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## TODAY'S DATE IN HISTORY

Today in 1998, Google was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while students at Stanford University.



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# Ranger athletics kicks off tonight

By **TRENTON JUDD**  
Student reporter

Tonight is the annual Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ranger Rally for the Alva campus.

It will begin at 8 p.m. Students can treat themselves to games that offer prizes. The first 250 students who show will receive free hot dogs and free T-Shirts.

Students will be treated to live performances from the Ranger Band and the NWOSU Cheerleaders. The event will close with speeches from the football coaches.

Student Government Association President Tatum Hansen says, "The Ranger Rally is the first of many SGA events that students should attend. This is the first event that really promotes our football team and it encourages school spirit. All new

students need to attend the Ranger Rally because it is our chance to welcome them to the Ranger family."

Hansen said, "My favorite part of the Ranger Rally is the bonfire at the end where all the football coaches and the football team give incredible speeches about the upcoming season".

University President Janet Cunningham said, "It is an evening filled great games and fun. I am always excited to see students who participate in these great school events." She said she "absolutely" would be attending.

Dean of Student Affairs Calleb Mosburg said he all students to participate in the Ranger Rally. "The Ranger Rally is the first of many athletic

activities, but when you're in that athletic arena you get this great feeling of family and support that just surrounds you. I just really enjoy seeing all the students that participate and it's really great to see the amount of support that's shared between them. Students should attend so that they can be part of a great Northwestern tradition that welcomes all

students to be a part of this great family."

Assistant Professor of Psychology Karen Linstrum said, "My favorite part of the Ranger Rally is to see all the students, athletes, and coaches take pride in being a Ranger. I really like to hear the coaches speak because it gets everyone revved up about the season."



Graphic by Michael Collins

# Northwestern welcomes new faculty

By **SARAH OTTO**  
Student reporter

Thirteen new instructors have joined this year's Northwestern faculty.

Richmond Adams is an assistant professor in English. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Memphis in history and a degree from Vanderbilt University in divinity, as well as a doctorate in English from Southern Illinois University. Before coming to Northwestern he taught at Eastern Oklahoma State College and also at Andrew College in Georgia.

Jana Brown is an instructor of history and also is the coordinator of social sciences education. Brown has a bachelor's degree in social science education and a degree in American studies that she got from Northwestern. Before starting her journey teaching at Northwestern, she taught high school classes at Enid, Fort Supply and Cherokee, Okla.

Shelby Hall has joined the Northwestern faculty as an assistant professor of social work. Hall graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's

degree in social sciences, and has her master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma. Some of her previous jobs were director of development for youth and family services in Enid. She was a social science teacher in Colorado Springs at Lewis Palmer High School and she was an adjunct faculty member here at Northwestern.

Kenneth Kelsey is a professor of history. Kelsey has bachelor's and a master's degrees in history from Oklahoma State University. He also has a master's degree in art history from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Before joining the staff at Northwestern, he worked at the Lifelong Learning Institute in Enid as an instructor, taught programs at the Dallas Museum of Art and taught art at Northern Illinois University. Also, along with Hall, Kelsey was an adjunct instructor at Northwestern.

Jason Henderson is an instructor of library and information services and also digital resources and metadata librarian. Henderson has a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and holds a master's of library and information studies from the University of Oklahoma.

Lawana Newell is an instructor of music. Newell graduated from Pfeiffer College with a bachelor's degree in music education and church music. Newell also holds a master of music degree frp, the New England Conservatory of Music and is on her way toward a doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. For multiple years, she has taught music as an adjunct. She also has numerous hours of experience as a church soloist and musician.

Jennifer Page has joined the Northwestern team as an assistant professor of English. Page graduated from Nicholls State University in Louisiana with a bachelor's degree in English. She received her master's degree and her doctorate in English from the University of Louisiana located in Lafayette. Before coming to Northwestern, she was a graduate school manuscript editor and an assistant teacher at UL-Lafayette.

Jennifer Sattler is an assistant professor in physical science.

Sattler came to Northwestern with a bachelor's and master's from the University of North Dakota in physics. She also possesses a master's degree in medical physics and in biomedical physics and

a doctorate from East Carolina University. She has previous experience in teaching and research at the University of North Dakota as well as East Carolina University.

Tiffany Scarola joined the English department as an instructor. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Northern Illinois University and also graduated from DePaul University with a master's degree in English. Her previous occupations include teaching English in China at the Nanjing Foreign Language School, adjunct teaching at the College of DePage and Waubensee Community College which is located in Illinois.

