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## First super moon eclipse in 33 years seen above campus Sunday



Photo by Travis Harmon-Smith

This total super moon eclipse was at perigee, the spot in orbit that brings it closest to the Earth, and was the last in a series of four spanning two years, a phenomenon called a tetrad. The next supermoon eclipse isn't due until 2033.

## Homecoming events planned for Saturday, October 10

By TRACY MEZA  
Student Reporter

Homecoming is Saturday Oct. 10, and the Northwestern Student Government Association along with the Homecoming Committee has a week of full of activities on the calendar.

According to the Northwestern Homecoming website, each year's homecoming seeks to honor the traditions of the past and the heritage of northwest Oklahoma, offering entertainment features that continue from year to year, but seeking to make each year's schedule unique.

With this year's theme titled: "Ranger Nation: Ride of

Fame" we are in for a unique experience.

"Speaking on behalf of the SGA, homecoming on Oct. 10 will be jammed packed with the parade, Ranger Run, and of course the football game later that afternoon, where we will also crown the Ranger king and queen as well as the freshmen SGA Vice President.

According to the SGA, we are keeping some of the traditional events on the schedule, and adding in some

new exciting ones.

"Before those events however, we SGA officers and our backbone pretty much, Kaylyn Hansen, the Director of Student Life and Counseling, has filled with the week of homecoming full of

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events! Starting on Monday Oct. 5 we will have our Rialto Movie Night. Then on Tuesday is our annual Powder Puff Football game. Wednesday is our first ever Tailgate on the Tiers. Thursday we will

be holding the first ever Ride of Fame Picture Challenge. Finally, on Friday, we will be having the Rally-Round-the-Ranger event" said Villalobos.

According to the website traditionally at the same time as homecoming week Northwestern offers a scholarship pageant for high school seniors to represent their communities takes place on Thursday and Friday of the week.

"Other festivities that will be going on that week is the Miss Cinderella Talent Show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 8 in the Herod Hall auditorium and the Miss Cinderella Pageant at 8 p.m. Friday in the Herod Hall auditorium" said Villalobos.

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# OPINION

## Shut the 'beep' up Student expresses anger with the loud maintenance outside classrooms

By **KATRINA HENNING**  
*Columnist*

We all know what "they" say about opinions, but I need to vent a little, fellow students. Anyone who has spent some time these past two weeks in or around Vinson Hall, Jesse Dunn, or Carter Hall can attest to the incessant beeping coming from the blue work truck.

These men have been working on something (scrubbing the bricks? cleaning the gutters?) for the past ten days, for hours at a time.

Now, as an English Lit major I confess I spend more time in VH than I do in my own house. I have been driven to the boarder of madness by the annoying two notes coming from the truck. I simply cannot imagine how the professors that have offices in



the building must be dealing with this. Headphones? At least I am allowed to leave the building!

I realize there is work that needs to be done, and with homecoming around the corner the community of

Northwestern wants the buildings to look their best.

I do not understand, however, why this work cannot be completed when people aren't trying to work or attend class.

Having to speak over the noise, to a classroom full of students that are looking for a reason to be distracted must be maddening to the professors in not only VH but JD and CH as well.

I am neither an architect, nor do I play one on television, but from the down below the roof of VH looks pretty flat. Wouldn't it be safer for these workmen to clean the gutters from the roof instead of a precarious bucket attached to a truck?

I am not trying to brush off the safety regulations the workmen must adhere to; I am just frustrated that it has to interfere with my education.

## Columnist asks, 'Why are students not allowed to skate on campus?'

By **KEATON KROOS**  
*Columnist*

Why aren't we speaking about a relatively big topic among many students: skating on campus?

Though biking is allowed across campus, there is a ban against skating?

This may not apply to many students and some may think this topic is dumb, but to others like me, it means a lot.

There are quite a few of us that watch movies growing up, and through the years, we become accustomed to the idea of it being okay for college students to skate on campuses.



When we finally arrive at Northwestern we arrive to a place where it is looked down upon by most and against rules.

If you so much as get caught standing on a board then the punishment can be as much as a ticket, and having your skate board being taken by campus police.

