

Students vs. Hwy 281

By **MELISSA NOLAND**
Student Writer

"Cars never stop, they just don't care."

"Not all cars notice the lights in time to stop."

"Three or four times this semester people have refused to slow down, I had to stop and wait for them to go by."

This is just three of the 41 written responses to the anonymous survey that was sent out this past week to Northwestern's students. The survey covered the issues regarding the safety concerns with the crosswalk on the east side of campus, used to cross highway 281.

Out of the 147 people that participated in the survey titled "Students vs. Hwy 281", 56.3 percent of students said that they felt unsafe while using the crosswalk.

An 80.5 percent of students that took the anonymous survey said that they use this crosswalk at least once a week. From free lunch at the Bible Chair on Mondays, free lunch at the Baptist College Ministry on Wednesdays and just the extra available parking, students are always using the this resource as a way to make it back and forth from campus.

"I run Cross Country for NWOSU and I live in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building (BCM) as the intern." One anonymous survey participant said. "I have to cross that spot every morning at 5:50 a.m. I will press the button every time I cross; now not very often do cars pass by at that time but when they do they don't

stop. It is just like they ignore the lights. I am always cautious when crossing so I don't get hit, but it has also happened in the middle of the day when people can see you as well. It is almost like sometimes they are trying to beat you so they don't have to stop, or they just are not looking because they are on their phones, or messing with the radio."

"It is like some people view stopping for pedestrians trying to cross as an option or even a challenge." Collin Fouts, a senior at Northwestern studying Agricultural, said. "I park over in front of the BCM almost every single day of the week due to limited campus parking and because it is closer to Jesse Dunn. It is like I am having to dodge cars and semi-trucks just to be able to make it across the street."

A difficult part about this issue is that the crosswalk does not belong to Northwestern itself. I was able to speak with Steve Valencia, Associate Vice President for University Relations about the concern to student's safety while crossing at the crosswalk. "The sidewalks and ground on to the west side of the crosswalk are the property of Northwestern are where the schools liability end." Valencia said.

Northwestern has gone through the construction and maintenance of installing the ramp along with keeping the pathway clear from leaves or any other debris. But it is clear that once a student steps off of that sidewalk and into the crosswalk, the responsibility now falls completely into the student's hands.



Photo provided by Melissa Noland

Students are seen crossing highway 281, headed to free lunch at the BCM.

"The physical safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors is always of utmost concern to the NWOSU Police Department." Joel Johnson, Chief of Police for NWOSU campus, said. "We place those safety needs in highest priority. Each and every time we receive a report of any possible problem, we make every attempt to respond immediately."

Twice during the past academic year, campus police addresses issues with this crosswalk in acts to

try and make it safer for students to use on an everyday basis. The first issue was that the caution light was not remaining on, to give enough time for pedestrians to make it fully across the street. This was found to be from an electrical problem within the light mechanism.

The second instance was the fading "stop" letters on the posted signal pole. This in particular made it difficult for drivers in the southbound lane to be able to

know of a possible stop.

For both of these problems, Johnson contacted the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as well as the City of Alva to make sure that the problems would be properly fixed. Along with responding to reported issues, Johnson also periodically monitors the crosswalk at high traffic times like Noondays for the BCM.

But what about the not so popular times of the days? The penalty for running a school zone at a

'Vanities' opens theater season Thursday

By **KATIE LACKY**
Student Writer

She plays a ditsy girl who just wants to get married, but in her actual life she is far from the character she plays.

Erin Davis, a senior communications major, has spent lots of time on stage at Herod Hall; she has done at least five productions if not more. With all time spent on stage, Hopkins-Davis, along with the other cast members, has put in lots of time

preparing.

"I knew it was going to take a lot of time," Davis said. "So I made sure I had my schedule ready to go where I was getting off work at certain times so I could be at rehearsals and dedicate the amount of time I needed to be in a production like this."



Shelbi Morland, a sophomore mathematics major, is also a member of the cast although unlike Davis, she hasn't ever been in a play before.

"I didn't think it would be as time consuming as a sport," Morland said, "But it has been more time consuming than any sport I have ever done."

Morland said for the past 2 months they have been practicing four to five days a week at least three hours every evening.

Beyond the practice, the cast members also had to do a character analysis, which is

when they create a back story for the their characters in order to better understand why they act certain ways.

Davis said: "It has been really fun getting to play [a different character] because I am usually cast as a stronger, smarter character who is always the leader. This time I am playing the stupid one who just wants to get married and have kids. She is always the oddball out who doesn't understand. There are a lot of humorous things that I do, and it has been really fun to play that character."

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Highway 281 crosswalk causes students to worry

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speed greater than 20 mph during the times of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a ticket of double fines. The Alva Police department has officers patrol the local elementary, middle and high school areas every morning and afternoon to make sure that drivers are respecting these laws.

I spoke with Patrick Hawley, the Assistant Chief of Alva Police Department, about other safety concerns. "We don't have man power to just have somebody out there all the time, but the officers that are in the area patrol it when they see it go off." Hawley said. "Any law enforcement that has jurisdiction can patrol that crosswalk. Whether that is campus police, Oklahoma Highway Patrol or Alva Police officers."

Not everyone affected by this crosswalk are pedestrians walking across the street. It is also an issue for drivers who are passing by. In the survey, 69.2 percent said while driving by campus, they stop when lights are flashing and then proceed when no one is in the road. However, this is when the caution lights have been activated and were able to be seen in time to stop.

The survey had a question regarding if people activate the caution light while using the crosswalk, only 77.9 percent responded yes. This means the remaining 22.1 percent of students are not actively doing their part to protect themselves against oncoming traffic.

"They were crossing and did not activate the caution lights." One anonymous survey participant said. "There was a large truck stopped to turn east and I was not able to see the person crossing until I was already into the crosswalk."

