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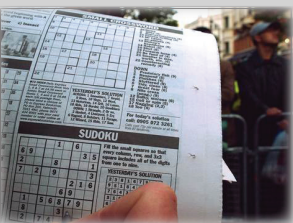
In 1820, a sperm whale attacked a ship from Nantucket, Massachusetts near coast of South America, which helped inspire the novel "Moby Dick".



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# Northwestern basketball faces OSU Cowboys

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern men's basketball suffered a devastating 91-45 loss Tuesday to the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

The Northwestern Rangers took on the Division I Conference OSU Cowboys in an exhibition game at hallowed Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla. this past Tuesday night.

The Rangers entered the game with a 1-1 overall record. The Cowboys entered riding on a 2-0 overall record.

Northwestern knew it was going to be a tough task to hand the Cowboys their first loss of the season. But the Rangers were ready for the challenge early on.

As play got underway, Ranger Adrian Motley was able to hit an early three point shot, putting the Rangers up 3-0.

The Cowboys responded with a

massive 23-1 run, jumping out to a 23-4 lead on Northwestern.

The Rangers were able to close the Cowboys lead to 23-10 with just under 10 minutes left in the half with help from Rangers Motley and T'Aries Taylor. Despite the attempted comeback by the Rangers, Oklahoma State was able to put an early stamp on the game by halftime.

When each team headed to the half, the lead was 49-20 in

favor of the Cowboys.

The Rangers finished the first half shooting at only 3-13

from beyond the arc and 6-34 total.

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Photo by Drew Slovak

# Yik Yak under consideration for campus ban

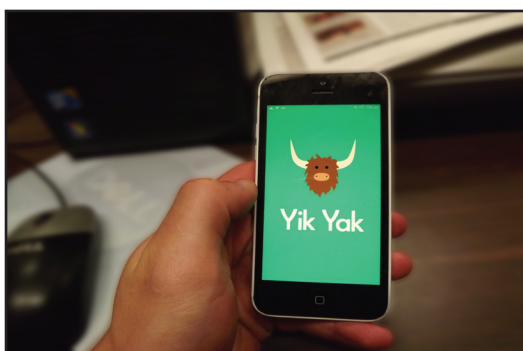


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By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

Marva Haltom, student reporter, also contributed to this story.

Yik Yak is a social media app that has taken mobile devices by storm. The controversial app has also managed to create storms at universities across the nation, and Northwestern is no exception.

Lately at Northwestern, there has been a lot of "yak" about Yik Yak.

The new app creates a chat room for individuals to share statements anonymously within a two-mile radius. It is designed to post things anonymously in the area and users with the same app can vote statements "up" or "down" on the page. It was originally created for students to use as a tool for school to share information about classes and use as a virtual bulletin board, but recently there have been bullying

issues with the app. Many campuses have already taken the action of blocking the app from the Wi-Fi because of psychological impacts it was having on some students who were being bullied. There have also been schools that have had to evacuate classes and

campuses because of anonymous threats that were posted to the app.

The app apparently strayed from its good intentions by making all users anonymous. People are posting false statements about others all while hiding behind their smart device. This is creating a social barrier for some students, who are getting bullied and retreating into hiding – possibly even become depressed by continued bullying.

The app's creators have tried to help with the monitoring of the app by restricting some access points and using a GPS location on posts so viewers can see where the post was actually uploaded. Also, if a statement is down-voted or deemed offensive by five or more users it will be removed from the feed. But those moves haven't stopped the bullying and people still feel they have the power to say whatever they want without any regard to anyone else's feelings and how it may affect them.

Yik Yak presents a list of rules on the app, two of which stress no bullying or targeting of other "yakkers." However, a number of Northwestern students have been victimized and targeted on this app by others who hide behind a safety cloak of anonymity. One such student was Rachel Wasson, whose last name began popping up on the app with direct attacks.

