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Northwestern announces fall commencement speaker, grads



Graphic by Michael Collins

Fall commencement at Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Chaplain James Smith, Jr., 1981 alumnus, will give the

commencement speech.

An Oklahoma City native, Smith graduated from Northwestern with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and communication and is currently serving as chaplain with the 1/158 Field Artillery Battalion.

Smith played football and ran track for the Rangers, receiving All Conference honors in both sports. After graduation, Smith participated in a free agent tryout with the Dallas Cowboys and was the only athlete of more than 700 to receive an invitation to the team's training camp.

Smith also participated in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) at Northwestern, and after graduation he was commissioned as a second lieutenant serving in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

After fulfilling his military obligation, Smith received an honorable discharge from the Guard and after an 18-year break in service, re-enlisted in the National Guard. He also returned to school and earned a Master of Religious Education degree from Liberty University in 2009. Smith has served one tour in Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Music for the commencement

will be provided by the Ranger symphonic band under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Drobnak.

A reception honoring the graduates will immediately follow the ceremony and be held in the Student Center Ballroom.

Ninety students are candidates to receive bachelor's degrees; nine will receive Master of Education degrees and six will receive Master of Counseling Psychology degrees.

Thirteen of those receiving bachelor's degrees will graduate with honors. Students with cumulative grade point averages between 3.70 and 3.79 are designated cum laude, those with GPAs between 3.80-3.89 are magna cum laude and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

Those honor graduates, their degrees and their hometowns are as follows:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
OKLAHOMA

HASKELL -- Raymond Purdom III, Bachelor of Arts in political science.

KREMLIN -- Jacob Streck, Bachelor of Arts Education in English education.

MOORELAND -- Melanie Kleuser, Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting.

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Online accounting ranked nationally

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Bachelor of Science in Accounting online degree program has been ranked among the top 50 in the nation by the Affordable Colleges Foundation. No other Oklahoma school earned a ranking on this list, and Northwestern's program came in at 31.

Affordable Colleges Foundation (ACF), a leading resource for online learning and college affordability information, listed the top schools that offer students affordable, high-quality accounting programs combined with the flexibility of distance education.

"Accounting is a critical part of any business, and companies of all types continue to seek graduates from quality academic programs," said Dan Schuessler, founder and CEO of Affordable Colleges Foundation. "It's important to recognize the colleges and programs that truly stand out, especially those going the extra mile to make online learning a priority."

According to higher education

research firm Eduventures, business-related degrees -- including accounting -- remain the most popular among college students, and that's no different at Northwestern as it's steadily one of the top majors.

"Students wishing to enter one of the fastest-growing career fields available have more educational options now than ever before," Schuessler said. "The schools on our list not only have more online accounting degree programs than their peers, but also boast cost structures and student support that make a tremendous difference. They deserve to be recognized."

To create their list of the top online programs, ACF's data analysts and higher education experts looked at such criteria as online tuition cost, number of online accounting programs, student-teacher ratio, six-year graduation rate, percentage of undergraduate students receiving aid and accreditation.

AffordableCollegesOnline.org also lists Northwestern as sixth out of

17 Oklahoma colleges it ranked in the category of Most Affordable Online Colleges in Oklahoma. Besides the Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree, Northwestern offers online bachelor's degrees in business administration, applied arts and sciences in technical management and an RN-to-BSN program in nursing.

"We are pleased that Northwestern has received another high national ranking for affordability," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "Northwestern is committed to providing quality online degree programs at a cost that is much more affordable than options provided by private and for-profit schools."

Northwestern recently learned it was ranked fourth on a list of the top 30 Most Attractive Yet Affordable College Campuses across the nation compiled by AffordableSchools.net, and continues to be ranked among the region's leading universities by "U.S. News & World Report" as having the nation's most affordable on-campus living, and as a best value institution.

For more information about Northwestern's online programs in business and nursing, please visit <http://bit.ly/nwosu-online-degrees>.



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SPORTS

Ranger men's basketball suffers fourth loss

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Staff Reporter

Rangers took their fourth loss of the season at Rogers State Saturday falling 70-80.

The Northwestern men's basketball team entered Claremore, Okla., on a three-game losing streak after suffering a

one-sided loss at home Nov. 25 to Emporia State.

When play got underway in the Claremore Expo Center, it was the Hillcats who managed to open up a 9-0 lead before Ranger Adrian Motley was able to hit his lone 3-point shot in the half, closing the lead to 9-3.

The Rangers then made some costly mental mistakes, which

allowed Rogers State to open up a massive 31-13 lead with 5:58 remaining in the first half. Northwestern managed to close the gap to 42-30 before the first half buzzer sounded with help from Ranger freshmen Brandon Green.

Green led the team in the first half with a total of 14 points and shooting 6 of 8 from the field.

The momentum that the Rangers gained at the end of the first half transferred into the early part of the second half as well.

The Rangers were able to tie the game at 46-46 after a layup by Ranger Taylan Iliff with 12:23 remaining.

The Rangers grabbed their first lead of the game after a layup and free throw by Ranger Joseph Gray with 7:15 left

in the half. After taking the 62-59



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

lead however, both teams went back and forth, sharing the lead for the next two minutes. Hillcat DesJuan Newton was able to nail both of his free throws to give Rogers State the 67-66 lead with 5:03 remaining.

After taking the late lead and several more possession mistakes by the Rangers, the Hillcats were able to pull away for the remainder of the half.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Rangers fell 80-70 to the Hillcats.

The Rangers finished shooting

44.8 percent from the field and 36 percent from the 3-point line. Northwestern was led by Green, who finished shooting 7 of 9 from the field and with 16 total points, and Ranger Laakeem Henderson, who finished shooting 5 of 16 from the field and totaling 15 points.

Northwestern fell to 1-4 overall.

The Rangers are back in action tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse to open up conference play against the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Former champion hired as head football coach

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has turned to one of the heroes of its 1999 national championship team to revive its football program.

The University announced alumnus Matt Walter as its new head football coach at a press conference on Friday. Walter takes over the position after spending the last six years on the staff at Emporia State University, the last four as offensive coordinator.

"We are very excited to have Matt Walter return to Northwestern to lead our football program," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "He exemplified the model student-athlete during his time here, and has proven to be a highly successful coach at the NCAA Division II level. He knows how to be successful the right way."

"Matt Walter knows what makes Northwestern a special

place and personifies what it means to be a Ranger."

Walter, a native of Azle, Texas, was the starting fullback on the Northwestern team that won the 1999 NAIA national championship and finished as the runner-up in 2000.

"I could not be more ecstatic about coming back to my alma mater to be the head coach of the Rangers," Walter said. "I love this place with all my heart. It is truly my second home."

"I cannot wait to get started instilling Ranger pride back into the program. I am committed to getting the program back to where it belongs and keeping it there. Through a commitment to the process of being a champion, we will get it there. I want to thank President Cunningham and Andy Carter for this wonderful opportunity."

