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Smile of the Week



Kleme Yahr, senior accounting major, said waking up each day and being thankful that God has given me another opportunity to accomplish my academic goals here at Northwestern to make my parents and family proud is what makes him smile.

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.edu!

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Budget crisis

16 percent cut slams NWOSU

By TAYLOR MORRIS
Student Reporter

Northwestern was hit with a 16 percent budget cut on February 28 which resulted in the loss of juniors free concurrent enrollment opportunity.

Northwestern president, Dr. Janet Cunningham, sent out a mass e-mail notifying member of the Northwestern community that the Oklahoma Secretary of Finance declared a general revenue failure for the FY17 state budget and ordered budget reductions for all state agencies for the remainder of the fiscal year that ends June 30.

What this means for Northwestern is the university will be facing a 16 percent budget cut reduction which amounts to \$52,128 for the fiscal year.

In addition, the university will continue to work closely with our representatives and senators, and have expressed to them Northwestern's deep

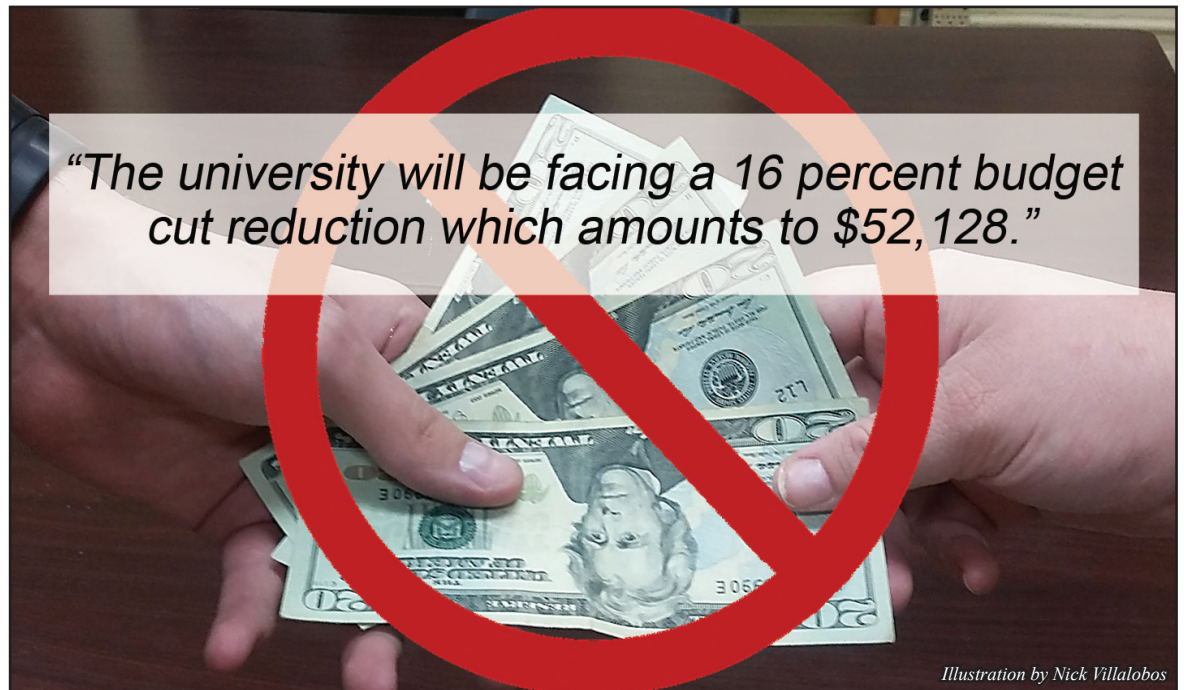


Illustration by Nick Villalobos

concern about additional cuts in state appropriations according to Cunningham.

Vice president of administration, Dr. David Pecha said, because of the recent reduction in funding the university plans to absorb or postpone some projects

they were looking at doing as well as, stalling any plans of impacting direct services to students, faculty or staff.

Nonetheless, both Cunningham and Pecha concur that this definitely isn't the first time Northwestern has experienced massive budget

cuts. The university experienced two general revenue and two gross production tax revenue failures during the FY16 budget year Cunningham said.

According to Pecha, it is a taxing process dealing with

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Trouble for former Ranger softball coach, Zeilman

By MONTANA McCULLOUGH
Student Reporter

Former Northwestern softball coach is to appear in court on March 21st for two felony charges and a misdemeanor charge.

Charlie Zeilman was coaching the Northwestern Lady Rangers softball team when he was arrested on February 24. Zeilman is charged with driving under the influence, transporting an open container of an alcoholic beverage and receiving property that was stolen/embezzled. At the time of his arrest, Zeilman was traveling to the Angry Bull Saloon to retrieve his cell phone. Woods County Sheriff's Deputy, Adam Honeyman, was the arresting officer for Zeilman.

A call came into the Woods County E-911 dispatcher at 1:50 a.m. about Zeilman stealing a vehicle from a woman he was going home with. Officer Honeyman was advised of the event and headed to the Tidal Wave Carwash, where the incident occurred. While Officer Honeyman was traveling to the Angry Bull Saloon, he came across the vehicle with Zeilman driving.

Officer Honeyman pulled Zeilman over and immediately



Charlie Zeilman

placed him in handcuffs because he had stolen the vehicle. While Zeilman was in handcuffs, Officer Honeyman detected a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Zeilman was given a breath test and it revealed a .10 alcohol concentration. After the field sobriety test, Officer Honeyman searched the vehicle and found an open container containing alcohol. Zeilman was then taken to the Woods County jail.

He was released later Friday afternoon on a \$5,000 bail.

After this incident, Zeilman resigned from his job as head softball coach, according to Steve Valencia, associate vice president for University Relations.



Cars streaking by the downtown Tulsa Skyline./Photo by Caitlin Coody

Spring Break photo contest

Dear readers,

For the Spring Break photo contest, we are asking participants to send **appropriate photos** of what they did during the week off to the Northwestern News e-mail, nwnews@nwosu.edu.

We are also asking that with each of the photos sent to us that the person taking the photos include the following cut line information: Who is in the photo, what are they doing, when was it take, where was it located and why were you there.

We will select a winner based off of the creativeness of the photo content. Entries are **due March 19** by midnight.

Winner of the contest will receive a **\$50 gift card** to the Northwestern Bookstore and have their photo ran in the following week's edition of the Northwestern News! *[Mass Communication majors may enter this contest!]*

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News

Band concert thrills audience



With the flick of a wand, and long hours of preparation to get to this moment, finely tuned instruments filled the halls of Herod Hall Auditorium. Mark Decker, along with the University Concert Band, demonstrated a night of splendor and drama at their yearly Winter Band Concert. Photos by Alex Reyes

Journey to US not easy for international students

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Reporter

She sat inside the embassy waiting on her name to be called.

This interview would determine her future. It would determine if she was going to be able to continue her education in another country, or if she would have to wait another year before trying again. Her paperwork was complete; the only thing that stood between her and Northwestern Oklahoma State University was this interview.

This is how junior pre-medicine major from Ghana, Betty Abbey, could be seen three years ago.

International students have to complete a number of steps to be able to attend school in another country, and this process can be a difficult and stressful one for these students.

Students begin this process by researching universities in different countries and try to find the best fit

for them.

"There are so many different opportunities that they can have in the United States, so for them to find Northwestern is a big deal," said Rebecca Cook, international student advisor.

International students have to know what degree program they want to go into before they can leave their home countries and study in the United States.

"We always have to be in school," Abbey said. "We can't really take breaks like most people do here. That's what makes you in status."

International students also have to show the proof that they can afford to stay in the United States and pay for their tuition.

"It's somewhat invasive because they have to show bank statements to show that they can afford it," Cook said.

