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<u>Smile of the Week</u>



Cody Jones, junior chemistry major and Ranger baseball, said he is smiling because he gets to play baseball every day.

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@nwosu.

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Career services helps Rangers

By HAYLEE BATES

Student Reporter

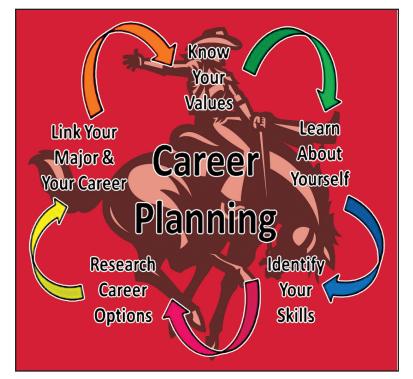
Most students come to college to further their education in hopes of bettering their chances of finding a job in the

Northwestern has an office on campus that is devoted to helping students prepare for their career fields, whatever that may be. This office is the career services office located in the Fine Arts building Rm. 142. This office can also help students find jobs while they are attending Northwestern.

"My office is the central location to get applications for on campus jobs if there are any available," said Andrea Lauderdale, career services coordinator. "We can help with resume building, cover letting writing and interview prep

Lauderdale can help students prepare for job interviews by holding a mock interview.

"Usually job interviews are panel interviews, so I'll put together a group of three or four people that can get together and host a mock interview," Lauderdale said. "We can help prep for the mock interview before hand by going over some sample questions, so students can



Career planning is a major part of what the career services at Northwestern does to help students better their future./Graphic by Nick Villalobos

be ready for the mock interview."

This allows students to be interviewed by people on campus and receive information on how to better develop their interview skills at the conclusion of the mock interview.

Students can also receive resume building help from Lauderdale.

"Students can come into my office and work on a resume individually," Lauderdale said.

"I have a lot of tools, books and resources that can help us get started. I prefer to work with students one-on-one, so we can just delve into their own personal experiences."

Students can bring developed resume Lauderdale's office to receive feedback and tips on how to better improve the resume.

Student organizations can also fill out a request for

Lauderdale to come and host a resume workshop with their group. These workshops include topics like resume length, content and formatting.

"I try to tell students to not be intimidated when starting a resume because your very first resume can feel like you have nothing to put on there," Lauderdale said. "We can always find something to put on there, so we'll visit about that during the workshops."

Lauderdale's also hosts career fairs on Northwestern's campus to help students find jobs that they may be interested in.

"I have a list of hundreds of companies that we invite to the career and internship fair, and we also advertise it so other companies that aren't on the invite list can get online and register," Lauderdale said. "We hold the career fairs twice a year. One is the career and internship fair and then one is an education career fair, so each of these are held twice a year."

For more information about on-campus jobs, resume building or upcoming career fairs, students can contact Andrea Lauderdale. Students can call her office at (580) 327-8606, or students can email her at amlauderdale@

97 public schools adopt four-day week

By RACHEL EMERSON

cuts coming from every direction

last year. One solution: four-day

only a way of making up for budget

cuts, many school districts that had

switched to shorter weeks at the

beginning of this school year, are

noticing the benefits the decision

There are currently

Oklahoma public school districts

that have made the switch to

shorter weeks. With a total of 515

public school districts, that means

that about one-fifth of Oklahoma

school districts have switched to

don't stand by this decision.

a five-day school week.

However, state legislatures

Gov. Mary Fallin, in her State

of the State address on Feb. 6, said

she wants schools to return back to

four-day weeks.

have on their communities.

Although the solution was

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economy must have a skilled, educated workforce," said Fallin. "That starts with good teachers Oklahoma schools are being in the classrooms providing our children a quality education FIVE forced to get creative with budget days a week."

thriving,

prosperous

Fallin said she had recently spoke with a national site selection committee in regards to getting new businesses to come to Oklahoma. She said they asked her how they were supposed to persuade businesses to come to Oklahoma communities when some of our schools only have four days a week. This, among many concerns, leads us to ask the question, is it worth it?

At this point, there isn't enough data to really know for sure, because it's only been a half a year; therefore, many Oklahomans aren't sure what to think about these shorter weeks yet.

Ashley Brown, a resident of Enid, said she has mixed feelings about it, but that one of her concerns is how they make up for the missed time.

"I think that if they extend the school year to make up for the day a week the kids are losing, then it's fine, but to cut the day out all together and not make it up means that many hours and days of school that kids miss out on that education and help they could be getting from that day," said Brown.

Another Enid resident, and a parent of Enid Public School students, Nancy Smith, said she's all for the shorter week as long as the kids are still learning what is needed. She is worried about one disadvantage being that working parents with younger students will have to find a child care plan for the missed day.

There are some legitimate concerns about school districts switching to shorter weeks but one school district appears to have had success with the switch to a shorter week.

In the beginning of this fiscal year, the Waukomis public school system in Waukomis, Oklahoma,

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News Flash

Scholarship opportunity

Applications for the Randy Murrow Memorial Scholarship are now available.

Students interested in applying can print the form out or come by Student Services in the Fine Arts building and pick up a copy.

They are also available on the bulletin board of Student Government office in the Student Center.

The selected scholarship recipient must be an undergraduate actively involved in campus activities at Northwestern Oklahoma State Uni-

The scholarship recipient will receive the award during the 2017-2018 academic year.

The scholarship may be given to more than one recipient if the scholarship committee deems it necessary.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 10.

To turn in the applications students can do that at the Students Services Office, Fine Arts 126, located on the Alva Campus.

Please contact Student Services at 327-8415 or the Student Government Association if you have any questions.

Primp for Prom

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Social Work and Woodward High School Key Club have set the upcoming "Primp for Prom" event dates for Thursday, March 23, from 1 to 7 p.m. and Friday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Woodward High School practice gym.

The practice gym is located at 13th Street and Downs Avenue in Woodward.

Primp for Prom is an annual event for northwest Oklahoma high school students to pick out a prom or formal dress at no charge.

Although the event dates are set, the sponsors are still actively seeking formal dress, shoe and jewelry donations.

For donors outside of the Woodward area, please email Dr. Kylene Rehder, associate professor of Social Work and Chair for the Department of Social Work, at kdrehder@ nwosu.edu; or Janet Valencia, secretary to the Department of Social Work and Division of Business, at jivalencia@ nwosu.edu to make donation arrangements.

