

NORTHWESTERN NEWS

Volume No. 77, Issue 10

Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 709 Oklahoma Blvd, Alva, OK 73717

November 13, 2014

TODAY'S DATE IN HISTORY

In 1951, the Supreme Court declared segregated buses in Alabama illegal, ending the Montgomery Bus Boycott.



Columnist debates college vs NFL football

Page 2



SGA hosts Open Mic Night

Page 4



A look inside AMC's The Walking Dead

Page 5



Football wins second game of the season

Page 7

Northwestern ranked among most affordable colleges

By **DERRICK THOMPSON**
Student Reporter

As the fall semester comes to an end, Northwestern is now listed nationally among the top five cost-friendly schools in the nation.

Northwestern came in at fourth in the nation as one of the most affordable schools in the United States, followed by University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota.

Northwestern has been receiving a bit of national attention within the past year, starting with the Men's Basketball team's Harlem Shake video, which landed the school on national television, and now the university is back in the spotlight as one of the most affordable schools in America. Total 2014-15 expenses for Northwestern Oklahoma State University in-state and out-of-state students are \$11,272 and \$17,782 respectively.

"Those numbers are accurate," Associate Vice President for University Relations Steven Valencia said, "although every group has a

little different way of calculating expenses. We usually figure tuition, fees, room and board, and books. That's the way we calculate our expenses. We have several different room and board packages, for both semi-private and for private rooms (and) it depends on the number of meals you get. So it varies a little bit, but essentially the information is accurate, and we're proud that we're able to keep our tuition and room and board rate as low as possible."

Although the tuition is cheaper in the eyes of the new and incoming student, current Northwestern students can see a bit of an increase in fees due to lack of state funds forcing Northwestern to raise its tuition. "Unfortunately, the last few years state

funds haven't been real good and that forces us to have to pass the cost not only on the university but also on students and families," Valencia said. "But our goal is to keep tuition as low as possible."

The cost to attend Northwestern has helped many families put students through school with a great

education on a much smaller and underpopulated campus. Students are able to receive academic scholarships to help them pay for school along with financial aid and student loans. Fifty-seven percent of Northwestern students graduate with little to no federal debt due to loans taken out for school.



Graphic by Bandana Adhikari

Large crowd in attendance at Ranger Preview event

By **KATELYN STEADMAN**
Student Reporter

Northwestern completed another Ranger Preview event Saturday.

Over 400 seniors from all across the state of Oklahoma and other surrounding states attended this year's event.

"Our goal was to invite seniors to visit our campus to earn a \$600 scholarship and see all that Northwestern Oklahoma State University can offer to them as they begin to set their higher education goals. We have received positive feedback from many of the students who attended the event," said Paige Fischer, director of recruitment.

From the preliminary evaluation of the applications received from the event, a senior from Idabel, Okla. had the longest drive to Alva.

"We were excited to welcome students from all across the state of Oklahoma and other surrounding states as well," said Fischer.

There were over 20 campus clubs and organizations that attended the event. Each organization had a booth set up to give the seniors general information on their campus involvement and activities. Each

senior had the opportunity to browse and inquire about his or her many interests.

Current Northwestern students gave the attending seniors the opportunity to take a tour of the campus. Faculty members also helped with the event by assisting the seniors in filling out a free admissions application.

"Ranger Preview is possible because of a campus-wide effort," said Fischer. "Our Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors were our lead tour guides for the event. A special 'thank you' also goes out to the many students who volunteered to assist us with this event. Faculty and staff

members also played an integral role in the success of Ranger Preview. Faculty and staff presence at Ranger Preview is one of the key parts of Ranger Preview for the prospective students."

University President Janet Cunningham and newly crowned Miss Northwestern Chelsay Adams spoke at the event, welcoming and encouraging seniors to attend Northwestern.

The University Singers, dance team, cheerleaders, and university band all performed. Their performances, embodying the strengths of each group, were outstanding and kicked off the event

on a positive note, according to Fischer.

Every campus athletic team was represented by a coach or athlete at the event to inform potential prospects of

the opportunities provided by their team.

Fischer and the recruitment office expressed their gratitude to all those involved with the execution of the event.

"On behalf of the entire Recruitment Office, I would like to extend another thank you to all those who helped with Ranger Preview. The maintenance department stayed late on Friday night to make sure everything was set up, clean and ready for the event. Our Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors showed their leadership skills as they gave tours to large groups on a set time schedule. Many Northwestern students gave up their Saturday morning to assist with handing out t-shirts, taking photos and simply sharing their Northwestern experiences with the prospective students," said Fischer. "Once again, the faculty and staff were able to highlight many of the academic opportunities available to students at Northwestern. We are appreciative of the generosity of Terry Ross and Community Bank, as well as the City of Alva; this event is possible because of their investment into the future students of Northwestern."



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

NORTHWESTERN NEWS

Official Newspaper

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Published weekly throughout the school year
except during examination periods and holidays
and distributed to students and staff.