"The lights are difficult to see and it's hard to slow down immediately, especially if it is raining. Some students walk out before looking." Another anonymous student said.

Some of the suggestions that were written in on the anonymous survey were ideas such as installing a full on stop light, adding a camera to capture the images of the tags on the vehicles who do not fully stop and repaving the road, for a more even surface.

"Maybe make the flashing

Crossing Hwy. 281

47.5%

- Close call with a car

56.3%

- Sometimes don't feel safe

77.9%

- Always activate the caution lights

Source: Survey of 147 NWOSU students

lights more visible to oncoming traffic." One anonymous survey participant wrote. "I notice sometimes it can be hard to see the flashing lights when driving down the highway. However, it's easy to see the bright flashing lights at night, helping those who might be going to evening activities. I am concerned about everyone who uses the crosswalk."

A suggestion made by Hawley was for Northwestern to go through the process of changing the area to a designated state school zone. It is easy for people to say, "Just avoid the crosswalk" or "park somewhere else on campus". But this is not always an option for everyone.

Students need to remember that until further change is made to improve this area for both pedestrians and drivers, they need to be using the caution light at all times, looking both ways and making sure drivers are able to come to a full stop before crossing the street.



Shelbie, Carly and Erin remake a photo in which Mary, Kathy and Joanne were the subjects.

'Vanities' is found to be relatable

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Other cast members are a lot better fit with their character.

Karlie Osborn said, "For those who watch the show, I think they will be able to tell it has been lots of hours worth of memorization and work, but becoming the character for me wasn't super hard just because I feel like my character fits me so well."

The message this play conveys is one the cast members say will be relatable.

Davis said, "I really like the message of the play...I hope that people will identify with it, and I think that people of all ages can, but I also like the humor of it."

For Davis, this play will serve as her last hurrah.

Davis said: "I wanted to audition because I have always loved theater. I have been raised around theater my whole life...I wanted to audition to give myself a last shebang, and the chance to be around fine arts people for one last time because they really are some of the best people."

What you need to know

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News

Be aware of alcohol

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**
Student writer

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness is next week starting on Oct. 16th – 22nd. This is a week to relay information to students about the dangers of alcohol.

The Issue

College and Universities are raising awareness of the alcohol issues on their designated campuses. It is a friendly reminder given to students about alcohol abuse prevention, as well as, bring attention to public health issues from excessive drinking students do. In fact, big events like homecoming, football games and any big celebration on campus can lead to students excessively drinking.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 60 percent of college students, 18- 22 years of age, drank in the past month. Every 2 out of 3 admitted to binge drinking within that same month. Binge drinking is a pattern of drinking that brings blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level 0.8. That is equivalent to four drinks for women and five drinks for men within 2 hours.

It is often students are struggling

and accustomed to peer pressure when foregoing their first year of college. Students going to a school with prominent athletics and large Greek club organizations tend to fall under that pressure more than other schools. 1,825 college students



between the ages of 18-24, die from alcohol related issues, which includes operating motor vehicles while intoxicated.

How to Fix the Issue

Granted, some students may not be aware of the problems alcohol can cause before entering a college atmosphere. So, alcohol abuse prevention can start with the parents at home. Research shows

that parents who have talked with their kids about alcohol are less likely to abuse alcohol.

So when addressing the issue of college drinking, schools need to identify who their target audience is. Going off statistics; incoming freshmen, Greek clubs and student-athletes would be the main abusers of alcohol. These groups to recognize the common issue with drinking, which would further lead to less drinks, fewer risks taken and lead to less consequences.

Blurb: If they know these facts they can, “Drink Smarter, Not Harder”

Getting attention can be tough as a college or university, so there are a few ways to reel in the students. Educations and Awareness programs that require the whole campuses participation is always a good start. These programs can involve demonstrations, reenactments or movies that will grab the attention of the students.

Another way of getting students to be aware is hosting a motivational speaker that may have been through problems involving alcohol. This will give students the idea that it can happen to anybody, and that no one is invincible when it comes to alcohol abuse.

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Writing marathon



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Brianna Carver wrote “Stood Up” during NWOSU’s writing marathon.

Stood Up

Embarrassment burned her face and prickled behind her eyes as she slid off the stool, careful not to make eye contact with the fountain boy she had so excitedly told about her date. She left behind an empty, lipstick stained coffee cup and shame. She walked by the tables filled with wedding registries for people who didn’t get stood up on dates.

FALL 2017 NWOSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOME COUNTRIES

Enrolled Fall 2017 Countries	Count
Australia	2
Brazil	2
Canada	5
Georgia	1
Ghana	3
India	1
Indonesia	1
Japan	1
Mexico	2
Nepal	23
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	4
Rwanda	1
South Africa	3
South Korea	1
Turkmenistan	1
Venezuela	2
Zimbabwe	1
Total Number of Students	54
Total Number of Countries	18

Graphic provided by Becca Cook

Celebrate different cultures

By **DEITRA WEDD**
News Editor

The International Student Association celebrates their worldwide students by hosting several events that recognize the diverse cultures of the students on campus.

“On November 2, we will be hosting the Multicultural Dance, which features music from all around the world,” said Rebecca Cook International Student Advisor.

The International Student Association is a club which holds their meeting in the Ranger Perk. “The ISA is a student organization put together to celebrate the various students from all over the world,” Cook said.

According to Cook, this club is open to both International and American students. “Anyone who wants to be involved can join,” she said.

Jean Nshimiyimana, President of the International Student Association said something very similar. “This is not an organization for just international student,” he said. “We are trying to get the word out

there that the organization is open to all and it is free to join.”

