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Student assaulted in Coronado Hall; attacker suspended

By CAITLIN COODY
Student Reporter

Monday, Sept. 7, around 10:30 p.m., Alva police were called to an altercation between three students in Coronado Hall that lead to the suspension and removal of a student from the University and dorm.

A student, heading back to his suite after doing laundry, was approached by a fellow resident.

Following a silent stare, the victim walked away as he muttered under his breath.

After attempting to talk the issue out with the resident, the situation escalated. The same student doing laundry went back to get the rest out of the dryer when he was, again, approached by the other resident, this time

accompanied by other students; including the assailant's brother.

The two brothers attacked the student. One grabbed him and put him into a headlock, while the other started to punch the student in the face. The brothers proceeded to drag the man to the corner and continued to assault him.

The victim's friend, who was also doing laundry, got help quickly. Not long after the friend got there, several coaches in the dorm rushed to pull the fight apart.

The police and ambulance arrived on sight shortly after the altercation. The officers took the statements of the brothers, while the medics patch up the victim's eye. After the cop got the statement he headed over to

get the other side of the story. However, the man who was attacked felt the police didn't take the necessary actions that needed to be taken.

The student felt neglected by the police, stating that "during the whole questioning process the cop barely makes eye contact, he's looking all around... he's less attentive than I thought he should be, as an officer of the law, I actually had to ask him, "are you listening?"

Northwestern handled the situation "swiftly and justly," according to the victim. Throughout the whole ordeal, the university handled the situation thoroughly and appropriately, he said.

Necessary actions were taken against the attackers to make the

students of this school feel safe and secure. The assailant was suspended from the university and kicked out of the dorms.

According to the victim, knowing the school has the students' backs, adds a new perspective to 'Ranger family'.

For more information on handling residential related issues, contact Calleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, at (580) 327-8415, or cnmosburg@nwosu.edu.

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OPINION

Could The Herd be trampling haphazardly?

Student notes a lack of execution at home opener

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**
News Editor

By this point I'm pretty sure you all think I have no school spirit, which couldn't be further from the truth. I love Northwestern and everything we do here, which is why I joined The



Photo courtesy of The Herd Twitter page

Herd. The Herd is a student organization on campus, ran by students. Their Twitter bio touts that they are the official student section of Ranger Athletics.

Well, let me tell you, the student section to the home opener against the Muleriders was pathetic. There was plenty of miscommunication with The Herd.

The people I was tailgating with arrived ready to cheer on the Rangers from the top tier, reserved for members of the Herd, with our parking pass and ribs.

Well, we were definitely shocked when we were told to go to the stands. The rules are in place for a reason, but when no one makes sure everyone is

aware of the rules, that's when people get mad.

The Herd is a great idea, but so far, it's been very poorly executed. If they had group meetings for the members, where they could go over the rules for the home football games, and make sure we were all on the same page, more people would be likely to show up and make our student section the rowdiest part of the stands.

Social media shouldn't be the only outlet to reach members. You can't just give kids a parking pass and tell them they can't use it. Why would you want to park on the top tier anyway?!

And to top it all off, I spent \$10 on a shirt that I still haven't gotten. All the Herd needs is a little organization. Well...maybe a lot.

Bureaucratic babble: Biden makes appearance on the Late Show

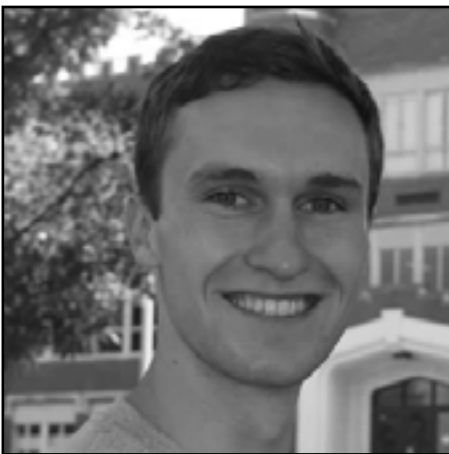
By **JORDAN EVANS**
Columnist

Last Thursday we had the opportunity to watch Vice President Joe Biden on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert. This meeting was unlike many of the common late night shows interviews.

This one was not littered with political puns and one-liners, but rather deep and emotional dialogue. Colbert started his interview in asking Biden to talk about his late son Beau Biden, a decorated war hero and public servant. Beau passed away on May 30, 2015 from the effects of brain cancer.

Biden has also lost his wife and daughter in a car accident in 1972. Though heartbreaking, it is refreshing to see a prominent politician speak so openly and to be so frank with the public about personal loss.

Biden has recently been pushed to join Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Presidential Primary race. Biden ran in



both 1988 and 2008, but this election is the first in which he has received much support from the public to do so. Though the media has been anxiously awaiting his presidential candidacy announcement, his interview with Colbert proves that he will most likely not be pursuing the Democratic bid this election.

Biden stated, "I don't think any man or woman should run for president unless,

number one, they know exactly why they would want to be president. And, number two, they can look at folks out there and say, 'I promise you, you have my whole heart, my whole soul, my energy, and my passion to do this.'" He finished by saying, "I'd be lying if I said that I knew I was there."