"It doesn't really bother me because none of [the insults] are true, but I just wish people would realize what they are doing," Wasson said. "Now when people hear my name they automatically think 'the girl from Yik Yak' and that's not how I want to be known. People don't understand that they can ruin someone's reputation just by the rumors they start. Words can hurt."

Students are not the only individuals who have downloaded the app; Northwestern faculty, professors and administrators have as well.

Allison Zimmerman, Northwestern professor, has been mentioned on the app as well.

"Yik Yak is cyber-bullying," she said. "There is no way around it. It's dangerous because people don't have to be held accountable for their words. I hate to think what would have to happen for people to wake up and realize that words are powerful and damaging."

Regardless of opinion, Yik Yak

has garnered much attention, coming into the focus of Northwestern administrators. The amount of inappropriate content on the app has spurred talk of restricting Yik Yak on campus Wi-Fi, according to Steve Valencia, associate vice president for university relations.

"It has been a discussion as to whether or not we should restrict access, though we have not made a final decision," Valencia said. "It is unfortunate that students have chosen to use Yik Yak in such a negative way. Found on Yik Yak is mostly cyberbullying, intimidation of students and, if it were to be said in person, sexual harassment. These are things our campus does not need to be facilitating. If students do have concerns in regards to Yik Yak, or any other social media platform, we will investigate and take disciplinary action if necessary. It is false to say that Yik Yak is entirely anonymous. There are ways to track the individual, which we may do if necessary."

So far there have not been any changes or actions taken to ban Yik Yak from campus but it could eventually happen due to all of the negativity that is accumulating on the Yik Yak bulletin board. Administration on campus has already contacted the school's IT department to see what can be done to control the situation.



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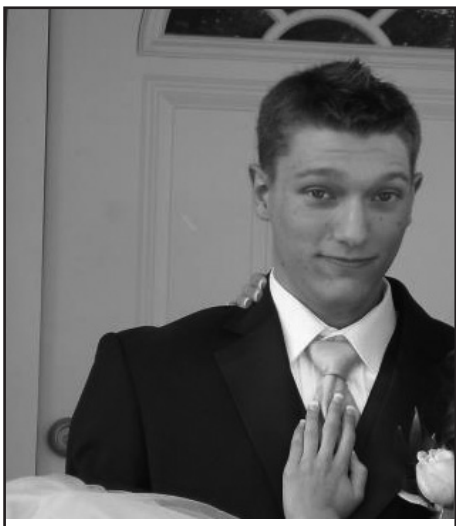
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# OPINION

## Dad swings into action, now it is your turn



By **MICHAEL COLLINS**  
*Columnist*

And the 'Best Father Ever' award goes to ... Mike Wilson.

That's right, I am putting aside my strong editor's scowl to bring some light-hearted, "fuzzy warm feeling" kind of news. A clip of dad and parkour enthusiast Wilson, dressed up like the Marvel comic icon Spider-Man (who by the way, is my favorite superhero of all time) for his terminally ill son's birthday party has been crawling all over the web (pun definitely intended) recently.

Wilson dressed as the "web-slinger" to surprise his 5-year-old son Jaden, who is currently battling a Grade 4 brain stem tumor. Such a tumor is extremely severe and gives Jaden only a year to live. But this isn't a story of a child to be taken far too young, no; this is a story of a father

who went the extra mile to make his son's birthday extra special.

In the video, Wilson acrobatically leaped from the roof of his home into the drive way in front of his son for a pretty dramatic entrance. After a hug, the super hero scooped up Jaden in his arms and took him back inside, where they presumably swapped tips on how to defeat the Green Goblin. If that video doesn't tug on your heartstrings, I'm not sure you're human.

In a quote Wilson said he is upbeat about his son's diagnosis.

"Today he is still with us fighting it all the way, but at least he has Spider-Man to take care of him," said Wilson.

This story serves as a call to action for all who care about the joy of young children. According to [curesearch.org](http://curesearch.org), cancer is the leading cause of child death among all diseases, accounting for 58 percent of all fatalities. Even as the cure rate continues to improve, the incidence of childhood cancer has been steadily increasing over the last few decades, from about 13 children per 100,000 in 1975 to over 19 children per 100,000 estimated for this year.