Broke, poor, cheap. These are words that as college students we all know very well. As college students, we know that we will need to save the most money possible. A simple way to do this is to limit gas usage. Ways to save gas can be walking, biking, and yes, skating.

Over the summer I was hit by just how expensive college can be. So, I invested in a longboard, for those of you that don't know what that is, it is a type of skateboard, but much longer, more stable.

I got better and better at this longboard, working to make myself comfortable on the board, just to make sure that I did not look like a complete idiot when I came to college

Through much practice I got to the point to where I could stay on the board, and look good doing it. Then I figure out that I can't even do this anymore because

of a rule.

When I ride my longboard it is more than just getting from one place to another, it is freeing in a whole different sense, when I ride I feel completely different than I do any other time.

You might be thinking okay it feels awesome but how does a college rule affect this? It is because we all know that as college students that we often have no time at all, look at it like this..

One hour getting ready for the day; two or more hours towards class; three or more hours towards work; another two hours towards studying and homework; an hour to eat; and finally 12 hours of sleep.

Now these are not exact, but just approximates. You can see that out of all these times that doesn't leave much left for riding a skateboard. I should be able and allowed to skate on campus, between my classes.

Now in SGA I am currently on a mission, a mission to approve the motion of having skateboards allowed on campus. I, as a student, encourage others to take any initiative to have this motion approved.

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# OPINION

## Don't defund Planned Parenthood

### We need to clear up the misconceptions behind the PPFA

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**  
*News Editor*

Some of you may have been keeping up with the defunding of Planned Parenthood. You know, the baby killing, money sucking, corporation that has no values?

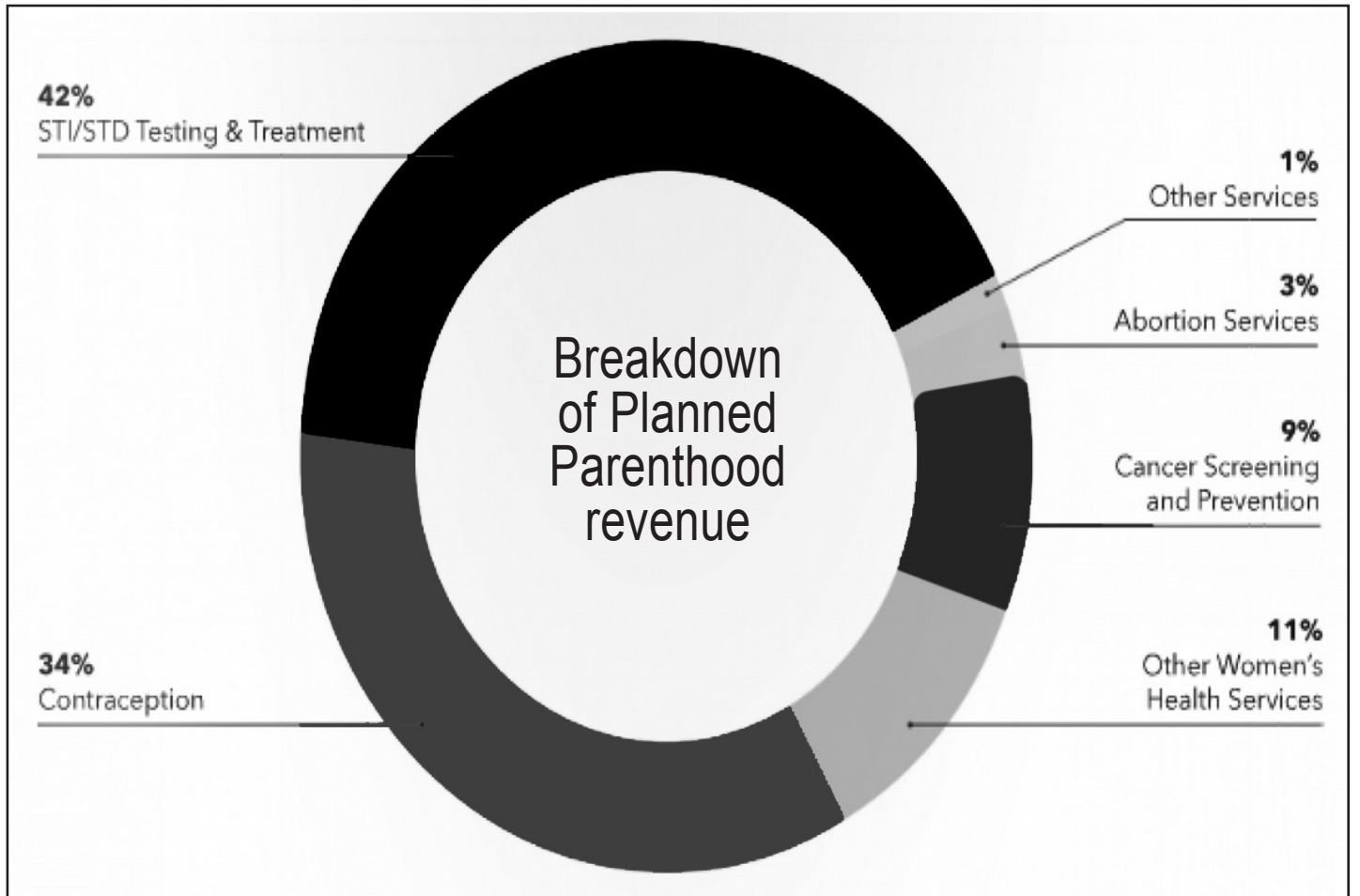
Right. Abortions actually account for 3 percent of what women go to Planned Parenthood for.