While looking at the presidential field and seeing the candidates that belittle each other and discriminate against certain groups of people, it would be refreshing to have a candidate that empathized with the struggles millions of Americans deal with every day. While Biden could make a strong run for the presidency, I have great respect of his decision to stay out of the race despite public wishes. He realizes he is not in the emotional state to handle the stresses that the president must deal with. I believe we can all learn from the Vice President's resistance to run. We all face the influence of others to do things we may not be capable of handling, but respecting our limits and not exceeding them can be as reputable as servicing those requests.

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INTERVIEW OF STREET RACE:

WHAT'S UP?

Ranger Calendar of Events



September 2015 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			17 Constitution Day Psychology Club Meet & Greet - Ranger Perk 1 - 2 p.m. Kickin' it on the Pitch - Alva Rec. Center 7 - 8:30 p.m. Refund check released for dropped classes	18 Cheeseburger Day 	19 Ranger Football vs Henderson State (Ark.) - Ranger Field 7 p.m. Lady Ranger Soccer vs. Oklahoma Christian University - Alva Rec. Center 1 p.m. Talk Like a Pirate Day 	20
			21 Karaoke Club Student Center - Wyatt Room 1 - 2 p.m. Heritage Lecture Series - Ben Myers Student Center - Ranger Room 7 p.m. 	22 Lady Ranger Soccer at SWOSU in Weatherford 3 p.m. Poetry readings with Ben Myers - Graceful Arts 7 p.m.	23 Checkers/Dogs in Politics Day 	24 Lady Ranger Soccer vs Newman University at Alva Rec Center Field, 7 p.m.

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News

Twenty to compete for Miss Cinderella

Twenty women representing high schools in Oklahoma and Kansas were on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus on Sept. 13. These ladies came for an orientation session in preparation for the 64th annual Miss Cinderella Pageant held as part of the school's homecoming celebration.

Contestants and their sponsors met with the pageant committee to review all requirements and rules associated with the talent show on Oct. 8. The pageant will be on Oct. 9 and Northwestern's homecoming parade on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Dr. Janet Cunningham, president, welcomed the contestants to campus.

Participants were assigned to jewel groups- Amethyst, Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire for judging- and had their photos taken for publicity purposes and a program. The committee covered rehearsals, judging criteria, wardrobe requirements and all of the other activities connected with the pageant.

The 2015 contestants and



Photo provided

schools they represent are: Laura Givens, Arnett; Kylie Wilson, Timberlake; Loren Decker, Ringwood; Alisson Ingram, Cimarron; Jenna Castor, Shattuck; Meaghan Dorn, Mangum; Katherine Blair, Waynoka; Kara Hamen, Aline-Cleo; Jasmine Seevers, Seiling; Macee Hammack, Leedy; Taylor Ham, Mooreland; Sydney Luskey,

Chisholm; Marisa Wilkinson, Buffalo; Ammorae Williams, South Barber; Devre Newby, Woodward; Shelby Bender, Cherokee; Alysson Stewart, Burlington; Shelbi Morland, Laverne; Ashley Strehl, Freedom; and Emma Cline, Alva.

Admission to either Miss Cinderella Talent Show on Oct. 8, or the Miss Cinderella Pageant on Friday Oct. 9, is \$10 each night for adults

and \$5 for students with a student ID or \$10 total with the purchase of a Homecoming button. Buttons will be available at the door on Talent Show night. Both events will be held in Herod Hall.

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.

Buttons will be available at Alva Chamber of Commerce office located at 502 Oklahoma Blvd., (580) 327-1647; the Northwestern Foundation office in the Student Center, (580) 327-8593; the Northwestern business office in Herod Hall, (580) 327-8536, 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. Those interested also can contact any of the listed salespersons.

Alva, Woodward enrollment drops; Ponca increases

Total student enrollment for the 2015 fall semester at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is similar to last year's number, according to information contained in a preliminary enrollment report provided to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Enrollment for the fall semester totaled 2,135 students, a decrease of 36 students from a year ago. This marks the seventh consecutive fall semester that enrollment has eclipsed the 2,100 mark.

At the main campus in Alva, enrollment dipped slightly with 1,378 students taking classes this fall, compared to 1,444 last fall.

Enrollment also dropped slightly at Northwestern-Woodward. Enrollment there stood at 245 students, a decrease of only 13. Northwestern's Enid Campus enrolled 214 students compared with 265 a year ago.

At Northwestern's outreach sites, including the University Center at Ponca City, enrollment enjoyed a 13.1 percent increase with 199 students enrolled. Concurrent enrollment, which involves high school students enrolled in college courses, also experienced a significant increase.

"While overall enrollment continues to remain strong, we continue to explore and implement initiatives to increase enrollment, retention and degree completion," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said.

Northwestern's Ranger Preview, which brings prospective high school seniors to the Alva campus, is Nov. 14. Each registered participant will be awarded a \$600 scholarship to attend Northwestern in Alva.

Oklahoma poet laureate to speak at Heritage Lecture Series

By JACLYN BURKE
Student Reporter

Every fall semester Northwestern Oklahoma State University welcomes a guest speaker to present the Annual Cultural Heritage Lecture. This year's lecture will be presented by Dr. Benjamin Myers, Crouch-Mathis professor of literature at Oklahoma Baptist University and Oklahoma's current poet laureate.