Allison Zimmerman is a professor of mass communication. Zimmerman holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Northwestern and she earned her master's degree from Oklahoma State University in mass communication media management. Zimmerman works for the Northwestern Foundation as the communications and marketing manager.

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# OPINION

## Boiling and Bowling Social Media



**OSAM SAKAMOTO**  
Columnist

Lately the expansion of social media is becoming one of the most favored topics in the world. I bet that everybody around us has heard of Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and Vine. Even some of you might be a user of one of these or multiple services. In fact these internet services have successfully seized their best seats to influence the world, wrestling each other to gain further users.

Like everybody else, I am also a user of social media. I usually spend less than an hour each day, using social media,

or technically stating, watching skate videos on these services. And there goes a sweet trap that social media bring us. If you are familiar to YouTube, it would be easier to explain. Whenever I click a video, YouTube will suggest me several more videos I might be also fascinated in. Since I am a skateboard "freak," I often end up surfing all over the suggestion column, seeking

for legendary skating montages.

Yet, spending some time on social media other than YouTube may occur. It may be Facebook or Twitter. Or we might log in to Myspace, which miserably failed to be one of the best social media outlets as if it had fallen hard on ice and never got back up. Hence I must admit that these successful social media, unlike Myspace, are working on their best services. But what are exactly the best services? They should be the matter of convenience, which is an important factor.

Talking about convenience, usage of smartphones is probably significant today.

Let's see how many of us have a smart-phone. Looking around, we can notice that many of us use it. If you are a college student, you might need an instant access to blackboard to check class contents or assignments. And these intelligent phones made it possible to access to the internet without a laptop. As a matter of fact, they stabilized a way to get to social media: We can watch funny videos on YouTube, we can tweet about a song we just heard on a radio, and we are also able to post what we ate for dinner on Facebook. Text to post is a handy way to share our event to subscribers or followers as well.

Social network services often allow users to subscribe to an organization, famous person, their interest, or even their friend. All users need to do in order to receive the latest posts is to tap an icon of an app on the touchscreen. Users are able to check their timeline just in seconds. As a result, social media may cause users to get addicted to the nicely-made virtual world.

By having an easy access and useful functions, social media can gain more users. Additionally, our addiction to social media definitely changes the degree of how successful the companies are. But in fact, we do not need to waste our precious time on social media. Grab whatever you are hugely into, and live your life!

## Let the fall begin



**CHRIS AGBOLA**  
Columnist

Gradually, the seemingly unending summer is making way for the fall. A nostalgic feeling comes to bear when this happens. The excitement of returning for the fall semester to meet friends vies with the sadness of desiring the summer never ended because it was fun-filled.

This juxtaposition of thoughts and emotions would depend on how your summer went. Personally, I'd say that my summer was pretty awesome and eventful. The fall semester to me is one that is unique. It is special in the sense of the multiple activities it comes with. If you don't get your priorities right, you could be messed up for the finals in December.

The first week presents Howdy Week, which features the block party. The block party is usually exciting for the freshmen because it's supposedly their first party in college after their high school prom, which is to be their

last for high school. I'm not so sure about that though. At the party, they get to meet new friends, spot crushes and probably find their first love in college. A lot happens from there, which I'll leave for another writing.

Another event, is the commencement of the sports seasons. The pride of being a Ranger and cheering whichever of our teams are playing is worth talking about. Later in October, the Halloween celebration is marked. After Halloween is the grand and memorable Thanksgiving. I know folks who wait for Thanksgiving all year long. The good news is that it's here once again. You can't wait to meet that aunt or uncle you've not seen for a year huh? Just calm down and start the count-down.

After Thanksgiving, then "December to remember" shows up. The battle with the usually snowy weather ushers in the aura of Christmas, which features jingle bells, Frosty the Snowman, Christmas trees and decorations and finally, but not least, Father Christmas and Santa Claus.