Nshimiyimana said that the ISA is involved in student lives through their activities such as the Multicultural dance for the fall semester and the Festival of Cultures. “These are some of our big events,” he said

The Festival of Cultures is hosted by the ISA each spring, according to Cook. “The Festival allows guests to taste different foods cooked by our international students, and enjoy presentations and performances from the various countries,” Cook said. “We are looking at dates in April for this event.”

The ISA is always looking for additional events that highlight the countries where students currently attending our University are from, Cook said. “We are also hoping to begin hosting ISA game nights throughout the semester,” Rebecca cook said.

The game nights will include short presentations about various countries that students at NWOSU come from and a variety of group games.

“The ISA’s goal is to educate the NWOSU community about the different places we come from,” Nshimiyimana said.

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Editorial

The wonderful powers of positivity

By **Tiffany Willson**
Columnist

Growing up, parents tell their kids “it takes more muscles to frown than to smile.” While this may seem like a clever way to get young kids to stop pouting, smiling is just the beginning of an optimistic attitude. It is important to start teaching children at a young age, that a smile can turn somebody’s day around, or change your perspective. Positive Mental Attitude (PMA) is a concept that was introduced in a 1937 book by Napoleon Hill. Eighty years later this idea continues to be studied for the benefits of brain health and relationship building.

A psychology researcher at the University of North Carolina by the name of Barbara Frederickson has been studying the effects of positive attitudes on your brain. What Frederickson’s studies have shown is that your brain is wired to respond to negative emotions by narrowing your mind and focusing your thoughts. This is beneficial when responding in fight-or-flight situations but your brain responds to all negative emotions, fear, anger, and stress in the same fashion.

For example, “when you are stressed out about everything you

must get done today, you may find it hard to actual start anything because you’re paralyzed by how long your to-do list has become.”

Many college students today can relate to this, as well as the

“When you are stressed out about everything you must get done today, you may find it hard to actual start anything because you’re paralyzed by how long your to-do list has become.”

effects of stress on their lives. Stress causes students to get less sleep and therefore they become short tempered and snap at their peers and co-workers.

Positivity is vital to both the school environment as well as at work. With a positive outlook, coworkers build better relationships, which in turn

creates a goal-oriented team. It can increase interpersonal communication, productivity and motivates employees to overcome the obstacles they face.

Tensions rise in the work place, so it may be hard to keep a constructive outlook, but if one employee has a negative outlook the whole team breaks down. To create an atmosphere that is conducive to work, all employees must be willing to let their negativity go and focus on the task at hand. Employers are more frequently looking to hire someone who is optimistic and can be the “cheerleader” for the team. Positivity is becoming an imperative trait sought by upper management.

Going through life with a positive mental attitude allows you to see all the possibilities life has to offer and make educated choices. Not only does positivity effect your own brain activity, but it pushes those around you to be the best versions of themselves. PMA is an inward battle but it radiates on the outside, it is infectious and others will be effected by it. Everyone can and should be a cheerful role model. You never know whose life you may impact. “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” - Winston Churchill

I believe if you put out positive vibes to everybody, that’s all you’re going to get back.

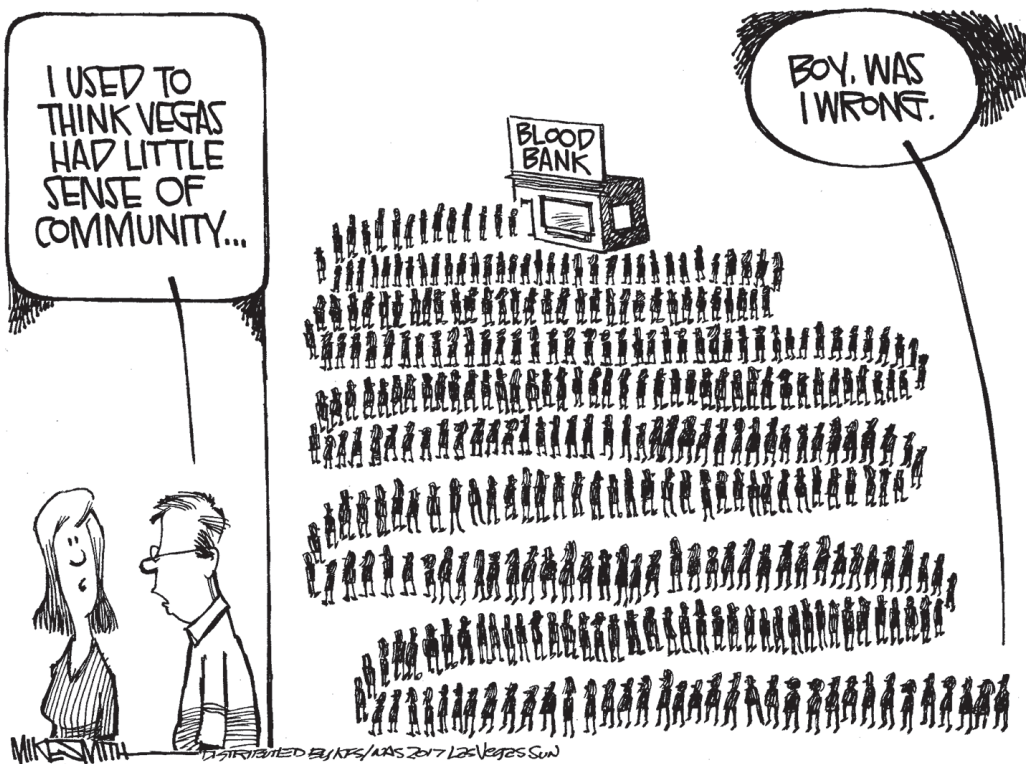
-Kesha

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.

