression affects nearly 19 million Americans over the age of eighteen. Offering the Arts to people who may be suffering from these illnesses, has been proven to reduce both depression and anxiety.

It is critical for students to be exposed to the Fine Arts and be given this outlet for self-expression. When participating in the Arts one can step away, from the structure

and demand of the school day and release their creativity. Many students use Fine Art programs, such as music, theatre, and visual arts, as a stress relief from the rest of their day, thus improving their mental health.

The state of a student's mental and emotional health can drastically reduce their academic achievements. In recent years schools have seen a drop in test scores and performance, alongside the rise of mental health issues. Attempting to reconcile the test scores, they have eliminated the "distractions" and focused on core subjects; Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. By labeling all Fine Arts classes as distractions administrators ignore the important benefits of these courses and fail to see the damage they are causing.

The Fine Arts are an integral part of a well-rounded education and preparing students to be valuable community members. In a time where budget cuts have forced the doors of Fine Arts programs closed, it is important to remember the benefits of such programs and the vital role they play in the participants' education. With less exposure to the Arts, it is critical to continue searching for opportunities to participate in an art form, because the benefits greatly outweigh

Fine Arts Events

- **Sept. 15 - Singers to Enid**
- **Sept. 16 - All State Choir Workshop**
- **Sept. 19 - Concert Series- Artrageous**
- **Sept. 22 - OAMS**
- **Sept. 23 Band at NWOSU football game**
- **Sept. 24 Senior/Junior recital**

Appreciate our campus officers

Sept. 18 - 24 is National Security Officer Appreciation week. Here at Northwestern we are lucky to have a full fledge police force on campus. The campus police are located in the student center, students can stop by or call them at (580) 327-8511 officers are on duty 24/7.

Campus Police are glad to walk students across campus to their dorms at night, they give students on crutches rides to their classes, to security checks, lock buildings at night and regulate the parking lots. Chief Joel Johnson can regularly be seen patrolling campus on his golf cart.

Interested in writing? Share your opinions! Contact Michelle

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GRIN and BEAR IT Wagner

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"It's my job to instill some confidence in you losers!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fragrant wood
- 6 Construction piece
- 11 "Seinfeld" role
- 12 Had to have
- 14 Eden, for one
- 15 Look
- 16 Card player's call
- 17 Barbecue brand
- 19 Guitar's cousin
- 20 Dunkable treat
- 22 Very long time
- 23 Off-torn knee parts, briefly
- 24 Bold
- 26 Block and tackle parts
- 28 Listener
- 30 Moray, e.g.
- 31 Epicure
- 35 Takes to the links
- 39 Unseat
- 40 Moving truck
- 42 Turnpike payment
- 43 Multipurpose truck
- 44 Picture puzzle
- 46 "Gosh!"
- 47 Risk
- 49 Roamed freely

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- 21 Open to view
- 23 Apportion
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- 27 Journey segment
- 29 One of P-R-N-D-L
- 31 Cheese
- 32 choice
- 33 Power failure
- 34 Bill
- 36 Actor Robert of "Big"
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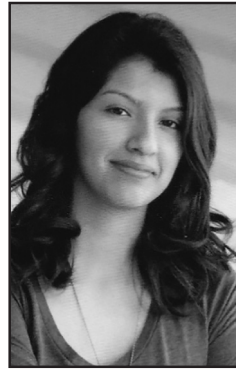
Ranger royalty voting

Round 1: Sept. 18-19
 Round 2: Sept. 25-26

Ranger royalty applicants



Jordan Cremers running for Ranger Queen



Yosbelli Lora running for Freshman Queen



Joel Gonzalez running for Ranger King



Baylie Wilson running for Ranger Queen

Why apply for ranger royalty?



Demetri Wilson running for homecoming Ranger King



Kelsi Smith running for homecoming Freshman Queen



Sadie Vore running for homecoming Ranger Queen

"I have been a ranger going on four years now, and I would feel beyond honored to be able to represent the entire football and ranger family, if I become the king for NWOSU."

"I chose to run for freshman queen because I wanted to represent Northwestern in a positive way. And I thought this would give me the opportunity to meet new people."