News office: Jesse Dunn Annex 232
Telephone: 327-8479; Fax: 327-8127
E-mail: nwnewsroom@hotmail.com
The News is printed by the Alva Review-Courier

EDITOR

Michael Collins

ONLINE & ASSISTANT EDITOR

Adam Burnett

SPORTS EDITOR

Travis Harmon-Smith

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Drew Slovak

Osamu Sakamoto

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Bandana Adhikari

STAFF REPORTERS & WRITERS

Chris Agbola

Chris Punto

Natalie Sackett

Kendra Reining

Nick Villalobos

LAYOUT DESIGNERS

Cyrus Morfin

Blake Demond

Drew Slovak

ADVERTISING DESIGN & SALES

Jeff Hamilton

FACULTY ADVISER

Thomas Pantera

The opinions and comments contained in the Northwestern News are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the policies or beliefs of the university administration, Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges or the editorial staff. The News gladly accepts submissions but does not promise they will be used.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This institution, in compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, and other applicable federal laws and regulations, and to the extent required by law, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, employment, financial aid, and educational services. Inquiries concerning the application of these programs should be made to Brad Franz, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 709 Oklahoma Boulevard, Alva, OK 73717, (580) 327-8415.

This publication, printed by Northwestern Oklahoma State University, is issued by the University as authorized by the Regional University System of Oklahoma. 1,600 copies have been prepared and distributed at a cost to the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma of \$368.00.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor shall bear the author's hometown, classification, title, etc., address and phone number for verification and shall be kept on file. Unsigned letters to the editor will not be published.

Letters must be turned in by noon on Tuesday to the News office in JDA232. Letters via e-mail are acceptable as long as they follow the rules stated above and can be sent to nwnewsroom@hotmail.com. Please limit submissions to no more than 250 words. The editors reserve the right to condense or edit any letter for grammar, libel and space limitations. All letters submitted may not be used.

All letters represent the views of the author.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yearly subscriptions to the News are \$12.00.

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.

OPINION

Columnist compares college football to NFL



By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Columnist

Being the huge sports fan that I am, it would only be right for me to write my opinion on them.

The NFL versus college football has the spotlight today. I believe that college football is way better than the NFL. It is way more competitive each week in all the conferences. The players also are way harder-working too. They play for two things: their school and their future.

I am sure I am stepping on a lot of people's toes right now, but it is true -- the NFL lacks the same passion that college football has. The rivalry game between Auburn and Alabama is an example of a game with a lot of college football passion. These two teams are vicious when they meet each other every season. Their fans are crazy too. Almost

every year, you hear about a fan of either team getting injured or sometimes killed after the game. Each school playing in that game is not only playing to take home the win, but to draw blood as well.

When the Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers square off against each other in the NFL, their rivalry is just overplayed by cocky, overpaid players and annoying sports broadcasters. I will get to the players in a minute, but point being Alabama versus Auburn is way more historic to me because the rivalry is not between just the players but the whole schools on either side as well.

Now the players get their time to shine. Starting with the NFL players: They are cocky, arrogant and less passionate about what they do and also get paid an arm and a leg to get drunk, beat people up, murder people oh, and play football too. They can drink and drive or do some other crime that would usually land the average person in the slammer for a couple of years. For them though, the punishment is a fine and suspension from play for a couple of weeks. Yes there have been those controversial cases in NCAA as well where players get in trouble and do not get a harsher punishment than what it should have been. A good example would be Johnny Manziel when he played for Texas A&M. He got caught signing some autographs and took money for it, knowing it was against the rules. His punishment was only half a game suspension in the next

game. Yes, that is not right either.

But shifting to the NCAA players now, when they get on the field it is a whole different story. They are passionate for not only what they do, but for who they do it for as well. You do not see Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota go out on the field, dominate Stanford like last weekend, then act like he is the best person in college football like cornerback Richard Sherman of the Seahawks did in the Super Bowl last year.

College players are more humble to be where they are, unlike the cocky, arrogant players in the NFL. Now that is not all players in the NFL, because there are those few exceptions like New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who surprisingly is not boastful about being where he is in the NFL.

I will just say this: Yes, the NFL does have some good things, mainly just cool catches on the SportsCenter Top 10 segment at the end of every show on Sunday or Monday nights, but even there I choose college football highlights over the NFL's. Also, yes, the NCAA did switch to the football playoff system like the NFL has had for several years, but to me it was not to copy the NFL. Instead it was to copy the more popular college basketball bracket system. If it was between watching the Super Bowl and watching an SEC, Big 12 or PAC 12 conference rivalry game, then without hesitation I would go with college football.

Free Internet for a free country



By **CHRIS AGBOLA**
Columnist

When we talk about the U.S being the most powerful country in the world, what comes to the minds of many is its weaponry and prowess in regards to effective security. As important as security is to any nation, it is the policies that run that security that make it good or bad. A great nation treats the interests of its citizens as paramount.

Without any biases, the president's stance on net neutrality couldn't reiterate more why America is a model of emulation and a trail blazer. In a tech-driven world that we thrive in, the Internet is as relevant as oxygen to the body. It is the effective communication and dissemination of information across the continents that render the world a global village. Net neutrality couldn't be given a nod at any other time than the present. Are the service providers in support of it? Not all are

because it is business to them. It would be a great way of making money off folks.