International students also have to apply for and receive several doc-

uments before they can leave their countries. They have to have their passports, immunization forms, transcripts and SAT or ACT scores.

If international students come from a non-English speaking country, they have to take a TOEFL or IELTS test. These tests are English proficiency tests to insure international students are fluent enough to attend a university in an English speaking country.

All of this information has to be provided to their university of interest before they apply. Once they apply and are accepted, the university will send them an I20, which is an F1 visa approval. This document recognizes that they've been accepted to the university.

After receiving the I20, these students will set up an interview with their embassy.

"It can be a pretty in-depth in-

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NWOSU visits capitol for Legislation Day

More than 130 social workers from across the state gathered at the Oklahoma Capitol in February for the National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter (NASW-OK) Legislative Day.

Social work students and faculty from Northwestern Oklahoma State University were in attendance to learn about legislative issues impacting the social work profession and the populations they serve.

Legislative Day provides an opportunity for social work students and practitioners to engage in macro-level practice and learn effective ways to advocate on the behalf of others. This day assists the students in learning to analyze and formulate policies that advance social well-being and develop ways for effective policy action.

"Legislative Day provides the opportunity for participation in public policy issues and social justice advocacy, both key components of social work education and practice" said Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work.

The day started with a tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol and a welcome message from

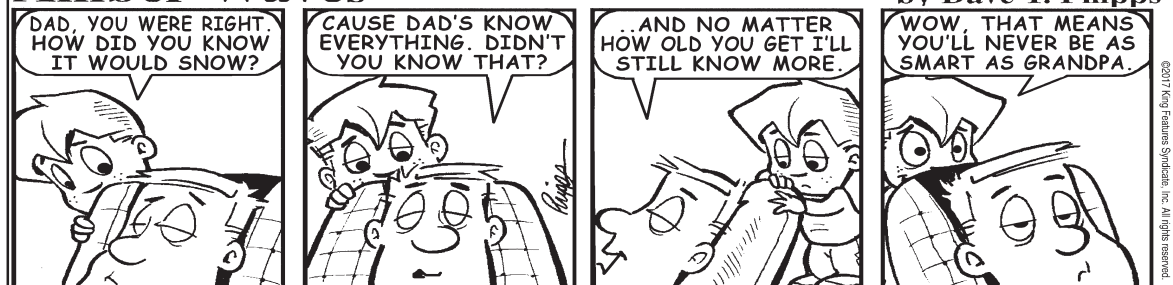
NASW-OK Board President Frannie Pryor, followed by Kara Joy McKee, an outreach specialist from the Oklahoma Policy Institute who presented on effectively approaching legislators. A legislative panel comprised of Rep. Carol Bush, Rep. Emily Virgin, Rep. Jason Dunnington, Sen. Adam Pugh and Sen. David Holt was moderated by Andy Moore, executive director of Let's Fix This, Inc.

The day concluded with opportunities to engage with legislators and closing remarks by the executive director of NASW-OK, Mary Jo Kinzie.

Social work students who were in attendance included: Mirissa Branine, Woodward senior; Jessica Goodballet, Mooreland sophomore; Elizabeth Fox-Shipley, Laverne sophomore; Codi Harding, Enid senior; Dana Kausek, Enid senior; Jessi Neal, Hobart senior; Marsellia Rael, Woodward junior; Levi Sanders, Goltry senior; Lauren Shriver, Hunter junior; and Denise Tyrell, Enid junior.

Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work, also was in attendance along with Rehder.

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Budget

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the challenging situation of budget cuts and how they will affect the university's well being overall.

"We had 14 fewer full time people working at Northwestern this year than we did last fiscal year," Pecha said. "So, absolutely it is difficult to make any cut, as it is for any state agency that's going through this. To decide how you will continue to provide a quality education to our students and quality and productive work environment for our faculty and our staff to work in."

However, for now Cunningham believes the student body of Northwestern is what is most important and both Cunningham and Pecha urge students, faculty and staff to reach out to their elected officials and voice their concerns about higher education about higher education funding.

"I strongly feel that the state of Oklahoma continues in a crisis situation," Pecha said. "The state has a revenue problem, not an expense problem. It seems that our elected officials in Oklahoma City, many of them want to continue to cut away at state government, which is already operating on a reduced staff and reduced budgets... At this point I'm concerned that not every elected official is looking at that as a priority."



During the fall semester, the Food Truck Fest had a great turnout for its first appearance. /Courtesy of University Relations

Food Truck Fest is back

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

Enrollment is just around the corner here at Northwestern, which means round two of Food Truck Fest.

For those that do not know what this event is about, it's pretty straight forward.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21, the day fall enrollment opens, the following food trucks, Papas, Gringos Grill, Truckin Good BBQ, Vanilla Bean and Scoops Ice Cream Truck, will be parked between the Fine

Arts building and Herod Hall for everyone's enjoyment.

Dean of student affairs and enrollment, Calleb Mosburg said in an Northwestern News article last semester by enrolling on day one of enrollment, students will benefit greatly in three specific areas.

The first area Mosburg listed was that of course selection. By enrolling early, Mosburg said, freshmen and sophomores are ensured the opportunity of securing much needed classes for them to stay on track with their selected majors.

The next benefit that students will receive, according to Mosburg, is that they will spend less money on classes in the long run.

When students enroll in at least 15 hours each semester, early in their college careers, they avoid the possibility of having to stay past the originally anticipated four years of college, which ultimately results in more money being spend on classes.

The final benefit that students enjoy by enrolling on time is the reduction of stress according to Mosburg.

At a glimpse

SGA election

The Student Government Association officer election day is approaching, and for those interested in running for SGA office, the filing period for applications is March 27-31.

To be eligible for election, candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will need to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours at the time of taking office and during the time in office. They will also need to have at least a 2.5 GPA and have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at the time of taking office.

For the full election rules and entry form, stop by the housing office in Fine Arts 131.

Journey

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"It can be a pretty in depth interview, and if they don't answer things right they can get rejected," Cook said. "For a 17-year-old or 18-year-old it can be very stressful."

The interview process with the embassy can be lengthy.

"The interview is really scary because right before you go in you see people getting rejected," Abbey said. "It's like do or die. You keep asking am I going to make it or am I going to stay behind?"

These students also have to intend to return to their countries to better their country in some way.

"You have to make sure that you don't ever say you are going to stay here," Abbey said. "We come to go to school and then nothing else."

Being away from their families for long periods of time can also take a toll on them.

"If you don't have any family here, you have to prepare for that separation," Abbey said. "For me, I kept it as a secret. I didn't tell so many people because it's a big thing to come here and having all the eyes on you is a hard process."

