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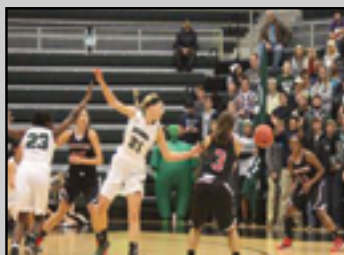
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Memorial service held Sat. for English professor

By MEGAN GARNETT
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University lost a beloved friend and mentor Tuesday when Dr. Clarence Johnson, of Medford passed away. Johnson, 68, an adjunct instructor of English taught at many schools over a span of more than thirty years. His career ended at Northwestern, the university he once attended, as his father had before him.

“He was so well educated and exposed to many different types of literature... He could talk to me about something from Shakespeare—and he could quote from the plays by memory—and then go over to Dr. Adams and start talking about Mark Twain, and then move on to Dr. Lane and talk about Shelley. His knowledge was massive,” said Assistant Professor of English, Jennifer Page, Ph.D.

According to his colleges, not only did Johnson possess great knowledge, but creativity as well.

“Dr. Johnson was definitely his own person. He seemed to have such a variety of interests. He had published some volumes of poetry, he was an artist and he liked to use leftover materials to create some of his pieces,” said Assistant Professor of English, Kathleen M. Earnest, Ph.D.

Johnson had some of his artworks displayed at the local Graceful Arts



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Gallery and Studios.

“His work was repurposed, reused, and alive as he visualized it. I have had Clarence’s artwork here three times and he didn’t really care if anything sold.” said Jo Decker, Gallery Director. “He was a very dedicated teacher and artist and found both as ways to express and get his vision out there via words and via art, to let everyone know how he felt and what he saw. He had an enthusiastic view of life. Every day was an adventure.”

Faculty members also said

Johnson was not only respected and loved by his colleagues, but his students as well.

“Students say that he really caused them to think in the classroom because he would ask such unusual questions that they weren’t expecting, so those questions caused them to really think about a piece of literature or a topic in a different way,” said Earnest.

Johnson’s legacy will live on in the impressions he made on everyone around him.

“His presence was so very big. He was a wonderful friend and

excellent colleague. He was truly kind and his love of teaching was extremely inspirational. I’m just grateful for the opportunity to have known him,” said Page, who hosted a memorial service last Friday for Johnson.

She spoke highly of his attributes as an individual as well as professor. According to Page, “he just knew when a person needed a word of encouragement or a silly trinket or a personal poem. I just thought it was very kind of him that he could think of others in that way. He was such a genuine person that working with him, hearing him as you walk down the halls, past his classroom, hearing him talking about literature, hearing him sharing his favorite recipe for queso dip, it was all so distinctly him. He didn’t have a teacherly persona. He was just intelligent. I feel like I’m a better person for having known him.

That sounds really cliché but just from watching how extremely kind he was and how attentive and thoughtful, that’s impressive. And it gives me something to aspire to.”

As per the wish of Johnson’s family, they ask “that in lieu of flowers, donations in Clarence’s name be made to one’s local library or school — for education is the gift he wanted for everyone,” as stated in Enid News.

Matt Barnes, Director of the Academic Success Center and friend of Johnson said, “As Clarence would say, ‘Once again into the breach.’”

Campus to host Family Day next week

Family Day at Northwestern is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12. The annual event brings families to campus where they can take tours, purchase Ranger gear, shop for tuition scholarships and attend a Ranger football game.

Families are invited to visit the Alva merchants to “shop for tuition” to register for a \$500, \$300 or \$200 tuition giveaway for the spring semester of 2016. Families can register as many times as they’d like, and the winning individuals will be presented with their awards during halftime (must be present to win).

The Alva merchants participating only on Friday are Alva State Bank, Banc Central and Floral Designs. Alva merchants participating both Friday and Saturday are Community Bank, K&S Tire, Holder Drug, Radio Shack, Taco Village, LaDEEda, Rialto Theatre, Lyn’s T-Shirt Factory, McDonald’s, Wal-Mart, Merle Norman, Alva’s Market, Exotic Heat Wave, Brown’s Shoe Fit Co., Bar S Outfitters, Wickedly Rustic, Graceful Arts Gallery, Schuhmacher’s Copper Penny and The Hot Pink Daisy & Chrome. No purchase necessary to “shop for tuition.”

Family Day registration

is Saturday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Northwestern Student Center.

After registration, families are invited to attend the Presidential Pre-Game Program in the Student Center Ballroom from 3:30 – 4 p.m. Students and their families will hear from Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, and will have the opportunity to meet with Northwestern faculty and staff members. After the Presidential Pre-Game, families will receive free tickets to the football game and a chance to win additional prizes.

Families also are invited

to the Tailgate Party from 5 p.m. until kickoff on the west side of the Ranger Field Fieldhouse. Food and drinks will be served for \$3 per person. In case of inclement weather, Northwestern will play host to the tailgate event in the Student Center.

