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Winter weather may bring health risks

By WADE PERRY
Student Reporter

As of 9 p.m. Monday the fall season officially began, but there's still time to make sure unsuspecting students do not get caught off-guard.

This year the National Weather Service is predicting this area may get as much as twice the average annual snowfall this is due to a weather pattern called El Nino, which happens when the warm weather of the Pacific coast pushes cold weather onto the mainland. It also makes for a wet time of year; the Weather Service is predicting that there is a 65 percent chance to see snow as early as Oct. 9.

As winter grows near, it is urged to keep foody ready, even if it is only a can of fruit or vegetables; if possible, bottles of water are recommended.

It is advised to stay home if there are doubts on the safety of the weather. However if driving in severe weather is unavoidable, it is important to fill vehicles and keep a full tank before temperatures drop. Keep extra supplies in vehicles in case of being stranded. Recommended supplies include snacks, blankets and coats.

It is also advised that heaters be inspected in vehicles at least once a week.

As classes continue, it is urged to dress warm and watch the sidewalks and stairs for ice. Black ice is much slicker and harder to see than other forms of ice. Even with school maintenance personnel putting ice melt and salt in frozen areas, it is still not 100 percent safe.

The cold weather brings the cold and flu season. To keep yourself safe, it is best to stay warm and wash your hand more regularly with soap and warm water. Do not cough or sneeze into your hand; use your sleeve of your shirt. Don't touch your face. Smoking and alcohol consumption can raise the risk of catching the bug. Flu symptoms can appear within six hours and a cold will take a couple of days.

For cold or flu, some of the first signs

are coughing, runny nose and chest congestion. The symptoms will usually last three to four days.

Jennifer Mahieu, an instructor of nursing at Northwestern, says that the best way to prevent illnesses is to be educated and know what the symptoms are to different diseases.

Another way to stay healthy is to drink a lot of water and get plenty of rest. Those who are sick or feel sick, are advised stay home to avoid infecting students and staff members.

The junior nursing staff will be giving flu shots for a small fee at noon Oct. 20 in the student center.



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Applications for Nigh scholarship available

By JOSELYN GONZALES
Student Reporter

A scholarship is available for The George and Donna Nigh Leadership Scholarship Academy March 13-17 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Anyone attending must be an Oklahoma resident and have graduated from an Oklahoma high school. Students should fill out an

application and attach a current photo ID suitable for publishing and a brief autobiography. President Janet Cunningham will select one student from Northwestern who demonstrates leadership qualities and community involvement.

After the Nigh Academy receives the selected application, it will contact the student to insure a smooth and successful experience.

Lodging, meals, and local ground transportation will be paid by the academy.

The Nigh Academy was set up in honor of former Gov. George Nigh and his wife, Donna. This is its 17th year. The Academy was established by former Gov. Frank Keating in 1999 to honor the Nighs' contribution to public service.

It includes presentations from community and business leaders on the future of Oklahoma. Participants also will experience the government in action at the state Capitol. The academy gives college students the opportunity to meet state leaders, business leaders and academic scholars while visiting several places around the Capitol area.

Rita Castleberry, Northwestern's director of financial aid and scholarships, said, "This is a great scholarship for students, because it requires no certain

GPA and it's for students in any major."

Students who complete the five days of the academy and attend all activities will be rewarded with a \$1,000 scholarship for the spring semester. To qualify, the selected student must attend all activities for the entire Academy; if a student misses an activity he will forfeit the scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available from the NWOSU Financial Aid Office, located in Herod Hall room 113. All applications are due at the close of business Oct 21. For more information about the scholarship students can contact Castleberry at 580-327-8540 or by email at rjcastleberry@nwosu.edu. Students can also contact the director of the Nigh Academy, Carl Reheman, at 405-818-0414 or through email at carlreheman@gmail.com

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OPINION

Financial constraints weigh on students' minds, futures



OSAM SAKAMOTO
Columnist

Financial difficulty has deprived young men and women of many dreams and great opportunities to be successful.

An article from last week's Northwestern News reported some bad news: decreasing enrollment. According to the report, this year's enrollment is 2,171 -- 141 less than a year ago.

The result is quite depressing to see; however, the most heart-crushing thing to me is that some of my friends are also included in the number. They have decided to take a break from attending the college and raise their future tuition funds. In fact, there are a lot more students who are trying to achieve their college education under the stress of not having enough money.

