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TODAY'S DATE IN HISTORY

In 1938 Orson Welles broadcasted his radio play of "The War of the Worlds", causing mass panic.



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Two men charged after stabbing at The Office bar

By **TRENTON JUDD**
Student Reporter

Two Oklahoma City men are in jail in Alva and a third man is hospitalized after an apparent stabbing at a local bar Saturday.

Bernard Meat, 20, and Ruben Butler, 23, were both charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and are currently being held in the Woods County Jail on \$200,000 bail. Both could face life in prison.

The victim, Levi Shipley, 33, no address given, is in stable condition at OU Medical Center, with wounds to his upper torso and the back of his neck.

According to Woods County District Court documents, at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday Alva police were called to a reported stabbing at The Office, 406 Flynn St. Upon arrival, police saw a woman, identified as the victim's wife, Chelsey Nicole Shipley, 26, running on Fourth Street near the Alva Fire Department.

Chelsey Shipley told police that she was running after men who fought with and stabbed her husband. Officers were unable to locate the men Shipley said she was chasing. Police then entered The Office and spoke to a woman, later identified as Roxanne Alvarez, 24, who was

not cooperative with the officers. Alvarez was charged with obstructing an officer, a misdemeanor, and was taken to the Woods County Jail.

Police transported Chelsey Shipley to Share Medical Center to check on the status of Levi Shipley. Officers were unable to speak with him due to the severity of his condition.

They returned to the bar and were able to view the surveillance video of the incident. They also located a witness who was able to identify the men on the video.

Police determined that Butler was in a house at 206 Barnes St. A team of officers arrived at the house and found four males inside, including a 17-year-old juvenile who was bleeding from an apparent stab wound. After the juvenile was taken away by ambulance, authorities continued



Photo by Osam Sakamoto

to question the remaining men and Butler was arrested and taken to the Woods County Jail. By that time, Shipley's condition had worsened and he was mediflighted to the OU Medical Center.

Police contacted agents from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to help with the case. The OSBI agents and police reviewed the surveillance video again and were able to identify Butler and Meat; they determined that Meat had stabbed Shipley

while Butler held him, according to court documents.

Police contacted Meat and asked him to come to the Woods County Sheriff's Office to be interviewed by OSBI agents. After they interviewed him, Meat was arrested.

Another witness identified as Jose Ramirez, 39, 216 Barnes St., Alva, was arrested and charged with obstructing an officer after police said he lied about being at the bar.

Alan Hall resigns as head football coach

By **TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH**
Sports Editor

Ranger head football coach

Alan Hall is stepping down from his full-time coaching duties because of personal health concerns and will focus on his own well-being.

Northwestern Athletic

Director Andy Carter announced Hall's resignation Oct. 22.

Hall left his head coaching duties Sept. 9 because of undisclosed health concerns that occurred earlier last month.

"Today is a difficult

day for our university, our football program and the Hall family," Carter said in announcing the resignation. "Coach Hall has done a tremendous job in leading our program through the NCAA transition process in the face of personal health challenges.

"We believe he will persevere through this current adversity, and we offer nothing but our best wishes for him and his family."

In the press release that announced his resignation, Hall said he wants to let the Alva community know he appreciates the continued support had received.

"I would like to thank Dr. (Janet) Cunningham and Andy Carter for allowing me to lead Northwestern into the NCAA," Hall said.

"At this time, I feel it is best that I focus on my long-term health and relinquish my responsibilities

of leading this football program. I would like to thank the town of Alva, the alumni, and the faculty and staff of such a fine institution for all of the prayers and support during this time. It means a lot to know that we are loved and cared for by so many."

Carter also stated in the press release that current interim head coach Kevin Turco will continue his duties until the hiring of a new head coach.

Hall compiled a 6-16 record in his first two seasons, including a 4-7 mark in 2012. During that season, Hall marked the program's first victory of the NCAA era, a win over Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and GAC wins over Southern Nazarene University and the University of Arkansas at Monticello. This year's team is currently 1-7 on the season.



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OPINION

I want to trick or treat, not trick and streak



NATALIE SACKET
Columnist

A couple of weeks ago I was searching for ideas for a Halloween costume. I wanted something unique, something original, and so of course I turned to the Internet for suggestions.