Children are our future, but it's those kids with little hope of their own future that need our attention. Take the initiative to make a sick child's day better. Suit up like Mike Wilson and donate your time as a real hero, or donate to the research for finding a cure.

It may be just in my opinion, but I believe that hope is the best way that news can change the world.

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## It's Thanksgiving, not Christmas



By **KENDRA REINING**  
*Columnist*

Now I love Christmas movies and everything the snowy holiday has to offer, but Christmas in November is just unnecessary.

I am a sucker for Christmas movies, at Christmas time! It has become a tradition in my family to watch Hallmark movies at Christmas, they just put you in the spirited mood, but it is so unnecessary for networks to play them so far in advance to Christmas. By the time that time of year comes around you have seen all of those movies so when you actually get in the mood to watch one of the movies they just annoy you.

What is even more annoying is all of those stores who put their Christmas merchandise out with all of the Halloween decorations in early October which is not okay, you can't just skip Thanksgiv-

ing. I have never understood why people feel the need to put all of the Christmas decorations out before Thanksgiving Day, like just wait a little longer and then it is fully acceptable to put your beautiful bright Christmas lights up.

Frankly Christmas music any days other than Christmas Eve and Christmas day just makes me want to pull my hair out. There is nothing wrong with an awesome rendition of "Jingle Bells" or "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," but you can only hear the same 20 songs so many times in the now 60 day run up to Christmas before you want to strangle an elf. Thankfully satellite radio and digital music players have made it easier to avoid it on local radio, but every store, business and elevator has the same hour of music playing on a loop. As childish as it is after hearing "Joy to the World" like 50 times all I can think about is the childish song they made up that goes to that songs beat. "Joy to the world, for barney's dead, we barbequed his head, don't worry 'bout the body, we flushed it down the potty, and round and round it goes...and round and round it goes...and roooooounndddd and rouuunndddd and rouuunndddd it goes."

Now I hate Christmas music, but Christmas shopping is the absolute worst, because yes I want to spend hours upon hours in one store trying to fight cranky people for the right present while trying to stay sane. Then once you finally get up to the check out the cashiers who are normally forced to be somewhat dressed up for the holiday are always in such a

bad mood and not that typical Christmas spirit joyous mood, wonder why! By the end of buying all of the gifts and decorating your house all out for the holiday, you just wish it was over, and then you are forced to start all over again when the next October rolls around again to bring the same pains again.

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# WHAT'S UP?

## Theatre to perform children's show this week

By JOCELYN GONZALES  
Student Reporter

Northwestern's annual children's production, "Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine," will be today through Saturday in Herod Hall auditorium.

Today and Friday's performances will be for school groups only at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday's performance will be open to the public at 2 p.m. The cost will be \$1 per person.

"Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine" is about Beanie, a science wiz who doesn't like reading and makes a machine to read his books for him. His principle, Mr. Wright, is very unhappy when the machine

has complications and the Wicked Witch of the West from "The Wizard of Oz," Candy from "Hansel and Gretel," and the queen and seven dwarves from "Snow White" arrive from book world. Dr. Librum, the head of the book world, comes to earth along with The Dewie Decimal System -- Hewie, Dewie, Lewie, Dorothy, Snow White and Hansel and Gretel -- to help Mr. Wright and Beanie get the witches back into the books.

The cast consist of Acting I class and a few seniors who desired to be in the production.

Kimberly Weast, professor of theater art and director of the show, said that they

expect good attendance this year. Weast said, "We have a little over 850 students and sponsors coming to the show on Thursday and Friday of this week, schools as far away as Gage to as close to home as Alva. We highly encourage parents to bring preschoolers, church groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and children of all ages."

Weast said principals and teachers ask for the dates of the annual children's production a year in advance. "They want to make sure the production is on their calendar early."

She said the production has always seen a positive response from the audience. "The annual children's production has always been a favorite for kids of all ages for many years and we hope it will continue to be for many



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

years to come.

