

## Lapsing into a comma?

National Punctuation Day is finally here – Sept. 24!

We know, most of the students probably don't care about this special day, but your English teachers are secretly hoping you all decide to celebrate it anyway by learning to do your punctuation correctly.

Before the campus email system went down this week, a few of the English faculty shared their thoughts about student problems with punctuation.

The most common problem they find deals with commas: using too many or too few, using them incorrectly. One professor sees a lot of run-on sentences, which she attributes to texting and fast-paced lives that keep students from slowing down to really read what they write. Another professor sees many apostrophe problems—the *it's* vs. *its* issue, for example.

Whatever the problems, the Northwestern News wants to help. Inside you will find a full page of punctuation help. We couldn't address ALL the punctuation, but we offer tips on semicolons, colons, dashes, and, yes, those pesky commas and comma splices. Read our advice on using the Oxford comma, and learn how to figure out if you even need some commas.

You will also find an editing challenge. Correct the punctuation issues in the story provided, cut it out and bring to the newsroom in JDA232. We'll treat you to some candy and enter you in a contest to win a fun grammar book: "Comma Sutra: Position Yourself for Success With Good Grammar." We'll announce the winner next week.

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**Exclamation Point talking to her Question Mark friend: "I'll never date another apostrophe. The last one was too possessive."**



Photo by Cheyene Hankins

The Alva campus saw a 7 percent drop in fall enrollment this year, dipping to 1,343. The combined campuses have 2,095 students attending.

# Fall enrollment drops

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**  
*Student Reporter*

Northwestern Oklahoma State University fall enrollment report shows the numbers are down from last year.

Northwestern had up to 2,200 students enrolled in fall 2016, but the numbers slipped down to 2,095 students this fall. That is 5 percent of the student population gone after just one year of school. New student visa policies in effect have left Northwestern with a shortage of international students. Officials at Northwestern reported that nearly 100 international students did not return this year.

The Alva main campus suffered a drop of more than 7 percent, bringing the numbers to 1,343 students. The Woodward campus kept its numbers as they were last year, and Enid lost 19 students.

Steven Valencia, associate vice president of university relations, said there is always room for improvement when it comes to bringing the numbers back up. According to a press release put out by his office, "We have identified some new geographical areas where interest is high." These areas with high interest are in Texas, Oklahoma Panhandle and Southeastern Colorado, Valencia said.

"Students in these areas are from a culture similar like Northwestern and that is where we stand the best chance of getting them to come here," Valencia said. Locating students who are comfortable with the Alva atmosphere and most of Northwestern may

sound tough, but it is easy when students grow up in environments like this one.

Enrollment in males has also dropped for Northwestern. "It may just be the uprising of the economy opening up more jobs for men to go into," Valencia said. According to US News, the Alva campus is made up of more women than men, even though the men have a couple densely populated athletic teams.

The athletic teams seem to recruit an excessive amount of talent to come to Northwestern and it is not to help with enrollment. "Coaches know their teams," Valencia said. "It is not so much about enrollment for them, it is about having the right balance of athlete numbers for years to come." This makes sense because problems may occur over the season where student-athletes may leave.

Northwestern reached a three-year high in enrollment just a year ago, so this drop in numbers could just be a coincidence. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center in spring 2017, enrollment around the country decreased by 1.5 percent from 2016. Nationally, four-year public universities saw a slight increase by 0.2 percent.

So, what about retention rate? Retention is about experience and having people to enjoy an experience with.

"It starts with the teachers, working with students and making sure they get the best out of their education," Valencia said.

The goal is to finish all four years and earn that degree, but when students are not getting

## Fall Enrollment Numbers

<b>2017:</b>	<b>2,095</b>
<b>2016:</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>2015:</b>	<b>2,135</b>
<b>2014:</b>	<b>2,171</b>
<b>2013:</b>	<b>2,300</b>

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the full experience they want to go elsewhere.

Northwestern can create and does their best to retain students. Creating a special, loving and fun atmosphere is where it begins to keep students here.

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# News



## Email outage disturbs the communication process

The email outage this week sent professors and administrators scrambling to figure out how to communicate.

Some students reported that they could not send messages via campus email but were receiving some. Patricia Pixler, who is spending the semester in Wales, was able to open her campus email and respond from it. She had to resend her article and photo to an off-campus email.

Administration had department chairs contact all their professors and staff either in person or by telephone to pass along the news that the system may not be functioning for several days. Blackboard should continue to work, however, so professors should be able to send messages to students. IT indicated that they don't yet know if emails coming into various accounts during the outage will be retrievable.

The print shop email — [printshop@nwsu.edu](mailto:printshop@nwsu.edu) — is working. Alica Hall, coordinator of the print shop, said the print shop email was moved to a new server, so IT could work out problems with it before moving the rest of campus. This email was then not affected by the problem that hit the rest of the campus.

Accessing the Northwestern News email became a major problem for the newspaper staff. Student reporters and contributors send in articles and photos to [NWNNews@nwsu.edu](mailto:NWNNews@nwsu.edu) by noon each Monday, and that's just about the time people reported email was not working.

Editors had not yet had time to download stories and photos, so they were busy contacting contributors on Tuesday to get items needed for this week's paper resent to personal email accounts.