Upon entering "Halloween costume for female" into the search bar, I was assaulted with a barrage of scantily clad pumpkins, pirates, angels and nurses. Slogans such as "sexy zombie" and "sexy colonial pirate" flashed across the screen. Regardless of the theme, my computer was covered with bare midriffs and long legs encased in fishnet stockings. I looked further, now on a mission to find the strangest "sexy" costume of them all. There was "sexy sushi" and "naughty Nemo." I'm sorry, but Japanese food and clown fish just aren't meant to be sexualized. Know what else should never be sexualized? Nuns. Nuns are literally supposed to be on the opposite end of the spectrum from "sexy." And yet, as I browsed through a sea of naughty nurses and

sassy sasquatches, I saw several nuns who got off on the wrong path and adjusted their habits. Why does a woman's costume have to be sexy?

Perhaps I have a different background in Halloween costumes than others. Halloween wasn't a grand event in our home as I was growing up. Each year I slapped together a last-minute farmer or scarecrow. One year I was original and threw a sheet over my head as a veil to be a bride, but everyone thought I was a ghost. It's not that I dislike dressing up. I adore it. Hello, I'm a theater kid.

In past years I've stubbornly gone against the flow and dressed as strong, independent women, including Lois Lane, Rosie the Riveter and Marie Curie.

A young lady explained the desire to dress sexy as such: "It's the one night of the year that you can dress however you want and no one can judge you for it."

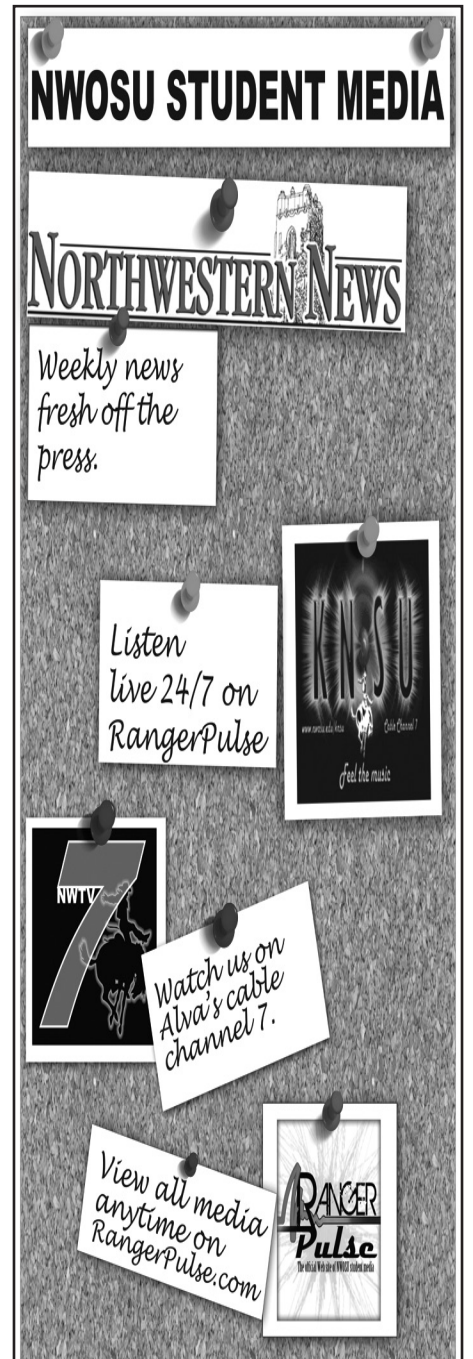
Well if I can pretend to be anyone I want, why on earth wouldn't I want to be a strong, feministic, graceful woman who has benefitted culture and society?

Women are pressured to be sexy, fit, and attractive. We are taught by society that we should be valued by the shape of the face, the curve of our hips and the mere amount of inches around the waist.

Why not instead strive to be desired because of intelligence, or work ethic, or the way you effortlessly deliver the punchline to a joke, or your passion to help others?

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not critical of those who may choose to show more skin on Halloween. I

simply would like to encourage one to evaluate their motivations in doing so. Go trick or treat, not trick and streak. Have fun getting goodies, and not showing off too much of your own.



Kanye West is the modern day Mozart



ALEXANDER REYES
Columnist

Kanye West is a musical genius. It needed to be said, you may not agree, but statistically and critically he's an amazing talent.

