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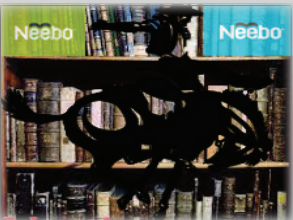
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University Singers to attend national conference

By NATALIE SACKET
Staff Reporter

Out of hundreds of applicants, the NWOSU Singers were chosen to perform as one of only 10 ensembles at the National Association for Music Education National Conference. The NWOSU University Singers will be featured as one of the top music programs in the nation. The performance will take place in the Ryman Ballroom of the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. The students will also have the opportunity to attend workshops, clinics, and reading sessions.

The NWOSU Singers, a group of 21 music and non-music majors, has experienced great success and recognition in the past few years. In the spring of 2013, The Singers had the opportunity to travel and perform in Shanghai, Beijing, and Hangzhou, China. In 2014, The Singers were featured in a performance at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association annual conference.

In addition, on Sept. 22, The University Singers were featured in a KFOR News Channel 4 segment, "Is This a Great State or What?" by Galen Culver. This segment highlighted the talent of this group and praised its high level of success.

Northwestern Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Irene Messoloras has been fostering the group's talent and love of music for the past four years.

"It has been a blessing to work with such a talented group of students every day for the last four years," Messoloras said. "To foster and

cultivate their best talent, while witnessing their growth in areas of discipline, drive, and focus, has created a general atmosphere of love for vocal music in this program. We are humbled and honored to represent Northwestern and the state of Oklahoma at the NAFME Conference."

The University Singers' talents are bringing the group even

further, as they are scheduled to perform at Carnegie Hall and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine during their tour to New York this spring.

According to Messoloras, The Singers, with their hard work ethic, talent, and musicality, are sure to continue to spread their love of music both nationally and internationally.



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Blood drive comes close to reaching goal

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

Although donors came last week for the fall blood drive, the Oklahoma Blood Institution still was unable to reach its goal.

Current Northwestern freshmen and nursing major Jesse Cho said after donating, "I think what OBI is doing by holding the blood drive here on campus is a great way for people, not only students but community members as well, to help contribute to saving lives."

Despite the large amount of students and faculty who came to donate, OBI was short of its 120-unit goal.

Blood program consultant for OBI, Kayla Weder, said after day one, "We received a lot of donations today, but unfortunately we did fall just short of our goal as we only managed 106 units. However, we are remaining optimistic

about tomorrow, hoping for 130 units to successfully achieve our 240-unit goal we set prior to the drive."

"Not only will you become a hero to three people in need of blood, but you will be a hero to me as well," Kee proclaimed. Despite their best efforts, Kee and other volunteers were unsuccessful in bringing in large amounts of donors.

Day two's donation count was higher than day one, but brought the total for both days to 218, just 22 under the goal.

Northwestern Special Events Coordinator Rachel Stewart said, "It was a successful event, but people need to overcome fears and embrace the act of actually giving blood."

OBI and the President's Leadership Class expressed gratitude to all who volunteered and donated during this blood drive.

OBI will return to the Alva campus in December.

Homecoming committee advises parade safety

A parade can provide enjoyment and lifelong memories for children. To make sure this happens, the Northwestern-Alva Homecoming Committee is encouraging parents to help make the parade safe for children.

To make the parade an enjoyable experience, the Homecoming committee is asking that parents keep all children in the parking area on the side of the street and not in the streets.

"Cars, animals, tractors all add a certain quality to the parade," Aaron Mason, Homecoming co-chair, said. "For us to keep all these

elements, it's important for children to remain back a safe distance."

Mason, along with Eric Schmalz, Homecoming co-chair, said that they have stressed the importance of safety to those who have entered the parade with a float. They said that groups that throw out candy in the parade are to have walkers who distribute candy into the parking area. Candy cannot be thrown from any float or moving vehicle.

"We want everybody to have a great time on Saturday, but most importantly we want them to be safe," Schmalz said.

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OPINION

Millennials, a real change from previous generations



CHRIS AGBOLA
Columnist

The millennial generation is making history.

The different names for this generation show its uniqueness and the inability to adequately express it using a single word. Some call millennials generation Y, the selfie-snapping generation or the technology generation. As biased as I sound due to my extreme praise for this generation, you will agree with me after I lay out what makes this generation special. Let's take a stroll into the world of millennials.