The annual children's production has been presented by

the NWOSU Theater and the Castleplayers Troup for 30 years.

## Choir performs interactive show

By KATELYN STEADMAN  
Student Reporter

Northwestern choral groups performed a concert Monday, but it wasn't all just singing, there was plenty of audience participation as well.

Overseer of the Music Education program, Irene Messoloras, conducted the choral arrangements, performed in Alva First United Methodist Church.

The program's theme was "Trivial Pursuit," with TV-inspired games including "Jeopardy" and "Deal or No Deal." The music varied from "Liebeslieder Waltzes Op. 52" by Johannes Brahms to "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift.

The purpose behind the theme was to involve the crowd in the performance. Tickets were given to each person who attended; throughout the program tickets were drawn for participation to play in the games.

"I wanted to give the audience an interactive experience while keeping the integrity of a traditional choir concert," said Messoloras. "I thought a game show night would be a fun way to involve everyone."

Each game had its own set of rules and prizes. For instance, the individual's ticket that was drawn during "Wheel Of For-



Photo by Katelyn Steadman

tune" would go to the stage and spin the wheel. Their prize would depend on where the marker landed.

According to Messoloras, all feedback received about the performance was positive and encouraging.

"This by far was my favorite concert due to the fact that it involved the crowd," said audience attendee Mazy Murray. "Dr. Messoloras really went out of the box with this one."

During the concert, the audience was given the opportunity to make a tax-

deductible donation to Friends of NWOSU Choral Activities. The donations help to fund an upcoming choir trip to New York City, where the choir was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall.

"The students continue to exceed my expectations," said Messoloras. "I feel lucky to have such a committed ensemble that is so passionate about musical performance."

The next opportunity to attend a choir concert will be the Holiday Spectacular at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

## Churches to hold Thanksgiving meals

By STONY KALANGO  
Student Reporter

In less than a week America will be celebrating one of its favorite holidays - Thanksgiving.

This year's Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 27. For many students, it is a time to visit and dine with our families and be thankful for all that we have. A lot of students will be travelling around the country to visit family for the Thanksgiving break.

However, there are some students who will not be able to enjoy a hot Thanksgiving meal. For some, home is way too far, or even out of the country. For others, it is a short time to make the trip home before they can get back for school activities that resume the following week.

For those who will be staying behind in the dorms or school premises, great opportunities to enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal are actually present. Those include Baptist Collegiate Ministry, 1020 College (east of Carter Hall), Alva, 6-8 p.m.; and First United Methodist Church of Alva, 626 College St., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ronnie Payne, director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, said, "Some of our Nepali international students will be preparing some momos (Nepali indigenous meal), and we are also going to have some great American dishes served."

Both meals are open to the public, both students and non-students.



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# STUDENT LIFE

## Student arrested on possession charge after dorm search

By **TRENTON JUDD**  
Student Reporter

Campus police arrested a Northwestern student on Nov. 3 for possessing marijuana.

According to court documents, around noon Nov. 3 campus police were called to Coronado Hall to investigate a reported smell of marijuana coming from the 204 suite. The officer reported that on his way to the suite there was a strong smell of marijuana in the hallway.

A student met up with the officer in the hallway and let him into the suite. The officer reported that the smell was stronger in the suite and he requested permission to search the rooms. The student who called was cooperative and let the officer search his room

and the officer did not find anything suspicious. Another student entered as the officer was finishing his search and the officer asked the student if he could search his room. The student was compliant with the officer, but after his room was searched there was still no evidence of marijuana. The officer then proceeded to the final room in the suite and knocked on the door, but there was no answer and the officer reported that the marijuana smell by the door was even stronger than the odor in the suite. The officer knocked several more times, but there was no answer so he asked the head resident assistant to watch the suite while the officer went to get a search warrant.