Kanye is not an amazing PERSON, but many celebrities are this way (O.J., Sean Penn); they are amazing at their job and terrible people under any other

circumstance. I don't feel Kanye is on the level of those two, but you get my point.

Musically, however, I'd compare him to a modern day Bach or Mozart. I feel he's musically talented because of his egomaniac persona; he constantly has something to say to anyone who disagrees with his words. So congratulations, people who feel the need to voice your hatred, you are the driving force behind Kanye's music career. All but two of his albums have gone platinum. Think about that for a moment: All but two of his studio albums have gone platinum. There are famous musicians that have not even achieved platinum, period, while some of Kanye's have gone double and triple platinum. This does not include his collaborations with other artists such as Jay-Z, Rhianna and Frank Ocean.

Each of his albums bring something new to the table. He experiments with new sounds and styles. His last two albums have stirred up more controversy than usual, with songs like "Black Skinhead" and "I'm A God" (See "egomaniac

persona"). Now, pure instrumental and production value is phenomenal, but the lyrics and message many would and do not agree with. This is the conflict Kanye is facing a lot; he will continue to write songs about what he wants and how he feels, without fear of whether it's adored or not. While I am a strong supporter of uncensored music of all kinds, I also understand that there's a point that you need to calm down and not try to personally attack someone who doesn't always agree with you.

Kanye has more than enough money to continue to do this, and he shall, though I wonder how his music will be affected now that he has a daughter. He didn't change much whenever he got married, but when his daughter gets older will he slow down at least a little bit? I await the next album to find out for myself. If time has told us anything, it's that Kanye won't change, and as long as there are people to disagree with him, he'll continue to churn out albums and mixtapes.

WHAT'S UP?

Woods County releases polling schedule for general election

By **STONY KALANGO**
Student Reporter

The Woods County Election Board has released polling times and locations for Tuesday's election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The board said the easiest times to vote are during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, because those usually are the two slowest periods for voting during the day.

Eligible citizens in Woods County can vote at the places listed below:

- Precinct 760001---Northwest Technology Center
- Precinct 760002---Waynoka Housing Authority
- Precinct 760003---College Hill Church of Christ
- Precinct 760004---Dacoma Community Center
- Precinct 760005---Alva City Hall
- Precinct 760007---Greenvalley Methodist Church
- Precinct 760008---Freedom Methodist Church

Voters can find out what precinct they live in by calling the board at 580-327-1452.

In Oklahoma, two statewide elections will be held – the general election and a special election.

The three candidates running in the special election for the U.S. Senate are Republican James Lankford, Democrat Constance Johnson and independent Mark Beard. They are running for the seat vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Tom Coburn.

Lankford won the Republican nomination in the June 24 primary over House Speaker T.W Shannon. Johnson emerged victorious over Jim Rogers in the Democratic primary.

In the general election, Democrat Matt Silverstein will run against Republican Jim Inhofe, who has been one of the state's U.S. senators since 1994.

Miss Northwestern pageant to be held Sunday

Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alex Smith and Miss Outstanding Teen Ashley Tucker will pass on their crowns Sunday to the two women who will be chosen to represent the university at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in the coming year.

The pageants will take place in Herod Hall Auditorium at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are still available at Holder Drug or from contestants for \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Rachel Stewart, pageant director, also may be contacted at 5800-327-8178 or rsstewart@nwosu.edu to purchase tickets. Northwestern students get in free with a student ID.

Competing for the Miss



Graphic by Bandana Adhikari

Northwestern title are Chelsay Adams, Woodward senior; Kelsey Castle, Jet freshman; Victoria Kimbrell, Enid freshman; and Cortney Lofton, Oklahoma City junior. The title winner will go on to the Miss Oklahoma Pageant May 30 - June 6 at the Mabee Center on the campus of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

Nine are participating in the Outstanding Teen Pageant. They include Abigail Billings of Woodward; Brenli Brown of Enid; Rylee Clonts of Piedmont; Mattie Flanagan of Jet; Morgan Money of Edmond; Natalie Nell of Tulsa; Liberty Bird, Landry Gaddy and Meghan Webb, all of Alva.

Ranger preview set for Nov. 8

Northwestern's annual Ranger Preview event for high school seniors will take place at 9 a.m. Nov. 8 in Percefull Fieldhouse.