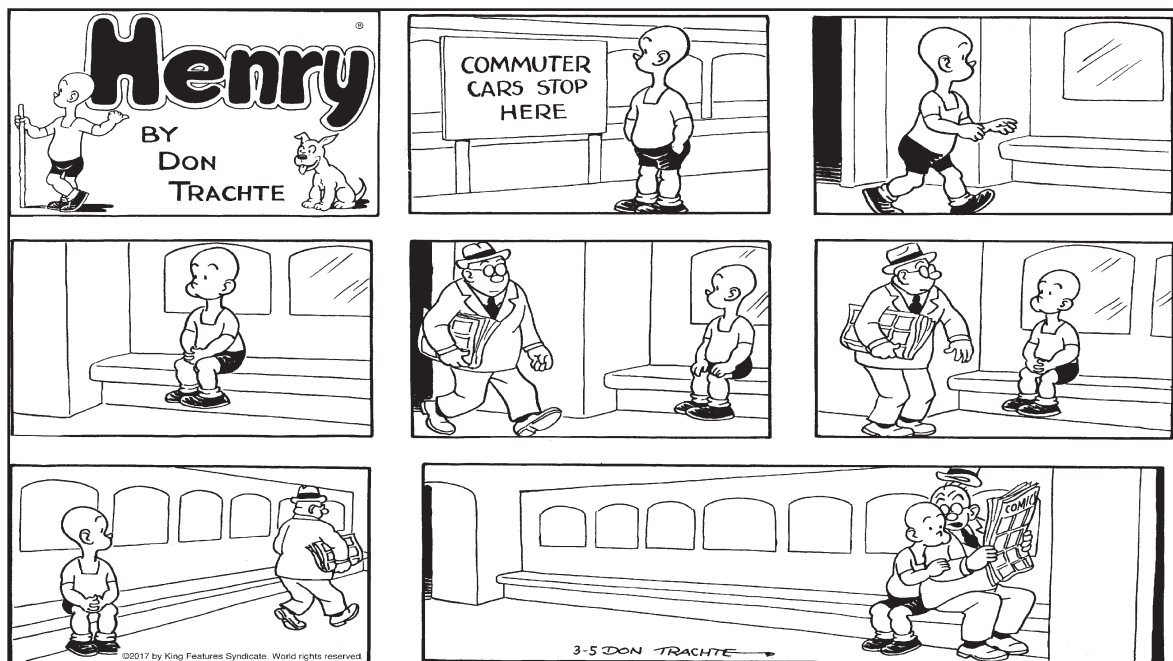
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The Way We See It

Editorial Section

Interpersonal communication:

Establishing a foundation

Every day, people engage in interpersonal communication without even knowing it.

Each time someone engages in a conversation with another interdependent person, whether it be a friend or fellow coworker, they are practicing that particular form of communication.

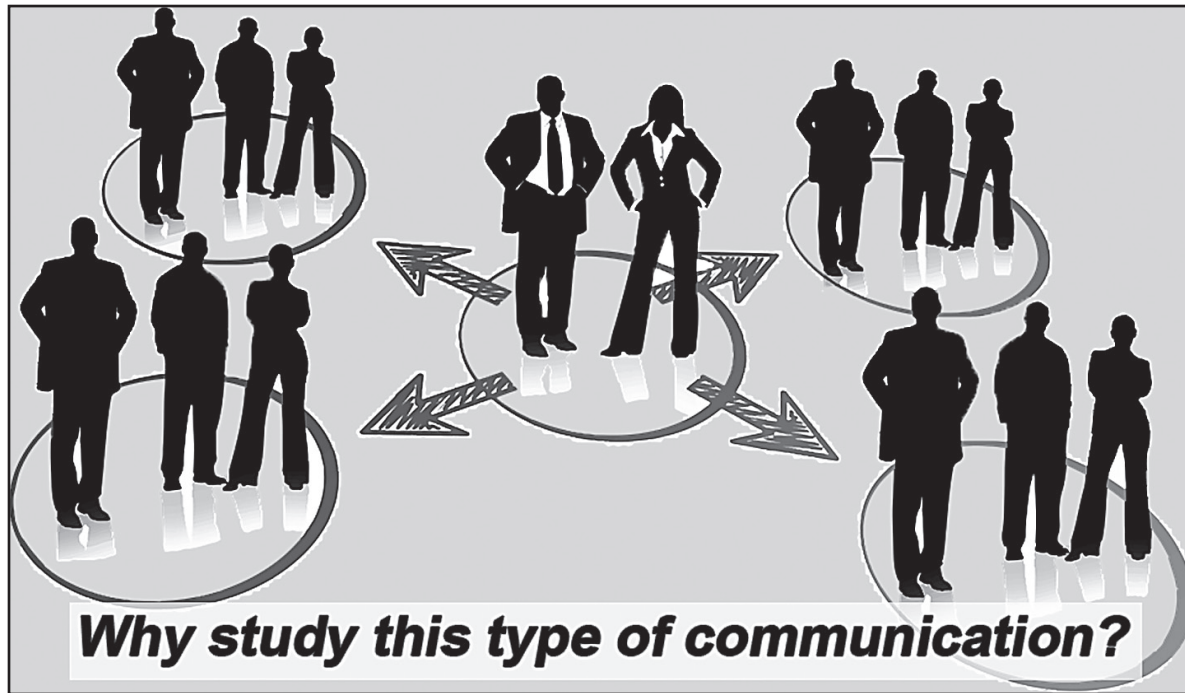
What is interpersonal communication you might be wondering, well according to chapter 1 of the Interpersonal Communication Book by Joseph DeVito, it is the verbal and nonverbal interaction between two or more interdependent people.

Here at the Northwestern News, we practice this form of communication on the weekly basis. The people on staff here, for the most part, are quite driven on building and maintaining interpersonal relationships between one another by engaging in interpersonal communication.

With this form of communication in the work environment at the Northwestern News we are providing the same opportunities of success that the Interpersonal Communication Book speaks about.

In the chapter, it so conveniently asks the question, "why study interpersonal communication," and the answer it gives is two major forms of success; personal/social success and professional success.

Looking first at personal/social success, the way in which engaging in interpersonal communication helps one achieve those type of success is by what the books describes as simply doing it effectively. How



Interpersonal communication, when practiced correctly, helps one find success in a personal/social and professional aspect. One way to ensure success is by simply holding your tongue. /Illustration by Nick Villalobos

someone can become a more effective interpersonal communicator is by listening more carefully when having a conversation with another person, being respectful to who is talking and acting thoughtfully and carefully, according to Guidelines for Effective Interpersonal Communication by Linda Wilcox at Harvard University.

Next with gaining success in a professional sense, the Interpersonal Communications Book suggests that a person should engage in more conversations in the workplace to better help them find success in this area. It also suggests that a person's interpersonal communication skills will play a vital role in anything

from the first initial interview at a college job fair to interning, from participating in to even leading meetings.

A few more ways a person can improve their interpersonal communication skills that Wilcox listed in her article is by practicing using silence within the conversation so that you can absorb the information that is being presented to you, and to avoid practicing the following list of items:

- Jumping to conclusions
- Giving unwanted advice
- Moving prematurely to problem solving
- Changing the subject
- Talking about yourself

At the Northwestern News, we don't always hit all these points but that is where skills in conflict management come into play. Those however, will be discussed at a later date.

With this article, we at the Northwestern News have only scratched the surface of interpersonal communication, and in the coming weeks we want to provide a deeper look at this form of communication so that one interested in improving their own could indeed do just that.

Week two of Interpersonal Communication: A deeper look will run following spring break and will focus on the basic elements of interpersonal communication.

A few reasons why I whittle

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Editor in Chief

Some people watch TV, while some listen to music. Some people read books, while some watch movies. Some stay busy during the daylight, while some work till the wee hours of the night.

Ah, what am I saying? I've done all those things to spend a typical Saturday here in Alva. One activity that I do as well, which is quite odd for someone my age and classification here in college, is whittle on sticks with my pocket knife.

It sounds weird, I know, even as I'm typing this, I see how weird it sounds that a person as involved as I am here on campus occasionally picks up a stick, pulls out his pocket knife and just starts carving away. Before the judgments set into your minds though, understand why I do it.

When it comes to whittling, I can honestly say it's been an activity I've done since I was a wee little pup [or little kid for those who have no idea what that means.]



My little Buck knife and a stick helps me pass the time. /Photo by Nick Villalobos

One reason I whittle is because 11 years ago, while on a church camp out with the Royal Ranger ministry [the ministry I help lead back home in Oologah,] I discovered that picking up a stick and carving on it provides a great and relatively safe way to pass the time between the various competitions and praise and worship services.

I say relatively because, well, I have occasionally missed the piece of

wood and hit my finger.