Did you know that most women utilize the services at Planned Parenthood for general woman's health checkups and cheaper birth control that can help with different symptoms of diseases?

But oh, it's okay, we should probably take that away as well. You know, since all they do is provide abortions.

Planned Parenthood doesn't push for women to abort their unborn child. They educate on all options that are available to them, including adoption.

When the House decided to defund Planned Parenthood, they took away birth control, wellness exams, and STD



Graphic courtesy of the Washington Post



screenings away from people, men included, that otherwise go untreated.

While I was researching for this article, I read about an instance that Planned Parenthood provided funding for a surgery to take out possible cancerous cells in her cervix. Without the surgery, it could've advanced to cancer. But why?!

Why should a group of middle aged men (The House) get a say in anything that basically isn't concerning them, such as women's health rights. Women should be able to do what they want concerning themselves and be free of judgement from those choices.

Planned Parenthood in Oklahoma doesn't perform abortions, they only give referrals. They keep communities healthy at a low cost.

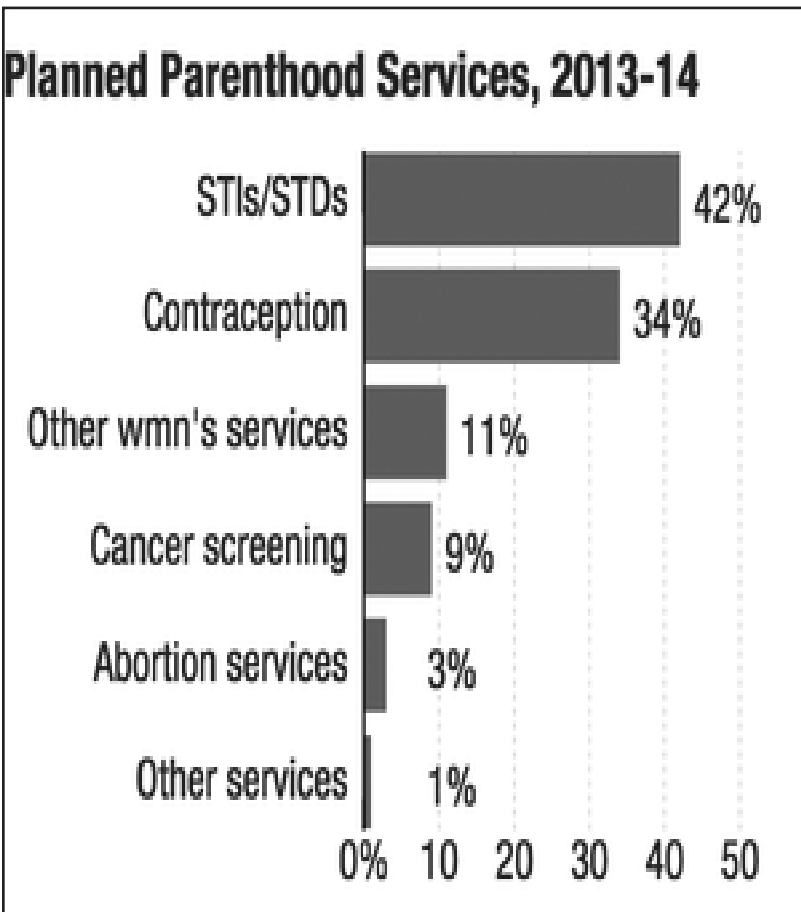
It allows teenagers access to birth control without parents knowledge if they don't want them to know, but also don't want to get pregnant. Also, they screen for STDs- again going back to teenagers not wanting their parents to find out.

