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TODAY'S DALE IN HISTORY

In 1935, the company Parker Brothers acquired the first patents that would become the popular board game "Monopoly".





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Miss Northwestern, Outstanding Teen crowned Sunday



Photo Provided
Miss Northwestern Chelsay Adams (right), Outstanding Teen Abigail Billings (left) and Miss Northwestern Star Kylie Adair (front) posing after winning.

Senior Mass Communications major from Woodward Chelsay Adams was named Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2015 during the annual Miss Northwestern Pageant on Sunday. Abigail Billings of Woodward was crowned as Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen.

Adams sang "Let Me Be Your Star," and her platform is "Crowns 4 A Cure." Billings performed a jazz dance to "Americano" and promoted her platform,
"Cyberbullying-There
IS Something You Can
Do!"

Included in the night was a People's Choice vote where voters had the opportunity to put \$1 in for whomever they chose. Miss contestant and Oklahoma City junior Cortney Lofton and teen contestant Natalie Nell of Tulsa won those awards and received a prize.

Adams will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship as Miss Northwestern. When Billings attends college at Northwestern, she will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship as well.

Kylie Adair of Alva, the Miss Northwestern Star, will accompany Adams to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant in Tulsa in June.

Lofton also was named first runner-up. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship. She also won the Jordan Gaskill Scholar Award, a \$100 cash scholarship from Robert and Patti Gaskill. Gaskill held the Miss Northwestern title in 2007 and 2009, and this scholarship went to the Miss participant with the highest grade point average.

Kelsey Castle, Jet freshman, was named second runnerup. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship.

Nell was named the first runner-up in the Teen portion of the pageant and Rylee Clonts of Piedmont was second runnerup. Each runner-up in the Teen category will receive a tuition scholarship if they choose Northwestern as their school of choice for college.

Contestants in the both pageants were judged in talent, interview, lifestyle and fitness and onstage questions categories. Each contestant in both the Miss and Teen categories will receive cash participation scholarship awards.

Victoria Kimbrell, Enid freshman, also competed in the Miss Northwestern pageant along with Alva natives Mattie Flanagan of Jet, Brenli Brown of Enid, Morgan Money of Edmond, Liberty Bird, Meghan Webb and Landry Gaddy in the Teen contest.

Other contestants for the Miss Northwestern Star program included Karleigh Decker, Presley Reim and Kamryn Baggs.

Northwestern welcomes seniors to annual Ranger Preview

By NATALIE SACKET
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is currently gearing up for one of its largest recruitment events of the year, Ranger Preview. This Saturday hundreds of high school seniors will be welcomed onto campus to learn more about Northwestern.

The event is designed to inform potential Northwestern students about the university and the opportunities available on campus. High school seniors will have the chance to visit with professors, faculty, and current students about their experiences at the university. The visitors will go on campus and dorm tours, learn about campus organizations and meet with various departments. All

participants will also receive a free lunch and tickets to the football game against Southern Nazarene at 2 p.m. Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m., and President Cunningham will begin the event with a welcome statement at 10 a.m.

"It's a great opportunity to show the many positive opportunities that Northwestern has in store for its students," said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs.

While this is a very beneficial event for high school seniors, dozens of Northwestern students and faculty participate in the event as well. Organizations and students get the opportunity to speak about personal experiences with the organizations and clubs they

participate in. Department members also get the chance to inform seniors about the many various programs and opportunities offered at the university.

"It's a really incredible event, as I get to see students,

administrators, faculty, and staff at Northwestern come together as a cohesive family in order to show their pride for our university. We realize the positive impact that this event can have on future students," Mosburg said.



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OPINION

Editor's Note: Special issue this week for colored sports page

This week's the layout will be a little different than most weeks. Entertainment can be found on page 4 and Sports can be found on color page 5. Student life has been moved to page 7.

Real American issues require real action



By CHRIS AGBOLA

Columnist

What makes headlines nowadays is ISIS or ISIL, Ebola and American gun attacks.

Whether you call it Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or Islamic State of Iraq and Levant is not the point. About two weeks ago, three teenage Denver girls were en route to Syria to pledge their allegiance to the terrorist group but were intercepted in Germany.