Another reason I whittle is because it allows me to tap into my creative side. For many years now, I have been interested in sculpting. I took sculpture in high school, and during the class, I was able to make some pretty cool things, some of which included a ceramic dog, a foot-in-a-half in diameter Styrofoam cup golf ball and a melted

cup mobile.

During all the years whittling however, I have made some pretty unique things also. For instance, I once took a four foot long tree sapling and made it into a shepherd's cane. It had the curve in it and everything. I have also made a ship and a sheath knife too but those weren't the best projects.

The next reason I whittle is because I have always had this dream of being wood turner when I grow to be an old man and need a hobby. I have watched one show called Woodturning Workshop on a local TV station back home since I was a little kid, and seeing the guy on there make cool bowls and cups out of full logs and various blocks of wood with his wood lathe was just fascinating to me.

The final reason I whittle is because it's relaxing and allows me to clear my head. The days can get to be long here in college and by taking a break from all the stresses of this world, I help myself refocus on what's important and prevent myself from developing gray hair and wrinkles at the age of 21.

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Opinion

Student-athletes deserve more

By GREG MINOR
Student Writer

Over the years the comments have arisen about student athletes being paid.

Receiving a scholarship to play the sport you love is an honor. Students sometimes say, it isn't fair that athletes get money to go to school, that is more than what anyone else gets.

We as athletes do not necessarily receive money, we receive scholarship money that go towards our schooling.

Being a student-athlete is tough. It is not just putting a ball in the basket, running from one side of the field to the other or hitting home runs.

This lifestyle is a full time job. Waking up every morning for conditioning at 6 a.m., shower, go to classes, then weights and still have to manage your GPA so that you stay eligible so that you can play is tough business.

It takes a special type of person to manage that. In my opinion with all the hard work, managing school, traveling and putting your university on the map by winning games student athletes should get paid.

We are constantly viewed as role



Being a student athlete is tougher than one might assume, and without an regular income, it gets that much harder. Sure they receive scholarships, but that doesn't equal cash in the pocket. /Courtesy of Riderangersride.com

models, as the groups of people that set a positive tone on campus and within the communities.

Scholarships do not equal to cash in the pocket and that is with any scholarship. At the end of the day after all the hard work in the off seasons, pre-season and actual season college athletes are typically broke.

Athletes are the face and symbols of programs that bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars through athletics each year from ticket sales, donations, media rights, advertising, and anything sold with a price tag.

The question as to why the best players of teams or the highly recruited players out of high school leave to go professional is because of the money.

The "one and done" players go pro to support their family and loved ones.

The most recent one and done player Ben Simmons out of LSU stated "Everybody's making money except the players" on ESPN.

Dealing with young talented athletes in college, paying them would decrease some of the rush to

chase contracts and go professional but will also allow them to continue their pursuit towards their degree.

Dropping out of school at 19 years old and being giving a \$3 million salary, most aren't going to save it and manage their money.

There has been several cases, where these elite athletes have made millions of dollars and are now filing for bankruptcy. With students being paid and not only finishing school they would also learn how to manage their money more wisely before going out into the real world.

Desirable vacation getaways

By SAMI MCGURIE
Staff Writer

It is the week most college students wait for all year. Students go to beaches to swim and go to mountains to ski.

According to Travel Channel, some of the top spots for spring break are Cancun, Mexico, Panama City Beach, Florida, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and South Padre Island, Texas.

Most Northwestern students don't have plans quite this extravagant. Many students are spending spring break at home or in Alva working.

Elli Price, a senior, is one Northwestern student that really takes advantage of the spring break week. Price and Ty Batie, a senior, are going to Key Largo, Florida, for the third year together. Batie has family there so it is more a relaxing spring break than a partying one. "We do a lot of fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving," Price said.

Another Northwestern student isn't going anywhere tropical, but instead to Colorado to go skiing. Ashton Baggs, a sophomore, is going to Durango, Colorado with a group of friends.

"We decided to go there because it is fairly close to here," Baggs said, "and we wanted to go to the mountains."

Unlike Price, this is Baggs first spring break trip. "I'm excited to go somewhere and try something new for spring break," Baggs said.

Although Northwestern has few students heading on actual spring break trips there are many with aspirations for future spring breaks.

Kennedy Jewell, a sophomore, said "My dream spring break would probably be going to a quiet beach with family, and lying on my butt the whole time."

Catherine Goris is another student who has dreams of a perfect spring break, she said "I would want to go to Arizona and go hiking through the Grand Canyon."

Music's importance in our lives

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Staff Writer

What is the first thing most people do when they climb into their car?

They plug their phone into the speakers and play their favorite song.

Whether or not we realize it, music is something that is involved in our ever day lives. Music has become an integrated part of our lives, and it holds much value. Music is important in our lives in many different aspects. Although we listen to music we often underappreciate it.

Music tells a story. The music and lyrics illustrate a story or a problem that we can often relate to. There are many emotions we experience while listening. Whether we put on a sad song or an upbeat song, music often reflects the emotions we are feeling. Music can also draw emotions out of us, through the melody and the lyrics.

Music is both comforting and



entertaining. Music is a cushion for us. Sometimes we put on music because we need some comfort. Our favorite songs can often lighten or mood. Other times, music is purely entertaining. Turning up our music loud, dancing and singing along is just simply having fun.

Music is motivating. How often do you see people at the gym who are not wearing headphones? Music gives us a sense of motiva-

tion. It can help distract us from the things around us, and we are able to focus on the thing we need to concentrate on most, such as working out or doing homework.

Music is inspiring. Have you ever heard a song that makes you want to do something big? Music has a way of making us feel like we can do anything.

Music can sometimes be a silence. There are many times

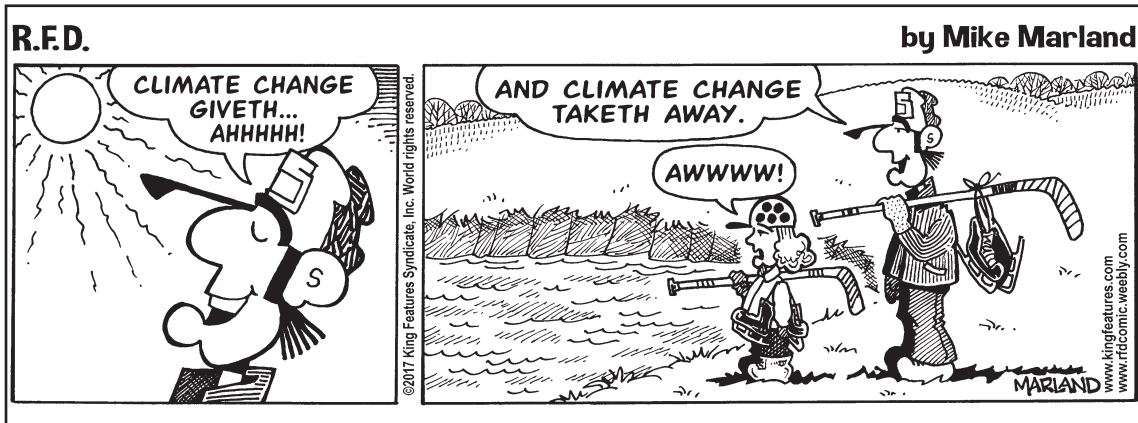
where we are alone, having time to ourselves, yet we do not want complete silence. Music is our go to.

Music has a habit of making memories. Because music is everywhere, we often connect certain songs with certain memories. These memories and songs tend to stay with us.

Music is fun. Whether we are dancing or singing along to our favorite songs, music provides us with laughter and enjoyment. Turning the music up as loud as it will go and singing with your friends in the car is some of the best fun.

