

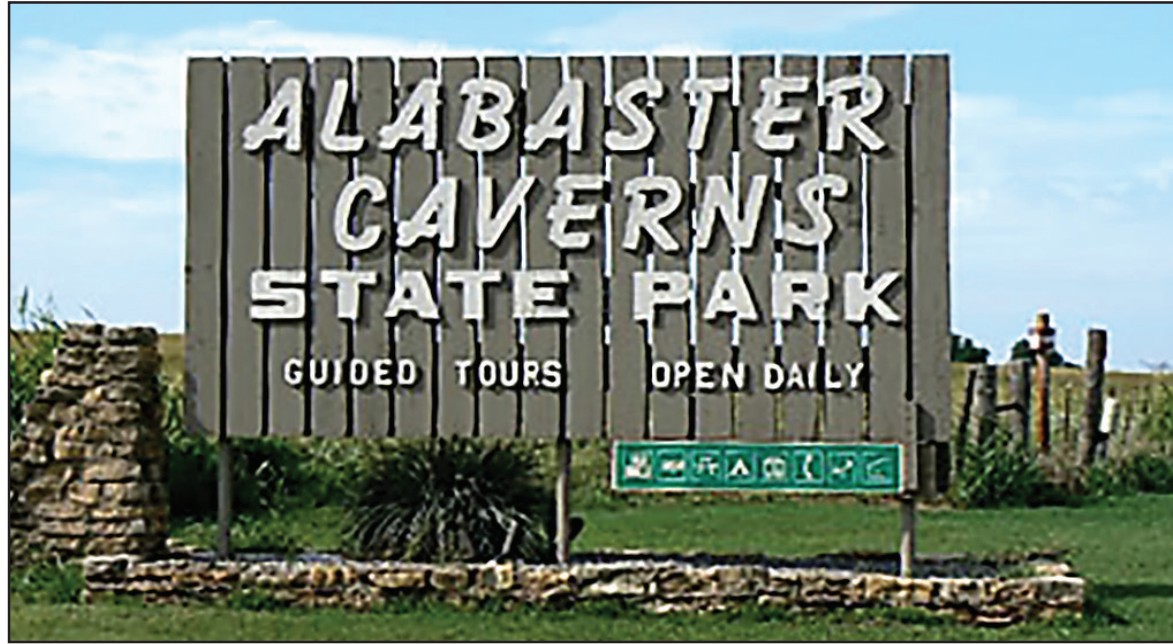
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## Smile of the Week



Freshmen health and sports science major, Kayla Brooks said getting to wake up four times a week at 5 a.m. for 6 a.m. soccer practices makes her 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](mailto:nwnews@nwosu.edu)!



Alabaster Caverns is among the 16 state parks likely to close as a result of the recent budget deficit. / Photo provided

## Park closer a possibility

By HAYLEE BATES  
Student Reporter

After a budget deficit, the state of Oklahoma may have to cut funding for 16 state parks and one golf course.

According to KFOR, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department decided which parks to propose for closing by evaluating the amount of visitors that come to each state park. The department also looked into which parks bring in the least amount of revenue.

"There are kids everywhere that could benefit from these parks to keep them from a life of trouble and crime," Clayton Garcia, NWOSU baseball graduate

assistant. "It also builds character from interaction with other kids and their families."

Even though tourism is Oklahoma's third largest industry, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department has seen a total cut of \$13.5 million since 2009.

"It saddens me that we're taking away one of the only free opportunities that families have for outings," Jenny Redinger, office of recruitment office manager, said. "We always push family values in Oklahoma, but we're taking away the opportunity for families to use these facilities. It shouldn't be their right to take something away that God gave us."

Although the parks would no longer be funded by the state, they may not have to close their gates completely. The state could choose to hand the parks over to municipalities that may just handle the upkeep of the parks differently, according to KFOR.

Three of these state parks are located within a 60 mile radius of Alva, including Boiling Springs State Park, Alabaster Caverns State Park and Great Salt Plains State Park.

"Tourism is a big thing for Oklahoma," Redinger said. "It brings people to our state. If we cut three parks in just the northwest, how is that a good thing?"

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## Guitar festival to be hosted by NWOSU

By NICK PERKINS  
Student Reporter

Northwestern is hosting the NWOSU Guitar Festival on April 1 on the first and second floor of the fine arts building between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m..

It is a competition for guitarists to come and perform a solo for a chance to gain experience and win an award.

The guitar festival is a new idea that started because the guitar is not an instrument that is allowed to perform at the OSSAA band district solo ensemble contest.

"So there is certainly a need in the area to have a solo ensemble contest for guitar," Dr. Marc Decker, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, Director of Instrumental Music and Music Education said.

The festival has just shy of 100 entries so far. The students participating are mainly from the northwestern region. Many of them are coming from Enid to get a chance to perform.

The contest is for middle school and high

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership, critical thinking, and fiscal responsibility.

## California dreamin' in Oklahoma March Artist-in-Residence hails from Golden State

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's visual arts program welcomed California artist Joe Gegan on March 1 as its March artist-in-residence.

Gegan will develop a body of work in the Jesse Dunn Art Annex, room 323. He will assist in teaching visual arts courses and provide feedback to visual arts students. A culminating exhibition of the work he has created while here will be displayed on Friday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Graceful Arts Center in downtown Alva during the April First Friday Art Walk.

On Saturday, April 1, from 1-2 p.m. at the Graceful Arts Center, Gegan will present a lecture and slide presentation discussing his paintings and influences. This event is free and open to the public.

Originally from Santa Cruz, California, Gegan earned a Bachelor in Studio Art degree from the



Joe Gegan

University of California in Davis, California. In 2013 he earned a Master of Fine Arts in painting from Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Gegan's interest is in building paintings from intuition, by breaking down old paintings, both those of other artists, then repurposing them through collage

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## Spring Break contest winner



Sebastian Escalante (Left) freshmen, accepts his \$50 Northwestern Bookstore gift card after winning the Northwestern News Spring Break photo contest. / Photo by Ashley Strehl

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# News

## One Warm Coat

# Chartwells helps initiative

By TAYLOR MORRIS  
Student Reporter

Ginger Harrison is the catering director and office administrator of the Chartwells Food Service on campus and she is promoting a coat drive that is being sponsored by Chartwells.

The initiative is called One Warm Coat and is held by Chartwells every year. However, this is the first time that the Northwestern community is participating in the coat drive.

According to their website [onewarmcoat.org](http://onewarmcoat.org), the organization made its start in 1992 with a Thanksgiving weekend coat drive at one location in San Francisco. Since then their status has grown to a national organization that supports over 3,000 coat drives a year.

Overall, the organization's mission is to provide anyone in need with a warm coat, free of charge.

"We are hoping to get everyone involved...there are a lot of kids and adults that can't afford to go get coats when it is cold," Harrison said.

The coat drive will continue on throughout the month of March to the end of April.

According to Harrison, she feels that holding the coat drive in warmer weather may make people want to donate even more



The One Warm Coat organization has been providing people in need of a warm coat since 1992. Since then, we have grown to a national organization supporting over 3,000 coat drives each year. *Courtesy of onewarmcoat.org*

because they do not necessarily need them as much.