Northwestern began the

search for a coach after Alan Hall relinquished the duties due to health reasons.

"There was tremendous interest in the position and we had a great pool of candidates," Andrew Carter, director of athletics, said. "We wanted a proven winner at the Division II level and someone who was ready to roll up his sleeves and do the work necessary to build and sustain a successful program. Matt Walter is everything we wanted in a coach."

Walter was instrumental in the turnaround of Emporia State's football fortunes. The Hornets were 2-9 in his first season at ESU, but steadily improved and had a breakthrough season in 2012. That year, ESU finished 10-2 in the rugged Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAA). In 2013, ESU finished 9-2 and made its first Division II playoff

appearance since 2003.

Walter's ESU offense ranked 15th in the nation in scoring offense and 20th in the nation in total offense during the 2013 season. In 2012 the Hornets led the MIAA and were ranked 10th in the nation in passing offense. They also were third in the MIAA and 25th in the nation in total offense. Emporia State scored over 40 points in six games that season, reaching 50 on three occasions.

Before going to ESU, Walter spent the four previous seasons as the head strength and conditioning coach for the New Mexico State football team. Known to his athletes as 'The Punisher' for his grueling strength, speed and agility training, Walter guided the Aggies to break numerous school records in lifting, running and jumping. He also implemented a nutrition supplement program as well as the Lifter of the Year Award.

Walter also is recognized as a National Speed and Explosion Association

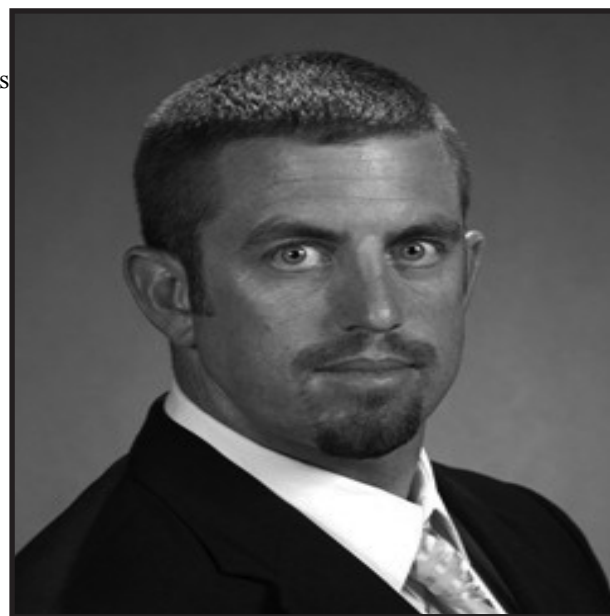


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certified coach. He previously served as the head strength and conditioning coach at Southeastern Louisiana University for one year. Prior to that, Walter spent one year at Louisiana Tech University as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Walter has two sons, Rowan and Torin.

Thoughts about Matt Walter: "Matt was a great competitor when he was a player for Northwestern and will bring a competitive attitude back to the program. He truly bleeds red and black. There is not a better coach for the program than Matt Walter. He was a huge part of the success we have had at Emporia State University. Northwestern is important to him and he will work diligently to get the program back on top where it belongs."

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SPORTS

Lady Rangers stumble in loss at MSSU

By **TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH**
Sports Editor

Northwestern women's basketball experienced a few defects on the road Saturday afternoon against NCAA Division II non-conference opponent Missouri Southern State in a drastic 77-33 loss.

It was a rough afternoon on the hardwood for the Lady Rangers at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, as Northwestern had problems with both offense and defense against the Lady Lions.

Northwestern (1-4, 0-0 GAC), came out poised to start the contest in the first half, taking an early 2-0 lead with 18:26 on the clock. But the Lady Rangers struggled to find open shooting opportunities around the perimeter as Missouri Southern State (6-0) increased its defensive pressure. The Lady Lions capitalized on Lady Ranger offensive and defensive errors down the stretch

during the first half, as Northwestern's defense wore down in transition.

Transition baskets, and outside shooting in the first half, fueled the Lady Lions to a 30-9 marginal lead with just 5:44 left in the first 20 minutes of play. However with four minutes left, Northwestern found offensive presence down in the paint from Micaela Yu and Kamera Bozeman, who scored on a couple of mid-range shots, giving the Lady Rangers some offensive daylight. Missouri Southern State continued its dominance right before intermission, as the Lady Lions rebounded effectively, resulting in easy put-back baskets that would increase the margin, giving the Lady Lions comfortable position going into the second half. Missouri Southern State answered on yet another lay-up right before the final seconds, giving them a 40-15 lead at the half.

Northwestern started the second 20 minutes of play down by 25, and with a 25-point deficit

it would be Missouri Southern State who took advantage. The Lady Ranger scoring woes continued in the second half, as Northwestern did not find a basket until the 17:08 mark. Despite a Northwestern basket after three minutes had gone by, Missouri Southern State continued to build its sizeable lead.

The Lady Lions kept themselves in scoring rhythm for the majority of the second 20 minutes, as Missouri Southern State extended its lead to 31. Shortly after 10 minutes had gone by, Northwestern's Yu provided an offensive spark underneath the basket producing a few close lay-ups to help the Lady Ranger scoring deficit. Missouri Southern State added additional baskets late down the stretch that would increase its lead to 38.

With 3:14 left in the game, Missouri Southern State's scoring advantage increased even more as the Lady Lions responded once



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again on a rebound for another easy basket, making it 72-31 in favor of MSSU. Moments after, with 47 seconds left in the game Northwestern committed a late foul that resulted in a made free-throw by MSSU, ending in a 77-33 demoralizing win by the Lady Lions.

Yu led the Rangers with eight points on the afternoon, while teammate Bozeman added seven.

The Lady Rangers struggled

drastically from the field against MSSU, shooting 22.2 percent while the Lady Lions shot 47.9 percent for the day.

Northwestern (1-4, 0-0 GAC), will open Great American Conference play today and Saturday afternoon at Percefull Fieldhouse against Southern Nazarene University and East Central University. Tip-off will be 5:30 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ranger baseball signs four players during early signing period

Northwestern Oklahoma State Head Baseball Coach Sam Carel has added four players during this early signing period and will look forward to seeing them next fall.

Coach Carel: "We are thrilled to have Steven, Casey, Cole, and Quincy join the Ranger family! We look forward to next year when they step foot on campus and become a part of the Alva community. Like every member in our program, they will each serve an integral role in the process of advancing the growth and development of Ranger Baseball!"

Previously attended Northeast Texas Community College from 2013-15 where he earned 1st Team All-District 2nd Base-man honors along with being selected for the Texas-New Mexico Junior College All-Star Game.