He will be the first visiting writer of this school year. Although the visitors haven't been chosen yet, there will be more in town this coming spring. His presentation will be slightly different from the typical ones that are part of the Visiting Writer's Series. Typically, the visiting writers do a reading, book signing and visit classes. However, Meyers will give a lecture one day and

present his poetry the next.

His talk, "Reticence and Expansiveness: Oklahoma and its Poetry," will provide discussion on the history of poetry within the state and will be presented on Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Ranger Room on Northwestern's Alva campus.

The following evening, Tuesday, Sept. 22, Myers will give a reading of his work at the Graceful Arts Gallery and Studios in downtown Alva. His reading will begin at 7 p.m.

Myers' visit coincides with the recent publication of "The Oklahoma Poets Laureates: A Sourcebook, History, and Anthology" written by Shawn Holliday, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English.

"It is our honor to bring Myers to Northwestern to

present the Cultural Heritage Lecture," Holliday said. "Northwestern is becoming known for its relationship with the state's poets laureate, which began with Nathan Brown's visit to campus two years ago. This is an ongoing relationship that the university will continue to foster."

According to okbu.edu, Myers resides in central Oklahoma and is a Literature and English professor at Oklahoma Baptist University. He has written two books: "Lapse Americana" and "Elegy for Trains." He won the Oklahoma Book Award for Poetry in 2011. His poems can be read in various places, from the New York Quarterly to The Iron Horse Literacy Review. Myers received his bachelor's from University of the Ozarks and his master's and doctorate degrees from Washington University.

Meyers is firm believer in not being ashamed of where you came from. He shows great pride for central Oklahoma in his writings. He is also haunted by his father's death of cancer,

so that is a common theme that appears in his poems. Many characters in his poems feel as though the American Dream has disappeared, so his writings include this theme as well.

"The best thing is that his poetry is approachable, so it is easy to understand," said Holliday.

The Annual Cultural Heritage Lecture Series is sponsored by the Social Sciences Department and the Northwestern Institute for Citizenship Studies, the Master of Arts in American Studies program, and the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department.

Chair of the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department, Kathryn Lane says, "Myers is intelligent, so his lecture will be interesting and will tell us things we don't already know."

For more information concerning Myer's lecture and poetry reading, contact Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or at spholliday@nwosu.edu.

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Ranger Rally raises school spirits



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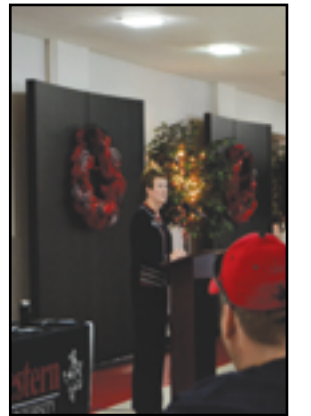
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Check out more pictures at www.rangerpulse.com

Households reunite for Family Day



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Flags fly in Intramural Football



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Alva Area Wide Fair hosts fun and games for community



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SPORTS

Cross Country to regroup for rest of season after slow first meet

By JACLYN BURKE
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Cross Country runners gear up for a season of improvement after their first meet.

The first meet of the season was certainly not a victory, but it wasn't all negative.

Head Cross Country coach, Eric Bane said, "it was okay; we're building." Senior Kaitlyn O'Toole said, "the first meet was a good experience for us. I really felt that it let us dip our toes in the water. There is still some improvement to be made, but with the group that we have, I feel it is very possible."

A common problem in cross country running is starting off the race too fast, which was an issue for the team at their first meet. They have been working on pacing themselves, said Bane.

The plan for the upcoming meets is to drop back in the beginning, then move up and pass other runners later in the race. This also acts as a confidence booster for the runners. Being able to pass a few people later on feels better than

starting to lag behind and getting passed halfway through the race. Bane said the team will improve their confidence through the new coaching situation.

In the past, the assistant coach of one sport was the head coach of cross country, so they did the best they could, but couldn't contribute all of their time to the cross country team.

The school seems to be paying more attention to the team and hired a full time head coach. Bane said, "it's a step in the right direction."

Knowing Northwestern is backing them more than ever will contribute to the positive mentality the runners need to perform their best.

Although the cross country team is currently rather thin, there are good things to say about everyone on the team. They are nice kids and are all working hard, said Bane.

Bane thinks of each meet as glorified practice until conference and regionals.

However, Luis Chavez, a 22-year-old senior from Beaver, Okla., views the meets as an

opportunity to stand out. He is looking forward to the Joplin, Mo. and Hays, Kan. meets.

Chavez said, "I want to break the school record of 27 minutes and 10 seconds for an 8k, and those two meets are the best ones to accomplish my goal."

Bane looks forward to a different meet, regionals, because the team hasn't gotten to compete at regionals in the past.

Bane said the goal for regionals is to "hopefully surprise people and show people we mean business."

He is also hopeful that a handful of runners will sneak into nationals this season.

Since Northwestern is paying more attention to the cross country team, O'Toole hopes to hold onto the spotlight by competing at the University of Arkansas meet. It is supposed to be a big meet, "which can be a great thing for Northwestern. It might be a good way to attract more attention to our school," said O'Toole.

