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Photo by Osam Sakamoto

The Ranger Basketball Bash was sponsored by the Rialto theater, Ranger & Lady Ranger Basketball and SGA, and will set the stage for the start of the Ranger basketball season with an exhibition match tonight at 8 p.m. against the University of Science and Arts (Okla.).

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Young students build at the Heartland's BEST Robotics competition



Photos by Charles Boldes

The Heartland's BEST Robotics competition was held in the Alva Recreation Complex on Saturday. Registered high schools included Aline-Cleo/Fairview HS, Morrison HS, Arnett HS, OKC Homeschool, Burlington HS, Perry HS, Cheyenne HS, Pratt HS, Deer Creek HS, Shattuck HS, Freedom HS, Western Heights HS, Kelton MS, Wynona HS and Lawton Academy of Arts & Sciences HS.



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OPINION



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Perfect grammar or having friends: You may pick one, but not both

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Feature Editor

I've always enjoyed the English language. I believe it is a language worthy of reverence and preservation..... It should be highly-esteemed and used-correctly. Unfortunately, for grammar nerds, however, it is a cruel world. Its a world filled with LOL, JK, gr8, and other nonsensical jargon. Its a world where when you remind someone its "who" instead of "whom," you get massacred as a grammar Nazi. I'm sorry I'm an advocate for linguistic clarity and preservation!

For those of you with an eye for English usage, you may have noticed I had nearly a dozen errors in the previous paragraph. (Sorry to all my English/Literature professors.) You might have



thought to yourself, "What a hypocrite! Lecturing us on correct grammar while practically burning a dictionary! What a jerk!" Well, I swear it is merely to prove a point.

As I am an English major aiming to gain a job in communications, correct

grammar and English usage is not only important, it is a necessity. If I submit a story to a newspaper riddled with errors such as can be found in my first paragraph, I will instantly lose all credibility with both my editor and the reader.

Yet, when I try to bring my love of proper English usage into the real world, I am greeted with the cold, harsh reality that NOBODY CARES. I love correcting grammar, but I love having friends more. Unfortunately, you can't have both.

So I will continue to keep it to myself that you texted me "you're" instead of 'your.' (Even though a little piece of me will die inside.) I'll let it slide when you say you're doing "good." I'll continue to be a closeted grammar nerd. Until the day it is socially acceptable to love proper English, c u l8r, nerds.

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Ranger Calendar of Events



November 2015 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 <p>High School Seniors: Find out how to get \$600! Register now for Ranger Preview on Nov. 14, 2015</p>			5 Fall 2015 Career & Internship Fair 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Student Center - Ranger Room Great American Conference-Women's soccer Championship - Time TBA	6 Great American Conference-Women's soccer Championship Lady Ranger Volleyball against Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, 6 p.m. Reading Out Loud at Graceful Arts Gallery and Studios, 6:30 p.m.	7 Great American Conference-Women's soccer Championship Ranger Football at Harding University in Searcy, Ark., 2 p.m. Lady Ranger Volleyball against East Central University in Ada, 2 p.m. CEOE Teacher	8 Cook something bold day 
			9 Chaos never dies day - take a break from the chaos in your life. 	10 Forget-me-not day - text or call someone you haven't talked to in a while 	11 Veterans Day W or F issued on 2nd eight-week classes	12 Lady Ranger Volleyball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, 7 p.m.



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News

Students take time to serve their community on 'Beautification Day'

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Student Reporter

On Thursday, Oct. 29 students of Northwestern met to help beautify the city of Alva.

Each semester the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement puts on a Beautification Day to help give back to the community. This semester the students painted the crosswalks around Alva Middle School and Longfellow Elementary School. Last semester, students cleaned two miles of the Boulevard of trash and debris. According to Theresa Lemke, Service Learning Coordinator, "they are always open to ideas from the community so that the projects can make the greatest impact".

The purpose of the beautification day, according to Lemke, is to teach students the importance of serving their communities. Lemke said: "Part of our mission

at Northwestern is service. One of our core values is community. Whether it is in Alva while they are here or wherever they end up after graduation, we want our students to graduate understanding the importance of serving their communities."

"Alva provides a home to Northwestern students while they are here, and beautification day helps Alva know how much the students appreciate it," Lemke said. Students that attend the beautification day also benefit from the experience. According to Lemke, "It teaches them a sense of community involvement and helps them feel more connected to Alva. It also connects students, who have a passion for service, who may not know each other prior to the projects."

This semester's beautification day had a turn out of five students, along

with some faculty members. Alva provided the paint for the students to paint the crosswalks. Jordan Evans, a senior and history major, attended the event; he said "it's important to give back to Alva because the town does so much for our school." He also said, "to beautify the community on everyday basis students can pick up trash and visit local businesses".

Other ways students can beautify the community, according to Lemke, is to get involved in events, like the upcoming Rake and Run to help community members rake up their fall leaves.

Another student who attended the event was Corey Shirey, a freshman and political science major. Shirey was an Eagle Scout out of the Boy Scout group 355 in Weatherford. He said that during his time in the Boy Scouts, they were always helping out other Eagle Scouts and giving back to the community.



Photo Provided

Volunteers for the second Alva Beautification Day are (pictured left to right) Puja Shrestha, Nashreen Lohani, Theresa Lemke, Sandeep Bhattarai, Jordan Evans, Corey Shirey and, not pictured, Dr. Bo Hannaford.