Some pregnancies are just not healthy for some women, which is why they are on birth control. But now they can't get birth control and they have an unwanted pregnancy with nowhere

to turn.

So, all in all, I'm not really sure of the thought process behind the defunding of Planned Parenthood. It honestly confuses me.

Picture this: you take birth control and use condoms to prevent pregnancy and diseases, but somehow you end up pregnant anyway. You are 21 and the first in your family to go to college. Yes, you're in a committed relationship but neither of you can afford an abortion or a baby. You both have plans and dreams that don't include having a baby at this time. So what do you do?



Graphic courtesy of npr.org

**In 2013, Planned Parenthood provided 10.6 million services, including nearly:**

- 400,000** Pap Tests
- 500,000** Breast Exams
- 4.5 million** STI tests and treatments, including HIV tests

Defunding Planned Parenthood health centers would leave patients without the basic preventive and reproductive health care that they rely on. **#StandwithPP**

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# WHAT'S UP?

## Ranger Calendar of Events



October 2015 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>Homecoming 2015 T-SHIRTS</b></p> <p><b>\$12 each or 2 for \$20</b></p> <p>Shirts are available for purchase at the Northwestern Foundation &amp; Alumni Association Office and Rialto Movie Theatre</p> <p><b>RANGER NATION: RIDE OF FAME</b></p> 			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>“Cinderella Waltz” Theater Production - 7:30 p.m. - 10p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer vs. Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) at Alva Rec Center 6 p.m.</p> <p>Comprehensive Exam for graduate students, 1 p.m., EC109</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Popcorn Friday Free Popcorn Student Center - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.</p> <p>“Cinderella Waltz” Herod Hall Auditorium - 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State in Alva, 3 p.m &amp; 7p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>“Cinderella Waltz” - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Ranger Football at East Central University in Ada, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer vs. Harding University at Alva Rec Center 1 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Volleyball vs. East Central University in Alva, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Rialto Movie Night - 6:45 p.m.</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Powderpuff Football Game - 7 p.m. Intramural Feild</p> <p>Secular Student Alliance Meeting - 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Science Amphitheater</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Tailgate on the Tiers - 7 p.m. Ranger Feild</p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker: Dr. Felix J. Aquino - 1 p.m. EC209</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Ride of Fame Picture Challenge - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Miss Cinderella Talent Show -7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Soccer at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b> End of first 8 weeks</p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Rally Round’ the Ranger - Ranger Statue - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Miss Cinderella Pageant -8 p.m.</p> <p>Lady Ranger Volleyball vs. University of Arkansas Monticello Alva, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Homecoming 2015 Homecoming Alumni Tent - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Homecoming Parade 10 a.m.</p> <p>Ranger Football vs Southeastern Oklahoma State at Ranger Field, 3</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>

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# News

## Miss Oklahoma to lead the 2015 NWOSU Miss Cinderella Pageant



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Serving as emcee at Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Miss Cinderella Pageant is 2015 Miss Oklahoma Georgia Frazier. Frazier will lead the pageant on Friday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium during the annual Homecoming week events.

Frazier is a Tulsa native and a graduate of Oral Roberts University (ORU) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in orga-

nizational communication with a minor in humanities. During her undergraduate career she was involved in various organizations across campus including Order of the Golden Eagles, Ambassador to the President's Office and the French Club.