Additionally, Harrison's main goal is to reach a full donation of 100 coats by the end of the coat drive.

For those who wish to donate any unwanted coats, there are donating stations in the Coronado Café, the Student Center, and Herod Hall near the registry office.

At the end of April all coats that have been collected will be donated to the First Community Church in town.

Harrison wants any possible donations are not being accepted on campus; however, if there is anyone out there that would like to go the extra mile they can go online to One Warm Coat's website and make a donation to

further help those in need.

For additional information on the One Warm Coat initiative, visit [onewarmcoat.org](http://onewarmcoat.org), or contact Ginger Harrison with the Chartwells Food Service.

One Warm Coat has provided over 300,000 children with new coats of their own.

## Guitar

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school students only. The youngest allowed to perform is 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the oldest allowed to perform is high school seniors.

The contest will not be open to the public because they are performing solo acts and not with other performers.

However, there will be an awards ceremony after the Festival at 11 a.m. in the fine arts building after the contest that will be open for the public to come and see. The awards ceremony will have music playing and the judge will pick the top 3 performers of the day, and they will perform again for everyone.

In the future, NWOSU may put together a piano contest for students to compete and perform at. The piano is another instrument that the OSSAA band district does not allow to perform at the solo ensemble contest.

Students are encouraged to come out and enjoy competing in the contest.

# 'Brooklyn' discussed by readers

By SABREENA BURKS  
Student Reporter

There was a book talk about the story Brooklyn on March 23. In 2015, the book became a movie. The book talk was run by sophomore Macey Ford.

The book is written by Colm Toibin. The book is a story about a young girl from Ireland named Eilis who goes to America to work in a store with her older sister Rose. When Eilis arrives,

she makes some changes in her life and falls in love with an Italian-American named Tony.

The only one that knew about her relationship was her sister Rose. Things seem great for Eilis until tragedy strikes when she gets word about her sister's sudden death.

As soon as she is about to leave, Tony proposes to her and the two quickly get married before she returns home.

While back in Ireland with

her mother, Eilis goes out with one of her best friends and ends up seeing Jim Farrell, whom she knew from school.

The two become really close, causing a problem for Eilis: does she tell the truth to her mother about her marriage to Tony or will she stay in Ireland and be with Jim?

According to the readers present, this is a great book and it will leave the reader guessing in the end.

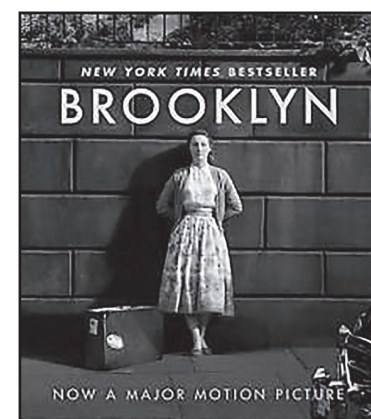


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The chief priests answered,  
"We have no king but Caesar."  
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to them to be crucified.

John 19: 15,16

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## State Parks

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- Cherokee Landing State Park in Park Hill
- Natural Falls State Park in Colcord
- Red Rock Canyon State Park in Hinton
- Great Salt Plains State Park in Jet
- Lake Eufaula State Park in Checotah
- Lake Wister State Park in Wister
- Alabaster Caverns State Park in Freedom
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- Osage Hills State Park in Pawhuska
- Greenleaf State Park in Braggs
- Lake Texoma State Park in Kingston
- Grand Lake State Park in Langley
- Grand Cherokee Golf Course in Langley
- Boiling Springs State Park in Woodward

# Photo contest winners named



Sebastian Escalante and his girlfriend, Mattie Lynn Calhoun making a heart while spending spring break at the beach in Florida. / Provided by Sebastian Escalante



Erin Norrie standing on Times Square in New York. / Provided by Erin Norrie



Rachel Emerson's dog, Koda, at the dog park. / Provided by Rachel Emerson

## Artist

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techniques. He believes the action of this decay allows for interesting new associations, both personal and formal.

"My painting has become increasingly sculptural, possessing a physicality that ripples with texture and moves in muscular patterns that add layers of depth," Gegan said. "The paintings are very much about my own reach and the movement of paint, my own physicality and touch as I endeavor to make paintings with a complex psychological presence that tries to capture the soul of a place."

Kate Mothes, founder of Young Space, describes Gegan's work as "a mix of the old and the new and a flurry of collage of expressionist painting technique." Young Space is a blog and

nomadic project platform with a mission to support and collaborate with emerging contemporary artists, students, and the community by engaging in meaningful dialogue through unique content.

To view pieces of Gegan's artwork online visit [www.joeegegan.com](http://www.joeegegan.com).

The artist-in-residence program in visual arts at Northwestern was established in January 2014 to invite emerging and established artists to campus and Alva. The program provides the gift of time for the artist, allowing them the opportunity to create their works in a quiet environment, while also exposing the community to new and interesting ideas.

For more information on the artist-in-residence program, how to apply or about the visual arts program, please contact Kyle Larson, director of the visual arts program, at (580) 327-8108 or [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu).

## Writer's Roundtable

# Showcase approaches

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Staff Reporter

Poetry, short stories and inspiration are what people attending the Writer's Roundtable Showcase can expect to hear.

The Writer's Roundtable is a club aimed at encouraging student writers to share their work and take part in the art of writing. The club will be holding a showcase to read member's works at 6 p.m. on April 6 in the Alabaster Room in Vinson Hall.

The club has approximately 12 to three members depending on the

time of year. The showcase is a new event for the club. In past years there have been public readings that included faculty, but the showcase is limited to just students.

Patricia Pixler, president of the Writer's Roundtable and Northwestern sophomore, is planning to take part in the showcase. She will be reading poetry and a short story.

The club members are excited and proud to put on the showcase, Pixler said.

Dawn Allen, instructor of English and club sponsor, said the club not only has English majors, but science, education and psychology majors also.

"Writing isn't limited to English majors," Allen said. "We are open to all students. It's also important to note that English (grammar, spelling, etc.) doesn't have to be a strength, story telling does."

The club meets every two weeks. Allen said members learn about publishing. The club talks about writing and students give their input on works. The club also writes at least every other meeting.

"Attending the arts is just as important as athletics," Allen said. "The arts provide a common ground in which we can all relate the humanity of our lives. It provides moments



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# The Way We See It

Editorial  
Section

## Interpersonal communication: Addressing the principles

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

For the past three weeks, we have looked at different aspects of interpersonal communication.

First we started by addressing the question of why we should study this form of communication and answering it by looking at three forms of success that come from it, which are success in a personal, social and professional aspect.

Next we took an in-depth look at the various elements of interpersonal communication; source/receiver, messages, channel, noise and context.

This week we are going to look at the first of seven principles of this form of communication, which is interpersonal communication is purposeful.

According to The Interpersonal Communication Book by Joseph DeVito, interpersonal communication can be used to accomplish a variety of purposes. Three purposes this form of communication is used for is to learn, relate and influence.