The officer later returned with the warrant and arrived

at the room in question. The officer knocked and Joseph Bell, 19, answered the door and was shown the search warrant, the documents said. Bell cooperated and said, "You can search because I don't smoke." The officer then searched the room and found a marijuana grinder, a pill container containing marijuana and several lighters. After the officer finished his search, Bell was placed under arrest for the possession of



Graphic by Bandana Adhikari

marijuana within 1000 feet of a school and for the possession of marijuana paraphernalia. The officer then transported Bell to the Woods County

jail where he was booked, the court document said.

Woods County Jail officials said Bell is free on \$4,500 bond.

## NSSA partners to help family in need

By **CHARLES BOLDES**  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Secular Student Alliance partnered up with the Alva First Presbyterian church Oct. 8-9 to help paint a house for a family in need.

"The Secular Student Alliance is a group of students who aim to promote critical and scientific thinking, logic, and reason, and to preserve our secular society maintaining a separation of church and state to ensure fair treatment to anyone regardless of their beliefs," said Matt Schneider, biology major, SSA president and a junior at Northwestern.

On Saturday the group came together with First Presbyterian Church of Alva to help a family paint their home, which they had been trying to do for several years now but had been unable to afford. The community project was supposed to be done

in one day, but participants underestimated how long it would actually take to paint the home.

"I severely underestimated how much time it took to paint a house. I thought it would take a few hours tops, but we were there for two days," said SSA member Justin Regier.

"We like to promote the idea that we can all do great things together if we can put our differences to the side and cooperate," said Schneider. "This is one thing we wanted to show by partnering with the First Presbyterian Church of Alva to do this community service project, and by doing so, we were able to do something awesome for a great family within our community."

Ever since the SSA began, they have wanted to organize a community project, and Aaron Place, an associate professor of biology at Northwestern, knew a family

in need. They were happy that the Presbyterian Church was kind enough to help out with the project by funding the supplies and feeding volunteers for both days.

"It was fun. We had a good time laughing and joking with each other and it always makes you feel good to help someone out," said Place. "Anyone can be a secular student, even religious students. Our members must want equal and fair treatment to all, regardless of whether they are religious or not. We like to promote the idea that we can all do great things together if we can put our differences to the side and cooperate."

"Eating lunch at the church was an awesome experience for us. Many churches wouldn't be that accepting to our group, but Rev. Dr. Judith Pistole and all the clergy and churchgoers treated all of us just like we were regular members. They are an ab-

solutely incredible group of people."

For Place, one of the most memorable moments during the project was when he fell off the ladder; it was quite a sight, but he wasn't hurt at all.

Schneider recalled the moment when they finally finished painting on the second day and were able to see how it improved the house.

"Just seeing the looks on the faces of the family members as we progressed with the painting and when we were finally done was incredible. It really felt like we were making a big difference for them, and that was a great feeling," said Schneider.

The project also was an attempt to get out the message about what SSA is and what its members believe. "I think it's great that we're getting out into the community. We still get some hateful messages based on a misunderstanding of who we are, but

with projects like this, we can learn to set aside our differences and just do something great for our neighbors," said Regier.

SSA members said the project also made them appreciate their adviser, Place. "The SSA couldn't have asked for a greater sponsor for our group," said Schneider.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



this now, maybe they won't hurt as much later. If this is truly what "Big Hero 6" is trying to show us, then they did a good job. They dealt with the matters of death and loss in a way that is appropriate for kids. The only problem was that my colleague, Natalie, does not have the emotional stability of the average 8-year-old. She cried

"Big Hero 6" was an all-around great experience. There were plenty of laughs because of the witty script, the amazing improvisations from T.J Miller and the comparisons we made from Baymax to Natalie. The movie was not quite as humorous as "The Lego Movie," but the chuckles alone are worth the movie ticket. I don't want to say that it will win the Oscar for best animated feature just yet, but I think it is in the running.

Here's where the nerd comes out. My problem with this film is how far from the source material it strayed. In the comics, Baymax is far from a huggable health care assistant. He looks fierce and powerful. There were also some notable characters that were cut from the team due to conflicts with Fox Studios. The Silver Samurai and Sunfire are original members, but due to their

involvement with the X-Men, their rights technically belong to Fox, with the Silver Samurai even being a main antagonist in the film "The Wolverine."