"I am a third-generation NWOSU student. I was born and raised in Alva and meant to be a ranger. To hold this title would be an honor and a privilege to represent my university and my family as well."

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TATOO CONTEST 7:00 PM
RULES MEETING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE 7:50 PM
BIG CRUISE 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CLOSED ROUTE - NO4 WHEELERS - EVERYTHING ELSE THAT RUNS)
FREE MOVIE AT RIALTO CINEMA 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
CRUISIN' FOR THE 5K RUN OF IT (Courthouse Parking Lot) 8:30 AM
GRACEFUL ARTS GALLERY EXHIBITION 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and SIDEWALK
ART CONTEST 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
FINAL REGISTRATION 9:00 AM - NOON
(Inflatables and more) 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM Sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene

CAR SHOW 10:00 AM - 4:40 PM
FREE CHASSIS DYNO 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
POKER WALK 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
LITTLE MISS CRUISE & CAR SHOW 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
PINEWOOD DERBY 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
4 O'CLOCK AUTO CROSS 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
GO & WHOA 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
TROPHY PRESENTATION #1 7:30 PM
BURNOUT CONTEST AMATEUR 7:45 PM - 8:15
BIG MONEY CASH GRAB 8:15 PM
BURNOUT CONTEST PRO 8:30 PM - 9:15 PM
TROPHY PRESENTATION #2 9:15 PM
CRUISE THE BLVD. 9:45 PM - ??? (STREET LEGAL ONLY)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
FREE BREAKFAST 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
CHAPEL SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
CAR SHOW 9 AM- NOON
TROPHY PRESENTATION #3 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
STREET RACE NOON - 3:00 PM
BICYCLE DRAGS 1:30 PM - ??? (INTERMISSION OF STREET RACE)

Feature

National Cheeseburger Day

In honor of National Double Cheeseburger Day Sept. 15 student writer Katie Lackey asked other students “What makes the best double cheeseburger and where do you get it?”



Ladasheray Bell, a concurrent student kinesiology major from Alva:

“If it is juicy and it has to have cheese, bacon and barbeque sauce on it makes it all just right, and if you toast the buns.” In and Out (best place to get a burger) but you have to drive to Texas to find one!



Kevin Ford, sophomore from Norway, mass communication major:

“Onions, melted cheese, lettuce and bacon on top of the cheese. Add a little sizzle and some smokey barbeque sauce. Hard Rock Café has a barbecue burger that is off the chain. Whataburger has some good burgers, but it is better to make your own. Don’t go to any other place because they give you false burgers. You have got to make your own. Then you can finesse it. Burgers back home are not like they are in the states. If I get a homemade burger from here it is ten times better. The burgers back home are decent, but if you don’t have that recipe and know how to work them then they aren’t quite as good.”



Bell's favorite cheeseburger from Sonic.



Earl W. Bell III, a junior from Alva and a computer science major with a minor in business:

“Bacon, no vegetables”
“Sonic has the best cheeseburgers.”



Jacob Ross, Canton Oklahoma:

“It has got to have mustard, and I get it from my dad’s house. My dad makes a pretty mean burger.”

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Entertainment



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“The Hitman’s Bodyguard” stars Samuel L. Jackson and Ryan Reynolds and premiered on Aug.18. Moviegoers can see it at the Rialto in downtown Alva.

‘AHS’ Cult season 7

By BROOKE MCCLELLAND
Student Writer

American Horror Story: Cult has officially started, and it stays true to the political theme that show creator, Ryan Murphy, has promised.

It has all of its usual jump scares and creepy undertones that keep you in a stage of suspense throughout the entirety of the episode. Many have said that the scariest moment had to be reliving election night.

The scene perfectly showed how many voters reacted when Mr. Trump, at the time, was announced as President of the United States. From fear to rage, from victory over defeat, it symbolized what the people went through on that memorable night. It was also very smart to not point all of the focus on the actual election, but on the aftermath, which has lead to many more unforgettable events that will go down in history.