For donors within the Woodward area, dresses can be dropped off at Woodward High School. Contact Anjanette Laverty at (580) 256-2858 with any questions.



The Boeing 747SP, where the SOFIA telescope is housed, takes off to begin space exploration./Courtesy of pixabay.com

SOFIA telescope findings center point of discussion

By TAYLOR MORRIS Student Reporter

The Society of Physics Students met in the science amphitheater last Wednesday to discuss the recent discoveries of the SOFIA telescope and its correlation with the Hubble telescope.

SOFIA is an acronym for the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy.

According to the SOFIA science center website, the SOFIA is an 80/20 partnership of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR), consisting of an extensively modified Boeing 747SP aircraft carrying a reflecting telescope with an effective diameter of 2.5 meters and it is based at the NASA Armstrong facility in southern California.

The SOFIA's first science flight was in 2010 and during the

seminar they showed one of the like the Hubble that is expensively telescope's initial discoveries. It was an infrared image of planet Jupiter that was then compared to same visible light image of Jupiter from the Hubble telescope.

According to Dr. Mary Riegel, assistant professor of mathematics of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University, both the Hubble and the SOFIA are a great combination because scientists can overlay both images and retain even more information about stars, galaxies, and planets more than ever before.

There are several benefits to the use of the SOFIA telescope. According to Riegel, by putting a telescope in an airplane it can go above most of the gases in the atmosphere that cause interference with the telescope and then scientists have the opportunity to bring the telescope back down to do routine maintenance on it, unsent up into space and is stuck

Moreover, she added that the SOFIA project is partly designed as an outreach to give high school science teachers the opportunity to go up on the aircraft. This allows science teachers to not only be on the airplane, but also work with scientists and astronomers as well.

Students then have the opportunity to get involved through their teacher's experience. Riegel believes that it is important for students of Northwestern to know more about the SOFIA.

"I think it's important for them to know that we are still exploring," Riegel said. "That there's more to know and the more that we sort of gather data the better our understanding is and the more we can infer about our universe and what's happening and that this is an ongoing process."

Organization not selective to only having athletes join

By SABREENA BURKS Student Reporter

Fellowship of Christian Athletes or FCA is a group where people get together and play games, hang out, but also talk about God.

The organization has long been mistaken by Northwestern students that only athletes are able to join FCA, but that is a false claim.

For anyone asking themselves the question of "Do I need to be an athlete to join" the answer is no.

"You don't have to be an athlete to be in FCA, it can be for anyone," FCA member, Bryce McClendon said.

Every Wednesday night is always something different in FCA. Sometimes the group has a lesson from the Bible or from a video.

Not only does FCA do something on Wednesday, but out on campus and in the community as well.

Being in FCA provides an opportunity to not only play games and talk about God, but to make lifelong friendships and memories as well.

Being part of FCA is like being part of a family or a group of friends that will always be there no matter what the problem would be.

FCA is a group of students that get together every Wednesday night not just for a lesson for the week, but to talk about what has been going on outside of campus or in life in general.

For those interested in joining FCA, meetings are from 8:30-10 p.m. every Wednesday night in the Ranger Perk next to the Coronado cafeteria.

NWOSU hosts Red Carpet

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will play host to the 2017 Red Carpet Honor Band on Friday and Saturday Feb. 24-25, on the Alva

Following a number of rehearsals, nearly 300 middle school and high school students from across northwest Oklahoma will perform in a concert Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium.

This event is free and open to the public.

The students in grades seven through 12 who will participate in the honor bands were selected following a live audition at Chisholm High School this past November.

These students will form three bands: Junior High A Band, Junior High B Band and High School Band.

The students will rehearse all day Friday and Saturday morning prior to Saturday's 2 p.m. concert. The students will demonstrate what they learned over the course of two days in their performance.

Donny Longest from the Konawa public schools will be the guest conductor of the Junior High A band. Jeff Kidwell from the University of Central Oklahoma will be the guest conductor of the Junior High B Band. Frank Pankratz from Canadian High School will be the guest conductor of the High School Band.

Dr. Marc Decker, assistant professor of fine arts and director of instrumental music and music education at Northwestern, looks forward to meeting prospective students from the Oklahoma area.

"We love having the event on our campus," Decker said. "Essentially it brings in over 300 potential future Rangers to our campus every year."

For more information on Northwestern's instrumental music program, contact Decker at (580) 327-8191 or mddecker@nwosu.edu.



Editorial Section

Simon Say's

Instant gratification is downfall of Millennials

This excerpt comes from a video titled "Simon Sinek on Millennials in the Workplace." Be sure to check out next week's issue for the conclusion of "Simon Say's".

Part III: Instant gratification. You want to go on a date? You don't even have to learn how to be socially awkward on that first date. You don't need to learn how to practice that skill. You don't have to be the uncomfortable person who says yes when you mean no and no when you mean yes. Swipe right bang - done! You don't even need to learn the social coping mechanism.

Everything you want you can have instantaneously. Everything you want, instant gratification, except, job satisfaction and strength of relationships - there ain't no out for that. They are slow, meandering, uncomfortable, messy processes.

And so millennials are wonderful, idealistic, hardworking smart kids who've just graduated school and are in their entry-level jobs and when asked "how's it going?" they say "I think I'm going to quit." And we're like "why?" and they say "I'm not making an impact." To which we say - "you've only been there eight months..."

It's as if their standing at the foot of a mountain and they have this abstract concept called impact that they want to have on the world, which is the summit. What they don't see is the mountain. I don't



Veruca Salt from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' represents much of Millennials today. Illustration by Nick Villalobos

care if you go up the mountain quickly or slowly, but there's still a mountain. And so what this young generation needs to learn is patience.

That some things that really, really matter, like love or job fulfillment, joy, love of life, self-confidence, a skillset, any of these things, all of these things take time. Sometimes you can expedite pieces of it, but the overall journey

is arduous and long and difficult and if you don't ask for help and learn that skillset, you will fall off the mountain. Or the worst case scenario, we're seeing an increase in suicide rates in this generation, we're seeing an increase in accidental deaths due to drug overdoses, we're seeing more and more kids drop out of school or take a leave of absence due to depression. Unheard of. This is really bad.

The best case scenario, you'll have an entire population growing up and going through life and just never really finding joy. They'll never really find deep, deep fulfillment in work or in life, they'll just waft through life and it things will only be "just fine." "How's your job?" "It's fine, same as yesterday..." "How's your relationship?" "It's fine..."

That's the best case scenario.