Here are the reasons I favor net neutrality:

Paying more money to access popular sites or better Internet service is unfair. The right to communication and information as enshrined in the Constitution must be equal for all. Regulating the net is an infringement to this right. Failure to regulate it does not only limit information to a select few, but also classifies folks into financial levels -- the rich accessing more and better services while the poor wouldn't know some things going on while they all live on the same soil. Should the Federal Communications Commission implement net neutrality, there would be competition among service providers, which some of them are trying to avoid. Quality would be the deciding factor there. It would be that because the net is free and open, the quality of provider A over B would affect my choice and not their financial standings.

A country's status also depends a lot on their cyber laws and communication laws. Certain countries are not classified as third world only because of their resources and economy but also their rudimentary laws. In some European and Asian countries, Internet laws are just ridiculous. The government strictly monitors the net. It decides to close whichever service provider it feels is exposing the government's acts and arrests folks who upload certain videos or information it does not support. An extreme of it is that

you cannot access certain information or subscribe to some providers because the Internet is government-run. This shows how the basic rights of life cannot be observed in some parts of world.

But in the land of the free and the home of the brave, everyone is free to do as he or she pleases. God bless America!

**YOU'RE READING
AN AWARD-WINNING
NEWSPAPER**



**2010 OKLAHOMA PRESS ASSOCIATION
BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST WINNER**

This newspaper was recently named one of the state's best by a panel of judges. As a winner, this newspaper is entitled to proudly display this 2010 award-winning emblem, which signifies continued excellence and service to the community.



WHAT'S UP?

Dean of graduate studies receives grant

Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English, has received a \$1,000 Oklahoma Humanities Council Opportunity Grant to give a series of lectures at public libraries, museums and public schools around the state on the history of the Oklahoma poets laureate.

Holliday's 2015 talks will coincide with the publication of his book, "The Oklahoma Poets Laureate: a History, Anthology, and Sourcebook," which will be published by

Mongrel Empire Press in early 2015.

Holliday's lectures are titled "The Oklahoma Poets Laureate: Learning about the State through its Poetry," and will be free and open to the public at the Bartlett-Carnegie Public Library in Sapulpa on Feb. 10, the Enid Public Library on Feb. 17, the Guthrie Territorial Museum on Feb. 26, the Will Rogers Public Library in Claremore on March 2, and the Wewoka Public Library

on March 26. During his trip to each location, Holliday also will be visiting selected high school English and advanced placement (AP) classes to discuss the poets laureate with students.

Each of Holliday's talks will consist of a brief history of the poet laureate position followed by a discussion of the life and work of the particular poet tied to each town/city. The poets to be discussed will include Violet McDougal (Sapulpa), Bess Truitt (Enid), Paul Kroeger and Jennie Har-

ris Oliver (Guthrie), Maggie Culver Fry (Claremore), and Rudolph N. Hill (Wewoka). Holliday also will end his talk at each site with a brief reading of the individual poet's work.

With this grant, Holliday hopes to educate students and citizens about the history of the Oklahoma poets laureate position, helping citizens learn about their towns/cities through poetry while preserving regional history and local memory. He also hopes that his talks will make North-

western an attractive college of choice for potential undergraduate and graduate students.



RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Interactive Choir Concert -First United Methodist Church	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NW Foundation Executive Committee Meeting -Student Center President's Room		10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Annual Children's Production - Herod Hall Auditorium	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Ranger research Day 2014 -Student Center Ballroom	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Annual Children's Production - Saturday Show -Herod Hall Auditorium

Gambino's Pizza®
You're Gonna Love it!

**Now hiring for most shifts!
Flexible hours!
Come by and
get an application today!**

**720 Oklahoma Blvd.
(580-327-0444)**

Let your voice be heard

*Tell us what you have to say
Help us give you the coverage you deserve...*

NORTHWESTERN NEWS
Volume 19, Issue 23 Northwestern Oklahoma State University, 709 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717 April 23, 2013

Email us at:
nwnewsroom@hotmail.com

STUDENT LIFE

Open Mic Night rocks the house

By NATALIE SACKET
Student Reporter

Open Mic Night was an evening filled with fun, laughter, and music. Dozens of energetic Northwestern students packed into the student center ballroom for a night jam-packed with talent of various sorts.

There were musical performances ranging from classical piano to banjo to electric guitar. There were also acts involving stand-up comedy and spoken poetry.

Competitors included Alyssa Casey, Courtney Adams and Chelsea Phillips, Hanson Long, Dalton Imberi, The Doctors (a local rock group), Michaela Zook, Katrina Henning, Adam Jones and Greg Martin.

After the competitive portion of the evening, the mic was opened up to impromptu performances by various audience members.

After that, the winners of the Open Mic Night were named. In first place, claiming the title of Open Mic Night champion was Michaela Zook, with a vocal performance of "Bound to You." In second place was Hanson Long with a vocal and banjo performance of "The Boxer." Greg Martin took third place with his performance of "Dani California" on electric guitar.

"I felt like it went well," Hanson said. "It was a great opportunity to see the talents of other students. Plus I won 50 bucks, so that was cool."



Photos taken by Osam Sakamoto

CORE Skypes with eco-activist

By BENJAMIN FOX
Student Reporter

CORE held an hour long Skype session Friday with eco-activist Peter Galvin as part of a presentation series the club holds every semester.

