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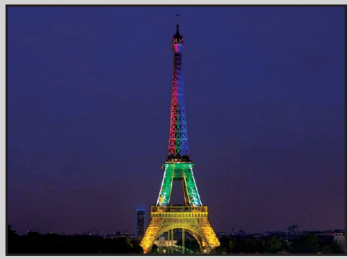
# University gives thanks to employees

## Employee Service Recognition Ceremony held Tuesday in Student Center ballroom



Photos by Osamu Sakamoto

Faculty and staff enjoy a reception and ceremony where Dr. Mindi Clark was awarded the John Barton Distinguished Teaching and Service Award.



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Dr. Steve Lohman was awarded the 30 Year Service Award.



(From Left to Right) Dr. Roger Hardaway, Angelia Case and Dr. Chandler Mead were each awarded the 25 Year Service Award.



Fred Riggins (left) was presented the Thelma Crouch Staff Employee of the year award by Thelma Crouch herself (right).

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# OPINION

## Lessons from Missouri: Be tolerant toward others

By JORDAN MCLEMORE  
News Editor

There are times when I, as a young college student, am baffled by what is going on around me. This could be any number of things, from why the color of a cup matters to so many people, to protests next door in Missouri, to the senseless shooting of hundreds of innocent people.

Maybe this is the hippy in me, and that possibly makes me seem naïve, but seriously.

What happened to people getting along and letting people do their own thing without judgment from those around us? Oh wait. That's never really been a thing. There has always been some sort of war or unrest going on and no one really seems interested in peace.

Now, I'm not a contestant in a beauty pageant, saying all I want is world peace. But honestly, to me, it seems like no matter what, someone is going to throw a fit about something! Those cups are un-Christian (I wasn't aware Starbucks had signed a contract promising to promote your religion), there are students at universities Yik-Yakking about taking out every person of color on their college campuses and, every time I turn around, there is another terrorist attack somewhere in this world we live in.

Yes, we all have opinions (I think we are all aware that I do) but sharing those opinions when they are so harmful and acting on them is where we have gone wrong.

If you disagree with something, that is your right. Standing up for what you believe in is also your right. But deciding it is your right to "shoot every black person I see" (taken from a Yak shown on ABCNews.com about the University of Missouri turmoil) is going above what an opinion should.



Protesting Starbucks because they went with a different design of the famous red cups that apparently don't correspond with what you thought they should is your decision, but shouldn't what's inside the cups matter more? Obviously you aren't getting enough coffee to think clearly. And lastly, the recent terrorist attacks on such a beautiful city are the latest in a large string. I'm sure we all have something to say about this but let me just leave you with this. Don't be afraid to share what's on your mind, to make a change and stand up for what you believe in.

While innocent people were enjoying a concert, a soccer game, and dinner out, they became victims of a senseless crime.

Instead of constantly complaining and spreading hate, spread acceptance, and give people respect.

Just because you don't agree with what they believe in, doesn't mean they don't deserve the respect you demand.

Please, just look around at the people who share everyday events with you and show them courtesy. Courtesy to live their life and do what they want, just as you do.

## College rankings suck!



By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

### WHAT THE HECK DOES OKLAHOMA STATE HAVE TO DO TO GET SOME RESPECT?

Tuesday night marked the third release of the College Football Playoff rankings and for the third straight week, the selection committee got it wrong!

This week they left the top four teams (No. 1 Clemson, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Ohio St. and No. 4 Notre Dame) in the exact same order.

I was all but certain that Okla. St. did enough to jump up into that fourth spot after last weekends win over the Iowa St. Cyclones.

But instead they only moved up to No. 6.

### WHY IN THE WORLD IS NOTRE DAME EVEN MENTIONED IN THE PLAYOFFS?

It's no secret that the Fighting Irish lost to the No. 1 ranked Clemson Tigers earlier in the season. What obviously is a secret though, is why they are still being considered in the playoff picture. They have played absolutely no one since that loss to the Tigers. Temple sorry about ya, but you had a good run at your undefeated record. It looks to me that playing a bunch of pansies does pay off.

### WHY IS ALABAMA NOT NO. 1?

The Crimson Tide has not just won since their early loss to Ole Miss, but they have dominated teams despite having the hardest SEC schedule of all the teams in the conference.

They just walked through Miss. St. on the road last weekend and all that win was worthy of was an honorable mention in the committee's mind. Bama should of jumped over the Tigers for the top spot especially after Clemson struggled with unranked Syracuse last weekend.

Good teams with tough schedules are getting no respect this year, while other teams- Ohio St., Notre Dame and Iowa- are getting rewarded for their sissy schedules. What the heck committee? These rankings suck!

## Secular Student Alliance President asks for support for new goals next year

This Letter to the Editor comes from president of the Secular Student Alliance, Gabriel Dunbar from Enid.

The Secular Student Alliance is currently in its third year of operation and plans to increase community involvement tenfold. We are not the "Atheist Club," despite what you may have heard. Our new goal for the 2015-2016 year will be to ensure that we put the "secular" back in Secular Student Alliance.

Our purpose is to perform community service for the Northwestern and Alva communities without affiliating ourselves with any particular religion and to provide a campus club that accepts all students regardless of religious creed, sexual orientation or way of life. We are not hostile to any faith.

The new plan for the SSA involves an increase in community service projects from one to two per semester as well as reaching out to all campus organizations to strengthen relations between student groups for future endeavors.

To be truly secular, we need to separate ourselves from religious and nonreligious titles and become a single community, but we need your help to achieve this goal. Help us promote the wellbeing of those who are less fortunate. Help us make our campus more diverse and accepting of all ways of life.

In previous years the SSA has painted a community member's home and collected food and supplies for an injured professor, both of which we did with the help of the First Presbyterian Church. Currently, we are considering painting and performing routine lawn maintenance on two local homes that would require more volunteers than we had last year.