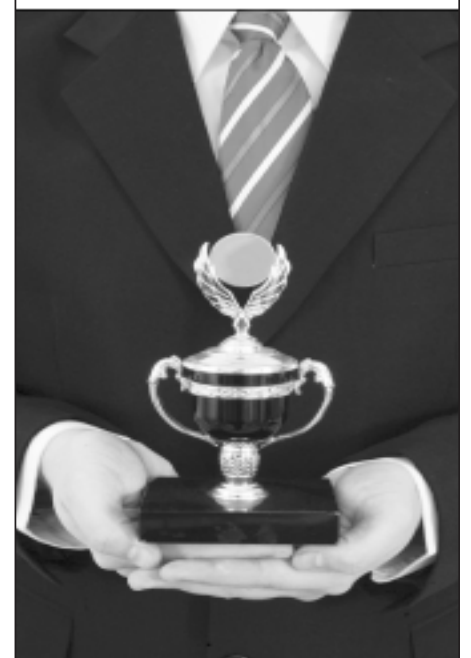
The thought of upcoming finals is a challenge at that time of year. We all at that point can't wait to get home to spend the Christmas with our families but must face the finals first. For the freshmen, it's anxiety and fear from their first real test of college, whereas sophomores, juniors and seniors start facing the consequences of their semester procrastinations with extreme stress levels.

My advice to you all is that inasmuch as the semester has a lot to offer, set your priorities right. This prevents your "December to remember" from

being so stressful that rips you asunder and plunders the joy of a successful semester and awesome Christmas.

I wish you all a successful fall semester. Remember, first things first. Let the fall begin!

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# WHAT'S UP?

## Artist visits Northwestern

By **ALEXANDER REYES**  
Staff Reporter

The current artist in residence at NWOSU this month is Kyle Larson from Sacramento, Calif.

Larson grew up in Sacramento and attended college at Sacramento State, double majoring in English and art with an MA in painting. He moved to Boston in 2010 and graduated in 2012 with an MFA in painting.

He arrived in Alva Aug. 20 and work immediately began on five paintings; Larson said they remain unfinished so far. They start out as abstractions (random shapes and colors) and from there he does a lot of drawing with them. He then paints what he drew, a sort of back-and-forth technique.

Alva has "been great," said Larson. "There's not a lot of noise; you can relax a little."

He enjoys the open classroom experience on campus. He uses the classroom as his workspace, since he currently only has a small studio in his apartment. He hopes to get in-depth with students, helping them discover new techniques and improve what they already know.

Most of his artistic inspiration stems from his heritage. Larson focuses on Aztec art, specifically Huehuecoyotl, the trickster coyote god many Aztecs worshipped. A lot also comes from childhood experiences, "We internalize things so easily as children," said Larson.

He has many cow figures in his work because he loved the tale of Ferdinand the Bull he heard as a child.

He does drawing and painting and likes to dance. "Movement is a lot like painting; just go with the flow and don't think about it," Larson said.

He feels it's when you start becoming conscious of what

you're doing that you start trying to fix things that don't need to be touched on until later. His musical tastes range from "everything electronic, classic rock, indie, Michael Jackson, just a good mix of music."

His plans for the future are

indefinite. "I feel as long as I'm working hard and grinding it out it'll be fine. Keep going you'll find something and surprise yourself even."

Larson's artwork can be viewed online at [cargocollective.com/kylelarson](http://cargocollective.com/kylelarson).



Photo by Alexander Reyes

Larson's paintings on display in his workshop.

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## Rangers go Greek

By **KATELYN STEADMAN**  
Student Reporter

The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Zeta have been busy contributing to one of their biggest fall events.

Recruitment week is the time when the two sororities here on campus get to meet with students interested in "going Greek." Each recruitment week is unique for every campus. For Northwestern, recruitment involves two informative nights that take place before recruitment and four days of formal recruiting during the week.

According to Lexi Seacat, Delta Zeta vice president of recruitment and membership, recruitment week for Delta Zeta involves trying to find girls who can bond together as sisters and work as teammates, as well as finding girls who are looking for a stable support system or family.

For this year's fall recruitment week, Delta Zeta started off on Monday with open house night. The night lets potential members come to the Delta Zeta chapter room, meet the members of the sorority and see if Delta Zeta is the sorority that fits them. Tuesday was reserved as video night, which

allows Delta Zeta to show each potential member what they stand for as well as what they value as a sorority. Preference night was the night that Delta Zeta members tried to bond with the potential members. Thursday, the final day of formal recruitment, was bid day, when new members find out which sorority will become their new sisterhood.

According to Chelsay Adams, Alpha Sigma Alpha vice president of public relations and recruitment, recruitment week for Alpha Sigma Alpha is an opportunity to share their hearts, memories, stories and their love for Alpha Sigma Alpha with new members. The days during formal recruiting were much like Delta Zeta's. Monday was an open house night allowing new members to visit the sorority's chapter room. Tuesday was skit night, also known as video night. For this year, Alpha Sigma Alpha based their skit theme on the book, "The Great Gatsby." In correlation with the sorority and the book, their theme was "The Great A-Sigs." On Wednesday night, Alpha Sigma Alpha also had preference night for new members. The following and final night of recruitment week was bid day. This night allowed the new

members to learn about as well as celebrate their invitation to join the sorority.

