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## Football tiers no longer free; students to pay for parking



Photo by Osam Sakamoto

Student overlooks field from a parking space that will now cost money.

By NICK KIMANZI  
Student Reporter

There have been rumors about a \$200 parking fee at the tiers located on the south side of the football field. The coordinator of Athletic administration, Becca Cook confirmed the rumors as true. According to her, the cost turned out to not only be a bargain for the ones that pay it but also for the betterment of the community as a whole.

"As someone who attends Ranger sports as a job and as a paying student, it's really an inconvenience to not be able to park in the tiers for free," said Nick Villalobos, sports editor for the Northwestern News.

For the first year, an individual pays \$250, the second and third year is \$200, which comes with two season tickets per parking space. This means that students get

the parking space and two season tickets with each purchase. The offer is not limited to just students, but everyone who is interested in the parking spot.

The Herd is also allowing parking for members who have signed up for the club. Formed recently, if an individual purchased their membership for The Herd, they are able to join the tail gate that the club has reserved on the fourth tier. This is the same parking lot overlooking the football field. Upon payment, each vehicle will come with a car tag to show permission; without a tag, one can't go in. The fourth tier is controlled by The Herd, and anyone is welcomed to join. The group's main objective is to support the athletes and make the games more fun.

"I think that with us being students, we should get discounted prices for spots below the top tier," said junior education major from

Moore and former football player Jake Spradling. "We do have spots in the stands and on the top tier for Herd members."

Cook said that it's considered a student section for each game. All athletes from different sports get a point for coming to the game, at the end of the year those with the most points will be eligible for a prize, which is either a T.V or an X-Box.

During a game, members of The Herd will have a draw in for a prize. The members also get T-shirts and a car tag that will make them stand out. This gives them the opportunity to have fun before and during the game with their friends. The idea came from a meeting held by Andy Carter, the Athletics director to get more students involved in games. The group has reached more than 100 students and is still aiming for more. "Alva, being a small town, there is a lot less that people could

do. Why not come out with friends and have a good time in general" Cook said.

There is an option of purchasing season tickets, \$50 each for the six home games. This means that they are less than \$10 a game. If there are more than two people that want the parking spot, they could buy a season ticket and save a whole lot of money.

A lot of people know about the parking but don't know that they have an option of purchasing a season's ticket.

The initiative has brought about much attention to the group as it is exponentially growing. The idea of getting a t-shirt and a parking space, kind of like a V.I.P section, will surely get people's attention.

"The fee everyone is fussing about is actually an annual registration fee that one could pay, kind of like a seasonal ticket in one package." Cook said.

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# OPINION

## Title IX: Student athlete weighs in on equality in women's athletics



By **CAITLIN COODY**  
*Columnist*

Northwestern recently went through a massive face lift in the athletic department during the "Vision for Victory Campaign".

For the past eight years, Northwestern has been on a mission to upgrade all athletic facilities. Projects included a new football locker room, which has space for athletic training and strength training facilities, a new press box and public use facility, permanent seating and new dugouts at the baseball field, and a new indoor practice facility for the baseball and softball teams.

The new football field is covered in artificial grass and includes a brand new, two-story story press box, equipped with suites, concession areas and retail space. Baseball has also renewed their irrigation system to water the outfield since the infield is artificial grass.

With all these upgrades, equality comes to mind. In the Vision for Victory Campaign, male sports were the only ones on the list for change, except for softball, which can be conveniently thrown in with baseball needs. So, where exactly does the female sports stand in this vision?

Currently, soccer and softball use Alva's rec center as their home. This means Northwestern is paying 25,000 dollars a year in return for the use of the center's facilities. Both baseball and football have full access to their own field and locker room which are located next to the fields.

The more difficult teams to support are volleyball, basketball, golf, rodeo and cheerleaders, since they all have to share a building or grounds with each other. Sometimes, cheerleaders and golfers even share with baseball and softball at the Armory located south of the Ranger Field.

In the Vision Campaign, Northwestern left out a vital part of the athletic program; the ladies.