Saturday’s events will wrap-up at 7 p.m. when the Northwestern Ranger football team takes on Southern Arkansas for the first home game of the season.

For more information, please contact Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, at cnmosburg@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8415.

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OPINION







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Ranger Calendar of Events



September 2015 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			<p>3</p> <p>Ranger Football @ University of Arkansas (Monticello) - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer @ Northeastern State in Tahlequah - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Day</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer @ Wayne State (Neb.) College - 1:00 p.m.</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day No Classes, Offices closed.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer at Sioux Falls, S.D., - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Something Greater - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ranger Rally - 8:00 p.m. at Ranger Field</p>	<p>10</p> <p>T.V. Dinner Day</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Northwestern Family Day - 9:00 a.m-5:00 p.m. Student Center</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Northwestern Family Day - 9-11 a.m. Student Center</p> <p>Student Vocal Recital - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>CEOE Teacher Testing</p> <p>Ranger Football vs Southern Arkansas at Ranger Field, 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Miss Cinderella Orientation</p>

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Sen. Lankford discusses key issues slated for session

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

Senator James Lankford addressed several key national and state issues Sept. 1 during a visit to the NWOSU campus.

Lankford, who previously served four years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, has been serving as a United States Senator since Nov. 4, 2014.

Lankford highlighted numerous pressing issues that the U.S. Senate will be discussing in its upcoming session. The primary issue Lankford addressed was his concern in regards to current Iran nuclear negotiations. Lankford believes that the present agreement should not remain and that negotiations should be further pressed.

“I do want a diplomatic solution, but this is just not it,” stated Lankford in regards to the current Iran nuclear deal. Lankford presumes that discussions on this matter will compose a major part of early September in the Senate.

As the fiscal year concludes on Sept. 30, another predominant matter in the discussion regarded the upcoming year’s budget.

According to Lankford, “there was a two percent growth in the economy, but that’s not enough to sustain us.”

Lankford supports a three percent increase on military spending, as he stressed the importance of U.S. presence in the Middle East. “People think we’re not kinetically engaged, but we are still a nation at war.” Much discussion in regards to the budget will be required in September, as currently only 54 senators are in agreement on the budget proposal, though 60 senators are needed for the budget to be debated on the floor.

Having outlined these two predominant issues for the approaching session, Lankford opened up the discussion for questions. Several of the



Photo by Travis Harmon-Smith
Sen. Lankford addresses committee.

pressing concerns for local residents involved educational standards, same-sex marriage, water regulations, immigration issues and the Keystone Pipeline System. Lankford gave details concerning these matters, but stressed that there is no immediate or straightforward solution to many of these concerns.

Lankford also commented on his stance in regards to the recent Planned Parenthood controversies. “It’s no secret that I’m very pro-life,” remarked Lankford. His current viewpoint is that Planned Parenthood should be defunded, and that those funds should be absorbed by the dozens of community health centers around Oklahoma.

Regulatory rates for bankers was another key matter addressed during discussion. After the passing of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in 2010, regulations for banks have been tightened significantly. This Act was passed with the intention of improving accountability and transparency in financial systems. This has had a significant negative affect on banks, particularly community traditional banks. Because

of this, smaller banks are being absorbed, and loans have been significantly more difficult to obtain. Lankford accepts that regulations are necessary, but believes that the U.S. should realize that these small, traditional banks are not a systematic threat to the safety and soundness of the United States financial system.

Lankford left the discussion with a few final thoughts, primarily regarding the importance of strong American families.

“America’s problems don’t get solved in D.C., they get solved in American homes. D.C. is the mirror to America. Take care of our families. As a gift to the nation, love your spouse and your kids,” said Lankford.

Associate Dean’s essay published in linguistics book

Over the summer, Dr. Shawn Holliday, associate dean of Graduate Studies and professor of English at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, had an essay published in the book, “The Power of the Word: The Sacred and the Profane.”

Holliday said his essay, “Nicknaming in Appalachia: The Shibboleth of the Mountains,” analyzes “the practice of nicknaming in Appalachia. The isolation of mountain towns and the hazardous work performed by coal miners and railroad workers lend nicknaming especial importance in the region.”

“In Appalachia, a nickname is bestowed upon an individual to include him/her into the larger community,” Holliday said. “From my research I’ve found that Appalachian nicknames most often derive from family dynamics, physical appearances, humorous occurrences, or general linguistic play. To be called by a nickname is one way that Appalachians identify themselves from outsiders.”

The book was edited by Patsy Daniels, a friend of Holliday’s

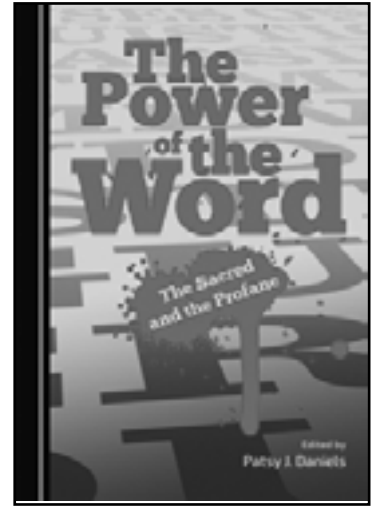


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from graduate school, and was published by Cambridge Scholars Press.