Lemke said that they receive a lot of positive reactions from the community after these projects. "After our first cleanup day, when we cleaned the Boulevard, we had people offer to donate to continue these sorts of projects." Shirey said "The community loves it when the youth gets out and volunteers."

Although this particular service project was mainly for students, Lemke said they hope to expand to community involvement as well.

Anyone interested in joining the next service project can contact Lemke by email at tmlmke@nwsu.edu or by phone at 580-327-8134.

Tenth annual Ranger Research day will be held later this month

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Alva campus will play host to the 10th annual Ranger Research Day on Friday, Nov. 20 in the Student Center Ballroom. Students will have the opportunity to display, share and discuss their research with peers, professors and the Alva community.

Graduate and undergraduate students create poster presentations or oral presentations of academic papers of research conducted in one of their classes. The best student presenters in each category will be encouraged to attend Oklahoma Research Day in March 2016.

Poster presentations will take place at 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. followed by academic paper presentations from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There will be first, second and third place winners for each discipline category.

For the category of Arts and Music the disciplines are Art and Design; Music Theater; and Dance.

For the category of Business the disciplines are General Business Administration; Business Communication; Economics; Finance; Information (MIS) Operations Management; and Management.

For the category of Education the disciplines are Curriculum; Gerontology; Human Environmental Sciences; Kinesiology, Health Studies and Special Services; Professional Teacher Education; and Psychology.

For the category of Liberal Arts the disciplines are Communication; English; Foreign and Modern Languages; History; Geography; Humanities; Philosophy; Political Science; Sociology and Substance Abuse Studies; Social Work; and American Studies.

For the category of Math and Science the disciplines are Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Forensic Science; Mathematics and Statistics; Nursing; Physics and Engineering; and Agriculture.

The deadline for Northwestern student submissions is Monday, Nov. 9.

Along with the research presentations, students within the visual arts will display their art during the event, but the art will not be judged.

"The public is welcome to attend to see the type of important research being done at the university," Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate

dean of graduate studies, professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in American Studies Program, said. "Any student thinking of attending

graduate school should participate since research is such an integral part of graduate study."

For more information on Ranger Research Day or to

see past winners, please visit www.nwsu.edu/ranger-research-day or contact Dr. Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or spolliday@nwsu.edu.

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All students required to take sexual assault training course

By TRACY MEZA
Student Reporter

All Northwestern Oklahoma State University students are required to take the Haven-Understanding Sexual Assault™ course by Nov. 13.

According to the National Institute of Justice one in five college women, and one in 16 men will experience some form of non-consensual sexual activity by graduation. The widespread impact of sexual violence on students presents an urgent and pressing challenge for our nation's campuses.

Therefore, all educational institutions that receive Title IX financial aid are required to enforce their students to take the sexual assault training course: Haven – Understanding Sexual Assault™ that addresses the critical issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking, which affect countless college students across the country.

"You are not alone in this training requirement. All colleges and universities who provide Title IV financial aid must train all students enrolled in their respective institutions," said Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs at Northwestern.

According to the US Department of Education at www2.ed.gov- The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex

in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.

Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Title IX applies to institutions that receive federal financial assistance from the Education Department (ED), including state and local educational agencies. Educational programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner.

According to the Haven Course introduction- sexual and relationship violence occurs too frequently and can impact anyone; it doesn't matter what your age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status might be.

According to the Northwestern Student Services department, the program should take approximately 40 minutes to complete. Access the Haven – Understanding Sexual Assault course by following the below instructions:

- Login to Rangernet
- Select the student tab
- On the left hand side (under the Student Dashboard box) click on "Everfi – Haven Course Student (CCv3)"
- Click on LAUNCH HAVEN COURSE
- Input demographics information
- Complete the program

Fifth Annual Thank-a-Thon held last week

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Student Reporter

Scholarship-receiving students met last week to thank donors that make it possible for them to be part of Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The fifth annual Thank-a-Thon was held at the Alva campus in the Ranger room from 5pm to 8pm. In charge of the event was the Northwestern Alumni Foundation, which is a separate entity from Northwestern, but everything they do is for the school.

Students met each night, ate pizza and snacks and received free t-shirts. Besides the students, some donors were also invited to the event so that they could meet and hang out with the students.

According to Susan Holliday, relationship manager of the foundation and alumni association, "Our donors love to talk to the students, and it gives the students a good opportunity to put faces with names of individuals that have set up scholarships and

supported different programs at Northwestern."

Groups that attended the Alva Thank-a-Thon included: the cheerleading team, the Student Government Association, the soccer team, the nursing students, Delta Zeta, the football team, the softball team, both basketball teams, the Northwest Scholar Ambassadors, Alpha Sigma Alpha, the baseball team, the Psychology Club, the Castle Players and the University Singers.

On Monday night there was also a continuation of the Thank-a-Thon at the Enid campus. Groups that attended there were the Leadership class, Psychology Club, Conserving Our Ranger Environment and the Student Oklahoma Education Association.

On Thursday night the Alumni took a break from regular Thank-a-Thon activities and had a donor dinner on the Alva campus. Students did not attend the dinner, but alumni members, donors and other members were all present. This was just another way of

thanking the donors, said Holliday.

