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## Smile of the Week



Rhianna Chesser, freshman pre-radiologic technology major, is smiling because she has made such great friends at Northwestern.

If you'd like to be the Smile of the Week, please send in a photo of you smiling and a short description of why you're smiling to [nwnews@nwsu.edu](mailto:nwnews@nwsu.edu)!



Northwestern's Study Abroad group visited Europe in May of 2016. The next trip will be to Australia and New Zealand in May later this year. /Courtesy of University Relations

## Study abroad trip set

By TAYLOR MORRIS  
Student Reporter

The deadline for the Study Abroad Program of 2017 is up and now Northwestern students are headed off on another once in a lifetime trip.

This summer's sensational destinations are Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. Kathryn Lane, third time department chair of this year's Study Abroad Committee will be leading this summer's trip.

"I have to say that of all my committees I work hardest

for Study Abroad, I think it is probably the most valuable thing I do in terms of committee work because the study abroad experience as a learning experience for students is so important," Lane said.

This year's trip destinations were chosen based on a poll taken by students two years ago.

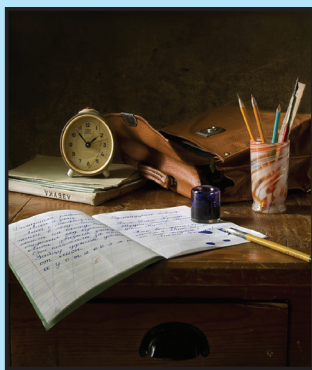
Of all the places they wanted to go 78 percent of students said that they wanted to go to Australia the most. However, the amazing thing about the study abroad program is you do not have to be a Northwestern student to go on a trip.

Travelers can be from the community, parents, spouses and siblings.

Once the down payment of \$250 is paid, the company that Northwestern travels through, EF College Study Tours, sets up a go fund me account page for the soon to be traveler so that the traveler can share the page with their friends and family to ask for possible help with funding their trip.

The cost for travel, hotel and most meals is \$4,755. The trip offers three credit hours for a Humanities course which cost an additional \$574 dollars.

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## Stalking Inside glimpse on issue

By HAYLEE BATES  
Student Reporter

After arriving home, she goes to get her mail only to realize that her cell phone bill is missing.

Her cell phone bill is always waiting for her on the second day of every month. She decides not to worry too much about it; it would come within the week. The end of the week comes, and she still hasn't received it.

She calls her service provider, and they inform her that her cell phone bill has already been sent out for the month. A wave of panic flows through her body.

This occurrence is how some stalkers instill fear into their victims. They can keep tabs on their victims by going through their mail, placing audio recording devices in their homes and installing GPS tracking apps on their phone to follow them throughout the day.

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 6.6

million people are stalked in one year. This number includes one of every six women and one of every 19 men.

Joel Johnson, campus police chief at Northwestern, said, stalking is when two people go on a walk but only one person knows about it.

Johnson said for a person's behavior to be considered stalking under the law there has to be three elements that occur: there has to be criminal intent, there has to be fear in the mind of the victim and there has to be a pattern of repeated behavior. A case does not have to meet all three of these elements to be reported though.

According to Paul Mullen's typology, there are five different types of stalkers: the predatory stalker, the incompetent stalker, the resentful stalker, the rejected stalker and the intimacy stalker. Each of these stalkers has different motivations and intentions behind their actions.

All cases of stalking on college campuses have

to be reported in the annual security and fire safety report. Northwestern's annual security and fire safety report can be found on the university's website at [www.nwsu.edu/campus-safety](http://www.nwsu.edu/campus-safety).

We have not had any confirmed or verified reports of stalking on Northwestern's campus, Johnson said.

Even though Northwestern has not had any confirmed stalking cases, Johnson hosts trainings to make sure that his staff is prepared if a case does occur. He has taught courses on stalking to different police forces in the state of Oklahoma.

If a student ever feels like they are a victim of stalking, they need to contact campus police as soon as possible. They will help the victim fill out a detailed profile on the person they feel is stalking them. Campus police will also fill out two state of mind assessments: one on the victim and one on the stalker.

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## Northwestern to play host for NWOCS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will play host to the two remaining acts for the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS) in March and April.

NWOCS, an organization that seeks to bring cultural performances and entertainment to northwest Oklahoma, will finish off the second-half of the season with Enid Symphony Orchestra and the NWOSU Chorale on Tuesday, March 7, and Bella Donna on Tuesday, April 25. All performances start at 7 p.m. and take place in Northwestern's Herod Hall Auditorium.

Enid Symphony Orchestra and NWOSU Chorale

The Enid Symphony Association was established in 1971 to foster the Enid Symphony Orchestra, which was founded in 1906. In 1983 Douglas Newell became the first full-time music and executive director of the Enid Symphony Association.

The mission of the Enid Symphony Association is to

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# News

## Social work department assists girls

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Social Work and Woodward High School Key Club are joining forces once again to look for donations in the form of prom or formal dresses.

"Primp for Prom" is an annual March event for high school students from northwest Oklahoma and allows young women to pick out a prom dress at no charge.

"The Northwestern Department of Social Work is always honored to sponsor this event," said Dr. Kylene Rehder, social work department chair and associate professor of social work. "We are thrilled with the opportunity to provide gorgeous dresses to area high school girls so they can attend their important benchmark events and banquets in style. The success of this event relies on the generosity of others, therefore we are so grateful to our donors."

Students will be able to choose from all sizes, styles and colors that are donated. A fitting room also will be available for trying on dresses.

The event time and date will be posted at a later time.

"The only set location of drop off is at Woodward High School," Rehder said. "If people want to donate dresses from other locations, they can contact Janet Valencia or myself and we will make arrangements to pick up dresses. We also have people assigned at the Enid campus location as well to pick up dresses."

To donate please email Rehder at kdrehder@nwsu.edu; Valencia at jvalencia@nwsu.edu; or drop dresses off at Woodward High School at 13th and Downs Avenue in Woodward, (580) 256-2858.



The Northwestern athletic armory received updates over winter break, some of which included new virtual batting cages and turf for the drill room. It took crews a total of 60 days to complete the work./Photo by Ashley Strehl

## Athletic armory improved

By **BALEY GARZA**  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern armory received several updates during the winter break.

During the 60 days of work on the armory, work crews converted the old kitchen into a training room and added new electronic batting cages and turf to the drill room.

According to Brad Franz, director of athletics at Northwestern, with all of the new

updates, every sport on campus can now train in the armory.

The main sports it will benefit are soccer, softball, and golf. Then when inclement weather occurs, football will be able to utilize the facility as well. It can also be used for cheer practice and large meetings.

"The armory is one of the first indoor training facilities for our sports and it is one of the best complex's around," Franz said.

Franz added that Northwestern athletics is really lucky to have the new and improved armory.

Ranger alumni, Jim Dunning played a vital role in the updates as he donated funds.

Head baseball coach, Sam Carrol said, "I look forward to the baseball team getting better with the new equipment in the armory, and getting to utilize it when the weather gets cold." He added, "it is important to have an indoor training facility."