In order to comply with Title IX, Northwestern has to "avoid the use of federal money to support sex discrimination in education programs and to provide individual citizens effective protection against those practices." Unequal budgets can affect the number of athletes on a team. Insufficient funds may not permit a coach to supply the necessary equipment, uniforms and travel costs to a large number of players. Such disparities may violate Title IX.

To date, over 4 million dollars has been spent on upgrading male athletic facilities. Back when the campaign first came to order the Charles Morton Share Trust of Alva pledged a lead gift of \$1.5 million to Northwestern Oklahoma State University to begin the school's "Vision for Victory" plan of rebuilding its intercollegiate football and baseball facilities. Notice how it only mentions football and baseball. Where is the equality?

Not only do the facilities get more attention, game days for a few certain sports is the only thing anybody ever hears about on campus. There is a lack of spirit when it comes to female athletics and it's time to change. Our school needs to focus more on female athletics and show more support for the ladies who work hard even in the shadow of male athletes.

## College football kicks off with standout teams already in top form



By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
*Sports Editor*

Week one is in the books for the bad boys of Division I football. From the close call for #2 TCU to the total domination of #1 Ohio State, what follows is the list of the top teams that stood out in this opening week.

First off, BYU opened their season in

a nail-bitter against Nebraska. The battle with the Cornhuskers came down to the final play of the game and with a freshman quarterback no less. With Tanner Mangum taking the keys to the cougars offense, it will be interesting to see how well they perform from here on out. Luck may not be on their side twice.

Next, the #9 ranked Georgia Bulldogs came up big time against Louisiana-Monroe. The fact that they could still punch the lights out with a 51-14 victory in a game shortened by lightning, shows they just might be ready to take a big step up in the SEC East.

You knew next on my list would have to be Alabama. This #3 ranked powerhouse showed everyone once again why they have been a dominant force year in and year out. Behind Derrick Henry's 147 yard, 3 TD performance, the Crimson Tide rolls over #20 Wisconsin 35-17.

#2 TCU on the other hand looked like they have some work to do after their 23-17 win over Minnesota. After entering the season following a dominant 2014 season, the Horn Frogs were one of my picks to roll on to the playoffs this coming winter. After that performance, I really hope they can dominate the Big 12 teams for the remainder of the season and punch their ticket into the playoffs.

And then there was #1 Ohio State. The defending National Champions looked in top form against the Hokies of Virginia Tech.

I was never a fan of the Buckeyes but wow they look great going into the rest of the season...Unfortunately. This team is in great hands for the rest of the season behind the arms of quarterbacks J.T. Barrett and Cardel Jones and on the ground with running Ezekiel Elliot.

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# News

## Homecoming buttons available with chance to win cash prize

Take advantage of approximately 30 local merchants' discounts and a chance to win \$500 in Alva chamber bucks by purchasing a 2015 Northwestern Oklahoma State University homecoming button. The buttons designed for the 2015 Homecoming, "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame," will go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., during a kickoff celebration at Holder Drug.

Button salespersons are invited to pick up their packets then to begin selling buttons.

Northwestern fans on and off campus are encouraged to show their pride by purchasing a button as a way of supporting the annual event set for Oct. 8-10. The sale of buttons is the primary funding source for Homecoming, and supporters are encouraged to buy buttons even if they will not be able to attend all the events.

Each homecoming button is numbered and has a chance to win \$500 in Alva chamber bucks. The winning button will be drawn during the homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 10, and the drawn number must be present to win. Making the button even more of a great deal, some local merchants will be offering discounts to patrons who wear a Homecoming button into their businesses during the week of Homecoming, Oct. 5 through Oct. 10. A list of discounts and participating merchants is available at [www.nwosu.edu/button-discounts](http://www.nwosu.edu/button-discounts).

"The buttons pay for every aspect of homecoming" said Karen Koehn, button sales chair. "The costs include everything from floats, to Miss Cinderella, to the banners that are strung across the streets at the downtown square.