According to Holliday, they reached their goals for the Thank-a-Thon. The Alva event had 215 students attend and the Enid event had 13. They also had several coaches and faculty members come as well. A total of 1,511 thank you notes were written as well as 373 calls were made.

Holliday said this year they had a separate group of 10 student volunteers, kind of like the leadership committee, that helped update things and plan for the event. These students attended every evening and worked the event by helping students if they have questions and making phone calls.

Holliday thanked the students that attended the Thank-a-Thon by saying, "Hearing thank you from the students and that they are grateful for the scholarships they have received means so much to our donors and we couldn't do this event without the help of the students."



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Last week, students took time to thank scholarship donors at the fifth annual Thank-a-Thon

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SPORTS



(ABOVE) From left to right: Soccer seniors Arlet Polack, Jade Nash, Laura Hughes and Evie Fagan played their last game in a Ranger uniform on Saturday.

Finishing strong: Soccer ends season with a win at home

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Northwestern soccer ends its season with a 1-0 win against Southern Nazarene at home.

The Rangers entered their final game riding an 11 game losing streak, while the Crimson Storm entered after winning their last three games.

Ranger seniors Jade Nash, Evie Fagan, Arlet Polack and Laura Hughes all made their final starts for the Red and Black as well.

Momentum swings were a key topic of the first half as SNU fired off eight shots within the first 25 minutes establishing the early momentum.

The Rangers managed to shift the momentum over to their side at the 27:36 minute mark when junior Cydni Phelps recorded a shot at the SNU goal after teammate Jordan Gomes took the corner kick.

After another shot by Hughes, the momentum for the Rangers would fade back to the Crimson Storm for the remainder of the first half.

Both team's headed into the break at a 0-0 deadlock.

The Crimson Storm outshot the Rangers in the first half, 12-2, but Northwestern managed to total more saves as Ranger goalkeeper Briana Legaspi recorded two.

The two saves for Legaspi would push her yearly total to 139 saves.

When the second half got started, SNU started the momentum yet again as they broke into Ranger territory and fired two shots early on.

The momentum would not last long for the Crimson Storm however, as Ranger Alyssa Williams would fire a cross to teammate Kelsey Henneha who managed to head the ball over the SNU goalkeeper and straight into the back of the net at the 63:06 mark.

The Crimson Storm then went into attack mode following the Ranger goal, trying to knot the game at one apiece. Solid defense by Ranger goalkeeper Kylee Wallace, who replaced Legaspi at the start of the second half, would prove to be too much for SNU leaving the Rangers with a 1-0 win to end their 2015 season.

Wallace would end the game with seven saves making it 45 saves on the season for her first year with the Rangers.

Rangers Kaylee Peterson, Vianna Villa, Phelps and Hughes would all record one shot each on the day.

The Northwestern soccer team end their season with a 3-14-1 overall record and a 1-11 GAC record.



Ranger Kaitlin Bell fires a free kick off after a SNU foul.



(LEFT) Ranger freshmen Clarissa Hinojo, eyes teammate Kaitlin Bell as a SNU defender closes in.



(RIGHT) Ranger Cydni Phelps clears the ball from a potential SNU shot at the goal during Northwestern's 1-0 win on Saturday.

Photos by Nick Villalobos

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<p>The Red Dirt Rangers Oct. 20, 2015</p>	<p>Jeff & Stacy Pederson Dec. 1, 2015</p>	<p>Justin Pierce Jazz Quintet Feb. 16, 2016</p>	<p>Runa March 8, 2016</p>
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SPORTS

Ranger rodeo: Men and women finish second



(ABOVE) Ranger Katy Miller is one of many Northwestern rodeo women that competed in goat tying over the weekend.

Northwestern Oklahoma State's Women's and Men's Rodeo teams both competed in the Northwestern Oklahoma State Rodeo over this past weekend at the Woods County Fairgrounds as the women's team would finish in second place overall and the men's team finished in the number two spot as well.

The top Ranger performers in this rodeo included Sara Bynum (Barrel Racing), Laremi Allred (Goat Tying), Austin Graham (Bareback), and J.D. Struxness (Steer Wrestling).

Starting on the ladies side, Bynum finished the rodeo with a second place finish in the first-go, but pulled away from the pack from there on out as she claimed the top spot in the short-go, average and the overall points. Amber Miller also competed in the barrel racing event and took home second place finishes in the short-go, average, and overall points.

Allred turned in solid performances in the goat tying event as she finished in first place in the

first-go but saw second place in the short-go run however. She went on to claim the top prize in the event coming in first in the average in the overall points. Shayna Miller had a solid run in the first-go as well coming in a tie for second place. Katy Miller and Tearee Nelson each competed in the event over the weekend also.

Finally in the break away event, Katy Miller competed very well as she finished in fourth place in the first-go, short-go and in the average standings. Miller came in fifth in the overall points standings. Taylor Munsell competed in the break away event as well.

Switching over to the men's side of the events, the Rangers competed very well in the tie down event as Bryson Sechrist was able to claim the second spot overall and in the average as well. Sechrist came in first in the short-go run also. Connor Osbourne and Wylee Nelson each competed in the event as well with Nelson coming in third in the first-go run.

The bareback event only featured one Northwestern team member in Austin Graham who turned in a clean sweep across the board. Graham came in first in the first-go and short-go runs along with claiming the top spot in the average and the overall points.