## Diversity committee hosts self improvement seminar

By **NICK PERKINS**  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern diversity committee will be hosting the Achieving Life Balance as a Professional in Higher Education workshop at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Student Center Ranger Room.

The workshop is for faculty and staff looking to get learn how to multitask better and receive advice from some others on the matter.

This event will allow attendees to discuss and share ideas for strategies in maintaining life balance and self-improvement. Participants will also learn how to maintain multiple roles in life

for friends, colleagues, and family while sharing expertise with your students in higher education.

Attendants can learn from other individual's thoughts and experiences on how to handle some of the challenges that they might face as a professional in higher education.

In addition, attendants might also be able to help others learn how to deal with the same type of challenges by providing personal experiences during the discussion.

After this workshop the people who attended will hopefully be able to juggle these life challenges without struggle.

Some of the topics that will be up for discussion at this event are how to balance work and providing care to aging parents, how to maintain currency with your profession, how to make time for family and friends, workplace collegiality, how to teach and advise in an age of 24/7/365, terminal degree completion, and stress relief mechanisms.

Some of the panelists attending this workshop are Dr. Janet Cunningham, Dr. James Bell, Dr. Kylene Rehder, and Janet Valencia. Some of the discussants will be Dr. Kate Lane, Dr. Steve Mairer, Dr. Christy Riley, Dr. Shelley Wells, Dr. Kylene Rehder, Janet Valencia and Tamera Brown.

## Charity funds raised for kids in livestream

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Computer Science program sponsored a 24-hour livestream in December to raise funds for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

14 students, one alumni and three faculty members made the event possible.

Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science; Mark Bagley, instructor of computer science; Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, helped raised \$1,025 to be donated by livestreaming gaming events.

The students worked in teams and solo players to help generate content to be watched during the livestream as viewers gave donations.

Students who participated in the livestream included Austin Anderson, Beaver senior, chemistry major; Ashley Carter, Enid sophomore, computer science major; Scott Bartley, Alva senior, computer science major; Matt Day, Woodward senior, computer science major; Chris Dickson, Alva junior, computer science major; Justin Dobbs, Cleo Springs freshman, business administration major; Richard Fischer, Kiowa, Kansas, junior, computer science major; Jackson Gardner, Lawton freshman, computer science major; Dalton Jantz, Helena freshman, theatre major; Dakota Jantz, Helena sophomore, computer science major; Bryce Larkey, Fargo sophomore, computer science major; Jacob Marr, Alva sophomore, computer science major; Austin Mount, Covington junior, computer science major; Manuel Reyes, Tonkawa sophomore, general studies major; and Davon Stokes, Aline sophomore, computer science major.

Charles Boldes is a recent graduate of Northwestern who also helped.

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# News



Art minors in the Visual Arts program at Northwestern will be displaying their artwork during the First Friday Art Walk event on campus in the Museum of Natural History. / Courtesy of University Relations

## Student artwork displayed at Northwestern museum

Northwestern Visual Arts students will showcase a Natural History student drawing exhibition in the university's Museum of Natural History in Jesse Dunn Friday, from 3 to 6 p.m. as a part of the annual First Friday Art Walk events.

The Natural History Drawing Student Exhibition is a collaboration between the Natural Science Department and the Visual Arts program. Drs. Steve Thompson and Aaron Place, professors of biology and co-directors of the Natural History Museum, provided Visual Arts students with complete access to the museum's vast collection of specimens to study and draw. The artwork in the exhibit by the Visual Arts students was created during the fall semester.

"Visual Arts students' illustrations demonstrate thorough investigation of anatomy through visual language and the development of acute observational skills," Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, said. "I am excited to see the illustrations reunited with the specimen that inspired them in this exhibit."

The museum provided ornithological specimens (study of birds) and herbarium mounts (mounted flattened plant specimen) for the artists. The artwork will be placed next to the specimen that inspired the artwork.

The exhibit will remain on view through March 4.

Art minors exhibiting work includes:

Princess Adenuga, Lagos, Nigeria, senior, English; Rachel Davis, Kingston sophomore, mass communication; Abbie Haskins, Nash senior, psychology; Clayton Hill, Alva junior, psychology; Tori Hurley, Sheffield, Iowa, junior, speech/theatre; Brianna McClure, Dacoma sophomore, biology.

For more information about the Museum of Natural History or the biology department contact Thompson at (580) 327-8566 or [sdthompson@nwosu.edu](mailto:sdthompson@nwosu.edu), or Place at (580) 327- 8673 or [ajplace@nwosu.edu](mailto:ajplace@nwosu.edu). Also, for more information about the visual arts program, please contact Larson at (580) 327-8108 or [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu).

## Charity

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The charity idea originally came from Day and was made possible with the help of Fischer and Mount to manage and create the livestream feed.

"Northwestern has an amazing Computer Science department and Computer Science Club," Day said. "With the Computer Science Club receiving new gaming computers over the past few months and an all-new robotics lab being put in over the next few months, I'm almost sad that I am graduating in May. Because of the Computer Science program I was able to learn the skills I need to pursue my dream in video game development."

Fischer is grateful for the Northwestern faculty who take part in the students' activities.

"I would like to thank both Bagley and Vaverka, without whom this event would not have been possible," Fischer said. "We students may have been the ones to stay up for the 24 hours playing video games, but our professors were the ones who had to get all of the charity and donating logistics figured out. I would also like to thank Maharry for supporting the event, Dr. [Jennifer] Page for playing along from home for quite a while, and anyone else that I was not aware of, who helped with this event."

Vaverka is thankful for the students who participated and the donors who helped raise funds.

"I'm proud of my students; they did a really great

job," he said. "They put up with each other for 24-hours straight overall, and that's a pretty big accomplishment. Overall, they had a good time and really liked doing it, so I think we'll do it again."

In fact, the initial Christmas charity event was met with such success that the group plans to host another event at the end of the spring 2017 semester to benefit a different charity.

"A couple of you who were anonymous and a couple had shown your names, thank you either way, we appreciate it," Vaverka continued. "The donations truly benefitted the children who needed it for Christmas, and we know the money will go to good use."

The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

For more information about Northwestern's Computer Science program, contact Vaverka at (580) 327-8587 or [epvaverka@nwosu.edu](mailto:epvaverka@nwosu.edu).



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# The Way We See It Editorial Section

## New semester, new team

It's another semester here at the Northwestern News which means new faces on staff and additional changes to the newspaper.

2016 was an awesome year for the Northwestern News as the newspaper received potential award-winning changes to its design and story content. It was also a year of two stellar newspaper staffs.

This semester, the Northwestern News and its staff, is going through a bit of transition period as it welcomes new, young, faces and new creative ideas.

As this semester progresses for us, the four seniors on staff, Savannah Tillman, Bruno Miguel Caitlin Coody and Nick Villalobos, hope to leave a lasting positive impression on the readers as well as the newspaper itself.

Speaking of staff, this semester includes the addition of five new faces and one shift in work roles.