Catching Zzz's is a priority

By BAILEY RANKIN Staff Writer

I love sleep! Some might even say I cannot live without it.

I will take sleep wherever I can get it. Two hours in between classes? That is a two hour nap. Five minutes before the professor arrives? I just got a five minute power nap. In fact. I have been known to, on rare occasion, sleep during class. But do not tell anyone..

So, if I love sleep so much why am I always so tired? The easy answer, in a sense, is life. I work, do my homework and spend time with my friends and family.

Balancing all three parts these last few years has helped me work on my time management and put my priorities in check.

When I first started college two years ago, I was really focused on school, work and then friends, in that order. I stuck to that mantra for quite a while, but eventually I got lonely.

I soon realized that I had to learn how to juggle those three and the other one is the mom parts of my life all together. Solely focusing on my school work would drive me insane. Dealing with coworkers was rough with no one to talk to about them. And spending my free time stuck in my room was not good for my mental health. I soon made

a conscious effort to find more friends.

Now for the most part I am a pretty calm person. I do not get too wild and rarely do people tell me to calm down. So with my calm, somewhat boring personality, I never expected to find my current group of friends.

We are a weird mix. One is ditzy, one is wild, one is laidback times in college and eventually (that last one is me). We probably should not mix well together, but somehow we do.

We have been a part of each other's lives for a few years now and been through our ups and downs, but we do not see any of us leaving anytime soon. One of my girls drunkenly told me "You know those people who, when you think about your life in a few years, they are still there? You are one of those people."

A sweet thing to say, even if she did turn and puke in the sink a second later. But it is true. I think friends and family are what get you through some tough

So in the end, if I only get a few hours of sleep a night, but I am still able to function, I am willing to give up some sleep. Sleeping four hours a night means that I get to spend time with friends that have slowly become part of my crazy family.

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Opinion

Group messages grind my gears

By NICK PERKINS Student Writer

What really grinds my gears is group messages.

In theory they are great; you can contact multiple people at once, planning events out quickly without having to meet up.

Although this is hardly ever the end of the conversation. It usually goes on and on with people sending memes, cracking jokes, talking about how their day was or what boring events occurred in their life that day.

Group chats also involve many people who you do not know; so you will be replying to some people's messages that you do know, but the ones that you do not know will just pop up as a bunch of random phone numbers.

There are usually a bunch of side messages meant to reply to one person but everyone sees them and makes the conversation confusing because it can throw the rest of the people off.

It is also confusing because if you send a message that was meant for a certain person's message, but two other people sent a message then it will leave the rest of the people confused and/or ignoring that particular one because the others distracted them with their messages.



These phones are symbolic of the annoying and down-right aggravating group messages I receive. /Photo by Nick Perkins

All the messages do not go through sometimes and a message will be received a day or two later and leaving us wandering if it is from before or is someone trying to start up this group chat again; and if you reply to that message that was sent a couple of days ago it will make everyone else wonder what you are doing.

These chats usually end up go-

ing on late into the night, it seems like right when you are about to go to sleep someone thinks they will be funny and send a message or meme that causes you to wake up.

It will also make you resent the people in the chat who are not busy with school or work and just keep messaging and leaving the people who are busy with phones that are constantly ringing. It seems like the conversation is at its busiest is when you are pre occupied with work or sitting in the middle of class trying to focus but your phone just will not stop going off.

The chat usually dwindles down to two or three people talking with each other, but annoying the rest of the people whose phones keep going off because they are still in the chat.

Blame is in wrong place

By CAITLIN COODY Staff Writer

Let's talk about the real reason why relationships aren't as meaningful today.

There's been a lot of blame but on social media and texting. People are losing face-to-face communication skills because their heads are always cast down. They would rather send a quick emoji than give actual emotion.

According to the research by David Maxfield, co-author of new research on Digital Divisiveness, the effect of technology on relationships confirmed a total of 87 percent of the 2,025 people responding to an online survey think intrusive or inappropriate

use of technology is worse today than it was just a year ago. And 89 percent claim EDIs (Electronic Displays of Insensitivity) damage relationships. Maxfield's research also includes:

Nearly nine out of 10 people say that at least once a week, their friends or family stop paying attention to them in favor of something happening on their digital devices. And one in four say EDIs have caused a serious rift with a friend or family member.

However, is social media and phone usage really the reason our relationships aren't lasting?

It's hard for me to believe a phone can have so much power over a person. Now, I do have friends that make me doubt that belief, because they're on their phones 24/7. But, what is so dif-

ficult about setting your phone aside when you're with a group of friends or family?

I think the real reason our relationships aren't lasting is because we don't care. We don't care that our friends are with us or that a family member is trying to tell us something important. We've become numb to the world happening around us because we're too focused on the world happening across airwaves.

I also believe this numbness is why we have so many depressed students, whether college or high school. We get an immediate satisfaction when we get likes or retweets that, when real life doesn't meet those needs, we "can't even".

My family created a rule that I

now use whenever I'm out with people. When you're not by yourself, leave your phone in the car or bag. If you're going out or eating with people, just leave the phone. You'll survive more than an hour without it... trust me. Plus, chances are, you'll end your time with them feeling more fulfilled than you would've if you'd been on the phone the entire time.

Social media/phone use is not the reason our society has become mute. It's our own fault. We, humans, are the reason we've fallen into this numbing state-of-mind. But, we can fix it! We can start putting the phones down and paying more attention to what's happening around us... the here and now.

So, next time you're out, try to keep your phone out of your hands for as long as possible. I promise you won't regret it.

AMC thriller Season 7 Continues To impress

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Writer

In the latest episode of AMC's 'The Walking Dead,' there were moments of just about every emotion.

Group members reunited with one another, conflicts of both the internal and external form occurred and a new group was introduced.

Instead of keeping it a vague description of how the episode went down on Sunday, here are 10 highlights of episode 710: 'New Best Friends.'

[WARNING SPOIL-ERS TO FOLLOW]

>Tensions build between King Ezekiel and the Saviors upon another delivery of goods at the drop off point.

>Morgan loses his fighting stick to the hands of a Savior as a result of the scuffle at the drop off point.

>Daryl and Richard get into a scuffle after Daryl finds out about Carol still living close to the Kingdom.

>Rick and company get introduced to a new group called The Scavengers, led by a rather strange person known as Jadis.

>Father Gabriel turns up alive [and not a traitor] at the hands of The Scavengers.