Struxness also completed a sweep of his own in the steer wrestling event coming away with first place finishes in the first-go and short-go runs, along with first in the average and the overall point's standings. Tyrel Cline and Grayson Allred each competed in the event as well with Cline turning in a fourth place finish in the first-go run.

Finally Northwestern saw four team members compete in the team roping event which included Hunter Munsell, Sawyer Barnham, Mike McGinn, and Scott Day.

Northwestern Oklahoma State Women's and Men's Rodeo teams will be back in action on Thursday, Nov. 19 and concluding on Nov. 21 in Manhattan, Kan. at the Kansas State University Rodeo.

(BELOW) Bronc rider goes for one wild ride during the Northwestern rodeo over the weekend.



Ranger team member goes after a steer in the steer wrestling competition at the Northwestern Rodeo.

Photos by Patrick Inkpen

Basketball Bash unites 'Ranger Nation'



Men's team sit idle as the events get underway during the Basketball Bash a week ago.

(RIGHT) Ranger junior Kaci Hansen high-fives Associate Director of Athletics Operations, Ryan Kaiser, after a Basketball Bash fan game.



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Football crushed at home by Arkansas Tech

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Northwestern football was destroyed at home 52-21 by the Wonder Boys over the weekend.

The Rangers entered Ranger field on Saturday after a much needed 49-20 win on the road against Southern Nazarene.

Despite the win, however, Arkansas Tech had other things in mind for the Rangers as they led from start to finish, never letting up on the Red and Black.

The Wonder Boys opened on a 25-0 run through the midway point in the second quarter.

The Rangers finally got on the board at the 4:03 mark in the second quarter when Ranger Arte' Mirua Jr. received the pass from

quarterback Reid Miller, taking it seven yards for the score.

Arkansas Tech countered the Ranger score by adding another touchdown pushing their lead to 32-7 before the first half ended.

Following the break, the Wonder Boys continued their relentless pace as they added on another touchdown just three minutes into the third quarter.

The Rangers miller would complete a 70 yard pass to Horatio Smith following the Wonder's score for his second touchdown pass of the day.

Miller added another passing touchdown at the 6:27 mark in the third quarter to close the Arkansas Tech lead to 39-21.

Arkansas Tech responded to the back-to-back scores for the Rangers by adding two of their own, which turned out to be the final scores between

either team for the remainder of the game.

When the final whistle sounded, Arkansas Tech would take the win handily, 53-21 over the Rangers.

Miller would finish the day passing for 339 yards as he completed 33 of 56 attempts with three touchdowns and one interception. He was also sacked six times.

Receiving for the Rangers was led by Justin Schanbacher who brought in seven catches for 105 yards. Smith would lead the scoring with two touchdowns however.

Rontez Smith would have a solid day defense for the Rangers as he recorded seven total tackles with four tackles-for-loss and two sacks.

The Ranger's (3-6, 3-6) next outing will be on the road against the #4 ranked team in the GAC and conference foe, Harding, at 2 p.m. on Saturday.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger Jarion Tudman breaks into the Wonder Boy's secondary during the Northwestern's 52-21 loss on Saturday.

College football: Big implications at stake this weekend

By BRANDON WILLIS
Student Writer

Week 10 of the college football season includes three top 25 matchups that will affect the conference championship races.

The 2015 College Football season has had many exciting moments and last second classics. These moments have had huge implications on conference standings. The week 10 matchups will also change the conference rage and affect the College Football Playoffs.

The first matchup to look out for is #17 Florida State Seminoles visiting #3 Clemson Tigers in Death Valley, South Carolina. Clemson currently is first in the Atlantic Coastal Conference and the Seminoles are second. This game will be for the first spot in their division which could eventually end up as one of the spots in the ACC championship game. According to NCAA.com, Clemson has the nineteenth ranked offense in the country and their defense is ranked fifth. Florida State comes into the game ranked 23 in total defense.

The second top 25 matchup of the day is #12 Oklahoma State versus #5 TCU. This Big 12 face off will take place in Stillwater. Both teams are undefeated and wield dominant offenses that can put points on the board quickly. The Horn Frogs offense ranks second in the nation in total offense which is led by quarterback Trevone Boykin. Boykin is a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy who can equally throw and pass. “

The Cowboys have a lot of fire power themselves as they rank fifteen in total offense. Oklahoma State is coming off a 70-53 comeback win against Texas Tech where they trailed at halftime. Many college football experts are looking to this game versus TCU to see if OSU is for real or not. OSU's toughest opponent so far has been West Virginia who is 3-4 on the season and has suffered three losses in a row. This matchup will prove if OSU is a legit contender or not and it will prove if TCU is the dominant team that many experts believed they were in the preseason.

The huge matchup that could shake the rankings and have huge implications on the CFP is #4 LSU against #7 Alabama. The game is in Tuscaloosa, AL and has been a key matchup every year. LSU junior offensive tackle Jerald Hawkins described the rivalry best. “It's always like a war,” Hawkins said. “Not really a lot of talking from either side, just action.” LSU comes into the game undefeated with an eighteenth ranked defense and sophomore sensation running back Leonard Fournette. Fournette has rushed for 1352 yards and 15 touchdowns in only 7 games and has cemented himself as the leader for the Heisman Trophy.