As always, Evan Peters brings his A-game to his newest character Kai, who is without a doubt one of, if not the, darkest character in the season. Many love to see him back, but find it very hard to root for him, which means he’s doing something right.

Sarah Paulsen, another American Horror Story stalwart, is back in action as Molly, a woman who suffers from chronic phobias that have already started playing a role in where her character will be heading this season.

There are so many twists and turns that beg for answers to unanswered questions. What is the role of the clowns?

Are they a figment of someone’s imagination, or are they out to make people crazy? Is there another purpose to them that has yet to be revealed? What part does Twisty, a murderous clown brought back to life in the form of a comic book, have to play this season?

The most important question of all though is simple. What does Cult have planned for us next? Fans from the beginning are dying for more, and more they shall get as the next episode returns.

‘Hitman’ a great deal of fun

By RICHMOND ADAMS
Movie Reviewer

Watching Patrick Hughes’ “The Hitman’s Bodyguard” brings to mind two possible reactions.



One, a rather ordinary story of semi-good and purposeful bad chasing a really awful power-mad villain who is slaughtering what’s left of decency in our world. A second way is, simply put, YEEEEEEEEEE-

HAAAAAAAAAAAAH !!!!!

Rip roaring, shoot ‘em up, blow ‘em to smithereens, and, naturally, rid us of the bad guy before the world (or at least our part of it) comes to an end. In his updated version of a “B” Western, Hughes has managed to bring elements of bar fights, shootouts, and a very un-Damsel in not much-distress (Selma Hayek) who plays Samuel L. Jackson’s imprisoned wife for whom he bargains her release so he can testify against a monstrous Gary Oldman at the International

“Rip roaring, shoot ‘em up, blow ‘em to smithereens, and, naturally, rid us of the bad guy before the world ends.”

Court in Amsterdam. Folks, it’s nonetheless apparent from her first scene that our not so distressed Damsel can whup ‘em up too.

Threading the film together is a lot of fun between Jackson and

Ryan Reynolds, who plays a security agent who can’t keep anyone safe, but somehow seems to avoid getting hurt most of the time. Jackson, as ever, steals the show, and even goes so far in one fight sequence to twist his machine gun in a homage to a scene from “Star

Wars: The Clone Wars” during ITS climactic battle scene.

The best portions of the film are, as intended, the verbal fighting between Jackson and Reynolds, whose mutual backstory, however violent, only adds to the hilarious use of Lionel Richie music (“Hello” and “Dancing in the Moonlight” are two favorites from my time at a 24 hour Nashville restaurant, oh, maybe a few years ago) as various sequences of mayhem and madness play themselves out. In the spirit of “48 Hours” and other such films, “The Hitman’s Bodyguard” is finally a great deal of fun. It’s also strictly for adults as the spew of linguistic vile is enough to bring about blushing from sailors on shore leave. With that criticism and precaution, it’s worth the watching...and laughing.



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Sunday: 1:30-6:45
Sept. 18-21: 6:45 nightly
Screen 1/ PG/ 110 min.

It

The Hitman’s Bodyguard

Nightly at 6:45
Friday: 6:45-9:30
Saturday: 1:30-6:45-9:30
Sunday: 1:30-6:45
Sept. 18-21: 6:45 nightly
Screen 2/ R/ 135min.

Nightly at 6:45
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Saturday: 1:30-6:45-9:15
Sunday: 1:30-6:45
Sept. 18-21: 6:45 nightly
Screen 3/ R/ 120 min.

“American Horror Story: Cult” at 10 p.m. Tuesdays on FX

Entertainment

Stephen King's 'It' terrifyingly great

By **ETHAN SACKETT**
Student Reviewer

Fear is a funny thing. It can cause us to shrink into ourselves and turn cold and selfish.



But when we find the courage to face our fears, we become better people." This is an appropriate thought to ponder as we consider the underlying message of the movie, "It."

"It" tells the story of a group of small-town Maine schoolchildren, the Losers' Club, that fight an ancient, shape-shifting evil clown that terrorizes the town of Derry every 27 years.