The projects will be difficult and will take time, but we of the Northwestern community can overcome all obstacles with teamwork. A number of students committed to help us last year; however, only a few of them followed through.

I understand that we are all busy and don't always have time to spare, but I encourage you to make time for those in need. The SSA cannot complete these projects alone. We need your help.

If you would like to meet the SSA or have any questions for us, feel free to attend our next meeting. We challenge Something Greater, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Zeta, Phi Delta, the Wesley House, Student Government Association, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and the Chemistry Club to stand with us to perform these noble undertakings. We also encourage any campus or student group to reach out to us should you need any assistance on a community service project.

We look forward to working with you,

Gabriel Dunbar  
President  
Secular Student Alliance

# OPINION

## Thoughts on Paris attacks How do we respond to the many recent tragedies?

By KATE HENNING  
*Columnist*

Given the recent tragic events in Paris, it's impossible to not dwell on the state of the world and what roles we play in it.

Wouldn't it be nice if we were given a pamphlet when adulthood hits that was titled something like "What it All Means: The Truth and What To Do!"

There are many strict religious groups that will try to convince you their Scriptures hold answers to these questions. Isn't that nice?

There will be recruiting these next few weeks by these religious groups to join their cause in shaking their fists at the sky. Instead of yelling "BUTTONS!" they will yell "VENGEANCE!" Since, you know, this always works.

I don't know where to start today. Where do I start when I get a call from a crying friend, studying overseas, at 3:30 a.m. her time? She is upset because the world is doomed, the future is bleak, and when we try to reach for that thing that has helped us get through this before, we come up empty. Frances Bacon wrote, "'What is Truth?' asked jesting Pilate, and would not stay for an answer." That about sums it up, huh?

Can't we do better than that? I believe we each have shards of truth; a different piece that we can put together to make something beautiful.

The world is dangerous, but you don't need a reminder from me. I also don't have to remind you humans aren't infallible, and literally speaking, Cain is still killing Abel.

Asking "why?" isn't useful. "God has a plan" sounds like a cheap cop-out.

I don't have to remind you that it is the marginalized that carry the weight of

this depravity.

Where is grace and hope? Depends on the when, I think. If you are talking about right now, the answer is nowhere.

Like when a parent or sibling dies. Grace bats last, and the world's goodness will always outshine the hate and darkness. Always. But not 24 hours later. Or after lunch. Or tonight when your sleep is delayed at 12:43 a.m. The music group Over the Rhine has a Christmas album, "The Darkest Night of the Year."

For me, it shines light on this darkness. The days get shorter; the nights come quicker and quicker. But then, hope. The sun stays out longer. The promise of spring keeps us going on those blistery cold February mornings. But it's only November 14. It's going to get darker before it gets lighter.

What answers do I have? Ruth Bader Ginsburg is usually the answer. Or Anne Frank in that card game. The love for the poor and the displaced that is represented in Jesus is the answer. Adding your own positivity in the dark days that are sure to follow this event in Paris won't hurt either. The shut-ins of this town would love some company, I'm sure.

When I was nine, Mr. Rogers told me something that has stuck with me: Grace will always show up in the helpers.

But today, if you have a motto that you feel can make sense of what happened in Paris, I would recommend you keep it to yourself. At least, keep it from me. It will cause me to cringe, and if I see you in Wal-Mart later this week I will run in the other direction. I know I'm not alone in this. In the midst of the political agendas, where is truth?

For me, truth is that the shootings at Sandy Hook were the end of the world. It was evil, or at least extreme mental illness. A dialogue started, but

the answers didn't come that snowy day in December. Or the next. Or the day after that. There were some Tweets that shouted from their metaphorical rooftops that there is only one Truth (theirs). To be clear: not helpful. What was helpful, however, was that our shared horror. In our questioning, we stuck together. Our grief came in hiccups, we feared for the meaning of this, and raged against the loss of innocence. We flailed about, grasping for any help we could find, and I see nothing wrong with these responses. My recommendation is that we do that. Today and tomorrow. The emotional wounds that were discovered healed (eventually). Some of us could not get out of bed; others remained as busy as possible for distraction. Some of us turned off the car radio; others soaked in every word. Nothing wrong with this.

We felt like bovine excrement, let the days pass slowly, talked and stuck together. And pulled through.

Talking and sticking together was the answer, don't you think? We were kinder, more patient with each other, and believe me that's asking a lot of some people (raises hand). That, my friend, is grace. I know it doesn't come naturally or even all at once. What comes naturally is yelling "VENGEANCE!" After Sandy Hook, when we found a moment, we inhaled deeply. We sighed and felt our stomachs tighten as the death toll climbed. But we came through. Our hearts were forever scarred, but they began to heal. We laughed again; tentatively at first but it became more comfortable, eventually. Despite the despair, we chose joy. Together we began to limp through life once more. Like after you break your leg and it heals, but acts up on occasion when a storm front is comes. We are still limping.



Peace will come again. I cannot give you the words to express how much I absolutely, unequivocally hate this. Is there an alternative? No. The truth: it will take time. That's the one thing I can say about time: it goes on. Today, however, we can smile at those we love and despise. We can be a bit more patient with our advisors and the student center workers.

What I'm saying is after time has passed, and the reality of real life sets back in, we show up. We do the right thing, whatever is next. We organize food drives for the shut-ins, we call our mothers, return those library books and smiles. We make eye contact. We take action, knowing insight will follow. We are basically powerless, my friends, but we are not helpless.

I'm sorry I have no answers for you. But the absurdity is that in the midst of all this, we discover that in the smallest moments of wonder--kindness to lonely people who take their insecurities out on us, a mighty oak turning from green to gold to rust, -- we will be saved.