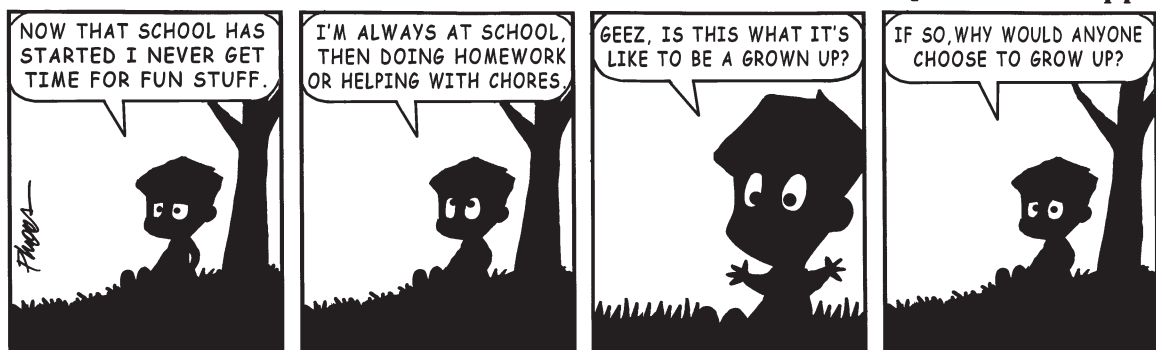
- Wade Boggs (Baseball Player)

Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.

- Willie Nelson



Amber Waves



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Looking at the positive

Social media not all bad

By **Michelle Willson**
Editorial Editor

This past week in my intro to Mass Communications class, we were separated into three groups and given topics to present. My group received the positive effects of social media. I feel as a society we do not look at the positive side of things enough. With it being Positive Attitude month, I thought it would be a great time to share it.

If you were to type "The Effects of Social Media" into google, a majority of the articles found would be the negative effects. After reading a few articles, you would want to hide in a hole and avoid all traces of social media possible or "erase yourself from the grid" as it is called. Before you go looking for a hole, I would like to point out some of the positive effects that are over looked.

CNN reported, "1 in 5 teens say social media makes them feel more confident." Social media can make users feel like they are a part of something even when they may feel outlasted by society. There are groups on Facebook and Tumblr for every fandom under the sun. They are chats where you can talk

and bond with people that have the same likes as you do.

Social media can help grow and strengthen relationships along with helping you become friends with people all over the world. It can help you stay connected with each other no matter the distance between you. Social media can help users get in contact with people who have struggled or are struggling with the same things they do and help them bond over their experience.

Social media positively affects us by growing confidence, to strengthening relationships and spreading news faster than ever before

In this fast pace society everyone wants to stay up-to-date with what is happening around them. Thanks to social media, we can get breaking news immediately and it can spread

to more people faster than ever before.

In a situation like an Amber Alert, news can be spread so everyone is on the lookout for the car make and model so the kids can get home safely. Fox news did a report of a 4 year old Becky Lewis, who was abducted and was found a week later by a hospital worker who saw her picture as she was scrolling through Facebook on her lunch break. Becky was then released back to her family unharmed.

Social media can help teens grow efficient communication skills. It can even help you find and achieve new hobbies. My sister for example taught herself how to crochet with only YouTube videos. She started making crochet animals and selling them her senior year. The Washington Times said, "We found that spending time online is essential for young people to pick up the social and technical skills they need to be competent citizens in the digital age." These are only a few of the positive sides to social media. Social media positively affects us by growing confidence, to strengthening relationships and spreading news faster than ever before. We all know the negative effects but sometimes we should focus on the good that comes out of it.

Top 5 most used Social Media



1.) Facebook



2.) Youtube



3.) Twitter



4.) Instagram



5.) LinkedIn

<http://www.ebizmba.coms>



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- 32 Lubricate
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Quotes of the week

“Count your blessings. You are one of a kind. There’s no one in the world like you. You are amazing.”- Richard Simmons

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”- John F Kennedy

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.”- Robin Williams

A look into the life of a pastor-professor

By COREY SHIREY
Student Writer

I recently sat down with Dr. Wilson Tyree, who is an Adjunct Instructor of Humanities and the Pastor at the College Hill Church of Christ.

I decided to dig into what it is like to be a professor here at Northwestern, and dig into some of his personal life.

Q: What do students do that bug you the most?

A: I guess its things that we probably all have done. Not giving 100% to the moment. You know, like texting or messing on our phones in class. Students are occasionally tuned in to the moment. As a professor who teaches humanities, I don’t teach anything that they need for their majors, and I realize that and they realize that, so some of them take it lightly because it’s not the most important thing they’ll need for their careers. It’s something that the school requires them to take, so they’re not as excited about it.

Q: If you could change one thing about your office what would it be and why?

A: Wow! Probably my desk. It’s a messy desk. I have three different roles I am playing, so there might be things for Sunday morning sermon, stuff for the Bible Chair, stuff for classes.

“I actually came to Northwestern because I wanted to be in higher education. I always wanted a job where I could do preaching and teach on the college level.” Said Dr. Tyree

Q: Why Northwestern? What attracted you to Northwestern?

A: I actually came to Northwestern because I wanted to be in higher education. I always wanted a job where I could do preaching and teach on the college level.

I’ve always wanted to do that. The Northwestern Community has made it feel like I belong here. The other professors here don’t treat me like the “wicked step-child”. They respect me and treat me like someone who is welcomed here.

Q: What is one class or subject matter that you would like to teach that Northwestern does not currently offer?

A: I’m actually already doing it! We’re doing an experiment right now. We’ve gone off catalogue by combining three of the split up Old Testament classes into one major



Photo Provided by Dr. Tyree

Adjunct Instructor of Humanities and pastor of The College Hill Church of Christ, Dr. Tyree and his wife, Becky

Old Testament class. I felt like some students were ill prepared to really dig into some of the specifics of certain books. So, we’re trying to see if this will work.

Q: What is your “superpower”?