Starting with the new faces, the Northwestern News is happy to welcome freshmen, Megan Maharry as the assistant editor, Ashley Strehl as the photo editor, juniors, Bailey Rankin as the advertising manager, Deitra Wedd and senior Caitlin Coody as the production managers.

Next with the changing of roles, Katy Lackey will jump over



The Northwestern News will feature a few new faces on staff during this spring semester./Graphic by Nick Villalobos

to the circulation manager position for this spring semester after spending last fall as the co-sports editor.

For the returning staff, junior, Sami McGuire will return as the sports editor. McGuire did a superb job giving the sports section a fresh new look last semester and she hopes to do more of the same this spring.

Senior, Savannah Tillman will be returning as the feature editor and like McGuire, she too did a great job

at making the feature editor look new and fresh.

Returning as the online manager is senior, Bruno Miguel. Miguel did an awesome job at updating and improving the Rangerpulse website, and in this his final semester before graduation, he hopes to leave the website with an award winning impression.

Finally, Northwestern senior, Nick Villalobos will be returning

as the editor in chief.

This semester will feature plenty of new and creative ideas, but like we said earlier it is also a bit of a transition period as the older members on staff is helping mentor the new faces on staff, so some minor mistakes might occur every now and then.

We hope to bring you all the best in design ideas, story content and overall quality of the Northwestern News

## Starting a day with "Shepherd"

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
Editor in Chief

The alarm goes off and the sun is yet to break out over the horizon.

As I lay there on my bed trying to hold my eyes open after turning the alarm off, I slip my headphones on and begin to play the song, "Shepherd" by Crowder.

The reason I choose this song each morning is because I find it to be not only a pretty powerful praise to the good Lord above, but great motivation to start the day with.

The song is based heavily out of Psalm 23, which is not necessarily the chapter that comes to us during the brightest of times, meaning it's usually the one that is spoken at most funerals. If you haven't read the chapter, I encourage you to.

It's unfortunate that the chapter usually only makes an appearance during those because in all reality it's

one of the most beautiful chapters I've ever read, but that's just the way people perceive it, I guess.

In this little article I want to share with you a couple of my favorite parts in the song, "Shepherd" and then the reason why they are my favorite.

Instead of looking at the full song, I am really only going to use the song's opening verse, which reads,

*"The Lord my portion I shall not want*

*The Lord my comfort*

*I shall not fear*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley low*

*Yeah, though the path gets steep*

*Surely goodness will follow me*

*Every promise will be light to my feet*

*When my heart is prone to wandering*

*Jesus You shepherd me."*

The first piece of this song that I find absolutely awesome is the word shepherd.

When we think of a shepherd,

even if it isn't in Bible terms, we think of someone who stands a little ways off to watch over a herd of sheep with the little shepherd's cane.

In this song, however, Crowder and his co-writers does something absolutely phenomenal in that they take that word shepherd from its regular noun form that we are used to seeing it in and switch it to a verb form, making it seem like Christ is right there with us keeping watch over us instead of looking from afar.

Lastly, in the "surely goodness will follow me" part of the song, is where we find my next area of favoritism.

The reason I find that piece of the song to be my favorite is because you can look at it in one of two ways; either in a way that puts it as a declaration, or in the flipside which puts it as a plea.

What I mean by the declaration part is that there is always that really

confident Christian that is certain that goodness [and mercy to add that portion of the chapter in there as well] will follow them no matter what circumstance he or she finds themselves in.

Then on the flipside, what I mean by the plea part is that while there is always that confident Christian there is also always that Christian who is at their weakest point in their walk of faith. They find themselves on their knees, spiritually and physically just worn out and they doubtfully say, "surely goodness [and mercy] will follow me."

To borrow a line from Hank Bentley, one of the song's cowriters, for me, that portion of the song is "as much of a declaration as it is a plea," and that's speaking out of my own personal experience in both of those situations.

So, to wrap this up, "Shepherd" by Crowder is a powerful and great way to start your day each and every morning. If you have not listened to the song, I encourage you to do so.

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*When I remember You  
on my bed,  
I meditate on You  
in the night watches,  
For You have been my help...*

— Psalm 63:6,7

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— Brenda Weaver

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# Opinion



Social media has become an outlet for turning bad situations to even worse situations. //Illustration by Nick Villalobos

## Social media damaging personal relationships

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**  
Student Writer

Something has been going on lately. I'm not sure if you guys know.... social media is ruining our lives.

When was the last time you got to a place early and actually talked to the people waiting with you and didn't scroll through your phone?

Social media makes almost any situation worse. When people have a problem with someone these days, they tweet about it or post a long Facebook rant. Even worse, they post a series of Snapchat videos being extremely shady.

They don't sit down with that

person and tell them what's wrong. Most people don't have the guts to do that and this destroys relationships. People feel superior to others when they can bash them on social media.

We, as college students, have to remember that whatever we post today, is going to be around forever, for all future employers to look up.

Something else that has been going on is the whole election mumbo-jumbo. People are more divided than ever before about the results but do they think they can actually change anything by getting into fights with people about it? What happened to just talking about people?!

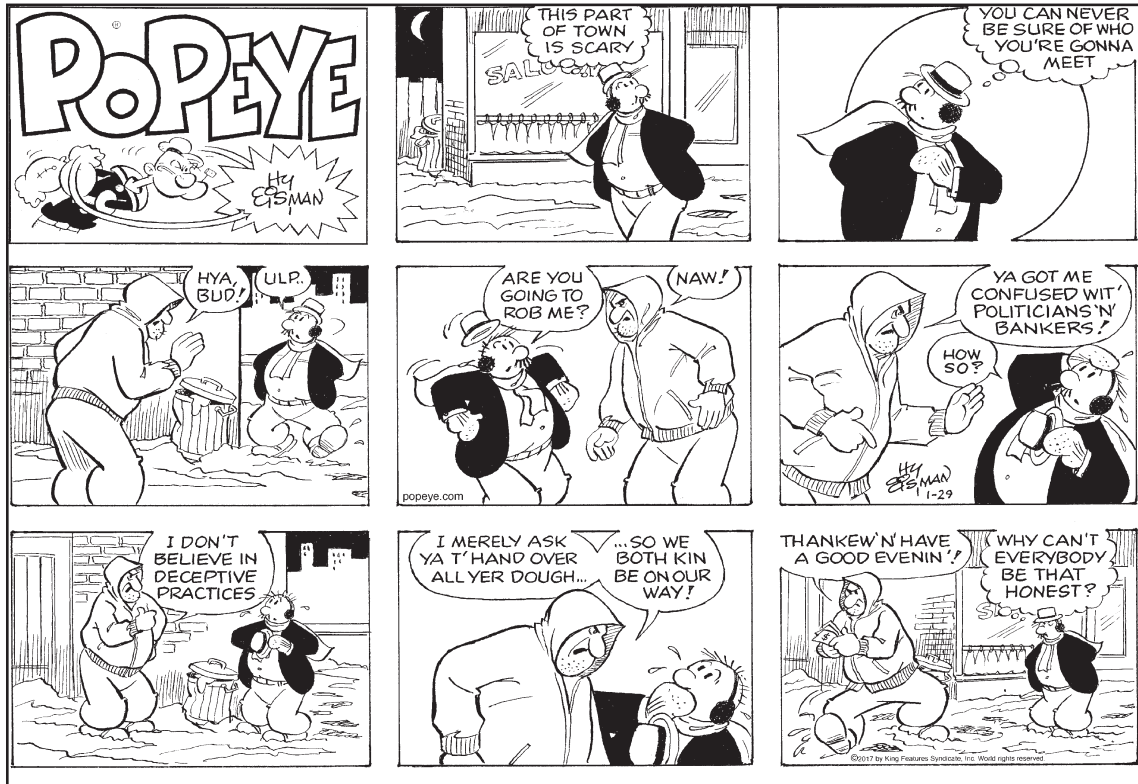
Users on social media platforms think the best way to resolve any

problem is to rant their opinion.