For example, I have a friend

who has a decently wealthy family, but is unable to get financial help from them. His situation made him isolated from any financial aid as a result. Furthermore, some students can successfully receive financial aid; on the other hand, the amount they get is often not enough to cover the total cost of a semester. Not being proud, I am also striving to graduate from this college with a financial burden, chasing my big dream to be a registered nurse. Today, I am counting on my low paycheck from being a part of

the newspaper team as a columnist and photographer to cover my tuition.

There should be some ways to help students under financial hardship. For instance, the school could offer more varieties of scholarships to aid students in a tight spot, which would be a bright light in the darkness to them.

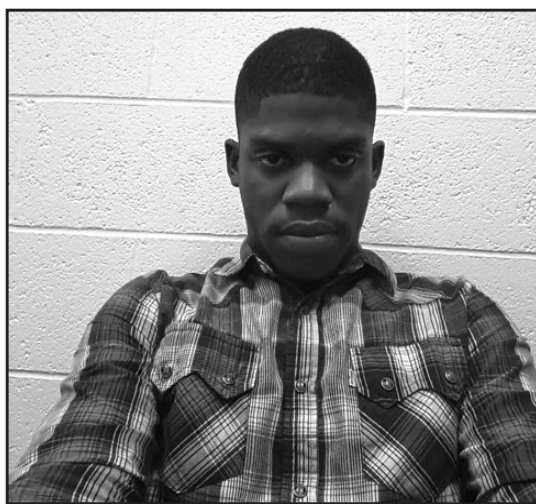
In addition, although it requires true effort and hope, establishing a student financial support policy would be a key factor in solving this problem, which can be a benefit to the college as well. By assuring a college education to both future and current students, Northwestern Oklahoma State University may become the kind of university high school graduates and transfer students consider, seeking affordable costs and quality education that this college can proudly provide.

Therefore, these ideas should be worth considering because college students genuinely do not come to drop out, but to seize the better.

Ultimately, if the college could contribute more to students who are in a situation, their motivation to graduate should be strengthened. Besides that, the college can be involved in their lives and offer them great opportunities later on.

We as students are looking for a career we are truly passionate about and live up to each day. We are inspired by people from a similar background; this college can help students to reach their goals. (Whoop-whoop!).

Student suggests iPhone alternative



CHRIS AGBOLA
Columnist

The next big thing to hit the tech world is few weeks away. It's the countdown to the release of the Samsung Galaxy Note 4 and the Galaxy Note Edge phones.

The note series of cell phone devices are called phablets. A phablet is an integration of a phone and a tablet into one device. The characteristic feature of phablets is usually their large screen displays.

Samsung released their first Note device in 2010. Back then, competitors in the market made fun of

them. It was not long before they started imitating the Samsung trend. There have been transitions for the Note phone, from the Note 1 to the present one about to be released. I'm not the best person to do a review for the phone. There are tons of reviews already on YouTube that you could go watch whenever you want.

My whole point is if you're part of the masses disappointed by Apples iPhone 6 and 6 plus, then the Samsung Galaxy would be a good device for you. It's certainly worth the money you'd pay for it. The Note would not bend should you keep it in your pocket. How remarkable the device is, I cannot overemphasize. If you're tired of carrying a phone and a laptop or a tablet, the Note would save you all that trouble.

In the tech world, there are leaders and there are giants. Leaders take inspiration from giants. Change makes you realize there could be easier ways of doing thing. The Note 4 and Note Edge phones are the pacesetters in a new dimension. Watch out for them!

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WHAT'S UP?

Presidential Leadership Class to sponsor blood drive

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Staff Reporter

Northwestern's President's Leadership Class will sponsor a two-day blood drive Tuesday and Wednesday.