The problems did not appear to extend to internet connection or other organizations such as the Northwestern News, which has a dedicated server for its work.

## Should DACA come to an end

By MELISSA NOLAND  
Reporter

Political issues are not usually a topic most students on campus like to discuss, but dialogues need to happen on this issue. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and its recent discussions with the current Trump administration.

President Trump and his administration want to end the DACA program that under Obama's presidency had protection. Established on June 12, 2012 the program went into effect on August 15, 2012. This program protects the 800,000 undocumented youths with in the United States.

According to immigrationequality.org website, these individuals brought to the United States as children received promised protection as long as they stayed enrolled in school, remained out of trouble and did not pose a threat to national security.

The response to Trump's end of the DACA program was astonishing. Celebrities and other influential people took to their social media accounts to express their disapproval for the revoked rights of the United States "DREAMER."

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, also known as the DREAM act was a bill introduced to Congress back in 2009. People refer to the recipients and those effected by this bill as "DREAMERS."

People all over the USA took a stand these past weeks to the recent changes, even here in Oklahoma. With 7,500 Oklahomans under the DACA legal status, it is easy to see why.

In a statement released to the Oklahoma Gazette, David Castillo, Greater Oklahoma City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, had this to say.

"We need to keep pressure on them." Castillo said. "We don't want them to say one thing but do another. We don't believe it will happen this time."

The Greater Oklahoma City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is advocating for a fair and just immigration reform law pertaining to the DACA enrollees.

"Imagine taking 7,000 Oklahomans out of the economy," Castillo posed to Oklahoma Gazette in an interview. "As a state, we are already having budget problems, and tax collections will be down. It also has a ripple effect. You would see fewer people buying cars and homes, purchasing items at Walmart and all retail shops. Of course, tax collections."

One student who has a personal history with the DACA regulations chose to give his opinion on the issue. Tonny Loustaunau, a senior accounting major was born in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico but was raised in Perryton, Texas.

"I am no longer affected by DACA because I am getting permanent residency through my marriage," Loustaunau said. "However, this is going to affect many immigrants, who came here like me. Against our will, we were brought here when we were younger. We were raised here and this is the only place we've ever known."

"I think this is absurd and ridiculous," he said. "DACA recipients are working legally and paying their taxes, they don't typically get on welfare."

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## Rewarding blood donators

By MARY SHKLAR  
Reporter

Giving is in the blood!

Northwestern will hold a blood drive for the Oklahoma Blood Institute on Monday, September 25th and Tuesday, September 26th. The donation goal is set for 170 donors, which could have the potential to impact 510 lives. Pizza will be provided for all donors along with a \$25 gift card that will be awarded to one student who is randomly selected.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute is the 9th largest nonprofit blood bank in the United States, due to the expansions of the Arkansas Blood Institute, Texas Blood Institute, and the Coffee Memorial Blood Bank of Amarillo. The institute provides blood to over 85% of Oklahoma hospitals, 5 Air Evacuation teams and every life ambulance unit with blood. 1,500 units are needed daily to keep up with the demand needed right here in Oklahoma. Appointments to donate can be made at [obi.org](http://obi.org) or call (877) 340-8777.



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# News

## Enjoy recipes on Pancake Day Sept. 26

### Recipe: Simple Pancake Recipe

From the kitchen of: Sadie Vore

#### Ingredients

2 cups / 300g plain / all purpose flour (Note 1), 4 tsp baking powder (Note 1), 1/4 cup / 55g white sugar (caster / super fine is best but not essential), Pinch of salt, 1 egg, 1 3/4 cups / 435 ml cups milk (any type, any fat %), 1 tsp vanilla extract or essence and 4 tsp butter (for cooking)



#### Directions

1. Place flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a bowl, whisk to combine.
2. Add egg, milk and vanilla. Whisk until lump free - no longer than 30 seconds.
3. Heat a non stick skillet - use medium heat if you have a strong stove, medium high if you have a weak one. Add a tiny bit of butter (about 1/2 tsp) and swirl to melt. Use paper towel to mostly wipe the butter off (this is the trick to avoid a dodgy 1st pancake).
4. Pour 1/4 cup batter into the middle of the fry pan (I use a slightly heaped ice cream scoop with lever, standard is 1/4 cup).
5. Swirl pan lightly to spread or use the ice cream scoop edge to spread into 11cm / 4.5" circle (ruler is a must) (joking!).
6. When bubbles rise to the surface (see video), flip and cook the other side until golden.
7. Remove and keep warm in a low oven.
8. Use more butter every 2 to 3 pancakes - depends how good your non stick coating is.
9. Serve with toppings of your choice!