Generation Y realizes from the start the world is a global village. Millennial neonates are exposed to technological devices and gadgets at infancy. The industrial nature of the world currently makes it so.

Kids tend to spend much more time in day cares, with their nannies or iPads, kindles, playbooks and the like. Dads and mums leave for work early and return late, so baby is left alone with his or her iPad to keep busy while nanny looks on from afar to ensure baby doesn't harm him or herself. The early exposure indicates why this generation is adroit and up-to-date with the technological trends of the world. It is no news now to see videos of babies or selfies of them on the internet. Is this the best that could ever be? Most definitely not! Awareness of the cyber world at a tender age makes one susceptible to all of its junk and irrelevant materials. However, looking on the bright side, children of the millennial generation have a broad-minded scope when growing up.

Furthermore, the stuff this generation likes is remarkable. What comes to mind quickly is the social media craze. The obsessions of generation Y are extraordinary. Millennials have nerdy and abstract obsessions. When you find a kid who enjoys talk of mutants, UFOs, aliens, zombies, Kyle XY, vampires, werewolves, dinosaurs, magic and comic fiction, you have met a true millennial. They spend much time on these things and feel self-fulfilled. The fifth season of the 'Walking Dead' series premiered this past Sunday. Its hype was all over social media and could be likened to the feeling a person could get should he or she win a million-dollar lottery. The language

of the technology generation is likes, retweets, reblogs, favorites, selfies and hashtags. Social network status is a relevant affair when it comes to our world. Should you not be in the flow of social media, you are considered archaic or do not know what the real 'ish' is. To a millennial, fun is all about partying, binge drinking, playing video games, going to concerts, relationships and all the wild things you could ever envisage. The interesting fact is that adults are trying to be more juvenile. Grannies and Grandpas join Facebook and all that. How awesome is it to spearhead a world revolution.

On the other hand, researchers have stated that the millennial generation is less motivated and more apathetic when it comes to the world of work. The claims are that because of the easy ways of doing things that we're socialized with, we do not want to think and stretch our minds when need be. I'd rather be indifferent to that subject. The only comment I have is that the millennial does not enjoy routines. We are a generation that desires to be left alone to explore and focus on our own business. Even in school, the most effective way to teach a millennial child is through edutainment.

Finally, an interesting characteristic of the generation is its sense of humor. In a way or another, the millennial kids are all funny. Do not be deceived by looks. That kid with the meanest look actually has the greatest grin. You will be mesmerized

Female Thor unnecessary



TRENTON JUDD
Columnist

Thor has been a beloved comic book superhero who had a great established story, but this October writer Jason Aaron is giving everything that was Thor, even his name, to a female.

Thor first appeared in "Journey into Mystery No. 83" in August 1962. He was created by Stan Lee, Larry Lieber and Jack Kirby. Stan Lee has said that the idea of Thor came to him from the Norse God of Thunder by the same name. Thor has been a key hero in the Marvel universe and he has now been featured in three of Marvel's films. Based on this, no one needs

to fix anything that is not broken, but apparently Thor needs to be female according to Marvel Editor Wil Moss who says, "The new Thor continues Marvel's proud tradition of strong female characters like Captain Marvel, Storm, Black Widow and more. And this new Thor isn't a temporary female substitute; she's now the one and only Thor."

The big problem with this is that there are already perfect female heroines in the Thor comic books who would make really good stand-alone characters in their own comics, like Lady Sif or the Enchantress. Unfortunately, Marvel is skipping over the opportunity to focus on the background female characters because it is just so much easier to change the gender of an already established hero.

Thor writer Jason Aaron stresses the point that "This is not She-Thor. This is not Lady Thor. This is not Thorita. This is Thor. This is the Thor of the Marvel Universe. But it's unlike any Thor we've ever seen before." Things get even more confusing because the original Thor is featured in this new comic, but he has none of his powers. Thor being stripped of his powers is not uncommon because most of his power comes from his hammer and there is an inscription on his hammer that reads, "Whosoever holds this hammer, if he be worthy, shall possess the power of

Thor." Only a select few characters in the Marvel universe can actually use the hammer, but the primary user is and has always been Thor. But now Marvel wants to boost female readership, so there is now a woman who is practically becoming Thor for no apparent reason. If this new Thor does become the predominantly featured female of the Marvel comics, will Lady Sif and Enchantress just fade into the background? And what will happen if this new Thor gains more popularity than the already popular female Marvel characters like Black Widow? Will they all just get pushed to the sidelines to make room for more unnecessary changes to already established characters?