"Ranger Preview is an excellent opportunity for seniors and their families to visit campus for a fun and informative event that showcases the numerous opportunities awaiting students at Northwestern." Director of Recruitment Paige Fischer said. "We have tremendous involvement in this event from faculty, students and staff in welcoming our potential freshmen to campus."

Any high school senior who attends Ranger Preview, is admitted to Northwestern as

a full-time student at the Alva campus and lives in Alva during the academic year will receive a \$600 scholarship.

The Office of Recruitment encourages pre-registration. Online registration is available at www.nwosu.edu/ranger-preview or by following the Ranger Preview icon on Northwestern's home page, www.nwosu.edu. If a student does not have the opportunity to pre-register, walk-ins are welcome.

The schedule of events for the day includes registration beginning at 9 a.m., with a welcome at 10 a.m. Following the welcome, students will tour the campus, meet with faculty members from each

academic area and also have the opportunity to meet with many of the student organizations on campus. The day will end with lunch.

Those attending will receive free tickets to the Northwestern football game that day.

To register by phone or to find out more information about Ranger Preview, call the Office of Recruitment at 580-327-8546.



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Local museum under paranormal investigation

By TRENTON JUDD
Student Reporter

Alva's very own Cherokee Strip Museum may have ties to the paranormal realm.

The Cherokee Strip Museum, located at 901 14th St., is ranked the third most haunted place in Oklahoma and just the history of the museum itself is a little spooky. According to museum Curator Beth Smith, "The Cherokee Strip Museum was originally built in 1932 as the Alva General Hospital, but when the Share Memorial Hospital was opened in 1970 the Alva General Hospital was left abandoned. Six years later the hospital was turned into the Cherokee Strip Museum, but some of the rooms on the second floor still serve as surgical suites.

"Many of the displays we have in the suites are from the original hospital and these surgical suites are said to have some of the strongest paranormal activity. In between the two suites there is a blood stain that will come back even after you have cleaned, but I honestly think it could be iodine -- although not too long ago a second stain appeared just two feet away from the original and I just can't explain it. We have people that claim to see small orbs of light, or feel a brush of air against their face and some

people claim to see shadows and hear footsteps."

Director of Museum Finances Edith Weibener said, "Last Saturday we had a team of paranormal investigators come in and they had fully charged walkie talkies and within five minutes they were completely dead." Smith added, "Some of the investigators we have had claim to have repeatedly seen the ghost of a military soldier and the ghost of a little girl roaming around the halls."

Northwestern employee Alica Hall even recalls a scary incident that happened to her. "When I was in the eighth grade, the museum had decorated for the festival of trees and I was with a group of my friends by the post office section of the museum and I saw a person with red hair, but it looked like one of the old



Photo from alvaok.net

mannequins so I looked away for maybe a few seconds and when I looked back the figure was gone. I asked my friends if they saw it and they replied, "do you mean the person with red hair?" It was by far one of the creepiest experiences I have had in that museum."

Smith has had her own ghostly encounters. "In the many years I have been here I have only experienced two

encounters. I was on the second floor by the nurse's station and noticed that one of our pictures was lying on the floor by the desk, but there was no broken glass and the picture couldn't have just fallen off the wall because we have cement walls and the pictures are screwed in with sawtooth hangers. At the time, I thought that someone was messing with me, but the

people I asked swore that they had nothing to do with it so I just shrugged it off.

"About a week later I noticed that the same picture had fallen in the same place, but once again there was no broken glass and no sign that it had naturally fallen. I have not had any other experiences since then, but we always get investigators that say there is definitely paranormal activity

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ENTERTAINMENT



NEW
Movie Reviews
By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

This fall break we got to watch "The Judge". Not only did we do that, but now we get to judge it for ourselves. Not funny? No? Okay then.

"The Judge" (2014)
Natalie's Review-

3.5 gavels
I consider myself a fairly

good "judge" of movies by this point, and I deem "The Judge" guilty of bringing me to tears.


The storyline is unique, yet relatable to likely a large portion of the audience. I know I found myself relating portions of the movie to events in my life. While a majority of the film had an argumentative and tense tone, the overlying theme is one of overcoming and forgiveness, a message many may need to hear.