### Recipe: The Biscuit recipe

From the kitchen of: Macendrew Brown

#### Ingredients

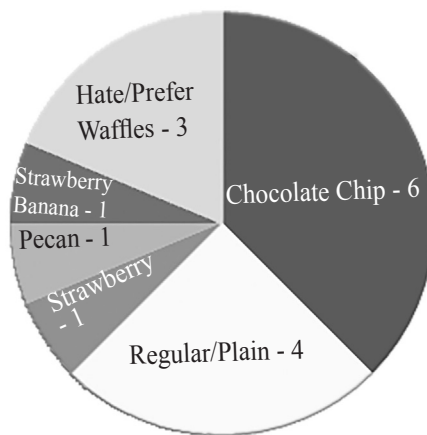
2 cups biscuit mix  
1 cup milk  
2 eggs



#### Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients.
2. Heat a griddle or frying pan.
3. Grease a pan lightly.
4. Use a quarter cup measuring cup to pour the batter and form each pancake in the pan. You can also pour directly from the bowl or use an ice cream scooper to distribute the batter.
5. Bake the pancakes until bubbles appear in the batter and the edges of the pancakes are brown.
6. Once they bubble towards the middle, flip the pancakes and cook for a minute or so longer.
7. Remove the pancakes.

#### Favorite pancakes



### Recipe: Momma's Recipe

From the kitchen of: Corey Shirey

#### Ingredients

1 1/4 cups flour	1 beaten egg
3 teaspoons baking powder	1 cup milk
1 tablespoon sugar	2 tablespoons salad oil or
1/2 teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons melted shortening



#### Directions

1. Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt.
2. Combine egg, milk and salad oil; add to dry ingredients stirring just until flour is moistened (batter will be lumpy).
3. Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup for 4-inch pancakes, or use a Tablespoon for dollar-size pancakes.
4. Makes about 12 dollar size or 8 4-inch pancakes.

### Recipe: Hungry Jack Recipe

From the kitchen of: Deb Corr

#### Ingredients

Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray, 2 cups Hungry Jack® Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix (Just Add Water), 1 1/3 cups water, 1 pound thick-cut bacon slices (cooked), 3/4 cup Jif® Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter, 2 medium ripe bananas (sliced) and Hungry Jack® Honey Maple Flavored Syrup



#### Directions

1. COAT griddle or large skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat (375°F). Stir pancake mix and water in large bowl until smooth. Let stand 3 minutes.
2. MAKE 8 large pancakes, in batches, pouring a scant 1/2 cup batter for each pancake onto griddle. Place two slices bacon on each pancake. Cook until bubbles appear and edges are dry, about 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Turn; cook an additional 1 minute or until golden brown.
3. STACK pancakes on serving plate layered with peanut butter and bananas. Serve with syrup.

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# Editorial

## You should give blood if you can

By Caitlyn Pray  
Student columnist

Readers may or may not be aware that there is a blood drive to be held on the Alva Northwestern campus. Along with that event comes the inevitable question that follows: should you give blood? Of course, if you are lucky enough to have tattoos, have had the chicken pox in the last three weeks or have some fatal illness this question does not pertain to you. It's designated only for the unfortunate many that are healthy, active and happen to have a plentiful blood supply.

Based on my negative connotation, you might guess that my opinion on the donation of blood is not very high, but that actually couldn't be farther from the truth.

I highly encourage and think it is the noblest thing in the world to give blood. My roommate, a budding phlebotomist (which, by the way,

means she wants to draw blood for a living) says she gave blood as early as she could as an adult and every time she donates it makes her feel good and is one of the best feelings in the world to her. It is for that very reason and the essential purpose of donating to those in need and to save lives that I think donating blood is a marvelous thing and one of the actual blessings that have sprouted out of the 21st century. My only exception to this logic is to please, whatever you do, just don't ask me.

Needles and blood and I have never gotten along. I can perform needle arts, but that is as far as

anything in those two categories has taken me. I don't know why, but at the sight of anything having to do with blood or needles or medical treatment, I start to get incredibly nervous and resemble an anxious thoroughbred at a starting line. I absolutely abhor needs—blood even more—and thus an event like a blood drive, no matter its ethical nobility, does not appeal to me.

For all those who are much braver than I am (Which I'm sure includes 95% of the student body), I highly encourage you to consider giving blood though. It sounds gross, icky, and like something that you might

rather not spend your time on, but the truth of the fact is that by giving of your simple sample you are actually benefiting a whole world chain. By your simple gesture of thoughtfulness and generosity, you not only give to the people who are in severe need, but also impact your friends to consider doing the same in one gesture or another.

Blood donation isn't something many like to talk about (I am definitely a prime example of that), but to those who are willing, I encourage you to consider the option and what it might do to influence people towards good, help those in severe need and even save a life. So, go ahead, donate blood, ask your friends to support you, stand by you and help you. I encourage you in all your consideration and activism towards this noble cause, but please, whatever you do, just don't ask me.



## The Adventure continues in Wales

By PATRICA PIXLER  
Columnist

It's been two weeks since I flew to London, the same day as my last article. What an adventure those two weeks have been. I arrived at Heathrow Airport to a rainy Great Britain; I laughed because the cliché of British weather proved true. Even the bus trip to Wales was a mix of sprinkles, downpours, and sunshine. Despite the arrival, it's been beautiful.

Swansea, Wales sits on a bay so you find yourself with seagulls overhead and a view of the ocean from higher buildings. It's a five-minute walk to the beach from the university campus. I think most of us would agree that's amazing.

Swansea is a city of roughly 250,000 citizens with Swansea University at 17,500 students. There are plenty of shops, numerous cuisine choices, and good public transportation to get you where you need to go. The Welsh are helpful and friendly. Within a half hour of arrival, I had people suggest what to do in Swansea, where to go if I got lost on campus, and a random passerby show me how to get into my building, all without prompting. The

suggestions and kindness have only continued.