## Columnist reflects on traditions and what it means to give thanks

By CHRIS AGBOLA  
*Columnist*

Traditions do not only give a sense of belonging, but also exhibit the value systems of a society. Diverse American traditions exist to mark remarkable feats, moments of loss and unprecedented strides. Thanksgiving is one of the moments where families become united together by giving a break to the hustles and bustles of life. As a school community, we have a lot to be thankful for. As I ponder and wonder, here are a few things for which I'm thankful.

To begin with, I'm thankful for a proactive and productive administrative body. It is often said that, a community is a reflection of its leaders. With the ideas of Dr. Cunningham and her staff, immense progress has been made in various areas of the school. Some of which are seen in the improvement of equipment to facilitate teaching and learning of the college. Other plans were executed by way of policies to ensure



that NWOSU is a conducive haven for education. Cunningham's induction into the state's educational hall of fame a couple of months ago expressed the recognition of her immense contribution towards the school by way of her leadership.

Furthermore, I'm thankful for the committed and selfless faculty of the school. In a world where perpetual narcissism is the status quo, it is easy for individuals to be apathetic towards their careers. The professors of this school do not only teach because it is

their jobs but are also committed to student success. Some schools do not have it this way but possess faculties that are only concerned about their laureates and zeniths in academia. The open-door policies, office-hours and study sessions are a few ways professors of this college ensure that students are well grounded in what is being taught in their class. A great school is not defined by gigantic infrastructure, nor its alumni, but its skilled human resources. The student body of the school is privileged to have such dedicated group of professors. The custodians and individuals who work for the school are appreciated as well.

More so, I'm thankful for the amiable and magnanimous Alva community, which serves as the home for the college. It is easy to take safety and peace for granted. Incessantly, school shootings and attacks make headlines in the media. As far as they may seem from us, it is a blessing to be located in a place devoid of violence but rich in tranquility and freedom to

carry out activities without fear. The contributions and keen interest of the indigenes regarding Northwestern is immeasurable. Thanksgiving period gives an opportunity to appreciate this loving community. We are fortunate to have an awesome place as this to call home of the school.

Finally, I'm thankful for the students. The diversity that thrives on the campus is exceptional. Nevertheless, students coexist peacefully. The different ways of life create an unprecedented beauty for the college. In the course of disagreements, resolutions are made amicably and life goes on. I'm thankful for the impending graduates who serve as a model of emulation to the continuing students. That, in spite of atrocities, mishaps and financial constraints, dropping out of school should not be the resort.






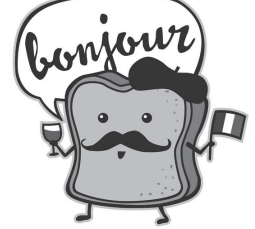
It shouldn't be a period of turkey feasting only but a time where we say thank you for the important things and blessings in our lives. An appreciative note or a smile can cut across a mile!

# WHAT'S UP?

## Ranger Calendar of Events



November 2015 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>Rangers LEND A HAND 1is2many</b></p> <p><b>Monday, November 23rd</b> 11:00-1:00pm Student Center</p> <p>Stop by and write a positive message to a Sexual Assault and/or Domestic Violence Survivor. The messages will be displayed for all to see. Help us in preventing and stopping the violence because 1 is 2 many.</p>			<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Annual Children's Theater Production - Herod Hall Auditorium 10 AM &amp; 2 PM</p> <p>Ranger and Lady Ranger Basketball vs. Harding University (Ark.) - 5:30 PM</p> <p>"Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - ACT 1 Theater 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Annual Children's Theater Production - Herod Hall Auditorium 10 AM &amp; 2 PM</p> <p>Lady Ranger Great American Conference in Hot Springs Arkansas -Time TBA</p> <p>"Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - ACT 1 Theater 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Annual Children's Theater Production - Herod Hall Auditorium 2 PM</p> <p>CEOE Teacher Testing</p> <p>World Hello Day - Greet 10 people with a hello and a smile</p> <p>"Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - ACT 1 Theater 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Cranberry Relish Day</p> 
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Lend A Hand - Student Center Commons Area 11 AM - 1 PM</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Something Greater -Coronado Hall 7: 00 PM- 10:00 PM</p> <p>Lady Ranger Basketball against Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell -Time TBA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Thanksgiving Break! No School!</p> <p>Tie one on day</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Native American Heritage Day</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>French Toast Day</p>  <p>Small Business Saturday - Support small business</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Send out an email or text for Electronic Greeting Day</p>

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# News

## Theater to present children's production

By JACLYN BURKE  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University theater program will present their annual children's production to the public Saturday, November 21, at 2 p.m.

The production, "Cinderella! Cinderella!" will be in the Herod Hall Auditorium, and admission will be \$1.

According to [nwosu.edu](http://nwosu.edu), "Cinderella! Cinderella!" written by Edith Weiss, takes place in an English village in 1342. Cinderella, a plain-looking girl with big feet, has to compete with her two mean-spirited but stunningly gorgeous stepsisters for the hand of the kind and sincere prince. With the help of her faithful feline companion, Tom, and a lovable but vision-impaired Fairy Godmother who's always using the wrong wand, Cinderella finally learns that magic isn't the answer to her problems. Courage, kindness and self-confidence trump superficial beauty and

an expensive wardrobe.

From Tom's slapstick shenanigans to Lady Lotta Bonbon's cat allergies to cupcakes in the face at the ball, everyone laughs their way through the valuable lessons learned — even the hateful stepsisters see that a kind heart is what emanates true beauty.

Fine Arts Department chair and director of the production, Kimberly Weast said there are four closed productions on Thursday and Friday.

About 1600 children from Fort Supply to Medford and Okemah to Burlington will attend the closed productions.