Now, I'm not sure about you guys, but it makes me really happy to scroll through Facebook and between a yummy recipe video and a picture of a cute puppy, there's a long post about someone and how unhappy they are that their friend has opinions of their own, probably attached to a video of Tomi yelling what she thinks.

People. Please grow up and realize that no matter what your opinion is, we don't want to hear about it on social media.

We need positive vibes more than ever before. You aren't going to change anything by sitting behind your computer. Be the change you want to see in the world.



## McDonald's fries are just fantastic

By **ASHLEY STREHL**  
Staff Writer

Greasy, salty, finger foods are a must for any fast food loving American.

But what is it about McDonalds fries in particular that makes the world go 'round?

There are more than 10 ingredients in your average McDonalds fry. According to several studies, some of these ingredients can actually be cancerous. So why do we keep eating them?

According to a poll by "Business Insider", 34 out of 40 fast food patrons preferred McDonalds over twelve other fast food chain restaurants.

In a study from "Business Week" McDonalds buys 34 billion pounds of potatoes in America each year, and there are 2-3 potatoes in a large French fry.

I know what you're thinking by this point in the story, "Why didn't she



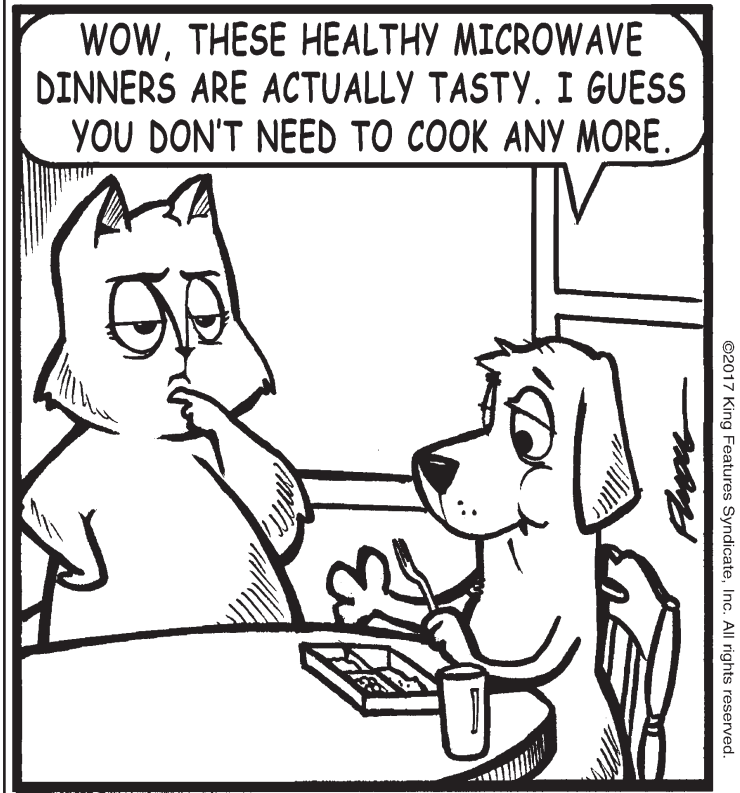
Ashley Strehl, NwNews photo editor

just title the article, 'What would the world do without potatoes?'"

That's a good question folks; the editor is not sure if even she can answer that question. Americans do a lot of things that are bad for them, because we are stupid, maybe, or is it because we believe in living life to the fullest?

The way I see it, we don't live forever, so we can either eat fries, or not. It's just that simple. Do what makes you happy, and for me, my happiness is found when I hear a soft voice speak to me through a speaker saying "Thank you for choosing McDonalds. What can I get for you today?"

### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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# Feature

## Campus Confessions

# What will you do with your financial aid refund

By Bryant Venosdel  
Student Reporter

**CLARA O'CONNOR**  
Nursing major



“Paying for college”

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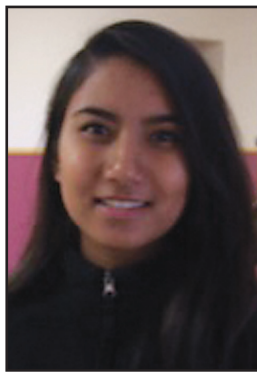
“Buying books for school”

**MAXWELL KAYE**  
Health & Sports Science major



“Financial needs, food, paying for school, but mostly saving a lot of it”

**LAHANA**  
Computer Science major



“Save it for next semester, then use some of it for shopping”

**JENNY MASSING**  
Business Marketing major



“School, paying for books, paying for rodeo supplies since I'm on the rodeo team and that's expensive and buying groceries”

## Faith provides accomplishments

By DEITRA WEDD  
Student Reporter

While you might see Johnathon Dwamena processing data for Banc Central in Alva, you might not process what all he has achieved.

Johnathon Dwamena spends his time at work as a data processor where he processes data that is received from banks all across the state of Oklahoma. But little does anyone know that Johnathon comes from a place on the other side of the world.

Johnathon is originally from Accra, Ghana, which has a population of 2.27 million people according to Wikipedia. When in Ghana, Johnathon was surrounded by different people.

By the time 2012 had come around, little did Johnathon know that a big culture change was about to happen. It was then that he and his family would migrate from a big city like Accra, to the small town of Alva, Oklahoma.

The new culture and environment took some time for Johnathon to get used to, but once he made it to Alva, he decided to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University. After more than three years of college education, Johnathon graduated from Northwestern in 2015 with a business degree.

Since then, him and his wife Josi Dwamena have become College Ministers at the Extreme which is ran by the Hopeton Wesleyan Church. The Extreme is located on the corner of College Boulevard and Center Street on the square. There, he welcomes all college students every Tuesday Nights for a free dinner and worship.

So while Johnathon is still processing data to this day at Banc Central, he has bigger plans in life that he wants to do.

Johnathon wants to work towards his business degree and become a successful man. “I am seeking the Lord for the next big move.” Johnathon said. “Whether that move is to a big city, or someplace else around the world.”



“Our leader selection system is civilized. We have an election ... and then fight it out.”