The acting and special effects

"When Compared to the original 1990's TV mini-series directed by Tommy Lee Wallace, I believe that the 2017 "It" displays more of the realistic aspects that Stephen King was depicting in his novel"

were entertaining throughout the entire film. The acting was believable and enhanced the terror aspects. It's cast is made of almost entirely newcomers; however I didn't mind. I witnessed seven children in Derry, Maine be terrorized by the monster of a clown, only to face their own personal demons in the process. The Bill Skarsgård's performance as Pennywise the clown is a great success. Skarsgård depicts Pennywise as the terrorizing clown that King was going for in his novel. It was an incredible performance. I only wish that Director Andy Muschietti would have eased up on the CGI and let Skarsgård do the talking.

When compared to the original 1990's TV mini-series directed by Tommy Lee Wallace, I believe that the 2017 "It" displays more of the realistic aspects that Stephen King was depicting in his novel.

Overall, "It" has a terrific blend of horrors, humor and heart. The new adaptation of the Stephen King novel provides some very charming characters, frightening sequences and a surprisingly heartfelt feel that holds up against the original adaptation as well as many horror flicks to date.

This past weekend, movie goes across the nation eagerly attended the remake of the previous movie based on Steven King's novel, "It." For some who had seen the original, this was a 27 year wait. According to Warner Bros, "It" had the largest opening weekend for a horror movie ever, bringing in approximately \$123 million.



Photo Courtesy: Warner Bros Studios



Photo Courtesy: Warner Bros Studios

— **King Crossword** —
Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Sports



Photo by Conner Poage

Brittany Cirnigliaro, a freshman from Hudson, Florida, kicks for goal against Southwest Baptist University in home game on Friday.

Soccer defeated at home

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger's soccer team played from home on Thursday and Friday against opponents Washburn University and Southwest Baptist University.

After a well fought game and two overtime periods, the Lady Rangers ended the game with a 1-1 tie against Washburn University. On Saturday, despite a goal to

put the Rangers on the board, the Lady Rangers fell to Southwest Baptist University 2-1.

The Lady Rangers were down by one goal until the 85th minute, when junior Karla Lopez scored from outside the goalie box. Lopez's goal kept the Lady Rangers alive until the end of regulation.

During the overtime periods, tempers rose for both teams. A player from Washburn received a yellow card after a pushing redshirt sophomore Tiana Young-

Mauchly in the back. A total 31 fouls were accumulated from both teams combined.

The back line for the Lady Rangers remained strong throughout both overtime periods, and junior keeper Kylee Loustaunau totaled 11 saves for the Lady Rangers. The final score of the game was a 1-1 tie.

The Lady Rangers were back in action on Saturday against opponents Southwest Baptist. The Lady Rangers struggled some on offense and were unable to score

until late into the second half.

Junior Karla Lopez had two shots on goal during the game, and scored the single goal for the Lady Rangers in the second half of the game. Sophomore Bailey Jarvis assisted in Lopez's goal, serving a ball just outside of the eighteen for Lopez to strike over the Southwest Baptist keeper's head.

Sophomore Yazmin Gomez and freshman Hudsyn Childs both recorded shots on goal, and junior goal keeper Kylee Loustaunau had four saves for the Lady Rangers.

Athletic Events

September 15

Volleyball

10 a.m. vs Pittsburg State University in Bethany

6 p.m. vs Fort Hays State University in Bethany

Rodeo

Rangers at Colby Community College

September 16

Volleyball

10 a.m. vs Missouri Southern State University in Bethany

6 p.m. vs Southern Baptist University

Football

6 p.m. at Henderson State University

Rodeo

Rangers at Colby Community College

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Soccer

3 p.m. at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Volleyball

7 p.m. at East Central University

Consecutive losses during tournament

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University volleyball team was on the road Friday and Saturday to Kearney, Nebraska to compete in the New Victorian Inn & Suites/Runza Fall Classic.

Rangers faced opponents Rockhurst University and Texas A&M University—Kingsville on Friday. Rangers dropped both matches with a score of 3-0.