This needs to stop and Marvel needs to stick with the continuities that made it famous and got it to where it is today. Perhaps Marvel just needs to take a step back and try re-releasing the first issues of the heroes that have made them famous over the years. In this last year, so many comic books are updating classic stories and revamping origin stories and it is getting very old. What the world of comic books needs right now is to go back to their heroes' original roots and start from there because our generation is nostalgic for the things we have grown up with. It is time for Marvel to be the leader in taking their superheroes back to their

WHAT'S UP?

Campus bookstore turns a new page



Graphic by Bandana Adhikari

By **TRENTON JUDD**
Student Reporter

The NWOSU Bookstore has opened under new management.

Neebo, a Nebraska Book Company, is now in charge of the bookstore, and some noticeable changes are being made.

Transition Manager Rhonda Hileman said, "We welcome the campus and the Alva community to come and check out some of our merchandise. We offer an assortment of clothing and gift items."

In the spirit of Homecoming week Hileman encouraged all members of the Ranger family to stop in because "we are currently offering a 15 percent

discount on a single general merchandise item and we are hoping that the gift items for the alumni arrive before Homecoming, but we still have an assortment of clothing items for them to purchase."

Students that do not have buttons will still be able to get in on the savings, according to Hileman. "We are currently offering two different promotional sales. The first sale is a buy two, get one free on any of the t-shirts that are on the table towards the front of the store. The second sale is on any regular priced \$19.99 long sleeve t-shirt or sweat pant and that is also a buy two, get one free deal, but you have the option to mix and match

the items."

Vice President for Administration, David Pecha, is thrilled about the new management "I am very excited about seeing the new assortment of merchandise and they have a very expansive website that will make shopping for students and alumni very easy," he said.

Neebo is under a five-year agreement with Northwestern, and according to Pecha "Neebo was one of four vendors that had very good proposals so a group of faculty and staff sat down and interviewed each of the vendors and we discovered that Neebo would be the best fit for Northwestern."

Neebo is ready to save students money, Hileman said. "Now all textbooks that we sell will have a renting option and we offer a "Best Price Promise," which means if a student finds a book at a lower price somewhere else then the we will beat that price by 10 percent."

Pecha said, "Another thing we wanted from the bookstore was for the merchandise to be more accessible to the alumni. Well, now they will be able to have a wide variety to choose from and with the online shopping option our alumni will be able to have easier access to Northwestern merchandise. The bookstore will be open on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. so hopefully that will give people a chance to really see some of the improvements that have been made."

Alva to receive new renovations

By **STONY KALANGO**
Student Reporter

Infrastructure development has always been a key factor when determining how prosperous and well-managed any community is. Alva, the hometown of Northwestern, is set to undergo many infrastructure developments in the coming months.

For example, the state of the streets in town has not been a really pleasant one for so many and that might just be about to change for the better.

According to Alexandra Mantz, Alva's economic and community development director, two years ago the city added a \$5 fee to its water, sewer and trash tax. That fee was to be directed to a fund for the repair and overhaul of certain roads in Alva. There had been some minor repairs on certain roads but no large project had been carried out yet.

Alva Mayor, Arden Chaffee said, "We've got a new pavement shredder, and we are going to go ahead and reconstitute the streets and get the roads to a state where all the water is directed properly into the drainages, and where all the low areas on the streets are leveled up."

However, it may be a while before the all the road work is completed, Chaffee said. "We are prioritizing and trying to maintain the streets that aren't too bad right now so they don't get bad, and when we are done with those we will move over to those really bad and neglected streets and we really have

to spend some huge amounts of money."

One other gray area is the Alva's water. In the spring of 2013, Northwestern was greatly affected by the loss of water after a huge snow storm in the Northwest area of Oklahoma. Classes were canceled for over two weeks.

The city government has plans for better water supply now. Mantz said, "We have joined forces with other towns throughout Northwestern Oklahoma creating the Northwest Water Action Team and we are devising up ways to make sure we can get water for the future. The city contributed \$10,000 to that project."