Dickerman earned several accolades in high school including Honorable Mention Infielder,

and 2nd Team All-District Shortstop. He also made the academic Honor Roll. Dickerman plans on majoring in Education at Northwestern along with a minor in Sociology. Casey's cousin, Colten Dickerman, previously attended Northwestern Oklahoma State, as well as being a member of the Ranger baseball team.

Deckard was a member of the varsity squad at Francis Howell North HS for three years. He earned 2nd Team All-Conference honors his sophomore year along with a Rising Star Award nomination. Deckard also qualified for academic Honor Roll. He plans on majoring in Mass Communications while attending Northwestern Oklahoma State.

Tunstall was a member of a team that advanced to the first round of the high school playoffs in 2014. He was also named the 2014 Most Valuable Player.

Tunstall plans on majoring

in Mass Communications with a minor in Physical Therapy while attending Northwestern Oklahoma State.

Anderson was a member of a Mountain Home Career Academies program that advanced into the second round of the state playoffs in 2014. He has earned numerous accolades including being a Three-Year Letterman, 3-Time All-Conference, and being named a member of the 2014 All-State and 2014 All-Academic Teams. He also earned an Ag. Mechanics Award in 2012.

Anderson plans on majoring in Agriculture Education with a minor Business while attending Northwestern. He comes from an athletic family as his father, Jim Anderson, played football at Missouri Valley College. His mother, Deanna Anderson, played softball at Southwest Baptist University and his sister, Shelby Anderson is a current member of the Northwestern softball team.

SAAC, Make-A-Wish raise money for Woodward child

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Oklahoma Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation have partnered with the goal of granting a wish for a very deserving recipient. During halftime of the Men's Basketball game on December 4th, members of the SAAC and the Make-A-Wish Foundation will introduce our Wish Adoptee Talon.

Talon is a three-year old Woodward, Okla. native who has Hurler's Syndrome. He is a normal three-year old in

that he enjoys music, watching Mickey Mouse, Batman, playing with cars, watching the TV show Chugginton, reading, and cheering on the Oklahoma City Thunder. Talon's wish is to go to Disney World.

His mom and dad, Rebecca and Chris have four other children besides Talon, Mariah (15), Madison (15), Brayden (9) and Alexis (7).

To find out more about Talon, check out the Facebook page dedicated to him: <https://www.facebook.com/PrayersForTalon>



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OPINION

Columnist asks, "English, do you speak it?"



CHRIS AGBOLA
Columnist

The semester is sprinting to the finish line. Eventually, opinions for this period would be "don't get overwhelmed with the pressure of school," "sip some coffee or hot chocolate," "study as much as you can and you'll be all right for the finals." After that, it's "yay," because you get to go home to see your family and friends.

However, I'm diverting a bit from this trend to address something I think is relevant, if not most pertinent. A lot of folks, especially us college kids, have bad grammar issues. The way to tackle this is to fix it. Sometimes, you are amazed when you meet someone who is extremely fluent at spoken English only for them to write -- and you realize their speaking ability is inversely proportional to their writing of the language. Badly written English goes a long way to affect you in diverse ways. Let's see how and why it's important to know that "you're" cannot be interchanged with "your".

In the world of work, your written English is the first impression about you. Before you're ever granted that interview for graduate school, that job or internship, your

resume and letter of purpose is what represents you. Making sure these are well-written would be a plus for you and vice versa. The grammar issues among millennials could be blamed partly on social

media. We're subscribed to diverse social media platforms that have a limited number of words for you to post an update. On social media, anything you write is appropriate and makes you "cool," the illusion holds. That you get a lot of retweets, likes and reblogs because you write "There team really played well" doesn't make it right. Written English is entirely different from spoken English. It doesn't matter whether you've spoken English all your life or it's your official language. You've got to know the rules of written English. If you write "She is a really good women," dude, that's wrong. You owe the Queen of England an apology.

A myth holds that once you live in America or were born here, you automatically become a good English writer. English as a language has to be studied. Just because you've done every transaction in English and communicate a certain way doesn't mean you should write that way. Awareness of tenses, subject-verb agreement, prepositions, adjectives, possessive nouns, subjects and predicates would exhibit the control you wield over the language. A well-constructed sentence with appropriate vocabulary with tenses agreeing in subject and number gives an awesome idea of you

as an individual. Don't interchange "your" which shows possession, with "you're", which is "you are" and shows a state of being or action. The same is true for "there," "their" and "they're." There are countless examples of prominent folks in society who are victims of this as well. It makes you want to pass out.

It's Christmas, I know, why am I not talking about Frosty the snowman or Santa Claus but English? Well, Christmas comes once a year, but English affects you when you are uninformed about it in a certain way. As you go grocery shopping for Christmas this break, dash into a bookstore and grab a novel. It would greatly help.

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WHAT'S UP?

Play auditions to be held in Fine Arts tonight

BENJAMIN FOX
Student Reporter

Auditions for "Blow Me Up, Jesus," a play written and directed by speech and theatre major Jordan Lyles will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. tonight in Fine Arts 327.

Lyles, who joined the theatre program as an incoming freshman, was cast in her first show "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" in 2011. "I was obnoxiously giddy, but I was really grateful for the opportunity," Lyles said. She has

been a Northwestern Theatre mainstay ever since her debut, with her latest appearance being in 2014's thriller "Blood Relations." "I do it because I love it, and I've always gotten so much out of being involved in our productions. It's such a reward, directing my own show now, because I get a chance to give something back to the program that's done so much for me, and give others the same opportunity."

As a requirement for graduating, speech and theatre majors must direct a show. Many students in the

past chose a pre-existing play to direct; Lyles, however, decided to write her own. She is the second student to write and direct her own show on the Northwestern stage. "There were definitely other shows I considered. However, I've always been a writer, and although I'd never even written a play, I thought it would be a unique venue to try my hand at a new form of writing and unite my two greatest interests."

Her show, "Blow Me Up, Jesus," is a dark comedy about a self-destructive bachelor comfortable with his own solitude. His life is turned upside down

when events force his brother and niece into his home as he deals with an internal crisis that fights to consume him.