Steven Mackie, the club's sponsor and long-time friend of Galvin, introduced him to multiple rooms on the respective NWSU campuses. The Alva campus boasted the biggest attendance, with the room becoming quickly overcrowded within minutes of the presentation's start.

Galvin, who is a co-founder of the Center for Biological Diversity began his presentation by talking about his organization and how they "merge science activism and law." Among other things, they work to get endangered species on the list and protect them with "cutting edge litigation."

He spoke of getting people involved in making environmental change by starting locally first. Someone's local picnic spot becoming the future sight of a McDonald's,

for example, would be a great place to start, he said.

Galvin strives to protect the environment from big-name companies and their pollution, including pushing for a ban on fracking in San Benito, Calif. Fracking is the process of drilling and injecting fluid into the ground at a high pressure to fracture shale rocks and release natural gas." Fracking leads to earthquakes, and is perhaps the single most controversial problem in small communities, as fracking has led to an economic boom in recent years in search of oil.

While environmentalists lobby against what oilfield companies do, one attendee said after viewing Galvin's presentation, "He had a lot of good points. And I come from an oilfield family. We're not trying to destroy anything, we're trying to make a living. There's just some things I support, but I feel there is stuff I think they need to leave alone."

During the Q and A portion of the presentation, Galvin was asked what he

viewed as the single most crucial global environmental problem. He said consumption is the issue. "We live our lives in a very inefficient way," Galvin said. "We live in an age of feel-good consumer placement. They bring you a larger plate of food and charge you more for it. America is 5 percent of the population, yet we consume 25 percent of the world's resources." Because of this, Galvin hopes to launch a "low meat" campaign to help reduce red meat production, which is the number two reason for global warming.

Galvin is a passionate man who enjoys what he does. "I feel lucky to do something that I love to do," he said.

Northwestern biology major Adam Jones said he was inspired by Galvin's passion. "I found his story incredible in that someone would be willing to take such actions in a cause that they believe in so strongly."

Christmas wreaths, ugly sweaters sought

By JOSELYN GONZALES
Student Reporter

The United Way wreath and ugly sweater contest is a great way for students to participate in a fun activity during the holidays.

The wreath decorating and ugly sweater contest was such a big hit last year on the Enid Campus that they have decided to do it again this year.

The Wreath decorating contest is done by departments and student clubs so students are involved in the decorating. Last year, Northwestern had eight wreaths decorated by different clubs and school departments. Candace Reim, student services coordinator on the Enid Campus, who oversees both the wreath and ugly sweater contest said, "Last year we ended up raising over \$400 for the United Way."

Eight groups decorated wreaths. The wreaths were hung all over the Enid campus for about two weeks and people cast their votes by putting change in a jar that was set up for each wreath. Reim said "The maintenance department won last year," Reim said. "They decorated their wreath with different cleaning supplies. It was very cute."

For the ugly sweater contest students and faculty will be emailing Reim pictures of their ugly sweaters. She will print them off and hang them in the commons area for students to vote on by again putting coins in a jar for the ugliest sweater. The ugly sweater contest is open to students and faculty. Reim said "this is just something fun to let people get goofy."

The proceeds from both competitions will go to the local United Way. Last year was the first year for the wreath decorating contest and this year is the first year for the ugly sweater contest.

The winners of the wreath decorating contest gets a pizza party and the winner of the ugly sweater contest gets a \$25 gift card.

Katie Botts, administrative assistant on the Enid campus, came up with the idea of the wreath decorating contest and Reim came up with the ugly sweater contest. Reim said, "We were trying to find ways to get students more involved in the Christmas spirit of giving."

If students on the Enid campus are interested in participating or need more information about the wreath or ugly sweater contests they can contact Reim at 580-213-3147 or through email at cmreim@nwosu.edu.

The Etc. Shoppe
Kitchenware
Glassware
Bridal Registry
407 College Avenue
580-327-1276

Red's Place BBQ
Now under new ownership!
And now serves breakfast!
818 Oklahoma Blvd
(580) 327-5649

NWOSU STUDENT MEDIA
NORTHWESTERN NEWS
Weekly news fresh off the press.
Listen live 24/7 on RangerPulse
Watch us on Alva's cable channel 7.
View all media anytime on RangerPulse.com
RANGER PULSE

ENTERTAINMENT



By **NICK VILLALOBOS & OSAMU SAKAMOTO**
Columnists

Osamu's take: In order to officially put a period to one of the greatest nights of the year, Halloween, let us review and discuss a today's best hit TV show, the Walking Dead (Woo-hoo!).

The story line of the Walking Dead is about characters believing in a slight hope to gain peace and survive in a zombie apocalypse. Being a zombie TV show, the show contains a few blood-spattering, intestine-hanging-out and decapitation scenes. Although aggressiveness and violence are the major components, the humor in some conversations among survivors can cause the audience to laugh.

Throughout the season, the main characters encounter other groups of survivors and some of those are evil enough to attempt to seize their shelter, supply, and even lives. Some survivors have decided to turn into cannibals, which is quite gross! In the latest season, there is a person whose leg has been barbecued by those starving folks.