"We've been fortunate to keep the price of the button to \$10, so everyone can afford one. The button alone saves an individual money, if attending both Miss Cinderella events and the football game."

The best way to support Homecoming is to purchase a button, the proceeds of which provide a financial foundation to ensure Homecoming remains a major event for years to come.

A homecoming button sells for \$10 and is a \$38 value, providing admission to the Miss Cinderella Talent Show and the Miss Cinderella Pageant. Each of those events has a ticket price of \$10, and tickets to the homecoming football game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University are \$18.

Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist, designed the button.

Koehn has 50 sales persons across Northwest Oklahoma and urges the community and all Rangers to buy a Homecoming button to show Ranger pride.

"Help us, Alva and Northwestern have one of the best Homecomings ever," Koehn said. "Ride, Rangers, Ride!"

Each building on the Alva campus will have a button sales representative. Contact Karen Koehn, chairman of the button committee, at [kkoehn@nwtech.edu](mailto:kkoehn@nwtech.edu) or at (580) 580-327-0344, to find out who is representing each building. Katie Botts, Enid administrative assistant, (580) 213-3101, will be the button sales representative for the Enid campus, while Milissa Sturgill, Woodward campus coordinator, may be contacted for buttons in Woodward at (580) 254-2503.

Anyone who wants to purchase buttons and is not contacted by one of the salespersons can buy them at the Alva Chamber of Commerce office located at 502 Oklahoma Blvd., (580) 327-1647; the Northwestern Foundation office in the Student Center, (580) 327-8593; or the Northwestern business office in Herod Hall, (580) 327-8536.

Buttons also will be available at Rialto, (580) 327-0535; Sights and Sounds/Radio Shack, (580) 327-0409; Daisy Village, (580) 327-3467; and Holder Drug, (580) 327-3332; Alva Vision, (580) 327-2393; Hair on the Square, (580) 327-0258; and LaDEEda's, (580) 327-0382.

## Ranger Royalty applications due next Wednesday

By **ADRIANA BECCERA**  
*Student Reporter*

With Northwestern's homecoming right around the corner, Ranger Royalty applications are due, and campaigning will begin shortly.

Applications became available Sept. 4 and will be available until Sept. 16. They are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16 to Fine Arts Room 126.

Ranger Royalty applications can be found in two spots on campus. Students can go to Fine Arts Room 126 or pick one up outside the SGA Room in the Student Center.

There are rules for the contest and they are as follows:

1. Each female candidate running for Ranger Queen must have completed at least one semester at NWOSU and completed a minimum of at least 31 earned credit hours prior to nomination and must be currently enrolled. A current campus club or organization must sponsor each candidate. Freshman Queen must be currently enrolled with no more than 30 credit hours earned. No one shall run for Freshman Queen more than once. NO EXCEPTIONS! A club and organization can only sponsor 1 candidate.

2. Each male candidate running for Ranger King must be currently enrolled at NWOSU.

A current campus club or organization must sponsor each candidate. NO EXCEPTIONS!

3. There will be an entry fee of \$20 for each candidate. The fee must be paid at the time of entrance as well as providing three different wallet size photos of the candidate (these pictures will not be returned to the candidate). The money, photos, and applications must be turned in at the Student Services, Fine Arts Room 126.

4. Applications can be picked up in the Student Government Office in the Student Center and Fine Arts Room 126 Friday, September 4th. All entry forms and money must be submitted by Wednesday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. to the Student Services Office in FA 126. The Ranger Queen and Ranger King will be announced at the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 10th at half time. All remaining campaigning material must be removed from campus by no later than October 12th at 5:00pm.

5. Candidates can display ONE standard size poster (22" x 28"). The poster can be in one of the following areas: Coronado Hall, South Hall, Fryer Hall, Ament Hall or the Cafeteria. Other posters, not exceeding 9" x 12", may be posted in an unlimited number across campus. You MUST contact and receive approval from Ted Robinson before you post any fliers in the cafeteria. No signs may be posted on glass doors and no paper or cardboard posters may be posted outside of buildings on any object such as trees, walls, tables, trash cans, etc.