For his essay, Holliday presents his points by discussing the nicknaming practices of his home town, Williamson, West Virginia, and similar communities in southeastern Kentucky.

The book is now available on amazon.com,

barnesandnoble.com, powells.com and other book outlets.

For more information on Holliday’s essay contact him at (580) 327-8589 or by email at spholliday@nwosu.edu.

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Northwestern welcomes new faculty hires for fall



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New faculty members begin the 2015-2016 academic year at Northwestern.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently welcomed 12 new faculty members to campus to begin the 2015-2016 school year. Six new faculty members have been hired in the School of Arts and Sciences, while the remaining six work in the School of Professional Studies.

Short biographies of each faculty member from the School of Arts and Sciences are listed below:

Dawn Allen, instructor of English, holds a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Pittsburg State (Kan.) University and a Master of Fine Arts in writing from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She has worked as an adjunct instructor of English for the last three years.

Dr. Kaylene Armstrong, assistant professor of mass communication, holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Brigham Young University, a

Master of Science degree from Utah State University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has previously served as an instructor/faculty media adviser at Brigham Young University, Georgia College and State University, University of Southern Mississippi and Lorain County (Ohio) Community College.

Dr. Marc Decker, assistant professor of music and director of bands, earned a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and a Master of Arts and Doctorate of Music Arts from the University of Iowa. He has directed bands at American University in Washington D.C. and at South Haven High School in Michigan. For 15 years he has been a summer clinician/director of the Smith-Waldrige Clinics in Charleston, Ill.

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News Briefs

Homecoming theme selected

After reviewing several submissions, the Northwestern Oklahoma State University/Alva Homecoming committee selected "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame," as the 2015 theme.

The option was turned in by Melissa (Law) McGaughy, a 2004 Northwestern alumna.

Student and community groups are encouraged to create a float that incorporates this theme for Homecoming, which is set for Oct. 8-10.

Leading the parade on Saturday, Oct. 10, will be the family of the honorary parade marshal Dr. Charles White, who recently passed away. For 23

years, Charles White worked in various positions at Northwestern. During those years, most of his time was spent as a professor of education and psychology as well as chair of the division of education and psychology.

For the submission, McGaughy will receive \$25 in Alva Chamber Bucks and a Homecoming button. Homecoming button sales kick-off will be announced at a later date.

To keep up-to-date with Homecoming events, visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming. The page will be updated as events are finalized.

Classes closed for Labor Day

Employees and students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be able to enjoy an extended weekend as the university will close for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7.

Northwestern's offices will be closed and no classes will be held that day. Classes will resume and all university offices will open with regular business hours on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Woods County Free Fair to be held next week

By SELENA ESTRADA
Student Reporter

Woods County Free Fair in Alva, Oklahoma will be held September 10-12, 2015. There will be several events and exhibits and animals that will be judged. Contestants can also

enter in the horse show on Friday and Saturday.

Inflatables will be available all three days and Go-Kart races will be open Friday and Saturday. A "Death by Chocolate" competition will be held Thursday and \$1 a bowl ice cream treat on Friday. Also on Friday they have a free feed and concert.

SGA to host 'Ranger Rally' on Sept. 9

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

School spirit will flood Northwestern Oklahoma State University Wednesday, Sept. 9 as the Student Government Association will host its annual Ranger Rally.

The Ranger Rally will begin at 8:00 p.m., with games beginning shortly after. At 8:45 p.m., the band, cheer and dance teams will perform and coaches from various athletic teams on campus will give speeches.

The first 250 students to arrive at the Ranger Rally will receive a free Ranger t-shirt, with the showing of their current student ID. SGA members will be serving free hotdogs to all students and faculty. All students will be permitted to participate in games and may enter to win prizes.

The spirit rally is an opportunity for students to engage in school spirit and community in support of Ranger Athletics. All NWOSU students are encouraged to attend this fun evening of enthusiasm, energy and free food.

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Northwestern welcomes new faculty hires for fall (cont.)

Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, holds a bachelor's degree in studio art and English, and a Master of Arts in painting and drawing from California State University-Sacramento. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from Boston University. He has teaching experience at Nashua (N.H.) Community College, The Winsor School (Mass.), California State University and Boston University. He served as the artist-in-residence at Northwestern during the 2014 fall semester.

Karsten Longhurst, instructor of music and director of choral music, earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and a Bachelor of Arts in German from Weber State (Utah) University. He has a master's degree in music from the University of Utah. Longhurst has previously served at the University of Southern California and at secondary schools in Ogden, Utah. He has been a clinician and private voice instructor throughout Utah and California.

Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science, earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Northwestern. He previously worked as a computer science tutor and library assistant at Northwestern.

Short biographies of each faculty member from the School of Professional Studies are listed below:

Mariann Braten-Hall, instructor of education, holds a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Oral Roberts University and a Master of Education in educational leadership from Northwestern. She previously served as an elementary and special education teacher in the Ponca City Public Schools.

Dr. Cristina Gordon, assistant professor of psychology and chair of the psychology department, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Faculdades Metropolitanas Unidas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, a Master of Arts degree from the State University of West Georgia, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from Capella (Minn.)

University. She served in teaching and administrative roles at Fox Valley (Wisc.) Technical College and has served as an adjunct faculty member at several Wisconsin colleges.

Joshua Hawkins, instructor of education, earned a Bachelor of Science in special education and a Master of Education in educational administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He was a graduate teaching assistant at Oklahoma State University and served in teaching and administrative roles in the Morrison Public Schools. He also served as a special education teacher at several other Oklahoma elementary schools.

Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and chair of the division of education, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Education degree from Northwestern. She holds a Doctorate of Education in educational administration from Oklahoma State University. Jenlink previously served as dean of the Broken Arrow Campus for Northeastern State University (NSU), and also held faculty and leadership roles in NSU's College of Education. She also served as a principal in the Tulsa Public Schools and as an instructor of music at various public schools in Michigan and Oklahoma.

Mistie Kline, instructor of psychology, has a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Phillips University and a Master of Counseling Psychology degree from Northwestern. She previously served as director of the Academic Success Center at Northwestern and operated a local retail business.

Stephanie Widick, instructor of psychology, holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master of Counseling Psychology from Northwestern. She has been a registration assistant on Northwestern's Enid campus for five years.

Performances set for 2015 Northwest Okla. Concert Series

The Red Dirt Rangers will kick off the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series at Northwestern Oklahoma State University on Tuesday, Oct. 20, as the first of four scheduled acts for the season.

The homegrown red dirt band originated during the 1980s in Stillwater. The group has been spreading red dirt music across the plains for 25 years. Woodstock (NY) Times describes the band as "hip cowboys" who "play with soul," like a bit of "Tex-Mex with extra jalapeño." Laid-back and identified as taking the road-less-travelled, the Red Dirt Rangers share their passion of red dirt music everywhere they go.

All Concert Series performances will be in Herod Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Season tickets are now available in Alva at the Graceful Arts Center, Holder Drugstore, Rialto Movie Theater and the Northwestern Bookstore. Adult season tickets are \$40, and student season tickets are \$20. Tickets to individual performances will be sold on an "as available" basis at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Continuing as second in the lineup are Jeff and Stacy Pederson on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The Pedersons will bring a refreshingly clean and an award-winning comedy act to Northwestern's stage. Hailed as one of the best female comedians by Vocatus Productions, Stacy also is known as a motivational and inspirational speaker for women. Stacy and her husband Jeff, also known as "The Rock N' Roll Pastor," provide a dynamic duo that is entertaining and witty.

The Justin Pierce Jazz Quintet will perform on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. Justin Pierce is a saxophonist and professor of music at Oklahoma Baptist University. He currently is completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of North Texas (UNT), where he also earned a Master of Jazz Studies degree. While at UNT, he served as lead alto saxophonist in the One O'Clock and Two O'Clock Lab

Bands. As a freelance woodwind performer, Pierce has performed with The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, The Temptations, The O'Jays, and Wayne Newton. The Justin Pierce Jazz Band performs jazz standards with a contemporary jazz flavor.

RUNA on March 8, 2016, is the last performance in the lineup. RUNA is a group of five musicians who come from a variety of musical backgrounds ranging from folk, classical, rock n' roll, Middle Eastern and more. The Celtic band's pure rhythm will send chills through the spine as the members dive into the songs from their albums for their performance. Recognized as "an incredible masterpiece" by The Celtic Crier, RUNA will finish the concert series with a bang.

This year, seven different sponsorship packages are being offered, each including season tickets, reserved seating and program advertisements. The sponsorship packages are as follows:

Member, \$150 to \$249 contribution—three season tickets, seating in reserved section and name recognition in concert program.

Partner, \$250 to \$349 contribution—five season tickets, seating in reserved section and name recognition in concert program.

Friend, \$350 to \$499 Contribution—seven season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a quarter-page ad in concert program.

Associate, \$500 to \$749 contribution—nine season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a



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quarter-page ad in concert program.

Sustainer, \$750 to \$999 contribution—11 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a half-page ad in concert program.

Patron, \$1,000 to \$4,999 contribution—18 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a full-page ad in concert program.

Benefactor, \$5,000 or more contribution—25 season tickets, seating in reserved section, name recognition in concert program and a full-page ad in concert program.

The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five minutes prior to the performance.