# Feature



The sun setting, in the Oklahoma sky, creates a majestic backdrop to a beautiful campus. Photo by Melissa Noland

U.S. Department of Education updates

## Students discuss nominees

By ERIN HOPKINS  
Student Reporter

The United States is currently looking for a secretary of education.

The United States secretary of education is the head of the U.S. Department of Education and promotes public understanding of the department's mission, goals and objectives.

The U.S. Department of Education is the agency of the federal government that establishes policy for, administers and coordinates most federal assistance to education.

This department operates with the goal of ensuring education in the United States is of a good quality and fairly accessible by everyone.

The U.S. Department of Education has specific areas that they focus on in order to reach its main goal.

These areas include creating policies about financial aid and distributing financial aid, collecting data on education in the U.S., bringing attention to key education issues and preventing discrimination.

The secretary is nomi-

nated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

As a member of the president's Cabinet, the secretary is the principal adviser to the president on federal policies, programs and activities related to education in the U.S.

This decision will affect all students in the U.S.

Here are some Northwestern students' responses to being asked their opinions in regards to the the candidates for U.S. Department of Education.

**Rachel Carter, biology major**

"Of Trump's top two candidates, I'm glad he chose DeVos over Rhee, since she opposes Common Core and Rhee was against the unionization of teachers," Carter said. "But I wish he would have picked someone with more public school experience. My top choice, who was on Trump's short list was Williamson Evers. He has experience as an advisor to the US secretary of education during the Bush administration. He denounced Common Core and works toward curriculum reform in the school system."

**Chance Mayhall, vocal performance major**

"I cannot support either candidate since they are both under qualified in my opinion," Mayhall said. "I would like to see someone take that position who has experience in education, not from the sidelines but from the home front."

**Jordan Northtrip, nursing major**

"I would like to see someone take the position that really believes they can improve our education," Northtrip said. "Arne Duncan, the ninth U.S. secretary of education, made a huge difference while holding that position. He helped gain congress' support for President Obama's investments in education which included The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This act helped with 325,000 teaching jobs, Pell grants, and low performing schools, as well as many other improvements. I would like to see someone making a huge effort to turn education around, like Arne Duncan. Education is very important

in the United States and we need someone in office to help students achieve the best education possible."

**Kylie Wilson, health and sports science major**

"I'm leaning more towards Betsy DeVos because she's a republican first of all, and she really cares about the importance of education for the United States," Wilson said. "She's been a huge advocate for voucher programs and school choice. I'm for school choice as well."

**Chandler Steckbeck, English major**

"I think any candidate needs to be well versed in actual education, rather than someone who has political connections," Steckbeck said. "I also think a good candidate will be the one who makes the right but hard decision. Many things in our education system need to change, and change does not always welcome popularity I have not found a candidate that I want to fully endorse. I don't have a specific person in mind, rather I look for specific qualities."

### Stalking

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After the paperwork is filled out, campus police with form a diagnostic impression to help determine the level of threat. From there, campus police will develop an intervention strategy on how to approach the suspect.

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# Entertainment



## “La La Land”

By RICHMOND B. ADAMS & DEITRA WEDD

This week Richmond B. Adams and Deitra Wedd went head to head in a review over La La Land.

Adams Review:



One way to see *La La Land* is to ask “whatever happened to Rick and Ilsa?” Fans of *Casablanca* will note the somewhat ham-handedly drawn parallels as we start to hope that Claude Rains will “round up the usual suspects,” only to discover that in the Los Angeles of 2016, they are not card gamblers, but jazz musicians. That playfulness, mixed with political satire and notably solid acting by Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, make Damien Chazelle’s film a fun experience.

Using jazz as a metaphor for America at mid-decade, Gosling (Sebastian Wilder) meets Stone (Mia Dolan) in a Los Angeles traffic jam which suddenly, well, “riffs” into a highway-long dance, and ends several years later by imagining what might have happened if another musical path had been allowed to express itself.

As a central American art, jazz reflects our ongoing tension between freedom, or following one’s passion, and the American Dream of economic stability. The manner of the film’s ending, with both Wilder, a jazz musician who wants to open a club that plays only the “pure jazz” that he knows is an oxymoron, and Dolan, whose passion leads her to produce her own one-woman play that launches her acting career, portrays that tension, but thankfully does not resolve it.

Both Wilder, in his club with the name suggested by her, and Dolan, in the career saved by him, are content with the traditional American idea of having fulfilled their desires. At the same time, each recognizes how those achievements undermine the very passions and “riffs” which brought them about in the first place. Using

jazz as a motif through which to explore that unresolved American paradox is the film’s underlying strength.

While thankfully reintroducing Americans to part of their cultural heritage, the film does drag before reaching its final sequence. It might also have developed other characters and perhaps dubbed some of Stone and Gosling’s singing. As a whole, however, *La La Land* is worth seeing and ends, one suspects, with Rick and Ilsa (err, Sebastian and Mia) saying to each other that “we’ll always have LA.”

Wedd’s Review:



This movie was a little confusing in the beginning. Switching proverbs so suddenly can be off putting for audience members. The characters on the other hand were cute together, with their quirky natures bringing about some humor to the story.

The bright clothing seen throughout this film enhance the playful vibes that come from the music while the main characters sing and dance. As far as the music goes, many of the songs are cute and catchy. However, the beginning of the movie began with a musical number that felt long and drawn out.

After getting past the beginning, the story line slowly began to become more interesting. *La La Land*’s story line is about a Jazz pianist living in a world where Jazz has become unappreciated, and an aspiring actress for whom finding a job is nearly impossible.

While Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) struggles to create a career through his Jazz music, Mia (Emma Stone) faces her own struggles. Mia’s struggles are the exact opposite of Sebastian’s. Instead of a job that’s slowly fading away, Mia struggles to fight for her dreams in a time when being an actress is a very sought after job leaving no room for just another actress. One thing they do have in common is, if they hope to accomplish their dreams, they will both have to prove their talents to be beyond ordinary. Meeting each other might be just what they both need to become the stars they hope to be.

### NWOCS

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maintain a symphonic ensemble that will enrich the quality of life in the Greater Enid area and serve as a cultural ambassador to the region and state. This is to be accomplished through the presentation of predominately classical symphonic music to an ever increasing audience representative of the diverse population of the constituent community.

Performing with the Enid Symphony will be members of NWOSU’s Chorale, the premiere large choir on campus. The Chorale performs a wide variety of masterworks and contemporary choral works of many styles and genres. Although many of the students in the ensemble are not music majors, all student singers in the ensemble benefit from a generous participation scholarship created from Alva sales tax and the University’s dedication to the arts.

On special occasion, alumni and community members are invited to perform as members of the Chorale. Concert traditions include the Holiday Gala Concerts with

the Northwestern Concert Band, and spring masterworks concerts. Members of the Chorale and University Singers will be touring Austria and the Czech Republic this summer.

### Bella Donna

Bella Donna is influenced by the Ozarks, the creak of tree limbs in the winter, and the summer sounds of cicadas. The traditional music that flows through the hills and hollows of the area the group was raised in helped them form their sound called “Ozark Jazz.”