Their next meet will be the Southern Stampede, Saturday at 9 a.m. in Joplin, Mo.

Volleyball swept in Fall Classic; Turns focus to Broncos tomorrow

By ADRIANA BECERRA
Student Reporter

The Ranger volleyball team travelled to Kearny, Nebraska this past weekend to participate in the New Victorian Inn & Suites/Runza Suites Fall Classic hosted by the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

In game one, the Rangers fell by a score of 3 to 1 (25-15, 25-22, 26-24, 25-22) in the opening contest against non-conference opponent Sioux Falls.

Ashanti Banks led the team in kills that match with a total of 13.

Kaydee Yukawa and Cassidy Hackett led the Rangers with 25 and 24 assists

respectively. Carly Geer lead the Rangers with 22 digs.

Game two was against the University of Mary. The Rangers fell 3-2 (25-22, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21, 16-14).

Nora To'omalatai led the Rangers with 12 kills, followed by Asia Pipkin with 11 and Natalie Fahey adding 10.

Day two began with the Rangers taking on Nebraska-Kearney. Rangers fell 3-0 in that match (25-22, 25-19, 25-18).

Natalie Fahey collected two aces while Yukawa and To'omalatai both had one ace a piece. Yukawa led in assists with 18.

The last match up the Rangers had was with Illinois-Springfield.

Northwestern put up a fight

but lost 3-1 (26-24, 25-21, 25-15, 25-17). Nora To'omalatai led the Rangers in kills with 12 followed closely by Asia Pipkin with 10 and Natalie Fahey with nine.

The Rangers kicked off conference play at home Tuesday night as well, hoping to break their four game losing streak.

Northwestern faced Oklahoma Baptist University in Percefull Fieldhouse but were unable to break the losing streak as they fell to the Bison three sets to none.

The Rangers (2-6, 0-1) next match up will be in Edmond, Okla. Friday at 5 p.m. as they take on the Broncos of the University of Central Oklahoma.

Dean Linder press box dedicated last Saturday



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Steve Valencia, Associate Vice President of University Relations, opens the ceremony for the press box dedication Saturday.



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Dr. Janet Cunningham, University President, shares her appreciation for all that Dean Linder has done for Northwestern through the years.



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Dean Linder, longtime radio voice of the Rangers and retired district judge, speaks on behalf of receiving the press box dedication.

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series

Season Tickets - Students \$20 - Adults \$40
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 <p>The Red Dirt Rangers Oct. 20, 2015</p>	 <p>Jeff & Stacy Pederson Dec. 1, 2015</p>	 <p>Justin Pierce Jazz Quintet Feb. 16, 2016</p>	 <p>Rena March 8, 2016</p>
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Marquee match ups highlight week three of Division I football

By **BRANDON WILLIS**
Student Reporter

Week three of college football has four top 25 match ups on the schedule according to the AP Top 25 Poll on ESPN.com.

The second week of college football provided exciting upsets and comebacks, whether it was OU pulling off a comeback in overtime over #23 Tennessee in Nashville or Toledo upsetting an SEC opponent in Arkansas.

With all of the drama that week two presented, this Saturday will have five matchups that will affect the national rankings and most importantly will affect the playoff landscape.

The first top 25 matchup of the day is #14 Georgia Tech heading north to face #8 Notre Dame at 2:30 pm.

The Irish are coming off a close victory over the University of Virginia 34-27. Unfortunately, the Irish starting quarterback Malik Zaire fractured his ankle midway through the third-quarter and will be out for the rest of the season.

Redshirt freshman quarterback DeShone Kizer finished the game, as he led his team to victory with a touchdown pass with 12 seconds left in the fourth-quarter. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets blew out Tulane 65-10 at home.

This matchup of top 15 teams is interesting because of contrasting styles of play and unfamiliarity with each other since they rarely face one another.

The second matchup to look for is #18 Auburn taking on #13 LSU in Baton Rouge, La. Both teams are coming off of close wins last week.

Junior Health and Sports Science major, Martin Pavicic, will have a close eye on these two teams for a specific reason. "I think the SEC is overrated and I'm

interested to see what these teams look like," Pavicic said. "With OU winning in SEC territory and Arkansas losing, people are going to see if these teams can stack up against the big boys."

The next matchup is #15 Ole Miss Rebels challenging the #2 Alabama Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

SB Nation College Football writer, Kevin Traham said, Alabama has been dominant in their first two games and Ole Miss has been impressive to start the season.

"The Rebels have looked solid in dominating two cupcakes to open the season, but Alabama has arguably the most talented team in the country, and the Tide were dominant in their big opener against Wisconsin," Traham said.

This SEC matchup will have major implications for both teams but especially Alabama since they are #2 in the country.

The final matchup will be a West Coast battle between #19 Brigham Young Cougars and #10 UCLA Bruins.

The Bruins have rolled through their first two games behind freshmen sensation QB Josh Rosen.

Meanwhile, BYU has completed two last second upsets over ranked opponents in Nebraska and Boise State.

BYU also has a freshmen starting at QB Tanner Mangum who took over for after senior Taysom Hill was injured in the Nebraska game with a Lisfranc (mid-foot) sprain according to ESPN.com.