Of course, I am here for university. That needs said because sometimes I feel I am on vacation. The Brad Henry Scholarship includes a pre-session course on British culture for two weeks before the official semester starts. I've been attending with a class of Americans, Germans, Canadians, and an Indian. We've been learning about British movies, politics, and music and how they cultivate into Great Britain of today. Lecture lasts for hours a day but I rarely notice the time pass between the breaks, the movies, and the jokes our professor makes.

Of course, the most exciting part has been the fieldtrips. We've gone to stunning Gower Peninsula; to the Roman Baths in Bath, England; and will soon go to Cardiff, Wales; and an old Welsh mine. All classes need more fieldtrips, right? Beyond university hours, afternoons and weekends are spent exploring. Myself and my classmates have gone to beaches, gone hiking, gone to pubs, and gone shopping. Individually we've done so much more I couldn't begin to name it all.



With that said, I need to be realistic. This has been hard sometimes. At the end of the day, I am in a foreign country. The Welsh speak English, but occasionally you will come across someone you won't understand because the accent is thick. The first person I couldn't understand was the first person I needed to: my cab driver to the university. I didn't get lost, but there was a bit of back and forth as I tried to understand him and he tried to make sense of me.

But you will get lost. You will miss buses. You will be amused by the British and Welsh names of items you recognize. You will wonder why the British eat beans and mushrooms with their breakfast. You will get confused by

time zones, the metric system, and the British coin system. You will miss family, friends, and significant others. You'll want to explore but just as much you'll want to stay in your room watching Netflix because you're tired of socializing, or you're lonely, or you want to escape being in a foreign country for a bit.

Everyone in my class has done each of those things. We've become the people counting out coins for too long at registers. We're those people looking at phone maps trying to figure out where we are. We're the tourists who stop in the middle of a street

for a photo. We're the ones who walk on the wrong side of the street and struggle with knowing which is even the right side. We're all in this together and, even then, we struggle making friends of each other. One night I complained to a friend at Northwestern it was hard to make friends here; the next day, I learned at least four of my classmates had gone back to their rooms and done the same thing with their friends back home.

So don't let any worries stop you from applying for this scholarship opportunity. Don't let any fears prevent you from exploring anyway. I may sound completely trite but be brave and be bold. It's worth it.





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# Look at the bigger picture

By Ethan Sacket  
Student Columnist

Just a month back, people were gazing into the heavens to witness a most amazing solar eclipse. This week some are discussing the signs in the skies and its link to another event. What if all the hype of the end of the age possibly passing this week actually comes to fruition? While entrenched in the business of learning and finding a niche in life, college students might also take a few moments to ponder the current state around them, within them and the bigger picture. There is a world beyond the Ranger campus, extending farther than some can fathom and beyond whatever the latest science fiction movies provide.

I am presenting this week some musings about chatter of possible proportions beyond this galaxy. This week in the Jewish calendar, many faithful celebrate the Feast of Trumpets. Meanwhile, there are those not of Jewish upbringing also focusing on surrounding events that may lead to the end of the age as we know it. Certainly, it is almost impossible to avoid news surrounding the earthquakes and devastation of recent hurricanes of cataclysmic proportions. Are there really signs that may lead us beyond the upcoming tests and projects and assignments to

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a bigger assignment for eternity.

Even Evangelist Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, has commented that events in the world point to possibility of Christ's return soon. He noted wildfires on the West Coast, violent hurricanes, a recent 8.1 earthquake in Mexico, the rare solar eclipse and many wars reflecting nation against nation in so many places. We have these reminders to cause us to seek God, confess sin and to ask forgiveness, both personally and collectively as our nation could face clear humbling if Christ chooses to stall. The signs do not call for fretting but rather for seeking and acknowledging God's comfort, peace and hope in whatever comes our way.

The rare alignment of sun, stars, moon and planets, with the sun in the constellation of Virgo, may be what is referred to in Revelations 12. It puts Christians in full throttle to be sure that no friends, neighbors or loved ones be left behind. It is not the first time God has given advance warning.

He clearly reminded Noah before the flood, Abraham before the Israeli captivity in Egypt, before Elijah's rapture, Jeremiah before the Babylonian exile, and the first coming of the Messiah to Daniel first amongst others. God is one who does reveal His plans to his faithful ones. The clues are out there and in the Bible. We need to be watchful, ready and about the Father's work. Even Sir Isaac Newton believed that the passages in Daniel and Jeremiah revealed the exact span of time from the rebirth of Israel in 1948 to the recapture of Jerusalem in 1967.

The final words I leave you to ponder are the fact that the imminent return of Christ has been a hot topic for millennia. If not now, then when? If not now, what are you up to in the meantime? No matter what happens this week, there is nothing wrong with considering the immediate, the future and our current state of our souls. There's something to be said for events to spur us on to the concern of others.

There is much consistency in the message of the New Testament that Christ could return at any time. There are scoffers and there are deniers and there are those trying to predict the hour and the time, but as recent events have pointed to the possibility being a reality, I am tackling this tough question with my best freshman gloves on. Clearly, some prevalent questions arise amongst those who will stop and listen to any messages about the return for the Church, Christ's Bride. Most ask whether His return will precede the Tribulation.