“As one may expect from the namesake, Bella Donna comes to your ears with a mysteriously intriguing and seductive sound. Rooted in jazz, the ensemble plays with a beauty and darkness that melodically winds itself around your ear drums and sensually sways you into submission,” stated one review from feedbands.com.

Bella Donna has been busy playing shows through the midwest and parts of the east and west coast over the past six years. Members currently are recording their second full-length album that will be available in early 2017. Bella Donna is composed of Liz Carney on vocals and guitar; Matt Guinn as lead guitarist; Mike Williamson on bass and cornet; B.J.

Lowrance on drums; and Jeremy Chapman on the mandolin.

Individual performance tickets for these two remaining shows are priced at \$5 for students and seniors 65+ and \$10 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://nwocs.ticketbud.com> or in person at Holder Drug or Graceful Arts Center in Alva. Tickets also may be purchased at the door the night of the performance.

The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five minutes prior to the performance.

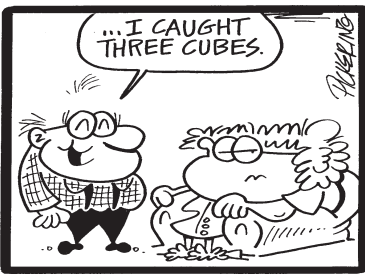
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The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

For more information about NWOCS, contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8462.

### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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# Entertainment

## Winners of the SAG awards

**Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture:**  
*Hidden Figures*

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role:**  
Denzel Washington - *Fences*

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role:**  
Emma Stone - *La La Land*

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role:**  
Mahershala Ali - *Moonlight*

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role:**  
Viola Davis - *Fences*

**Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture:**  
*Hacksaw Ridge*

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series:**  
*Stranger Things*

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series:**  
*Orange Is the New Black*

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series:**  
John Lithgow - *The Crown*

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series:**  
Claire Foy - *The Crown*

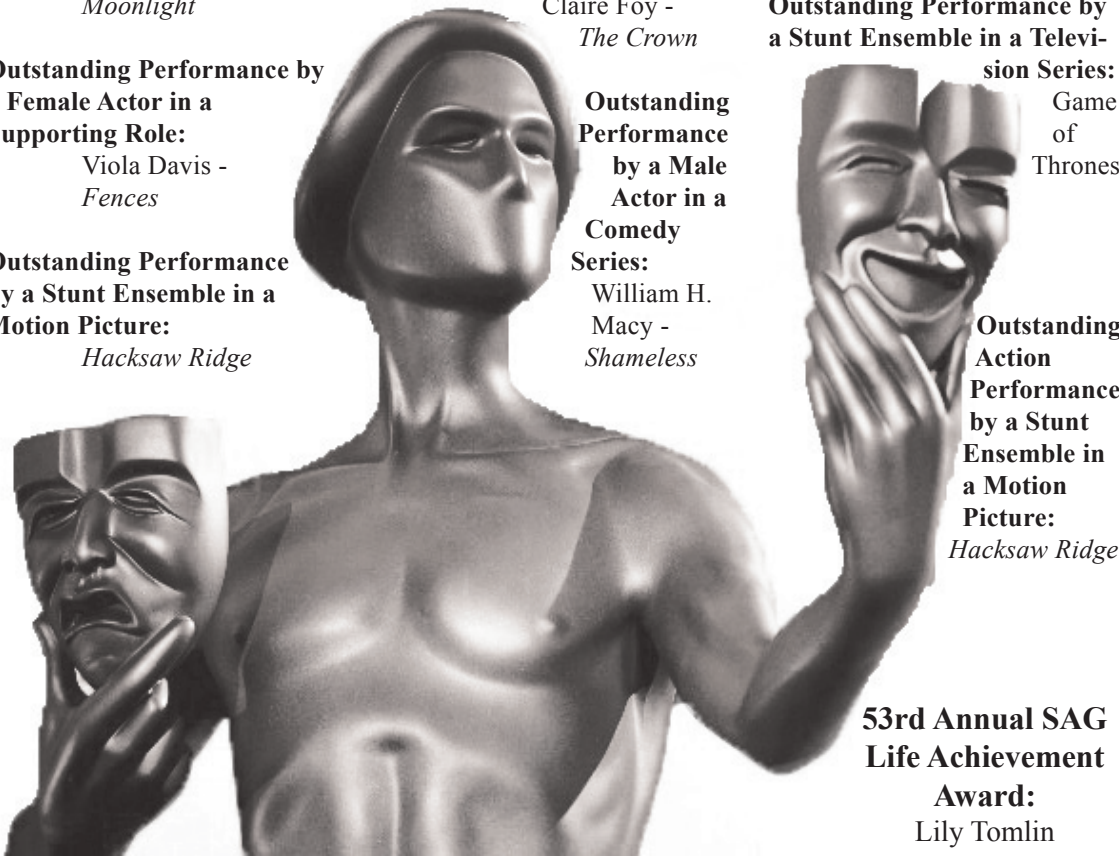
**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series:**  
William H. Macy - *Shameless*

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series:**  
Julia Louis-Dreyfus - *Veep*

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Miniseries or Television Movie:**  
Bryan Cranston - *All the Way*

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Miniseries or Television Movie:**  
Sarah Paulson - *The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story*

**Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Television Series:**  
Game of Thrones



**53rd Annual SAG Life Achievement Award:**  
Lily Tomlin

## A rocky review for XXX

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

\*POSSIBLE SPOILERS\*

XXX: Return of Xander Cage was probably one of the poorest produced movies I've ever watched.

For those who are fans of totally unrealistic action films, I would encourage you to watch this film.

For those of you who are not a fan of super fake action sequences, terrible dialogue and excessive tattoos, however, I encourage to stay away from this film and just go watch "La La Land" or "Hidden Figures".

In my opinion, this film went downhill [literally and figuratively] right from the beginning as Xander Cage, or Mr. Fast and Furious himself, Vin Diesel, proceeded to longboard and ski down a snowless, rock and tree covered, mountain in order to bring the great people of whatever foreign country he was in at the time, their be-

loved soccer game on TV. After that, I knew this movie was going to be a rough one to sit through and for the next hour it certainly was.

Now, I usually don't doze off in the movie theaters while watching a film, but I have to admit, this film definitely got me close to that point.

Instead of drawing this review out to some excessive amount, like that movie was, I am just going to sum it all up right here for you movie buffs.

Terrible acting, not so entertaining plotline and too many explosions and fake action sequences, that's XXX: Return of Xander Cage in a nutshell.

I am going to have to rate this movie a solid 2 out of 5 stars. One star for all the moments I laughed at how unrealistic it was, and a second star just because they brought back the beautiful purple GTO from the first XXX film.