Others purposes interpersonal communication is used for is to help and to play.

### To Learn

When it comes to learning, and how interpersonal communication is used to accomplish that goal, DeVito said in The Interpersonal Book, interpersonal communication enables us to better understand the world of objects, events, and people



whether it is through face-to-face contact or the internet.

How it enables those things to transpire can be best explained by looking at one of the various learning styles in which students practice. According to the Barbara Manner, with the National Science Teachers Association, students learn through a style known as personal meaning.

Under the personal meaning leaning style, students that are facing a problem, for instance writing a difficult research paper, decide to do what they can to solve the problem on their own. Then when they are unable to do so, they next turn to others

for help.

When they turn to others to seek out a solution, not only are they learning, but they are engaging in interpersonal communication.

### To Relate

When it comes to how interpersonal communication is used to relate as a means of being purposeful, we must look at the term interpersonal relationships.

Interpersonal communication is what drives these interpersonal relationships. According to sciencedaily.com, these type of relationships are social associations, connections

or afflictions between two or more people. Or in other words, these are the type of relationships you have with family, friends or significant others.

The importance of these relationships can be best summed up by DeVito.

Such relationships help to alleviate loneliness and depression. They also enable us to share and heighten your pleasures. Lastly, they generally just make us feel more positive about ourselves.

Through the forming of interpersonal relationships we are able to relate to others.

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## Girl scout record sends message

By **BAILEY RANKIN**  
Staff Writer

So I do not know if you have heard the news, but an Oklahoma girl scout has made history.

Katie Francis is 15-years-old, and she now holds the new record for all time cookie sales for the Girl Scout of America. Katie has only been in the Girl Scouts for seven years, but during those seven years she has sold more than 100,000 boxes of cookies.

Katie's original goal was to sell 100,100 boxes of cookies to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts. That seems like a really cool idea, but I know I would never be able to achieve, or even attempt that task.

Do you know what Katie did? She sold 100,100 boxes of cookies in seven years and once she achieved her goal, she kept on selling! As far as I know Katie has sold over 101,106 boxes, that is roughly 3 million cookies!

Katie's achievement has even been mention on CNN, The Today



**Katie Francis, 15, now holds the record for Girl Scout cookie sales as she surpassed the 100,100 boxes sold mark.** Photo provided

Show and Yahoo. Her record setting sell occurred on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Katie was invited to demonstrate her selling techniques by singing her "cookie tunes" which are popular songs with cookie names substituted in with the lyrics. Her skills and charm worked and of course Fallon had to buy a box!

While watching her interview on The Tonight Show, you could see how much practice and dedication she had put in to this cause. She knew what she was doing, and how to do it. Then, while on the show she was surprised with a \$15,000 check from Reddi Whip to help support the Girl Scouts of America.

Seeing her hard work and dedication pay off really excited me! What I have been hearing lately about our generation is not good. We are lazy. We make excuses and we do not work hard anymore. But I do not think that is true at all!

Every day when I wake up I see students attending class and then going to work a full or part time job, working to make sure they have a future. I see student athletes juggling school, practice and games. I see band and choir members practicing so that they can represent Northwestern to the best of their ability, then go to class. And do not even get me started on what some high school students are accomplishing these days!

The point is, we are here and we are working. So to whoever thinks that we are a wasted generation, please check again in a few years, because I think we will have accomplished quite a bit by then.

Oh yeah, and Katie? Katie plans to continue selling a few more boxes for Girl Scouts during her next three years of high school.

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# Feature

## Addressing

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### To Influence

As college students, we frequently try to influence others. For example, we oftentimes use “convincing” in situations such as trying to convince an instructor to extend a deadline or offer extra credit points.

To further explain how interpersonal communication can be used to influence, we will also look at different ways in which people influence others.

According to an article by Susan Tardanico, on Forbes.com, there are five distinct categories in which influencing occurs. There is influencing by asserting, convincing, negotiating, bridging and inspiring.

### To Help and To Play

The last two areas in which interpersonal communication can be seen as serving a purpose, are To Help and To Play.

When it comes to interpersonal communication serving the purpose of helping, one example is that of a math professor helping a student out with any study tips for the upcoming quiz.

Though it seems small, that little bit of communication between professor and student is how interpersonal communication can be seen as being helpful.

Finally, one example to how interpersonal communication can be used as a means to play is through the updates on social media about the daily activity that students are participating in, or text messages between close friends about the recent March Madness basketball game or The Walking Dead episode.

All-in-all, interpersonal communication proves to serve a specific purpose for people who practice it, whether it be through learning, relating, influencing, helping or playing.

## Campus Confessions

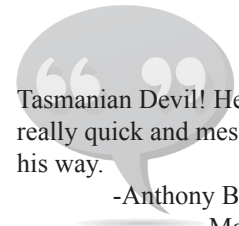
# Which cartoon character would you want to be...

By **BRYANT VENOSDEL**  
Student Reporter



Deadpool! He was technically in the “Amazing Spiderman” and he can’t die and is also sarcastic.

-Bradley Williams  
Major-Undecided



Tasmanian Devil! He spins around really quick and messes up anything in his way.

-Anthony Bolton  
Major- Health & Sports Science



Batman! I have always loved him and everything he gets to do.

-Bryson McLendon  
Major- Health & Sports Science



Bugs Bunny! I grew up watching him and he always has a fun time.

-Conner Whitley  
Major- Pre Engineering

Minnie Mouse! It was my favorite cartoon and she is always happy.

-Carley Geer  
Major- Accounting



## One student who defines the odds against disability

By **TAYLOR MORRIS**  
Student Reporter

What did you do to yourself? What’s wrong with you? What’s up with the limp? These are questions that freshman, Madison Ann Wilson, has heard throughout her life.

Wilson was born with diplegic cerebral palsy and was not officially diagnosed till she was 18 months old. She was actually one of the youngest people diagnosed with it at the time.

Her disability causes her muscles to become tense and not relax. Furthermore, it affects the right side of her body more than her left, which causes her to limp when she walks.

“I consider myself very blessed because most people with cerebral palsy, their muscles are so severely tense, that their tongues are almost paralyzed by it,” Wilson said. “So they can’t speak and most people you see with cerebral palsy are

also bound to a wheelchair, but I am pretty mobile. I do walk around campus a lot, I walk with a little bit of a limp, but I get around.”

Madison does not allow her disability to define her or her life. She feels she can truly educate people by sharing her message and spreading positivity by letting people know what she has been through and that it is okay.