The clear answer is of course as no one looks forward to the Tribulation but instead longs for His return. Another question that lingers in the minds of some is how the early church dealt with the question of the imminence of Christ's return. Well, they, too, had to play the waiting game and continue to be faithful and ready. The third question that may cross the minds of some is, "So what?" Why is Christ's return so very important. A quick answer lies in the motivation for believers as they realize even more urgently the need to carry and work out their salvation by seeking to live Christ-like lives. So no matter your stance, there is a wakeup call to all to put aside works of darkness, to clothe in the garments of holy living and to stop hitting the snooze button.



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# Feature

## 'Artrageous' preformance involves many



Photo by Cheyenne Hankins

Lauri McKelvey-Francis, member of the Artrageous team, pours paint into a smaller container in preparation for the performance.



Photo by Valarie Case

President Janet Cunningham joins students on stage to "jam" with plastic guitars during one of the numbers.



Photo by Cheyenne Hankins

Theater production students helped on Monday to unload all the props and prepare the stage for the Artrageous show.



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Mickey Jordan puts carpet on the electrical cords to prevent people from tripping when they enter the auditorium..

The Artrageous performance was the first of this year's Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series. Students get in for only \$5.



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# Entertainment

## 'All Saints' a thoroughly great film

By **MAXWELL ARCHER**  
Student Writer

Based on a true story, "All Saints," tells the story of an Episcopalian pastor, who is assigned to manage the sale of a floundering church and come up with a way to pay off its massive mortgage.



Upon the arrival of a large volume of Korean refugees, fleeing from their home nation of Burma, Pastor Michael Spurlock goes against the orders of the bishop and makes sure that the struggling All Saints church still has a role in the community. In taking on this burden, Michael must work to rally his stiff-necked congregation, quell the outrage of his clerical superiors and manage his thinly-stretched household, all while keeping his own passions in check.

The movie's greatest asset is its seamless balance, along with its ensemble cast of well-rounded, three-dimensional characters. Despite having so many story elements and a large cast to manage, this film proves capable of handling every character as a believable and understandable human being.

*"This film offers an increasingly rare movie-going experience, as it never patronizes its audience."*

There is no mustache-twirling, evil corporate man working to destroy All Saints.

Those who stand in Michael's



"All Saints" premiered August 25, 2017 and stars John Corbett, Chonda Pierce, and Berry Corbin

Photo Courtesy: Affirm Films

way are just as concerned for the well-being of the church and its community as he is; they simply have a different vision of how to best handle the situation.

They voice reasonable and legitimate concerns over the feasibility of Michael's plans and the sincerity of his motivations, and they behave as any rational men would in their situation.

This film is very smart, filled with charm and spirit that shines brightly through its entire runtime. This film offers an increasingly rare movie-going experience, as it never patronizes its audience and provides a cast of complex characters whom I came to appreciate, understand and actually like. This is a thoroughly great film that left me with a large, involuntary grin and it is certainly not one to miss.

## Netflix's 'vandalizing' original

By **BROOKE MCCLELLAND**  
Student Writer

American Vandal is one of the newest shows for Netflix's original programming.

It stays true to its parody like nature of another Netflix original, "Making a Murderer". Instead of talking about murder, it focuses on another crime, vandalism.

Someone has vandalized the teachers cars, and the most obvious suspect is the stereotypical troublemaker who swears he didn't do it.

Dylan, the prime suspect, is always doing something stupid, most often involved with his YouTube show and his best friends, and is barely understandable due to his consistently inebriated state. Paul and Sam, fellow classmates of Dylan, are the ones behind American Vandal, filming a documentary to prove Dylan's innocence.

*"The episodes consistently leave viewers with some type of cliffhanger, which many would view to be either stupid, or oddly compelling."*

They go through the motions of what many crime television shows and documentaries go through. Sorting through evidence that could both condemn and liberate Dylan. Comprising a list of the most likely suspects, checking their alibi's and potential motives for the crime.



Photo Courtesy: Netflix

Interviewing teachers about possible connections to the case, and eventually finding evidence that raises more questions with very few answers, and naturally getting detention along the way for digging in areas that ought not to be dug in.

The episodes consistently leave viewers with some type of cliffhanger, which many would view to be either stupid, or oddly compelling. Those are the two adjectives that become synonymous with the show, stupid yet compelling. As the episodes continue, viewers surprisingly find themselves making their own assumptions, finding their own connections through the pieces of evidence that the documentarians have collected, and are all surprised when the actual culprit has seemingly been caught. To many viewers annoyance, the ending will leave a bitter and dissatisfied tastes in their mouths about how the show will end.

It's full of stupid gags, compelling motives, and it is truly

a show that is an acquired taste that will only get better, and less confusing, the more someone watches it.

*"American Vandal" stars Griffin Gluck, G Hannelius, and Jimmy Tatro*



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# Fitness



## Alva hosts fitness challenge

By **KATIE LACKEY**  
*Student Writer*

The Impossible Obstacle Course Race and Fitness Fest will be September 23 at Hatfield Park in Alva.

Registration for the race will be at 9:00 a.m. and the race will begin at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 for an individual to enter and an additional \$10 to participate in the fitness challenge.