I don't know what could be more serious than this. According to the girls, it was via social media that they get into contact with the group. Over the months past, videos of journalists being beheaded were all over the Internet. The interesting fact is that, this societal plight is dealt with as well on the basis of political correctness. The terrorists claim they are the charting this course of gruesome barbarism because the U.S has failed to withdraw its troops from Iraq. They vowed to take their cruelty to a higher pedestal.

That not being enough, Ebola is also extending its territory, moving into other states. Interesting huh? From

other states. Interesting huh? From Texas into New York and New Jersey, it's on. A lot is been talked about, but how much exactly is being done? Well, the nurse who was infected has survived the virus. Awesome, but the main focus must be its eradication entirely on American soil.

The other issue is gun attacks, which I call the "American terrorism" of the day. "American terrorism" is the avoidable deaths that result from folks acting inappropriately with their firearms. The most sufferers of this are minors. I wouldn't want to go into the statistics of the kids the U.S has

lost just over a few months due to kids killing kids or gunmen breaking into schools to harm kids. My submission has nothing to do with pro- or anti-Second Amendment feelings. Every law in the American Constitution has a reason. Folks could own guns, but could there be policies to make them safer so the country does not lose any more of the younger generation, the future of the nation?

ISIS kills Americans in their territory and we all speak ill of their acts. How about a 13-year-old who takes his dad's weapon and goes to school to harm his or her friends? Could that not be likened to the act committed by an ISIS terrorist? After all, isn't it all murder? Just saying...

Usually, younger folks are uninterested in some of the civil liberties. They stick to their own priorities while the decisions and laws by the stakeholders mostly weigh on them. The issues I outlined are just a few of the challenges plaguing the country.

It is through political leadership that some of their concerns can be curbed and harnessed. I urge you all (especially the college students) to be more involved in county, state and national issues to the best of your capacity. Your involvement could help a great deal to remediate some of the current challenges. An all-inclusive leadership is one that outweighs problems and is progressive.

Columnist celebrates the return of the NBA



By CHRIS PUNTO

Columnist

Finally! The moment that all of us have secretly been waiting for! Basketball season is back! For months I've been biting my tongue and pretending I cared about football season while looking at my phone to see who got traded to what team during the off-season, which was intense, but we will get there.

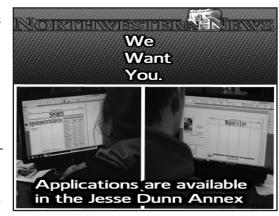
This season is possibly going to be one of the best ones in a long time. With the off-season being so crazy, how could it not? As most, if not all, of you know, LeBron James has gone back to Cleveland to play for the Cavaliers and Kevin Love followed. Being a true Heat fan and not a bandwagon fan, this did not make me happy. Other big decisions included Carmelo Anthony staying in New York and Pau Gasol going to Chicago to play for the

All of this comes down to an amazing

season. So let's look at the contenders. We clearly have the defending champions. The San Antonio Spurs, whose fundamental style of play and amazing sense of teamwork makes them a real threat, are in the running for another championship. Then we have the Cavaliers and their new Big 3. One underdog that I have hope for is the Miami Heat. They aren't what they used to be,

but with players like Chris Bosh and Luoi Deng stepping up, and key performances by Dwyane Wade, this team could still go all the way. And if you don't believe me then look at it this way. The Heat won their first three games. The Cavs lost their first. That's not an indicator that they will lose all season, but it is a set back.

It all comes down to this; it's about time. The NBA is starting to find a sense of balance between the East and the West Conferences. Stronger teams are emerging in the east to combat the dominant west. That mixed with all of the other sports stuff I've talked about makes for an eventful regular season leading to an epic playoff series to match last years, and I can't wait.



WHAT'S UP?

CORE hosts hour-long Skype session with eco-activist Peter Galvin

By BENJAMIN FOX Student Reporter

The CORE club, Conserving Our Ranger Environment, will host an hour-long Skype session at noon Friday with eco-activist Peter Galvin who has participated in world-wide campaigns to preserve biological diversity.

The hour-long Skype session will be held across all NWOSU campuses in Alva EC 209, Enid E 221, Woodward WW 114 and Ponca City PC 130. Lunch will be provided on the Alva and Enid campuses, but attendants are asked to bring their own non-disposable plates and drinks.