>Rick fights and kills one of the coolest walkers in the show's seven seasons and then strikes a deal with The Scavengers that would give Rick more numbers in his march toward war against the Saviors if the deal is completed.

>Daryl and Carol have a tear-filled reuniting.

For full recap, be sure to check out rangerpulse.com under the opinion tab



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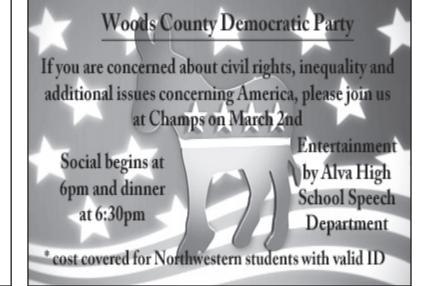
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Entertainment

Science, intelligent minds, 'Pure Genius'

By DEITRA WEDD

Staff Writer

Wouldn't it be great to know if a coma patient was capable of being brought out of the coma, or even better what if we could communicate with the person in a coma?

Well Pure Genius is a medical drama about a man who elicits the help of a surgeon, who recently lost his job, to work for his technology advanced hospital.

In a technology based hospital communicating with coma patients is a possibility along with so many other possibilities thanks to the high tech electronics.

James Bell (Augustus Prew) uses technology in his hospital, in a way that has never before been done, to save the lives of his patients and perhaps to even find a cure for his own bad genes.

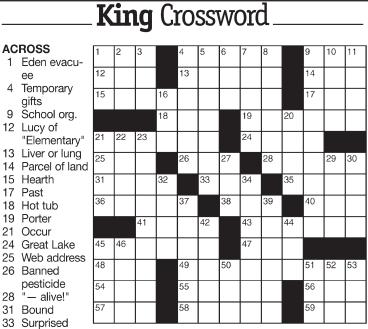
In the begining Dr. Walter Wallace (Dermot Mulroney) is wary about working with the



very pushy James Bell, because he is concerned about Bell's motives. Dr.

Wallace also has some doubts about basing medical treatments off of what a smart computer tells him.

However, Dr. Wallace soon comes around as he sees the incredible opportunities that this new technology gives to help patients survive. With a higher chance of saving lives Wallace is ready to become a part of the team.



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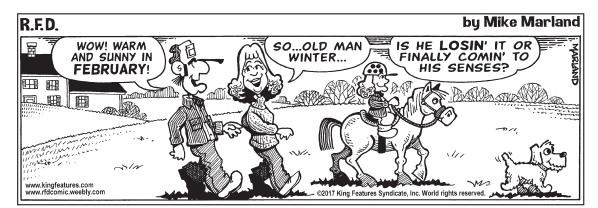
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Movie Review

'The Lego Batman Movie'

By DEITRA WEDD Staff Writer



Unless done correctly it can be difficult to make audience members feel bad for the bad guy. I would say The Lego Batman Movie pulled this off nicely though, so for that I think the movie was very well produced.

This is one of those movies that viewers will either love or hate. While The Lego Batman Movie did have some comedy in it I had mixed feeling about it. During the beginning I was torn between liking what I was watching and hating it.

For the most part the comedy was the "that is so dumb that it's actually a little bit entertaining" variety of comedic relief. I enjoyed some of the quotes used in the comedy scenes.

Some of the comedy parts were defiantly able to make me smile, but nothing more than that. On the other hand the story line is actually really good.

For every super hero a villain is needed. The Lego Batman Movie shows this to its audience, by giving an interesting take on the hero versus villain relationship.

To be a hero one must first have a villain to fight, because



without the Joker and his other enemies Batman wouldn't have anyone to fight. Without someone to fight, the city would no longer need batman. If he was not needed he would have to find a new way to spend his

In this movie Batman, must go on a journey to find a way to defeat his enemies once and for all but more importantly to conquer his biggest fear.

He must learn to work as a team to defeat the villains that are trying to destroy the city this time, and to learn that even though he is the hero that does not make him the good guy.

The final lesson he must learn is that sometimes the best way to conquer ones enemies is to smile and admit that you hate them.

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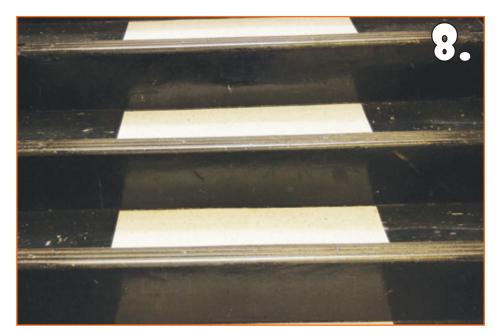


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Directors' view of last weekends productions



Mickey Jordan Director of "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again" by Cleve Haubold

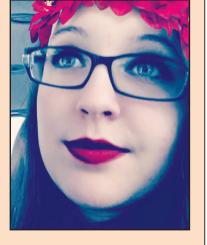
"We are doing something that hasn't been done in many years where we will close the grand drape then we will move all the props from her

show to my show. It will look completely different when we open it back up."

Tori Hurley

Director of "Goodbye Clown Town" by Ernest Kinoy

"I feel that the productions went extremely well. The shows were well recieved and we had a good turn out. We succeeded at making people laugh and cry. All in all, I



couldn't have asked for it to go any better."

Theater productions were a hit

By KATY HART Student Reporter

The echo of "break a leg!" rings through the auditorium, and students with funny clown costumes run about, the warm-up can building. It must be open-Oklahoma State University. Behind the scenes there is

"We have a ridiculous Upper diviwarm-up routine before sion students every show, it helps us ward are given the off the stage fright," said opportunity Mickey Jordan, Northwest- to direct and ern senior.

But warming-up doesn't as well as opalways mean the same thing tions to defor everyone when getting sign costumes, prepared for a show. For lighting and theatre students at North-sound design, western, jamming to some for their own best they can be.

"We gather in a circle, shake the M&M above our head, beat on our chest and we are ready for the show,"

said Jordan. "It's our energy pill for the entire night."

The theatre department at community that is notorious for their fun and wacky energy, according to junior Tori Hurley.

"We have a small program be heard throughout the and we are a family here" said Hurley. "We get the hands-on ing night at Northwestern experience that you might not get anywhere else.'

more than what meets the ence is what two students Weast, professor of speech eye as far as getting ready at Northwestern are gaining and theatre, chair of Departfor these theatre students. this semester.

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music, funny dances and production. In past years, as capstone.