DO NOT:

- Post on painted walls
- Use adhesives, Velcro, duct tape or any other material that will damage paint
- Use side walk chalk
- Post on vehicles
- Post on glass behind voting booth during the election
- Post on doors (You can post on faculty doors and dorm doors if it is approved by the faculty member of dorm resident)
- Handout materials may be distributed in an unlimited amount. The candidates will be held responsible if a problem arises.
- Hand out vouchers that promote free alcohol, tobacco, or drugs
- 6. Results of Freshman Queen Election, primary and final elections for the Ranger Queen and Ranger King are subject to publication in the Northwestern News.

7. All applications will be reviewed by the SGA Executive office.
8. During the campaign, the candidates cannot hang around the student center. SGA can ask you to leave if you sitting in the student center to make sure that voting is not influenced.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Kaylyn Hansen at (580) 327-8439 or by email at [klhansen@nwosu.edu](mailto:klhansen@nwosu.edu).

## Northwestern, deadCENTER to host second night of annual Salt Fork Film Festival

By **KEATON KROOS**  
*Student Reporter*

Northwestern, along with the deadCENTER Film Festival Organization, will host the second night of the Salt Fork Film Festival after the first night of activities on Wednesday. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Graceful Arts Center and Rialto Twin Theatre and is free and open to the public.

The two-day event includes educational seminars about film making for students on both the Northwestern and Alva High School campuses.

"This is all about getting the high school students and college students to engage in film," said Dr. Kay Decker, social sciences

department chair. "We only made it easier by making it free."

These movies are fairly new, because they are made by independent film makers. All of the movies that will be shown are Oklahoma-based.

"I worked reception last year, and I had a good time," said Jo Decker sister of Decker. "We really hope to see a younger population involved."

This free event will include drinks and koozies, also provided at no additional charge. Below is the schedule for the second night of the festival.

**September 10:**  
8:30 to 10:30-  
DeadCenter Film Office will meet with Alva High School

Students for training  
11:00 to 12:15-  
DeadCenter Film Office will meet with Mass Communication Students for training  
3:25 to 4:45-  
DeadCenter Film Office will meet with Mass Communication Students for training  
6:45- Rialto Theatre  
Downtown Alva  
"Lone Man's Land" a Documentary by Ezra Gentle (65 minutes)  
Ezra Gentle, Director, will be attending!  
7:30 to 11:00- Other Films  
10:00- After Party hosted by **Champs** at the **Rialto**

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- Hanging out with Doc and Dominator from the Street Outlaws. Yes, they will be making some exhibition passes!
- Kids' Pit Stop - game and bounce house area.
- Free downloadable photo of your ride shot by a professional photographer.
- 5K run Saturday morning for you athletic types (prizes and trophies).
- Hopefully, two dynos for a dyno war. We have commitments from them. Keep your fingers crossed.

Since the oil boom slowed down there are hotel rooms available. Check them out on our website - [www.bigcruiseandcarshow.com](http://www.bigcruiseandcarshow.com).

Bring your party hat.  
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It's happening September 18, 19, and 20!  
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PRE-REGISTER & FREE COOKOUT 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM  
TATTOO CONTEST 6:30 PM  
RULES MEETING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE 7:50 PM  
BIG CRUISE 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM  
(CLOSED ROUTE - NO 4 WHEELERS - EVERYTHING ELSE THAT RUNS!)  
FREE MOVIE AT RIALTO CINEMA 9:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

FREE BREAKFAST 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
CHAPEL SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
CAR SHOW 9:00 AM - NOON  
KIDS PIT STOP (Inflatables and Games) 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
TROPHY PRESENTATION #3 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
STREET RACE NOON - 3:00 PM  
BICYCLE DRAGS 1:30 PM - 1:?? (INTERMISSION OF STREET RACE)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