A: Patience. There are so many students who need so many different things. I’m very nonconfrontational. If you get too tied up in “this is my way and this is the way you’re going to do it or you’re going to flunk” students miss out. Students need as much patience and encouragement as I can give them.

Q: What is the craziest excuse

“I’m not sure I could give up the ministry to go full time education. I have however, in the past, given up teaching education to go full time ministry.” Said Dr. Tyree

you’ve ever gotten from a student for turning in an assignment late, and was it true?

A: Nothing really crazy, but I’ve had students try and pass off assignments as their own. I’ve had students plagiarize. I had one student turn in a paper with the blue hyperlinks still highlighted and he thought that it was still acceptable because he had taken the time to copy and paste everything. He thought I

should still give him credit for it. However, I believe academic integrity must be core value when doing your work.

Q: Outside of your teaching area, what else are you passionate about and why?

A: The ministry. I’m not really half and half. I’m not sure I could give up the ministry to go full time education. I have however, in the past, given up teaching education to go full time ministry.

Q: What makes you most happy?

A: My wife. We’ve been married 33 years. She has been an

amazing asset as far as the ministry is concerned. By and large there is no one else who could “completely get it”. Others might get parts, but Becky lives with me every day. She doesn’t get near the encouragement she ought to get.

“Students need as much patience and encouragement as I can give them.”- Dr. Wilson Tyree

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Entertainment

'Blade Runner 2049:' a refreshingly peculiar picture

By **MAXWELL ARCHER**
Student Writer

"Blade Runner 2049" is, beyond any doubt, the most peculiar major studio film to be released in recent memory.

This film is a meticulously well-crafted, thoughtful cinematic wonder that defies every convention of our current blockbuster climate.



It contains a multi-layered, intricate story set in a visually fantastic environment in which we are introduced to unique technologies, concepts, and characters. Every set piece and line of dialogue ooze with meaning and thoughtful ambiguity that are sure to satisfy and intrigue the actively-involved moviegoer.

The film avoids dulling itself with excessive exposition and instead allows for the audience to immerse itself in the dystopian world of 2049 Los Angeles, and, in doing so, take part in Officer K's (Ryan Gosling) detective work and the resultant narrative twists and turns.

Plenty is familiar in "Blade Runner 2049." We revisit the miserable, cyber-punk Los Angeles of Ridley Scott's 1982 science fiction classic, and the themes of humanity and race of the first film are re-introduced and expanded upon.

However, this film does not attempt to purely emulate its predecessor. New and unfamiliar settings, themes, and plot points are included in this film, and, along with the impeccable artistic direction of director Denis Villeneuve, this new take on the world of "Blade Runner" forms a distinct and refreshing

personality of its own.

Unfortunately, this film's pride in its own impressive set design and cinematographic competence is most likely its greatest fault. At points, it takes a little too much time building atmosphere and producing beautiful shots instead of progressing scenes.

With a two hour and forty-five-minute running time, this film could stand to curb its vanity and put a slightly smaller emphasis on establishing its atmosphere and setting; the film, at times, seems more interested

"I would recommend this film to anyone prepared to stay awake through a nearly three-hour picture."

in displaying its style over its substance.

All things considered, "Blade Runner 2049" may not offer the most fun movie going experience of the year with its intentional slow burn, but it is a masterfully constructed and executed motion picture.

I would recommend this film to anyone prepared to stay awake through a nearly three-hour picture, for the competence displayed by this film and its director is a rarity worth experiencing.



Photo Courtesy: Warner Bros Studios

'Blade Runner 2049' premiered Oct 6, it stars Ryan Gosling and original 'Blade Runner' star Harrison Ford.

'Once Upon A Time' season 7 paid off

By **BROOKE MCCLELLAND**
Student Writer

Once Upon a Time's seventh season has started, and so far the reboot of the series has certainly paid off.

On TV

The new characters work perfectly well in the new city environment, as well as the show in of itself. Older Henry is far more compelling and put too much better use than the younger Henry we all know and love.

The new Cinderella finally gets to be at fore front of the show, and is portrayed as a hardened woman who will never back down from a fight. Then there's Alice, a different version from the Once Upon a Time in Wonderland spin off, and she definitely has more of the Mad Hatter vibe than the original Alice did.

So many new characters and stories can finally be explored, but let's not forget about those from the original cast that are still around. Hook is a good cop who's trying to do his best, and searching for something that he doesn't realize he's lost.

"Does it have something to do with the new villain in town, Cinderella's evil step mother?"