Galvin, co-founder and director of programs for the Center for Biological Diversity, is a longtime friend of CORE club sponsor Steven Mackie. "We go far back," Mackie said, "I've known Peter for 20 years." As part of a presentation series CORE hosts every semester, Mackie sought out Galvin for his work with the Center for

Biological Diversity.

Founded in 1989, The Center for Biological Diversity, according to their mission statement, works "to secure a future for all species, great and small... with a focus on protecting the lands, waters and climate that species need to survive. We want those who come after us to inherit a world where the wild is still alive."

A strong eco-activist, Galvin recently participated in The People's Climate March in New York Sept. 21, which is being hailed as "the largest environmental march of its kind," boasting an impressive 400,000 head count. The march acted as a lead-in to the U.N. Climate Summit Sept. 23, in which Galvin also participated. An unprecedented number of world leaders, including 100 heads of state and government, attended that event. They were joined by more than 800 leaders from

business, finance and civil society." It aimed to build support for a universal climate agreement in 2015 and spur action in all countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and deal with the effects of climate change.

Galvin
also attended
the subsequent
Flood Wall Street
protest. For both
events, Galvin
attended in a polar
bear suit.

With the alias "Frostpaw the Polar Bear," Galvin showed his sup-

port for both marches, and even ended up being arrested for the sit-in at the Flood Wall Street protest for being "conspicuous." His arrest became a viral sensation, where social media users said, "Protesters booed police

CORE

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Peter Galvin

The "Polar Bear" who participated in the recent

U.N. People's Climate March in

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when it was in the process of arresting a man dressed as a bear, chanting 'Don't arrest the polar bear!'" During the Q and A part of the Skype session, Mackie hopes to learn why Galvin wore the costume.

For more information

on CORE or the upcoming speaker, contact Curtis Cook, coordinator of Sponsored Programs and staff sponsor of CORE, at cwcook@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8110, or Mackie at swmackie@nwosu.edu or (580) 213-3121.

Students share their topics for Ranger Research Day

By JOSELYN GONZALES Student Reporter

Entry forms for Ranger Research Day are due Nov. 11.

Entries for posters or paper presentations are welcomed from all academic topics. They should be submitted to the office of Shawn Holiday, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English, in EC 103. Students can obtain an entry form on

the Ranger Research Day website at www.nwosu.edu/ranger-reserch-day. Students can also contact Holiday at 580-327-8589 or by email at spholiday@nwosu.edu.

Ranger Research Day will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in the Student Center Ballroom.

The event is an opportunity for graduate students, undergraduate students, and

faculty and staff to share research that they have done on a topic of their choosing.

During Ranger Research
Day students get to share with
the community of Alva, professors and other students about a
topic they have researched. It
can be a topic they have researched for a class or a topic
students have researched on their

Students create a poster containing information about the research that they have done. Posters will need to include a brief abstract, a short introduction, aim or aims of the research, results., and discussion. Students can also choose not to do a poster and do an academic research paper instead, and participants will read their papers. Paper

presentations, which will consist of reading the research paper aloud, should not exceed 20 minutes, which is roughly 8-10 pages of text. Students can do their research over any subject they choose as long as they have a faculty sponsor.

NWOSU has always seen response to Ranger Research Day. Last year Northwestern had 50 presenters on various topics. Holiday, who oversees Ranger Research Day said, "We're hoping to have as many students as we had last year, if not more to present."

Holiday said he thinks this is a great opportunity for students, and it would look good on students' resumes. Holiday said, "It's really good, especially for students who plan to go on to graduate school because it looks good on resumes and it shows that students have research experience and that they have worked with a professor. There is data that shows that undergraduate students who do research with a professor are less likely to drop out of school because they form relationships with their professors and see them more as a mentor."

Any student who presents during Ranger Research day will also get the opportunity to present at Oklahoma Research day, when students from other Oklahoma colleges and universities present their research. Oklahoma Research Day will be in March at Northeastern.