As a huge fan of zombie movies and games, I really enjoy watching this show. I especially love the way the zombies look and move. I have to admit that the make-up artists do an amazing job. These rotten skins of zombies are definitely something that I do not wish to see as I attempt to eat a baked chicken leg. The way zombies move is another reason that I like this show. Instead of

running zombies like the style in the movie "28 Weeks Later," zombies from "The Walking Dead" stumble, upper limbs dangling and powerless just like me walking into a class to take a test.

Therefore, I would rate this show with 5 zombies out of 5 zombies.



The show deserves 5 zombies for containing awesome fighting scenes, quality make-up and a sense of humor.

Nick's take: This past October, AMC channels' biggest series to ever hit the screen returned for a highly anticipated season five. The series premiere of "The Walking Dead" brought in an estimated 17.3 million viewers on their first episode of the season, "No Sanctuary". The feat set a new all-time high on viewers. My pal Osamu and I were right there watching along.

As I sat in my dorm room, glued to my TV, eating my pizza and completely in awe of the episode, I began to think. I thought to myself, what about this show makes it so popular?

The obvious things that would make it so popular would be what my pal Osamu told you about, which is the large amount of conflict. Each episode is jam-packed with blood, gore, shooting and killing. Yeah that's pretty sweet and brings in the viewers, but that wasn't the thing that got me hooked since I began watching.

The idea of the zombie

apocalypse and the insane amount of slaughtering of the zombies is also another key factor in its popularity among viewers, but still it wasn't what got me hooked. Instead it was the way the entire show was put together and all the factors that are behind the obvious factors that I just mentioned. The multiple storylines from character to character and the use of numerous flashing arrows are what grab my attention each and every Sunday night. Another factor that grabs my attention is the use of cliffhangers at the end of each episode.

Now honestly, I am not a big fan of the cliffhangers, because I am the kind of person that believes that a TV show should flow right along without a big delay. But each Sunday I find myself in the same situation. I am drawn in completely and then boom, that's the end of the episode. It is rather frustrating.

I also find the plot twists really awesome too. Each episode, I think, "Oh this is about to happen," but like a character in this last Sunday's episode said "I'm not a scientist" and I am proven wrong each episode I think that to myself.

So based on the mix of great use of multiple storylines, plot twist and flashing arrows, I will give "The Walking Dead" a 4 Walkers out of 5 rating.



The use of the irritating cliffhangers at the end of each episode is what keeps me from giving it 5 out of 5.



By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Well everyone, winter has arrived. That means no one will leave that heated house unless forced to. However, if the mood strikes to see a movie at Rialto this week, look no further than our choice this week:

"Interstellar" (2014)

Natalie's review-



4.5 stars out of 5

The film this week was unbelievably stellar. (I apologize. According to Chris I use too many puns. But as long as I'm here, the puns will never end.) Anyway, back to talking about "InterSTELLAR." This film is fantastic and mind-boggling and I can't get it out of my head. I watched it days ago and still all I can think about are black holes and space travel and the theory of relativity.

Speaking of which, I should first inform you that this film involves a lot of scientific terminology. I'm not implying you need a background in physics to wrap your mind around this film, but it would definitely help. Numerous physicists and astronomers were involved in the making of this film, and I believe the interpretation of Einstein's theory of relativity would make the scientific legend proud. That being said, I think a lot of this film may go over the heads of the audience Like out of this galaxy over our heads. "Interstellar" is the most beautifully portrayed science lesson I've ever received.

That being said, this film is ultimately science fiction. I grew up on Star Trek and Star Wars, so "Interstellar" was right up my space loving alley. It was bold and ambitious, sparing no mind-blowing moments. Each scene is beautiful, unique and dazzling.

While this film has a focus on quantum physics, the exquisite nature of human emotion is brought to the forefront. Love and empathy

is ultimately humanity's saving grace. As stated in this film, "Love is the one thing that transcends time and space." "Interstellar" is an emotional journey, and you won't want to miss a second of its almost three-hour length.

Bottom Line: This film was like the perfect mashup of "Gravity," Buzz Lightyear, Star Wars, and your theoretical physics textbook.

Chris' review-



4 stars out of 5

So let me start this review by saying that I do not like Matthew McConauey. I lost faith in him after "How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days." So I went into this film extremely cynical. That being said, I really enjoyed this film

This movie has been spoken of in the media for a long time now as Christopher Nolan's next big masterpiece, and while I enjoyed his other works like "Inception" more, this movie was a good one. "Interstellar" revolves around a team of astronauts who are trying to find another planet for the human race to populate. Without their help, our species could be wiped out with our dying planet.

Outside of the overall plot, there are a lot of messages that the film is trying to press. One of my personal favorites was family. Through thick and thin, and apparently a dying planet, family is why we love and why we push so hard toward our goals. And all that mushy crap.

One person who really captivated my attention was Anne Hathaway. I've always admired her rising from "Princess Diaries" to "The Dark Knight Rises," but I dare to say that her performance in this is on par with her acting in "Les Miserables." I can also reluctantly admit that Matthew McConauey did a bang up job.

My one complaint is that what should have been fun and adventurous eventually bored me to where I wanted this long movie to start rolling credits.