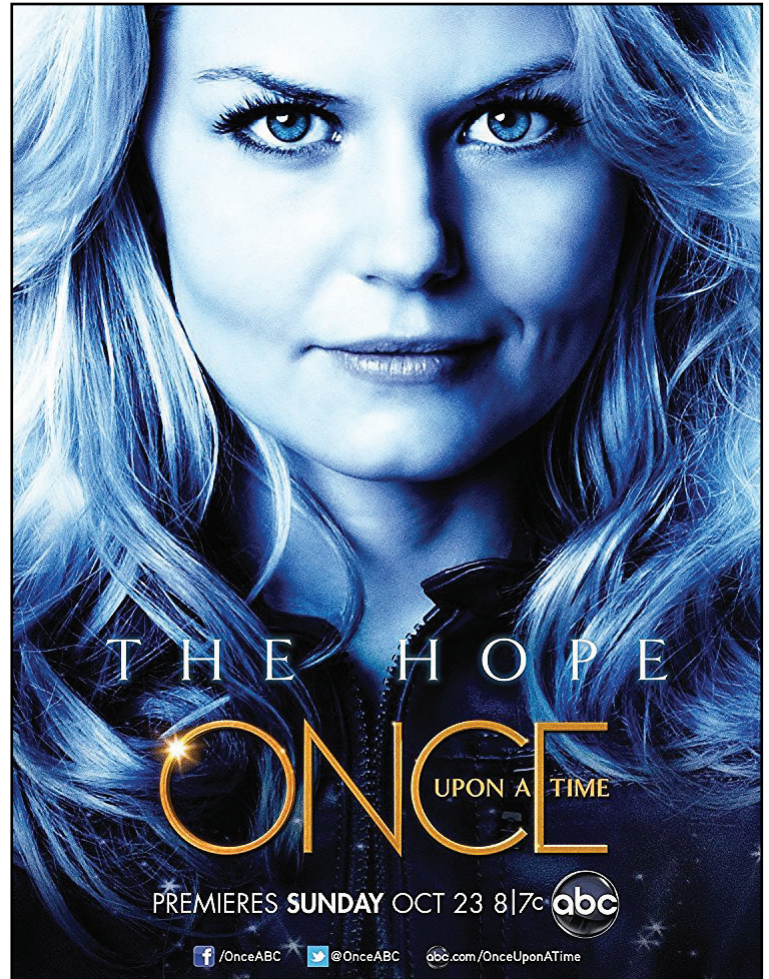


Photo Courtesy: ABC Television

'Once Upon A Time' Season 7 premiered October 6, it will consist of 22 episodes that will air on Fridays.

Rumplestiltskin is back to his old ways, yet there's something different about him all the same. Then there's Regina, who now owns a bar and is far more relaxed and carefree than she has been in the entire series.

The former heroes of StoryBrooke and the heroes of many other fairytales are all in one place. How is that? A curse as per the natural order of things that occur in the TV show.

The real question is why? Why are all of these people in Seattle? What happened in the Enchanted Forest that made the curse happen?

Does it have something to do with the new villain in town, Cinderella's evil step mother?

However, the most important question of all, what will happen next when we see what happened to Hook and Emma in the next episode? Stay tuned to find out.

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Feature

Helping dress for success

By CEDRIC COLLINGE
Student Writer

Besides a degree what else should a student have when going to an interview? It's not a masters or a cover letter even though those are important. The answer; a professional wardrobe.

People attend college to earn a degree and find a position in a career field that will suit them for the rest of their lives. Get it? Suit them? As students, some lack the ability to afford food or pay bills let alone have a business professional wardrobe.

Northwestern has made a fundraiser in relief for those students who do not have the luxury of owning lots of business attire. "Teachers Closet," provides professional wardrobe help to students.

Two professors, two brains and one idea created Teachers Closet. Dr. Jennifer Oswald, assistant professor of education, and Dr. Jennifer Page, assistant professor of English, came about the idea last April.

"It takes a special kind of person to work with, and having Dr. Page and I working together," Oswald said jokingly, "We could just rule the world." When they got all the ground work done and got it announced to the public, which had a great response from the community Oswald said.

The idea started out meant just being for student-teachers who are beginning their transition from a student to a full-time teacher. This transition can be tough with teacher observations and the required testing all teachers go through before being certified and licensed.

The amount of donations Teachers Closet has received made Oswald and Page so overwhelmed with joy, Oswald said. They started with two closets one for each men and women and the other for business attire accessories such as, ties, belts, shoes, etc. Eventually will expand to a third closet due to the amount of donations they keep receiving.

Page and Oswald have emphasized their want to expand



Photos by University Relations

Northwestern seniors pick clothing items for their new professional dress to prepare for upcoming job interviews.

"Yes we do a lot of work, but it is made possible by the people in the community by the consistent donations."
— Dr. Jennifer Oswald



Photos by University Relations

Oswald(left) takes a picture of Cherokee Senior Connie Bryant (right).

to a third closet. The third closet will be used for the extra clothes for both men and women. As long as they keep the program pushing, the more donations they could receive and the program will continue to grow.

"Yes we do a lot of work, but it is made possible by the

people in the community by the consistent donations," Oswald said. Neighbors, people at Wal-Mart and even at her kid's school people have given Oswald clothes to donate to the closet she said.

30 to 40 percent of the clothes and accessories Teachers Closet has received is from current and retired teachers Oswald said. Not just the community, but

Northwestern staff as joined in the on the effort, because they understand what the struggle of a college student is.

The goal for Teachers Closet is to make an impact on the students involved and any other community members in need of help Oswald said. The Alva community has shown their willingness to help and the "closet" is evidence of that.

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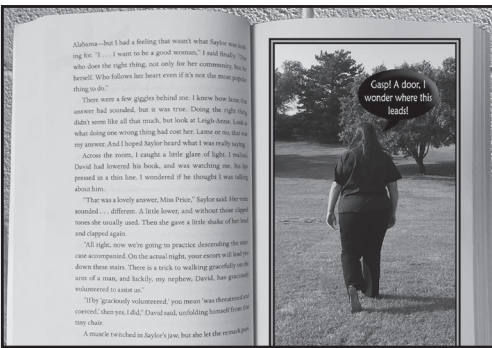
Story told through pictures

In Dawn Allens creative writing class, students were asked to make a story using photos.

By **DEITRA WEDD** and **BRITTANY WESTERVELT**
Student writers



Brittany Westervelt enjoying reading her book.



"Gasp! A Door. I wonder where this leads?"



Where am I, Brittany wonders as she looks around.



Hmmm, what's over here, Brittany wonders.



Brittany decides to investigate the new world she has found herself in since entering the book.



"Gasp!!! A clown wielding a knife," Brittany says.



Run, run, run!!! Brittany focuses on running from the clown that begins to chase her.



Brittany runs for her life while the clown gives chase.