"I didn't know when I rigor to production. found my show it would be a full performance," said Hurley. rooted in the liberal arts tradi-

"I thought I would be doing it as a class project."

Jordan and Hurley are get-Northwestern is a tight-knit ting the opportunity to direct their own shows a little earlier than their peers who came before them in the program, all because of suggestions made by those graduating the program during exit interviews.

"This has given them an additional opportunity to direct The hands-on experi- and design," Said Kimberly

> ment of Fine Arts. "I think this will allow them to be more confident as well as have a sense of how to manage their time and their process when they start working in May for their final

> > capstone produc-

tion." Northwestern theatre encandy M&M's gets them in part of the curriculum, theatre gages the students in diverse the right mindset to be the students have produced 10 experiences that emphasize arminute plays for their senior tistic process, self-evaluation, and the connection of academic

The theatre program is

It is equally essential that stuprice of one. dents grasp the historical and social traditions that created by e to the Clown" by Ernest ciate's degree and graduated and continue to sustain theatre Kinoy, is a short play about a with a Bachelor's of Arts

"A senior must show they who has trouble have an understanding of an distinguishing ability to produce in all areas of between imagi- isn't experienced the theatre," said Weast.

Jordan believes at North- ity. She blames to showcase talents in all areas a "clown" and of the theatre.

"If a student isn't experimate. enced in a certain area like set design or lighting they will get play, "The Mice the opportunity to learn," said Have Been Jordan. "That's what makes our Drinking Again" by Cleve proud of them," said Meza." program so unique."

through the production process. in a small apartment in San them.' They have designed a set to be Francisco, California experiused for both individual shows. ence comical mishaps with their thankful to their peers,

that hasn't been done in many years where we will close the on their shows for months, at grand drape then we will move least a 100 preparation hours tion. all the props from her show to have been dedicated to the my show," said Jordan. "It will production. we open it back up."

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9-year-old girl

"If a student nation and realin a certain area like set design or imaginary play- get the opportu- ing and rigging

- Mickey Jordan

Haubold, is a short comedy set They are implementing The pair have collaborated in 1967. A young happy couple things that I have taught "We are doing something scatter-brained roommate.

The pair have been working

look completely different when Hurley and Jordan have they are going to be able even gone as far as reaching to walk through their next The pair have chosen two out to a recent theatre graduate show," said Meza.

Tracy Meza of Carmen department. She came to Hurley's play, "Good- Northwestern with an asso-

ence she was able to show lighting they will Jordan lightnity to learn." techniques from her past profession.

in Speech and

"I am very

Hurley and Jordan are Meza and Weast for their constant help and are looking forward to the produc-

"After going through this experience I believe

Northwestern students acting in last weekend's **Theater Production III**



"Goodbye to the Clown"



"The Mice Have Been Drinking Again"

Feature

Busy schedule, big dreams

By CAPRI GAHR Student Reporter

A freshman from Cherokee has the goal of making you tired.

Shelby Bender, a freshman in the nursing department, wants to be an anesthesiologist after completing her Bachelors in Science and Nursing here at NWOSU. After finishing the nursing program here at Northwestern, Shelby wants to continue schooling in Houston Texas at the Baylor College of Medicine, and plans on specializing as an anesthesiologist and work with weight loss surgeons. "I just find it fascinating," she mentioned as we watched a surgery being performed on one of her favorite shows, "My Six Hundred Pound Life" in her dorm Thursday evening.

Shelby is a graduate of Cherokee High school and she was the salutatorian in her class.



Shelby Bender/ Photo provided

In 2015, she competed for and won the title, Miss Cherokee

While in high school, she participated in Speech and Debate, yearbook and was even a cheerleader for a couple years. Shelby loved competing in Speech and Debate and went

on to place in regionals for two years and placed 5th in the state, her junior year.

Her senior year, she attended the Northwest Technology Center to complete their program to be Certified Nursing Assistant. Shelby focused on taking as many concurrent classes as she could, allowing her to come into NWOSU already having 27 credit hours. This has helped her a lot in her transition to a college student and given her that extra step in her classes.

As a student of NWOSU, she is part of the sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha, a member of the Presidents Leadership Class, and spends a lot of her free time socializing and studying for her many science classes. Shelby is an employee at Gambino's, the pizza place right next to the college, and can be seen taking orders and straightening up the



Shelby Bender and Emma Reed, in Alpha Sigma Alpha event./Photo Provided

dining area, some nights during the week.

Shelby's parents, Todd and Jamie Bender, reside in Cherokee with their dog Waylon and cats Lizzy and JuJu. If Shelby isn't working at Gambino's or socializing with friends, she is home spending time with her parents and pets.

Diversity in Hollywood confronted

By TAYLOR MORRIS Student Reporter

Unless you were living under a rock last year, you probably heard about the racial controversy surrounding the Academy Awards ceremony. Many were upset and not just regular, everyday people, but celebrities spoke out on the issue, as well. Actress, Jada Pinkett Smith, and film director, Spike Lee, went as far as promoting a ban on the Academy Awards ceremony, all together.

According to the Los Angeles Times, for the second year in a row, all white actors and actresses were among the chosen few nominated in the four main categories. The result, of the nominations being racially one sided, caused social media to create a hash tag, #OscarsSoWhite. It also increased the overall concern about the acknowledgment, of people of color, in Hollywood.

Fast forward to 2017, the Academy Awards nomination list is released and it happens to include several actors and actresses that are people of color. Now, did the Oscars feel the need to include people of color due to the immense backlash they received last year or are they actually acknowledging actors and actresses who are people of color, for their talent? Most would hope that it is the latter; however, according to Dr. Cheryl Jenkins, Associate Director of Black Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi, it is most likely a combination of

the two. According to Jenkins, if people were not making the effort to consciously pay attention to the Academy Award's nomination process, this year's nomination line-up perhaps would have been the same as last year. Nonetheless, this unequal treatment toward people of color is nothing new. The overall acknowledgement and accurate representation of people of color in film and television are long overdue.

"The history of film and television is loaded with racial bias, especially the invisibility of minorities and stereotyping," Dr. Christopher Campbell, Professor of Mass Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi, said. "Today, I think racism functions on a more

subtle and institutional level."

The truth is that society is comfortable with viewing certain races, in particular roles in television and in film. What would television and film be like without the token races? For example. typically we see African-Americans on a certain spectrum in the entertainment industry. They are either depicted as either sassy, ghetto, living the thug life, poor, oppressed and unintelligent or they are portrayed as well-to-do doctors and lawyers that generally fit in with the white society. These days you generally do not see any African-American middle class families attempting to make an honest living.