Even though not every girl that went through recruitment week joined a sorority, both sororities' recruitment numbers were higher than they were last year.

Even though the week of formal recruitment is over, the rest of the year will consist of informal recruitment. Each chapter will host continuous open bidding events to try to reach the maximum amount of members that each chapter is allowed to hold.



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## Assistant receives award



Rachel Stewart (right), Staff Council chair, presented Myra Davison, administrative assistant to the president's office, with the summer 2014 Campus

Kudos Award. Myra Davison, administrative assistant to the president's office at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has been selected by the Staff Council as the recipient of the 2014 summer semester Campus Kudos Award.

"Myra is a true Ranger at heart, going above and beyond the call of duty to assist those around her," Rachel Stewart, event coordinator and Staff Council chair, said. "Her professionalism and dedication to the university is an inspiration."

Campus Kudos is a public acknowledgement created by the Northwestern Staff Council that applauds the efforts of eligible staff

members who have displayed an act of kindness above their job responsibilities. This award is presented toward the end of each semester, including the summer term.



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# STUDENT LIFE

## Natural Sciences purchases 3D Printer

By MARVA HALTOM  
Student Reporter

A new 3D printer arrived at NWOSU a week before school started, so the natural sciences department is just now getting started with it.

Steve Maier, head of the natural sciences department, proposed that the school invest in a new 218 Makerbot 3D printer.

The printer like this costs

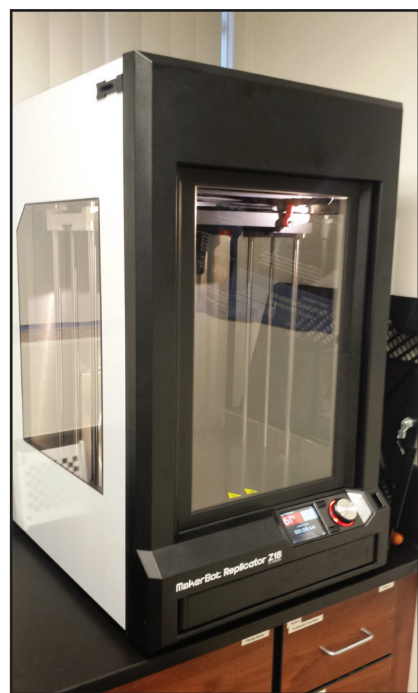


Photo by Marva Haltom

The printer sits on a desk in the science department.

about \$6,500, although other types of 3D printers can run up to \$20,000. 3D printers can print in different colors and also print metal material. The scanner Northwestern purchased prints plastic material and heats up to 200 degrees Celsius.

Once the operator finds an object to recreate, he downloads the code from an online site onto a flash drive and plug the flash drive directly into the printer. The printer will then read the code and begin processing the information to make the object. Maier said he likes to use the site thingiverse.com to find specific objects that have already been made by other 3D printers.

The purpose of the 3D printer is to help students recreate objects to help students learn more about the subject they are obtaining information on and how an object works. For example, nursing majors could recreate an exact replica of a heart module. They can build each individual piece of a heart and reconstruct it as a hands-on learning experience. Students could even reconstruct bones

from the human body and put and entire skeleton together.

Engineering majors would be working with code to create their own devices and will eventually be able to check out laptops to work from home.

Along with the 3D printer is a scanner that students will also be able to use. Students will be able to pick out an object in the room, set it on the scanner and the scanner processes the object and sends the code to the 3D printer to print the object out. One of the biggest things Maier has already printed is called the tower of Pi; the circumference and diameter of the object comes out to 3.14.

3D printing is now being used by large companies to cut costs. Companies can save up to 70 percent by not spending money on shipping and packaging. It also cuts out middlemen out and goes straight to the manufacturing process. One of the first things someone made with a 3D printer was another 3D printer.

Maier said students will be learning at a faster pace by creating what they need right there in the room. The science department will be able to create the parts they need without spending extra money on modules and other products used in a classroom setting.

## Fall schedule for Christian groups

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Student Reporter

Alva's two faith-based organizations aimed at NWOSU students have scheduled their first activities for the school year.