CRUISIN' FOR THE 5K RUN OF IT (Courthouse Parking Lot) 8:30 AM  
GRACEFUL ARTS GALLERY EXHIBITION 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
FINAL REGISTRATION 9:00 AM - NOON  
KIDS PIT STOP (Inflatables and Games) 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
CAR SHOW 10:00 AM - 4:40 PM  
FREE CHASSIS DYNO 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
POKER WALK 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
LITTLE MISS CRUISE & CAR SHOW 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
PINWOOD DERBY 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
4 O'CLOCK AUTO CROSS 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM  
GO & WHOA 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
TROPHY PRESENTATION #1 7:30 PM  
BURNOUT CONTEST 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM  
TROPHY PRESENTATION #2 9:00 PM - 9:15 PM  
BIG MONEY CASH GRAB 9:15 PM  
CRUISE THE BLVD. 9:45 PM - ??? (STREET LEGAL ONLY)

# SPORTS

## Opening weekend in Ranger sports has ups and downs

By BRYANT VENOSDAL  
Student Reporter

As the fall season of athletics begins, it is definitely turning out to be a promising one. With Ranger Football and Volleyball both getting major wins and Soccer coming up with a 0-0 draw, clearly this new beginning of Ranger Athletics is looking to be one that will be remembered.

As the Lady Ranger Volleyball team went on the road to face the Sterling College Warriors, they suffered a 0-3 loss, (22-25, 23-25, 22-25). The Warriors were able to find bursts of energy to come out with the win, most notably with a 5-0 run in the second set.

Despite this loss, the Lady Rangers were able to come out with a 3-1 (19-25, 25-20, 25-14, 25-18) win over the Oklahoma Panhandle State Aggies and a 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-18) win, also over the Aggies. Even being down in the first set of the first game, the Lady Rangers didn't let it get to them and went to dominate the Aggies, with an impressive 7-3 run in the third set.

In the second game, they dominated the whole way through, with a 10-2 run and a 6-0 run in the first and third sets.

The Lady Rangers ended up losing to Fort Lewis College, 1-3 (28-30, 23-25, 25-21, 20-25). Even though it was a close

matchup throughout, Fort Lewis came out with the win with a 3-0 run in the first set.

The Lady Rangers Volleyball team is 2-2 under Frederick Wagner's first season as the Head Coach.

The Lady Rangers Soccer team seemed promising in their first game against Northeastern State with a score of 0-0 in the first half. However, once the second half started, Northeastern ended up scoring 7 points against the Rangers with the first point coming from just 36 seconds into the second half. Northeastern State ended with 40 total shots. Ranger goalie Briana Legaspi having 16 saves.

In the second matchup, the Lady Rangers faced the Wayne

State Wildcats, which ended up with a 0-0 draw, with Legaspi ending with 13 saves.

Defense is what kept the Rangers going, as they worked together the whole game to keep the Wildcats from scoring. Craig Liddell's team is 0-1-1, in his first season as the Lady Rangers soccer head coach.

The Ranger Football team is coming out this season firing. With a huge win against the Monticello Weevils, the Rangers are looking to make a name for themselves in the Division II community.

As the Rangers trailed 17-0 in the first quarter, they came out in the second quarter scoring 31 unanswered points. Head coach Matthew

Walter must have lit a fire under his team as they finished the game with 459 total offensive yards.

The Rangers capitalized on mistakes by the Weevils, as the Rangers caused a turnover and forced Monticello to punt, leading to 17 of Northwestern's point.

Frederick Wagner, Craig Liddell and Matt Walter all being new head coaches to the Ranger Athletics are all making very impressive strides in the right direction for success.

Soccer will open play at home Sept. 19. Volleyball is facing off against Sioux Falls Sep. 11, and the Ranger Football team battles against Southern Arkansas Sept. 12.

## Cross Country team starts season off in good form

By BRANDON WILLIS  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Men's and Women's Cross Country team competed in the University of Central Oklahoma Land Run this past Saturday.