Bottom line is this: If you like a sci-fi, even a little, go watch this movie. Even though the film is pretty long, I have a feeling most people wouldn't mind. If you want, tell Rialto that Chris sent you. It won't get you anything. It's just kind of funny.



516 Flynn ST
(327-0535)

24 hour movie info
(327-1900)

RIALTO VIDEO RENTAL

DVD and Blu Ray Movie Rentals
KEEP 3 DAYS-\$2.99 Games \$4.99
FREE POPCORN WITH RENTAL
2 for 1 rentals monday


Alva's Best Drink & Popcorn Deal
32oz Drink \$1.00/ 44oz Drink \$1.25
Tax Included / All Day, Everyday / Carryout Only


ICEE

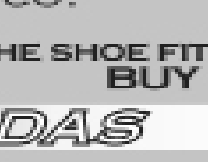
ICEE

Brown's
SHOE FIT CO.

"IF THE SHOE FITS,
BUY IT!"


ADIDAS


NIKE


REEBOK

AND MUCH MORE!

580-327-2811
520 FLYNN

SPORTS

Volleyball loses final game to Savage Storm

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

After a solid performance against conference rival Southwestern Thursday, winning three sets to two, the Savage Storm of Southeastern turned the tides on the Rangers with a three-sets-to-two victory. It was the Rangers' last Great American Conference game of the season.

Northwestern opened the night by winning the first two sets 25-18 and 25-19. As they headed to the half, the Rangers were up two sets to zero. However, the Savage Storm responded in the second half.

When the third set got underway, the Savage Storm took control. With help from Storm's Ariel Sanders, Emily

Gentle, Courtney Miller, Julia Benford and Alissa Benson, Southeastern was able to take the set 25-13.

In the fourth set, Northwestern built an early 5-3 lead but was soon tracked back down by the Storm. The Savage Storm was able to even the set up at 6-6. After some costly service and attack mistakes by the Rangers, the Storm was able to lengthen their lead to 16-12. Northwestern tried a late rally but it was too little, too late. The Storm took set four with a narrow 25-18 win.

After the fourth set win for the Savage Storm, a fifth and final set was played. In the first-to-15-points fifth set, the Rangers were able to jump to an early 5-0 lead. The early lead forced Southeastern to use a timeout. The timeout

would prove to be highly beneficial for the Storm as they went on an 8-0 run, putting the game at 8-5. The Rangers were able to close the gap to 8-9 thanks to a big defensive night by Alina Fierro and Suka Tafao. Despite the great defensive nights by the two, the Storm was able to take the set 15-10 and the match.

Fierro finished the night with a match-high 22 digs. Tafao finished with 17 digs and an impressive 35 assists. Northwestern was led by Ashanti Banks, Elisa Bentson and Hayley Brattain. Banks finished with 16.5 points, 15 kills and a .119 hitting percentage. Bentson finished with 16 points, 11 kills and a .280 hitting percentage. Brattain finished with 9.5 points, nine kills and

a .320 hitting percentage.

Southwestern was led by Megan Kunkel, Emily Gentle, Courtney Miller, Ariel Sanders and Julia Benford. Kunkel finished with 16.5 points, 14 kills and 16 digs. Gentle finished with 15.5 points, 13 kills and eight digs. Miller, Sanders and Benford finished with a combined 33 points.

The Rangers fell to a 17-10 overall record and finished with an 8-6 record in the GAC.



Photo by Kat Kuhlman

Basketball teams to start season this month

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH
Sports Editor

Northwestern men's basketball looks for an amazing year in the NCAA Division II Great American Conference. Ranger men's basketball finished the 2013-14 campaign with a 12-14, 9-11 Great American Conference record as head coach Andrew Brown returns for his eighth season here.

Northwestern lost many important members of the 2013 roster, as Bruce Wright, Brandon Wooley, and Eze Akwari all departed, finishing their respective careers. But with point guards T'Aries Taylor and Darrian Dempsey returning in the backcourt for the Rangers, Brown has more options in his offensive repertoire. Small forward Adrian Motley, sometimes called a "one-man highlight reel" because of his ability to slash through the lane and elevate for monstrous dunks, should excite Ranger fans this season at historical Percefull Field House.

Brown's recruiting class will also provide a bright future for the Northwestern basketball program. During last year's recruiting process, Brown was able to attract a few talented players from Texas. Junior college transfer Derrick Modest, from Dallas, provides more rebounding and shot-blocking ability with his 6 foot 5 inch frame. Another hot young prospect is freshman Brandon Green. Green, from Houston, provides a major spark at the point guard position.

Northwestern men's basketball recently opened the 2014 season in an exhibition match-up against the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, losing a tight one 62-58. Dempsey finished with a team-high 17 points, while Motley finished the night with 13 points and four rebounds.

Northwestern Lady Ranger basketball is also primed for another competitive year in the Great American Conference. After Northwestern finished 2013 with a 7-19 record, the Lady Rangers looked a bit youthful last season as head coach Eric Bozeman used his

freshman recruiting class early into the rotation.

Despite losing senior point guards Dierra Gilmore, and Kierra Gilmore, who graduated last spring, Bozeman has high confidence in his new young group of women this season. More than just determined, the Lady Rangers look more poised and comfortable in practice.