First on the line-up, Deb and Paul Corr of the Wesley House encourage all to attend both Sunday school and church services Sunday mornings at the First Methodist Church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by the church service at 10:30. After the service, the Corrs will treat students to lunch.

Next on the menu is the week full of events for all college students. Every week, both the BCM and Wesley House provide opportunities to be well fed with both food and the word of God.

Starting Monday at 5 p.m. the Wesley House holds what they call "Dinner and a Devo," which includes one select student being given \$30 to purchase supplies to both cook and feed students. The catch of the challenge is that the selected chef for the night does not know how many people he or she will be cooking for. After the meal has been prepared, the attendants will enjoy devotion from another

fellow student. Following "Dinner and a Devo," at 9 p.m., the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meet and fellowship in the word of God as well.

Tuesday, The Wesley House keeps the events going with an open Bible study beginning at 8:10 p.m.. The theme of the Bible study is the "World Shattering Story of Jesus Christ." A women's Bible study begins at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

The BCM would also invites all students to Noonday, a lunch and devotional every Wednesday beginning at noon. The home-cooked meals that are provided come from area churches.

On Wednesday nights beginning on at 7:30 p.m., the BCM holds a Bible study called "Romans: The Extreme Makeover." The focus of the Bible study is to take a deeper look into the book of Romans.

Weekly events conclude Thursday at both the BCM and the Wesley House. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m., area churches cater home-cooked meals

and host devotion at the Wesley House. The BCM wraps up its weekly events 8:01 p.m. with College Worship night.

Some other notable events taking place at both the BCM and Wesley House include the A.A. meeting and the Momentum Conference. The Wesley House provides a place to meet for Alcoholic Anonymous every Monday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. The BCM also has plenty of sign-ups still available for the Momentum Conference, Sept. 5 and 6.



Photo by Nick Villalobos

## News Briefs

### Northwestern continues accreditation

A successful campus visit by peer reviewers in April gave officials at Northwestern Oklahoma State University confidence that continuation of its national institutional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association would be a formality.

Their confidence proved to be well-placed as the HLC officially notified Northwestern this week that its accreditation would be continued for another 10 years.

The accreditation is without conditions, meaning that the University met all of the organization's criteria and core components and no follow-up action is needed.

"It is as good a report as you can get," said Janet Cunningham, university president. "We knew the review team was very pleased with what they saw and expressed

great confidence in our faculty and staff, and policies and procedures."

"Preparing for an accreditation visit is a multi-year process that involves many people and a lot of time beyond normal day-to-day duties. I am very proud of the way our faculty and staff came together to examine and improve Northwestern."

The HLC accredits more than 1,000 degree granting institutions in 19 states. Accreditation by HLC is necessary to participate in federal and state programs, including federal financial aid programs; earn national accreditation in specific academic areas; and maintain national athletic affiliations.

In addition to accreditation by the HLC, Northwestern has specialized national accreditation for its education, nursing, business and social work programs.

### Scholarship available for Spanish majors

Full-time continuing Spanish students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average are eligible for the Dorothy Day Spanish Scholarship.

Applicants must be either a Spanish major or minor who have completed three semesters of Spanish coursework. The scholarship may be applied toward

university-related expenses, such as tuition, fees, room, board or books.

In order to apply for a scholarship, students will need to write a letter of intention and a copy of their transcripts. Send documents to Dr. Francisco Martinez or Dr. Claudia Young. The deadline for submission is Sept. 5.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Box Office Top 10's

1. Guardians of the Galaxy
2. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
3. If I Stay
4. As Above / So Below
5. Let's Be Cops\*
6. The November Man
7. When the Game Stands Tall
8. The Giver
9. The Hundred-Foot Journey
10. The Expendables 3

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
*Columnists*

Welcome back everyone to another year of school. You know what that means: classes, caffeine, and for us; free-loading for free movies! Much like we pretended to be real movie critics, our pick this week is a movie about pretending to be real cops.

*"Let's Be Cops" (2014)*

Chris's take:



1 out of 5 detective shields  
Hey everyone! You know

what would be fun? Let's take the show "New Girl," take out almost everything that makes it funny, add the same "funny cop" thing they've been doing since "21 Jump Street" and make a move!

For those of you unfamiliar with "New Girl," I'll try to break this movie down further. Some whiny 30-something-year-olds are down on their luck, so they decide to dress up as cops and get into shenanigans that eventually lead them to duking it out with some drug dealers. See? Sounds like kind of like "21 Jump Street."