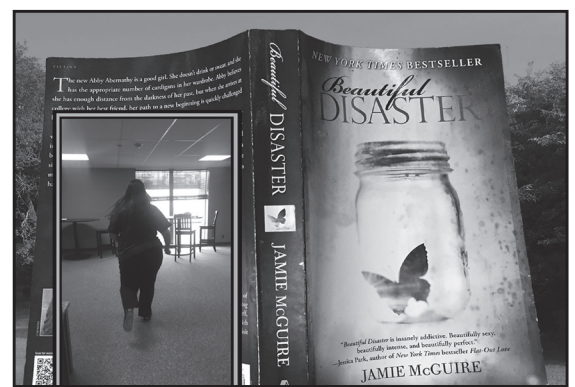
Brittany screams as the clown is close to getting her.



The clown almost catches Brittany, but ends up tripping, which allows Brittany to get away.



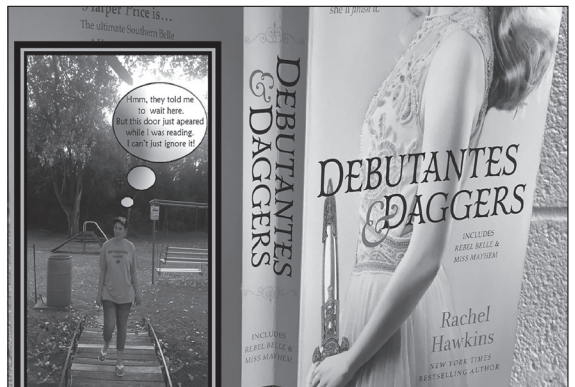
I'm out! Brittany decides she is done with this world.



Brittany makes her escape back into her own world.



This day couldn't get any worse! Thank the baby Jesus, that I'm back in the real world!



Hmm, they told me to wait here. But this door just appeared while i was reading. I can't just ignore it, Deitra thought.



"You've got to be kidding me! My world isn't the real one," Brittany exclaims as Deitra steps into her world.

Sports



Photo by Sami McGuire

Massing's new horse, Playa, running barrels during the college rodeo in Colby, Kansas. Massing and Playa placed second in the average.

Women's team wins rodeo

By **SAMI MCGUIRE**
Sports Editor

The term "slow and steady wins the race" does not apply to rodeo.

Jennifer Massing, a senior, knows this to be true, especially with the high levels of competition in the Central Plains Region for college rodeo.

Each weekend Northwestern's rodeo team puts it all out on the line in hopes for a championship. The girl's team achieved these goals during the muddy Stillwater rodeo on Oct. 5-7.

Massing placed second in the goats. During her long round run, the odds were against her and she barely slipped into the short round with a 8.2 second run. In the short round Massing knew she had to be fast and blew everyone out of the water with a 7.1 second run to win the short round by a half of a second.

"When it was muddy I really had to focus on my mental preparation more because there are other factors when it is muddy," Massing said. "So instead of thinking about those other factors I just had to think about how I wanted my runs to look in the mud."

Massing not only goat ties, but also competes in the barrel racing and breakaway roping. Massing has made the short round in the goat tying in all three college rodeos this year, and has made the short round in two of three rodeos in the barrel racing.

"I want to make it back to

the short round in all three events," Massing said. "At the first rodeo I made it a goal of mine to make nine short goes. I really wanted to make it in two of my events, and now [my new barrel/breakaway horse] and I are working a lot better in the breakaway so I think we can make it in three events. I would love to see that happen at Alva's rodeo."

Through last year Massing's most consistant event was goat tying, but now she is placing regularly in barrel racing thanks to a new horse.

"I got Playa in July, and it was a meant to be thing," she said. "She wasn't for sale and [Playa's owner] let me ride her because she sitting in a pasture. We just clicked so well, so [Playa's owner] made me a deal on her. It was meant to be and we've been getting along good and getting to know one another. She is one in a million."

Massing plans to continue growing with Playa after college and into the professional rodeo ranks.

Although Playa and Massing are growing into a strong team, Massing already is consistent with her goat horse, Cooper.

"I've had Cooper for five or six years," she said. "He is the biggest horse I've ever been on. It took me a long time to get used to him and getting off such a big horse in the goat tying. Everyone wondered why I get off such a big horse, but he is always faithful. I don't think once he has ever cheated me, he is just so reliable. I can always count on him; he is such

a gentle giant."

Massing and Cooper are a consistent team much like the Rangers. Not only did the women's team place first, but the men placed second.

In the steer wrestling the Rangers had three men come back to the short round. Talon Roseland and Cody Devers placed first and second in the average.

The men fell short on their other events, only having one teammate make the short round in each event. In the team roping Grayson Allred placed second in the average.

In the tie down Maverick Harper placed second in the long round, but didn't do as well in the short round and placed forth in the average.

For the women, the Rangers best event was the breakaway. Ashlyn Moeder placed second in the average. Taylor Munsell and Alyssa Gabrielson also made the short round in the breakaway.

Barrel racing just had one Ranger in the short round, Ellie Franks. Massing was also the only Ranger in the short round for goat tying.

Although fewer made it back to the short round, the Rangers made their runs count.

"I think when we lost Katy Miller to her knee injury, it made all of the girls realize we need to work that much harder to try and fill Katy's spot on the team," Massing said. "We are working really hard to bring ourselves up. We are doing okay, and we will just get better."





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Massing and Cooper during a goat run to place second in the average.



Photo Provided by Jennifer Massing

Massing with Playa and Cooper after Colby's college rodeo.

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Sports



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Volleyball team excited during the game against University of Arkansas-Monticello. The team achieved their tenth straight win.

Winning streak continues

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Sports Editor

Ten victories. That is what the Ranger volleyball women have achieved: ten wins in a row.

Even though that is better than last year, it still isn't enough to some. Athletes always strive for better than the best, and that is exactly what the volleyball team is doing.