Alabama is 7-1 coming into the game and is coming off a bye. The Crimson Tide defeated LSU last year in Baton Rouge 20-13 in overtime. Their one loss came to Ole Miss on Sept. 19 43-37. If Alabama was to beat LSU, they would then have an opportunity to win the SEC and be included in the College Football Playoff.

Volleyball clinches spot in playoffs; split the weekend with a loss and win

By ADRIANA BECERRA
Student Writer

The Ranger Volleyball team (7-6 in GAC play) is currently sitting in sixth place in the Great American Conference.

The position that the team is in has clinched them a spot in the 2015 GAC Volleyball Championship. Volleyball is the first team at Northwestern to clinch a playoff berth in Division II.

At home on Friday Northwestern had more momentum. The Rangers took down the Savage Storm of Southern Nazarene University 3-1.

The first set it was back and forth between SNU and Northwestern but eventually the Savage Storm took the set 25-22. SNU took the second set and the Rangers took the

third.

Eventually in the fourth set Northwestern found their rhythm and won 25-19.

Offensively, To'omalatai as well as Ashanti Banks totaled 13 kills each. Kaydee Yukawa had 17 digs and 25 assists.

On Saturday, the Rangers traveled to Oklahoma Baptist to take on the Bisons. OBU defeated Northwestern 3-0 (25-9, 25-18, 26-24). Northwestern battled hard but in wasn't enough.

In the first set the Rangers couldn't pick up the momentum with OBU going 25-9. In the second set, the teams battled back and forth. In the third set, the Rangers

took the lead but after a hard fight from the Bison, they ended up letting it slip from their grasp.

Lachelle Purrier led the team with seven kills. Nora To'omalatai led the defense with twelve digs.

Northwestern's next few games are extremely important on their placement in the GAC Volleyball Championship. The Lady Rangers will head to Durant, Okla. and battle the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at 6 p.m. on Friday and then travel to Ada, Okla. to face the Tigers of East Central at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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Features

Young and in love: Editor gives thoughts on engagement at the age of 20

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

I am 20 years old. I am not yet legally old enough to drink alcohol or rent a vehicle. I still have a provisional driver's license. I cannot buy a car or a house without a co-signer. I am only 20, yet I am engaged. I am only 20, yet in less than 10 months, I will be married.

I realize it is not entirely abnormal to be married in your early twenties, much less while hardly out of your teens. However, there are many challenges and perceptions that occur when being engaged at a young age.

When I was younger, I thought of myself as a rough and tough, total tomboy. I

wasn't ever going to get married; I was never going to have children. Boys?! Gross! Children?! Grosser! I wanted to travel the world, be extremely successful, publish novels, run for president. This mentality

carried into teenage years, and later, my collegiate career.

I hold many feminist viewpoints. I think that a woman is perfectly capable of not only holding a career, but a highly successful one at that. I was determined that ambition would be my motivating factor, not a relationship.

But then, I met someone who changed my mind; I met someone who redefined what was truly of value to me.

I met Jordan my first semester of college and fell quickly for his integrity, character, charm, kindness. Now,

over two years later, I fall for him more each day. We fell quickly in love, yet another statistic of college sweethearts. And suddenly... all I swore would not happen, did. And I could not be happier.

So here I am, hardly in my twenties, facing an unclear future. Yet I face it with someone that I truly, deeply love.

Here is where perceptions of our engagement get murky. When announcement of our engagement came out in September, people were celebratory with us. Yet at the same time, we felt an air of curiosity that surrounded our engagement.

Instantly I could tell everyone wanted to know if there would be a "shotgun" at the wedding. Despite the gushing about the ring and talk of wed-

ding plans, I could tell that about 50 percent of the people I spoke to were trying to determine if I had a baby bump. Yes, I'm 20 and engaged. No, I'm not pregnant.

We

aren't going into this blind. We know there will be struggles... and many of them. But we get the opportunity to learn together, mature together, grow together, to build a life together. That's not an opportunity that everyone gets.

Yes, we will face an insane year, an insane life. However, I know it's worth it. No, I didn't "give up" on previous plans. I still want to do incredible things and go amazing places. I just want to do all of that with the person I love. Yes, I'm engaged at 20; I'm engaged in a fairytale romance.

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Photo provided by Natalie Sacket
Jordan Evans (left), age 22 and Natalie Sacket (right), age 20 have been engaged since Sept. 5.

At a glance: Nepal names first female president in recent election

By SELENA ESTRADA
Student Writer

Nepal has recently replaced former president, Ram Baran Yadav with their first female president, Bidhya Devi Bhandari. Bhandari won the election by 113 votes, defeating Kul Bahadur Gurung.

Bhandari was the former vice president of the Communist Party of Nepal- Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) and has been involved with politics since a young age. She is the widow of a well-known veteran communist leader, Madan Bhandari, who died in a car accident in 1993.

28 million is approximately the population of Nepal, and women take up more than half of this population, yet women are not treated equally. Nepalese women



adopted in Nepal, and within it is the provision of citizenship through the mother's name. Bhandari has spoken about being against this provision and has been criticized over this speaking against it.

Teris Dangol, a senior at NWOSU and an international student from Kathmandu, Nepal says, "I think it's cool that we have a female president."