According to Riderangersride.com, Senior Luis Chavez had the best performance of the day finishing 49 with a time of 22:32. Sterlin Broomfield finished 69 with a time of 23:12 and behind him was Brandon Hurst who clocked a time of 23:46 putting him in 49 as well as Manny Reyes who came in at a

time of 24:36 slotting him in 94.

Senior Jordan Evans finished with a time of 24:45, placing him at 97. Junior Jake Goodman finished 101 at 27:45 and sophomore Anthony Jauregui rounded out the finishers at 28:34 putting him in 102 overall.

As for the lady Rangers, senior Brittany Urban led the way finishing at a recorded time of 22:41 placing her 86. Senior Kaitlyn O'Toole followed at 23:27 slotting her in 97.

Junior Rebecca Black was next to finish for the Rangers at 102 at a recorded time of 24:09. Fellow junior Willow Gahr finished 108 at a time of 24:38.

Freshmen Trista Watson finished the land run for the Rangers at 28:23 which placed her at 117.

This was the Rangers first competition under new head coach Eric Bane. However, coach Bane felt right at home on the course with his team. "It felt good! I love being outside and coaching a cross country team during the fall. Honestly, being a head coach feels pretty similar to being an assistant coach," Bane said.

Even though the Rangers didn't win the competition, Coach Bane observed some positives to take away from UCO. "Both teams performed

OK. I was excited to find out that both the men and the women listened very well to the information that I gave them in the meeting before the meet and the athletes were able to carry out those instructions on the course," Bane said.

Bane was pleased with two of his runners specifically in Chavez and Black. "Luis Chavez had a good race for the men, he has worked really hard all summer and it showed and Becca Black had a good and very smart race for the women," Bane said.

Chavez felt good about his performance but isn't satisfied. "Individually I believe I performed well enough to be our number one runner. I need to put in the work the next weeks before our next race to break the school record which is reachable after Saturday's performance," Chavez


said. "With it being the first meet of the season you need to take the weather and it being hot into consideration. Overall, the team could have performed better and will need to by our next meet."

Being that he is one of the senior leaders, Chavez has very distinctive goals for this team and himself individually. "Our team goals is to make it to regionals and possibly to the national meet.

My individual goals are to be our number one runner and I accomplished that in our first race. My other goal is to break our school record of 27:10 and break it by a lot. Make it to the regional and national meet individually if our team doesn't," Chavez said.

The Rangers next competition will be in the Southern Stampede in Joplin, MO. on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.

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# Newlyweds to perform combined senior recital on Saturday

By TRACY MEZA  
Student Writer

Newlyweds Riley and Josh Faulkner will be singing the first combined Senior Performance recital at Northwestern Oklahoma State University on September 12 in FA200.

As a requirement to fulfill their Bachelors in music education, Riley and Josh Faulkner have gained special permission from the university to combine their recital knowing that they would be married at the time of their recital. Of course, they will each have their individual moments in the spotlight during the recital, but they also have some duets planned for their audience to enjoy.

"We are both very excited and we have worked extremely hard for this. We are excited to see our work come full circle, and we can't wait to share our love of music with our guests," said Riley and Josh Faulkner, seniors majoring in Music Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner plan to entertain a variety of guests

at their recital with a range of music from Opera to Musical Theatre along with covering a range of languages from Italian, French, German and English.

"This recital marks the culmination of their vocal study here at Northwestern. The audience will hear an eclectic repertoire including a variety of musical styles," said Mrs. Lawana Newell, Instructor of Music.

Attendance for this monumental recital is open to all who are interested in witnessing a milestone moment for two of Northwestern's seniors, along with enjoying all the hard work of Northwestern's newlyweds.

"Riley and Josh have been studying singing the entire time they have been students here at NWOSU. Their recital will be the milestone that shows all they have accomplished. They are both extremely talented and are prepared to have an amazing recital. I know all of the students in the Fine Arts are planning to attend and all are welcome," said Mr. Karsten Longhurst, Director of Choral Studies.



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Josh and Riley Faulkner to perform their senior recital in FA 200.