Northwestern won 3-1 against Southern Arkansas on Saturday at the Percefull Fieldhouse. Kaitlyn Robinson, a freshman, led the team. She had 51 assists, which was one short of breaking the 2013 school record.

"Oh, I wanted that [record] so bad!" Robinson said. "I didn't even know during the game, but afterwards whenever I saw the stats, I saw how close I was. I really wanted it, so it kind of hit hard, but maybe one day."

Along with that goal to someday beat the Northwestern record, her team also hopes to get a ring at the GAC tournament. To do that the team has had to become closer.

"Everyone is trying to work on being a good teammate to each other



Photo Provided

Robinson and LaMonica Peacock blocking a ball against Mulderiders.

and being proud of everyone else's success," she said. "Being someone that everyone can depend on, being that person that coach needs us to be, and that the school really needs us to be."

Robinson is a key player as a freshman.

"Coming in as a freshman, and having the center position, it really is

up to me to keep the hitters going," she said. "I have to give them a ball that they can get a point off of and putdown. So it really is up to me to keep all that going, and have that pressure on my shoulders all the time."

To prepare for the pressure of a game Robinson said she keeps to herself in the locker room before

a game. She said she tries to think of what she needs to do and have mental focus.

The team also has some other preparation they do before the game. They eat right, stretch and make sure the last practice before the game counts, Robinson said.

With ten straight wins the team isn't going to falter in this routine, and head coach Jeremy White, has a lot to due with the team's success this year.

"I really want to attribute to coach White," Robinson said. "He came in here a brand new coach, and he has set the tone and intensity levels. He is always encouraging us to match his intensity, and be up at his level. He will never be satisfied with how good we are doing. 'We are doing great right now, but we can do better' mentality."

The team has been successful, and to keep it out of their heads they plan to continue on with White's mentality.

"We are going to keep being confident and not worry about the win/loss column," she said. "We are just focusing on our side of the court and what we can do to be better and win every single game."

Gourley leads Rangers in 5K run during Hays meet

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University men and women's cross-country team competed at the Fort Hays State Open in Hays, Kansas on Saturday.

The women competed in the 5k. Junior Kayla Gourley lead with Lady Rangers with a finishing time of 20:56. Following Gourley was freshman Kendy Salinas, who clocked in a time of 21:25. Junior Maren Wicker finished third for the Lady Rangers with a time of 22:17.

Rounding out the score for the Lady Rangers was sophomore Clara O'Connor with a time of 22:47 and sophomore Melissa Chavez with a time of 23:08. Freshman Madison Herrera finished the race with a time of 24:08.

Clara O'Connor is a sophomore Nursing major from Edmond, Oklahoma. She said her team's success has come from pushing each other as a team. She said each of her teammates are encouragement to the other because they each have different strengths and weaknesses when training.

O'Connor said her team is preparing for upcoming meets by working hard.

"Running is very much a mental sport as well so we not only push our bodies to run further and faster, but also exercise our minds to beat what we were previously unable to do," O'Connor said.

O'Connor said the progress her team has made since last year is exciting. She said she expects her and her teammates' times to continue to drop throughout the season. She said her personal goal for the season is to make a time of 21:30 or faster.

The men competed in the 8k at the Fort Hays State Open. The Ranger men were led by junior Clayton Fletcher, who ran for a time of 27:02. This time gave him the fastest time in school history, but also the 13th over finish.

Following Fletcher was freshman Ben Ivory, who finished with a time of 29:58. Freshman Colton Reed finished with a time of 30:37. The final two Rangers to cross the finish line were freshman Tyler Mueller with a time of 31:10 and freshman Sam Goddard with a time of 31:22.

The men and women will next look to compete for a conference championship at the Great American Conference meet on Oct. 21.

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Rangers: A Driving Force



Soccer team has two wins

By MEGAN MAHARRAY
Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Lady Ranger soccer team had a busy week with games on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Lady Rangers went 2-1, with wins over Oklahoma Christian, Southern Nazarene University and a loss to Oklahoma Baptist University.

The 4-3 win over Oklahoma Christian took two overtime periods. Oklahoma Christian struck first, but the Lady Rangers fired back, and took the 3-2 lead late in the game. A goal from Oklahoma Christian took the game into double overtime.

The winning goal came from sophomore Hollie Pankake. After a foul was called inside the eighteen box on Oklahoma Christian, Pankake took the penalty shot, scoring the goal and the win.

The Lady Rangers traveled to Bethany, Oklahoma to face Great American Conference opponent Southern Nazarene University on Thursday. The final score was 3-1.

Junior Karla Lopez scored early for the Rangers. A goal from SNU to tie the game 1-1 just before halftime would not affect the Lady Rangers, as sophomore Yazmin Gomez and freshman Brittany Ciriigliaro each netted a goal in the second half.



Photo by Sami McGuire

Tiana Young-Mauchly keeping the ball away from SWOSU women during the game Tuesday, where the Rangers fell 0-6.

Junior keeper Kylee Loustaunau had eight saves and improved her GAA to 3.03 while picking up her third career win.

On Saturday, the Lady Rangers traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma to face the number one ranked team in the GAC: Oklahoma Baptist University. The Lady Rangers fell

short in a 2-0 loss.

The Lady Rangers competed well with top-ranked OBU. The score was 0-0 until the 70th minute. OBU then netted two quick goals, and the Lady Rangers were unable to get their offense going.

Hollie Pankake, who scored the winning goal against Oklahoma

Christian, said it was an exciting feeling especially because the team got to take home their second win. She said she was not nervous to take the penalty kick.

“The opportunity for us to win was right there and I had the confidence to take the kick,” Pankake said.

After the OBU loss on Saturday, Pankake said to get back to winning, we must practice. The Lady Rangers are preparing to take on rival Southwestern Oklahoma State on Tuesday.

“We need to buckle down and keep the game in front of us,” Pankake said.