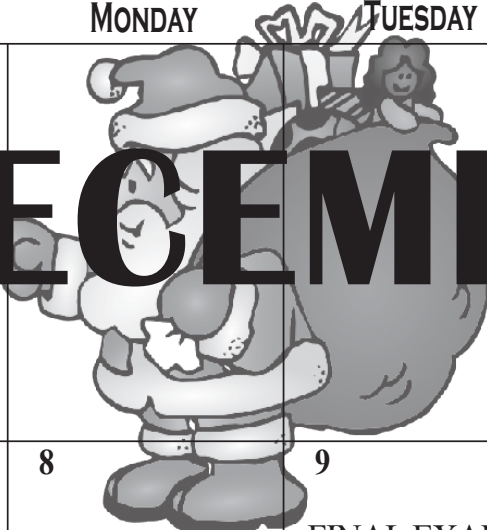
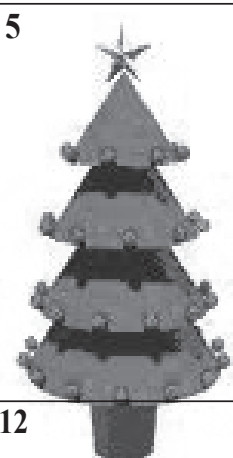
"It has been an immense challenge," Lyles said of the task of writing and directing a show. "I had a lot of freedom with the writing process, and it was really fulfilling. I really got to immerse myself in the creative side of it. But when it came time to think practically and tackle the directing and designing side, the artistic licenses that I let myself take became obstacles that I had to find ways to overcome."

Those planning to audition

need not bring any memorized material; scripted scenes will be given and performed on-site. However, please bring a conflict schedule with your classes, work and other obligations through February. Lyles encourages attendance even if one has no experience with acting or theatre.

"If you're interested, come by and give it a shot." If you are interested in auditioning but cannot meet at the allotted time, contact Lyles via Facebook or e-mail at jllyles99@rangers.nwsu.edu. Callbacks will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in Fine Arts 327.

RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Christmas Spectacular Concert Herod Hall Auditorium
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WHAT'S UP?

Northwestern students to be part of Art Walk

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be well represented on Alva's downtown square Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. for the annual First Friday Art Walk events.

Three seniors in Northwestern's Studio Art program will be showing their artwork at a Pop Up Gallery in the Knox Building on the north side of the square at 428 Flynn. Hanson Long of Waynoka, Natalie Malone of Moundridge, Kan., and Rabi Tamraker from Kavre, Nepal, are the featured artists for their Senior Thesis Exhibition. Long and Tamraker are completing their art minors this semester.

Jave Yoshimoto, assistant professor of art, explained that the Senior Thesis Exhibition is a culminating show of the students' time in the studio art program. The students will exhibit artwork created this semester, as well as pieces finished during past semesters.

"The importance of this exhibition is that the students learn how to find the space, curate (hang/display) their own exhibition, write their own press releases and advertise, so it's a transitional experience in showing them how to put their art works out into the 'real world,'" Yoshimoto said.

Members of the NWOSU Art Society will be at the Runnymede Hotel with artwork for show and sale, members of the Northwestern

choirs will be singing Christmas carols, and Northwestern alumni Rod and Carolyn Murrow will have an exhibit at Murrow's FrameArt.

Emily Dunlap, the November Artist-in-Residence with Northwestern's Studio Art program, will have a few items on display during the art walk as well. Her screen prints will be at the Graceful Arts Center, and her sculptures will be on display at the Runnymede Hotel.

Dunlap, who is originally from Waterloo, Ill., is a graduate of Southern Illinois University -Edwardsville where she studied sculpture. She continued her education at Syracuse University where she received a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture. Her current work highlights women's issues and marriage assumptions using lighthearted imagery.

"My work is based on my cultural rural upbringing," Dunlap said. "Within that topic I use imagery that talks about traditions and issues."

Since her stay in Alva, students have been able to observe her working, listen to an explanation of it and attend a couple of demonstrations. Her first demo was how to make a silicone mold. She said she introduced the students to the process of mold-making and showed them how they could do other things on their own without equipment or facilities. In this case, the students

in the class melted down chocolate. In another class, Dunlap worked with the students on screen printing, where they experimented with layers and colors.

A wide variety of her past and present works can be found on her website, www.emilyrosedunlap.com.

"Northwestern's Artist-in-Residence program was developed to bring in artists from around the world so that the students can interact, experience and see for themselves what it's like to be a professional artist," Yoshimoto said. "They are brought

in as role models of hard work professionalism, enthusiasm and discipline required to create works in the studio, and to put out in exhibition at the end of their term. Sometimes students go in for advice, to learn new techniques and materials, and also serve as studio assistants to have direct experiential learning opportunities."

Friday also is a special day for Northwestern and the Alva community, as members from "Oklahoma Today" magazine will be in town all day gathering story information on Alva's Arts



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Community for their March/April edition.

Dr. Kay Decker, chair of the department of social sciences at Northwestern and director of the Graceful Arts Center, said that Northwestern plays an important role in the community's arts and culture scene through its fine arts and humanities programs, as well as the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series, which is a collaborative effort between the university and the community.

"The university's fine arts

and humanities programs have participated fully in the various arts venues around the community for many years," Decker said. "There will be art all over town for the First Friday Art Walk."

"We are exceptionally pleased that 'Oklahoma Today' plans to feature Alva's Cultural Arts Community in its upcoming March/April edition, and we look forward to this wonderful showcase of our university and community collaborating for the benefit of all."

CORE to host textbook drive

By **BENJAMIN FOX**
Student Reporter

CORE will host a textbook drive Monday through December 12.

Each December and May, CORE holds a major fundraising event in conjunction with Better World Books, a non-profit organization that helps to redistribute, recycle, or resell old or used books to help fight illiteracy and to improve humans' eco-footprint. CORE is just one organization that is part of a network of over 2,300 college campuses and partnerships with over 3,000 libraries nationwide that participate with Better World Books every year.

"Paper takes a long time to biodegrade. When you put that piece of paper in a book form, then it takes literally hundreds of years to decompose. It's a fundraiser for us, but we're trying to keep these things out of the landfill," said Steven Mackie, CORE club sponsor.

Founded in 2002 by Xavier

Helgesen, Chris Fuchs and Jeff Kurtzman, Better World Books to date has raised more than \$13 million for over 80 literacy and education non-profit organizations, sending over a million books and keeping over 63,000 tons of books out of landfills.

CORE first started its partnership with Better World Books in 2010 when Mackie reached out to them. "CORE is really concerned about filling out the landfills with unused textbooks. That was our main concern with Follett and students throwing away their books. There are a lot of developing countries that could use them."

"They are a great organization," Mackie said, "They provide shipping boxes, they pay for postage, they pay for promotional materials and all CORE provides is the labor."

Club President and biology major Jeff Martin favors CORE's longest standing partnership. "CORE really enjoys being able to help students in need take advantage of these books, and

further their education. As environmental education is one of CORE's missions, we recognize the value of all education and are thankful for the opportunity to help."

Mackie estimates that since the drive's incarnation back in 2010, they've donated at least 20,000 pounds of books to Better World Books. This semester, they hope to donate at least 400 more books to the organization. Mackie also hopes to see the new managers of the NWOSU bookstore, Neebo, contribute to the drive and partner up with CORE.

CORE's textbook drive will be only on the Alva and Enid campuses. Mackie asks that only textbooks be donated this semester. The Enid textbook drive will end a day early on Dec. 11. One collection box will be placed in the Commons on the Enid campus, while three boxes will be placed on the Alva campus; one outside of the bookstore located in the Student Center, one located in the Education Center, and one in the library.