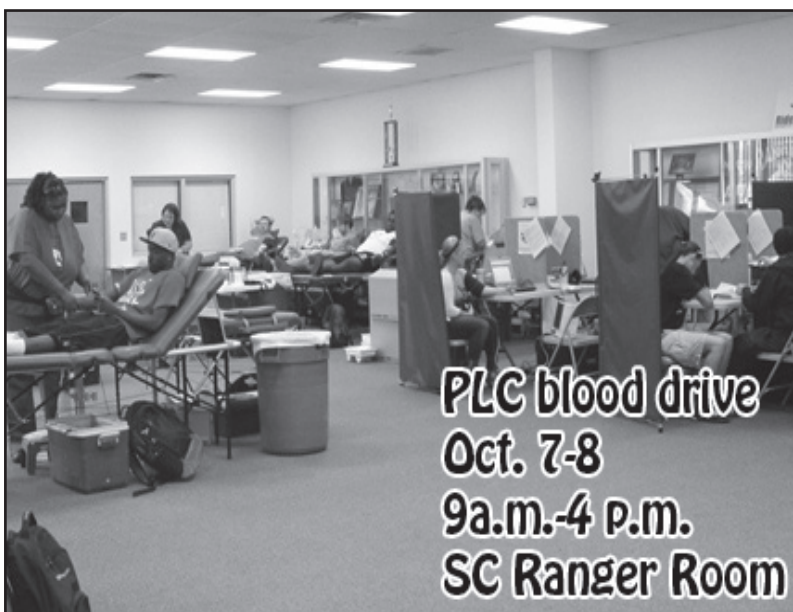
The blood drive will be in the Ranger Room in the student center and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Each donor will receive a free t-shirt, snack, sandwich and health screening. Some professors are also offering bonus points for students who donate.

"This is the first blood

drive of the 2014-2015 school year," said Northwestern Special Events Coordinator Rachel Stewart. "We need all students, faculty and staff to donate in order to reach and exceed our drive goal of 240. It is a very rewarding feeling to know that you have a part in saving lives. Be sure to visit the pre-sign table that will be set up in the student center to make an appointment to donate."

The Oklahoma Blood Institute offers advice to donors before and after donating. Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet. Get a good night's sleep



the day before. Drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal before donating. Also, do not forget to bring a donor card or two separate forms of identification. After donating, one should avoid strenuous activity and drink plenty of fluids.

To save time, one can pre-register online using OBI's donor express system at <http://obi.org/donor-express/>.

Morgan Marks, freshman NWOSU PLC member, encourages students to donate. "Become a life saver," she said. "Give blood on Oct. 7 and 8 and help us reach our goal. Every donation helps."

Wesley House to host pumpkin patch fundraiser

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Student Reporter

The Wesley House will hold a pumpkin patch fundraiser during the entire month of October.

The second annual Wesley House pumpkin patch will start Friday when the pumpkins arrive. With help from volunteers, such as the Northwestern baseball team, the pumpkins

will be unloaded and sorted into their respective categories.

The pumpkins come from the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, N.M.

"They range in all shapes, sizes and even color, which makes the patch one of the most unique gatherings of pumpkins around," said Wesley House director Deb Corr.

Each day throughout the month, the patch will open

at 10 a.m. and run until dark. It will be located in the southeastern corner of the VAP/Farmers Insurance parking lot, 2105 College Blvd.

All proceeds will be given to the Wesley House as well as the Indian reservation in New Mexico.



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RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				2 Theatre Production "Blood Relations" 7:30 p.m.	3 Volleyball vs. Arkansas-Monticello 7 p.m. Theatre Production "Blood Relations" 7:30 p.m.	4 Volleyball vs. Southern Arkansas 2 p.m. Theatre Production "Blood Relations" 2 p.m.
5	6	7 Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ranger Royalty Banquet 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	8 Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9	10	11 Football vs. Ouachita Baptist 1 p.m.
12	13	14 Volleyball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ. 7 p.m.	15	16 Miss Cinderella Talent Show 7:30 - 10 p.m.	17 Pep Rally 12- 2 p.m.	18 HOMECOMING 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Harding 11 a.m. Football vs. East Central 3 p.m.

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STUDENT LIFE

Sorority alumni hope to expand membership at Northwestern

By KATELYN STEADMAN
Student Reporter

For the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Zeta, graduation doesn't end their sorority membership. They can join an alumni chapter after graduation.

The alumni chapters take on the role of continuing support for Northwestern's sororities. Both campus sororities have their own alumni chapters that supports their collegiate chapters in different ways.

The Alpha Sigma Alpha alumni chapter host several different events for its collegiate chapter. According to Chesnei Thomas, president of Alpha Sigma Alpha alumni chapter, they try to host sisterhood events any time they can. Their goal is to support the sorority in every way possible. They also

volunteer to help the collegiate chapter in hosting several events, such as bid day or fundraising functions. The alumni chapter is always looking for way to grow and better help the sorority.