She said, "We do a children's show because this is our one opportunity to expose children to live theater." Most children in Northwest Oklahoma and Southwest Kansas don't have the opportunity to see live theatrical productions. For these children to see a professional theater for children, they have to drive three hours away.

Weast said they do the show

for the three main reasons, exposure, education and entertainment. The production is a way to expose children to the art form since theater is no longer in most of the area's public schools. It educates the children by giving them food for thought along with a moral of the story. Lastly, it provides entertainment.

Mickey Jordan, a junior from Iowa Park, Texas, participates in the show as part of his grade, for stage experience, but also to give back to the commu-

nity. Jordan said he was first introduced to theater through a children's production, "The Tortoise and the Hare," presented by Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas when he was in third grade. Being exposed to the production helped him choose the theater path that he did. He said it's cool to give back and be a part of this production, so maybe another child will have the same experience he did.

Hayden Nickel, who will play Fairy Godmother, said she willingly participates in the production because it's interactive with the audience. The children get excited and have so much energy.

Weast said the excitement the children have makes the entire auditorium rumble from all the dancing and singing before the show.

She said the show is ultimately a gift to the community. The inherited program has gone on for over 30 years, and adults in their 30s remembering attending.

### Cast, crew preparing for 'Cinderella'

#### Cast

Herald Herold - Trenton Judd  
Prunella - Tory Hurley  
Crudella - Ashley Litke  
Cinderella - Shy Ann Floyd  
Tom - Mickey Jordan  
Lady Lotta Bon Bon - Michelle Penner  
Fairy Godmother - Hayden Nickel  
Prince - Nicholas Wygle

#### Understudies

Scott Barley, Taylor Morris, Micah Roberts  
Ashley Urban

Director - Professor Kimberly Weast

Stage Manager - Taylor Morris

Assistant Stage Manager - Tali McDonald

Audio Design - Karlie Klaeger

Audio Board Operators - Micah Roberts and  
Karlie Klaeger

Costume Design - Alica Hall

Seamstresses - Alica Hall and Shy Ann Floyd

Makeup Design - Michelle Penner

Prop Design - Taylor Morris and Lacey  
Blevin

Set Design - Tracy Meza

Lighting Design - Tracy Meza

## Art society to offer larger variety of categories in annual art show

The 13th annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show will be March 6-26, 2016, in the J.W. Martin Library, and the organization is shaking up the categories this year for all contestants

"This is our 13th year to offer our campus communities an avenue to display their creativity, but we decided that

we didn't want to become predictable each year with what our categories were going to be," said Angelia Case, sponsor of the group. "We have some of the same categories and a lot of new ones including a special photography category dubbed '13.' This category is open to interpretation and will call

for those entering a photo to depict the number 13 in some manner to help us celebrate the number of our show."

"We also wanted to make sure people were aware of the show early this year so they can use the holiday break to work on their fine art, photography and artisan crafts," Case said. "Students should be particularly interested in our show because they can win prize money along with ribbons. Our non-students who enter will be eligible for ribbons for their winning pieces."

Categories within the Visual Arts Division will include Cartoon/Comics, Digital Art, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Watercolor and 3-Dimen-

sional/Sculpture.

The Artisan Crafts Division will include Crochet/Knitting/Needlework, Quilts, Jewelry, Pottery and a Wildcard category for entries that don't fit anywhere else.

The Photography Division will include Action, Animals, Black and White, Cityscapes, Landscapes, Light, Elements of Design, Macro, Northwestern Campus Life, People, Plants and a Wildcard category for entries that don't fit anywhere else.

Students will be able to win the following prize money: Best of Show, \$75; Division Winner, \$50; and prizes for first, second and third will be \$15, \$5 and \$2 for each

category. Everyone will be eligible for the \$50 People's Choice award after votes are counted.

The deadline to enter artwork into this year's show is Wed., Feb. 24, 2016, with the work to be delivered to the J.W. Martin Library on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The club members currently are working on updating the entry form, and it will be available online at [www.nwosu.edu/art](http://www.nwosu.edu/art) as well as in print form in various locations on campus in Alva, Enid and Woodward.

For more information about the art show, please contact Case at (580) 327-8577 or [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu).

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Sutton Jo and Ryne Hansen, the 1- and 3-year-old children of Northwestern employees Shane and Kaylyn Hansen, came to visit Santa during last year's NWOSU Art Society Photos with Santa event.

## Campus club sets date for annual holiday event

The sixth annual Holiday Gift Store for Kids and Photos with Santa event is coming up Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Student Center in Alva. Members of the NWOSU Art Society (NAS) sponsor this annual event.

"We're looking forward to seeing children from Alva and the surrounding communities taking part in the fun again this year," said Angelia Case, sponsor of NAS.

Case said that the Holiday Store provides children an inexpensive and fun way to shop for loved ones, friends, teachers and even pets. Prices on a variety of merchandise usually range from 50 cents to less than \$20.

Case said the Holiday Store allows the children to experience the thrill of "secretly" buying gifts, as well as benefiting from the practical lessons of budgeting, handling money and making decisions, but most of all, the pride and joy of gift-giving.

"We welcome parents and family members to accompany their children through the store if they so choose, but if your child

wants to keep your present a surprise, we'll have club members available to help them stay within their budget," Case said. "Our club members and volunteers also will help get the gift items bagged and ready for giving during the holidays.

"We only allow a few children to go through the store at one time to make it a positive experience for everyone," Case said. "So, if you're waiting to come into the store, take advantage of a visit with Santa Claus, who will be right next door ready to visit and take photos with kids of all ages."

Several photos will be taken during visits with Santa and then downloaded to a laptop computer for immediate viewing, Case said. Photos can be selected, and for a flat fee of \$5 for each photo, the purchaser will receive the original digital negative file(s) saved to their personal jump drive or sent to them via email.

"We are planning to have more than one Santa Photo viewing station this year to help speed up the photo-selection process," Case said.