## Calendar of Events

February 2

*Red Tie Jazz*  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Woodward Conference Center

February 7

*Student Support Services Monthly Event*  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Student Center - Ranger Room

February 9

*Diversity Workshop - Achieving Life Balance*  
2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Student Center - Ranger Room

*NWOSU Art Society Goodie Giveaway*  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Percefull Fieldhouse - front Lobby

February 12

*Science and Religion Workshop*  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Science - Science Amphitheater

February 14

*Blood Drive*  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Student Center - Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

## King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 4 Tosses in
- 8 Slays, "Sopranos" style
- 12 Altar affirmative
- 13 Voice in an iPhone
- 14 Law office aide, for short
- 15 "Sinkers"
- 17 Caspian feeder
- 18 Teut.
- 19 Financial rescue
- 21 Decapitate
- 24 Fish eggs
- 25 Greek vowel
- 26 Coffee holder
- 28 Family member
- 32 Tatters
- 34 Physique
- 36 Grabbed
- 37 Astronaut John
- 39 Speck
- 41 Work with
- 42 Wet wriggler
- 44 Persistent attacks
- 46 Bug
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- 56 Otherwise
- 57 Throw
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- 61 Wildebeest
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- 16 "Golly!"
- 20 Debtor's letters
- 21 Ice mass
- 22 List-ending abbr.
- 23 Fix the soundtrack
- 27 Deity
- 29 Cold symptom
- 30 Misplace
- 31 Stretches
- 33 Showed disdain
- 35 Two, in
- Tijuana
- 38 Butterfly catcher
- 40 Feels pins and needles
- 43 Workshop machine
- 45 Ordinal suffix
- 46 Troubles
- 47 Not working
- 48 American Beauty, e.g.
- 49 Rain hard
- 53 Web address
- 54 A billion years
- 55 Disco fan on "The Simpsons"

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## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Answers for last weeks puzzle



# Sports



Steve Nunez.



Gaylon Nickerson.



Faylenn Burns.



Lee Brower. /Photo Provided

## Rangers join Hall of Fame

By **SAMI MCGUIRE**  
Sports Editor

At 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 28 the 25<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame inductees were honored at a luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom.

The 2017 inductee class was Steve Nunez, Gaylon Nickerson, Lee Brower and Faylenn Burns.

The inductees were not only honored at the luncheon, but also at halftime of the men's basketball game against Harding University at 3 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Nunez was a baseball player for the Rangers. He started his time as a Ranger in 1979. He became one of Northwestern's greatest players. In his first season he

captured the homerun title, and lead the team in many other categories. In the coming seasons he kept his legacy by having many homeruns and leading the team.

Today Nunez still holds the record for the process. He won many awards in his time as a Ranger. Nunez is currently a PE coach, a proud dad and a husband.

Nickerson also created a legacy as one of Northwestern's greats. In one season (1993-1994) he had one of the most prestigious seasons in Northwestern basketball history. He lead the Rangers to a 29-2 overall record. Still today he holds the record in points for a single season with 672 points with a 21.7 ppg

average. Not only was he a star player, but also a team player. He also dished out 152 assists.

Nickerson's stellar college career landed him a chance at the National Basketball Association where he was overall No. 34 pick selected by the Atlanta Hawks. He was a member of the NBA for four years.

Now Nickerson has went on to become a successful business man as he was a player. He has four children, and a CEO of his own company.

Another player in the Northwestern greats is Burns. She was one of Northwestern's first recruits for the softball program that started up in 2001. In her first year she won the honor of Newcomer of the

Year for the Red River Athletic Conference. She started her year off with a bang by leading her team in several categories and each year she got better. Her fourth and final year was considered the best season of her career where she scored her highest batting average and most runs.

Burns is the most decorated softball player the Rangers have ever had. She is one of few players in Northwestern history to play all four years and remain at the top of the leaderboard in All-time statistics in about every category.

Burns is now an elementary teacher and a mother.

Not only players were part of Hall of Fame weekend, but also a coach. Brower was one

of Northwestern's most highly regarded football coaches of all time. He was the offensive coordinator for two years and the offense made a lot of progress under his direction. The offense lead the Rangers to a 7-3 record during his second season and a 3-1 conference record.

Brower lead the Rangers to their first ever conference championship. 1989 became one of the Rangers best seasons in Northwestern football history. Brower lead the team to the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Championships and made the playoffs. Brower was also awarded OIC Coach of the Year.

Brower is now retired, has a wife and two children.

## Intramural basketball gets students involved

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**  
Student Reporter

It is that time of the year again, the time of year where you hear a lot of swooshes, screaming for the ball, whistles blowing, and the *oooo* and *ahhh's* from the crowd. That is right, I am talking about intramural basketball is back on for another year at Northwestern men and women.

John Wood, a participant of intramural basketball, said "Intramural basketball is a fun way to get involved in college and a good opportunity to meet a lot of new people."

Dylan Painter said "Overall it is a fun league with one outstanding referee named Don Holly."

For those who were competitors in high school, and want to get back into the flow of the game this is second closest thing to playing at a high level again.

Northwestern offers a wide variety of intramural sports for students and community can participate in, but softball and basketball seem to be the most consistently favored of the sports said Chris Lauderdale, director of intramural sports.

"This year in basketball, between men's and women' leagues, we had 22 teams sign up," Lauderdale



Taylor Munsell aims to take a free throw for the B.A.M.F.S. team, while teammate Aundrea DuFrane assists. / Photo by Morgan Villarreal

dale said. The maximum number is 24, so numbers are high for basketball this year, as they are right on the edge of max teams.

Lauderdale also said volleyball, dodgeball, and flag football have all seen a drop in student participation over the past couple years. That does not mean more these numbers cannot change within the next few years.

Communication to students is key and Lauderdale has done just that. He and assistant intramural director, Brody Nichols, encourage students and or players to come

and talk to them about new ideas or sports at any time to make the intramural experience better than it already is.

The next sport that will be offered is co-ed softball. Lauderdale is planning to have meetings leading up to spring break and get right into the playing when we return. There will be flyers posted throughout the campus regarding signups for softball teams, so be on the lookout.

Rules or any other information can found through Northwestern's Intramural website at <http://www.nwsu.edu/intramural-sports>.

## New volleyball coach comes to Northwestern

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Northwestern Oklahoma State and director of athletics, Brad Franz, are pleased to announce the hiring of Jeremy White as the next head coach of the Rangers Volleyball team.

"I am very pleased to have Jeremy White join our staff as head volleyball coach," Franz said. "Jeremy brings all the characteristics we look for in a coach. He is a teacher of the game, he is a motivator, he has a strong work ethic and he is a leader. Jeremy has worked at all levels of the collegiate and high school game so he is very knowledgeable."

White is thrilled about the opportunity given him and his family to be at the helm of Northwestern volleyball.

"I am excited to be named the head coach of Northwestern volleyball and I am excited about the ladies coming back as well as the ladies coming in for next season," White said. "Coaching collegiate volleyball has been a life-long dream of mine and I am very excited to have the opportunity to lead the Lady Rangers volleyball team."

White spent his last two

seasons at NCAA Division I McNeese State in Lake Charles, Louisiana where the Cowgirls were very competitive while also making consecutive appearances in the conference tournament over the past two seasons.