There are 15 to 20 women currently on Alpha Sigma Alpha's alumni chapter roster and they are always looking to expand membership. Women are allowed to join the alumni group even if they were not in the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority while in college. The alumni chapter welcomes women who have similar interest and are inspired to support the collegiate chapter. Since becoming president of the alumni chapter, Thomas said, she hopes to help more Alpha Sigma Alpha alumni stay or get involved in the collegiate chapter.

The Delta Zeta alumni

chapter also aims to help its collegiate chapter any way it can.

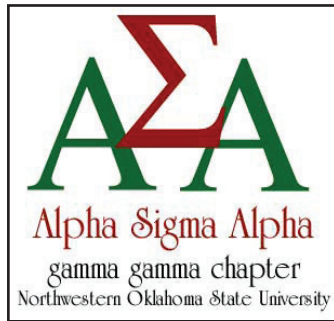


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Members participate in various activities the collegiate chapter hosts. They also help them host several events by either providing locations, funds or support. The alumni chapter also host a founder's day dinner for the women in the sorority along with helping them throughout recruitment week. The Delta Zeta alumni chapter is working on reforming. According to

Rebecca Fenton, the collegiate chapter director, there are approximately 10 active alumni who attend meetings and other events on a regular basis. There are around 15 alumni who help support the collegiate chapter through various means of communications and by helping with fundraising and other needs. They are currently working on growing their alumni reach in northwest Oklahoma. The only requirement to be a part of the alumni chapter is to be a graduated member of Delta Zeta or to join as an alumna by contacting current alumni members.

According to Fenton, the Northwestern Delta Zeta chapter not only receives local support from alumnae, but they also receive letters and social media messages from various alumni chapters nationwide.

They also receive advice from their virtual group, "The Surfing Sisters."



Photo provided

Both alumni chapters have programs with virtual alumni chapters that provide support and assistance to collegiate chapters all over the nation. This program allows women from all over the globe remain a part of their collegiate chapter for the rest of their lives, no matter where they move.

Constitution day examines second amendment

By KENDRA REINING
Staff Reporter

Northwestern's annual Constitution Day was held in Vison Hall Sept. 22.

The event drew a full room of both community members and Northwestern students.

NWOSU professors Aaron Mason, political science, and Kirk Rodgers, criminal justice, were the speakers.

This year's Constitution Day focused on the Second Amendment, which reads, "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep

and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The two professors talked about Americans' right to bear arms and discussed the regulations.

The Oklahoma State Constitution states, "The right of a citizen to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person, or property, or in aide of the civil power, when thereupon legally summoned, shall never be prohibited." Both Mason and Rodgers said they are generally opposed to gun regulations, but believe certain regulations should be upheld.

Mason discussed historical attempts to regulate guns. He said, "In the old

west everyone carried a gun; gun laws were different for every town, like dog laws now." He also discussed the James Brady campaign, which sought to fight gun violence and was the reason behind background checks. It was intended to force an angry gun buyer to wait and think about it while their background check was being processed.

Rodgers said, "Why not have 15 year olds buying guns -- growing kids up with guns, nurturing the idea of normality with guns?"

Rodgers also discussed other states' views on concealed handguns. "Georgia allowed guns in any building



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except the Capitol building; airports, schools," he said.

The speakers also discussed issues relating to mental illness and whether

such information should be part of a background check. Audience members said that would be a violation of their privacy.

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ENTERTAINMENT



By CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET
Columnists

Welcome back to another week of movies reviews! This week we take a look at a film that has a bit of a dark side, much like Natalie (Seriously, guys, don't let her fool you. She's crazy).
"Boxtrolls" (2014)

Chris' Review



4 slightly creepy trolls out of 5
When I went to go see "The Boxtrolls", I did not expect so many adult-like topics. Read on and see what I mean. It may persuade you to watch it too.

All right, guys. It's about time that I genuinely like a movie. "The Boxtrolls," even though it is for the most part a children's movie, has some topics that may pique your interest. If you expected genocide, murder, abandonment, cross-dressing and cheese, then this film is definitely for you.

If you are like what I was like before watching this film and have no idea what the plot is about, I'll fill you in. The movie is about a young boy who was raised by boxtrolls, a misunderstood gentle species of

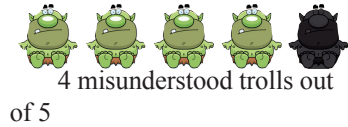
creatures that care and look out for each other. The main villain is a greedy man named Snatcher that wants to kill all the trolls in order to climb his way to

fortune. Now here's the good stuff. The genocide is pretty much self-explanatory through the whole "wanting to kill all the trolls" thing. I don't want to ruin all the funny moments but there's a man that dresses as a woman, a murder mystery, a boy that was left to the trolls and the most beloved delicacy in the land, cheese! There's also a demented little girl who seems to worship gore and gruesome sights. So I guess it's pretty obvious that she reminds me of Natalie.