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ENTERTAINMENT



By CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET

Columnists

Fall is now upon us, students. It's time to set back your clocks and watch bloody war movies. No, just us? Okay, well our pick this week is:

"Fury (2014)"
Natalie's Review:



4 Grenades out of 5
"Fury" is an intense
drama, one sure to leave you
down in the dumps for about
three hours after its dramatic
(and depressing) close.
That being said, through
the grit, gore and grime of
this storyline, "Fury" is a
great quality film. It serves
not only as a film, but as a
reminder of those who have
sacrificed their lives in order

for us to be here today.

The acting was intense and believable, with Logan Lerman and Brad Pitt in contrasting, yet strong, roles. The levels played by both actors carried this film. Also, props to Shia LeBeouf for taking the paper bag off of his head and carrying a strong role as well. There is a true sense of camaraderie conveyed to the audience, magnified by an all-around strong cast.

My biggest complaint about this film was Chris leaning over at the start of the movie and RUINING THE WHOLE FILM FOR ME. I kid you not, he whispered who lives and who dies during it. Go watch this film, but definitely not with Chris.

Also, don't go watch this with Little Jimmy or Jane ... or any children, actually. This film is bloody and gory. BEWARE ALL YE SQUEAMISH. There is also a substantial amount of violence and cursing, though I'm not sure what else is to be expected from a rated-R war movie. War is hell, and "Fury" gives a glimpse of that.

While the amount of gore may make your stomach do a couple of somersaults, it also presents a very real, very grim face of war. Set in 1945 on the front in Germany, this film presents very real events in a very real manner. The filming captured the essence of loss and pain in a very captivating way. That being said, there was not true sense of closure at the end. Then again, could a subject such as war, with thousands of lives being taken, ever leave one with a sense of peace?

Bottom Line: This is a beautifully constructed film pertaining to true events.

Though I wouldn't suggest it as a feel-good movie, it's worth your time as a quality film that takes a glimpse of the harsh realities of war to the next level.

Chris' Review:



2 total bombs out of 5
This week I guess
we decided to rewatch
"Inglorious Bastards." Oops!
Wait a second. We saw a
different movie? Are you
sure? Well okay, if you say
so. This week we watched
"Fury," another war movie
with Brad Pitt in it. Just a
heads-up: This review will
probably be a little boring
because the higher-ups want
me to try something new.
Here we go.

"Fury," which has an all-star cast in my opinion, features the likes of Brad Pitt, Logan Lerman, Shia LeBeouf, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal. This film was very well cast, with each role accomplishing what it was set out to do, whether it was to be the war-roughened veteran, or the young recruit who is afraid of everything, with a mind that has been broken from the gruesome sights of war. However, this acting was the film's saving grace.

I would try to tell you what the plot is about, but I don't really think I can. The film was about a tank and World War II. That's all I can really get out of it. The ending was not anything special. I walked out of the theater feeling emptier than when I came in. There is no closure. The argument is that there is no closure in war and that is what the film set out to show, but does that mean that I have to ponder on whether I should have spent \$5 to figure this out? I don't know what this film set out to do, but if you can't figure it out after watching the movie, isn't it safe to say they failed?

If my colleague, Natalie, would be more educated on funny movies, I might have had a good time talking about how those "natzis" needed to

die. She's clearly one of those girls who read Jane Austin and cried herself to sleep in high school and never saw "Inglorious Bastards." Instead, I had to keep all my clever comments to myself. Another aspect of this movie that kind of killed me a little inside is seeing Logan Lerman use such harsh swear words. When I was younger, Lerman became Percy Jackson permanently in my mind after portraying him in the film "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief." Now I can't even finish the new Percy Jackson book without seeing Lerman killing Nazis and cussing like a sailor.

Bottom Line: I recommend you go see this movie, but for the simple reason that I don't want to take business away from the good people at Rialto. That being said, if you could care less about providing business for your local movie theater, wait for the DVD. I'm sure that everyone has that battleready buddy who buys every military movie because they are red-blooded "'Merican." Wait for him to buy it and then watch it.







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SPORTS

Cross country beats personal time records, set new school record



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Sterlin Broomfield (left) and Brittany Urban (right) finishing their runs and beating both personal and school records.