Chaffee said, "We are pumping over 1.7 million gallons of water a day and if the population continues to grow, we may need to pump over 2 million gallons a day. We are looking at conserving, reusing and recycling." The city also is going to implement a digital water metering system to be installed in households in Alva. The metering system will better monitor water usage.

The city also seems to be experiencing a steady growth in population with the annexation of more land and the growing oil industry in the area. The mayor

Mantz said, "Although the 2010 census put us at 4,500 people, the department of Commerce sees us at this time as having about 6,500 people."

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STUDENT LIFE

Fundraiser held to honor Columbus Day

Editor's Note: Kendra Reining, staff reporter, contributed to this story.

The Oct. 13 Columbus Day Fiesta fundraiser dinner was successful in raising money for the Dr. Dorothy Day Spanish Scholarship at Northwestern. Winners in a poster contest also were announced at the dinner.



Photo provided by Jennifer Pollmiller

The scholarship recipient this year is Ellen Trotter, a senior from Phoenix, Ariz. The winners of the poster contest are Cori Hoffman, Montgomery, Texas sophomore, and Coleman Osborn, Beaver, Okla., freshman.

The event was sponsored by Northwestern's Spanish Club

and HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization) to promote understanding of Spanish language and culture. Activities included demonstrations on cooking, arts, crafts of the Hispanic world, and serving the community as well as Northwestern students. Off-campus guests and students were treated

to Spanish music and Caribbean food served by the members of the two clubs. Guests got the chance to view student projects displayed around the room.

The Dr. Dorothy Day Spanish Scholarship is awarded to a full-time continuing Spanish student with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. The recipient also must be a Spanish major

or minor and have completed three semesters of Spanish coursework. "The scholarship helps me out financially as I go through school," Trotter said. "I applied the money to my tuition for the year."

This scholarship is funded through fundraisers like the Columbus Day Celebration, where traditional meals of Spanish-speaking countries are served.

Francisco Martinez, professor of Spanish, said the celebration had two goals in mind.

"When we do our fundraisers our first focus is culture," Martinez said. "The students did research on the countries and were encouraged to be very accurate. Second, we focus on the food. The food we served for Columbus Day was food you would traditionally see in Caribbean countries. Many people here always think of Mexican food, but I am from Venezuela, which is part of the Caribbean, and shredded beef, rice, black beans and fried plantains are staple foods there."

Aside from serving this kind of food at the fundrais-

ers, Martinez likes to teach his students to prepare these foods when possible. On Tuesday, his Spanish 1224 class was devoted to preparing more traditional Caribbean food, making Arepas, a staple food in both Venezuela and Colombia that are simple corn cakes that can be grilled or deep-fried and topped or stuffed with just about anything. The class also made tortillas, queso, salsa and more from the Caribbean culture.

"There are two things that make people happy," Martinez said. "Food and music. In my classes I try to incorporate both."

Both clubs are open to any interested students. HALO meets at 4 p.m. in VH 119; the next meeting is Oct. 29. For more information contact Spanish professor Claudia Young at 580-327-8464 or cyoung@nwosu.edu. The Spanish Club meets at 3 p.m. every other Thursday in VH 119. For more information on the Spanish Club or the Spanish program, contact Martinez at 580-327-8466 or by email at fjmartinez@nwosu.edu.

Secular Student Alliance looks for diverse members

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Secular Student Alliance has received national recognition for its impact on campus.

A year ago in September, the SSA officially became a club here at Northwestern. A Northwestern biology professor developed the idea to have an open-minded, non-judgmental coming together of diverse people at 4:30 p.m. each first and third Thursday and every second Friday of each month. The club includes Christians, atheist and agnostics as well as anti-theists.

Matt Schneider is the president of SSA. Each meeting he brings forth various topics, such as current events, science and politics. Members then take the topic that is presented for the night and discuss or debate it. "The more religions, beliefs and amount of diversity there is, the

better the debates are. In the end though, we are still all cool with each other," said Northwestern junior and returning SSA member Danny Pacula.

Members say that when the SSA made its debut on campus last year, it received a bad rap. The words "atheist" and "anti-theist" spooked away many potential new members; Northwestern's location in the Bible belt was a disadvantage in trying to establish the club. However, the fact that this is the Bible belt is also an advantage for the club. The large amount of churches in the area provides plenty of opportunities for new members to join the topic discussions each meeting and put in their two cents on the debates as well.