Contact Kimberly West, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at (580) 327-8462 or by email at kkwest@nwsu.edu for a sponsorship package or tickets.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by the Alva Tourism Convention Development Committee, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

Assistant professor to publish book review in print journal



Photo provided
Dr. Richmond Adams posing outside Herod Hall.

A Northwestern Oklahoma State University assistant professor of English will be publishing a book review in the print journal "Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies."

Dr. Richmond Adams' book review discusses "After Appomattox: Military Occupation and the Ends of War" written by Gregory P. Downs, an associate professor of history and graduate center at the City University of New York.

Downs explores the role played by the Union military in the immediate years of

Reconstruction following General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House.

"Downs argues that Reconstruction, once believed to be a failed experiment, actually brought about many positive results, such as expanding the nature of American citizenship," Adams said. "It opened the ballot to former slaves—all men, despite efforts to open the franchise to women—the establishment of schools, hospitals, and the desegregation of public facilities."

Adams continued

by noting how, as Downs points out, the former Confederate leaders, and the white Southerners who followed them, did not accept these efforts at a new and integrated social order. From these complex cultural and political tensions arose almost immediately such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan. Consequently, violence and death spread throughout much of the South for many years after the war had officially ended.

The review will be published sometime between this fall and the spring of 2016.

"American historians and literary critics almost all agree that the Civil War and its aftermath was the single most important watershed event in our nation's history," Adams said. "Given the summer's events in Charleston, where the war technically began, we as Americans need to grasp just how much the war and its immediate aftermath continues to affect our national life 150 years later."

For more information on Adams' publication please call (580) 327-8428 or email him at rbadams@nwsu.edu.

SPORTS

Rangers enter Division II with new coaches



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Fredrick Wagner, new head volleyball coach, is set to lead the Rangers this fall.

Fredrick Wagner spent two seasons at Iowa Central Community College in 2012 and 2013 and collected a 55-36 overall record. The Tritons finished 7th in the nation in 2012 while going 9-0 in conference play.

He also coached one First-Team All-American, a Second-Team All-American and two Academic All-Americans in his first year at the helm.

Before becoming the head coach at ICCC, Wagner was the head coach at Kansas City Community College where he coached one All-American and eight Academic All-Americans. They also had some of their best seasons while he was at the helm.

Prior to his time at KCCC, Wagner was the head coach at Avila University where he took them to the school's first ever post season appearance.

Before heading up the program at Avila, he assisted the University of Central Florida in 2003 and 2004 seasons, Campbell University in 2002 and 2003 and Metropolitan State College in 1999 and 2000.

Wagner also had an extremely successful coaching career in the high school ranks where he took Overland High School to three state titles in '94, '95 and '99.

He earned his Bachelor's degree from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2001, where he earned a degree in Psychology.

Wagner received his Master's degree in the fall of 2014 from Central Missouri, where he earned his degree in Kinesiology Sports Management.

Wagner and his wife Shelly have two daughters, Regan (14) and Kyla (12).



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Eric Bane, head cross country coach, is ready to lead the team.

Eric Bane will be entering his first year as the Head Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach at Northwestern following a three year stint as an assistant at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan.

Bane helped the Wildcats to 15 total HAAC Conference Championships in Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Men's Indoor Track, Women's Indoor Track, Men's Outdoor Track and Women's Outdoor Track (2011-2015).

Eric was also part of sending 83 total National Qualifiers to the NAIA National Championships in both Track and Field and Cross Country for Baker.

Prior to his time at Baker, Bane was a volunteer assistant for the cross country team as well as the track team for Colomesco High School from 2009-2012.

He double majored while at Dana, earning his bachelor's in both Chemistry and Biology, which he received in 2008.

Northwestern Oklahoma State and Director of Athletics Andy Carter have selected its next women's basketball coach in Brett Vana, a former assistant coach at Weber State University.

"Brett quickly became someone who we had a lot of interest in and he did a very good job during his visit to campus," said Andy Carter, Director of Athletics. "His energy, passion and desire to build a championship-caliber women's basketball program made him a great fit for Northwestern."

"It is a true honor and blessing to be named the new women's basketball coach at NWOSU," Vana said. "I would like to take the time to thank Dr. Cunningham, Andy Carter, and the fine athletic staff at NWOSU for their support with this decision."

Before taking over the Ranger program, Vana spent the past two seasons as the Weber State women's assistant.

Prior to Vana becoming part of the Wildcat program in 2013, he spent the previous two seasons as the head coach of Louisburg College in Louisburg N.C. At Louisburg he guided the Hurricanes to a 32-3 overall record and captured the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II national championship during the 2012-13 season. He had numerous athletes honored along the way, including having the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Junior College Player of the Year.

Vana was able to take his team to back-to-back Region X titles and sent multiple student-athletes to four-year universities.