Bhandari as the new head of state will affect not only Nepal, but also all of South Asia, according to Xinhuanet.

have struggled for equality for a while, and now that Bhandari has been elected President, there is high hope for women's equality in Nepal.

Recently, a new constitution has been

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Features



'Goosebumps' lives up to expectations, frighteningly good film to see

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

This week we decided to try again with the Halloween movie theme. This one did the trick. Our pick:

"Goosebumps!" (2015)

Chris- 4 out of 5 stars



So after watching that train wreck last week, I was still in the Halloween spirit. So we went with a cult classic; "Goosebumps". I actually really enjoyed this movie because I was a fan of the books growing up. I also really enjoyed the confused look on my girlfriends face as she watched it. She was not a fan of the books so a lot of characters went right over her head.

The acting is...forgivable. Jack Black has never been my favorite actor but this is one of his better roles in the last decade or so. The child actors were definitely child actors, but they still had promise. I'm sure that Hollywood will

keep casting Dylan Minnette as the attractive teenager for the next decade of his life. I hope he can escape that role because I think he would make for a good next Channing Tatum or something.

The storyline was refreshing. It took a very outside-of-itself tone, which is still kind of new to the movie industry. There was a lot of childish humor, and while some might find that boring, I still laughed quite a bit. Maybe I'm just young at heart.

The only issue that I had with this film is that there were several plot holes and continuity errors. To be honest, if that's my biggest issue, there really must not be a whole lot to complain about. But just because the film is aimed towards children doesn't mean that they can't figure out when something doesn't really add up. Kids are small, not stupid.

Bottom line: this movie was great for all ages to get a little bit into the Halloween spirit. I'm not sure if it really holds up on November 1st or not but at least I got to enjoy it in its prime. If you aren't feeling up to it for the rest of this year, buy the dvd in a few months. It'll fit in nicely with all your "Nightmare On Elm Street" and "Friday The 13th" movies to watch next Halloween season.

Natalie- 4 Stars out of 5



In my younger days, you could find me at night under a blanket with a flashlight and book, gobbling up stories until my eyes forced themselves shut. I loved tales

that would take me away to different places, transferring me from my makeshift tent to unknown worlds. One book series in particular that captivated me many a night was "Goosebumps," by R.L. Stine.

Because of my young obsession with the series, I was understandably thrilled when I heard that a film was being made in the series' honor. I was, however, quickly skeptical upon seeing the trailer. Fortunately, my skepticism was unwarranted, because this film is a delight.

FINALLY, a "scary" movie I can handle. The "Goosebumps" series thrives on its ability to give young adult readers... well... goosebumps. Every possible haunting scenario that would keep youngin's up at night, Stine was able to create. This film captures those stories in a family-friendly package. Scary, but not enough to haunt your dreams.

The premise of the plot is exciting, and the pace of the film is quick, keeping audiences entertained. "Goosebumps" craftily balances between comedy and scares, staying true to Stine's original style.

Bottom Line: "Goosebumps" is filled with laughter, adventure, and plenty of fun.

Dean of Art & Science reflects on his journey at Northwestern

By **KATIE LACKEY**
Student Writer

Dean of Arts and Sciences is not a job title Dr. James Bell originally set out for, but one he has slowly grown into.

Bell began his employment at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in the fall of 2010 as the chairman of the department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities, as well as a professor of English and stayed through the spring of 2013. As a department chairman, Bell taught a few classes: American literature, composition and film class, which was one of his favorite to teach.

It was after leaving Northwestern in the spring of 2013 that Bell chose to branch away from the teaching route. He worked as an educational consultant for a large-scale assessment company in Minnesota. He remained a resident of Alva during this time by working out of a home office. He said he enjoyed working from home, but got tired of not being around people.

When the dean position opened up, Bell viewed it as an opportunity to get back on the campus he loved and working with people he liked. It was a campus that felt like home. Bell explained how his past job experiences of being a department chairman at Northwestern has helped him to be a more effective dean. He said: "the chairman position at Northwestern is a demanding job. It forced me to become very organized whether it is working on schedules, budgets or just fitting in other obligations like committee work and chairman and department meetings. All those things are part of being a chairman. In some ways, I can take those skills and translate them into this job. I may be looking at a broader view, but I am still looking at many of the same pieces of the puzzle that I was looking at as a chair."

Bell mentioned his time spent as a professor has also prepared him for the role of dean. "Working with faculty members and students are not the same. They are doing different things," Bell said. "While you may not necessarily be educating a group of faculty members there is still a lot of collaboration and cooperation. A lot of the skills you have to have to be a professor you take with you into the dean's job as well."

Bell said one of his goals as dean is to simply get more information out about the exciting things that are going on in the school. "People don't go into education unless they are curious." He said, "Most professors would look forward to the chance to get together with other professors who are experts. So one other goal is to increase that chance to socialize within the school. We are all busy, but that buying some chances to get together with no particular goal in mind other than to just enjoy one another's company is a goal of mine."

Angela Case, the academic projects assistant and media specialist, who works with Bell, describes the experience as a lot of fun. She said it is a learning process for the both of them since this is only her third year in her role as academic projects assistant and media specialist. Case said, "He genuinely cares about the people who walk in here. People come in with problems or just to say hi, he cares about people and doesn't mind having some fun along the way."