The exact purpose for SSA, according to its bylaws on the Northwestern web page is "to create an atmosphere of fellowship among all students and community members no matter what they believe."

Artisan resident publishes new book

By ALEXANDER REYES
Student Reporter

The current artist in residence is Radhika Prabhu from Bangalore, India.

Rhadika was born and raised in Bangalore and took dance at around 7 years old, but she didn't get serious about it until 13 or 14. "I love the visual arts," Prabhu said. She recently got her Masters degree in fine arts at Chelsea College of Art and Design in London. She paints, draws, and writes as well. She unfortunately had to leave London just a year after she got there once she had received her Masters.

Rhadika has an impressive amount of achievements for only being 27. She has had 2 books Published "Snatches of Sunshine" in 2011 and "Mid Light" which was actually done just last month. They are both collections of poems, the first collection was based on her first solo art exhibition and

the poems were next to the images adding a new layer to the art. Her second book was a collection of poems and short stories that she wanted to prove that her writing could be stand-alone and not need the visual aspect her last book had.

Most of her dance is traditional which is what she grew up performing; her favorite music is also traditional, though she says she likes anything you can move to. When I asked her what she likes most about dance she said,

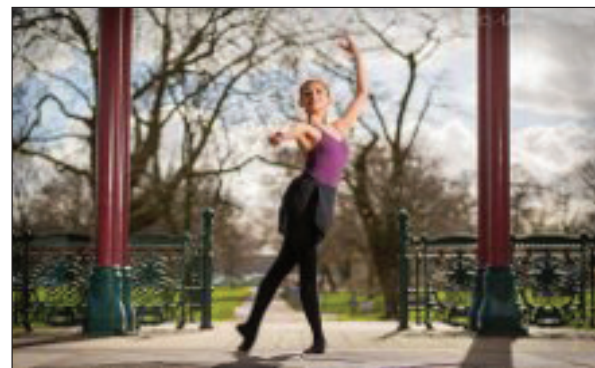


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"You have an immediate connection with yourself, it's different from painting or drawing, you and the art are not separate, you are the art."

You can follow Radhika's blog at radhikaprbh.blogspot.com and on that site there is a link to her website where you can find out more about her.



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ENTERTAINMENT



By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

This week we watched a gem called "Gone Girl" (2014). Go watch it now. Don't read this article. Seriously, put the paper down and go buy a ticket. If you've already seen it, go watch it again. It's just as good the second time.

Natalie's Review:



4 Stars

There's so much I want to say about "Gone Girl," but so little I can reveal without some major spoilers. That's because "Gone Girl" has shock factor after shock

factor. Twists after turns. Surprise! Murder! I don't even know what's happening anymore. Surprise! More twists and turns?! Crazy people! I don't even know what to believe anymore. Is my name still Natalie? I'm telling you, this film takes your brain through the spin cycle. So, to avoid any spoilers, I will maneuver this review like it's a land mine.

The acting in this film was highly believable and absolutely top-notch. Rosamund Pike and Ben Affleck are both sure to be nominees for an academy award. Neil Patrick Harris should stick with Broadway and "How I Met Your Mother." At least in that he doesn't di..... Never mind, avoiding spoilers.

"Gone Girl" is a long movie. Be prepared to set

aside a solid 2.5 hours for this film. However, this time flies by, as "Gone Girl" completely sucks you in. Throughout its entirety you want to know what's going to happen next. The film also leaves you with that feeling as well. That's right, "Gone Girl" is left open-ended, and it drives me insane, and there needs to be a sequel so I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. Like I said, the movie drags you in.

Bottom Line: "Gone Girl" is a cleverly crafted psychological thriller, one that will be sure to take your mind on a scary exploration of reality and sanity. It's dark, creepy, thrilling and absolutely worth your time.

Chris' Review:



5 out of 5 stars

So you decided to continue reading our article huh? Well then, I guess I should actually review this masterpiece. Okay, so maybe I exaggerated just a little, but this was a great film. I've been craving a good movie like this for quite some time,

and with the Oscars just five months away, we are about to start seeing some other really captivating movies before long.