"People look at the Cosby Show as evidence of the

end of racism," Campbell said. "Then they looked at Obama's election as more evidence. We all would like to live in a world where racism isn't a factor, but there is far too much evidence to the contrary."

Dr. Kim M. LeDuff, Chief Diversity Officer and Dean of University College said that television and film depend on stereotypes for character development. "Unfortunately the lack of representation of minority groups from the earliest days, of film and television, led to very simplistic and one-dimensional characterizations of people, of color." LeDuff said. "There is great diversity when it comes to the representa-

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"Unfortunately the lack of representation of minority groups from the earliest days, of film and television, led to very simplistic and one-dimensional characterizations of people, of color." LeDuff said. "There is great diversity when it comes to the representation of whites because white males were the original filmmakers and television executives. What they created was reflective of their own experience and designed to appeal to white audiences."

These filmmakers and television executives have every right to share and tell their stories, however it is obvious that there is not an equal opportunity for people of color

to tell their stories and that is where the problem lies. "The bottom line in all of this is not black or white...it is green," LeDuff said. "Television and movies are produced to make money. Whatever has the greatest mainstream appeal is going to get produced."

In Hollywood, a lot is centered on economics. If a production, whether it is television or film, doesn't have financial security to see it through it will not survive. Maybe it is too difficult for Hollywood to give the green light to seeing more people of color in non-stereotypical roles.

It is just easier to take the simpler and safer route by generating more stereotypical characters, for people of color. That is why several people of color, like Tyler Perry who has written, produced and starred in several stage plays, movies and television series, made the decision to go out and create their own content.

As said before, the entertainment industry is obviously racially biased and stereotypical. Jenkins made an interesting point that there are systematic things regarding race, that exist outside of Hollywood and just in society in general, about the notions that people have about people of color, minorities, people across country and the globe. The fact of the matter is that society would have to change first, before Hollywood could truly fall in line. "It's this sort of systematic idea that if we can start at the root of the issue then maybe it will bubble up and when we get to how we function in our world and in society, those things I think it will automatically change, but anytime soon, no I don't think so," Jenkins said.

At the end of the day, the entertainment industry caters to what society wants and if what society wants are people of color in the background and representing stereotypical roles, then that is what Hollywood will continue to provide as long as it brings in the big bucks.

NETFLIX

FROM AVA DUVERNA

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Four-day

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initiated a four-day school week. Although only a half-year comparison, some advantages of the switch are noticeable, according to Shawn Tennyson, Superintendent of Waukomis public schools.

As far as the schools budget goes, Tennyson said "The general fund with salaries and the same reoccurring bills, compared with last year to this year, for July - January has saved \$70,441.43."

Under the same parameters, Tennyson said the building fund has saved approximately \$13,260, and the cafeteria fund has saved approximately \$37,744. The total savings is equal to \$121,444.20 so far, a number that is subject to change before the end of the year.

The effect of test results is unknown at this point, because testing is at the end of this school year, but Tennyson said he has spoken with teachers to get feedback from them and they think they're on the right track.

"They [the teachers] feel they are where they need to be in the classroom and in their materials to be successful on state testing, and in the teaching of the state curriculum standards," said Tennyson.

The school days currently run from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., which is 45 minutes longer than last year's school days running from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. five days a week.

According to Tennyson, having Friday cut out of the normal school week allows for more flexibility in making up any missed days on the calendar. If school were cancelled for any reason at all, the missed day could easily be made up on any Friday.

Another advantage is that fewer classes are

missed by students who are involved in extra curricular activities. Tennyson said a lot of sports, band contest, academic meets and AG programs have events scheduled on Fridays.

Waukomis is a small school so all of the students are involved in one or more activities, which means that a large percentage of the student body misses anytime there's an event.

There are also less absences during the rest of the week caused by doctor's appointments, because students and teachers can schedule those for Friday.

Tennyson said having Friday's available also opens up the opportunity for teachers to collaborate and prepare lessons.

"Our teachers come in for an hour or two on Fridays to work together and team build," said Tennyson.

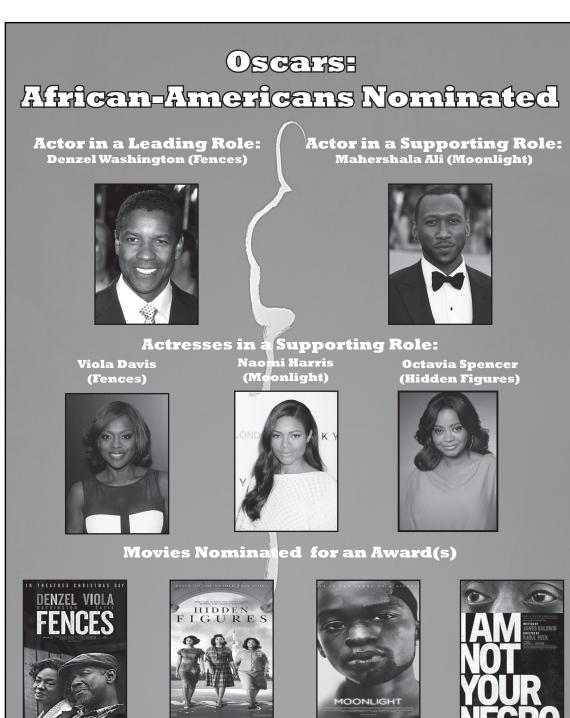
The draw for teachers has raised as well.

"We cannot offer pay incentives and we do not pay above the state minimum, so this has been one way we can compete with schools around us to entice teachers to come to us," said Tennyson.

Tennyson said the extra time also allows for longer practice on Fridays for activities, more family time for both students and teachers and raises the spirits of students and teachers.

Waukomis' school board approved the continuance of the four-day calendar for next year.

"This approval is due to the uncertainty of the state economy," said Tennyson. "With over an \$800 million state deficit and no clear cut plan of how to overcome it or how to make it stop growing, we have to assume the worst and believe there will be no new funds coming our way and a high probability of continued cuts. We are just trying to be proactive for our community, school and students."





How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.

✓ Psalm 128:1-3 ♠



Sports



Women's basketball team having a pep talk before the East Central game in their pink jerseys. |Photo Provided

Defeat despite hopeful start

By BRYANT VENOSDEL Student Reporter

The Lady Rangers fell short against East Central and Oklahoma Baptist, Feb. 16 and 18.