I could never really

get into this movie enough to make me laugh audibly. This doesn't really come as a surprise to me. This summer has been a bit of a letdown as far as movies go. This movie was no exception. Did I inwardly chuckle? Occasionally. As far as the action goes, the whole "dumb guys getting shot at by drug dealers" thing has kind of lost

its charm. The movie was filled with errors. When did he change clothes mid-scene? Why is that Jamaican guy speaking Spanish? Do you catch my drift yet? Usually I'm very opinionated about bad movies, but I think this one has left me a bit numb. The only real great thing about this movie is that now it's my turn to pick the movie. Thanks, Natalie.

Natalie's take:



2 detective shields out of 5  
Okay Chris, it's been a while, but let's be movie reviewers. Or at least pretend to be...

We decided to bring in the semester with a comedy. While all-around I would not consider it the funniest movie of all time, there were definitely several laughs. However, as much as I was looking forward to "Let's Be Cops," I must admit it was a bit of a letdown.

The movie follows the story of two men with self-esteem issues who decide they want to gain more respect. They do this by pretending to be cops. However, they end up out of their depth and in the midst of some serious criminal activity. This is a theme that has become overused lately. "21 Jump Street" and "22 Jump Street" far surpass "Let's Be Cops" in terms of comedy.

I'm an avid fan of the show "New Girl," so when I saw that costars of the show,

Damon Wayans Jr. and Jake M. Johnson, were working together on a film, I was ecstatic. I figured costars who had been working together for almost five years would have great chemistry on-screen. This assumption wasn't incorrect, as Wayans and Johnson work very well together. However, there was a breakdown with the rest of the film.

Many parts of "Let's Be Cops" dragged. While there were occasional bits of humor, it wasn't enough to keep me totally engaged. That being said, the action in the film was actually quite well-done.

There were several moments of suspense where I actually felt on the edge of my seat.

While I've pointed out numerous negatives, "Let's Be Cops" wasn't a complete letdown. There were several moments where I busted out laughing and I was excited to see Johnson and Wayans together in a film. However, the chemistry and the occasional laugh simply wasn't enough. To preface the movie, the filmmakers should have been aiming for "Let's Be Funnier."



Photo courtesy of IMDB.com

## HOW DID OUR RATINGS COMPARE?

- ★★★★☆ 6.8/10 - IMDb
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- ★★☆☆☆ 30% - Metacritic

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Professor Profiles: Irene Messoloras

By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

Her back stays turned to the audience as a quiet hush falls over the crowd. Her hand, delicately clasping a thin baton, rises into the air as those who stand before her wait with rapt attention. The baton falls and dozens of voices respond, intertwining and mingling, creating beautiful melodies and harmonies. The focal point, the center of this musical universe, is the conductor. NWOSU's choral conductor, Dr. Irene Messoloras has devoted her life to a great

passion for music. Her journey has led her to Alva, where she serves as the director of choral and vocal activities.

Messoloras is not only an extremely passionate musician and performer, but teacher as well. Her primary focus is spreading that passionate love of music to others. Her career began with Messoloras teaching public school for nine years as she worked on her masters and doctorate degrees. While at Malibu High School, she took a choir of eight members and increased it to a flourishing 350.

"To be able to have the opportunity to turn other people on to music is probably my biggest accomplishment. It's not performing at Carnegie Hall or having the opportunity to travel to different countries. Having the chance to foster a love of music in others is a very joyful experience," said Messoloras.

After almost a decade of teaching in the public school system, Messoloras served as director of choral activities at

Gonzaga University. She has also spread her passion of music as a member of the music faculty of Santa Monica (Cal.) Community College and served as the assistant conductor of the Angeles Chorale in the Los Angeles area. Before coming to NWOSU, Messoloras served as a conductor at Carnegie Hall.

"Working at Carnegie Hall was an incredible experience. However, I missed teaching in the sense it gave me the opportunity to start a group from scratch."

This desire to return to teaching led Messoloras to Alva. Currently, she is preparing for NWOSU's Singers' trip to Nashville in October and the spring tour to New York in March.

Throughout the course of Messoloras' professional career and various experiences, she has had countless opportunities.

"One really intriguing part about musical performances is that it's never the same. It's always a different experience."

She has traveled to over twenty countries, performing at venues such as the Lincoln Center, Beijing Concert Hall, The Vatican and Notre Dame.

"Of course, these experiences are incredible, but these moments are fleeting," she said. "Being able to give someone a passion for music is something that lasts forever."



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## Recruitment office sets fall events

By ADRIANNA BECERRA  
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Office of Recruitment has begun planning for its biggest event of the year.