Music is everywhere. Most any place we go, music is playing. Whether it is in restaurants, sporting events or in the car, music is something that follows us wherever we are. Music helps fill awkward silences and connects us with other people.

Music does not always get recognized for how much it surrounds us. The best thing about music is the way it makes us feel.



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Feature



Dedicated to helping others thrive in their life

By RACHEL EMERSON
Student Reporter



Candace Reim/ Photo by Rachel Emerson

Mom, wife, advisor, mentor, leader and volunteer fire-fighter. Candace Reim is a woman of many titles, and these are just a few of them.

Reim currently serves as the Student Services Coordinator at Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Enid campus.

As the Student Services Coordinator, Reim does recruitment and enrollment, as well as advising. She also sponsors the Northwestern Enid Leadership Council, organizes student events and helps build community relations.

"My favorite thing about my job is that no two days are the same," Reim said. "I have tons of energy, and I am a hard worker, so I like to be kept on my toes and avoid the mundane."

She's accomplished many things in her time at Northwestern, including participating and completing Leadership Greater Enid, receiving Enid's Top 10 under 40 award, serving on the local AMBUCS chapter board and becoming an honorary commander at Vance Air Force Base.

Reim says the greatest of her achievements is sponsoring the Northwestern Enid Leadership Council.

"The students that have been part of this program are graduating and doing amazing things in the community..." Reim said. "... These students amaze me every year. They are building quite a reputation for themselves in this community, and each year it gets more competitive to fill spots."

When she's not busy serving Northwestern, she's busy finishing up her doctoral degree, fighting fires as a volunteer fire fighter or spending time with her 7-year-old daughter and K-9 officer husband.

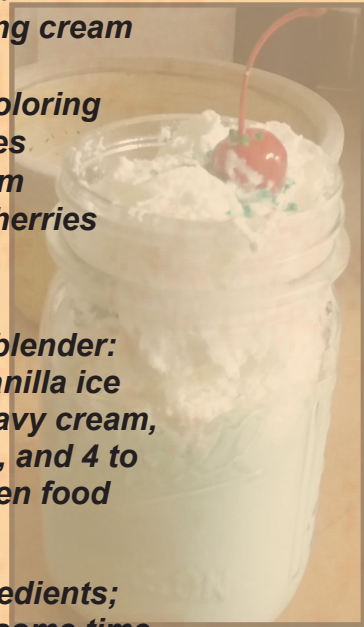
Reim loves Northwestern and her job and is dedicated to helping students reach their goals in life.

"There is nothing that beats the look on a student's face when they tell me that they couldn't have done it without me," Reim said. "It is very humbling to know I made a difference."

Shamrock Shake

Ingredients:

- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Heavy Whipping cream
- Mint Extract
- Green Food Coloring
- Green Sprinkles
- Whipped Cream
- Maraschino Cherries



Directions:

1. **Combine in a blender:** 3 scoops of vanilla ice cream, ¼ c heavy cream, ½ mint extract, and 4 to 6 drops of green food coloring.
2. **Blend the ingredients;** this may take some time if your blender is old, stop the blender and stir with a spoon to break up the ice cream and continue blending until the texture is to your liking.
3. **Pour in a glass and top with whipped cream and one maraschino cherry.**



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"Next year, let's get lost someplace else."

A Day in the Life

Pushing past heartache

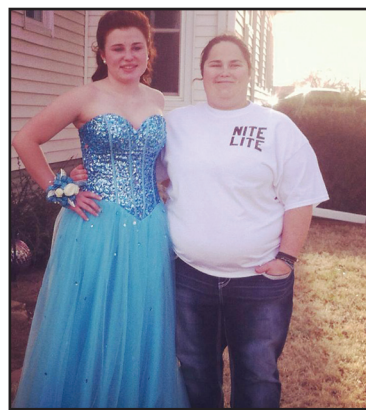
By MONTANA MCCULLOUGH
Student Reporter

Growing up didn't come easy for Taylor McCullough, but she pushed her way through the challenges life threw at her.

Taylor is the middle child of three kids. Her older sister is Montana McCullough and her younger brother is Chase Schmidt.

Taylor had a pretty good life for the first eight years of her life. Then an accident occurred that would change her life forever.

On May 13, 2006, Taylor lost her mom in a car accident. After that, Taylor had to push through life without her mom. She had to help take care of her little



Taylor & Montana McCullough/
Photo provided

brother, go to school and pretend like everything was okay.

Life began to slow down for a while after that. Taylor was named Miss South Barber her senior year of high school. Taylor also competed in speech and debate

contest throughout her high school career.

During her senior year, Taylor was able to compete in the Miss Cinderella pageant held at Northwestern. Through the pageant, Taylor received a scholarship to come to Northwestern. After that, Taylor graduated from South Barber High School in 2015.

Taylor decided to come to Northwestern because of the affordability of it and it was close to home.

Taylor has made several friend by coming here. In her free time, Taylor enjoys hanging out with friends, working and relaxing.

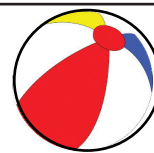
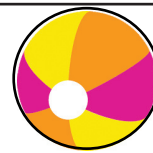
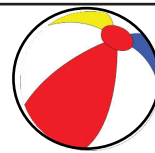
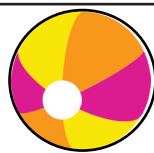
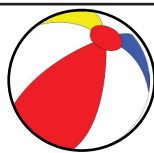
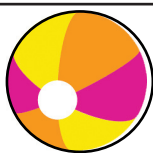
Taylor is a sophomore working toward her degree in Physical Education. With her degree, she wants to teach PE for elementary schools.

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Campus Confessions

Spring Break plans, schedule

By ERIN HOPKINS
Student Reporter

"I will be going with my girlfriend and her family to Norman to look for an apartment to live in this summer. I'm hoping we can maybe see Logan in theaters."

-Colby Locke, sophomore undecided major



"Just going to head back home to Anadarko and chill with my family."

-Josh Parton, sophomore health and sports science major



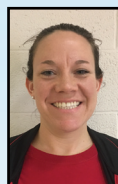
"I will be working at Paper Street Tattoo Company in Woodward."

-Emilie Larkey, sophomore elementary education major



"My family and I will be going to spend the week in Oklahoma City getting to enjoy the wider range of activities not offered in Alva. We will be going to the Oklahoma City zoo and indulge in some unique places to eat"

-Rebecca Ellis, senior nursing major



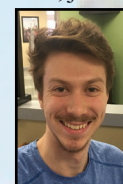
"I'm going back to Derby, Kansas. I'll be staying with my best friend all week and get to catch up with other friends I haven't seen since August. We will definitely be seeing Beauty and the Beast in theaters on Friday."

-Rebekah Preston, sophomore nursing major



"I'm going to Oklahoma City to watch the second round of the NCAA basketball tournament. And a couple of my friends from Minnesota are also coming and we'll be going to enjoy Bricktown as well."

-Brandon Widner, junior accounting major



"I plan to have fun, stay in Alva, Oklahoma, and get my mind ready for spring football. I also want to get myself prepared to finish this semester strong."

-Demetri Wilson, junior criminal justice major



"Softball practice will take up my life over the break. We have games this weekend and next weekend at home. I'll probably be catching up on the Wentworth series on Netflix since season five comes out in April, pretty excited."

-Jordan Sutton, junior health and sports science major



"I'm going to St. Louis, Missouri with my family and we're going to visit the City Museum, it has a ton of slides inside. And we're also going to go fishing everywhere we can."

-Hannah Horn, freshman nursing major



Top 7

Ideal Spring Break destinations

By GREG MINOR & BRYANT VENOSDEL
Student Reporter

1. South Padre Island (SPI)

Students seize their opportunity away from school in March, to head to this beach cramming in their cars to the coastal tip of Texas.