Now that the nerdy stuff is out of the way, let's get to the bottom line. If you have a friend that's an ugly crier, do not go watch this with them. They may have the resolve of a brick wall when it comes to shedding a tear, but do not take the chance. It's not worth it. On a serious note though, this film was great. Each voice actor did a great job of bringing his or her character to life. There are some minor clichés, but those are to be expected. This is a superhero movie for kids, after all. Don't let that steer you away though. I'm usually not one to say "there is something for everyone" but there really is. Definitely worth the cheap admission price.

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
Columnists

Hey everyone, look over here and stop doing that sudoku puzzle. We watched a movie and we can tell you whether it was good or not. Our pick this week: "Big Hero 6" (2014)

Natalie's Review-



5 heroes out of 5

Cute, heartfelt, adorable, touching, entertaining, funny.. These are six qualities of "Big Hero 6" that make it a big hero in the box office this week. It's a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting film, from start to finish.

"Big Hero 6" tells the origin story of Big Hero 6, a team of superheroes appearing in Marvel Comics.

The movie takes the audience through several ups and downs. There are many laughs, and also a couple tear-jerking moments. Uhhhh.... No I didn't cry? And if Chris tells you I did, he's lying.

This movie was also very action-packed for a children's movie. There are explosions, destruction, worm holes and fight scenes. There's also death and grief, which is becoming shockingly common in the children's film genre.

The characters are lovable and unique, stealing the show as well as the hearts of the audience,

including mine. I'm definitely looking forward to a sequel.

Bottom Line: This is a film worth seeing, especially if you have baby-sitting duties coming up soon.

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Chris' review



4 heroes out of 5

I'm going to throw out a warning before I get started.

In this review, I'm going to reveal the true nerd side of me. I apologize to all of you in advance.

Moving on. This week we watched "Big Hero 6," a movie about a young boy and his robot who team up with other genius-level teenagers to fight crime and protect San Frantokyo from an evil masked man and his army of nanobots. Yes, you read that correctly. The city that this film is set in is called San Frantokyo. That may confuse some audience members but there is a definite reason for this. "Big Hero 6" is originally a Marvel comic that has Japanese manga influences. This combines American and Japanese and the animation created something pretty awesome.

For a movie targeted more toward a younger audience, the film deals with a lot of loss. If you ask me, that is perfectly okay. Not everything works out to give you a happy ending. That's life, and kids should be learning that. That sounds harsh, but if children are prepared for

## Sudoku Puzzle

(See back page for answers)

puzzle by Kendra Reining

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## Women's basketball loses by a point



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After a rough first half of play Northwestern Oklahoma State gave a good effort in the second, but fell a point short in the end against Rogers State 55-54.

Ranger freshman, Kalea King had a big night in her home debut, totaling 18 points, two rebounds and one assist in the one point loss.

King was also on the floor for 36 minutes in the game, one minute

shy of fellow freshman Renee Contreras.

The visiting Hillcats were very solid in the first half of play on the Rangers' home floor, shooting 53 percent in the first half, including 55 percent from deep.

RSU steadily pulled ahead of the young Ranger squad, building a 19 point lead, but Northwestern was able to cut it down to a 13-point

margin, following a 6-0 run to finish out the half.

Halftime adjustments by the Rangers paid off in that the black-and-red went on an 11-0 run to start the second period, cutting the lead to two points.

Breanna Burford stopped the Ranger rally for the Hillcats at the 11:47 mark, but an Emily Eaton three pointer cut it back to a one-point game in favor of Rogers State.

The Rangers had several more chances to close the gap and take over the lead, but

RSU's defense was stifling in the end, closing the door on the Rangers.

Northwestern won a lot of the different categories on the evening, with points off turnovers, points in the paint, second chance points and bench points, but were unable to close it out.