For more information contact Case at (580) 327-8577 or [arcase@nwsu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwsu.edu).

## Students win prizes for designing posters as part of class project

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Foreign Language program recently had a cultural project.

For the second time in the course Spanish 1114, taught by Dr. Francisco Martinez, professor of Spanish, and Dr. Claudia Young, assistant professor of Spanish, students were able to participate in the cultural project.

"The idea was to create awareness about a Spanish speaking country to celebrate Columbus Day and as a fundraiser for Dr. Dorothy Day's Spanish Scholarship fund," Martinez said.

Martinez explained that students were given instructions and rubrics to help their research after they picked their country.

"Along the semester, we planned to have four or five activities so that they could attend the ones according to their schedule," Martinez said. "We have had a presenter, karaoke, a movie forum, Columbus Day and we are planning another movie before the end of the semester."

First place and the recipients of the \$20 prize for their poster design and research were juniors Brody Nichols, business accounting major from



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Poster winners from the course Spanish 1114 were awarded recently, pictured left to right is Dr. Claudia Young, third place winner Erin Norrie, and first place winners Abbie Haskins and Brody Nichols, and Dr. Francisco Martinez.



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Poster winners from the course Spanish 1114 were awarded recently, pictured left to right are the second place winners Nathan Weatherly and Matt Bickford.

Seiling, and Abbie Haskins, psychology major from Nash. The first place duo's country of choice was Republica de Guatemala. Second place, with a prize amount of \$15, was freshman Nathan Weatherly, agriculture major from El Paso, Texas; and sophomore Matt Bickford, business major from Braintree, Massachusetts, for their

country of Cuba. Third place and a \$10 prize went to junior Erin Norrie from Enid, who is majoring in nursing and chose Argentina as her country.

"The Spanish students were motivated doing research about another country different from theirs," Martinez said. "They learned about it, and they liked it a lot."

## Northwestern choir to introduce professor in concert titled 'New Beginnings' on Monday

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Choirs, comprised of the University Singers, the University Chorale and the University Concert Choir, will be performing its first concert of the year titled "New Beginnings" Monday, Nov. 23, at the Alva United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

The title of this performance represents the University Singer's

new beginning with a new professor giving the community an inside look to Karsten Longhurst, Director of Choral Studies. Each song that will be performed holds a personal story for him. There is a wide variety of genre that will be presented in this performance.

"There is so much the students and I have experienced in the short time we have had together," Longhurst said. "We wanted

to create a program that sings to how our two worlds have collided. I hope the community will come to connect with us, our singing, and celebrate our 'new beginning' with us."

New Beginnings is free and open to the public.

For more information about Northwestern's choir or upcoming concerts, contact Longhurst at [krlonghurst@nwsu.edu](mailto:krlonghurst@nwsu.edu) or at (580)327-8692.

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# SPORTS

## Women's basketball drops two at home

By ADRIANA BECERRA  
Student Writer

The Northwestern women's basketball team fell twice in the MIAA/GAC Challenge at home.

Northwestern took on Northeastern State University and the University of Central Oklahoma in historic Percefull Fieldhouse on Friday and Saturday. The Rangers fell short in both match ups but not without a challenge.

Friday night was a close match up with the Rangers and the Riverhawks of Northeastern. The two kept the score close all game. Northeastern's largest lead during the first three quarters was six points. The Rangers ultimately could not keep up in the fourth quarter where they were outscored 20-8.

Kamera Bozeman led the team with a double-double of 14 points and 11 rebounds. Ashley Pride had three assists and a total of seven points during the contest as well.

When the final buzzer sounded, Northwestern came up short to the Riverhawks, losing 61-43.



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Ranger Ashley Pride looks for a way past the Broncho defense during the 72-65 loss on Saturday at home.

On Saturday night the Rangers were ready to get redemption after their performance against the Riverhawks the night before. They squared off with

the Broncos of the University of Central Oklahoma but like the game against Northeastern, the Rangers were unable to come out on top.

The intensity was high and the crowd was pumped up. The first quarter was a close match up but as the time expired in the first half, the Rangers were able to hold

the two-point advantage over the Broncos.

Rangers went back and forth again during the third quarter and managed to pull out to a nine point lead during the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Broncos came charging right back in the closing minutes to take the win out from under the Rangers, 72-65.

Micaela Yu led the Rangers with 13 total points. Relina Johnson and Bozeman were not far behind with 11 apiece. Kaci Hansen added 3 steals for the Rangers.

Up next, the Rangers will kickoff conference play against GAC opponent Harding University at 5:30 p.m. tonight in Percefull Fieldhouse. They continue conference play on Saturday as they face Arkansas Tech at 1 p.m. at home as well.

Following the Rangers two home games this weekend, the Rangers will head on the road over Thanksgiving break for nonconference play.

First, Northwestern will head to Panhandle St. on Nov. 24 to face the Aggies. Then they will travel back across the state to Claremore, Okla. to face the Hillcats of Rogers State University.

## Men's basketball falls in GAC/MIAA Challenge

By ALEX REYES  
Student Writer

The Rangers suffer two heartbreaking losses at the GAC/MIAA Basketball Challenge on Friday and Saturday on the road.

Northwestern traveled to Durant to take on the University of Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State University.

The Rangers first game against UCO on Friday was plagued by shooting woes with four Rangers shooting under 40 percent against the Broncos, and missing eight key free throws.

They were outrebounded on the glass both defensively

and offensively as well.

The Broncos grabbed 13 rebounds in the Ranger's territory opposed to Northwestern's eight.

Defensively the Rangers managed three blocks and seven steals.

That was enough to force more turnovers against UCO it was not enough to keep their turnovers becoming out of control.

UCO had a hand in Northwestern's turnovers with nine of them being Bronco steals also. Josh Holliday, the Broncos leading scorer, led this assault with four of the nine.