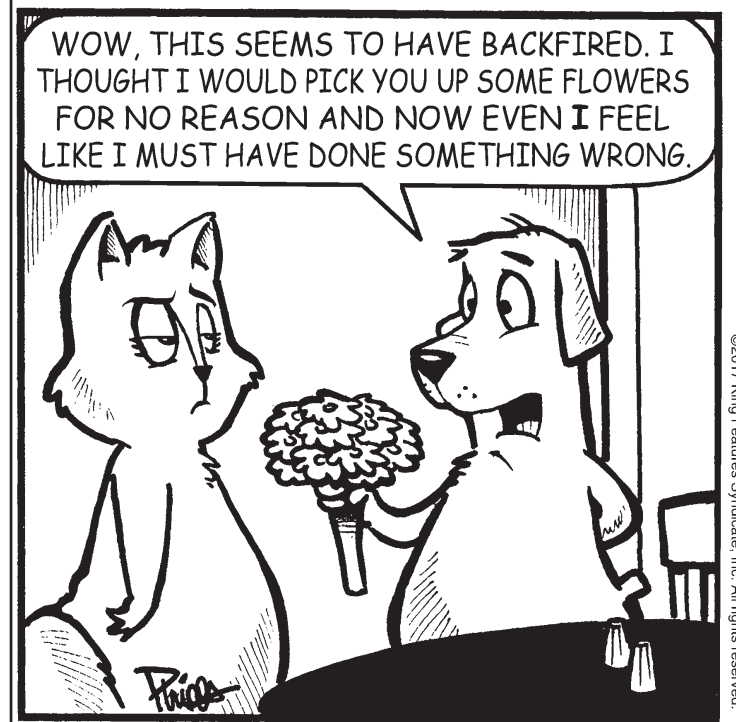
“I am always open to talk about it,” Wilson said.

Madison is a speech and theatre major and a history minor here at Northwestern. She truly adores the theatre and her hope is to one day utilize her skill set to work in the performance industry to become a working actress.

Madison wants it to be known that she does appreciate the kindness of others when they help her, but she is independent. She goes by one motto, “I can do everything you can do, I just have my own special way of doing it.”

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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# Entertainment

## Last 'Read' series for April

### Calendar of Events

#### March 31

**CORE Seed Bomb Sale**  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Student Center - Student Center Commons Area

#### April 1

**NWOSU Guitar Festival**  
8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Student Center - President's, Wyatt, Ranger & Ballroom

#### April 4

**Flint Knapping Demo/ Community Read Event for Visiting Writer Mary Anna Evans**  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Outdoor Spaces - Jesse Dunn Lawn

**Community Read Event for Visiting Writer Mary Anna Evans**  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Vinson Hall - Alabaster Room

#### April 5

**Education Career Fair**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Student Center - Wyatt Room and Ranger Room

**FCA Meetings**  
8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Coronado Hall - Ranger Perk

#### April 6

**Writer's Roundtable Showcase**  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Vinson Hall - Alabaster Room

**Bubble Soccer**  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Outdoor Spaces - Intra-mural Field

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities will play host to four remaining events in April for the "Community Reads" series to celebrate the visit of spring 2017 Visiting Writer Mary Anna Evans on April 12-13.

Members of the department welcome Northwestern students, faculty and staff as well as surrounding community members to partake in these events and the reading of novels from the "Faye Longchamp" series by Evans. All events are free.

"Artifacts" is a mystery from the series featuring archaeologist Longchamp. As part of the "community reads" model, the department has organized interdisciplinary speakers on topics related to the novel. These speakers will serve to frame the novel for those interested in reading it, are already into the novel, or are just interested in the topic. Familiarity with the novel is not required to attend—or enjoy—any of the framing lectures.

"I'm honored to be chosen out of all the wonderful authors in Oklahoma to be Northwestern's 2017 Visiting Writer, and having Artifacts chosen for a community read is very special to me," Evans said. "It was my first book, and it launched a series that has been the highlight of my 14-year career as a novelist. The protagonist of those books, archaeologist [Faye] Longchamp, has come to feel very real to me, and I'm happy to know that she's being introduced to so many people."



Mary Anna Evans, author of the Faye Longchamp series/ Courtesy of University Relations

Remaining events are:  
**Tuesday, April 4**

Neil Garrison (from Yukon) will be performing a "Flint Knapping" demonstration on April 4 from 5-6 p.m. on the north side of Jesse Dunn in association with the Community Reads event. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place in the Student Center Ballroom. Flint knapping is the process of chipping materials to produce sharp points (like arrowheads).

Then, at 6 p.m. "Artifacts" and the System: Legal Woes and Literary Tropes" will take place in the Northwestern-Alva Education Center, room 109. Speakers

will be Jeff McAlpin, instructor of sociology and criminal justice at Northwestern and Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC) administrative director, and Dr. Roxie James, Northwestern lecturer. Upon request, this event will be broadcast via ITV to Northwestern's locations in Enid, Woodward and Ponca City only if interested participants RSVP with their name and Northwestern campus location to English@nwsu.edu by April 2nd.

**Wednesday, April 12**

"Meet the Author: The Alva Community Welcomes Mary Anna Evans at the Graceful Arts Gallery"

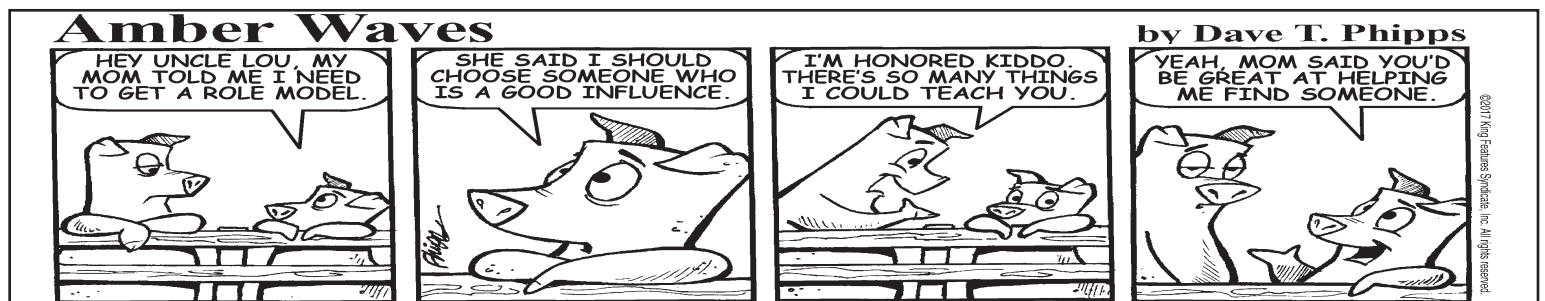
is Wednesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. This event is specifically tailored for community involvement to meet the author of the "Faye Longchamp" series. Those interested in attending are not required to read the books in order to meet the author.

**Thursday, April 13**

At 7 p.m. the Visiting Writer Series with Evans herself will take place in the Northwestern-Alva Education Center, room 109. Evans will read from the 10th Longchamp book, "Burials" which is set in Oklahoma. Evans will take questions from the audience and talk about the success of the "Faye Longchamp" series. There will be a book signing following this event.

From March 7 through April 13, Northwestern's Natural History Museum, located on the second floor of Jesse Dunn, will have a display specifically tailored to the novel and the archaeology it features. This will allow Northwestern students and community to participate if they are unable to attend the evening events. The Natural History Museum is open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.