The showcase for Northwestern will be at 9 a.m. on Nov. 8 in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Paige Fischer, director of the Office of Recruitment, said over the next two months her office will be visiting high schools all over north-west Oklahoma. NWOSU representatives will be at high schools answering students' questions and hopefully getting them interested in the school.

Ranger Preview Day is intended to show students what Northwestern is all about. The Office of Recruitment shows students around campus and familiarizes them with what could be their future home.

"It's a day designed just

for (prospective students)," Fischer said. "It's an opportunity for you to get to know the university, tour campus, meet with faculty and student organizations, and get your questions answered first-hand. Plus, you will receive a \$600 scholarship just for attending."

All high school seniors are eligible to attend Ranger Preview.

Interested student will have a chance to talk to numerous people from campus. University President Janet Cunningham will be in attendance. Current students, faculty and staff will be in attendance as well. Campus clubs and organizations will be there to give information and answer questions. Campus tours and housing tours will be available. After all the informative material is done there will be a free catered lunch for attendees. There also will be free football tickets available for the game following lunch. Parents are invited as well.

For more information, contact the Office of Recruitment at (580) 327-8546 or by email at recruit.nwosu.edu. The easiest and quickest way to get information from the Office of Recruitment is to follow them on social media. You can find them on Facebook at NWOSU Admissions and their twitter handle is NWOSUAdmissions.



## Mentorships available at Washington Elementary

By JOSELYN GONZALES  
Student Reporter

Washington Elementary School in Alva is looking for people who are willing to mentor first graders.

The mentoring program involves community leaders, students, retirees or anyone else coming to Washington Elementary once a week to read with a child. The child can choose to read or the mentor can read; it's up to the child. The purpose is to get children to read more than they normally would. It also encourages interaction with the community.

Washington has been doing this for several years and they always see a positive reaction from both the student and the mentor. Terri Parsons, who oversees this program, said, "The kids love it The kids love to come in and see that someone is willing to read with them."

Parsons said, "The mentors enjoy getting to know the kids from the community." Sometimes when the kids move to a next grade and move from Washington, the mentors go to their next school to be able to read with the same child. They have repeat mentors that come back every year.

Last year, 30 kids signed up for the program.

The program also has received positive feedback from

parents. The parents like that their children get more reading in each week. When they read each week it builds their vocabulary and helps them communicate with people better and parents like that their children are able to do that.

Washington Elementary teachers hope the program encourages children to enjoy reading and not be shy or afraid of people. They would also like the community to come into the school and see what they are doing with the kids. The goals of this program are for students to become better readers and to learn responsibility, since the child will have to be at the school at a certain time every week.

So far, Washington Elementary has about 100 first graders and 46 have signed up for the program. Washington has 20 mentors signed up at the moment, including high school students, retirees, head of departments from Northwestern and a few Ranger students.

To become a mentor, pick a day out the week that works for you and go in; it's only twenty minutes, from 8-8:20 a.m. For more information, contact Terry Parsons at 580-327-3518 or through email [tdparsons@alvaschools.net](mailto:tdparsons@alvaschools.net) for an application. You can also go directly to the school at 701 Barnes to fill out an application.

### Faculty Story

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In the school of professional studies, Connie Jacobs joins as an instructor of education. Jacobs earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education, both from Northwestern. Before joining the Northwestern faculty, Jacobs had nine years of experience teaching special education at cooperatives and schools in Kansas.

Darren Randall is an instructor in health and sports science education. Randall attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in recreational leadership, and also holds a master's degree in education. He holds a master's degree in adult education management and administration from Northwestern. Before joining the teaching staff, Randall was

an assistant professor for six years at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and also spent three years as a teacher in Mt. View and Muskogee, Okla.

Krista Tilley joined the nursing staff as an instructor. Tilley graduated from Eastern Washington University with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. She earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Oklahoma. Her previous employment consisted of being the coordinator of the Ketterman Clinical Lab and she also was an adjunct instructor of nursing here at Northwestern for the last year.

Steve Lohmann, executive vice president of Northwestern, said, "We are always excited to get a breath of fresh air with new instructors. We will have new ways of learning and different ideas in the classrooms. I absolutely love to see new faculty for the Ranger family."



# SPORTS

## Ranger football starts new season

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH  
Sports Editor

As fall quickly approaches, so does long-awaited football season to Ranger Field.