Beach bashes going on for 24-hours, looking to have some fun in the sun and a week on the beach this is the place to be.

There's more than just the Beach revelry and the lively parties going on. SPI has several options to explore including boating, fishing, diving, kiteboarding and surfing.

You could even have the opportunity to go on a dolphin cruise. SPI is #5 in best cheap Spring break destinations in the U.S.

Even though it's a tiny island town it consists of several other attractions such as the Laguna Madre Nature

Trail, Sea Turtle Inc. (Where you can get up close a personal with the turtles), Isla Blanca Park and Museums of Port Isabel.

2. Panama City Beach (PCB)

The "Spring Break Capitol of the World" as the #1 choice for students looking to get away for the ultimate spring break fiasco. PCB is located in Panama Florida between Tallahassee and Pensacola.

This year's celebrities that will be attending will be TY DOLLA \$IGN (to perform Monday March 13th at Club La Vela), Jake Owen (to perform Tuesday March 14th for the Beach Bash Music Fest) and more. With hotels and condos on the beach right behind the party, there are deals available that you can find before your travels.

3. Reno Tahoe

Instead of being in the sun and going crazy on the

beach, how about going to a ski resort with your friends Located in Nevada. The Lake can be reached from major cities such as Sacramento, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. Reno Tahoe is a large fresh water lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

There is more than just the skiing aspect, Reno offers several different events, Night clubs, dining, casinos, shopping and more. Known as the "Biggest Little City in the World."

4. Lake Havasu

The west coast is the best coast for spring break. Located in Arizona, at the boarder of California and Arizona Lake Havasu is the place to be.

With the sun setting into the night, life on the beach doesn't stop with bars, upscale Night Clubs for dancing and socializing all night long.

During the day Havasu

offers Boat rentals (Cruise the hot spots around the beach), Cabana Boat rentals (You and up to 15 people can enjoy the luxury of this fully equipped boat with sofa, flat screen TV, Barbeque etc.), Watersports rentals (Includes Personal watercrafts, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks) and more.

5. Myrtle Beach

A choice for budget-conscious travelers, who look to have some fun in South Carolina.

From nightlife options to parties hosted by big-name DJs in the area. On the strip at night there are several different clubs and parties such as the Foam Party, Marti Gras Party, Glow parties and more.

Beach party housing available for college students during their stay on Myrtle Beach along the strip. The Boardwalk on the beach is for your shopping, amusement

and partying.

6. Cancun

This tourist destination gets packed each year with college students that come around the world to experience the day and night life that happens during spring break.

It is a stretch of beach that has some pretty Caribbean weather and sea that is partying nonstop on it. With a strip of restaurants, hotels and nightclubs on it, you won't miss out on any partying by heading to Mexico.

7. Montego Bay

This city is already a very popular tourist attraction as it caters to any people who come. You can book spots to relax on private beaches or you can go party in the bay, it is known to be one of the most beautiful spots in Jamaica that is always partying when spring break rolls around.

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BOOK REVIEW

'The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer'

By **DEITRA WEDD**
Staff Writer



Mara Dyer seems to attract bad luck like a magnet. After one particular incident that leaves her waking up from a coma without any memories, it's time for a new beginning in a new town.

Although, all she really wants to do is forget about the death of her best friend who died in the same incident that put Mara in a coma, the ghosts from her past seem to haunt her no matter how far away she runs. Mara begins seeing faces from her past, everywhere she looks.

Navigating a new school, dealing with the loss of a best friend, trying not to see dead people and trying to stay sane is hard enough, but on top of all that, Mara begins seeing the deaths of the people around her right before the deaths actually occur.

It's a race against time as Mara goes on a journey to discover what exactly happened to her the night her friends died and if she can undo it before it's too late.

On this journey she encounter Noah Shaw the hot guy at her new school, always rushing in to save her. Just as Mara has a mysterious act for trouble Noah has an uncanny ability to fix things.

With all her other worries Mara doesn't have time to worry about a boy, but Noah refuses to go away and they quickly become friends.

But can they be more than friends before Mara's past catches up with her? Can Noah fix Mara before it's too late or is Mara unfixable? Find out by reading *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer*.

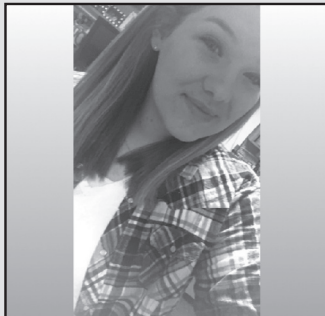
Would you rather?

1. Would you rather never use social media sites/apps again or never watch another movie or TV show?
2. If you were to lose one sense, would you rather lose taste or touch?
3. Would you rather not be able to open any closed doors or not be able to close any open doors?
4. Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak?



Taylor Johnson English Education major

1. "I would rather never watch another movie or tv show, I like talking to people I don't see all the time."
2. "I would rather lose taste, because then I wouldn't eat so much food."
3. "Rather not be able to close any open doors because if all the doors were closed and I couldn't open them I couldn't get anywhere."
4. "Lose the ability to speak because I could always just write."



Katelind Wright Pre-Med major

1. "I'd rather have TV because social media leads to others snooping in my business and I'd give that up before

I gave up watching *The Fosters*."

2. "Taste because I could eat healthier food that isn't bad for you. Touching something gives you closure, like a shower after a long and stressful day."

3. "Not be able to close open doors because if you can't open a door you can be trapped."

4. "Read because I don't like reading and I enjoy speaking my mind."



Chandler Steckbeck English Major

1. "I would rather never use social media again, because I value movies more than Facebook."
2. "Taste. Not being able to feel anything would be scary. And, if I couldn't taste anything I would eat more vegetables."
3. "I would rather be able to not open any closed doors. I would never sleep if I couldn't close doors."
4. "I would rather lose the ability to speak. I can't imagine a life without books."



Brittany Westervelt History major

1. "I would rather not use social media sites because I could still connect with family and friends with texting or letters."

2. "I would rather not taste because to me touch is very important. Without touch I would not be able to function at my fullest potential."

3. "I would rather be not able to close any open doors because if I can't open any closed doors I would be locked in one place, but with open doors I could navigate."

4. "I would rather lose the ability to speak because I do not think I could survive without the ability to read. I thrive off obtaining new knowledge and most of that is through reading."



Connor McGee History Major

1. "I would rather never use social media, because I don't use social media anyways."
2. "I would rather lose Taste, because I should like to be able to know if what I touch is freakishly hot."
3. "Not able to open any closed doors, because I like my privacy."
4. "Lose speech because I use reading more than I do speaking."

King Crossword

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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The Garden Bug Shamrocks in pots

Like all bulb-type plants, shamrocks require a period of dormancy every once in a while. Those grown in containers will need two or three rest periods each year to continue growing well. When a potted shamrock fades, stop watering it, and as the leaves turn brown, pull them off. Set the pot in a place where it can remain cool and dry for a few weeks, then resume watering; the plant will revive. Water shamrocks from the bottom so that the fragile stems of the plant don't get waterlogged.

— Brenda Weaver
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'Logan'

By Richmond B. Adams & Caitlin Coody

Coody's Review:



Spoiler warning: This story consists of "Logan's" major plot reveals and scenes, including the ending.

This past weekend, the release of the first R-rated Wolverine movie "Logan" made its way to the big screens. It is definitely one of the bloodiest and saddest X-Men movies ever made.

Hugh Jackman claims this is his final outing playing the superhero on-screen, and given how the movie ends, it's easy to see why. But there are so many strikingly bleak moments before that ending arrives. Normally, Superhero movies are exciting and full of unity and the "power-of-teamwork" but "Logan" plays more like a cynical tragedy, a drama about regret, personal failings and death. Director James Mangold and his co-writers focus on the characters' emotions, particularly their anger at the way the world turned out, at each other and at themselves. In the process, the characters find so many tragic,

telling moments.