Before being named the assistant for McNeese State, White spent the 2014 season as the top assistant at Lamar State College-Port Arthur where he assisted the Seahawk volleyball team. While at Lamar State College, White directed the Seahawk defense which ranked second in Region XIV in digs per set and 5th in blocks per set. White also helped mentor four All-Region athletes.

Not only has he been part of quality collegiate programs over the last three seasons, but he was also very successful at the high school level of volleyball.

He is also very well known in club circles in both Texas and Louisiana and was a club director and coach for eight years for multiple club teams across both states. Many of the players he trained and coached at the club level went on to play collegiate volleyball after playing in his system.



# Sports

## Rangers lose winning streak

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Saturday's matinee saw two regularly explosive offenses in Harding and Northwestern and featured co-Great American Conference Players of the Week Cody Halvorson and Will Francis.

It was Hall of Fame Weekend at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, where four former Rangers were inducted into the Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame. The Class of 2017, comprised of Lee Brower, Gaylon Nickerson, Falynn Burns and Steve Nunez, joined other Ranger legends as they were introduced at halftime.

The Rangers got off to a slow start, missing their first six shots before Adrian Motley found the mesh 4:46 into the game. By that time, Harding had already built an eight point lead.

Northwestern finally righted the ship after their cold start with a 7-0 run to bring them within striking distance.

Back-to-back points in the paint by Austin Klug tied the game 11-11 midway through



Rangers playing offense against the Bisons in a game that led to a Ranger loss. /Photo Provided

the half.

In an uncharacteristically ice cold shooting performance, both teams combined for just 45 points in the first half. Northwestern managed to take a three point lead into the break despite shooting just 25 percent from the field. Harding connected on just 20 percent in the opening frame.

Northwestern, who have been a 34 percent team from beyond the arc this season, hit just 2 for 18 from that distance in today's low scoring affair.

Things started to look up when both Halvorson and Deiondray Martin sunk three pointers in the opening moments of the second half. Martin, making just his second start of the season, matched his season high with 16 points and added five assists.

A 14-3 run for the Bisons enabled them to regain a lead that they would maintain for the remainder of the ballgame. Five straight missed shots for the Rangers allowed Harding to extend their lead to 11 with

5:23 remaining in the game.

Martin hit both free throws with 42.3 seconds left to close the gap to just a six point Bisons lead, but Harding managed to close out the contest for their fifth straight victory, handing the Rangers their second loss in as many games.

Northwestern will get a four day break before returning to the floor in Monticello, Arkansas as they face Great American Conference leader Arkansas-Monticello at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

## Lady Rangers play close game

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State's women's basketball team nearly knocked off top ranked conference opponent Harding in front of a packed house in Percefull Fieldhouse on Hall of Fame Day.

The Lady Rangers ultimately dropped the contest by a final score of 67-64, but hung tough the entire game against the Lady Bisons, who currently sit atop the Great American Conference standings at 11-1 in conference play.

The game would go down to the final seconds after two missed free throws from Harding standout Sydney Layrock gave Lady Ranger guard Kori Barrios a chance to tie the ball game up in the final seconds.

Three different Northwestern players reached double-digit points despite shooting just 28.2 percent from the field as a team.

The story of the contest however was the amount of turnovers the Lady Rangers forced against the normally consistent Lady Bisons attack. A 63.6 percent shooting percentage in the final quarter of action allowed the Lady Bisons to escape Percefull with a victory.



McKenzie Billy blocking a Bison during a tough game. /Photo Provided

Senior Ashley Pride led the way with 17 points on 5-of-12 shooting from the field. Texas natives Kalea King and Jonae Isaac both scored 12 points for the Lady Rangers, with Isaac leading the way in the rebounding category with five boards.

The Lady Rangers coaching staff joined the men's team in their support for Coaches versus Cancer and came out in sneakers to support the cause. A three-point shot just before the buzzer gave the Lady Rangers an 18-15 lead after the first quarter of action.

Both teams struggled from the floor early, with just five points being scored total in the first four minutes of the game.

Northwestern extended

their lead at the beginning of the second half, but a 10-0 run by the Bisons midway through the quarter allowed the visiting team to outscore Northwestern 22-16 in the quarter and take a 37-34 lead into the halftime break.

Following the break in action, Northwestern regained their lead thanks to a nice layup from Pride to put the home team back on top 40-39 with 7:31 remaining in the third quarter. That lead would remain all the way through three quarters of action, with the Lady Rangers on top 55-49.

Teams would trade blows all the way down to the 2:45 mark where a 7-2 run in favor of Harding tied the contest up at 61-61. Back-to-back three-

point shots from Harding gave them a 67-63 advantage.

Northwestern answered with a drive down the lane from Pride, drawing the foul and converting on one-of-two attempts. Down by three points, Harding stepped out of bounds turning over possession, giving Barrios her first attempt at tying up the game, which she missed wide left.

A Lady Rangers foul sent Layrock to the line, where she would miss both attempts allowing the Lady Rangers one last chance to tie the game. Barrios couldn't convert once again, ending the upset bid for Northwestern.

On Jan. 26 the Lady Rangers were defeated by Arkansas Tech University with a 77-57 loss.

Pride and Isaacs were the lead players in the game scoring 15 and 14 points respectively. Although the Rangers played hard the Golden Sun's never let up and going into halftime the score was 44-28.

The Rangers struggled throughout the game, only shooting at 30 percent while the Golden Sun's were shooting at 57 percent.

The Lady Rangers will get back on the court at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday in Monticello, Arkansas to take on Arkansas-Monticello.

### Athletic Events

#### February 3

##### Softball

12 p.m. Rangers at Regis Univ.

5 p.m. Rangers at Colorado Christian Univ.

##### Baseball

12 p.m. Rangers vs Northwest Missouri State Univ.

3p.m. Rangers vs Fort Hays State Univ.

#### February 4

##### Softball

12 p.m. Rangers at Regis Univ.

2:30 p.m. Rangers at Lubbock Christian Univ.

##### Baseball

12 p.m. Rangers vs Northwest Missouri State Univ.

3 p.m. Rangers vs Fort Hays State Univ.

##### Womens Basketball

1p.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas Univ.

##### Mens Basketball

3p.m. Rangers at Southern Arkansas Univ.

#### February 5

##### Softball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Colorado Christian Univ. in Lubbock, Tex.

3 p.m. Rangers vs Texas Permian Basin in Lubbock, Tex.

##### Baseball

12 p.m. Rangers vs Northwest Missouri State Univ.

#### February 9

##### Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.

##### Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.





# The Buzz



## Mall area offers unique views



Having foliage on campus that remains green all year adds warmth to a cold day.

A state bond issue provided funds for a new library, erected in 1962-63 in a joint project with a new science building. With more funds available in 1967, a two-story addition of the library was built on the west. It extended to the Education Center and connected the two buildings on the second level. With interior renovations made at the same time, the capacity of the library was doubled. A lighted fountain in front of the building became the first feature of a mid-campus mall. On January 27, 1983, the building was officially named the J.S. Martin Library," honoring the school's president who had led in acquiring the facility. *Photos by Erin Hopkins*



Campus winter mall plants adding natural beauty to afternoon walks for students.