If you've been living under a rock for the past month, you probably don't know what this movie is. This film has been advertised on television and the Internet nonstop for a while now. This film follows the disappearance of Amy Dunne and the suspicions that fall on her husband, Nick Dunne. And that's all I'm going to tell you about the plot because there is no way I'm ruining that for you.

If anyone has any doubts about the type of actor Ben Affleck is, this film will put that to rest. He does a great job portraying the unattached character that is Nick Dunne for most of the movie, and when they needed him to lose his temper, he gave us a madman. The actor that really stole the show though was Rosamund Pike, who plays Amy Dunne. I'm not saying that she deserves the

Oscar just yet, but I would definitely throw her name in the hat right now.

What really astounds me though is how well the director, David Fincher, captured the suspense and drama. Every scene was a new clue designed not only for the detective in the film, but for the audience as well. Let's not forget about the screenwriter, as well as the novel's author, Gillian Flynn. She really dove deep into the psyches of each character and exposed the faults in modern long-term relationships (not mine though... Mine is great).

I would tell you so much more about this movie and about how Natalie kept making inappropriate comments about Ben Affleck, but I'd end up writing a full page, and frankly I don't get paid enough for that. If you really need me to give you a bottom line about this movie after I spent about 300 words praising it, then maybe this movie is a little too highbrow for you. Go watch "Box Trolls."

Weekend Box Office top 10

1. **Gone Girl** *
2. Dracula Untold
3. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
4. Annabelle
5. The Judge
6. The Equalizer
7. Addicted
8. The Maze Runner
9. The Boxtrolls
10. Left Behind (2014)

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SPORTS

Volleyball wins, Tafao receives honors

Northwestern Oklahoma State found themselves in a close match with Southern Nazarene but were able to come away with the victory 3-1 (25-23, 26-24, 21-25, 25-17).

Fueled by the offensive output from junior Ashanti Banks who broke teammate Asia Pipkin's kills record tonight with 23. Asia Pipkin however also added an impressive stat line

with 19 kills and 18 digs.

Junior setter Suka Tafao also added 47 assists, 9 digs, and 2 kills. She guided the Rangers to a 2-0 record in two matches during the week, averaging an astounding 11.11 assists per set, totaling 89 assists with 47 against Southern Nazarene.

The Rangers found themselves down as many as four points multiple times in set

one but were able to keep their composure and break off a 4-0 run to take the set.

Northwestern was again locked tight with the Crimson Storm in set two. Both teams were able to get out to leads as much as three points, but the Rangers were able to find space on the court to land kills to take the set.

The Rangers could not overcome errors in set three as they were down as much as six points at 18-24 and could not fight back, losing the set to the Crimson Storm 25-21.

Set four saw both teams battling it out early which was the theme for tonight's match. The Rangers were able to pull away for good however building out to a 21-12 lead and never looked back taking the fourth set and the match.

Junior setter Suka Tafao became the first Northwestern Oklahoma State volleyball



Photo by Drew Slovak

Ashanti Banks sets the ball for the Rangers.

player of the year to win Great American Conference Setter of the Week Honors, Tuesday following the game.

Tafao – a junior setter from Long Beach, Calif. – was the conference's top setter for the week of Oct. 6-12.

"She was well deserving of the award for her hard work this past week," Krieger said. "Suka

has been playing incredibly well all season and it's a great honor for her to be recognized."

Tafao also added an average of 2.25 digs per set and seven total blocks in two matches for the Rangers.

Northwestern takes the court again this evening when it hosts non-conference adversary Panhandle State at 7 p.m.

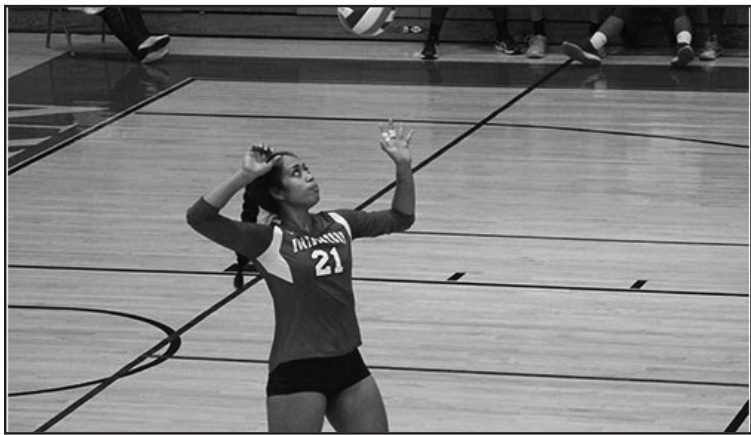


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Suka Tafao wins setter of the week after Thursday's game.