It will cost \$230 for a team of four and only \$10 for the team to participate in the fitness challenge. Northwestern students can also get a

*"I wanted to give people something to do, but I also really want to change people's mind on fitness and making health a priority."*

15 percent discount on their entry fee, if they present their student ID at the Exotic Heat Wave in Alva.

Everyone who enters the race will receive a shirt, and medals will be given out to the individuals who place in the top three. There is an estimated 175 total entries in the race, with participants coming from gyms all over Oklahoma. The event will also offer free games including: volleyball, horseshoes, corn hole ect..

Founder of the Impossible Obstacle Course Race and Fitness Fest, Curtis Robinson said, "I have lived in northwest Oklahoma for about two to three years and I hear a

lot of people saying there is nothing to do up here. I wanted to give people something to do, but I also really want to change people's mind on fitness and making health a priority."

Robinson's desire to create this event goes beyond just recreational purposes.

"Oklahoma ranks really low in obesity and cardiac diseases," Robinson said. "Most of this stuff is preventable, so I want to bring a healthy consciousness back into society, especially in Oklahoma."

Robinson has built his life around fitness, as he is a personal trainer, nutritionist and owner of Hot Fitness.

"The nation has started getting

more conscious about their own health and taking responsibility for their own lives," Robinson said. "With that demand, there is becoming a lot more stuff for communities and it really benefits everybody."

As the nation as a whole changes, Robinson expects to see other changes follow.

"Even though the current generation of adults may not be very health conscious," Robinson said. "I think in a generation or two, we are going to see generations that make health a big priority in their life, which really improves the quality of living."

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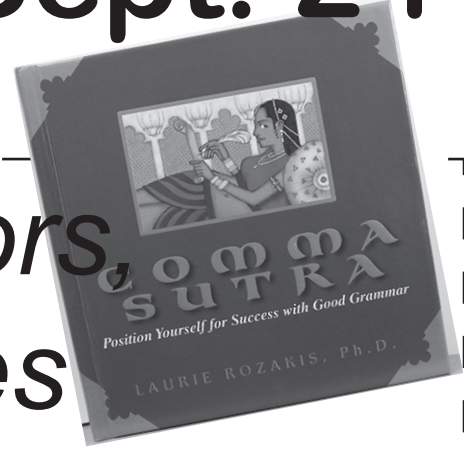
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# Hey, grammar police!

# It's Punctuation Day on Sept. 24

Celebrate punctuation day by brushing up on some of the punctuation rules. Make corrections to the story at right and bring it to the newsroom. Pick up some candy and enter to win a fun grammar book. Winner will be announced in next week's paper. Everyone eligible!



## Find errors, win prizes

A journalism professor at Northwestern Oklahoma State University has challenged readers of the student newspaper to find punctuation errors in this story.

Kaylene Armstrong, who earned a doctorate in mass communication teaches journalism at NWOSU and regularly quizzes students on grammar and punctuation issues.

"Many students have problems doing punctuation correctly but they can improve in that area," she said. "The solution can be simple, pay attention to each sentence."

For 20 plus years, Armstrong has been teaching writing—including grammar and punctuation, to college students at seven institutions across the country. She said she has tried to make it easier for students to understand some of the punctuation rules. For instance she developed the short list of comma rules here that apply in the majority of cases.

"Remembering just six comma rules is much easier than the 13-15 rules that show up in some grammar books," she explained. "In fact most of the long lists of comma rules are really variations of one of my six."

Although some punctuation symbols have various rules for use Armstrong asks students to learn specific rules, that cause problems for many: such as the colon to introduce a list.

"Many students don't realize that what comes before the list should stand alone as a complete sentence," she said. "When they learn that tip they stop making that colon error."

Armstrong said she prefers making it fun to learn punctuation whenever possible. "I like to give students made up stories like this one checking to see if they can find all the errors," she said. "Candy isn't always the reward but a good grade is; and becoming a better writer should always be the best reward."

Anyone on campus is invited to mark the punctuation errors in this story bring the correction to the newsroom in JD232, pick up some candy and be entered to win a fun grammar book; "Comma Sutra: Position Yourself for Success With Good Grammar."

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**Semicolons:**

1. Separate two complete sentences that do NOT have a coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS) between them.
2. Separate items in a list that contain commas.
  - Dr. Armstrong has lived in Rigby, Idaho; Provo, Utah; Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and Milledgeville, Georgia.

**Colon:**  
When used in a sentence to introduce a list, make sure the sentence that precedes the colon can stand alone. If it cannot, the colon is incorrect.

**Incorrect:** Many freshmen goals are: have fun, make new friends, pass all classes.

**Correct:** Many freshmen have three goals: have fun, make new friends, pass all classes.

**Beware the comma splice/comma fault**  
—using a comma between two complete sentences without a coordinating conjunctions, FANBOYS (for and nor but or yet so)

**NO FANBOYS? NO COMMA!**

**Wrong:**

- Professor Kate Lane finds many extra commas in student writing, instructor Elizabeth Smith sees lots of run-on sentences.

**Correct it:**

- Professor Kate Lane finds many extra commas in student writing, and instructor Elizabeth Smith sees a lot of run-on sentences.
- Professor Kate Lane finds many extra commas in student writing; instructor Elizabeth Smith sees a lot of run-on sentences.