This heartfelt film is led by an all-star cast that is sure to draw you into the film. Robert Downey Jr. ditches his iron man suit and dons the three-piece suit of a high-class lawyer. His character, however, is very akin to Iron

Man, minus super strength and the ability to fly. He's very confident, snarky, brash and quick-witted. With a menagerie of quick one-liners and brazen remarks, Downey leads the cast through the story of pain, regret, and redemption.

My only downside to this movie was that is very long, and I felt every minute of this film. Don't come to this movie sleepy, as I did. However, that didn't make me appreciate the film any less.

Bottom Line: The verdict is that "The Judge" is a quality film, well worth your time.

Chris' Review-

4 out of 5 gavels
I know what you're thinking. You're thinking that it's weird that I gave another movie a good review. Well, I

did tell you that all the good movies are about to start flooding in.

Watching "The Judge" was a great experience for me because I got to see Robert Downey Jr. back in one of his more natural elements. Since I wasn't a movie nut before Downey got his break with "Iron Man," I never got to see what it was like to watch one of his movies come out when he was popular back in the day. Not very many people know this but before "Iron Man," Downey was almost poor because of all those bad decisions that eventually catch up with us (a lesson for all to think about).

The acting was pretty solid; I never once felt like I could not relate to the movie. That might be because my family is a bit complicated, but I digress. The plot kept my interest -- not in the way that "Gone Girl" kept me

captivated, but I still wanted to see what happened next.

The only complaint I would have about this film was that it seemed to be a bit disorganized. I felt like there were clear concepts and ideas we were trying to get, but the screenwriters didn't know where to put them in the film. For example, there is a brother who is a bit slow and the film tried to show pity for him but they didn't know how to do so without making the film more like "What's Eating Gilbert Grape."

Bottom line is that I really enjoyed this film. Do I think it'll get an Oscar? Probably not, but it could be a wild card. If your family is a little messed up, I feel like you too could relate to this film. And even if you have the perfect "Full House" kind of family, well watch this movie to see what the rest of us deal with.

Carve into the history of the jack-o'-lantern

By **CHRIS AGBOLA**
Columnist

The Halloween tradition of scooping out the flesh of a gourd, crudely carving a haunting face into its rind and sticking a candle inside is observed every year. The common name for this is jack-o'-lanterns. How did this tradition commence? Let's delve into a little history of it.

The original use of the phrase "jack-o'-lantern" can be traced to the British. It was the name given to a night watchman, a man who literally carried a lantern in the 17th century. It also was the nickname for bizarre flickering lights seen at night over wetlands or peat bogs and mistaken for fairies or ghosts.

By the mid- 1800s, a "turnip lantern" had its name changed to jack-o'-lantern. Young boys used the hollowed-out and lit-up gourds to spook people. Irish legend says that the jack-o'-lantern was named after a guy called Stingy Jack. He thought he had tricked the devil, but it was the devil who had his way. He condemned Jack to an eternity of wandering the planet

with only an ember of hellfire for light. The tradition was brought by immigrants to North America, where pumpkins were first used for Halloween decorations. The mushroom *Omphalotus olearius*, which is a poisonous orange fungus is also called jack-o'-lantern.

Here are some spooky words for Halloween:

Nyctophobia: An abnormal fear of darkness. If haunted houses send chills down your spine, you possess nyctophobia

Sepulchral: It refers to anything or pertaining to burial. Many things can be sepulchral: the deep and hollow tone of bells, a cold draft of wind that ruffles your hair.

Berserk: It is a term usually associated with zombies. When a person becomes crazy, deranged, overtaken by a violent destructive frenzy, he or she is said to have gone berserk.

Lycanthrope: A werewolf or alien spirit in the physical form of a bloodthirsty wolf. A psychiatric condition where a person believes he or she is a wolf is called lycanthropy as well.

A short story: 'A Grave Encounter'

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Staff Writer

"Five, four, three, two. Do you know what happens after one?"

All around me was an assortment of bright lights and dulled noises. The colors sorted and the sounds faded away, long enough for me to get my bearings. I was disoriented, lying back against the ground. Above me stood a figure hidden in the shadows.

Again I heard, "Do you know? Do you know what happens at the end of a countdown?"

I struggled to move, but I felt an unseen force restrain me. The figure repeated the question, this time with more force.

"What happens when someone counts down to one?"

I stammered, struggling to figure out where I was.