By TRENTON JUDD Student Reporter

By both team and personal measures, this has been a successful year for the Northwestern cross country

The team has competed in seven meets in four states. Out of the seven meets the team has competed at Coach Jeremy Jones pointed out that "two of the best meets we competed at this year were the Chili Pepper Fest and the Fort Hays State Tiger Open." The Chili Pepper Fest in Fayetteville, Ark. was the fourth meet this year and according to Jones "many of the team members that attended that meet were able to leave with some new personal run times."

The Fort Hays State Tiger Open in Hays, Kan. was the sixth meet of the year and it turned out to be a very good meet for the cross country team. Jones said, "It was a great day overall and we had eight people that set a new personal run time for themselves."

Three members of the track team set new records for Northwestern. The men's cross country record was 27 minutes and 16 seconds, but

Sterlin Broomfield broke this record by a running time of 27 minutes and 8 seconds. The women's cross country record was 19 minutes and 58 seconds, but two of Northwestern's cross country runners beat this record. The first was Brittany Urban, who had a time of 19 minutes and 44 seconds. Urban said, "I feel really honored to have broken the school record. I think that it is so great to be acknowledged for something that you love doing." The second runner to beat the school record was Willow Gahr, who had a time of 19 minutes and 46 seconds. Gahr said, "The only idea that I had going into this race was to finish and before the race started I was pumped up and ready to go. When I found out what my time was I turned to Brittany and cried because I was so happy that I did that

Northwestern's cross country team will have their last meet Saturday at the GAC Championships in Ada, Okla. Jones said, "Even though we have one meet to go I would say the cross country team has achieved their goal for this year, but a personal goal that I always like to have in mind is to keep moving forward."

Rodeo does well at home

By SARAH OTTO Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's rodeo team put on the Alva college rodeo this past weekend.

The women's team finished the weekend third overall and the men's team finished second overall. The Rangers had a competitor make it back to the short (championship) round in six of the nine events.

The only rough stock rider to make it back to the short round was Weston Wilson. who is a bull rider. In the long round he had a score of 60, and in the short round he unfortunately had a no-score. Wilson ended up sixth overall for the weekend.

In tie-down roping event, Northwestern had two cowboys make it back, Hayden Pearce and Maverick Harper. Pearce has a time of 9.0 in the long round and suffered a no-time in the short round. Pearce ended up splitting fourth for the weekend. Harper's time of 10.6 in the long round brought him back to the short round, where he had a time of 10.5. leaving him ninth overall for the weekend.

In steer wrestling, JD Stuxness, Brock White and Grayson Allred made it back to the short round representing Northwestern. Struxness had a time of 4.1 in the long go and a time of 3.5 in the short go, which made him end up first overall for the weekend. White's long go time was a 5.0 and he had a short go time of 4.0, finishing second overall. Allred had a long go time of 5.4 and a short go time of 7.1, which left him behind the pack in the overall standings.

In team roping, four Northwestern cowboys made it back to the short round -- Wade Perry, Hayden Pearce, Dalton Richards and Stephen Culling. Perry and Pearce roped together with Pearce on the head side and Perry on the heel side and had a long go time of 6.7 and a short go time of 6.5, finishing fourth overall for the weekend. With Richards on the head side and



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Ben Whiddon from Southeastern Oklahoma State University on the heel side they had a time of 6.9 in the long round and a 10.9 in the short, round making them sixth overall for the weekend. Culling was on the head side for Dalton Davis of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and they ended up with a 7.2 in the long round and had a no-time in the short round

In the women's event of breakaway roping, Northwestern had three cowgirls make it to the short round. Shayna Miller had a time of 3.0 in the long round and a no-time in the short round. Karley Kile had a 2.4 in the long round and a 2.5 in the short round, leaving her first overall for the weekend. Taige Trent had a time of 2.3 in the long round and a 4.4 in the short round, finishing second overall for the

In goat tying, Shayna Miller, Elli Price and Karley Kile all represented Northwestern in the short round. Miller had a time of 7.6 in the long round and 8.5 in the short round, ending up 10th overall for the prepare us by having jackpots and round and a 8.1 in the short round,

finishing her weekend at seventh overall. Kile had a 7.0 in the long round and a no-time in the short round, leaving her sixth overall for the weekend.