The Visiting Writer's Series is a way to bring Oklahoma Writers to northwest Oklahoma every spring to discuss writing, the publishing industry and to share their work. This annual series is made possible through donations and raised funds. Anyone interested in giving a tax-deductible donation to the series or have questions about it may contact Dr. Kathryn Lane at (580) 327-8470 or kelane@nwsu.edu.



# Entertainment

## NWOSU students win first prize awards in art show



“Final” by Brianna McClure; painting-the figure/portraiture



“Reynaldo” by Priscilla Avalos; photography-animals/creatures



“Rose” by Erin Goeken; Photography-nature

“Village Cemetery” by Cait Dreadfulwater; photography-black & white



“Shadows of Sunset” by Priscilla Avalos; painting- landscape/nature

“Longing for my Artist” by Alanna Negelein; mixed media/collage



“Resonance” by Megan Garrett; photography-light



# Movie Review ‘Beauty And The Beast’

By DEITRA WEDD  
Staff Writer

Words cannot describe how amazing it was to watch the new Beauty and the Beast in 3d. The movie had everything, from romance to action, and even some humor.

I’m not typically a fan of remakes, but each character was played by an actor or actress perfect for the role.

The problem with remakes is that usually the small seemingly insignificant parts get taken out, which actually has a huge effect on the movies overall performance. In this remake however, the characters and musical num-

bers stayed true to the original version.

With some added comedy, and a slight twist in the storyline this was a beautifully spun tale of learning to see the beauty in others.

I was pleasantly surprised by the bits of comedy that were added into the movie. I grew up watching the original Beauty and the Beast, and I never would have thought there was a way to make it better, but the added comedy definitely did.

It isn’t easy taking an animated movie and making it unanimated without ruining the effect of the movie, but the director of Beauty and the

Beast pulled this off beautifully.


With only a slight variation in the story line, Disney was able to bring the magic of the animated version to this unanimated one.

While there were a few differences between the original Beauty and the Beast and this newest version, these changes only succeeded in making the movie better.


Going into the movie theater I remembered watching the harry potter movies and I was concerned Emma Watson wouldn’t be a good actress to cast in the role of Belle, but I am happy to say I was proven wrong.

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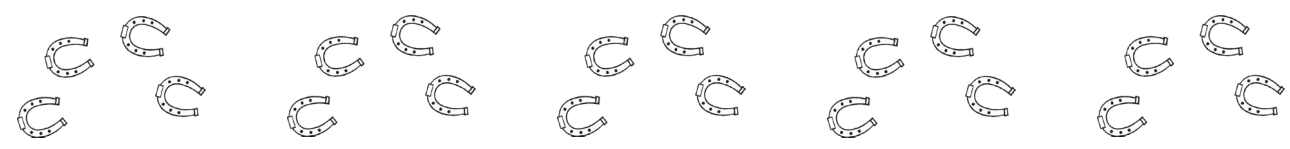
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# Feature



Northwestern has a vast selection of different athletic organizations. The Rangers impact not only their teammates, but the university. Lots of time and money goes into getting each athletic organization to and from locations. It also takes money to make sure each home game has the latest, up-to-date equipment and facilities. Athletics is a big contribution to the student who attend Northwestern. Photos courtesy of University Relations & Adriana Becerra. Graphic by Savannah Tillman

## Athletics: experiences

By ADRIANA BACERRA  
Student Reporter

The air is warm and the fans are ready. The charcoal is heating up as hot dogs and hamburgers are prepared and ready to be grilled. It is Saturday morning in the fall, which means college game day for many.

Hours before the game at Northwestern, the tiers begin to fill up with Ranger fans eager and ready for fun and football. The stands fill up with a sea of red, black and white. The band plays the fight song and the cheerleaders warm up.

Alva wouldn't be the same without its Saturday Ranger football games and Ranger sporting events. Behind the scenes so much work is put into making these Saturday's possible. The question though is who is paying for all of these athletic events to happen?

There is a misconception about college athletics and the finances tagged along with it. Many believe that college athletics are making a decent amount of money. The truth is



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**Athletics does bring in new students to the school and helps overall bring a great campus environment, but it is not one else's job to pay for our athletic programs but ourselves.**

**-Brad Franz  
Director of Athletics**

that some schools are making good money while the majority of schools are not.

College athletics on each different division level spends significantly different amounts of money. According to the

NCAA, the Division 1 school that spends the most money is the University of Texas at about \$173.2 million. The difference with Texas compared to almost every other college athletic program is that it does not take in

any subsidizes from the university, such as student fees. Their total revenue for the year is about \$183.5 million. This means that Texas' athletic programs are making about \$10.3 million.

That is not the case for 95 percent of the Division 1 athletic departments. Only 11 schools are bringing in more revenue than expenses, taking zero subsidizes from the university and are being 100 percent self sufficient, according to USA Today.

Many would assume that big schools are bringing in enough money to pay for it themselves, but most are not. There is no way that smaller schools are able to bring in anywhere close to the amount of money they need to run the program self sufficiently.

This information is surprising to some students. The finding shocked Joel Gonzalez, a senior education major at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

"I figured that most Division 1 schools, if not all, were making some money," Gonzalez said. "I was even more surprised

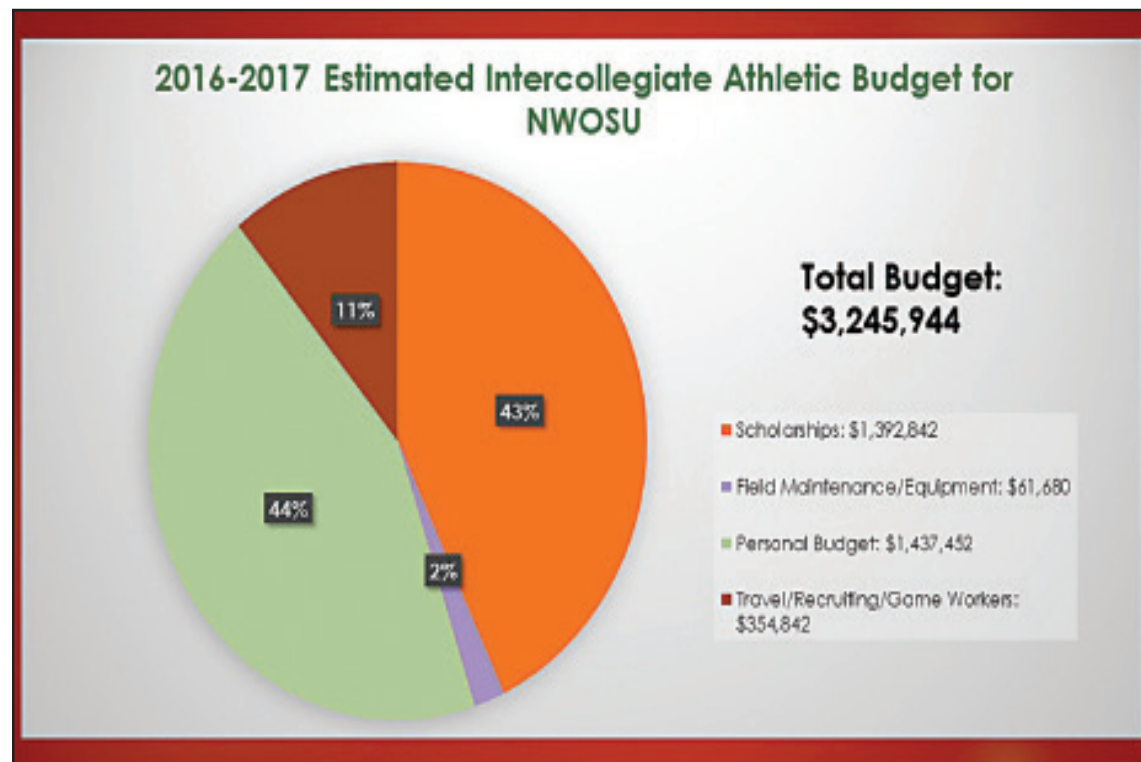
to find out schools like Alabama are taking out subsidizes and charging student fees to keep its athletic programs running."