"Something.. begins."

"Perhaps, Jonathan, perhaps."

Jonathan? How did

this man know who I was. I struggled to peer further into the dark, but his face was just barely out of my line of vision. The hidden man continued his statement.

"Or, Jonathan, perhaps something ends."

"Ends? What's ending?"

The figure emitted a disturbingly low chuckle.

"All things end, my dear boy. All things. Life ends. Even your life, too, will end."

This was absurd. I felt panic begin to grow deep within me. Hours ago I had been sitting in a restaurant with my fiance, fumbling with a delicate engagement ring in my pocket, and now I was restrained on the ground.. somewhere... with some unknown person. I struggled to get up, throwing my body against this invisible force, but I was only able to raise my head slightly off the ground.

Without warning, I felt a sharp pain on my cheek, as if fingernails were scratched across my face.

"It's best if you do not resist."

Suddenly I fell. Only a couple feet, but enough for the lights to begin to cloud my vision once more. Suddenly the figure became clearer, framed with a rectangle. I realized,

then, that I had fallen beneath the earth, and all that kept me in touch with humanity was the small space above me.

I had fallen into a grave.

I began to scream, but my lips allowed no noise to come forth. The figure knelt at the edge of the opening, and finally I could see his face. However, there was no face to be seen, simply a pale oval surrounded by stringy black hair.

The figure began to count down once more.

"Five, four, three, two, one." And immediately I knew what would happen after one. Dirt begin to shower over me, and I felt darkness close in.

I awoke, gasping for air. These nightmares had haunted me for weeks. I struggled out from underneath the tangled sheets and made my way to the bathroom. I paused at the mirror due to my reflection, and saw that three trails of blood ran across my cheek. I leaned in further to get a better look, fear beginning to swell in my stomach. As I looked nearer to my face, I saw a figure move in the background. I turned to see a face. Not a face, but a pale oval with stringy hair.

"Three, two, one." And a crooked, evil grin appeared on the figure's face.



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SPORTS

Volleyball loses to Savage Storm, Bentsen wins defensive award

Northwestern Oklahoma State University (14-7, 7-4 GAC) could not fend off the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State Saturday night as the Rangers lost in five sets 2-3 (25-18, 21-25, 23-25, 25-19, and 12-15).

Northwestern was led by sophomore Asia Pipkin who finished with 21 kills and 13 digs. Junior Ashanti Banks also added to the offensive attack of Northwestern finishing with 18 kills. Sophomore Elisa Bentsen finished the night with 10 kills and 8 total blocks. Leading the Rangers defensively were Alina Fierro, who totaled 26 digs, and Megan Hentschke

who tallied 16 digs. Suka Tafao also added 44 total assists.

The Rangers found themselves in a close battle in set one as both teams exchanged leads for the majority of the beginning of the match. Multiple Rangers found open space on the Southeastern court and were able to build a small lead late in the set. Northwestern sealed set one on a 5-0 run led by kills from Bentsen and Pipkin.

The Savage Storm was able to jet out to a small lead early in set number two leading 8-11. The Rangers battled back and tied the

set up at 18-18 through their relentless attack. Several errors by Northwestern late in the set gave Southeastern the edge taking the set 21-25.

Northwestern Oklahoma had control of set three several different occasions but attack errors were the downfall of the Rangers. Northwestern could not hold onto leads they built having led the Savage Storm as much as 5 points at various times in the set. While the Rangers fought back it was too little too late and Southeastern claimed set number three 23-25.

The Rangers came out fierce in set four taking control of the momentum and gaining a comfortable lead at 14-8 aided by kills from Banks and multiple errors on the Southeastern end. The Savage Storm never recovered in the set as Northwestern made sure they would force a decisive set five, taking set four 25-21 thanks to the outside attack of Pipkin and Banks.

Set five started out with both teams battling close trying to gain an edge on each other. Back to Back attack errors by the Rangers



Photo courtesy of riderangersride.com

led to a 5-7 deficit to the Savage Storm. The Rangers just could not recover as Southeastern built a 7-12 lead and never looked back taking the final and decisive set 12-15.