The play of the two freshmen quarterbacks will decide the outcome.

Jay Drew of the Salt Lake Tribune put it perfectly when he said, "The stage is set for a rookie QB showdown nobody saw coming when the season began."

These four matchups should make for an enjoyable Saturday of college football.



Photos by Osamu Sakamoto

Rodeo team ready for a new season

By **SARAH OTTO**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Rodeo team kicks off their season this weekend at Colby, Kansas.

Mike McGinn, a Haines, Oregon steer wrestling native, is ready to start his senior rodeo season.

His main goal this year is to make the trip back to the College National Finals rodeo.

McGinn made it two years ago in 2013, but did not have

the finals he was hoping for.

This season he plans to stay focused and consistent. He said, "I want to make sure I get a good start on every steer, and to throw them all down."

Sophomore team member, Sami McGuire from Backus, Minnesota has set her season goals early on.

She is looking forward to team roping with her new team roping partner from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She also is ready to get her barrel horse

running.

McGuire plans to make at least two short rounds this season. She said, "I have practiced enough, and it is what it is. If the rodeo doesn't go well, there is always another one."

The Rangers have a roster full of competitive athletes looking to start the season off with a win.

The first rodeo at Colby Community College of the season starts tomorrow in Colby, Kan. and runs through Sunday.

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Club fair held Monday

Groups showcase their upcoming fall activities and recruit new members

BY KATIE LACKEY
Student Reporter

Northwestern's Student Government Association sponsored the fall club fair on Monday.

It offered free snow cones as well as a chance to get involved on campus. There are as many as 57 clubs on campus; including Something Greater, Herd, Writer's Roundtable, and the Wesley House.

Something Greater is a club that strives to bring hope and encouragement through four main Bible verses the club is centered around. They participate in worship nights, Bible studies and other fun events. They spoke about how important it is for students to be involved in clubs.

It is a way for students to truly enhance their college experience by meeting new people. Something Greater is currently looking forward to having either a movie night or even possibly a water balloon fight after midterms are over.

The Herd is an official student group for all Northwestern athletics. They meet for all home games and only a \$10 charge to join. Their purpose is to bring a positive atmosphere to both the athletes as well as the students. They currently have 160 members.

"Student life at college is vital to have a good experience," said Jacob Carter, a senior at Northwestern. "This one is particularly important because, first of all, people say there's not a lot to

do in Alva, but we have 70 home games throughout the year. That's quite a bit to do."

The Writers Roundtable is a creative writing group where writers can share their work with other writers and receive constructive criticism.

Jade George, a Junior at Northwestern, talks about the importance of joining a club by saying, "It helps you make friends who have joint interests as you. You want to get involved in clubs, because it is a way to meet new people and make sure you are actually getting out of your dorm room or house."

The Wesley House is a ministry that serves as a safe place for students to go when they are in need of a friend. Ali Hill, a senior at Northwestern, was remaining optimistic about the club fair bringing in new members. According to her, it is necessary for students to be involved in clubs because they offer a new group of friends.

Lizzy Shaffer, a freshman, attended the club fair and found a club well suited for her. She is going to join the Medical Science Club, because she is a biology major that is looking at getting into occupational therapy.

With Northwestern having 57 different clubs, these few mentioned were just a quick glimpse of what Northwestern has to offer students in the way of extra curricular activities.

Oklahoma Blood Institute, Northwestern to hold blood drive September 29 and 30

BY TRACY MEZA
Student Reporter

Campus wide Blood Drive free t-shirts will be given to all donors.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be holding a campus wide blood drive on Sept. 29 & 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the student center Ranger room.

The president's leadership class will be sponsoring the blood drive, and their goal is to have 224 successful donors for the two-day drive.

"Northwestern students and employees have a long history of supporting Oklahomans by saving lives by donating during our campus blood drives," said Dr. Janet Cunningham President of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. "Blood drives at Northwestern conducted by the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) are some of the most successful campus drives in all of the state. That success is because of your willingness to take time and give the gift of blood."

All students are encouraged to participate in the blood drive; it only takes about an hour of your time, and can make the difference for friends and neighbors in area hospi-



Graphic by Michael Collins

tals. As a thank you for keeping the blood supply up this fall, all donors will receive a free t-shirt.

"I encourage all students to make an appointment," said Rachel Stephenson-Spellman Special Events Coordinator for Northwestern Oklahoma State University. "Appointments will be taken prior to walk-ins."

Make your appointment

by calling OBI at 877-340-8777, visit OBI.org, or email Rachel Stephenson-Spellman at rsstephenson-spellman@nwsu.edu, walk-ins are welcome.

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Lecture to honor Constitution Day

The founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy will speak at 7 p.m. tonight at the Enid Campus as part of Constitution Day.

Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, is an author and former lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, who served for 11 years as a medical officer. He now practices in Phoenix, Arizona.

He will discuss the issue of reconciling Islam and liberal democracy in the 21st century. The free event is sponsored by the Institute for Citizenship Studies and Social Sciences.

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CHRIS PUNTO

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By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**

“Shaun the Sheep”
Chris: 4 out of 5 stars.



It’s Shaun the sheep. La da da da. Shaun the sheep. Da da da!