If you want to get ahold of me, I'll give you a review that will make my Intro to Film teacher a smile. I'll tell you all about the Hitler allegory and how there was probably mahogany on there somewhere.

Here's the bottom line. If the little kid inside of you hasn't been crushed by the loads of student debt I'm sure you're under, then watch this movie. You'll get a few laughs and a feeling that you just got out of a Tim Burton film. I can't promise you'll have a warm fuzzy feeling, but you'll leave satisfied.

Natalie's review



4 misunderstood trolls out of 5
Nudity, genocide, insanity,

slavery! What do these things make?! A great Tim Burton children's film!

Wait. Children's film? That's right, "Boxtrolls" is a kid's movie centralized around the theme of genocide. Don't get me wrong, I adored this movie. I was completely sucked in and enraptured by the creative animation. However, I was astounded by the amount of political and social themes that were squeezed into this film.

The setting of "Boxtrolls" was similar to that of a Charles Dickens novel, yet more mystical. The animation is beautiful and very aligned with Burton's typical style. Beneath this strange city is a magical and inventive underworld full of "boxtrolls," inventive, fun-loving and creative creatures. They are also terribly misunderstood by those in the city. They want to kill all the boxtrolls.

The themes of this film will probably fly over the heads of younger viewers, yet hopefully will cause older viewers to think a bit about society. The boxtrolls often hide during conflict and change, choosing to fear and to take on the protection of an apathetic mindset instead. The people of Cheesebridge choose to ignore the ways and faults of their leaders, the "White Hats," instead worrying about more important things like cheese. Themes of overcoming apathy and fear are a great message for children to embrace.

As for the humor in this film, the makers obviously didn't set out for a comedy. There were a few puns, many of which I will admit took me approximately thirty seconds to get. (Why do you tell a blonde a joke on Monday? So she can have a little laugh on Friday.) The humor is more intelligent than that of most kids' movies, which probably is why a lot of jokes fly over the heads of 5-year-olds (and myself). The only part at which I heard a lot of kid's laughter was the small bit of boxtroll nudity. Yes children, butts are hilarious.

Bottom Line: This film is much like its characters -- quirky, eccentric, strange and all-around very lovable and delightful.

Bungie's "Destiny" isn't quite fulfilled

By BENJAMIN FOX
Student Writer

Bungie's latest foray into the gaming world, Destiny, has not lived up to its massive hype.

Bungie, the gaming company responsible for the original "Halo" trilogy, has recently released its most ambitious project yet, the hybrid massively-multiplayer-online first-person-shooter known as "Destiny." While the game itself has been in development since 2011, buzz was first generated back in 2009 when Bungie put an Easter egg for the game in "Halo 3: ODST." And with the first public details about the game being released in November of 2012, it's easy to say that all gamers were impressed with what they saw. However, weeks after its release, those gamers are quickly changing their minds.

Leading the Game Developers Conference in March 2013, Bungie gave key quotes about their new project, such as, "Destiny is Bungie's next great action-shooter, set in a persistent world that you share with other players" and "Your job as a world-builder is to make the audience curious. To give them just enough information and detail so that they can fill in the gaps with their own imaginations." But it seems these quotes pertaining to certain content within the game are being held up to the upmost scrutiny.

Upon launch, players were unable to attain a social link with other players without messaging them first, this is in an area which

is designated to be the social hub of "Destiny" itself. Any gamer wishing to tackle missions in a group would have to go out of their way in order to do so. Bungie has since produced a press release stating that these social aspects would be integrated into the game, but with a price; that these changes would be implemented over the next year. While a patch to the game certainly fixes things in the long run, it is essential to question why Bungie had not fully implemented these things in the beginning, especially if such social aspects were promised to begin with.

Social media sites like Twitter and Reddit have certainly helped Bungie hear their fans, but one issue seems to be continually pushed off to the side, the idea of more content.