Northwestern had contenders in both men's and women's all-around. Hayden Pearce was second in men's all-around and Karley Kile was the women's all-around champion.

Kile, a senior from Overbrook, Kans. majoring in biology, swept the breakaway roping, made it to the short round in goat tying, and was the all-around women's champion of the rodeo. She said, "I felt great about my weekend. I finally stepped up on my roping. Kody brought an excellent pen of calves and I took advantage of them. I switched up goat tying horses because I wasn't clicking with the other one and it really helped me win the long round. I didn't draw a very good goat in my short round but my points from the long round helped me win the all-around. I always feel the homecourt advantage in the Alva dome. Stockton and Kody do their best to weekend. Price had a 7.5 in the long practice in there the week before the rodeo."





SPORTS

Soccer pounds the bulldogs in final game

By NICK VILLALOBOS Student Reporter

Rangers soccer grabbed a 2-1 win against rival Southwestern Oct. 30 as seven seniors said goodbye after their last game in a Ranger uniform.

Seniors Kaitlyn O'Toole, Ellen Trotter, Emily Witty, Sarah Witty, Andrea Thompson, Courtney Herian and Pati Iranzo made up seven of the 11 starters last week against the Bulldogs. Friends, family and many Northwestern fans and faculty were in attendance to honor the seniors on Senior Day.

Each senior received a bouquet of flowers and a picture signed by all their teammates from head coach Kasey Mahaffey and assistant coach Brittany Bunch before play got underway. As the special moment came to an end, both coaches told the girls "Game time girls, game time."

Northwestern was facing the Bulldogs for the second time this season. They fought to a 0-0 draw after 120 minutes in the first game. This game would have the Rangers prevailing over the Bulldogs for the first time under coach Mahaffey.

When play began in the first half, it was mirror image of game one between the two. Both teams went back and forth as neither was able to finish their shots.

With only a 1:30 left in the first half, Ranger O'Toole was able to get her midfield shot to just bounce over Southwestern goalie Courtney Flores and straight into the net, breaking the 0-0 deadlock. After the game, O'Toole said, "I honestly did not know how to react. I was so overjoyed. It was kind of

hard to take it all in. I just wanted to stand there and take in every ounce of sweat, blood, tears and everything else I've shed on that field for that game."

As play continued after halftime, the Rangers took full control of the game. Just two minutes into the half, Ranger Arlet Polack made a diving header that was set up by a cross from the Rangers leading scorer for the season, Leidiane Capobianco. The goal from Polack lengthened the Rangers lead to 2-0.

After the goal, Rangers Capobianco, Alyssa Williams and Polack again had several great shots on the goal throughout the remainder of the half. Each one of the shots though was either denied by Bulldog Flores or just off the mark.

With three minutes remaining in the second half, coach Mahaffey subbed in the remainder of the seniors who were subbed out earlier in the game.

"It was bittersweet," said seniors Emily and Sarah Witty.

The Bulldogs were able to get a goal of their own late in the half. It was too little, too late for Southwestern though. The Rangers managed to close out their season with a 2-1 victory over rival Southwestern.

The Rangers finished with an 8-7-3 overall record. "I felt like the season went really well," said Mahaffey after the game, "finishing 8-7-3 was awesome. I feel like we started off strong then hit a rough patch there in the middle of the season. Then towards the end it was good to see my girls fight back to start playing the way we are capable of playing." It was Mahaffey's first winning season as head coach for the Rangers.

In the time following the game, the seniors shared their thoughts and also memories during their time playing at Northwestern.

O'Toole said her favorite memory was "getting to endure long, painful, tiring hours with a group of girls that I'll never forget." She also added, "Being at Northwestern has taught me that you keep fighting no matter what the outcomes are."

"It has been a great experience, from playing with the girls

to playing under Coach (Mahaffey). It has all been great," said Herian. "All of it was a great memory with the soccer girls. Also, of course the win against Southwestern was great as well," Herian added.

"Our entire life has revolved around soccer. I loved having my family there with me to see me start and end my career on a high note with a winning season and victory against our rival. I am sad it is over, but I am excited to start a new chapter as well," said Sarah Witty.