Case recalled a morning when she decided to bring in doughnuts to the office. She pulled a few out of the box and set them on Bell's desk then went to her desk to begin her day. It wasn't but a few minutes later that Bell comes strolling into the office, also carrying a box of doughnuts and making a remark about how it's the type of morning that calls for doughnuts, just to walk in his office and find she already had doughnuts on his desk. He roared with laughter. Case said, "It is simple moments like this one that create the fun and social work environment he strives for."

Bell said he loved teaching and it is what he always envisioned himself doing for the long haul, but the more time he spends on the administration end of things, he has grown to like that as well.



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Photo by Megan Garnett
Lorraine Malzahn has a vast collection of including maps and pins of places she has lived.

Quick glimpses in life: Alva native shows off her collection of various items and experiences

By MEGAN GARNETT
Student Writer

After 85 years, Lorraine Malzahn has many collections: tea pots, old tins, spoons, a refrigerator full of magnets and a world map with dozens of pins stuck in it.

She proudly displays the pin-filled map, in her living room beside the front door. Each pin represents a place that she, her husband Paul or their children have been.

Lorraine's pins are stuck in 34 states and 18 countries. She's lived in more than 14 towns in six different states, speaking fondly of Louisiana and remembering a small house in Texas that had orange crate cabinets and a plywood bathtub.

Most of Lorraine's international travel came as a result of Paul's job designing and building grain elevators.

Belgium, Ecuador and Hong Kong were among the many countries the family came to know.

Lorraine says she still has many places she would

like to go.

She wants to see the states she hasn't been to before like Oregon, Idaho and Maine.

Lorraine explained that she's had an interesting life, saying, "there's been a lot of ups and downs in it, but of course that's what makes life."

Lorraine was born on a farm southeast of Alva. She attended college at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1948 and 1949. After she was married she was gone for 40 years and came home to care for her mother.

Lorraine still lives in Alva today, where she sometimes works at Graceful Arts Gallery and Studios.

She said "she never dreamed she'd get to see anything at all, but is so thankful to have had the experiences, remembering to never take them for granted."

Lorraine smiled fondly when she said in a quiet voice, "I guess you could sum me up just saying, I had a good time."

The college collab:

Various collegiate newspapers discuss issues around the nation

Prof studies social media effects

The Crimson White/University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—A University of Alabama professor is focusing on Yik Yak in a social media study.

Elliot Panek, a professor in the telecommunication and film department, is doing content analysis research of the app Yik Yak to determine what kind of things students are saying at different times of the day. He will complete his research in December.

"Yik Yak is great because it allows students to reach out behind the veil of anonymity about issues they might not otherwise want to talk about in person," Panek said. «Most of it is humor and an outlet for social support.»

Yik Yak allows students to bring all of their inner perspectives, whether it is about religion, politics or sports, to one location where people can relate or completely disagree. The app can be good in some aspects of social exercise, but there is another side of the coin, Panek said.

"Yik Yak has an idea of social comparison built into it, which can be a double-edged sword," said Lee Keyes, director of the UA counseling center. "It can lend itself to bullying and passive aggressiveness in some instances as well as feelings of rejection."

Yik Yak, and the anonymity it offers, is often used for people to voice their feelings about something they do not like about themselves or about how bored they are and how no one wants to hang out.

"There is an illusion of connectedness that social media establishes in that it has shown to impair personal relationship skills documented by research," Keyes said. «Being able to connect to anybody behind a screen makes us less likely to affiliate with the immediate community around us, cultivating isolation within one's own apartment or dorm room.»

Longhorn Legislative Aides host campus-wide sock drive

The Daily Texan/UT-Austin

AUSTIN, Texas — To coincide with National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, the Longhorn Legislative Aides are partnering with Street Youth Ministry to host "Feet the Streets," a monthlong campus-wide sock drive for homeless youth in Austin.

Through Dec. 1, students on campus can donate new or gently used socks at any of the residence halls on campus. The Longhorn Legislative Aides are currently working on incentives and prizes to give out to the groups or individuals who donate the most socks. Longhorn Legislative Aides are hoping to receive at least 5,000 pairs of socks during the month of November.

"UT students walk along the Drag every day alongside homeless youth who we view as a nuisance or a pest, putting our headphones in and avoiding eye contact," Garrett Mireles, advertising freshman and "Feet the Streets" co-chair of communications, said. "We're trying to change that perception and reach out across the street from our campus to a community in desperate need of our attention."

UC Berkeley students denounce safe campus act

The Daily Californian/UC-Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif.— National fraternities are supporting a federal bill aimed at making campuses safer, but UC-Berkeley students don't agree with the bill.

The National Panhellenic Conference, or NPC, and the North-American Interfraternity Conference, or NIC, have expressed support for the bill that would require investigations of sexual assault on campuses to include law enforcement.

The bill, the Safe Campus Act — introduced by U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Arizona — is intended to protect the due process rights of both survivors and defendants. It requires that survivors report incidents of sexual assault to local authorities before the college or university can discipline a student accused of sexual assault.

"The NPC and NIC welcome any partner and support all efforts at the national level that advance the goal of reducing sexual violence on campus," said an official statement from NIC.

Several government officials and UC Berkeley students have condemned both the organizations' support and the bill itself.

"It is stunning to me that fraternities and sororities would back a bill that actually stops many victims of sexual crimes from getting the help they need and deserve," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-California, in an email. "As a former member of a sorority I am particularly upset that they would join this ill-conceived effort."