During the first match against Rockhurst, the Rangers kept a close game. Junior Hannah Williams had eight kills and three digs for the Rangers. Senior Carley Greer recorded a team-high of 15 digs. Senior LaMonica Peacock and sophomore Jennifer Eubanks also contributed to the Ranger offense with three blocks each.

Despite the offensive efforts of the Rangers, Rockhurst ended the game with a higher attacking percentage and a total of 47 kills.

In the second match of the afternoon against Texas A&M—Kingsville, the Rangers fell short of the win despite strong offensive efforts from junior Brooklynn Hesson and sophomore Jennifer Eubanks. Hesson and Eubanks had 15 kills combined.

Rangers were back in action on Saturday against opponents University of Nebraska and Western State College. Rangers faced the nationally ranked UNK team first, and lost the match 3-0. However, the Rangers kept themselves in the game. During the third set, Rangers tied the game before UNK got its final two points to seal their victory.

Hesson led the Rangers with eight kills and Geer recorded 21 digs. The Rangers played their final match against Western State College. The Rangers came to life, forcing a total of five sets before falling to Western State 3-2.

The Rangers won the first two sets before losing the last three sets. However, in the third set, the Rangers and Western State battled intensely before Western State took the win with a score of 33-31.

Eubanks had 11 kills and sophomore Kiauna Clark had nine kills, 15 assists and 17 digs.

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Rangers: A Driving Force



Tale of two halves: football

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Sports Editor

The Rangers come into the locker room for halftime. Disappointment settles through the team because they are losing the first half. But this doesn't stop the Rangers, it only makes them want the win more.

During the second half they prove that they have the abilities to take to that win.

During the Ranger's home opener on September 9 it was a tale of two halves when it came to the game. In the first two quarters the Rangers had only scored six points and had lost 27 to the Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils.

But the second half proved much more successful for the Rangers.

The Rangers scored 29 points in the second half and the Boll Weevils only scored 10, making the final score a close 37 to 35 loss for the Rangers.

This is the second week in a row the Rangers have started off with a slow first half and then made up points in the second half.

During the first game of the season on August 30 against Oklahoma Baptist University the Rangers scored 14 points and in the second half scored 14 points to their seven points.

Players and coaches have also noticed the comparisons from game one to game two of the season.

The football team's wideout, Horatio Smith, said "I think maybe we've been coming out

enough, so I need to work on that. I feel like when I do get the ball in my hands I make the best of that moment."

Smith started playing wideout as a sophomore in high school, and as a junior in college is still in this position.

"I fell in love with it," he said. "Catching the ball, and being a receiver. My job is to catch the ball and score."

That's not all that Smith fell

"Overall I think the team has been scoring a lot better than we did in the past two years," Smith said. "I can see that we are getting better and I trust the process."

Going out the rest of the season Smith hopes the tale of two halves will no longer be a theme.

Moving forward he said he strives to get All-American Conference.

"We come out that first half with a real chill, real relaxed vibe. We really need to come out up tempo, and play hard. We need to be trying to win from the beginning, rather than coming out in the end trying to win."

too relaxed. We've done a good job in practice so we think the game is just going to be easy."

Smith helped Rangers get a touchdown in the second half of the game by surging up the field on the kickoff for a 75-yard return, which put the Rangers in the redzone.

"I feel like I did a really good job [in the game]," Smith said. "Honestly I didn't keep the ball

in love with though. Smith said being on home turf is amazing and said the Ranger field is a great environment.

"You get to show the people you surround yourself with all-day, every day what you are made of," he said, "and you get to protect your home."

Having a home also means having a family and that is what the Ranger team is to Smith.

"You can definitely guarantee that we are going to come out fighting hard in the first half," Smith said. "We are not going to let ourselves get put into a hole, and then try to dig ourselves out of that hole in the second half. We are going to be more efficient. We are going to take care of the ball. We are going to play more as a team, and not as just individuals."



Horatio Smith, junior.

NWOSU vs. UAM Game Stats

First Quarter

NWOSU 0-UAM 7

Second Quarter

NWOSU 6-UAM 20

Third Quarter

NWOSU 14-UAM 3

Fourth Quarter

NWOSU 15-UAM 7

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