In the 2011-12 season, Vana's team made it all the way to the NJCAA national semifinals, and he took the Region X Coach of the Year



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Brett Vana named new head women's basketball coach.

honor, the NJCAA District J Coach of the Year as well as the WBCA Runner-up for Coach of the Year.

Prior to Louisburg, Vana served as a trainer and talent evaluator at the Champions Academy in Indianapolis. He has spent the majority of his coaching career overseas, working with professional leagues in places including Switzerland, Germany and Denmark.

Before leaving the United States in 1999, he also spent a season coaching at Western Kentucky University as a graduate assistant. He was also an assistant high school coach prior to that for one season where he won a North Carolina State Championship with Providence Day high school in Charlotte, N.C.

Vana attended Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, where he was a four-year starter for the Storm. As a player, he received several honors including NAIA Great Lakes All-Region team and Male Athlete of the Year. In April 2000, he was inducted into the Lake Erie College Hall of Fame.

Football set for new season

by **BRYANT VENOSDEL**
Student Reporter

New turf, new helmets even more important – a head football coach for upcoming Ranger Football on.

This year has been coined "New Era", and for those good reasons.

Along with having new helmets with the design of pistols on the side with barrels overlapping and a red Ranger on the back helmets even gaining attention, as the official NA website did an article (claiming they were "d") and having "one of the fields in the conference", Ty Hooper, a returning sophomore quarterback for the Rangers, this upcoming Ranger football season is definitely

one to look forward to.

As the Rangers went 3-7 last year, this season is going to be a fresh start. The Ranger Football is officially Division II, which head coach Matthew Walter said is going to be an advantage. "We're sour on the past, and have high expectations."

"The process to be successful however will not be easy," Walter's said. "There's more behind the scene rules and there is limited contact for the student-athlete."

Hooper agrees with the excitement of the new season. "We have new turf, and new facilities, we know our town will come out and support us." It seems that the whole team is eager to be in a more successful place than last year, Hooper said. "All the players are excited to be at practice, and we're all taking well to

Coach Walter's abilities to be successful, as he has been in the past."

Even though this season is a "New Era", one thing hasn't changed Southwestern continues to be the Rangers biggest rivals and matchups. "Playing on a field of hatred," is what coach Walter said.

Playing Southwestern for the last game of the regular season, the Rangers are looking to put the Bulldogs away again, as they won 28-6 last year.

Overall this season is one you can't miss, and as Coach Walter said, "If you're afraid to fail, you will not achieve anything."

The Ranger Football season kicks off their season tonight on the road as they face the University of Arkansas at Monticello at 7 p.m.



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Rangers fall in exhibition match at home to Tigers

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Sports Editor

Northwestern was crushed at home by Fort Hays State in exhibition match last Saturday.

The Ranger soccer team faced the Tigers of FHS in a friendly match set to prepare both squads for their season openers next week.

Unfortunately, it was not meant to be for the ladies in red and white as the Tigers took the contest 3-0.

As play began in the first half, the Rangers were forced to take a defensive approach as the Tigers applied constant pressure.

Ranger head coach Craig Liddell said after the game that FHS "was a good strong team, well organized and that the Rangers had a lot of great things going but were never quite able to connect."

Despite an early shot attempt from Northwestern, the Tigers managed to counter with numerous shots on goal with one sliding past the gloves of Rangers goalie Briana Legaspi.

The goal for the Tigers came with 25 minutes



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Evie Fagan, senior Psychology major, outruns Tiger defender during exhibition match on Saturday.

remaining in the first half.

Legaspi recorded a huge save with 19 minutes remaining keeping the Rangers from falling anymore behind and allowing Northwestern to break through the heavy Tiger pressure and fire off a shot of their own.

Unfortunately, the shot would end in a save by the

Tiger's goalie, preventing the Rangers to gain any ground.

The Tigers pressure continue to disallow any progress for the Rangers, which left the score 1-0 in favor of FHS at the end of the first half.

When the second half began, the Rangers forced their way into Tiger territory

and establish a presence as they fired shot after shot at the target, all resulting in missed opportunities unfortunately.

With just over 30 minutes remaining, the Tigers struck again pushing their lead to 2-0 over the Rangers.

Following the second goal by the Tigers, Ranger Legaspi was subbed out and teammate

Kylee Pelfrey came in to add a few more minutes in her freshmen year as a Rangers goalie.

Legaspi said after the game that now the Rangers just prepare for the season opener and remember what coach always tells them, which is to always expect excellence from ourselves.

The Tigers were able to tack on another score with only 27 seconds remaining on the clock, capping off a dominant 3-0 performance over Northwestern.

"We're not too down about this, its things we can fix," said coach Liddell. "It'll come together in a hurry and I am very confident about that."

Northwestern will open their season on the road Friday as they play cross-state rival, Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Okla. at 5:30 p.m. for what will be a non-conference game.

The Rangers then have two more non-conference match-ups when they head to Wayne, NE to face Wayne St. College followed by a matchup in Sioux Falls, S.D. to face the Sioux Falls Cougars before returning home Sept. 19.