The issue is whose money is actually paying to keep these programs up and running especially in the Division 2 and 3 levels. There is not one Division 2 school that is able to fund its athletic department without any subsidizes from the university.

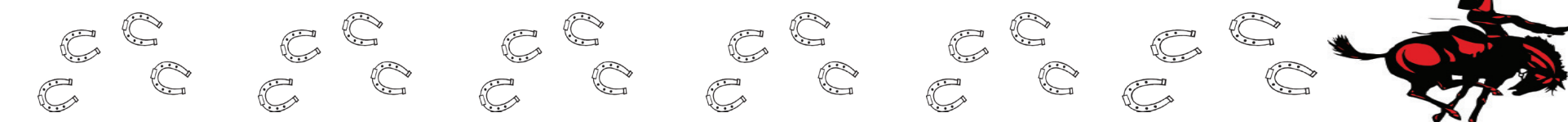
There has been data at every level that shows schools with football have higher expenses, but also have overall higher revenues. The NCAA did a report over Division 2 expenses and revenue for the past ten years. They found that not one school's revenue exceeded expenses. For a school with football at the Division 2 level, there was a median deficit of \$5.2 million dollars each year. A Division 2 program without football had a median revenue amount of \$346,000, but it still had a median deficit of \$4.1 million.

At Northwestern the trends about Division 2 athletic finances are no different. The athletic department is not making money and does take subsidizes from the university. Brad Franz, director of athletics, said Northwestern is standard budget wise in comparison to similar schools, especially within the Great American Conference. Franz referred to the budget as very cut and dry at Northwestern.

Northwestern athletics does not bring in any extra money and is paid for through a few different outlets such as money from the NCAA, student fees and items like gate and parking sells. At Northwestern, students are required to pay a \$10.50 activity fee per credit hour. This does not only go to athletics, but it also goes into funds for intramural sports, speech, band and campus clubs. The biggest expense coming from the athletic department to the university is for scholarships. Other expenses include travel, coaching and personal salaries and opera-



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The photos above show most of the sports that Northwestern offers. They are from left to right: baseball, mens basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, mens cross-country, softball, womens basketball, rodeo, womens cross country, soccer and golf. Photos courtesy of University Relations & Adriana Becerra. Graphic by Savannah Tillman

## outweigh hefty expense

tional costs.

David Pecha, vice president for administration at Northwestern, said although athletics does not bring in a lot of revenue at Northwestern, the college wouldn't be the same with athletics. "Athletics pays a vital role on any college campus, but Northwestern honestly wouldn't be the same," Pecha said.

Athletics is essentially run like any other department on campus according to Pecha. Specific programs on the Northwestern campus are here to attract students and increase the total enrollment. Athletics does the same thing and is run similarly. Some students do not see it like that though and have the misconception of athletics.

A Northwestern student on Twitter recently wrote, "Football seriously gets everything. How can they afford to get new helmets when tuition goes up?" The reason football, or whichever sport that wants to get extra stuff, is able to do that is through fundraisers and donors. Northwestern football started a campaign to fund their new black helmets that ultimately ended up raising \$20,000.

Franz said Northwestern does it's best to help find money and fund part of athletics but does not think it is the university's job to do so. "Athletics does bring in new students to the school and helps overall bring a great campus environment, but it is not one else's job to pay for our athletic programs but ourselves," Franz said.

At every level, but especially Division 2, donors are extremely important. In Alva, Northwestern is fortunate for generous donors.

"Donors play a key role to Ranger athletics," Franz said. "They help raise money for new and improved facilities, new gear, but most importantly, help with scholarships."

Patrick Delano, who once played baseball at a Division 1 school, and now plays at Northwestern, understands the difference.

"At Vanderbilt traveling,

**I really believe that having an enjoyable experience and positive campus climate is worth more than any kind of money.**

**-David Pecha  
V.P for Administration**



Courtesy of University Relations

ing, gear and facilities were so much different and in a good way," Delano said. "We would fly places, eat at nice restaurants and get a ridiculous amount of gear, but all of that costs a good amount of money."

Delano agreed that it would be nice to have more money, but he thinks that it is the athletic department's responsibility to bring the money in, not the regular students or the schools.

Northwestern is not run anything like a Division 1 school, but athletics is what brings a decent amount of students to Northwestern. Currently for the 2016-2017 school year there are about 450 student athletes. Franz said out of that 450, some may have already been coming to Northwestern, but overall athletics alone brings in a majority of those students.

In Alva, many recent changes to athletic facilities have happened despite recent budget cuts and low funds. Recently, Ranger field underwent a complete transformation with new turf as well as a brand new press box. There have been improvements made at the base-