University takes part in White Ribbon Campaign

By **ADRIANNA BECERRA**
Student Reporter

Northwestern is taking part in the White Ribbon Campaign this week.

During the White Ribbon Campaign, people pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. Individuals who wanted to take the pledge were given a white ribbon to wear and show that they were taking part in the campaign.

A table in the Student Center Ballroom Monday had information about sexual assault, as well as the white ribbons. Karmen Thomas from Northwest Domestic Crisis Services was there to talk to people about the White Ribbon Campaign.

Thomas said, "The event went really well. I think people gained some knowledge that they didn't know about sexual assault before. Over 200 students, faculty members, as well as

administrators, stopped by and became part of the White Ribbon Campaign."

Thomas gave tips on what people can do to stop sexual assault, including raising awareness of it; never blaming the victim, because it is never the victim's fault; telling people it is never okay to force someone into having sex or having sex with someone while they are intoxicated; and not being a bystander, but helping those who need help.

She also talked about what to do if you are a victim of sexual assault. That included reporting the incident to the police, requesting a medical exam, not eating or drinking anything, not changing or bathing and calling the 24-hour crisis hotline.

Thomas said that one in six women and one in 33 men will be a victim of sexual assault in their lifetime. Only one in six rapes is reported to law enforcement.

WHAT'S UP?

Bookstore offers new buy back options

By **ADRIANNA BECERRA**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Bookstore is offering two new options when it comes to books starting next week.

Next week the bookstore will be doing a buyback program for all textbooks. The bookstore will take back any textbook and pay money for it. Even if it is an old edition for which there is no wholesale value and it retails for more than \$25, the bookstore will pay \$1 for it and if it costs less than \$25 retail the buyback price will be 50 cents. Although there is no use for such books, the bookstore will just recycle them.

The bookstore has a “best price promise,” meaning they will meet and beat any competitor’s price by 10 percent. If you find a website that is paying more for a text book than what the bookstore is offering, print off the page, bring it into the store, and they guarantee they will beat it by 10 percent.

The buyback program is happening at the Alva, Woodward, Enid, and Ponca City campuses. The Alva campus bookstore is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In Enid, it will be from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday. In Ponca City, it will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Woodward students will be able to bring their books from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Anyone wanting a quote for a book can go to www.nwosubooks.com. Click on the “score money when you sell us your books” and it will take you to another screen. There you will enter the ISBN number and follow the directions. You can do this before you come in to the bookstore so you will know how much they are willing to pay to buy back the book.

If for any reason students cannot attend the buyback times at each campus, they need to call the bookstore at 580-327-8618 to make arrangements for getting the bookstore their books. Each campus will no longer be taking students’ books without the bookstore being open.

For student who rented books, bring them to any location for return during the time allotted for your location. Do not leave them with employees at the locations. They need to be returned to the bookstore.

For more information, contact the bookstore in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 580-327-8618.

Education department gets real-world experience

Earlier this semester the education department took a trip to Oklahoma City to visit a variety of inner-city schools.

The group of Education majors from Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s Alva, Enid, Ponca City, and Woodward campuses were accompanied by their instructors, Dr. Steven Mackie, Associate Professor of Education, and Connie Jacobs, Instructor of education. Upon arriving in Oklahoma City, the students first visited Educare.

According to the Educare website, Educare is a coast-to-coast network of state-of-the-art, full-day, year-round schools, funded mostly by existing public dollars, which serves at-risk children from birth to 5 years. The students then divided up between elementary school visits and middle/high school visits.

“So far this semester the

(education) students have been learning about student diversity, multicultural education, educational theories, as well as education legislation and trends in education.” Jacobs said. “Our students have been paired with local educators in area public schools where they observe 30 hours within the K-12th grade classroom settings. The students apply their new understanding and knowledge through extensive journal entries and reflections. Essentially, our students are analyzing their potential for becoming a teacher.”

For more information about the education department, contact Jacobs at csjacobs@nwosu.edu or by phone at (580) 327-8459 or Dr. Beverly Warden, Division of Education Chair, at bjwarden@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8450.

Professor attends guitar workshop, meets Jefferson Airplane members

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Staff Reporter

Shawn Holliday is the associate dean of graduate studies at Northwestern. He is the published author of two books, has had articles appear in numerous journals and reference books and has been awarded a slew of honors throughout his career.

He is also a husband, father and a rock star bass guitar player.

When Holliday isn’t teaching courses at NWOSU or working on his writings, he’s perfecting the art of bass guitar. He is a bass player for the Northwestern jazz band and a local band called Kingfisher. Last March, Holliday had the opportunity to workshop with members from Jefferson Airplane, a popular rock band prominent in the 1960s.

“They were one of the first psychedelic rock bands, and they had one of the first female vocalists to an all-male band, Grace Slick,” Holliday says. “They were also one of the first rock bands to heavily improvise songs. They were one of the first bands to imitate jazz players who would improvise, so they were great live bands because they improvised these long solo sections. They were definitely a hippie band.”

Jefferson Airplane began in 1965 in San Francisco and would greatly influence the rock music industry. They were the only band that performed at the Monterey Pop Festival, Woodstock and the Altamont festival, which were the three major rock festivals of the 1960s.

Jorma Kaukonen was an influential member of Jefferson



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Airplane, serving as the group’s guitarist. In 1969 Kaukonen and band member Jack Casady broke off and created their own group called Hot Tuna. In later years, Kaukonen and wife Vanessa bought land in Ohio, naming it Fur Peace Ranch. Here, Kaukonen began a music and guitar camp, hosting workshops for those aspiring to expand their rock music endeavors. Kaukonen called it the “ranch that grows guitar players.”

One such musician who desired to grow as a bass guitarist was Northwestern’s very own Dr. Shawn Holliday.

“I studied with Jack Casady from Friday to Monday, back in March. Jack goes about three times a year to workshop and teaches bass methodology. He was teaching songs performed by Jefferson Airplane,” said Holliday. “The first song was ‘White Rabbit,’ which he went over a few times with us to begin with.”

Holliday also had the op-

portunity to meet other guitarists and musicians, including Marty Balin, a former lead singer for Jefferson Airplane and its spin-off, Jefferson Starship.

“I got to see him perform for two nights,” said Holliday. “He actually came down to one of the sessions with Jack Casady and he taught us the chords to one of his songs, and he sang while we played along with him, so that was pretty neat.”

The standard weekend tuition for Fur Peace Ranch is \$1,425. This covers over ten hours of instruction, meals, room and admittance to attend the Fur Peace Station Concert Hall.

Even if one does not aspire to further guitar endeavors at Fur Peace Ranch, Holliday does encourage all to check out classic rock music, especially Jefferson Airplane.