The Rangers (0-3) take the court again on Saturday afternoon when they will host Oklahoma Panhandle State at 1 p.m.

## Basketball faces OSU Cowboys (cont.)

(Continued from page 1) As the second half got underway, it was still all Cowboys. Oklahoma State opened on a dominant 14-3 run, which brought the lead to 63-23 over the Rangers.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Rangers were handed their second loss of the young season with a final score of 91-45.

The Rangers were led by Darrian Dempsey who had 12 points and Laakeem Henderson who finished with 10. However, it was still a poor night shooting

for Northwestern. They finished shooting 5-20 from beyond the arc and 14-60 in total.

The Cowboys were led by Phil Forte who had 18 points and Le'Bryan Nash who finished with 16. The Cowboys managed an average night shooting, finishing with 10-23 from beyond the arc and 35-63 in total.

The Rangers move to a 1-2 overall record and the Cowboys move to a 3-0 overall record.

Northwestern will open up play at home this Saturday at 3 p.m. in Alva.



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## Baseball announces spring schedule

The Ranger baseball team has released their 2015 schedule. Northwestern Oklahoma State attempts to build on a 25-25 (8-22 GAC) season from a year ago in their last year of provisional NCAA Division II status before becoming post season eligible as full members for the 2015-2016 year.

The Rangers season begins on the road with a three game series at Oklahoma Panhandle State in Goodwell, Okla. on February 1st. The first home action for Northwestern showcases a three team round robin tournament between the Rangers, Northwest Missouri State, and Regis University (Co.).

Conference play begins the weekend of February 13th in Alva against Southeastern Oklahoma State. Home



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conference series also include Southern Arkansas, Henderson State, Harding, and Southwestern Oklahoma State. Northwestern will face East Central, Arkansas-Monticello, Southern Nazarene, Ouachita Baptist, and Arkansas Tech in road series this season.

Other notable non-conferences match-ups include

a home series with Newman out of Wichita, Kansas and a spring break trip to Dallas and Fort Worth to take on Arlington Baptist and Dallas Christian.

"We are excited of the opportunities that the 2015 season presents to our program and are looking forward to getting the season underway," said Head Coach Sam Carel.

## New football coach to be announced tomorrow morning

Northwestern will introduce its new football coach at a press conference Friday.

The event will be at 11 a.m. in the Ranger Room of the Student Center on campus.

The news conference will be live-streamed via Stretch Internet through the GameCentral portal on www.riderangerside.com. A full story will be posted to the website by noon.

The new coach will

replace Alan Hall, who resigned late in the season due to health concerns.



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# SPORTS

## Football ends on winning streak

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH  
*Sports Editor*

Northwestern (3-7, 3-7 GAC), travelled to Weatherford this past weekend for its last conference match-up of the season against Southwestern Oklahoma State, winning convincingly 28-6.

After coming off a big victory last week on Senior Day against Southern Nazarene, the Rangers picked up where they left off against the Bulldogs in their final road game. As the first quarter got under way, the Rangers kicked off to the Bulldogs. It was first and 10 as Southwestern running back Karl Hodge took a handoff from Bulldogs quarterback Ryley Calborn for a four-yard gain to the Bulldog 25-yard line. Hodge took another handoff from Claborn, giving him only two yards. During early minutes that Southwestern had possession in the first, Bulldog quarterback Claborn tried to utilize Hodge in the running and passing game but fell short as the Rangers were able to control the momentum early

on. Northwestern's defense forced the Bulldogs to punt on fourth down, as Southwestern punter Dalton Jackson's 38-yard punt to the Northwestern 31 set up the Ranger offense for its first possession. Ranger quarterback Reid Miller start their first drive from the Northwestern 33. Miller threw his first pass to Ranger wide receiver Justin Schanbacher for a two-yard gain to the Northwestern 35. Both teams had ineffective offensive production early on in the first quarter as both programs ended the first with a 0-0 score.