Rodeo takes victory in Stillwater

By SARAH OTTO
Student Reporter

The Northwestern rodeo team competed over the weekend at the Oklahoma State University rodeo in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The women's team won the rodeo and the men's team took second. Northwestern had competitors make it back to the short (championship) round in six of the nine events.

In steer wrestling, Northwestern had three cowboys qualify for the short round: John Michael McGinn, Grayson Allred and Brock White. McGinn ended up first overall for the weekend. Allred ended up second and White tied for fourth for the weekend.

In team roping, Dalton Richards was the only cowboy who made it back to the short round for Northwestern.

Richards roped with Ben Whiddon from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Dalton ended up first overall for the weekend.

In barrel racing, Northwestern was only represented by one cowgirl. Sara Bynum made it to the short round and ended the weekend third. In breakaway roping, Sage Allen, Samantha Corzine and Tainge Trent all represented Northwestern in the short round. Allen ended the weekend being fifth overall, Trent finished the weekend sixth and Corzine split seventh overall. In goat tying, Shayna Miller and Lauren Barnes made it back to the short round. Miller ended up first overall and Barnes ended up third for the weekend.

McGinn a junior from Haines, Ore., who is majoring in agriculture and minoring in business said, "Overall the

weekend ended really well. In the first round I drew a really good steer that we have seen at other rodeos. I didn't get him caught well, but everything worked out in my favor. My game plan for the short round was to score sharp so I could have a quick shot at the steer. Everything went as planned and the steer worked as I thought he would be. To prepare for my next rodeo I am going to head back to the practice pen and continue to work on getting better every day."

Northwestern is doing well in the overall Central Plains region standings. The women's team is winning the region and the men's team is fourth overall. In the calf roping, Hayden Pearce is second and William Wayne is splitting fourth. In steer wrestling, McGinn is sitting first, Allred is sitting second, Michael Edgmon is

sitting sixth and White is sitting ninth. In team roping, on the heading side Richards is sitting second and Layne Lagasse is splitting twelfth. On the heeler side, Dustin Searcy is splitting twelfth. In the barrel racing, Bynum is sitting ninth. In breakaway roping, Allen is sitting sixth, Trent is sitting

thirteenth and Kylee Cahoy is splitting fourteenth. In goat tying, Lauren Barnes is sitting first, Shayna Miller is sitting second, Karley Kile is sitting ninth, and Elli Price is sitting eleventh.

The Ranger's next rodeo is here at Northwestern Oct. 30 and 31, and Nov. 1.



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SPORTS

Rangers beat Eagles, tie against Bulldogs

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

The Northwestern soccer team was unable to keep momentum from a 3-1 victory against Oklahoma Wesleyan as they fought with rival Southwestern to a 0-0 draw.

The Rangers took a break from conference play Oct. 9 as they played the Oklahoma Wesleyan Eagles in Bartlesville.

The Eagles struck first at the 21-minute mark when Kaka Delahaye slipped one past Ranger goalie Laura Hughes, who made her first start in the net this season. Both she and Courtney Herian shared equal time in the goal as they replaced injured teammate Briana Legaspi.

Ranger Karyn Bernal was able to get the equalizer at the 30-minute mark with help from teammate Jessica Lynch.

The Rangers added two more goals in the second half. One came from Alyssa Williams at the 64-minute mark, giving her a total of four on the season. The last one came with just nine minutes remaining in the half from Ranger Leidiane Capobianco. The goal

was her team-leading sixth of the season.

The late goals secured a 3-1 victory over the Eagles and also gave the Rangers much-needed momentum as they headed to Weatherford, Okla., Sunday to face rival Southwestern in conference play.

When play began for the Rangers, Legaspi was back from injury and fully tuned for the showdown against the Bulldogs of Southwestern.

The Bulldogs came out firing early and controlled the entire first half. Southwestern was able to outshoot the Rangers 12-3 during the first 45 minutes of play. Despite the completely one-sided battle that Southwestern and Northwestern engaged in, the score remained deadlocked after the first period. Legaspi finished with eight saves in the half.