“It’s great rock music. One needs to listen to classic rock before it became primarily electronic if they want to know what music is all about.”



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STUDENT LIFE

Ranger Research Day has record entries

Students and faculty members from Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently submitted abstracts for Ranger Research Day. With 44 projects and 78 participants, the ninth annual Ranger Research Day event reached its highest record of entries.

Student poster entries were critiqued and eligible for awards. Winners with hometown, classification, research project name and sponsor include:

First place – Paige Little, Edmond senior, “Comparison of Acid Production and Growth Rate of Selected Gram Negative Bacteria and Yeasts in Different Carbohydrates,” Dr. Venkata Moorthy, professor of biology.

Second place– Taylor Waugh, Cherokee senior, “Studies of Biofilm Formation by Bacteria Isolated from Drinking Fountains,” Moor-
thy.

Third place – Loren Quiram, Ponca City senior, and Jermaine Bell, Ponca City

graduate student, “Nurse-Patient Ratios,” Leslie Collins, instructor of nursing.

Honorable mention – Tiffany Song, Enid senior, and Robin Zornes, Enid senior, “Long-Term Pharmacological Management in Adults with Acute Coronary Syndrome,” Collins.

Student conference paper entries also were critiqued and eligible for awards. Winners with hometown, classification, research project name and sponsor include:

First place – Natalie Sacket, Fairview sophomore, “Curse of Creativity,” Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English.

Second place – K. Brooke Ciolino, Clarksville, Ga., graduate student, “Cinderella: An Essential Princess for Women?” Dr. Kathryn Lane, assistant professor of English.

Third place – Carrie Vega-Hughes, Enid senior, “The Relevance of Manners,” Lane.

Honorable mention – Timothy Legg, Mutual senior,



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Dr. Shawn Holliday (left), associate dean of graduate studies, presents Paige Little (right), Edmond senior with first place in the poster entries at Ranger Research Day.

““To Fly or Not to Fly: Ethical Decision-Making in a Responsible Citizenry,” Kathy Earnest, instructor of English.

All participants received a certificate of participation, and researchers were encouraged to enter their

research projects in Oklahoma Research Day 2015 at Northeastern State University, March 13.

Art Society readies Gift Store for Kids



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Sarah Brown (middle), daughter of Andrew and Cathy Brown of Alva, gets a little help with her shopping at the Holiday Store for Kids from Northwestern Art Society volunteer Shawna Gilbert (left), and her grandpa Rod Murrow.

Members of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society (NAS) are preparing for their fifth annual Holiday Gift Store for Kids, as well as Photos with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Northwestern Student Center in Alva from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“The Holiday Store for Kids has become somewhat of a tradition for our organization,” Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said. “We love hearing stories from our returning shopper’s parents about how excited their children are to

will be available for photos right next door.”

The Holiday Store allows the children to experience the thrill of “secretly” buying gifts, as well as benefiting from the practical lessons of budgeting, handling money and making decisions, but most of all, the pride and joy of gift giving, and with Santa in the next room, children will have a chance to let him know what they’d like this year.

A wide variety of gift items will be available for purchase ranging in price from about 50 cents to less than \$20. Case said that parents are encouraged to help their children make a list of who they’d like to purchase items for and the approximate amount of money budgeted for each gift. They can then provide their children with a set amount of money to use for shopping. NAS club members can help assist each child to stay within their budget.

“We welcome parents and family members to accompany their children through the store if they so choose, but if your child wants to keep your present a surprise, we’ll have club members available to help them stay within their budget,” Case said. “Our club members and volunteers also will help get the gift items bagged and ready for giving during the holidays.”

NAS is offering this holiday store more as a community service to kids rather than as a

fundraising event, but the group does hope to profit a little to help fund the various projects the group plans each school year, including the annual spring art show, Case said.

For a small fee, all ages, whether in groups or individually, are welcome to have their photo taken with Santa, who is excited to return to the Art Society’s annual event to visit and take photos with the young and not-so young.

“We realize budgets are tight, so we’re trying to provide a fairly inexpensive way to receive a nice photo that can be used for reprinting, holiday cards or just to have,” Case said.

Several photos will be taken and then downloaded to a laptop computer for immediate

viewing, Case said. Photos can be selected, and for a flat fee of \$5 for each photo selected, the purchaser will receive the original digital negative file(s) saved to their personal jump drive or via email. NAS also will have several holiday card templates available if anyone would like to use their Santa photo on the design. Each holiday card design chosen will be an additional \$5, and will be created later and emailed to the purchaser.

For more information about the Holiday Store, Photos with Santa, NAS in general, or if other members of clubs would like to volunteer their time to help in the store or to do activities outside the store while children are waiting, please contact Case at (580) 327-8577 or arcase@nwsu.edu.

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NEW Movie Reviews



By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

It's our last paper of the year everyone! We have had some good times this year and watched some great films. From us here at the Northwestern News, we wish you a merry Christmas. With finals just around the corner, we decided to take a load off and watch things blow up in:

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part 1" (2014)

Natalie's Review-



All right, "Hunger Games" fans, the time is finally here. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part 1" has finally

graced the screens of theaters around the world.

I'll just preface this review by saying that those who have not watched the first two films of the series should not go watch this film. You will not... I repeat... WILL NOT KNOW WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON. I would also like to say to those of you that have watched the first two films: "Mockingjay: Part 1" is not at all like its predecessors. As I greatly anticipated the release of this film, I fully expected it to come with a bang. I was expecting explosions, intense battle scenes, and tons of action. While it gave me a marginal amount of what I had anticipated, it was nothing like what I expected. Then again, it was everything this film needed to be.

"Mockingjay: Part 1" is very slow-paced. Don't expect the quick intensity of "The Hunger Games." Don't expect your typical Peeta. Definitely do not expect the BA Katniss of the past. The "girl on fire" has been replaced by a very sad pile of ashes that has caught a bad case of the blues. And she cries ... a lot. Post-traumatic stress Katniss is a terrifying sight. While the film may not be packed with action, it is definitely filled to the brim with intense emotion.

The cast, as usual, does a remarkable job.

I have read the books and I will admit that the film's plot did stray a bit from the series. That being said, the added scenes were probably my favorite moments of the whole film, so for once you won't hear any

complaining from me about how "the books were better."

My main complaint about the film is that it didn't really move the series along. Though I do think "The Mockingjay" book has enough content to warrant two films, "Mockingjay: Part 1" definitely comes across as a place-holder. Obviously in Hollywood it was done for \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.

Bottom Line: I was pleased with the film as a whole; it managed to pack a ton of emotion into very little plot. That being said, I have a feeling "Mockingjay: Part 2" will blaze through its prequels and definitely leave this film in ashes.