One bright spot for the Lady Rangers will be the play of returning sophomore power forward Micaela Yu, who provided a huge spark last season underneath the basket with her rebounding ability and hard tenacious play in the paint.

"We just have to stick together as a team," said Yu after a recent practice. "We have a sisterhood here, and that's one of the main components that will be needed to ensure a successful 2014 winning season."

"They've bought into the system and have developed close sincerity with one another," Bozeman said. "These ladies have worked hard all preseason to establish an identity in the Great American Conference".

Along with establishing an identity, Bozeman also explained the intangibles that will play an important factor during the 2014 campaign.

"I've brought in some new freshman during this year's recruiting process, which will play important roles this season," said Bozeman. "I like to recruit high school kids, because I feel they will get embedded into the university and community."

One element that will be critical for Lady Ranger basketball success this season will be the up-tempo guard play of returnees Jonae Isaac and Ashley Pride.

Isaac, a freshman last season, displayed good instinctive decision-making. Isaac also has advanced her ball-handling skills during the

offseason to be more versatile around the perimeter.

Pride also came on the scene early last season as a freshman and provided a spark in the back court. With her ability to make sharp cuts and tremendous speed with effective ball-handling skills, Pride will be a major component for the Lady Rangers this season.

Bozeman's goal this season ultimately is to obtain a conference championship, or any championship hardware.

"Winning a conference championship defines your team, which is pretty much a 20-game season in its entirety," Bozeman said. "We want to get better, we're young, predominantly freshman and sophomore, we have one junior and three seniors, which we feel is a pretty good mix."



Mac's Liquors

Has A New Owner - Great Selection
Wine Spirits Beer
Great Prices Friendly Service

5 Oklahoma, Alva
580-327-1844 10% off with a valid student I.D.

Holder Drug

Come to Holders
for prescriptions to
holiday gift items
and maybe even
a Jack and Jill
(ice cream) tool

513 Barnes 580-327-3332

SPORTS

Football wins second game

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH
Sports Editor

Northwestern hosted its home finale of the season against Great American Conference opponent Southern Nazarene Saturday afternoon on Senior Day, defeating the Crimson Storm 39-29.

"Today was a total team effort. I liked the way the guys responded," said Head Coach Kevin Turco. "Reid Miller and Avery Morris played phenomenally well, and so did our offensive line."

Southern Nazarene (0-10, 0-10 GAC) won the toss at center field and opted to kick off. With just 13:32 on the clock during the first quarter, Northwestern sophomore quarterback Miller handed off to senior running back Morris from the Ranger 44-yard line and Morris erupted for a 56-yard touchdown run to put Northwestern (2-7, 2-7 GAC) up 7-0.

Early in the second, Morris rushed for an 8-yard gain to the SNU 31. Shortly after, Miller scrambled outside the pocket for another 12-yard rush. Miller's three-yard pass to Ranger receiver Micah Kee set up Morris for another 11-yard touchdown run, making the Ranger lead 14-0. As the second quarter started to wind down, SNU quarterback James Mauro found a little momentum offensively for the Crimson Storm as he connected with SNU receiver Myles Smith for a 14-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 14-7.

With 1:40 left before intermission, Mauro connected again with SNU receiver John Page for a 13-yard touchdown. Northwestern regained the lead seconds later, as Ranger kicker Will Dawkins kicked a 24-yard field goal in the last two seconds of the quarter, giving the Rangers a 17-14 lead at the half.

Crimson Storm quarterback James Mauro was ineffective in starting the third quarter, throwing two incompletions. When Northwestern regained the ball, Morris took the handoff for a one-yard loss before the Crimson Storm defense capitalized on a safety, which gave SNU two points on the board to cut the score 17-16. Two minutes later, Ranger punt returner Traveon Kelly fumbled a punt on the Northwestern 46. SNU's BJ Smith recovered the ball and took it in

for a five-yard touchdown, giving the Crimson Storm their first lead of the game, 23-17.

As the third quarter became more intense, Northwestern's offense showed its play-making abilities and effective signal calling. With 2:41 left in the third, Northwestern freshman receiver Micah Kee wowed the Ranger fans as he escaped from the SNU defensive line for a 64-yard touchdown run, giving the Rangers a 24-23 lead.

SNU started off the fourth quarter gaining more efficiency in the running game. Crimson Storm running back Alex Laffoon's 14-yard rush put SNU above Northwestern yet again 29-24 to start the fourth. However, the duo of Miller and Morris immediately responded.

Miller displayed some versatility at the quarterback position. Northwestern's offense started the drive at its own 36 as Miller rushed for runs of three and 13 yards. Miller connected on a 16-yard pass to Morris for a first down SNU 28. Miller handed off to Morris once again for a 13-yard touchdown run, putting the lead in favor of Northwestern 32-29 with 9:02 left in the game.

Defensively, Northwestern performed solidly. Senior linebacker Alex Hemberger, who ranks second in the Great American Conference in tackles, put on a miraculous performance. He ended the day with 13 tackles, bringing his season total to 114. Northwestern's secondary was led by senior cornerback Traveon Kelly. SNU had possession in a first and 10 situation with 6:23 left in the game, but Kelly intercepted a Crimson Storm pass for a 56-yard touchdown return, which solidified the Ranger's second conference victory 39-29.