Press box to be officially dedicated during home opener

The home football opener for Northwestern Oklahoma State University on Saturday, Sept. 12, will take on special meaning this year as the school celebrates the completion of two major stadium improvement projects.

Northwestern will officially dedicate the Dean Linder Press box during a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on the west plaza area of the structure. The facility is named in honor of the longtime radio voice of the Rangers and retired district judge.

The University also will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new artificial turf surface

during on-field pregame ceremonies that will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. Donors to the turf project will be publicly recognized at that time.

"It will be a very special day at Northwestern," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "Not only do we get to celebrate the completion of two major athletic facility projects, but we also will have the opportunity to honor the lifetime contributions to Northwestern of Dean Linder, and say a very public thank you to the donors who provided the private funding for both projects."

The Dean Linder Press Box is a state-of-the-art, two-story structure that contains

10,000 square feet of useable space. Fans will benefit from an expanded concession area that is now on the west side of the structure, along with a retail shop and public restrooms, an amenity not available in the old press box.

The first level of the press box contains three suites, one expanded suite for university use and two other smaller suites that have been leased to fans. The second level, accessible by stairs and elevator, contain all game management operations, including private rooms for coaches and media use.

"There was only one name that seemed appropriate for our new press box, and everyone at Northwestern is thrilled that it will bear

the name of Dean Linder," Cunningham said. "Judge Linder has meant so much to the athletic history of Northwestern and is one of the most iconic figures in the history of Alva."

A native of Waynoka, Linder began broadcasting football and basketball games in 1962 on radio station KALV, bringing home the action to fans with his combination of sports knowledge, a little humor and his signature sign-off line, "I hope you will continue to be... real good sports."

In 1998, Linder was inducted into Northwestern's Sports Hall of Fame.

Linder ended his judicial career earlier this year, retiring as a District Judge in the Fourth Judicial District of Oklahoma. During his time on the bench, Linder was named Trial Judge of the Year four times.

Primary funding for the press box was provided by the Charles Morton Share Trust.

The artificial turf playing surface at Ranger Field replaces the natural grass surface that was original with the stadium when it was first used in 1969. Ranger Field is now one of only a handful of football venues in western Oklahoma that will use an artificial surface.

"An artificial playing

surface is the norm in Division II football and an expectation of many student-athletes from larger high schools," Cunningham said. "The surface gives Northwestern and Alva High School (which uses Ranger Field for games), an all-weather, multi-purpose competition venue. In addition, we will significantly reduce water consumption and manpower used for field maintenance."

The surface prominently features the school's iconic Ranger logo at midfield, along with two Pioneer Cellular logos on the playing surface.

"The support of Pioneer Cellular made the project a reality," Cunningham said. "They were the first group to step up and contribute financially. Their partnership with Northwestern inspired others to participate."

Additional donors to the project include the Charles Morton Share Trust, Alva State Bank, BancCentral National Association, Larry and Joy Glass, Gloria Metcalf and the Alva Community Foundation.

Northwestern's football team, led by new coach Matt Walter, will take on Southern Arkansas University in the home opener of the 2015 season at 7 p.m.

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Ranger spotlight: The Herd stampedes through campus

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

There's a rumbling heard throughout Alva as The Herd stomps its way across the Northwestern campus. It's not a herd of cattle or buffalo; The Herd is a student group created with the intention of promoting school spirit and participation at NWOSU home sporting events.

Members of The Herd will attend all home athletic events and sit together as a group to cheer on the Rangers and Lady Rangers. According to The Herd's organization constitution, "The goal of The Herd is to enhance the sporting experience for the students and student-athletes alike by making sporting events the focus of the group. We would like to increase attendance at all sporting events in order to add excitement to games."

Membership is available to all students of NWOSU, provided the student pays a membership fee of \$10. Payment of this fee will admit the member an Adidas Climate Lite shirt designed specifically for the group. Members will also be given a chance to win prizes in drawings exclusively for The Herd members at

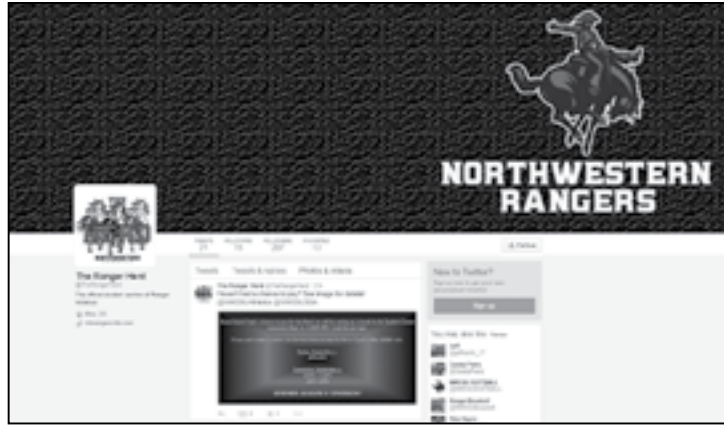


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Students can follow The Herd at @TheRangerHerd on twitter.

all home sporting events. During the fall, The Herd will be given a pass to tailgate the fourth tier at football games. Student members who have attended the most sporting events by the end of the year will receive grand prizes.