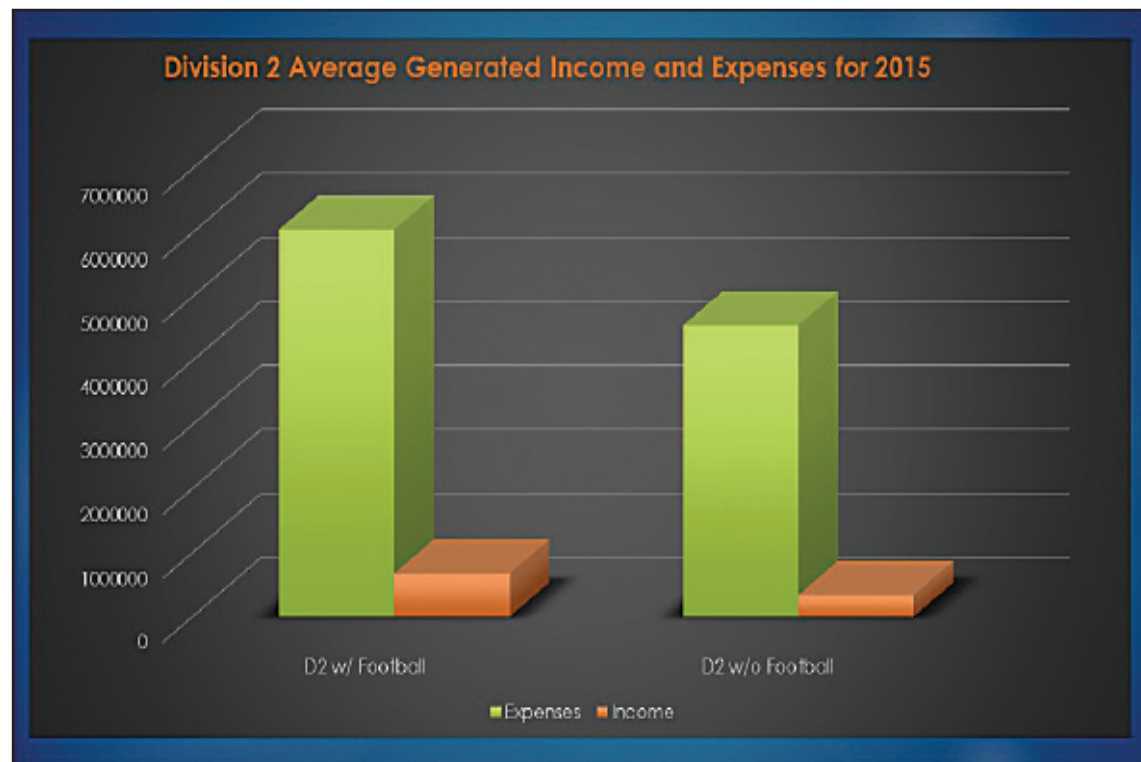
ball field, soccer field, softball field and the newest to Percful Fieldhouse and the small gym. Franz said how some improvements were budgeted into expenses before he was here while others are helped funded by do-

nors. Roughly one out of every five students at Northwestern is a student athlete. "The goal is to make an overall positive, fun campus environment for those students who aren't com-

peting in a sport," Franz said. "The bigger goal is to do that by making it as self sufficient as possible."

Franz has a couple more renovations he would like to make soon. Building a fence around the baseball and football fields is one of the changes. This is a top priority because it will allow Northwestern to have high school championships as well as tournaments.

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# Sports

## Softball scores another win

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Softball followed up a strong series win against Arkansas-Monticello last weekend with a doubleheader split against No. 3 Southern Arkansas Muleriders. The Rangers answered a 7-0 defeat in game one with a 2-1 victory behind another strong performance from Karly Murray.

### Game 1

Coming off a 3-1 series victory over Arkansas-Monticello, the Rangers were tasked with heading to No. 3 Southern Arkansas for a big test against a nationally ranked opponent.

A week after throwing her first career no-hitter, Madison Garza took to the circle looking to contain the potent Mulerider offense that came into today hitting .347 as a team.

Garza did just that until the fifth, when Southern Arkansas scrapped across the game's first run thanks to an infield error that scored Marina Duran.

Amber Mills managed the first hit off in the fourth, but the Rangers weren't able to make anything of it. The Mulerider pitcher would hold Northwestern to just two hits and no free passes in the contest, pitching to just two over the minimum in her seven innings of work.

Trying to hang on to a 1-0 lead headed into the sixth, Northwestern saw just how quickly the conference's best team can strike. The Muleriders found themselves in a big inning that put up six runs on five hits, burying the Rangers by a 7-0 final in the series opener. Freshman Kendall Jones closed out the seventh for Northwestern, getting the final two outs.

### Game 2

Also coming off a strong performance last week was sophomore right-hander Karly Murray, who dazzled in a gutsy 13 inning victory over UAM. With her sights set on one of the country's best, Murray kept her cool and delivered yet another solid outing.

The Rangers had a chance to do some damage early in the game, as Brittany Corrales and Audrey Estes had base hits. Northwestern



Murray pitching during UAM game.

loaded the bases in the first but were unable to capitalize off game two starter Kaylee Garner.

After finding herself in a jam in the third and keeping the Muleriders off the board, Murray cruised through to the fifth inning before she was tagged. A leadoff walk came back to bite the Rangers, but Murray settled down to hold SAU to a single run.

Northwestern's success came in the top of the sixth where another leadoff walk came around to score. Madison McGraw drew the free base to start the frame, chasing Garner out of the game in favor of Jill Roye. The reliever got the next two Rangers but a two-out single by Macy Madewell and two wild pitches allowed the Rangers to take a much needed 2-1 lead.

Armed with a lead, Murray was dominant in the final two frames, sitting down the Muleriders offense in order to secure a statement 2-1 victory over Southern Arkansas.

Northwestern Softball and their recent string of success continued to impress the Great American Conference with a series split on the road against the Southern Arkansas Muleriders.

The Rangers used timely hitting and fundamental defense to hand SAU a 2-1 loss in game one, but dropped the finale 3-1 after a pair of Mulerider home runs.

### Game 1

A day after shocking the nationally ranked Muleriders in a 2-1 win, Jill Webb's Rangers were out to prove that while their previous matchup may have been an upset, it certainly wasn't a fluke.

Northwestern gave starter Victoria Taylor trouble right from the first inning and never backed off. Third baseman Brittany Corrales got things going with a double to left but Taylor was able to leave two Rangers aboard to avoid an early deficit. A Megan Sanders two-bagger in the top of the second scored a leadoff walk, giving Northwestern a 1-0 lead.

Having given up one run or less in four of her last five starts, Madison Garza knew she would need another solid performance to keep the Mulerider hitters at bay. But the 5'4" slinger out of Edna, Texas pitched her way out of back-to-back bases loaded jams in the first and second innings. After getting bailed out by a 5-4-



Hays running for first base after batting. Photos Provided

3 double play in the first, Garza loaded the bases again before striking out two Muleriders to kill any potential rally.

Garza made things easier on herself, sitting SAU down in order in the third and fourth, keeping her team in control of a 1-0 contest until the seventh.

Sanders' second double of the game gave the Rangers a runner in scoring position to lead off the seventh, with junior Katie Bell coming into run for the first baseman. A pitching change by former Ranger head coach Jason Anderson brought in Peyton Jenkins to face Peyton Garrett, who was able to get the sacrifice bunt down, moving Bell over to third with one out. On the next pitch, Amber Mills executed a perfectly placed suicide squeeze, scoring Bell for what proved to be a crucial insurance run.

Kendall Jones came on in the bottom of the seventh and recorded her first collegiate save in the 2-1 win. Jones survived a scare in the final inning when Marina Duran took a 1-1 pitch deep and over the wall in left to cut the deficit to one, followed by

another two-out hit and a walk. With runners on first and second with two outs, Jones got Megan Godoyo to line out to end the game.

### Game 2

In the series finale, the Ranger pitching was again able to limit their opponent to minimal damage, but a pair of home runs proved to be the difference. Karly Murray would give up a two-run shot to Monica Islava in the top of the second that was ultimately the game winner.

Northwestern manufactured a run in the fourth when Corrales dropped down a bunt for a hit and was driven in by Audrey Estes for her first RBI of the weekend. But runs were hard to come by off SAU starter Kaylee Garner, who is yet to lose this season.