Sorry. For those of you who don’t know, that was the jingle that played at the beginning of the old “Shaun the Sheep” episodes on television. Those were the days.

Anyways, modern cinema has brought back one of my favorite claymations for this funny, childish, adorable film. I have to say that I was impressed. This movie made me laugh louder than anyone else at the movies without saying a word. Everything you need to make you laugh can either be through body language, grunts, or just the hilarious circumstances the film throws at you.

I feel like that’s a very good thing, but then again, it’s also not for everyone. It took me a few minutes to get over the ab-

sence of vocal dialogue, but then it went well. Most people aren’t a huge fan of claymation either, which I totally understand. I only enjoy some claymation movies and that’s because my girlfriend’s dad looks like Wallace drone Wallace and Gromit.

Bottom line, this review is like this film; there isn’t much to say. It’s a good film that is funny for all ages, as proven by me. Go watch this movie for some laughs. Well worth the five bucks.

Natalie: 3 out of 5 stars



I walked into “Shaun the Sheep” fully expecting it to be baaaaad. I must sheep-ishly admit I was most definitely wrong. It’s an adorable film, guaranteed to make ewe giggle and awww.

I’ve been saying for the past two years that I am not much of a fan of children’s movies, but considering the many wonderful kids movies that have been released throughout the past year (“Big Hero 6,” “Boxtrolls”), I might have to amend that statement. “Shaun the Sheep” is yet another film that makes me feel

like I should soften my heart to the genre of children’s movies.

“Shaun the Sheep” is an adorable film, certain to delight young children. I don’t know what was cuter, the movie, or the excited commentary from the little kids in the theatre. Though the preferred age range would be 5-10 years old, the film appeals to all ages. Something will appeal to every audience member, regardless of age or background.

I was amazed throughout the entirety of the film by the stunning animation. It took twenty animators over six years to create this intricate and detailed clay-mation effects. Because the film had to convey such strong messages and humor with absolutely no dialogue, the role of the animation was significant.

There are layers of comedy to this film, with subtle jokes and gags for the observant. There are plenty of laughs for both children and adults.

Bottom line: It’s a great film, for any age. Take a niece or nephew, or just go with some friends. Get the flock over to theaters to watch this adorable film!



Photo by Osam Sakamoto

Dr. Marc Decker directs the Ranger Band in practicing for fall shows.

Ranger band plans fall performances

By **SELENA ESTRADA**
Student Reporter

Fall doesn’t just mean it’s time for football – it’s also time for the marching band!

NWOSU Ranger Band has three different bands: jazz band, marching band and concert band.

The jazz band is a small group of about 10 people. Members practice every Monday and Wednesday and are ready to attend their first jazz festival of the year on Oct. 29 at Enid.

The marching band is also fairly small, consisting of about 26 members. The small number of members is no worry to the director, Marc Decker, Ph.D.

He said he believes the number is not what matters most, but it’s the quality of the band that is the key. They are, however, still accepting new members even though they have already started practicing and performing.

As there are six home football games, the marching band will be preparing for three to four original shows. The group entertained football fans at the opening home game last Saturday, and they will be the half-time highlight again this Saturday. They will perform a “Katy Perry Show” again on Saturday. This consists of three

of the famous singer’s songs: “Firework,” “Hot and Cold” and “Roar.”

The marching band has made good progress and is excited and ready for their performances, Decker said.

Homecoming is an exciting and important time for the marching band, Decker said. During the homecoming festivities, the group will be doing what is called a “mass band,” where bands from surrounding towns join in with the Ranger band. They will all march in the parade and then perform a “fun music” show with a Disney theme, Decker said. He has invited junior high and high school twirlers from different towns to join in as well.

As Halloween approaches, a “Halloween Show” is being prepared for the football game on Halloween night. This show, however, will be a surprise, and fans will have to come out that night to see and hear what’s planned, Decker said.

The concert band has not yet started, but as freshman band member Madison Hofen said, the group is expecting more members to join.

The Ranger band has been practicing and working hard, said Richard Barber, a sophomore. And the band has become something more – a family, he said.

Apple debuts new products

By **SELENA ESTRADA**
Student Reporter

The recent Apple Convention in California may have electronics fans making plans to buy new phones and other products this fall.

The new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus were two of the new products Apple launched. Users

could start preordering last Saturday. On Sept. 25, the iPhone 6s and 6s Plus will be available in 12 different countries. Apple expects it to be in about 130 countries by the end of the year.

The new iPhone will be available in the rose gold, a new color for the company. This phone will introduce the new “3D Touch” feature, which gives users a new way to interact with

their smartphones.

Another new product announced was the new iPad Pro at 12.9 inches.

The next new generation Apple TV was also announced.

The Apple watch will also have new upgrades and colors, gold and rose gold. However, new sport straps and new hand-stitched luxury leather straps from Hermes are also options.