After you beat the story of "Destiny," there is very little in the way of content at the end. The story can take most dedicated players a few hours at least to beat until hitting the level cap. In gaming, hitting a level cap means that your character cannot progress any further and is at the pinnacle of his abilities. In "Destiny," after this is achieved, there is nothing more for a player to do aside from the multiplayer aspect of the game and the continuing rehashing of story missions dressed under new ideas.

"Destiny," in the eyes of the gaming world, has not lived up to its hype, and the gamers who have bought and played the game at launch are being sorely disappointed by something that was supposed to be a legendary game.



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SPORTS

Rowdy Rangers provide food, support for students

By KATELYN STEADMAN
Student Reporter

A group of men got together to support the Rangers in the 1999 NAIA National Championship football game. They painted their faces and decked out their clothes to show off their team pride. They drove over 700 miles from Alva to Savannah, Tenn., to see Northwestern win their first national championship title in football. After returning from that game, those same men decided Northwestern needed a spirited fan group to rally behind the campus football team. They've become known as the Rowdy Rangers.

The purpose of the Rowdy Rangers is to support all NWOSU athletics. According to Bryce Benson, a member since 2007, the Rowdy Rangers started as a football-based support

group, but they are now much more than that. The Rowdy Rangers now support each athletic team and each student at Northwestern. They are there for school spirit, to support each and every NWOSU student and to encourage each of those students to do his or her best.

The Rowdy Rangers show their love for Northwestern and its students by cooking at numerous events for the university. They cook all the food throughout Howdy Week, on Assessment Day at the homecoming alumni association and any other events Northwestern calls on them to do. They also cook at every home football game and at least one game for each sporting event throughout their season.

The Rowdy Rangers have over 70 members. Thirty of those members still live close to Alva and about fifteen members cook at the



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events each time. The Rowdy Rangers are not strictly an alumni group, but each member does his share.

There are a few requirements that come with being a part of the Rowdy

Rangers. New members must be invited in by a current member; must be over 21; and cannot be a current Northwestern student.

Once joining, each person must donate \$100 each year.

The money helps provide the food served to the students at each event. The money also helps to fund a \$350 scholarship that is given to an NWOSU student each year.

Soccer comes away with draw, loss this weekend

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

Northwestern soccer started conference play last week with a draw and a loss.

Ranger fans packed the Alva Sports Complex when the Northwestern women opened up conference play against East Central and Southern Nazarene.

The Rangers entered the weekend ranked number one in the Great American Conference with an impressive opening record of 4-1-1. However, Rangers were not able to continue their four-game winning streak, managing a 1-1 draw against the East Central Tigers Thursday and then suffering a 0-2 loss to Southern Nazarene Saturday.

"It came down to hustle and want and I feel like both teams wanted it fairly even," said Rangers head coach Kasey Mahaffey Thursday after seeing her girls go the full 90 minutes of regular time plus two 10-minute overtime periods, only to have the game end in a 1-1 draw against East Central.

The Rangers were first to get on the board in the eighth minute after Leidiane Capobianco received the assist from teammate Ellen Trotter to grab her team-leading fifth goal of the season. East Central evened it up with two minutes left in the first half when Tiger Krista Kahl was able to punch one past Rangers goalie Briana Legaspi, knotting it up at 1-1.

As the first half came to an end, the Rangers were only able

to record four shots at the Tigers goal while the Tigers recorded 11 at Northwestern's.

When the second half got underway, the Rangers applied extensive pressure, outshooting the Tigers 10 to three.

Unfortunately, neither team was able to break the deadlock after 90 minutes, which sent the game into overtime. After two overtime periods were played, the score remained 1-1, leaving the Rangers opening up conference play with a draw.

ECU head coach Riley Bailey said, "Conference games are always a slugfest back and forth, and I think that was typical of today."

The Rangers played the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm on Saturday. Northwestern again fought hard, but sloppy play left them hanging their heads after a 0-2 loss.

The Crimson Storm attacked the Rangers defense early, recording their first goal at the seven-minute mark of the game when Mallary Pineda slipped one just over Rangers goalie Legaspi. Northwestern had a great chance at the 30-minute mark when Capobianco outran the Crimson Storm defense only to find her shot off the mark.

The Rangers tried several times to attack the Southern Nazarene goal after that but numerous unsuccessful passes left the Rangers down 0-1 when the first-half whistle sounded.

The sloppy play continued into the second half for the Rangers as well, allowing the Crimson Storm at the 69-minute mark to add

another goal to their lead, putting Northwestern down 0-2 with 20 minutes left to play.