Emily Witty said, "I was excited to play in front of my family, but sad that it was my last time to play with my teammates. My favorite memory playing soccer here would have to be scoring my two goals against Newman my junior year to get the school's first Division II win in soccer. The excitement on the girls' faces to get that win made me feel so great."

"It has had its ups and downs,

but many more ups than downs," said Thompson. "Winning as many games as we did this year made it a great last year to remember. Everyone worked really hard and put in a lot of effort." Her favorite memory at Northwestern was the trips that the team would take; "The bus rides, getting to go to a Brantley Gilbert concert, seeing the Cardinals play in Missouri and stepping on the field with my teammates were all times that are truly unforgettable."

Trotter said, "Playing soccer throughout the years here at Northwestern has given me a unique experience I wouldn't have been able to get otherwise. My favorite memory would have to be this year on our away trips. The bus rides were always entertaining."

Iranzo said that her favorite memory is "just spending time with this group of girls that I will never forget. Playing here at Northwestern has been an awesome experience."

"It is always a very sad day when it comes to the seniors' last day," Mahaffey said. "You form a bond with them so it is hard to see them go, especially after seeing these girls every day for the last four years.

"I have a specific memory that I will never forget with each of the seniors. As a whole though I will never forget the look on their faces when we held practice in the snow; that was priceless."

Mahaffey had some words of encouragement for them as well. "The seniors will be greatly missed and even if it is just from the sidelines, they are still all a part of this team. They left an imprint on this team and my advice is to always stay involved one way or another with your love of the sport."



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Basketball tickets available

Basketball season is upon us here at Northwestern Oklahoma State, and the athletics department would like to let everyone know season tickets are now available for the 2014-15 season.

There is a limited number of reserved chairback seats available in Percefull this year and are available for \$100 a piece (includes admission). There is also a limited amount of parking available for \$150.

General admission for this coming season is the same as it was last year at \$75 per pass.

There is a total of 24 games that will be played in Percefull Fieldhouse this year, with the first being Nov. 18 when the women are scheduled to play Rogers State at 6 p.m.

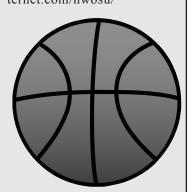
The men's home opener

is slated for Nov. 22 against Cameron, with 3 p.m. being tipoff time.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Cook at 580-327-8653 or email her at rlcook@nwosu.edu.

All games this year will be broadcasted on KALV, and you can find the link at http:// stream.nwosu.edu/

Live Stats/ Video will also be available for each home event at http://portal.stretchinternet.com/nwosu/



Football game moved to 2 p.m.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State football game with Southern Nazarene this coming Saturday on Nov. 8 has been changed from a 5 p.m. start to a 2 p.m. kickoff.

The Great American Conference Cross Country meet was scheduled to be held on the same day in Enid and was being held by the Rangers, pushing back the start time of Senior Day.

Now that the Cross Country meet has been moved to Ada, the time for the game has been moved back up to 2 p.m.

The Rangers come into the contest with the Crimson Storm with a 1-7 record on the year, while their opponent is 0-9 in the 2014 season.

Northwestern took home the victory in 2013, 62-17 in Bethany.



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STUDENT LIFE

Five teams advance in robotics competition

By CHARLES BOLDES
Student Reporter

Saturday at the Alva Recreation Complex, it was game day for BEST Robotics.

The Heartland BEST 2014 kicked off on Sept. 20. The competition finished off at the Heartlands BEST, where the best five teams will advance to Frontier Trails BEST at the University of Arkansas in Fort Smith.

BEST Robotics has been going on for 21 years, with robotics competitions organized across the Midwest. Each year the game rules are changed, and this year's competition was "Blade Runner."

This year there were 14 teams in the Heartlands Best competition. Burlington Middle school worked together with their high school and Fairview and Aline-Cleo teamed up this year. Sadly, Wynona was unable to make it due to their bus breaking down on the way there.

Everything came together slowly on game day. There were fewer kit issues this year and fewer programming problems. "Teams had a lot of fun, and there were no major issues at all.

It was interesting to see the very creative and unique designs each team came up with also," said Northwestern math professor Mary Riegel.