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# Features



## NWOSU Art Society creates friendships

By **NATALIE SACKETT**  
*Feature Editor*

Artists have the ability to take this world's beauty and transform it into a tangible form, whether that be on paper, canvas, with clay or a variety of other mediums. A group of talented and creative artists exists on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus, and they call themselves the NWOSU Art Society (NAS).

This organization has existed on campus since 2004 with a unified goal "to promote creativity, have fun, try different mediums, expand [their] knowledge, make friends, and serve [their] community," according to their goal statement.

NWOSU Art Society was created with the intention of giving students interested in the visual arts a chance to collaborate and share their works with other creative individuals. The NAS typically meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in Jesse Dunn 327.

During meetings, members play games, collaborate on works, and plan future events. Such events include prize drawings at home basketball games, community service events, and their annual art show.

Megan Garnett, a junior mass communications major, has been a part of NWOSU Art society for the past two years. She enjoys numerous aspects of the club, particularly that it "has given me a place to share my love of art with great people who have the same passions. It's definitely helped me make really valuable friendships and connections," said Garnett.

Angelia Case serves as the advisor to NWOSU Art society, and she encourages students to join, even if they feel their artistic abilities may not be sufficient.

"We have students who worry that they cannot even draw a straight line. But I don't really care whether or not you can draw a straight line. Curvy ones are more interesting anyway."

Any Northwestern Oklahoma State University student with any level of artistic ability is welcome to join this club.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining NWOSU Art Society, you can contact Angelia Case for more information at 580-327-8577 or [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu).

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKETT**  
*Columnists*

By now everyone should be feeling the full effect of school. Much like the star of our next movie, it may feel like you've been marked for extermination. It seems like you could all use some late-summer, good-time-seeking business right about now. Our pick this week:

"American Ultra" (2015)

Chris- 2.5 out of 5



"American Ultra" follows the adventures of our local stoner, Mike. Little does Mike know that he is a secret agent with latent, lethal skills. An agency is targeting him for extermination and he is put up to the task of fighting for his life! What could happen next?

This film seems like a movie that my friends and I could have thought of. Actually, we did, we talk about it all the time and say "man what if one of us was like a sleeper cell." So with that in mind, this movie didn't impress me that much.

All around the movie was pretty mediocre. I've never been a huge fan of Jesse Eisenberg and definitely not Kristen Stewart. To be honest, I liked them a lot better in "Adventureland". If anything, this performance just makes me nervous for Eisenberg's upcoming role as Lex Luthor, fingers crossed.

Bottom line: I can't be too harsh on this movie. It wasn't terrible and it's worth a watch at the movies, on rental, or whatever. I did often find myself looking at my watch more than the screen, and that to me is a clear sign that something isn't really good either.

Natalie- 3 out of 5



In a cinematic world bombarded by Bond remakes, Tom Cruise and too many spy movies to count, some of the new action films begin to look like all the rest. If you're like me and are ready to break free from that formula, to take your action-loving self to the next level, "American Ultra" might be the film for you... That is,

if you like wry, crass humor and quirky acting.

"American Ultra" is edgy, complete with spoons as murder weapons and cartoon apes as a major plotline. It's a mix of a comedy and an action thriller, without entirely satisfying either genre. There are a couple laughs, but nothing quite like I was expecting from the star, Jesse Eisenberg.

Eisenberg plays Mike, a stone(d) cold killer with a troubled past and a bag of marijuana always on hand. His character is always half-baked, kind of like Eisenberg's performance. I just kept wanting a little more from his role. Kristen Stewart plays Bella... er, I mean Phoebe, the beloved girl of his dreams.

Despite a fairly mediocre performance from the pair, they somehow spin a wonderful romance, making me root for the pair. Phoebe and Mike 4ever.

As far as content, there is a significant amount of blood, violence, and F-bombs. It's not a film for you to bring little Timmy to.

Bottom Line: It was a nice change of pace for an action film. There are several laughs and a couple of "awww" moments, certain to keep you entertained.

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