Elisa Bentsen was named the Great American Conference Defensive Player of the Week Tuesday. This is the first GAC Defensive Player of the Week honor for Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Bentsen – a sophomore middle blocker from Hesperia, California, was the conference's top defensive player for the week of Oct. 20-26. She was a large part of the Rangers success during

the week as Northwestern posted a 1-1 record. Elisa broke her own school record against East Central for total blocks, totaling 12 for the match. Bentsen also added eight blocks against Southeastern Oklahoma State giving her an impressive 2.22 blocks per set in two matches.

"She certainly was deserving of this honor for her strong defensive play this past week" Coach Krieger commented. "Elisa's blocking has been a great contributor to our success so far"

Bentsen also added 17 kills in the two matches with a .316 hitting percentage during the week for the Rangers.



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Women's golf takes 3rd place in OPSU Invitational Monday

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women finished the NWOSU-OPSU Invitational in third place after a 729 team score for the two rounds.

Skylar Arnold wasn't far from placing in the tournament, finishing in sixth place after rounds of 87-86 for a two-round total of 173.

Ami Adkisson and Shanell Hensley finished very close together in eighth and 10th place out of 28 players.

Freshman Olivia Brock (98-94—192) ended the tournament in 17th place and in fourth on the team.

Klarissa Vela rounded out

the Rangers' scoring with a total of 212 to finish in 25th place overall in the final tournament of the fall.

Following a 30 stroke lead on day one, Kansas Wesleyan continued the dominant performance on day two, finishing 33 strokes ahead of second place Southern Arkansas.

Kamie Rush of KWU also went wire-to-wire to finish as the top medalist in the NWOSU-OPSU Invitational.

The tournament today is the last time the Rangers will take the course this fall, and will tee it up again in the spring.



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Men's golf finishes fall season after Invitation



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Following a nine year drought, Northwestern Oklahoma State hosted a tournament, this time being played at Boiling Springs Golf Club. The Ranger men posted a 324 total on day one and is currently sitting in fifth place.

Ryan Shumaker had a very solid performance on day one, firing a 74 to lead the way for the black-and-red. Shumaker's 74 is currently one stroke back

of the leaders and is in a tie for fifth.

Taylor Lehman shot a round of 78 and is currently placed in 11th by himself after the first 18.

Drew Sims also made the 70's as he turned in a 79 on his round placing him right behind teammate, Lehman for 12th.

Brothers, Brennan and Trevor Montgomery were the next two in for the Rangers,

shooting rounds of 84 and 87 respectively.

Corey Brewer rounded out the team scoring with a 91.

The other two Northwestern individuals, Marc Major and Brandon Jones finished the day with an 88 and 90, finishing in 27th and 30th respectively.

St. Gregory's and Southern Arkansas are in a battle for the top team spot as they were only separated by six shots, after a 296 and a 302 by the two teams.

There is currently a four-way tie at the top of the leaderboard individually, with Bobby Stone and Cody Gannon of SGU and George Adams and Dalton Johnson of SAU all firing 73.

The Northwestern-Panhandle State Invitational will conclude tomorrow afternoon, following the final 18 holes.



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Rangers soccer falls to Bison at home

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Student Reporter

Just 48 hours removed from a dominant 6-1 victory over conference opponent Ouachita Baptist on Thursday, the Northwestern Rangers took on the Bison of Harding University for the second time this season.

The Rangers looked to find similar success to the OBU game, but a "lack of effort," as head coach Kasey Mahaffey put it, left them with a 2-1 loss.

The first game between the Bison and Rangers earlier in the season was a heartbreaker as the Bison were able to get the go-ahead goal with just 30 seconds left in the game. That earlier loss and the recent dominant victory gave the Rangers an incentive to try and silence the Harding Bison at home.

The Alva Sports Complex had plenty of fans in the stands from both teams on what was a very hot and sunny Saturday

afternoon. When play began, the Bison were in full control early on but the Rangers defense was on point with help from senior Kaitlyn O'Toole and sophomore goalie Briana Legaspi.

After a mishandled save by Legaspi, however, Bison Carley Stevens was able to take the shot and give Harding a 1-0 lead early in the ninth minute. The goal may have rattled the Rangers early on but they remained in pursuit for the equalizer. Despite their six shots at the goal though, the Rangers were unable to get one past Bison goalie Kailyn Miller in the first half.

Miller finished with four saves in the first half. Ranger Legaspi finished the half with three saves.