That last goal for Southern Nazarene was a dagger for the Rangers. Northwestern's greatest chance at closing the gap in the second half came with two minutes remaining when Alyssa Williams launched a header shot at the goal, only for it to be saved by Southern Nazarene's goalie Natasha Fuentes. Fuentes finished the game with three saves as Legaspi recorded six.

Mahaffey summed up the game when she said, "You can't win if you can't finish," as the team suffered their second loss of the season, leaving them at a 4-2-2 overall record and 0-1-1 record in conference play.

The Rangers take the field again Friday as they go on the road to play the Ouachita Baptist Tigers.



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Rangers set back in Arkansas



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How often does an offensive showdown happen in college football?

It can happen on occasion and it surely happened Saturday afternoon as Northwestern took a demoralizing 62-21 defeat against the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas.

Northwestern (1-3, 1-3 GAC), came out to start the first half with an immediate focus offensively to slow down the Mulerider defense. The Rangers looked well-organized on offense as freshman quarterback Ty Hooper made his second start under center, throwing efficiently out the pocket for most of the first quarter. Southern Arkansas's defensive unit responded quickly against Hooper and the Northwestern offense by placing pressure on the Ranger receivers. With Southern Arkansas adding pressure in the secondary, Northwestern made the adjustments on offense to execute effectively.

On the first possession, the SAU offense executed its running game with a vengeance as Deion Williams rushed for an early 40-yard score, following another deep pass from SAU quarterback Si Blackshire who connected with Mulerider receiver Walker-Hall to make the score 14-0 early in the first. On the next possession, Northwest-

ern would have a chance to respond as Ty Hooper and the Ranger offense drove down the field for 65 yards. That included a 14-yard short pass toward the end zone to Reggie Harris, which gave Northwestern its first score of the game to end the quarter 14-7.

SAU quickly responded to open up the second quarter, as the Muleriders pressed their running game against the Northwestern defense, scoring on a short run play at the 12:45 mark. Northwestern responded once again, but this time with its running back corps of Zachary Doyle, Jarion Tudman, and freshman Justin Lord.

During Week three against Arkansas-Monticello, the Northwestern running backs combined for a massive 203 yards rushing on the ground. However, against the Muleriders only one out of the bunch contributed. Northwestern running back Jarion Tudman was the feature back for the Rangers as he rushed for 82 yards on 11 carries. Tudman's speed against the outside of Mulerider defenders set up Northwestern for another scoring opportunity. A 43-yard rush to the SAU 35-yard line by Tudman set up freshman running back Justin Lord for a 35-yard rushing touchdown, making the score 27-13 to end the half.

Southern Arkansas implemented much more play-

making on offense during the second half, as the Muleriders scored two unanswered touchdowns in just six plays in the third quarter to take a 42-13 lead. Northwestern's defense was solid throughout the second half, looking for a critical stop against the SAU receiver corps. Ranger defensive back Jordan Norris intercepted a late SAU pass in the fourth quarter, which came from a forced punt that was attempted by the Muleriders. Northwestern linebackers Brandon Cannon and Derrick Thompson came up big for Northwestern at the end of the fourth, as Thompson stripped the ball from SAU quarterback Blackshire in the red zone, which resulted in a fumble recovered by Cannon.

At the end of the fourth with 2:06 left on the clock, Hooper scrambled from under center and dodged a few SAU defenders to make a 24-yard pass that connected with true freshman receiver DaShawn Gordon for the last Northwestern score of the afternoon.

Northwestern's defense has given up 675 total yards of offense so far this season against conference opponents on the road.

Northwestern will look to improve this weekend as they travel to Arkadelphia, Ark., to face number seven nationally ranked Henderson State University for a 3 p.m. kickoff.



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CAPOBIANCO,
SOCCER

Classification: Junior

Hometown: Pederneiras, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Major: Business

Minor: Accounting

Previous School: NEO for 2 years

Soccer Position: Forward

Previous Position: Center Defensive Back at NEO

Goals this Season: 5

New Adjustments: "The transition to the United States from my home country, Brazil, has been quite difficult. The culture, climate and language have all been so new to me. Along with adjusting to the new environment here in America, I have also had to learn how to play at forward on the field. At my previous school I was center back, but now I am in a very demanding position with a forward. Learning the new position has been awesome though and it has been a great new experience for me all around."

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