Chris' Review



So if you have not seen this movie yet, you either have no interest in the entire Hunger Games series, or the rock you're living under is so heavy that you can't get out from under it to go watch this movie. "Mockingjay-Part 1" was one of the most highly anticipated movies in a year that has generally lacked giant box office hits. Ironically, this is one of the problems I had with this film.

That might sounds confusing but here's the thing. When a movie has all these extravagant explosions and magnificent spectacles in the trailers, you don't expect to see a bunch of people talking and arguing for the majority of the

movie. To be fair, the film had some good action, but most of it was either seen in the trailer, or shown in short scenes. It reminded me of when Captain America got all buff and huge only to be presented as a symbol instead of a soldier. I know everyone was ready to see J-Law shoot an arrow into Snow's face, but no such luck.

The acting was pretty great though. Liam Hemsworth did a decent job of portraying Gale, who I see as kind of a tool anyways. The one who really stole the show was none other than the star of the film, Jennifer Lawrence. Lawrence has always been an amazing actress, as evident from her Oscar. Her performance as a broken games survivor is very believable. She embodies the essence of Katniss, a brave and strong young girl who at the end of the day is still just a human being that has fears and dreams. Speaking of acting, was anyone else heartbroken to see Philip Seymour Hoffman doing such a good job when we know in real life he is no more? May you rest in peace, you brilliant fiend.

Bottom line: If you are a fan of the series, go watch this film. It may not be the most exciting or the most important film of the series, but it is relevant to the upcoming Mockingjay Part 2, which I have a feeling will be a lot better. By then, the producers will have learned about their mistakes and most of us will have forgotten about the "fapping", well...maybe.



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STUDENT LIFE

Faculty, staff honored for years of service at Northwestern

By **JOCELYN GONZALES**
Student Reporter

This year's winners at the Northwestern faculty and staff recognition were Angelia Case and Eric Schmaltz.

Case won the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the Year Award. She is the academic projects assistant/media specialist at Northwestern and is working on her 25th year at the school.

Case said, "I absolutely have enjoyed my time here. Northwestern is home. I love the Northwestern family. There's nothing like it, I'm sure. I can't imagine what my life would have been had I not chosen to work here. I got a taste of it as a student, but working here has been absolutely wonderful. I'm so thankful to have been able to be a part of it all – and meet people that have become my lifelong friends. Friends that are really more like family."

Each year, the Student Government Association asks for nominations to honor an outstanding staff member for the Crouch Award. It recognizes exceptional performance and service by a member of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University staff. Staff members are nominated for the award in writing by their supervisors, any member of the faculty and staff or any NWOSU student.

She said she was "absolutely shocked to have received it. It's very humbling to receive some-

thing like this. I'm very grateful to know someone thought enough of me and what I do to nominate me, and to be chosen for the award – very humbling. I am very happy. It's wonderful to know the namesake of the award – Mrs. Thelma Crouch -- and what she stood for at Northwestern. It's an honor to even be considered for this."

Eric Schmaltz won the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award. The award carries an honorarium and a plaque, which was presented to the winner at the Northwestern Faculty and Staff Recognition event.

Schmaltz is associate professor of history in the Social Sciences Department. This will mark his 10th year at NWOSU as a faculty member. "I have been most fortunate to work with some wonderful colleagues these past several years here," he said. "That makes all the difference in the world, a good workplace environment."

Schmaltz said he was glad he won the award this year. "I was glad simply to be nominated again this year, as there have been many well-deserved faculty nominations and winners since I have been here. The John Barton Award represents a special honor at NWOSU, and I want to thank Mr. Barton and the University for establishing this award some years ago. I think that this kind of special recognition gives award recipients even greater incentives

to pursue academic excellence here."

Barton taught for a number of years at NWOSU. He also had served for a time as mayor of Alva, and in more recent years, he has been active on campus and in the community as Director of Leadership Northwest Oklahoma. Some of his efforts these past few years have led to the placement of historical landmarks across the campus. In 2003, he established the John Barton Award to recognize distinguished teaching and service at NWOSU. His daughter, Tammy Brown, also is a faculty member here.

Employees who were honored for their years of service are listed by name and job title below:

- Five-year service recognition: Donna Abbott, maintenance; Deborah Anderson, custodial supervisor; Mary J. Barker, maintenance; Ramona Bartlow, instructor of nursing; Ralph Bourret, associate professor of business; James Breyley, professor of business; Pamela Gale, payroll accountant; Kaylyn Hansen, director of student life and counseling; Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies; Karen Linstrom, associate professor of psychology; Steven Palmer, professor of business; Joanne Prewett, director-Academic Success Center; Mark Sneary, instructor of agriculture; Michael Zarrella, systems analyst-information technology.

- 10-year service recognition: Andrew Brown, head men's bas-



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- ketball coach, instructor of health and sports science; Kelley Burggraf, office manager-Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association; Janet K. Cook, assistant cashier-business office; Kathy Earnest, instructor of English; Kevin Fields, health and safety officer; Francisco Martinez, professor of Spanish; Cornelia Mihai, professor of chemistry.

- 15-year service recognition: Anne Haight, scholarship coordinator; Jeffrey D. McAlpin, instructor of sociology/criminal justice; Steve Sneary, instructor of agriculture and farm manager; Stephen Thompson, professor of biology; Beverly Warden, professor of education; Teri Warren, assistant registrar/admissions coordinator.

- 20-year service recognition: Mark Davis, professor of psychology; Jim Detgen, director-physical plant.

- 25-year service recognition: Valarie Case, university relations specialist.

- 30-year service recognition: Myra Davison, administrative assistant-president's office; Annette Schwerdtfeger, cashier-business office.

- 35-year service recognition: Janet Cunningham, president.

Several employees also were recognized during the ceremony for their service to the Faculty Senate, Staff Council and Professional Staff Council, as well as for recognition of Grant and Diversity Initiatives and Service Learning Initiatives.

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Northwestern announces fall commencement speaker, grads (cont.)

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VICI – Jackson Cunningham, Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting.

WAKITA – Jennifer Jones, Bachelor of Science Education in early childhood education.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
OKLAHOMA

OKMULGEE – Ashley McGovern, Bachelor of Science Education in elementary education.

WOODWARD – Hannah Dirks, Bachelor of Arts in history.
CUM LAUDE

OKLAHOMA

BLACKWELL – Brittany Gregson, Bachelor of Science Education in special education.

ENID – Katelyn Caldwell, Bachelor of Science Education in elementary education.

NEWKIRK – Melani Cassady, Bachelor of Science in psychology.

IDAHO

EAGLE – Samantha Smith, Bachelor of Science in biology-health science option.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Audra Olive, school counseling.

ENID – Sherri Hendrie, Shea Pulis and Sherri West, all educational leadership.

PONCA CITY – Vina Gowdy, adult education management and administration; Kenneth Naegele, educational leadership.

TULSA – Jason Johnson, educational leadership.

COLORADO

DENVER – Michelle Jaramillo, adult education management and administration.