When the second half got underway, the Rangers went on the attack. The attack though left the defense vulnerable to a counterattack by the Bison. After a missed call on the Bison by the head official, Harding was able

to get downfield and attack the goal once again. The Rangers hustled to get back on defense but committed a foul in the process.

The foul set up a penalty kick for the Bison. Bison Audrey Adkinson who was able to get it by Ranger Legaspi to put the Bison up by two at the 61-minute mark.

With five minutes remaining in the game, the Rangers went on another attack. At the 87-minute mark, Ranger Jessica Lynch conceded a corner kick to teammate Alyssa Williams, who was then able to get her header shot past Bison Miller to close the lead to one.

The Rangers had several more good chances to tie the game up in the closing minutes, but found their shots either off the mark or in the Bison goalie's hands.

Mahaffey said during the closing moments, "We are having our chances, now we have

to finish them."

Unfortunately, the Rangers were unable to finish any of their chances and found themselves falling to the Harding Bison 2-1 yet again.

Northwestern finished with 17 total shots, seven on goal, and

Legaspi with six total saves.

The Rangers were back in action Tuesday as they played the lady Chaparrals of Lubbock Christian University in preparation for today's game against Rival Southwestern, the Rangers' last game of the season.



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Rangers football devastated in Durant

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH
Sports Editor

Northwestern took a devastating defeat last weekend on the road against the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, falling 45-7.

Throughout recent match-ups this season, Northwestern (1-7, 1-7 GAC) has struggled dramatically to find structure offensively to produce the momentum and scoring needed against Great American Conference opponents.

Southeastern came out a bit slow early during the first quarter of play, as the Savage Storm turned the ball over on a three-and-out situation. Shortly after, Northwestern obtained first possession at the 14:05 mark in the first quarter, but could not get anything going offensively as Ranger quarterback Ty Hooper had his troubles under center finding any open receivers. Hooper started against the Savage Storm after being the backup quarterback to Reid

Miller, who returned from an injury against the Tigers of East Central University on homecoming.

Southeastern quickly retaliated on a Northwestern turnover as Delvon Wortham of the Savage Storm took a handoff from the 49-yard line and scampered into the end zone to give Southeastern an early 7-0 lead.

With the Savage Storm running the ball effectively early in the first quarter, Northwestern needed to return the favor. On the next possession, Hooper lined up under center for the Rangers as he took the snap and handed it off to Northwestern running back Zachary Doyle for a long 25-yard gain. Despite Northwestern's offensive struggles, Hooper and Doyle led the Rangers in a 75-yard drive that resulted in an early score for the Rangers to tie Southeastern 7-7 at the end of the first quarter. Doyle scored the only Ranger touchdown with a run from the Northwestern 21-yard line.

While Northwestern only contributed seven offensive points for the day, Southeastern took advantage of Ranger mistakes on defense as the

Savage Storm played phenomenally at the secondary and linebacker positions. During the first possession of the second quarter, Southeastern did not take long to get back on the board as they scored again on a short pass play to gain a quick 14-7 lead. Hooper fumbled the snap at the 33-yard line, giving the Savage Storm another opportunity for a score. With only three minutes left in the second quarter, Southeastern capitalized with another touchdown, giving the Savage Storm a 21-7 lead. Plays later, Southeastern gained more momentum on its next three drives scoring three more touchdowns, making it 42-7 at intermission.

Coming out to start the second half, the Northwestern defense were able to cause some catastrophe at the line of scrimmage to slow down Southeastern's offense. Unfortunately, the Savage Storm were able to make its adjustments on offense during the third quarter, but the Ranger defensive unit provided a late spark in the third and fourth quarters to slow down the Savage Storm offense. However, toward the

end of the fourth quarter, Southeastern scored once more on a field goal attempt, which gave the Savage Storm a winning 45-7 score.

Four Northwestern defenders had marvelous performances against Southeastern. Linebacker Alex Hemberger had a career-high 19 solo tackles on the day, while Devin Peyton, Theodis Williams and Teofilio Freeman Jr each recorded 10 tackles.

Northwestern's offensive numbers were insignificant once again, as the Rangers only combined 236 yards of total offense against the Savage Storm. Southeastern ended the game dismantling the Rangers with 422 yards of total offense.

Northwestern will have a bye this weekend, but will take the field one last time at home against conference opponent Southern Nazarene University.



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