Frazier also was a recipient of the Whole Person Scholarship at ORU. The scholarships she won through the Miss Oklahoma Organization were used to help her achieve her undergraduate education debt-free.

After graduating, Frazier became a marketing director at Celebrity Attractions in Tulsa. She was the director of the Little Rock market and assisted with the West Texas markets.

Frazier has volunteered with various organizations, mentoring programs and coordinated multiple events. She has worked with the American Cancer Society for the last four years as a committee member on the Cattle Baron's Ball committee – some of her positions include event coordinator, Children's Party coordinator, and the entertainment

coordinator. She has helped raise more than \$500,000 for individuals who are fighting cancer.

In 2009, Frazier was crowned as the seventh Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen. In 2012 she was diagnosed with early stages of cervical cancer and is now a spokesperson for Cervical Cancer Awareness.

Warriors for Women is Frazier's way to raise awareness about women's health and preventive healthcare, and to amplify the voices of women to empower them to be warriors for their own health. Frazier has spoken to more than 12,000 young females from eighth grade through college about the importance of going to annual check-ups and preventative health measures. She also started the #StartTalking campaign in social media and at appearances.

Frazier has shared her personal story on the web through her blog, reaching more than 4,000 followers via her Twitter and Facebook pages. She also has organized Warrior for Women's Fitness Day's with the help of local Pilate's studios in Tulsa to help educate women on

the importance of fitness and living a healthy lifestyle.

Frazier plans to travel the state as Miss Oklahoma leaving a legacy of empowerment through her platform. She hopes to implement Warriors for Women in all schools and equip each student with the tools to live a healthy lifestyle.

She is the daughter of George and Kay Frazier, and is a proud sister of three brothers: Matthew, 36; Brian, 34; and Parker, 26.

The 2015 contestants and the high schools they represent are: Shelby Bender, Cherokee; Katherine Blair, Waynoka; Jenna Castor, Shattuck; Emma Cline, Alva; Loren Decker, Ringwood; Meaghan Dorn, Mangum; Laura Givens, Arnett; Taylor Ham, Mooreland; Kara Hamen, Aline-Cleo; Macee Hammack, Leedy; Alisson Ingram, Cimarron; Sydney Luskey, Chisholm; Shelbi Morland, Laverne; Devre Newby, Woodward; Jasmine Seevers, Seiling; Alysson Stewart, Burlington; Ashley Strehl, Freedom; Marisa Wilkinson, Buffalo; Ammorae Williams, South Barber; and Kylie Wilson, Timberlake. Tickets for the Miss Cinderella

talent and pageant competitions will be available at the door for \$10 each night. Homecoming buttons will be available for purchase on Thursday at the door for \$10, which will grant entry into both Miss Cinderella events. Button purchasers need to be aware that seating at events is a first-come, first-served basis.

Those purchasing buttons also will be able to gain admission to the Ranger football game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m. Tickets to the game will be \$18 at the gate. Homecoming buttons also provide the people wearing them numerous discounts at Alva businesses during the week of homecoming. For a list of those discounts please visit [www.nwsu.edu/button-discounts](http://www.nwsu.edu/button-discounts). Each button also is numbered for a chance to win in a drawing for \$500 in Alva Chamber bucks.

More information on Northwestern's annual homecoming celebration may be found online at [www.nwsu.edu/homecoming](http://www.nwsu.edu/homecoming).

## Theater readies for 'Cinderella Waltz' three nights of performances to premier this weekend

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Fine Arts will present "Cinderella Waltz" on Oct. 1 & 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Herod Hall Auditorium on the Alva campus.

"Cinderella Waltz," written by Don Nigro and directed by Tracy Meza, is the perfect way to kick-start the month of October with its theme of a not-so-typical Cinderella story based off the Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales. The comedic play is for more mature fairytale audiences and has a rating of PG-13.

"Cinderella Waltz is promised to impress with its amazing cast and impressive set design

along with many special effects blended throughout," said Tracy Meza, a senior at Northwestern and Director of Cinderella Waltz.