WYOMING

CHEYENNE – Gary Harley, adult education management and administration.

MASTER OF COUNSELING
PSYCHOLOGY

OKLAHOMA

AMES – Camerann Johnson.

FARGO – Keri Alva.

NEWKIRK – Jenny West.

PONCA CITY – Ashley Davis, Denny Wehr.

FLORIDA

MIDDLEBURG – Diane Hall.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Ryan Brandt, history; Chonda Dees, sociology; Talisha McDonald, speech and theatre; Breanna Overton, general studies.

ENID – Katy Alcorn, general studies.

GOLTRY – Isaac Sanders, English.

PONCA CITY – Pamela Hunt, general studies.

WOODWARD – Jessica Hill, general studies.

NEW MEXICO

CLOVIS – Sarah Rodriguez, general studies.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

OKLAHOMA

CARMEN – Eric Chapman.

CHEROKEE – Tiffany Dale.

CHESTER – Brandy Jones.

ENID – Destiny Poplin; Nicole Stone, accounting.

FAIRMONT – Kevin Wilhite.

KINGFISHER – ShaLyn Schaefer, accounting.

KINGSTON – Paula Keyser.

LAHOMA – Lindsey Detrick.

MOORELAND – Julia Clements.

PONCA CITY – Jared Evans,

Brittany Holley.

SPRINGER – Stacy Roberts.

WATONGA – Kaitlyn Darst.

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CALIFORNIA

MURRIETA – Kevin Ditch.

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HIGHLANDS RANCH – Michael Morales.

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EVERLY – Kodi Hansen.

MICHIGAN

MOUNT PLEASANT – Bethany Andrews.

TEXAS

CYPRESS – Donavon Guidry.

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION

OKLAHOMA

HOOVER – Arthur Bohlmann, instrumental.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Jessica Koppitz, biology.

BURLINGTON – Dawnita Smith, psychology.

CHEROKEE – James Skinner, computer science.

COLLINSVILLE – Michael Leland, health and sports science education.

DACOMA – John Carver, mathematics.

ENID – Kristina Bernitsky, psychology; Tobikle Lomwe, criminal justice-law enforcement; Richard Mooers and Christopher Telinde, both computer science.

FORT SUPPLY – Wade Wilson, agriculture.

KELLYVILLE – Misty Eaton, psychology.

LAWTON – Titania Simmons, biology-health science option.

LINDSEY – Glenn Heffington, health and sports science education.

MOORELAND – Ethan McDowell, agriculture.

PAWHUSKA – Hank Powell, health and sports science education.

PONCA CITY – Julia Conneywerdy, biology; Walter Northcutt, psychology.

TONKAWA – Tony Stierwalt, psychology.

TUTTLE – Kyle Ward, health and sports science education.

WAYNE – Mazy Murray-Konrade, mass communication.

WOODWARD – Shaun Barnett, criminal justice-law enforcement.

YUKON – Taylor Clark, psychology.

ALABAMA

LUVERNE – Quonstoney Jackson, health and sports science education.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX – Ellen Trotter, health and sports science education.

CALIFORNIA

CHINO – Calvin Ellis, criminal justice-law enforcement.

COLORADO

LITTLETON – Jennifer Pollmiller, mass communication.

IDAHO

EAGLE – Eric Feemster, biology-health science option.

ILLINOIS

LEXINGTON – Tyler Van Vickle, criminal justice-law enforcement.

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KIOWA – Rebecca Fenton, chemistry.

SUN CITY – Eric Freeman, agriculture.

LOUISIANA

SHREVEPORT – Gene Glenn, health and sports science education.

PENNSYLVANIA

MOUNT PLEASANT – Jimmy Hoke, agriculture.

TEXAS

BIG SPRING – Tevian Parnell, health and sports science education.

MIDLOTHIAN – Chelsie Wood, psychology.

PASADENA – Jose Garcia, Jr., health and sports science education.

NEPAL

KAVRE – Rabi Tamrakar, computer science.

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BOISE CITY – Kanon White, health and sports science education.

CHEROKEE – Kathi Jenlink, elementary education.

ENID – Carissa Hernandez, early childhood education.

GRANITE – Colby Thrash, health and sports science education.

LUCIEN – Jennifer Harris, early childhood education.

NORMAN – Kimberly Ward, early childhood education.

PONCA CITY – Doralyn Mears, special education.

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PLC gives back to community

By NATALIE SACKET
Staff Reporter

Service to others is vital to community, as well as to oneself. Northwestern places an emphasis on community service, stressing its importance to students. Because of this, there are numerous service-oriented students at NWOSU.

Each year, the top incoming freshmen participate in an application and interview process in an attempt to become a member of Northwestern's President's Leadership Class. The competition is typically fierce; applicants are narrowed down to approximately 15 outstanding students who will participate as members of PLC.

Throughout the leadership course taught by Northwestern President Janet Cunningham, PLC members learn about leadership and its many components, primarily service to others. Each year the students are assigned the task to participate in community service. The students split into smaller groups and are tasked with the assignment to conceptualize, organize, and execute a service project. Cunningham believes that these projects not only benefit the community, but the students as well.

"Community service and volunteerism are big components of leadership," said Cunningham. "These projects are perfect ways for my PLC class members to show that they are leaders and care about the larger community."

Each year students come up with a wide variety of unique projects, and this year's class was no exception. The class split into five separate groups and each conceptualized various projects. The students collectively worked with a wide range of age groups and

social issues.

Blake DeMond and Drew Slovak, with the help of NWOSU women's soccer team members Laura Hughes and Kaitlyn O'Toole, organized a fall soccer camp. The camp was free and available for children ranging from age 5 to 14. The children learned various stretches, warmups and soccer drills.

Rachel Carter, Katie Lackey, and Audrey Estes volunteered at the local food pantry every Thursday of November for several hours. The food pantry is run by the local Wesleyan Church and is open to all volunteers.

Coleman Osborn, Carter Stewart, Morgan Marks and Jacob Henderson organized a pop-tab collection competition at Longfellow Elementary School. The PLC members offered a pizza party to the winning class as added incentive. The money raised by the collected pop tabs will go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The members raised enough money to house two families at the Ronald McDonald House for two nights.

Cecely Franz, Kathryn Kuhlmann, and Brianna Louthan visited a class at the local Washington Elementary School. During their visit they read the class books and handed out coloring sheets, juice and cookies.

The final group of Micah Kee, Kevin Harkins and Trista Watson spent numerous hours at The Homestead Nursing Home. They helped the nursing home's librarian, Mary Tello, reorganize the facility's library. They helped her sort through books, carry boxes and reorganize shelves.

Harkins stressed the importance of helping out the elderly generation. "When we were younger the elderly generation held our hands and helped us along the way. Now it's our turn to hold their hands and return the favor."

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