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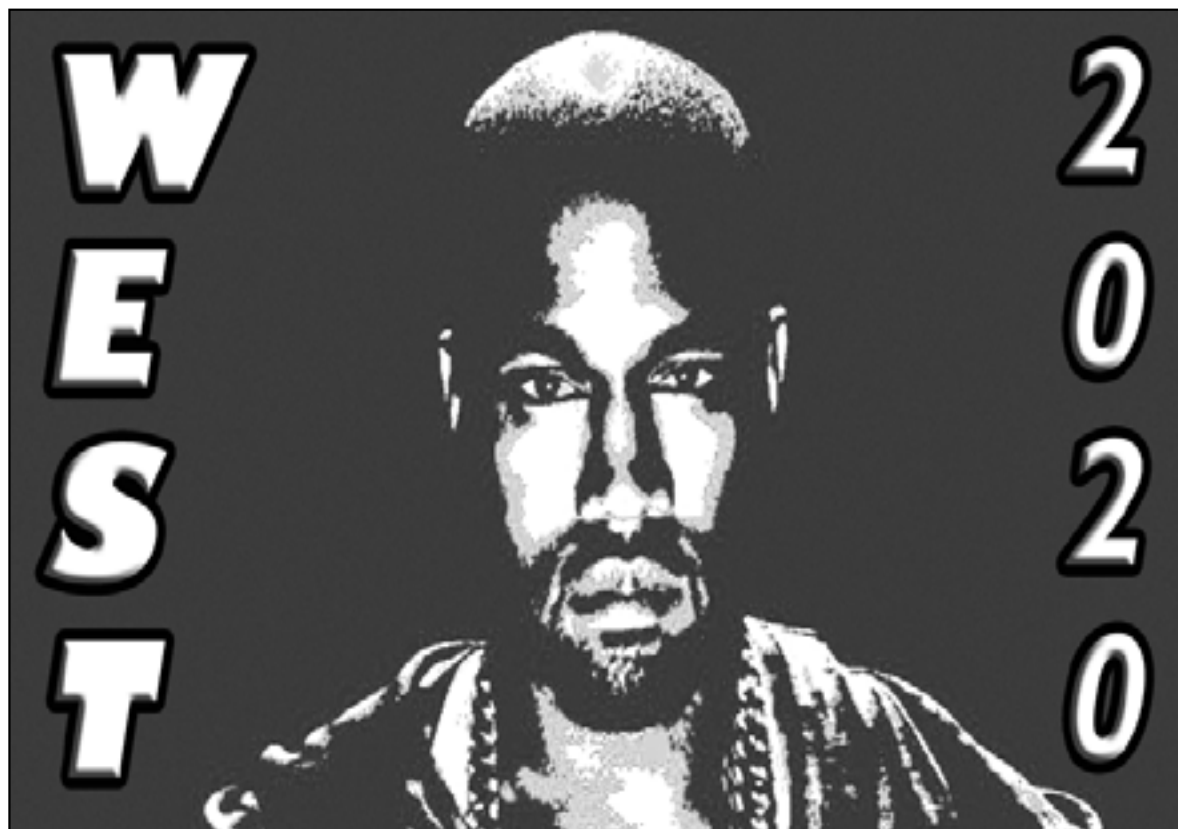
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"No one man should have all that power"

What would President Kanye look like?

BY ALEXANDER REYES
Student Writer

Kanye West (jokingly, we hope) announced at the 2015 VMAs that he would run for President in 2020.

What if Kanye really did become President of the United States? Would he prefer President West or President Kanye, President Yeezus perhaps? What would he pass and veto? Would he remix "Hail to the Chief" for his inauguration?

Imagine the presidential debates we would get to experience. Kanye: "Hold on Senator Smith, I'ma let ya finish but I just gotta say that if you vote for me you get 10% off the "West House" album, thank you."

The massive parties the U.S. would experience during the presidency would rack the economy harder than it already is. The U.S. would have to add a holiday on President West's birthday, because he declared it so.

The thing the U.S. should be most worried about, is giving him the power over our military. Before he would just release another album after being criticized, he could now send the military to whisk you away in the night.

Foreign relations would be tenser than ever. Kanye is not afraid to speak his mind, as shown in the past: Hurricane Katrina, the Grammy's. So any slight hostility would be taken to the extreme by him.

Any Presidential Address would become primetime television. It would be a mini-revival of MTV, with music video announcements. People would no longer wait for the next dance craze, but the next announcement from the President.

Kanye would probably not be the greatest President ever, but he would probably be the best selling. Who knows what opportunities

he could open up for others in the entertainment business if he succeeded?

Perhaps there are other musicians or actors that would like to run for an office. Manny Pacquiao is primarily a boxer, but is active in the Filipino government.

People are starting to care less about what the President will do and more about their entertainment. Dane Cook would get more votes than an unknown senator from South Dakota.

It's already happening with "Presidential candidate" Deez Nutz gaining traction. That is, until it was later found out that a 15 year old boy had submitted the form 20 years too early.

If that could get through and actually pull as much influence as it has, then the U.S. should be very worried about Kanye or someone similar becoming President.

Nobody knows who will win the 2020 campaign. Not Bo, not Nostradamus, and especially not Kanye.