Holliday dropped 21 points on the Rangers to finish the game also.

The Rangers leading scorer, Zach Dumas, had 17 and went five for 11 on the night with only one assist.

Adrian Motley, one of Northwestern's prominent leaders, struggled with shooting going four for 14 and only tallying 11 points. Motley shot four free throws and converted three as well.

Ranger T'aries Taylor was only two of seven from the field but sank all six shots from the line to put up ten points. Taylor also had the most turnovers for the Rangers with four but did manage to snag three steals from the Blue-and-Gold.

The Rangers fell to the Broncos on a last-second buzzer beater to end the game.

The Rangers let their game against the Northeastern Riverhawks slip away in the second half as well.

The Rangers were far more efficient with their shooting in their second game. Ranger Lakeem Henderson put up 27 points and totaled seven for 11 shooting. He also racked up seven rebounds and two steals.

Motley and Taylor were both five for nine with 19 points on the night.

Efficiency in shooting was not translated into ball security. The Rangers had a dismal 27 turnovers against the Riverhawks 11 of them were forced by steals.

The bench for the Riverhawks exploded for

56 points compared to the Ranger's 15.

The Rangers couldn't hold onto the lead late however, as the Riverhawks went on a 14-3 run which haulted the momentum for the Red-and-Black.


When the final whistle sounded, the Rangers found themselves on the losing side yet again.

The Rangers' loss puts them at a 0-2 overall record to start the season.

Their next game is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at home in Percefull Fieldhouse against conference foe, the Harding University Bison.

The Rangers then face Arkansas Tech at 3 p.m. on Saturday at home as well.

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# SPORTS



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Senior Zachary Doyle gains yards against the Bulldogs defense, despite the Rangers losing to them 31-17 on Saturday.

## Football ends season with loss to Bulldogs

By BRANDON WILLIS  
Student Writer

The Northwestern Oklahoma State football team loses on Senior Day against crosstown rival Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs 31-17 at home on Saturday.

Senior Day in college football is an emotional day for fans, players, and coaches. It is a day of celebrating the commitment to their team and university but it is also a farewell as it will be there last game in Alva.

There were 15 seniors honored

for the Rangers.

When play got underway at Ranger Field, the Rangers faced adversity early as the Bulldogs running back Kenneth Martey exploded for a 93 yard touchdown run on their first possession of the game.

Northwestern managed to respond in their first possession with a 14 play drive that resulted in a 21 yard field goal by Will Hawkins.

At the 10:30 mark of the second quarter, the Bulldogs struck again as Karltrill Henderson broke out for a 66 yard touchdown which tied his longest run of the season.

After a stalled drive that resulted in a 44 yard punt by Will Hawkins, the Bulldogs wasted no time as they scored in three plays.

A 51 yard touchdown connection between Marc Evans and Derrick Styles put SWOSU up 21-3 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Red and Black got on track after a key stop by the Rangers defense. Then junior quarterback Reid Miller led a five play 29 yard drive that resulted in a 1-yard touchdown run by Miller.

The Rangers defense led by junior defensive end Joby Saint Fleur, who ended the game with 8

tackles and 2 sacks, got another key stop as they forced SWOSU into a field goal.

The Rangers offense quickly responded with a 12 play 80 yard drive as Miller rushed for a 22 yard score to put the game at 24-17 SWOSU.

The Rangers needed one more stop and a quick score to force the game into overtime.

Unfortunately, it was not to be for the Red and Black as the Bulldogs put the nail in the coffin when Karltrill Henderson again broke free for a 25 yard touchdown run to seal the game at 31-17.

Reid Miller ended the game

with 224 yards passing and two rushing touchdowns.

Senior running back Zachary Doyle finished his final game with 10 rushing attempts for 86 yards while also catching two passes.

Also in his final game wearing the red and black, Justin Schanbacher finished with four receptions for 16 yards. Senior kicker Will Hawkins ended the game a 21 yard field goal as well as 675 yards combined off of punts and kickoffs.

The Rangers finished the season with a disappointing 3-8 overall record and GAC record.

## Volleyball falls to Bulldogs; focus now on postseason

By JACLYN BURKE  
Student Writer

The Northwestern volleyball team fell to Southwestern 3-2, at home on Thursday to close out the regular season.

Before the match got underway, five Ranger seniors were honored for their hard work and dedication while attending Northwestern. Seniors Korina Lillard, Megan Hentschke, Kaydee Yukawa, Ashanti Banks and Lachelle Purrier all received the honor.

According to riderangerside.com, when play got underway in Percefull Fieldhouse, the Rangers took the second and fourth sets with command.

In the second set, the Rangers were able to shrug off the first set loss by dominating the Bulldogs from start to finish, eventually taking the set 25-16.

When the fourth set got underway, the Rangers and

Bulldogs battled back and forth early on, until Southwestern went on a hot streak, opening to a 7-3 lead.

The Rangers kept fighting though, and eventually come back to knot the game up at 13-13.

The Bulldogs would jump back out front with a 19-16 lead, but it would not hold up as the Rangers rallied back with a 9-0 run to close out the set and take the fourth set win, 25-19.

The Bulldogs took the first, third and fifth sets (22-25, 19-25 and 11-15), however, and walk away with the 3-2 win over the Rangers.

The final score, 3-2, is quite the improvement from the 0-3 loss the Rangers ended up with after the first time they fell to the Southwestern Bulldogs this season.

Ranger junior, Asia Pipkin, led the team with 16 total kills. Ranger senior, Lillard, aided the defensive effort with 22 digs along with Pipkin who contributed 18.

Ranger senior, Banks, had three blocks for Northwestern's defensive side. Junior, Vanessa Maile, led the team in assists with 35, and Yukawa finished just behind her with 28 assists.