Southwestern took possession to start the second quarter on the Northwestern 32-yard line. Bulldogs quarterback Claborn threw to receiver Colin Bricker for a 12-yard gain. Throughout most of the second quarter, penalties were an issue for both teams, as officials called a personal foul at the 4:48 mark.

With the second quarter coming down to the wire, Southwestern running back Karl Hodge made the Bulldog offense more efficient in the

running game as he rushed for a 3-yard touchdown with 1:13 left before halftime. However, the Rangers had different offensive plans before halftime. With five seconds left in the half, Miller lined up on a first and 10 at the Southwestern 37 and connected with freshman wide receiver Tamarick Courtney for a 37-yard touchdown pass. A Will Dawkins extra point cut the deficit in favor of the Rangers for a 7-6 halftime lead.

Southwestern retained possession to start the third quarter. The Bulldogs started the drive at the Southwestern 25-yard line, with a false start penalty by Northwestern, which gave the Bulldogs a 5-yard advantage that would put the Bulldogs in scoring margin. Plays later, with 7:16 left in the third, Northwestern responded again as Miller connected on another short pass to freshman DeShawn Gordon for a 32-yard touchdown following an extra point attempt from Will Dawkins that would give the Rangers a 14-6 lead to end the third.

Northwestern's defense



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performed relentlessly against the Bulldog offense throughout the third, but in the fourth it was a different reality. Star linebacker Alex Hemberger had a marvelous day for the Ranger defense. The senior racked up 20 tackles on the day, 13 assisted along with seven solos. Alongside Hemberger's dominance were Shane Collins, and Brandon Cannon, who added 10 and nine tackles respectively. Minutes of the fourth started to tick closely, for Northwestern it was "Miller Time". The sensational sophomore quar-

terback threw a deep 64-yard touchdown pass to receiver Justin Schanbacher with 5:47 left in the game, which resulted in a 21-6 Ranger advantage. A minute later, senior running back Avery Morris scored on a 4-yard rush along with a Will Dawkins extra point to give the Rangers a winning score 28-6.

Northwestern finished the 2014 campaign 3-7 in the regular season, following a 3-7 Great American Conference finish. The win against the Bulldogs put the Rangers on a three-game winning streak to end the season.

## Rodeo sits fourth in standings

By SARAH OTTO  
*Student Reporter*

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University rodeo team has wrapped up the fall season of college rodeo.

Both men's and women's teams are sitting well in the college standings. The men's team is sitting fourth overall, and the women's team is winning the region. Northwestern has a total of six cowgirls and 11 cowboys in the standings.

Northwestern has no rough stock riders in the top 15 of their events. In tie-down roping, Northwestern is represented by Hayden Pearce and William Whayne. Pearce is sitting second with a total of 260 points and Whayne is sitting seventh with a total of 130 points.

In steer wrestling, John McGinn is sitting first overall with a total of 315 points, Grayson Allred is third overall with 245 points, James Struxness is splitting sixth with Brock White, also of NWOSU, both with 180 points. Michael Edgmon is also in the top 15, sitting ninth overall with 110 points.

In team roping, on the heading side, Dalton Richards is sitting second overall with a total of 305 points. Pearce is also in the top 15, splitting 10th with 100 points. Layne Lagasse is splitting 14th with 50 points. On the heeling side, Wade Perry is splitting 10th with 100 points and Dustin Searcy is sitting 14th with 50 points.

In the women's event of breakaway roping, three cow-

girls from Northwestern are in the top 15 overall. Taige Trent is leading the region with 200 points, Karley Kile is splitting fifth with 150 points and Sage Allen is sitting eighth with 110 points.

In goat tying, Lauren Barnes is sitting second with 415 points, Shayna Miller is right behind her, sitting third with 395 points, Karley Kile comes in seventh with 115 points and Elli Price is sitting tenth with 95 points.

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4	2	8	3	9	7	1	5	6
6	5	7	8	2	1	4	3	9
1	4	6	9	5	3	7	8	2
2	9	5	7	6	8	3	4	1
8	7	3	2	1	4	6	9	5
5	1	4	6	3	9	8	2	7
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