In the know: Syrian refugee crisis increases in severity

BY JORDAN EVANS
Student Writer

Throughout the past few months, there has been a significant crisis in the Middle East. Now I know what most of you are thinking, it seems like there is always a crisis in the Middle East, but this particular crisis is one that will have a great impact on the rest of the world. The nation of Syria has been in a Civil War since 2011. Syrian president Bashar Hafez Al-Assad's regime has responded to protests against his administration with violent force. Though this war has been going on for the last few years, the escalation of violence has prompted roughly 4 million Syrian to flee the country to the neighboring nations. The refugees have taken trains, buses, and even makeshift rafts to try to escape the war-torn country. Although we have been aware of the need to help, the true wake-up call came when a photo of a 3-year-old refugee boy's body was circulated around the media. This heartbreaking photo encapsulated the urgency of the crisis and spoke of the need for the western world to respond.

There have been some countries such as Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic that have created further measures to protect their borders from incoming refugees. Other nations are doing

all they can to help. Germany has committed to taking in 800,000 refugees. The U.S. is taking 10,000 refugees while providing funds to support the Syrian rebels against Assad's rule. Greece has had search teams in the Aegean looking for Syrians that are coming over in small rafts. Hundreds have already died from poor travel conditions.

Eric Schmaltz, Ph.D. Professor of Modern German History at Northwestern, says "It will be a challenge for the EU (European Union) on how to accommodate the refugees. This is the largest immigrant crisis since World War II." Of the European nations, "Germany has gone out of its way to help. The reason they have been doing this is partly that it has been the country's policy since World War II." Though this issue has fallen on the shoulders of the western world, the regional countries must start taking care of their own area. Schmaltz says, "I wish the Saudi's would pick up the slack a bit."

The upcoming months will be crucial in deciding the futures of millions of Syrian immigrants. This calamity is far from over, so you can help these victims by donating at www.unicefusa.org/SyriaChildRefugees.

Northwestern's Aggie Club fuels participation on campus and in community

BY NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

With wheat fields within miles of each side of campus, Northwestern Oklahoma State University lies in the heart of an agricultural environment. NWOSU has an organization that fits with this environment, Aggie Club.

Northwestern's Aggie Club is an agricultural student organization, but it's not just for Agriculture majors. The club is open to all students, regardless of their major or minor. All students who enjoy agricultural pursuits are encouraged to join.

Trae Watson, president of Aggie Club, says that there is an emphasis on collaborating as like-minded individuals. "The main purpose is just to have a great time with fellow NWOSU students. We are a very relaxed club, and that allows people to have more fun," said Watson.

The Aggie Club meets twice a month in Jesse Dunn 128 or at the Northwestern farm.

The organization participates in events like working local and OYE stock shows and discussing current agricultural issues. The organization is also active on campus, participating in events like homecoming and campus cleanup day.

Kendra Reining, a sophomore member of Aggie Club, says that she particularly enjoys the club's involvement with homecoming. "My favorite part of Aggie club is coming together and building the float. It's fun seeing everyone's creative side and finishing a project everyone can be proud of."

Watson emphasizes that Aggie Club is for all students, in saying, "I would encourage all students to join just to get active while at Northwestern. It's a one of a kind club."

For more information about joining Aggie Club, contact Steve Sneary at (580) 327-5956 or sasneary@nwsu.edu.

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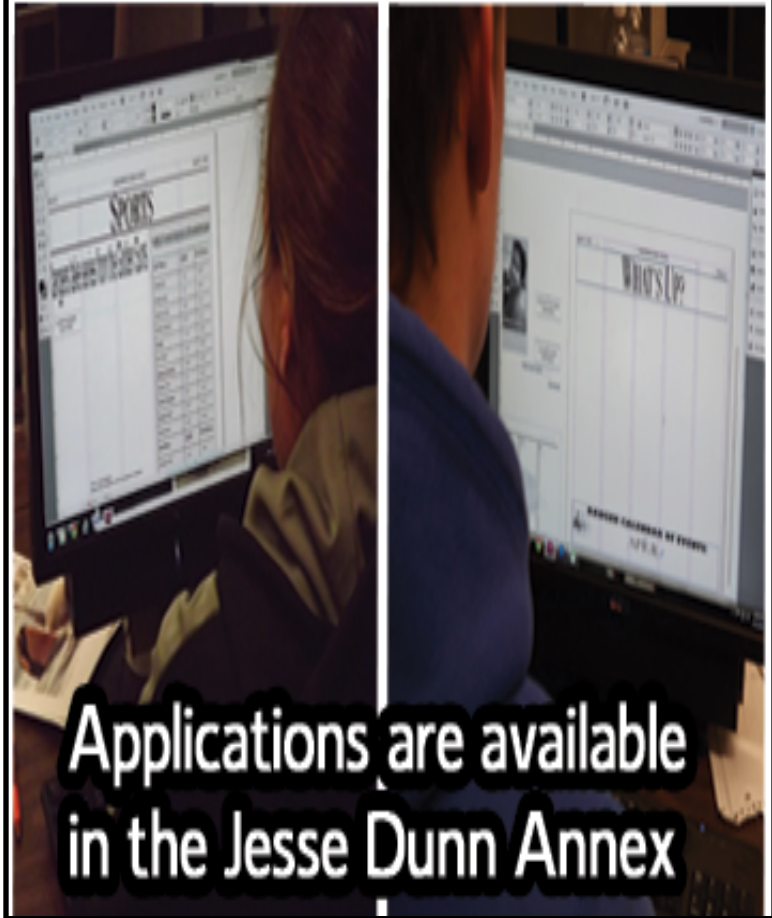
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