UC spokesperson Rebecca Trounson said the University of California is concerned that the bill would have a negative effect on survivors' reporting rates.

Grad student declares hunger strike

The Maneater/Missouri University

COLUMBIA, MO. — Graduate student Jonathan Butler has led protests in Speakers Circle and through the Student Center. He has used social media to draw attention to campus racism. When those efforts failed

to elicit a reaction for university administrators, he stopped the car carrying UM System President Tim Wolfe during the Homecoming parade.

Now, he's going on an indefinite hunger strike, according to a letter to the university posted Monday on Facebook.

Butler is holding his strike as a response to the lack of action from Wolfe to several instances of racism and discrimination in

the past months. He will end the strike when Wolfe is no longer in office, or when his internal organs fail, he said. But in the letter, Butler stressed that he has nothing against Wolfe personally.

"Let it be known I have no ill will or thoughts of harm toward Mr. Wolfe," Butler wrote. "But I do have an urgency to make the campus I call home a more safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all identities and backgrounds."

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Weast: From sports to theater

By TRACY MEZA
Student Writer

Some would say mixing sports and fine arts together would be like trying to mix oil and water; they're just two things that could never go together.

Despite the strange mix, for one elementary physical education coach, fine arts department chair was definitely in her future.

Professor Kimberly Weast has had a long journey to her current position as chair of the fine arts department at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Weast found her love for art as a child, only to stumble through a short career in elementary physical education, which led to a rediscovery of her love for the arts and even a trip back to college in her 40's to obtain her master's in fine arts. Weast has found her home in the Northwestern fine arts department and said she is proud of the way the school cares for the department.

Weast has been involved in both sports and fine arts since she was a child. Her parents enrolled her in softball, ballet, tap, voice and guitar lessons. She said her parents also felt that it was important to expose her to many different outlets as a child, including car races, dog races, circuses, musicals and plays.

At 8, she attended her first musical, "Oliver" and that was the point she decided that she wanted to sing in theater. From then on, she focused on her voice lessons and

began singing in numerous choirs, concerts and traveling troops, including singing in musicals in high school. She said she was also fortunate enough at Weatherford High to have an English teacher who taught the class monologues.

While working on her undergraduate degree, Weast spent most of her time playing varsity tennis for Southwestern. She majored in physical education with a minor in theater, honoring her love for the arts.

After graduation, she taught elementary physical education for one year and decided that was not the route for her. Instead, she took an opportunity to go to Panama for

University as a mass communications teacher. Next, considering her vast theater background and her mass communication education position, Hannibal LaGrange University in Missouri asked her to join its faculty as the chair of the communications department to build a theater and mass communications degree from scratch for its fine arts program.

Weast stayed at Hannibal LaGrange for 10 years before she decided to return to college to earn her MFA, a performance-based terminal degree for theater. She said this was a huge change for her to be back in school at the age of 40, sitting next to the age group of people that she was just teaching

"There are no other theater students that I know of in the state of Oklahoma that have the work ethic that ours do."

—Kimberly Weast

two years to work as an assistant director of a camp.

Upon her return home, she decided to return to college for a masters in mass communication with a focus on television and radio production, which had interested her since high school, but there had been no such programs available in her high school.

Her first collegiate teaching position was at Dallas Baptist

only months before.

Once she completed her MFA, she decided it was time to move home closer to family, so she applied at Northwestern. Thrilled to be hired, Weast said, "When I was hired, the vision at that time was to have me come in and help Mrs. [Tamara] Brown reorganize the speech theater curriculum. So Mrs. Brown and I worked together as a team, and with her excellent



Photo Provided
Kimberly Weast

background in speech, we were able to revamp the curriculum."

Tamara Brown said: "When Professor Weast started at Northwestern, it had been quite a while since the last program review and modification of the speech and drama curriculum had been conducted. We conducted an overhaul of the curriculum for our majors to ensure our students were provided every opportunity available for a well-rounded education in both theater and speech communication."

Brown, who serves as an assistant professor of speech and interim chair of the communications department at Northwestern continued to say: "I remember the difficulty we had when we first tried to change the term from 'drama' to 'theater.' It took some work, but the use of 'theater' was approved to replace the term 'drama,' even in our education degree. We eventually became the speech and theater program housed

in the communication department."

Weast has worked at Northwestern for 14 years; she said it has the best fine arts program within the state because of the support and care the administration has for the fine arts program.

Weast said she is also a proud supporter of the scholarship opportunities that the university provides to any student enrolled at Northwestern who participates in the fine arts program. "That doesn't happen at a lot of schools," she said. "They have to be majors, or there is no money, and I love that about Northwestern: that we are encouraging students to participate in the arts."

Nevertheless, the main reason Weast said she has stayed is the relationships with the students. "There are no other theater students that I know of in the state of Oklahoma that have the work ethic that ours do," she said.

Northwestern graduate student Alica Hall has worked with Weast since she was an undergraduate.

"As a former student of Weast's, I have maintained a relationship with her, which has spanned from when she first came to Northwestern in 2002 through the present," Hall said. "She truly cares about her students, and that student/teacher relationship has evolved to a friend that I can count on in thick or thin. I know first-hand how much the program has grown and changed during her tenure at Northwestern. I have learned so much from her as both an educator and friend."