The Rangers did manage to attack the Bulldogs in the second half, but Southwestern goalie Courtney Flores was on point as well. Flores recorded only two saves in the half even though the Rangers had a total of six shots during the half. The other shots were off the mark.

The dominance from both

goalies as well as the back and forth play from both teams is what sent the game into overtime, as neither team was able to break the 0-0 lock in regulation time. The Rangers already have been in this situation twice in the season, so the two 10-minute extra time periods were nothing new for them.

The first overtime period was a stalemate as both teams was again unable to break the 0-0 lock. The Rangers managed only one shot at the goal while Legaspi blocked three of the four Southwestern shots.

With the score still locked after the first overtime period, it meant a second overtime period was necessary.

When the second and final 10 minute overtime period began, it was the Bulldogs



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who took control. They recorded four shots to the Rangers' zero. Fortunately for the Rangers, Legaspi was able to stay sharp as she recorded three more saves during the period. Legaspi finished with a staggering total of 16 saves to the Bulldogs' two. The Bulldogs, though, did record 28 total shots to the Rangers' 10.

Both teams fought hard for the full 110 minutes but neither was able to break the 0-0 deadlock. It was the Rangers' third draw on the season, putting their confer-

ence record at 0-3-2 and their overall record at 5-4-3.

Legaspi claimed the Goalkeeper of the Week for the Great American Conference for the second time in three weeks, following her 16 total saves throughout the entire 110 minutes of play.

Legaspi's big saves day ranked her in sixth all-time in a single game at Northwestern.

The Rangers play again Thursday in Ada, Okla. as they take on the East Central Tigers for round two in conference play.

Rangers fall to OBU at home

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH
Sports Editor

Northwestern's penalties committed against Ouachita Baptist Saturday cost them their chance at Ranger Field as they fell 41-10 to the Tigers.

Early in the first quarter, Ranger quarterback Ty Hooper struggled to find his receivers as OBU's defensive pressure increased. Hooper finally found a little room as he lined up in shotgun formation, finding Northwestern freshman receiver Taramick Courtney down the sideline for a 17-yard reception

that gave the Rangers a first down.

Northwestern did not perform well in first down situations against OBU, as the Tigers applied more pressure from its defensive line corps. OBU's defensive unit performed solidly throughout the first quarter, limiting Hooper's passing opportunities. Northwestern's offense went three and out during the first two possessions of the game.

OBU had great momentum at the start of the second quarter as they opened up with a 56-yard drive that gave the Tigers the lead. Northwestern's offense was forced to punt on the next possession. OBU capitalized once again on another Northwestern miscue as

OBU's Etauj Allen took the punt return 60 yards for a touchdown, making it a 13-0 lead for the Tigers.

As the second quarter wound down, Northwestern was able to get on the board as Northwestern kicker Will Dawkins converted on a field goal to cut the score 13-3. During the last minutes of the second quarter, OBU responded with a touchdown, making the score 20-3. Moments after, the Ranger offense also responded with a touchdown and an extra point before going in at halftime down 20-10.

As the third quarter began, OBU scored on its first series, making the score 26-10. A couple of plays later, OBU's Allen erupted

with an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown, with the extra point try putting the score at 33-10 to end the third quarter.

OBU scored again during the fourth quarter, putting the final margin at 41-10.

Northwestern was led defensively by linebacker Alex Hemberger, who finished with 12 tackles, seven solo and five assisted. Ranger safety David Boatright also recorded nine tackles on the day.

Penalty yardage was devastating for the Northwestern, as the Rangers had 26 penalties for 289 yards.

Northwestern will return to Ranger Field Saturday for home-

coming against in-state rival East Central University. Kick-off is 3 p.m.

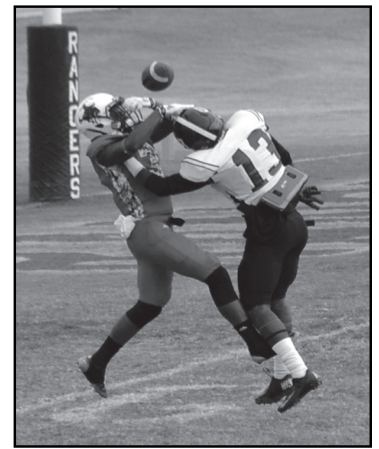


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