During the 2013 season, Northwestern finished with a record of 2-9, (2-8 Great American Conference), a difficult transition to being an official NCAA Division II member. Despite the difficulties against conference opponents last season, Northwestern looks to have improved, adding depth to its roster under Coach Alan Hall's instruction.

"We're a year older, and with age comes maturity, and with maturity comes growth and development," said Northwestern head Coach Alan Hall during a recent practice earlier this week.

Hall elaborated on certain areas of the offensive game, showing deep assertiveness in regards to some of the new contributors that the Rangers will use as new weapons this season.

"We have many new freshmen that will contribute to our system," said Hall. "The addition of new freshman sensation Dashawn Gordon to our offense has really made a huge difference in our play calling."

Currently, Northwestern's offensive structure looks more efficient than the schemes run during last year's season. Hall made numerous changes during the offseason and spring practices to assure better results in the Rangers' offensive and defensive plans.

"We hired a new offensive coordinator, which made a significant difference in designing our formations; also, we added a new defensive coordinator who brings a high level of experience in coverages and defensive planning," Hall said.

How will these significant changes in Hall's philosophy make for a more successful 2014 season?

With the changes in the coaching personnel for Northwestern, the rise in confidence in many of the returning starters and key contributors from last season gives the Rangers a better opportunity for contention in Great American Conference play.

During a practice earlier this week, returning starting redshirt, sophomore quarterback Reid Miller, showed major improvement in his agility, movement and quarterback IQ. Miller

elaborated on the changes he has made to improve as a better signal caller for the Rangers.

"I pretty much just worked on fundamental stuff, dropbacks, reading defenses better and post-snaps," Miller said.

Miller's corrections from the off season on his fundamentals seems to have paid major dividends in the leadership position at quarterback.

"I watched a lot of film, getting a better understanding of defenses and how to recognize my decision making when needed," he said.

Offensively, Northwestern will rotate running backs Zachary Doyle and red-shirt freshman Malcolm Robinson.

A key addition in the wide receiver core is true freshman Dashawn Gordon.

Gordon, from southern California, showed flashes of elusiveness and crafty route-running ability in receiver drills earlier this week in practice.

"Dashawn is doing a great job for us. His speed and IQ for the game is key for our offensive game plan," said Hall.

Returnee and preseason All-GAC selection offensive tackle, Jake McGuire, will be a leader for Northwestern.

While the offense had its ups and downs during the 2013 campaign, Northwestern has shown not only an improved offensive strategy but a better awareness on the defensive side of the ball as well.

Defensively, Northwestern returns a load of experience in the secondary and linebacker positions that will be key for the Ranger defense.

One new addition to the defensive signal-calling is the hiring of Dan Lemke as defensive coordinator. Lemke is a strategic mastermind who will help the defense perform better than it did in the previous season.

Northwestern returns a healthy amount of talented defensive backs, linebackers, and defensive linemen.

Leading the defensive back corps will be senior Traveon Kelly. Kelly, a three-year starter for Northwestern, adds experience that will be a crucial factor in the Northwestern secondary.

"I moved to safety earlier this spring, which was a huge change in the defensive game plans that Coach Lemke has implemented," said Kelly.

Many members of the defensive unit have bought into new defensive coordinator Dan Lemke's



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philosophy, and will capitalize on every new aspect that Lemke brings to the table.

"He's put us in the best position to be successful. Rather than moving everyone around he has the knowledge for defenses," said junior linebacker Derrick Thompson.

Thompson, a two-year starter and preseason All-GAC selection looks to be one of the top returning leaders at the linebacker position.

"I just worked on reading my keys better, making sure I know where I am at all times," said Thompson.

Alongside Thompson at the linebacker position will be another returning first-team All-GAC selection, Alex Hemberger.

Hemberger comes into the 2014 season with many accolades, including Daily Oklahoman College football player of year and scholar-athlete recognition.

"I don't care about all the hype; I just want to be the best player I can be for my teammates and coaching staff," said Hemberger.

Northwestern will need junior returnee Jacoby Beasley to provide leadership on the Ranger defensive line.

"I lost a little weight in the offseason to improve my conditioning," Beasley said. "My weight loss was detrimental for my individual position on the defensive line."

Hall, along with his new staff, looks to incorporate better decisions and ideas to ensure a successful 2014 campaign.

"All we have to do is pay more attention to our mistakes and learn how to capitalize from them," Hall said.

Northwestern will open the 2014 season tonight in Searcy, Ark., against conference opponent Arkansas Tech. Kickoff is 7 pm.



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