"There were several well-designed robots on the field. The atmosphere had a lot of energy, and it was loud. Students seemed to enjoy Game Day," said Mathematics and Computer Science Department Chair Timothy Maharry.

Psychology professor Karen Linstrum said it was great to see younger students and older students working so well together also. "I was impressed when an 11th grader was driving the robot and an eighth grader was giving the driver directions. After the three-minute competition round, the eighth grader patted the 11th grader on the back and told him, 'good job.' I saw and heard this positive interaction from several teams: Perry, Shattuck, Aline-Cleo, and Elk City. The interaction warmed my heart (and) made me smile."

Northwestern Computer Science Club also helped at the competition Saturday, running a snack bar as a fundraiser.

"Everything went smoothly the entire day. It's fun getting to see young kids being excited about robotics, math and science and getting to be themselves in a room full of other people just like them," said Evan Vaverka, Computer Science Club President. The club also ran a booth for taking pictures for the teams, so they were tasked with multiple things.

Instructor of Computer
Science Mark Bagley, who is in
charge of the Computer Science
Club, said this was one of the
most successful competitions he
has seen. At the end of the day
multiple schools received many
awards.

Prue High School, in its first year at the competition, was able to win an award. Chair of the Department of Natural Science



Photo by Evan Vaverka

Steven Maier was impressed to see a new school come up and was pleased overall with every school this year. He said one his most memorable moments during game day was the mascot danceoff and seeing each school have their mascot just dance.

"It was great to see how well the community has grown since last year, and how well they were working together" said Maier. Maier thanked all of the BEST sponsors, the City of Alva for allowing them to use the Recreation Center and Northwestern for the support during Game Day.

Advancing to Frontier Trails BEST at University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith will be OKC Homeschool, Perry High School, Shattuck High School, Aline-Cleo/Fairview High School and Deer Creek High School.

Student receives scholarship from non-profit foundation

Rebekah Wagenbach, a graduate student from Kiowa, Kan., studying in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's new Master of Arts in American Studies degree program, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Westerners International, a non-profit foundation that stimulates interest and research in the history of the North American West.

Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies, recommended Wagenbach for the scholarship for her leadership and service to the Triple R Corral of Westerners International campus club, of which she

serves as president. This is the first scholarship awarded to a Northwestern graduate student in recent years.

To receive her scholar-ship, Wagenbach attended the Western History Association convention in Newport Beach, Calif., where Westerners International held its awards ceremony. She plans to use the scholarship for research and travel expenses while writing her thesis, which concerns Calamity Jane and other atypical women of the west

Westerners International's home office is based at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

in Oklahoma City but has established chapters both nationally and internationally. The organization began sponsoring campus chapters in order to recruit new and younger members. It offers not only scholarship opportunities but also a place to publish papers and research projects for its graduate student members. It is because of these opportunities that Northwestern's Graduate Office has partnered with Westerners International.

To learn more about the campus organization or Northwestern's graduate program, please contact Holliday at 580-327-8589 or spholliday@nwosu.edu.

Education students connect past with future

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Education Department instructor Connie Jacobs gave new meaning to "old school" by teaching members of her Introduction to Education class recently in the one-room McKeever School located on the Alva campus.

The class members have been learning about the history of American public school education and on Oct. 6 the class made a real-life connection.

The students compared and contrasted teaching in an 1800s Oklahoma school to the type of schools where these future educators will be teaching upon graduating from Northwestern and earning their teaching certifications. Comments included

the lack of electricity, the coal heating stove, pen and ink, relatively low salaries and the need for teachers to differentiate instruction to meet diverse student needs in all subject areas.

The class discussion continued with the connection of the Oklahoma Land Run supplying a growing population that created a need for local schools with trained teachers. This rapid population growth was the original foundation for the establishment of Northwestern with the Northwestern Territorial Normal School (1897), Northwestern State Normal School (1907), Northwestern State Teachers College (1919), Northwestern State College (1939), and finally in 1974 Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The students learned that beginning teachers at the time of the McKeever School opening earned salaries of \$20-\$25 per month compared to beginning Oklahoma teachers now, who receive \$2,600 per month.

As the students look to the future of education, they agreed that rapid technology development will continue to change education as currently known. Flexibility and adaptability will be a key to long-term career success of these future educators.



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