All NWOSU students are encouraged to join The Herd. To do so, sign up with Becca Cook in the Health and Sports Science Education building. The Herd does not have regular meetings, but members will remain in contact and be informed of upcoming events through Twitter @TheRangerHerd and through Facebook of The Ranger Herd page.

Jacob Carter is a student

participant in The Ranger Herd and one of its founding members. He encourages students to join in saying, "With the New Era of Ranger Athletics this season, it is the perfect time to join The Herd and commit to attending sporting events with your friends. The Herd is 100% backed by The Ranger Athletic Department. Studies have shown that athletic arenas with strong fan bases are more intimidating and difficult to play in for opponents. We would like to create a great environment for our teams to play in. The Herd will provide a great atmosphere for students to socialize together and support NWOSU."

Run Alva makes pace for community involvement

By JORDAN EVANS
Student Writer

It was a warm 73 degrees on a sunny Saturday morning in Alva, Oklahoma. I embarked with a company of nearly a dozen joggers on our respective routes of 1.7 miles or 3.1 miles. The Run Alva group, created this summer by Alva residents Morgan and Allison Reinart, is bringing together like-minded runners in the Alva area.

According to one of the founders of the group, Morgan Reinart, "We wanted to create a community for runners. There are softball and basketball leagues, but runners didn't really have a place

in Alva."

People of a wide-range of ages and abilities take to the asphalt streets of Alva every Saturday morning at 8:30. The course begins on the east side the courthouse and starts on an eastern route along Flynn Street. Runners who choose to take a shorter route may stop at the end of the 1.7 mile route. Those looking for a longer distance to run may continue on the 3.1 mile route.

Run Alva is a group available to anyone looking for a community of runners in which to participate. Northwestern cheerleader and cross country runner Shaq

Williams said he likes how "the group is for everyone: runners, joggers, and walkers. It's a great

way to make new friends."

Williams has been a participant of the group since its start earlier this summer.

The group is proactive in community activities. Run Alva actively promotes local and regional races and even host their own. The group is holding a free 5K race in conjunction with the Big Cruise & Car Show here in Alva. The race "Cruisin' For The 5K Run Of It" is being held Saturday September 19 and is starting at the courthouse parking lot.

Individuals interested in participating in the group can find more information on their Facebook page, Run Alva.



Image courtesy of the Run Alva facebook page

Disney announces 2015 slate of feature films at D23 Expo



Image courtesy of the Walt Disney Company

By TRACY MEZA
Student Writer

Disney plans to dominate the movie market over the next two years by releasing 20 movie blockbusters within the next 23 months.

Disney unveiled their upcoming movie releases at the D23 Expo 2015 held in Anaheim, CA Aug 14-16. Because the company's main entertainment holdings include Walt Disney Pictures, Disney Animation Studios, DreamWorks, Pixar Animation, Lucasfilm and Marvel Entertainment, they have a multitude of movie sequels and remakes scheduled, with a few new films tossed into the mix.

According to The Daily Dot, the movie, release date and studio releasing the film list as follows:

2015 Movies

- "Bridge of Spies" (DreamWorks) – Oct. 16, 2015
- "The Good Dinosaur" (Pixar) – Nov. 25, 2015
- "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (Lucasfilm) – Dec. 18, 2015
- "The Finest Hours" (Walt Disney Pictures) – Jan. 29, 2016
- "Zootopia" (Walt Disney Animation Studios) – March 4, 2016

- "The Jungle Book" (Walt Disney Pictures) – April 15, 2016
- "Captain America: Civil War" (Marvel) – May 6, 2016
- "Alice: Through the Looking Glass" (Walt Disney Pictures) – May 27, 2016
- "Finding Dory" (Pixar) – June 17, 2016
- "The BFG" (Walt Disney Pictures) – July 1, 2016
- "Pete's Dragon" (Walt Disney Pictures) – Aug. 12, 2016
- "Doctor Strange" (Marvel) – Nov. 4, 2016
- "Moana" (Walt Disney Animation Studios) – Nov. 23, 2016
- "Star Wars Anthology: Rogue One" (Lucasfilm) – Dec. 16, 2016
- Beauty and the "Beast" (Walt Disney Pictures) – March 17, 2017
- "Ghost in the Shell" (DreamWorks) – April 14, 2017
- "Guardians of the Galaxy 2" (Marvel) – May 5, 2017
- Star Wars: Episode VIII (Lucasfilm) – May 26, 2017
- "Toy Story 4" (Pixar) – June 16, 2017
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" (Walt Disney Pictures) – July 17, 2017

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