The Muleriders hot bats struck again in the fifth when Maddie Dow took Murray deep for a solo shot to make it a 3-1 SAU advantage, all but solidifying the Southern Arkansas win. The Rangers weren't able to solve Garner, and eventually dropped game two 3-1.

The Rangers will make the trip to Shawnee to face Oklahoma Baptist for a four game series on Friday.

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# Sports

## Baseball defeated at home

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State hosted conference foe, Southern Arkansas for a three-game series and started off with a tough one-run loss, 8-7.

### Game 1

Sean Rydell would earn the series opening start for the Rangers and went four innings where he was responsible for five runs for the visitors, four of which were earned.

Rydell started off with a zero on the scoreboard in the top of the first, but it didn't take long for the Muleriders to get on the board. Their runs made it a 3-0 game, following an empty opening frame for the hosts.

Northwestern would bounce back in the bottom of three however, as they started the inning off with a hit-by-pitch where Kane would gain first base. Carrington then brought him around on a triple down the right field line, making it a two-run ballgame. In the very next at bat, Long claimed his second knock of the game, bringing Carrington home.

All it took for the Muleriders however was one inning before getting back on the board, as they plated one run on a sacrifice fly to centerfield. That would be the only run to cross, ending the top of the fourth 4-2, visitors.

The battle would continue in the following at bat for the hosts as they would plate another, this time on reliever Brandon Nesseralla, making it a two-run game again.

Northwestern continued the run support for the Ranger pitching staff in the bottom half of the fifth, where they gained the first lead of the ballgame, 6-5 and knocked out the starting pitcher in the process.

SAU didn't stay down for long as they put another run on the board for the third straight at bat, making it a tie game at six apiece, but the home team would again shut the visitors down to just a single run.

The top of the eighth inning looked to be a big inning for the



Havener pitching.



Van Amstel batting during home game./ Photos Provided

Muleriders, putting the leadoff man aboard, but David Sanchez came on in relief for Nesseralla and was able to record two quick outs to get out of the jam. The score remained 6-6.

Following two straight open frames, Southern Arkansas tacked on two runs in the top of the ninth, taking the lead 8-6.

Northwestern would gain a huge homer off the bat of Long to make it an 8-7 game, but that would be the end of the scoring for the home club, finishing up the game in one-run fashion.

Northwestern Oklahoma State and Southern Arkansas squared off for the closing doubleheader where the Muleriders would come away with two wins against the Rangers, 7-4 and 4-1.

### Game 2

Starting on the mound for the Rangers was Bryce Tomlin who went 5.2 innings, giving up six runs on six hits. He would ultimately take the loss in the contest.

As an offensive unit, Northwestern gained more bases on hits than the Muleriders as the hosts collected 11 hits.

Leading off the top of the first, the visitors put their leadoff man aboard following a leadoff walk issued by Tomlin, but the one run would be all they could muster,

leaving the game at 1-0.

Northwestern shut down the Muleriders for the next two innings and then tie it up at one apiece in the bottom of three on a groundout to second base, plating Dickerman on the play.

In the Muleriders very next at bat however, they would score two more runs on a rifed homer to right field, making it 3-1.

SAU came up in the top half of the sixth and made the Rangers pay on a single and an error, tacking on three runs to make it a 6-3 contest, knocking out Tomlin in the process.

Brandon Nesseralla came on to relieve Tomlin for the final out of the inning and was successful in doing so, maintaining the three-run game.

The Rangers put two men aboard in the bottom of the sixth, but the runners were left stranded following a strikeout.

A Richardson single to left field would score another run for the visitors of Magnolia, Arkansas, making it a 7-3 lead.

Northwestern gained one run back in the seventh on a SAC fly to left field by Van Amstel, bringing Carrington across the plate to make it a three-run game again at 7-4.

Coming in for the Rangers in the top of the eighth inning was freshman Tyler Havener and collected

three quick outs, shutting out the visitors in the inning.

The Rangers also had an empty frame in the eighth, and Ranger skipper, Sam Carel brought in Baron Phillips for the top of nine, but following two hit batters.

The Rangers would fall in the game as no runs were crossed in the final inning, falling 7-4.

### Game 3

Matthew Bickford was the game three starter for the Rangers and pitched three and two-thirds innings before being replaced by Nick Llorente in the fourth.

The Rangers struggled at the dish in game two, only collecting four hits in the contest.

The Muleriders continued to score early in the games as they posted one run to start things off after a big double to left field.

In the bottom half of the first Northwestern would plate a run of their own on a single to left field by Castro, bringing around Carrington for the score.

The score would remain at one apiece until the top of the fourth when the guests put a three spot on the Rangers, making it a 4-1 contest.

Following a score in inning one, the Rangers were held in check for six straight after that, finishing the game on the losing end 4-1.

### Athletic Events

#### March 31

##### Softball

4 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

6 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

##### Baseball

7 p.m. Rangers vs Oklahoma Baptist University

##### Rodeo

Rangers at Garden City Community College

#### April 1

##### Softball

1 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

3 p.m. Rangers at Oklahoma Baptist University

##### Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Oklahoma Baptist University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Oklahoma Baptist University

##### Rodeo

Rangers at Garden City Community College

#### April 2

##### Rodeo

Rangers at Garden City Community College

#### April 3

##### Mens Golf

Rangers at Sterling College

#### April 4

##### Mens Golf

Rangers at Sterling College

##### Softball

3 p.m. Ranger vs Southwestern Oklahoma State University

5 p.m. Ranger vs Southwestern Oklahoma State University

##### Baseball

5 p.m. Rangers at Newman University

#### April 6

##### Rodeo

Rangers at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

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## Women just off podium

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women's golf team competed well during the opening round of the Spring Pack Invitational in route to a team score of 338.

The Rangers find themselves just one stroke out of third place to Dodge City Community College after getting off to a phenomenal start during tournament action. Four different Rangers played the opening few holes at around or just over par.

The girls found consistent trouble coming down the stretch however on the difficult par three's that the Walking Stick Golf Course had to offer.

Host Colorado State-Pueblo used their home-course knowledge to successfully navigate the par three's as well as the rest of the course to hold the overnight lead at 316. Pueblo golfer Jacquelyn Porman led the host school after her low-round of 73, four strokes better than the nearest competitor.

The Rangers were led once again by transfer Kelsi Wilson, who struck the ball solidly throughout the round to post an 81, good enough for seventh place in the event. Sophomore Brittani Casement fired a round of 84 to finish just outside the top 10 in 12<sup>th</sup> place for head coach Aaron Ford's squad, followed up by Canadian Olivia Brock's round of 85, placing her in a tie for 15<sup>th</sup>.

Freshman Hallie Ward battled hard throughout the day to post a round of 88 despite a rough three final holes, while sophomore Kennedy Jewell rounded out the team with a 97.

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# The Buzz



## Intramural softball underway



Horatio Smith, a sophomore from Amarillo, Texas is up at bat at an intramural softball game. Photos by Caitlin Coody

Jordan Norris, a junior Criminal Justice major, crosses home safely as his team tightens the score.



SGA Vice President, Don Holly, catches the ball in an attempt to get a player out during his team's intramural match up.