**Dash Tips**

- Use sparingly.
- Often comes in pairs.
- Don't mix with commas.

**What about the Oxford comma — the comma before and in a series?**

Journalists leave it out just as we have done throughout this page. English teachers want it in.

**Our best advice:** Do whichever gets you the better grade!

# Master a few comma rules to improve writing

**1** Set off items in a series, the serial comma – goes between items in a series and some modifiers.

- Melissa remembered her book, pencil and paper.
- The guys admired the beautiful, smart woman.

**2** Set off an introductory clause, phrase or word.

- Although he decided studying at the last minute was a good idea, Dave realized the next day it was not.
- After cramming too late the night before, he did poorly on the test because he was tired.
- However, the experience did teach him a lesson about good study habits.

**3** Set off a participial phrase (signaled by a word ending with -ing, sometimes -ed)

- Nick dashed home after class, hoping to finish his research paper before going to work.
- The football team returned to Alva happy, encouraged by the win Saturday.

**4** Set off nonessential elements, including interrupters (extra information that the sentence doesn't have to include in order to still make sense.)

**Hint: Often the sentence requires two commas, one BEFORE the nonessential stuff and another one after. Students often forget the second comma!**

- President Janet Cunningham, who always seems to have a smile on her face, walks to work every morning.
- It is easy to do, however, when you live next door to your office.

**If your comma doesn't match one of these rules, you probably don't need it!**

**4<sup>b</sup>** Which/that nonessential/essential clauses  
Which — introduces a nonessential clause, so use commas  
That — introduces an essential clause, so no commas.

- Composition 1, which is required for all students, teaches good writing skills.
- The English class that I took last fall was harder than I expected.

**Hint: If you used that in a sentence and it feels as if it needs the commas, you probably should have used which instead.**

**5** Between two complete sentences with one of the seven coordinating conjunctions: for and nor but or yet so (FANBOYS).

**Hint: You'll recognize AND and BUT, but don't forget the other coordinating conjunctions!**



# Sports



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Isaiah Weed, Ranger quarterback, helps Rangers defeat Henderson State in away game. Rangers have not won against the Reddies since 2002.

## Rangers take down Reddies

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State traveled to Arkadelphia for the second time this season. The first game was played at Ouachita Baptist where the Rangers fell by a field goal, but this time when the Black-and-Red came to town, they defeated Henderson State for the first time in five tries, 36-30.

The entire game was a back and forth affair and in the end, the Rangers prevailed, following an interception by Aharon Barnes with 1:18 left on the clock. The interception was the first by the Northwestern defense so far this season and it was

a big one. The victory was the first over the Reddies since joining the NCAA Division II ranks as well as the first in five tries.

The visitors gashed the home team for 431 yards, 270 of which were on the ground. No Ranger had over 100 yards rushing, but three had 70 or more. The rushing attack was led by Isaiah Weed (93), Jacob Peyton (85) and Anthony Cota (70).

The defensive unit was once again led by Devin Peyton who recorded 12 on the night and also had a forced fumble along the way. The scoring started early in the game as HSU struck first in Q1, but weren't able to convert on the 2-pt. conversion, opening the door for the Rangers to take over on the TD just

three minutes later.

There was only one more score in the first half and it belonged to the Reddies, making it a 13-7 game heading into the break. Out of halftime was when the game started to get really interesting and the suspense lasted for the entire 30 minutes of play.

Northwestern led the third quarter off with the ball and marched it down the field 73 yards for the score on a two-yard pass from Weed to Gavin Garner. The Rangers took the lead on the drive at 14-13, but it wouldn't last long. HSU started their drive at 12:06 and prolonged it for nearly five and half minutes before scoring and taking a 20-14 lead.

The seesaw continued as the visitors came back and one-upped the Reddies on the amount of time for the drive as the scoring drive lasted 5:54 and led to a Ranger lead at 21-20. For the second straight drive, on the receiving end of the TD was Garner who finished the game with just 19 yards, but with two scores.

The fourth quarter was full of excitement as each drive came away with points, beginning with a touchdown by HSU quarterback, Andrew Black on a five-yard run, which put the deficit at six again in favor of the home team.

A 19-yard run by Weed tied it up at 27 apiece and following a Zave Goodrich point after, the Rangers

were on top by one again.

At the 3:24 mark, the Reddies drove 58 yards toward the Northwestern goal line, but the Rangers stymied the HSU offense and held them to a field goal, which ultimately doomed Henderson State.

With 1:32 to go on the clock, Northwestern took the ball down the field 60 yards and ran it in from a yard out to eclipse the Reddies at 34-30. Seeing as the lead was just four, head coach, Matt Walter decided to make it a touchdown deficit and go for two. The rush was converted by Cota who also ran it in for the TD.

To end the game, HSU was looking to go down the field, but Barnes had other plans, picking off the pass and ultimately ending the game.



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## Soccer takes loss during home game

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger soccer team suffered an 8-1 loss at the hands of Newman University.

Sophomore Yazmin Gomez scored the single goal early in the game, but the Lady Rangers were unable to net any other shots.

Newman dominated the Lady Rangers offensively. Newman had a total of 31 one shots against the Lady Rangers. 18 of those 31 shots were shots on goal. The Lady Rangers had seven shots overall.