"The crowd was awesome," head coach, Fredrick Wagner said. "We had the best support of the season. It was a great send-off for our first group of four-year seniors!"

The game against the Bulldogs closed out the regular season for the ladies. "We finished in the middle of the pack and qualified for the post-season tournament in our first year in the conference," Wagner said.

In terms of the Great American Conference, the recent loss to Southwestern doesn't mean anything to the Rangers.

Wagner said, "As the tournament started to shape up it was apparent that we would be playing SWOSU with a win or a loss."

He said the team looks

forward to "putting our best foot forward on a neutral court. This is the best of the conference and we will all be on the road."

The Rangers finished with an 11-17 overall record in the regular season as well as a 8-8 record in conference.

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# Features



By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
*Columnists*

This week we watched "Bridge of Spies". But you didn't hear it from us...

Chris: 3.5 out of 5



So we went undercover for this one. You probably didn't even see me there, but I enjoyed watching this film from my hiding spot. So let's dive right in.

Tom Hanks gives us a great performance in this film in what I believe will be a run for best actor in a leading role. I've never seen a Tom Hanks movie that I did not like. He carries the film from start to

finish. The supporting cast was also good, but they are not in the leading role for a reason.

The plot line of the movie is exciting and suspenseful, as a spy related movie should be. I don't want to throw out any spoilers, but it's not like other spy movies you've seen.

Here comes the part that I don't like. This movie is being used to gain public moral for our ongoing foreign affairs.

I don't mind rallying behind a cause for America but not in media and entertainment. I go to movies to be entertained. Sometimes that entertainment is thought provoking, but I don't want my thoughts to be led in the filmmaker's direction. I want to get there on my own.

And just to be clear, I don't mind the message. But let me come up with my own conclusion, even if it's not the same as yours.

Bottom line: It's a great movie if you can turn your mind off to underlying tones. It's a great performance by great actors and a great storyline. Just focus on that and you'll be very happy.

Natalie: 4 Stars



If you're a fan of Spielberg films and a fan of the magic of Tom Hanks, look no further for entertainment than "Bridge of Spies." This film seamlessly bridges the gap between historical fiction and the world of modern entertainment.

This film is powerful. To its core, it is packed with emotion, heart and courage.

Surrounding the true story of espionage during the Cold War era, "Bridge of Spies" manages to tell a historical tale through the lens of an action-packed thriller. The film stays true to the style of the time period and maintains its thrilling, albeit traumatic, events. It's a highly authentic re-creation of the time period, without being too forced.

"Bridge of Spies" pushes a moral and intellectual message, without being overly overt. It affirms and supports traditional American values, all while encouraging natural human decency. It is a message that rings especially true in the light of recent international events.

Tom Hanks, yet again, does not disappoint. From the lovable toy cowboy in "Toy Story," to the sentimental Forest Gump and to this current role as James Donovan, Hanks molds into his character effortlessly. He manages to entrance the audience, and I found myself sympathizing with him throughout the film.

Bottom Line: This is a gripping film, sure to entice audiences, particularly if you've a soft spot for a great quality historical film.

## Northwestern students react to Mizzou president's resignation

By **SELENA ESTRADA**  
*Student Writer*

The president of the University of Missouri, Tim Wolfe, has recently resigned because of racial incidents that have been occurring on the campus located at Columbia, MO.

In 2014, Michael Brown was shot by a white police

officer. He was a black 18-year old that lived in Ferguson, which is a few hours from Columbia. After this incident, there were several racial incidents that occurred on campus, which lead to the resignation of Wolfe.

Students had posted terrorist threats on social media against blacks and a couple of the students have been arrested. Swastika signs were found drawn on residence hall walls;

the Black Students Association president was disrespectfully called the n-word; during homecoming, protesters blocked Tim Wolfe's vehicle; a student who was on a hunger strike said he wouldn't eat until the president resigned. These were just a few of the incidents that occurred.

After interviewing a few Northwestern students regarding these events, the majority of students seem to agree that Wolfe deciding to resign was a good decision. Below are the opinions of four Northwestern students about the Missouri University incident.

A Northwestern sophomore, Juan Villa said, "The incident that happened in the University of Missouri was not properly taking action through Mr. Wolfe. Since he was the president of

the University, he should have been paying closer attention to the situation. I believe he made the right decision to resign from his president position, and hopefully someone can take better action of what is occurring in Columbia, Missouri."

Northwestern freshman, Brady Hanley said, "It's a little hard to go through something like that and then have your president resign, because you no longer have that person that has been there, and now they're putting someone new into a tough situation. It can be very hard to have a new person step in and do something about it."

Northwestern freshman Tobi Barker said, "He should have resigned. He didn't know how to handle the situation, so it was good that he resigned. He should have taken action towards the

situation."

Northwestern sophomore Corey Shirey said, "I think that the school should have handled it a lot sooner. Their former president made the right decision of stepping down, but it should have never come to that. It should have been handled months ago... Because of the mismanagement, I'm proud of the president's decision to step down and hand of the torch to someone who can handle the situation. I am proud of the student body. It shows that we pay attention to what is happening in our campuses and around our state and nation. Racism has no need in higher education... I'm proud of the student body for taking a stand against something that matters and trying to put a halt to racism."

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# Features

## Artist in residence brings inspiration to Alva

By **KATIE LACKEY**  
*Student Writer*



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She has always been drawn to art, but it wasn't until her late 20s that she began actively pursuing it.

Jackie Feng, an artist in residence at Northwestern, arrived during the first week of October and will be staying until December. She originally graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in industrial design. Then she went on to work as a graphic designer.

Feng said she knew that wasn't what she wanted to do, so she started taking some evening painting classes. She went on to graduate this past spring from Boston University in two years with a master of fine arts.