For the first time in weeks, the Ranger offense produced enormous numbers as they racked up 448 yards of total offense to SNU's 437. Morris controlled the ground game, racking up 19 carries for 137 yards with three touchdowns. Miller also had an astounding performance, ending the day with 11 carries for 114 yard rushing and going 11-30 for 87 yards passing.

Ranger Football will travel this weekend to Weatherford, facing Great American Conference opponent and in-state rival Southwestern Oklahoma State for their last match-up of the season. Kick-Off is 2 p.m.

Winget wrestles bulls and Cerebral Palsy

By SARAH OTTO
Student Reporter

Ryan Winget is a favorite student among many at Northwestern.

Winget, 21, is a dark haired, brown eyed cowboy with arm muscles of steel. He comes from Pawhuska, Okla and is attending Northwestern on a rodeo scholarship, a sophomore majoring in agriculture with a minor in business. After college, he wants to raise cattle and do something involved with rodeo.

Winget has a vibrant personality and his positive manner rubs off on everyone he meets.

Growing up was a little different for him; he had to learn things differently than other children. He was born with cerebral palsy, which affects his hamstrings. Winget did not let this condition affect him one bit when he was a child and he still doesn't now. He walks without crutches and refuses to use a mobile device to get him around. He will also turn down someone's help because he feels he is just as capable as everyone else. Winget's ears probably ring from all the people talking about how inspirational he is. But Winget doesn't see himself as an inspiration. He said, "I just always try to keep my head held high and help everyone out that I can with anything they need help with."

In high school, Winget was called "Rhino," a nickname that has stuck with him all through college. He got it from his friends because of how strong he is for his size. He stands 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs only 105 pounds. The nickname came from the sport he excelled in the most, wrestling. He was a dual-state runner-up in wrestling his junior year. He said, "My friends gave me the nickname because I am stronger than a lot, and littler than most."

Winget has been around rodeo all his life. "One of my biggest role models is my cousin Jule Hazen. He has done so much for me that I am extremely

thankful for. One reason I look up to him is because he has made the Wrangler National Finals rodeo in Las Vegas three times." Another role model is Stephen Culling, a senior on the NWOSU rodeo team from Fort Saint John, British Columbia. Winget and Culling became good friends when they started traveling together to rodeos. They went to the College National Finals Rodeo together along with Winget's good friends Tee Hale, Northwestern rodeo team alumnus, and Tanner Brunner from K-State, making their friendship even stronger. Winget said, "If I had the chance to get in the truck with Stephen and rodeo with him, it would be great. I hope to get to go to the NFR with him someday and learn how to haze for him."

Culling said, "Ryan has made a huge impact on my life. Being around someone so positive all the time does great things for a guy's attitude. I first met Ryan when he came to NWOSU last fall and I instantly liked him. He started riding along to rodeos with me." He chuckled and added, "I haven't been able to get rid of him yet."

Winget's love for rodeo is apparent to many. Culling said, "He has such a desire for the sport of rodeo and is always there to help everyone improve. Whether it is riding along to keep you company on a road trip or opening the chute gate at 6 a.m. for practice, I never hear him complain and I can always count on him to be there. Ryan is the biggest inspiration to me when I am in the rodeo arena because he has a fight inside him and all he wants to do is win. He has overcome so much yet he always has a positive attitude and that really helps me stay positive. Ryan has a positive impact on everybody that crosses his path."

"I guess it feels okay," Winget said of his positive reputation "I do not think about it very much that people look up to me. A lot of people do not realize I live through them. I enjoy seeing them do good, especially the steer wrestlers, because it makes me feel like I have done something because I help them practice."

Winget sums up his attitude with a motivational quote:

"Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway."



Photo provided
Pictured left to right at the College National Finals Rodeo; Stephen Culling, Tee Hale, Ryan Winget, and Tanner

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ Free

**Sandwich Shoppe-
Sandwich Club**

530 Flynn
Alva, OK 73717

Offer good with specialty meal.

Monday-Friday 11-2 Phone (580) 327-2798

Charlie & Janet McDonald, Proprietors

Alva State Bank

IN ALVA SINCE 1901

MEMBER FDIC

ASB

& Trust Company


Alva
518 College Ave.
580.327.3300
800.259.2582

Burlington Branch
Burlington Okla.
580.431.330

Enid-Chisholm
801, W Broadway
Enid, Ok 73701
580.234.4201

Freedom Branch
(Coming Soon)

Community Bank



Open a RANGER ACCOUNT today and get FREE stuff!
 t-shirt, intial order, Atm/Debit card
 Personalized checks, Mobile Banking
 Internet Banking

ATM in the NWOSU Student Center! No service charge with Community Bank card!

1729 college Blvd. in Alva
 580-327-5500
 www.bankalva.com

Ride Rangers Ride!!!

Member **FDIC**

Need An Ad?

Call Jeff Hamilton
 817-219-5998




HAIR ON THE SQUARE

507 College Avenue
 (580) 327-0258

Have an Opinion?



Let Us Know