Charles Xavier and Wolverine have been symbolized as saving the day as powerful, smart superheroes. Now, seeing them in "Logan", it's like they've been turned into prunes. Xavier is so fragile, a victim to the same powers that used to make him one of the world's most powerful mutants. Logan has weakened over time and, by his achingly slow movements, you can see the deterioration of his body.

One of the more chilling aspects of the movie is how Xavier obsesses over Laura, the first new young mutant in the last 25 years. He keeps repeating her name over and over to Logan, who has no interest in her. In the limo, when Logan's trying to escape the Reavers, Xavier keeps saying "But Laura, don't forget Laura, we can't leave Laura," he's like a little kid who keeps yelling "Mom, Mom" while she's on the phone because he doesn't understand she's ignoring him. Xavier's performance doesn't feel like he sees Laura as a person but as an actual child they're, purposely, abandoning. He's not panicked, just puzzled. The movie is careful to not over-explain why, and I think that was a brilliant move, but it's also a relatively subtle note in the middle of an intense scene.

Near the end of the movie, Xavier brings the audience to the

brink of tears with an awful confession. He is sweetly tucked into bed, reflecting on how he's just had one of his best days in years, as he remembers what he did. He knows that he's murdered the very students he was meant to protect and he knows he doesn't deserve peace for it. As he confesses his troubled memory, you can see Logan's figure standing in the doorway. However, when Xavier rolls over, the sharp blades of, cloned, Logan's claws sink into Xavier's chest.

Xavier dying, believing Logan blamed him — and subsequently punished him — for an unspeakable accident leaves the viewers' feeling empty; like they're missing the last puzzle piece. There's no hope for redemption, no moment of reconciliation over the anger Logan clearly has, because the cloned Logan has murdered Xavier.

I wish I could say the movie turned around after that point, but I can't. It only gets worse. The children, Laura and the other children from the research lab, had to use every ounce of their power to escape the Reavers. Logan did his best to fight but his body couldn't handle the relentless strength of his clone. He ended up getting impaled and, inevitably, fought his last fight. But, that doesn't mean he lost. Logan's death came with the children's freedom and the continuance of the mutant race.

Adams' Review:



As the latest superhero production "Logan", which is directed by James Mangold while featuring Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart and Dafne Keen, attempts to explore aspects of Western life during the post 9-11 era. Jackman plays Logan, who becomes ensnared in a corporate plot to kill mutant children manufactured by Transigen Corporation

after they have become useless in the year 2029. Transigen as a name, which suggests a form of "beyond creation," slyly reflects the manner in which science and the Western assumption of reason have been overtaken by the desire for profit and power. This internal transformation, expressed by Charles Xavier (Captain Picard... err, Patrick Stewart) and Transigen's primary man of science, Dr. Xander Rice (Richard E. Grant), is "Logan's" strength as a film. The notion that one of the tools by which Western civilization has created comfort and health can simultaneously distort and kill through the same detached process of reasoned detachment is one worth contemplating.

Despite such implications, "Logan" finally just mimics itself. By portraying the Wolverine as scarred and cynical from previous battles, his ending epiphany loses almost any believability. In that sense and despite efforts to link the film with "Shane" (1953), "Terminator II" (1991), and "The Book of Eli" (2009), it fails to do so and simply becomes a copy of old sequences while only distinguishing itself by transcending "Terminator II's" "language and violence. Even the children, here led by Laura (Dafne Keen), fall toward the indifference of the adults who built the world they will inhabit. As they escape to Canada, one wonders if those whom George Lucas believed will redeem their parents have any means by which to do so.

At one juncture, Xavier asks the Wolverine if he believes there is any purpose to what he has done. If "Logan" had stressed the growing decay of Western civilization expressed by the conflict among uses of science, such an answer might be worth another look. By succumbing to gratuitous language and violence, however, Logan simply becomes as worn out, scarred, and boring as its hero.

Calendar of Events

March 9

Talent Show
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Herod Hall - Herod Hall Auditorium

March 21

Enrollment Food Truck Fest
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Outdoor Spaces - West side Herod Hall Horseshoe parking

March 23

Book Talk
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Vinson Hall - VH200

March 24

OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Campus - Jesse Dunn, Carter Hall, Vinson Hall, Fine Arts

OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Herod Hall - Herod Hall Auditorium

OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Student Center - Ballroom, Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Vinson Hall - Alabaster Room

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Screen 3/ PG-13/ 132 min.

March 17th
Disney's "**Beauty and the Beast**"

Sports



Matthew Brickford pitching a ball.

Baseball team gathering during game to discuss game plan.

Baseball falls in home series

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State took the field for the second and third games of the conference series against Southeastern Oklahoma State and would come up short in both, losing the series 2-1.

Three Ranger batters would come up with .250 plus batting averages as Nathan Kane would lead the way with a sizzling .714 after going 5-for-7 at the dish. Arturo Castro and Daschal Johnson were the other two hitters who went .333 and .250 respectively.

Game 1

Nick Llorente took the mound for the Rangers in the first of two on the afternoon and went 2.2 innings before being replaced by Collin Fouts. Llorente was the unfortunate recipient of a seven-run inning.

Northwestern would proceed to throw three more arms in Baron Phillips, Blake Jones and Thomas Sander who would complete the last three innings of the game.

The Rangers would have one batter who recorded two hits in the first of two games in Kane who was a steady 2-for-4.

Early on in the game, it was a battle of starting pitching as both teams went two straight innings of being scoreless, while only surrendering three hits combined. Southeastern would start squaring it up in the top of three however,



Greg Carrington trotting down the first baseline. Photos Provided

putting up a seven spot, making it 7-0.

Northwestern wouldn't be able to return the favor in the following at bat, going down in order in the third.

SOSU didn't let off the gas in the following inning either, gaining another run to make it a commanding 8-0 lead heading into the bottom of four.

A leadoff shot to right field that dropped for an error put Jacob Long on base, which got the

Rangers going in the fourth, and he was immediately followed up by a single to center by Castro who continued to keep the hot bat alive. Kane was up next for the hosts and smoked a single to centerfield, scoring Long from second to make it an 8-1 deficit.

The scoring would continue in the bottom of four as Dickerman would drop a bloop over the shortstop to score both Castro and Kane, making it an 8-3 lead for the visitors of Southeastern.

Unfortunately in the seventh inning, the Savage Storm increased their already large deficit to eight runs at 11-3. Three straight goose eggs on the board for the Rangers didn't help the cause as the final four innings were all open.

The top of the eighth inning would eventually be the end of the game as SOSU would tack on five more to take a 16-3 lead, which would be the final score after a three-up three-down inning.

Game 2

Matthew Bickford took the mound in the second of the twin bill and went three full innings before being pulled due to an injury. Brandon Nesseralla replaced the starter and went three strong, giving up no runs, after which Sean Rydell came on in the seventh, and struck out the side.

Carrying over from game one of the day, Kane would go 3-for-3 at the dish, making it a 5-for-7 day for the redshirt junior. He would unfortunately be the sole Ranger hitter to go for multiple hits in game two

The first two innings ended in heartache for the visitors as they were able to get each leadoff batter on only to be erased in a pick-off and double play respectively to end the threats, but would catch fire in the third.

Northwestern did strike first in the contest however as Castro

would drive home Long on a rifled single up the middle, but in the Savage Storm's next at bat, they would knot it up at one apiece. The visitors weren't quite done however as another run would be added on a triple to centerfield, followed by a passed ball to make it 3-1. Bickford would get out of the jam however after a fantastic play by Johnson on a double play ball.