In the first of the games against ECU, the Rangers were able to get off to a hopeful start with the lead in the first with a good shooting percentage of 46 percent. The scoring runs were in part of the good shooting exhibition that was put on by the leading scorers, Kori Barrios with 16 and Kalea King with 15.

Combined with the great defense that the Rangers showed, they held ECU to a shooting percentage of just 28 percent in the first. Going into the second half, East Central was able to take away the momentum that the Rangers built and use it for their own gain as they trade baskets evenly back and forth but ECU's shooting percentage dominated the Rangers in the second half by 30 percent to the Rangers 13 percent.

The Rangers kept their defense strong throughout the game, but East

Central was still able to outscore the Rangers in many categories such as points in the paint, bench points and second chance points. With East Central able to wipe out the largest lead of the game at 14 points, ECU beat the Rangers 67-56.

The next game up against Oklahoma Baptist, the Rangers had an opposite showing in the first quarter compared to their ECU game, with a slow start of just eight points with OBU dropping 24 points.

The Rangers were able to find more of a groove in the second quar-

ter with their great defense playing a key part, being able to get down to a better rhythm shooting bringing it up to 32 percent in the first half with 21 points. This still didn't stop Oklahoma Baptist from getting in their own zone with 40 percent shooting in the first half and leading the Rangers 39-29 going into the second half.

The Rangers made improvements to get a comeback of their own started up, but it happened too late in the third quarter, going head to head against OBU and making defensive stops the Rangers were able to hold them to just 13 points while the Rangers snagged 16 points in the third quarter.

The Rangers were able to get more crucial points in the paint against Oklahoma Baptist (24-20) and more bench points (19-14) with even a better shooting percentage at 48 percent to OBU's 38 percent but that just wasn't enough to stop OBU from getting 25 points in the fourth quarter to the Rangers 26, leaving the final at Oklahoma Baptist 77-Rangers 71.

Mens basketball lose by three

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

With the Great American Conference's post-season picture still up in the air, the Rangers rode into Oklahoma Baptist with a good opportunity to keep their season hopes alive. Coming off back to back losses in Weatherford against SWOSU and at home against East Central, Northwestern was in need of a big road win.

Both teams got off to a slow start in the first half, combining for just 54 points in the frame. Northwestern took a 31-23 lead into the break

The Bison have had a rough go this season and currently sit last in the GAC standings. The lone bright spot for Oklahoma Baptist has been Chandler Rickey, who is eighth in the conference in scoring with 15.4 points per game. Rickey dropped a gamehigh 24 points against the Rangers on Saturday afternoon, after Northwestern held him to just 12 points in the first matchup.

Adrian Motley led the Rang-

ers in the first half, going 4-for-9 from the field and adding two free throws. Both teams committed nine turnovers in the low scoring half, but the Rangers managed to shoot 54.5 percent to give them the eight point advantage. Brandon Green continued his helping ways, notching all five of his assists in the first half.

Oklahoma Baptist came out firing in the second half going on a 10-0 run to take the lead after four minutes of play. Relying heavily on their starting five, the Bison got only four of their 70 points off the bench.

Rickey appeared to take over on both sides of the ball, finishing the game with 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Those three blocks gave Rickey the GAC single-season record, as he now has 65 with two games remaining.

Cooling off in the second half, the Ranger shooters were held to 35 percent on 12-of-34 from the field. Deiondray Martin had a solid game, going 5-for-9 for 14 points. OBU extended their lead to 10 with 2:23

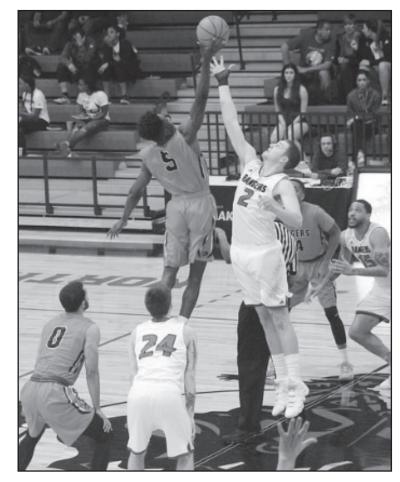
remaining, but the determined Northwestern squad refused to back down

A 3-pointer from Martin, plus a dunk and a layup by Motley clipped the Bison lead to five before deep ball specialist Cody Halvorson was fouled by Vladimir Nemcok beyond the arc, leading to three free throws.

Halvorson drained all three from the charity stripe to make it a 69-67 Bison lead with just 14 seconds left. A foul on Timotis Kuckailis by Zachary Dumas gave OBU the chance to bury the Rangers, but Kuckailis only made one of his free throws.

Down by three with 10 seconds remaining, the Rangers had two heavily pressured shots from deep that just wouldn't fall, as the Bison held on to take this one 70-67.

Northwestern will return home for their final two games of the regular season as they host Henderson State on Thursday, and then Ouachita Baptist on Saturday. Saturday will be senior day in Percefull Fieldhouse.



Austin Klug attempting to block a East Central player /Photo Provided

Sports

Rodeo weekend success

By SAMI MCGUIRE

Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State rodeo team kicked off the spring season on Feb. 17-19 in Manhattan, Kansas.

The Ranger men's team tied for third in the team standings, and the women's team placed third as well. The Rangers had 18 athletes make the short go in various events.

The strongest event was the steer wrestling. Five of the men made the short go: Grayson Allred, Colton Madison, Maverick Harper, Talon Roseland and Riley Westhaver. Harper said his expectations were to come in and start strong in the second semester, and Harper did just that winning second in the average.

Allred placed third in the average, moving him up in the Central Plains standings. He said he hopes to make the College Finals Rodeo in all three of his events and is well on his way there. He not only placed in the steer wrestling this weekend, but also placed fourth in the calf roping.

Three other Ranger that made the calf roping short



Nelson siblings team roping during college rodeo. /Photo by Melissa Couture

go were Taylor Donaldson, Berk Long and Mason Bowen. Donaldson placed fifth in the average.

Three other Ranger men made the short go in the team roping. Kass Bittle and Edgar Fierro placed in the long round, but they missed in the short go. Wylee Nelson was another Ranger man who made the short go teamed up with his sister, Tearnee Nelson. They placed first in the long go and second in the short go.

In the women's breakaway roping Sage Allen was our only short go qualifier. She had a 3.1 in the long go, but got a no time in the short go.