Painting is Feng's medium of

choice. She paints a variety of objects to keep herself from being limited to one single genre.

Now at Northwestern, Feng serves as an artist-in-residence. She has two months to utilize the time and space here to create a series of drawings and paint-

ings. At the end of her two months, she will have a cumulative art show of all her works at the Graceful Arts Center on December 4.

Feng also gains teaching experience from this position. She gets to instruct a few of the art classes on campus, as well as a watercolor painting workshop at the Graceful Arts Center on November 21. It is a way for her to reach out to the community through the arts.

As far as future plans, Feng has a studio in Los Angeles where she will continue painting. She is also currently searching for a teaching job where she hopes to teach undergraduate and graduate levels.

"My interest in this residency was to take myself out of the urban surrounding and to see what I would come up with in a drastically different kind of town," Feng said. "The people here are super friendly,

and it is definitely a nice change of pace from being in the city. The landscape around here is also giving me different ideas for my work too."

In response to what piece of artwork is she most proud of "I learn something from every piece I have made, and this is my measuring stick for what I would be proud of," Feng said.

Henri Matisse and Francisco Goya are two painters Feng respects and admires. She explained that Goya has a unique blend of comedy and tragedy in his work that she also strives for. Matisse's paintings have a sense of light that comes from within the paintings. "I consider Matisse a revolutionary when it comes to using colors and paint," Feng said

For young and upcoming artists "They should definitely

cultivate a discipline of drawing all the time and to keep a sketch book and jot down all your ideas, good or bad." Feng said "to become well versed in art history."

Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, said: "One of the main goals of the Artist-in-Residence program is for visual arts students to see what it takes to be a professional artist." Larson said "Students have been able to see Jackie's work ethic, dedication, self-discipline, and the sheer amount of work that she makes on a daily basis. Jackie is also a fantastic teacher and has led two class periods this semester. The feedback and advice she has given the students has been invaluable, and the results can already be seen in their artwork."

## Eva's Coffee Shop pours cups of joe and joy

By **TRACY MEZA**  
*Student Writer*



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Eva's prepares for the cold winter with its hot beverages.

After the passing of her high school sweetheart, who was the father of her five children, Eva Welch said she was left wondering what her God had planned for her life next.

Eva's family moved to Alva when she was just 15-years-old and then she married her husband as soon as she graduated high school. Together, they moved around the country searching for work, but they were determined to make it home to Alva. Therefore, at their first possible opportunity, they did. Eva and her husband had five children together, three boys and two girls, so for the first part of the marriage she was at home raising the children.

In 1973, with her children in school, Eva found her job of 29 years at the Alva Police department as a 911 operator. She left the police department when her husband fell ill, and shortly after, in May of

2002, he passed away. A few months after the funeral, Eva decided to take a cross-country road trip in order to find herself. Eva had always been somebody's wife or mother and she said she needed to find out who she was.

Eva knew her final destination was going to be Portland, Oregon, where her youngest son Kelly lived, but how she was going to get there and how long it took her was all in her

hands. "I didn't have time to miss him, basically because everything I did was things he wouldn't have liked," Eva said. When she made it to Oregon and looked at the Pacific Ocean, it was so beautiful she said all she could see was God.

Eva stayed in Oregon for over three months, and in that time she and her son visited several coffee shops. Every time she went into one she said that she instantly thought that this would work well in Alva. She talked with her children about opening a coffee shop out of their father's old shop in Alva, and they all thought it was a great idea. However, it took a little while for the

idea to take off. "For a while, it was just an idea, and it was, just an idea," Eva said.

Then, suddenly in 2004, she said that she felt this sudden push from God to get the coffee shop ready. She knew what she wanted it to look like and she had to do a lot of clearing out of the shop to get it to look that way. Nevertheless, she knew the coffee shop dream was meant to be and was a sign from God when she found a book and video online titled, "How to Put in Your Coffee Shop." The guide taught her everything she needed to know about how to

run a successful coffee shop business. After a trial period of a few months with the equipment and waiting on all the operational permits to come back from the city, Eva's coffee shop was up and running.

After two years of the coffee shop being open, it started paying for itself, she said. "It's like a hobby in a way I don't know what I would be doing. What would I be doing for 11 years?" Eva said "So for 11 years, I've just been doing what God wanted me to do, and I feel really good about that."



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Eva opened up her coffee shop in her late husband's workshop.

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# Free Watercolor workshop offered



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Students and faculty watch Artist in Residence, Jackie Feng demonstrate watercolor skills during the free workshop offered on Tuesday.



## A history of Thanksgiving What does the famous holiday mean?

By **JORDAN EVANS**  
*Student Writer*

It's about that time of the year that we put those elastic waistbands to use. Thanksgiving is the most notorious day for eating. We indulge in mounds of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Besides the gargantuan portions of food we will dive into, we use Thanksgiving as a day to give appreciation for everything we have.

While the Thanksgiving feast was originally a celebration of a bountiful harvest, we now incorporate all things we are thankful for. We remember those who fight for our freedom; we thank our loved ones for their commitment to our lives; we thank our nation for giving us the opportunity to live in relative peace. Taking a day to spend with loved ones, watching football and playing in the leaves give us the chance to enjoy the freedoms we

have.

Yet, we should take a moment to give to those who are not fortunate enough to enjoy these luxuries. Invite your neighbor over for some turkey. Donate some canned goods to your local food bank. Write a letter to a soldier overseas. There are a number of small things that can brighten the holiday season for those who feel alone.

We so often forget how lucky we are for the extravagances of our daily lives. We don't live somewhere that is being destroyed by war and terrorism. We have homes to keep us warm, food to keep us full, and an abundance of clean water.

This holiday reminds us of these things and hopefully sparks the desire to give thanks everyday by caring for others and giving back what we have been so fortunate to have.

As Willian Ward said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."