The hosts wouldn't come up with any runs in the third and Nesseralla came in to relieve an injured Bickford in the fourth and collect three straight outs.

The Rangers would again make strides in the fourth, loading the bases full of Rangers, but came away with nothing.

Northwestern would attempt to battle back in the late stages of the game, but five straight open frames would hurt the home club and it would finish that way and in a two-run loss, 3-1.

On March 3 Northwestern baseball took the home turf in the third conference series of the year against Southeastern Oklahoma State who came in 1-11 on the year while 0-6 in conference play. The Rangers would indeed add another loss to the column, following a 9-3 win in the opening game of the series.

Friday and Saturday baseball is traveling to East Central to take on the Tigers in a three-game conference series.

Spring athletics are in full swing. Stay in tune with the Rangers!

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Sports

Rodeo team success

By **KATIE LACKEY**
Student Reporter

Staying focused. That's what has helped Mason Bowen succeed.

Bowen, of Bullard, Texas, scored a second place finish with an 18.1 on two head this past weekend in Fort Scott, Kansas. The Northwestern senior was a 9.5 in the first round.

"It wasn't quite as good as I expected it to be," Bowen said about his first round. "The calf didn't cooperate like I thought he would. He was stronger than the rest, but it worked out."

Bowen's second calf turned out to be a good one. He was able to take advantage of it and win the short round with an 8.6.

His successful weekend helped him secure his spot at second in the region, not far behind first.

"I just need to keep knocking them down and try to get points at every rodeo," Bowen said.

He wasn't the only Ranger getting points at Fort Scott though.

Cody Devers, of Perryton, Texas, finished first in the steer wrestling with a 9.3 on two head. Colt Madison was not far behind



Mason Bowen after tying a calf during the rodeo. / Photo Provided

finishing third in the average.

Cole Patterson, of Pratt, Kansas, was also at the top of the leader board in the team roping

where he finished third.

Ashlyn Moeder, of Oakley, Kansas, put together two solid runs in the barrel racing to place

second in the average.

The lady Rangers dominated goat tying with Katy Miller finishing second, followed by teammates, Jennifer Massing and Tearnee Nelson, tying for third.

With more than half the rodeo season coming to a close, Bowen and the rest of the team know the importance of each rodeo is mounting.

"I have changed a lot of things, mentally, on winning," Bowen said. "I try to stay focused and stay on top of it."

Team Standings

Women

1. Southeastern Okla. State
2. Panhandle State
3. Southwestern Okla. State
4. **Northwestern**

Men

1. Panhandle State
2. Fort Scott CC
3. Southwestern Okla. State
4. Southeastern Okla. State
5. **Northwestern**

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Athletic Events

March 10

Softball

1 p.m. Rangers vs East Central University

3 p.m. Rangers vs. East Central University

Baseball

2 p.m. Rangers at East Central University

March 11

Softball

12 p.m. Rangers vs. East Central University

2 p.m. Rangers vs. East Central University

Baseball

12 p.m. Rangers at East Central University

3 p.m. Rangers at East Central University

March 13

Mens Golf

Rangers at Dave Falconer Classic

Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Northeastern State University

March 14

Mens Golf

Rangers at Dave Falconer Classic



Softball team suffers loss

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Softball team lost both games of a doubleheader in the series finale at Southeastern Oklahoma State on Saturday. The Savage Storm beat the Rangers 10-1 in the first game, then came from behind to take a 3-2 win in game two.

Game 1

Southeastern caught a break early, when in the bottom of the first the Savage Storm scored two runs on two hits and an error. After Kennedy Salyers singled up the middle, a double to left center by Connor Harmon put runners on second and third.

Madison McGraw threw it in to third, but the throw got away and ended up in the Southeastern dugout. In a questionable application of the rules, the umpires awarded both runners two bases on the throwing error, leading to the first two runs of the game.

The Rangers got themselves on the board in the top of the second to cut the deficit to one. Audrey Estes led the inning off with a double to right, which Macy Madewell followed up with a single past the shortstop. Megan Sanders then cashed in the run-

ner with a hit through the left side to make it 2-1 in favor of Southeastern.

But the Savage Storm tagged Northwestern with two more in the bottom of the second after a leadoff walk and a 2-run home run off the bat of Keeshia Thompson. Madison Garza, the Ranger starter, allowed two more runners in the inning before stranding both.

The Rangers got some life in the top of the fourth when Madewell (2-for-2) singled to left for her second hit of the afternoon, but the Storm were let off the hook after Sanders grounded into an inning ending double play.

Garza pitched herself out of a big jam in the fifth, keeping the Southeastern lead at just three. A double down the left field line and a single weren't enough to faze the Ranger right-hander, as she got a groundout and a strikeout to end the threat.

After scoring in the second, the Ranger offense was unable to crack Emily Cudd, who earned her third win in two days. Cudd held Northwestern to just one earned run on six hits and did not walk a batter in her six innings of work.

The first game of the doubleheader ended after Thompson hit her second long-ball of the day,

this time a grand slam over the wall in left to give Southeastern the 10-1 victory. Spotty defense proved costly once again for the Rangers, as seven of the 10 runs off Garza were unearned thanks to two Ranger errors.

Game 2

With hopes of salvaging a win in the four game series, Northwestern got a spark in the top of the second when McGraw took Ashley Moore deep for a solo home run.

Sophomore Karly Murray toed the rubber for the series finale, looking to put a stop to the Rangers 12 game slide. Surrendering two hits and striking out four through the first three innings, Murray looked sharp from the get-go.

Back to back singles by Harmon and Jordyn James gave Southeastern life in the bottom of the fourth, but Murray settled down to get the next two hitters to pop out on the infield.

The Rangers couldn't get much of anything going in the top of the fifth, and the Savage Storm took advantage. After recording the first two outs of the inning, Murray gave up a two-out walk to Symphoni Shomo that would come back to hurt the Rangers. Another walk followed by back-to-back doubles to left allowed

Southeastern to take a 3-1 lead after five.

But the Rangers weren't done yet.

In the top of the sixth, McGraw took a 1-1 offering from Emily Cudd and deposited it off the scoreboard in left field, cutting the lead to 3-2. The junior out of Broken Arrow went 2-for-3 in game two with two home runs, her second and third of the 2017 season.

With a chance to tie the game in the top of the seventh, the Rangers got a leadoff single from Megan Sanders, who dropped one into the outfield grass past a diving Shomo.

Katie Bell came on to pinch run with Alexis Hayes at the plate, who was looking to bunt Bell over to second. Hayes fouled the first one back before popping her next attempt to the catcher. Bell would be left standing on first as the next two Rangers flew out to end the game.

Murray went six innings in the loss, surrendering three earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out six.

Ranger Softball will return home to Alva Friday and Saturday as they host the Tigers of East Central University for a four game Great American Conference series.

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Ranger athletics wrap up



Northwestern Ranger short stop/second baseman, Daschal Johnson, went 3-for-4 from the plate against the Aggies of Panhandle State Tuesday, in route to the Ranger's narrow 7-6 victory on the road in Goodwell. Ranger Jacob Long, had a stellar day at the plate as well as he went 2-or-4, scoring twice and collecting one RBI. The Ranger baseball team will next take to the diamond at 2 p.m. Friday in Ada as they face the Tigers of East Central. Game two and three of the three game series are slated for noon and 3 p.m. Saturday. *Photos courtesy of riderangerside.com*



Ranger pitcher, Karly Murray, went all six innings in game two on Saturday against Southeastern, and allowed three runs and six hits. *Photo by Caitlin Coody*



Ranger Kelsi Wilson shot a second 78 in the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invitational Tuesday. The women's golf team finished 12 out of 13 teams in the tournament however.