After Newman took the lead 2-0, the Lady Rangers had a few good looks to goal. The Lady Rangers had good ball movement. Junior Calvinis Prentice played

a ball up the line for junior Karla Lopez to receive. Lopez then severed the ball to Gomez, who made the tough angle shot.

The Lady Rangers had a few looks to score more goals. Junior Karla Lopez was fouled just inside the eighteen, and had the opportunity for a free kick. The Lady Rangers also had several corner kicks taken, but were unable to convert them into goals.

The Lady Rangers were down 5-1 at halftime. Newman entered the second half as they had the first half, and were able to score three more goals before the game ended.

The Lady Rangers are now 0-5 overall and 0-0 in Great American Conference play.

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# Sports



Tanner Nall and Melissa Couture at the trailer after the short round.



Tanner Nall and Maverick Harper roping a steer during the short round to win the weekend average.



Grayson Allred making a 10.8 second run in the short round to place second in the average.

Photos by Sami McGuire

# Rodeo couple has success

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Sports Editor

Rodeo is a sport that brings any people together.

Spending weekends living on the road and weeks packed full of practice sessions, competitors become more like family.

Melissa Couture and Tanner Nall are both part of the Northwestern Rodeo Team, but they didn't first

meet in Alva. The two have been dating for three years, and have grown close through their rodeo lifestyle.

The couple proved this weekend that a support system and another person pushing you to be your best can make you successful. Couture, a sophomore, had a 7.9 in the first round of the goat tying, which placed her seventh. In the short round she had a 7.8 and placed first in the short round and second in the

weekend average.

Nall and teammate, Maverick Harper placed third in the first round of the team roping with a 7.4. In the short round, Nall and Harper made a solid run with a time of 7.5. The team placed first in the short round and first in the weekend average.

Going into the short round Nall had a plan.

"Honestly I just wanted to catch no matter what," Nall said. "You have to just stick to what you practice."

Couture's plans for the short round were to try to be faster. "I try to stay relaxed, and not get too nervous," Couture said. "I believe if you practice then it will pay off."

When it comes to practice, Couture and Nall laughed about some of their competitive tendencies.

"We match each other in the

breakaway for like \$10," Nall said. "I beat her usually every time."

This statement made Couture laugh and she said "No you don't, you never beat me."

Although the two are competitive they try to keep it all light hearted and fun.

"We both tell each other what the other one doesn't always want to hear," Couture said. "It helps a lot to have someone that is honest with you and not just always telling you good job. We will tell each other when we need to change something, and we just always stay positive."

Besides Couture and Nall, Northwestern's rodeo team brought back 22 competitors to the short round. Overall the men's team placed first in the weekend, and the women's team placed second.

In the tie-down roping, the Northwestern team took first and

second. Riley Wakefield placed first with a total time of 20.6 seconds, and Grayson Allred placed second with a total time of 20.8 seconds.

The breakaway roping wasn't quite as strong with only one Ranger making the short round. That Ranger was Brittany Cudsworth, and she placed third in the weekend average.

Five steer wrestlers made it to the short round and dominated. Cody Devers placed first in the event with a total time of 7.7 seconds. Behind him in second was Talon Roseland with a time of 7.9 seconds. Ranger also took third, fourth and fifth place in the steer wrestling.

Another dominating event was the goat tying with five women making the short round. Behind Couture, in the third place hole was Jennifer Massing, with a time of 15.8 seconds. Meghan Corr placed fourth with 15.9 seconds. Aundrea DuFrane placed seventh. Katy Miller took a hard fall and injury in the short round which took her out of the average.

Besides Nall and Harper, Northwestern was also represented in the team roping by Cole Koppietz, Cole Quaney and Allred.

Four women made the short round in the barrel racing. Massing placed second in the average, and Sara Bynum placed third. Ashlyn Moeder placed sixth, and Baillie Wiseman, placed eighth.

"Overall I think we have a stronger team this year than we did last year," Couture said. "We have more people in each event that are good."

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# Rangers: A Driving Force



## Lancaster motivates Rangers: *Run, Rangers, Run!*

### What would you tell a struggling student?

During their collegiate career, there are challenges that prepare us for life academically and athletically. Those who fail to learn from these issues have missed the opportunity to move forward. Utilizing all support services academically and athletically is critical.

You must always remind yourself of your short term goals and your long term goals and be patient! And lastly, there is nothing better than face-to-face communication for the true understanding and the commitment to express yourself. A lost art in the technical world.

**“We live by three rules — 3 R’s:  
Respect for yourself!  
Respect for others!  
Responsibility for all you are!  
And 3 R’s —  
Run, Rangers, Run”**

### What do you tell the team before a meet?

I like to remind them that we have worked hard and to believe in their preparation and challenge themselves. This is part of the process in preparation for the championship season.



Jill Lancaster, cross country coach

### What motivates you?

Never accepting and being satisfied with what I have done. I am continuously evaluating and reaching for more.

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

A team is a support system in athletics and their collegiate career. Many life long relationships will be built. They learn to lean on each other academically, athletically and socially. The joy of being part of a great team is everyone gives their best, and when you have a tough day, your support system kicks in with no judgement of effort!

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