Katy Miller had a solid weekend in the goat tying, making two consistent six second runs to get her some points in the standings. Another goat tier who made the short go was Melissa Couture.

Two Ranger women made the short go in the barrel racing. Sara Bynum made a good long go run, but knocked a barrel in the short go, resulting in a no time. Ashlyn Moeder made two solid runs and placed third in the average.

Moeder said despite her rough fall season she still hopes to make college finals.

"I just continue to work hard and keep my horses working good," Moeder said, "and go into every rodeo reminding myself I have some catching up to do."

On Sunday the Northwestern rodeo coach and a Ranger rodeo team member competed at the American, which in the world's richest rodeo.

Stockton Graves and JD Struxness were invited to steer wrestle. They competed against other professional and amateur steer wrestlers. Struxness started off the first round with a 4.1 second run that placed him first. Behind him in the first round was Graves with a 4.2 second run to take second.

Going in to the final round Graves placed second with a 3.8 second run. Struxness made a 4.5 second run that placed him fourth. Both placed in the average and are coming home with a check.

Athletic Events

Feburary 23

Womens Basketball

5:30 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

Mens Basketball

7:30 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

Feburary 24

Baseball

7 p.m. Rangers at Arkansas Tech University

Softball

2 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

Feburary 18

Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

Womens Basketball

1p.m. Rangers vs Ouachita Baptist University

Mens Basketball

3p.m. Rangers vs Ouachita Baptist University

Mens Golf

Rangers at OPSU/ NWOSU Duel

Softball

12 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

2 p.m. Rangers vs Arkansas Tech University

Feburary 28

Baseball

3 p.m. Rangers vs Fort Hays State University



Baseball scores a victory

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Rangers began conference play this weekend with a three game home stand against the Bisons of Harding University. Northwestern fell in game one of the series, but bounced back with a 6-5 victory in the first on Saturday, only to get beat in the second 5-3 in extras.

Northwestern jumped out to a two run lead in the first inning that was started by a Greg Carrington double up the middle. Jorin Van Amstel brought Carrington in with a double of his own down the left field line. Arturo Castro was next up bringing in Van Amstel on a base hit, giving the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

The Rangers added to their lead in the third inning on a Nathan Kane single that scored Garret Douglas. Castro would add two more to his RBI total giving Northwestern a five nothing lead at the end of the third inning.

Starter, Nick Llorente went six innings allowing no runs on four hits in a terrific outing, but unfortunately recorded a no decision. The seventh inning would end his day as he gave up five runs on three hits including a homerun that would tie the game.

Brandon Nesseralla would come on in relief of Llorente in the top of the eighth and was able to get two quick outs.

David Sanchez came on in relief of Nesseralla and closed out the eighth inning for Northwestern and would wind up as the winning pitcher in a tight battle.

Harding's bats were quiet in the first six innings but exploded in the seventh scoring five runs to tie it up, three of which came off the bat of Ben Brauss in the form of a three run homerun. That would be all they could muster in game one, however as the Ranger pitching staff would hold them scoreless after that.

Reed Roberts after a rough first three innings allowing five runs he would keep the Ranger bats quiet the next five innings before giving it to the bullpen in the eighth inning. Mason Faulkner would take the loss for Harding.

Northwestern would win this one in walk-off fashion beating the Bisons 6-5 on a Casey Dickerman single, scoring Deckard.

With the series tied 1-1, Northwestern came into this game looking to pick up the first conference series victory of the 2017 campaign, but came up short in a 5-3, extra innings battle.



Bryce Tomlin throwing the starting pitch. /Photo Provided

The Rangers picked up right where they left off scoring runs in the first two innings taking a 1-0 lead into the fourth where the visitors would tie it up.

Bryce Tomlin was the starter on the second game after giving up a run in the first inning held steady holding Harding's offense silent in the next three innings.

However he would run into trouble in the fourth inning giving up a run that would tie the ball game.

David Sanchez would relieve Bickford in the ninth and would have one solid inning but would get the loss in game two, following a tough second inning of work

The Bisons offense was quiet for most of the game, but Harding was able to push a run across in the fifth but went five scoreless before scoring their next run, which was a three-run shot over the left field wall.

Mason Faulkner would put the finishing touches on the Rangers giving up three hits and allowing just one run. Faulkner would go on to get the win. Harding would take game two and the series in extra innings 5-3.

Rangers also took home another win on Tuesday against Oklahoma Christian Eagles, in Oklahoma City. The final score of the game was 6-3.

Garrett Douglas was a key player in batting and in the field.

The key pitchers throughout the game were Tyler Havener and Baron Phillips. Another key player for the

Rangers was Nathan Kane.
The Rangers will travel to

The Rangers will travel to Arkansas Tech on Friday and Saturday.

For more information on Ranger sports go to riderangersride.com

The Buzz



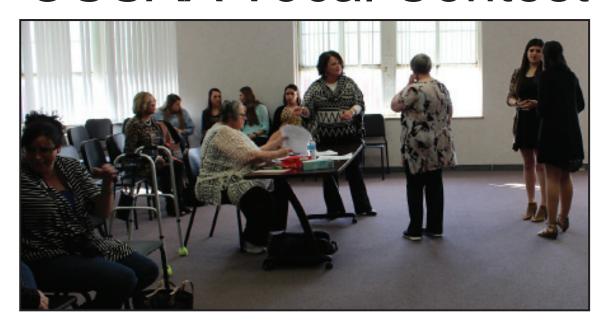
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OSSAA Vocal Contest



Two high school girls prepare to perform their duet for the judge during Tuesday's OSSAA Vocal Contest at Northwestern./Photos by Ashley Strehl

Contest rules

Dear readers,

This week, our "Can you guess where this is on campus" photo contest kicks off! Those interested in participating, will need to cut out the entry form, find and identify all 10 places around the Alva campus and then turn in the form to the Northwestern News newsroom, **Jesse Dunn Annex**, **Rm. 232 by noon on Monday**.

If you are unable to find all 10 places around campus still turn in your entry form because if we see that no one was able to find all 10, then we will select the person with the most places identified correctly.

The person selected as the photo contest winner will have their photo ran in next week's issue of the Northwestern News. They will also receive a \$50 Northwestern bookstore gift card!

(*Disclaimer: Sorry Mass Communication majors, but to ensure that the contest is fair for others, we ask that you not enter the contest. Thanks.)

~Northwestern News