The Cinderella Waltz cast includes nine members: Rosey Snow will be played by Natalie Sacket, of Fairview, a Northwestern senior who is majoring in English. Zed will be played by Trenton Judd, of Sapulpa, a Northwestern senior who is majoring in speech theatre. Mrs. Snow will be played by Alica Hall, of Alva, a graduate student studying American Studies. Goneril will be played by Hayden Nickel, of Helena, a junior at Northwestern who

is majoring in speech theatre. Regan will be played by Karlie Klager, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, a sophomore at Northwestern who is majoring in nursing. Mother Margee will be played by Taylor Morris, Pacoima, California, a junior at Northwestern who is majoring in mass communication. Troll will be played by Mickey Jordan, of Iowa Park, Texas, a junior at Northwestern who is majoring in speech theatre. Prince Alfred will be played by Nathan Sacket, of Fairview a senior at Northwestern who is majoring in computer science. Mr. Snow will be played by Charlie Wiley, of Ponca City, a senior at Northwestern who is majoring in English education.

The Cinderella Waltz crew includes: Director Tracy Meza, of St. Cloud, Florida, a senior at Northwestern who is majoring in speech theatre; stage manager, Tali McDonald of Alva, Northwestern alumna who majored in speech theatre; assistant stage manager, Tori Hurley, of Sheffield, Iowa, a sophomore at Northwestern who is majoring in speech theatre; and special effects operator, Nick Wygle of Noble, a freshman at Northwestern who is majoring in biology.

## Eleven bands to march at the 2015 Homecoming Parade

Eleven bands will march around the square during Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

This will be the first Northwestern Homecoming parade and massed band half-time performance for the new Northwestern band director, Dr. Marc Decker.

"I'm delighted to share that we will have near 600 students marching in our homecoming parade this year," Dr. Decker said. "In addition, more than half of them are able to stay for the football game and participate in a special half-time performance playing alongside the Ranger marching band in what will be a memorable and enjoyable show."

In addition to Northwestern's marching band, junior high and high school bands from across Oklahoma and Kansas will be marching in the Homecoming parade. Those bands and their directors, listed by classification, are:

Elementary – Ringwood Elementary Band, Kyle Stewart

Junior High – Pioneer Pleasant Vale Junior High Band, Sherri Lohmann

Junior High – Southwestern Heights Junior High Band, Erika Clausing

Class AA – Pioneer Pleasant Vale High School Band, Sherri Lohmann

Class AA – Ringwood High School Band, Kyle Stewart

Class AA – Waynoka High School Band, Erin Place

Class AA – Turpin High

School Band, Phil Burns

Class AAA – Alva High School Band of Gold, Cara Bradt

Class AAA – Hugoton High School Band, Amy Freeman

Class AAAAA – Woodward High School, Daci Crockett

Four of the directors leading their bands in the parade are Northwestern Alumni. They include Bradt, class of 2007; Crockett, class of 2004; Freeman, class of 2001; and Lohmann, class of 2000.

For the massed bands performance, the participating bands will gather on the Ranger Field during halftime of the Homecoming football game with Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

The NWOSU Homecoming Parade Competition and Massed Band performance are made possible by a generous donation from the Charles Morton Share Trust. The Ranger Band, and all the participating students wish to thank the trustees for their support.

"The students in the Ranger band are thrilled to provide this experience and outreach to the schools in northwest Oklahoma," Decker said. "We hope to see the entire Ranger Nation at the game. Ride, Rangers, Ride!"

To see more information about Northwestern's Homecoming events, please visit [www.nwsu.edu/homecoming](http://www.nwsu.edu/homecoming).

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# SPORTS

## Current GAC Standings

### Volleyball:

- 1) Arkansas Tech
- 2) SWOSU
- 3) OBU
- 4) Ouachita
- 5) Harding
- 6) UAM
- 7) SAU
- 8) Southeastern
- 9) East Central
- 10) NWOSU
- 11) Henderson

### Football:

- 1) Arkansas Tech
- 2) Harding
- 3) East Central
- 4) Henderson
- 5) Ouachita
- 6) Southeastern
- 7) SAU
- 8) SWOSU
- 9) NWOSU
- 10) UAM
- 11) OBU
- 12) SNU

### Soccer:

- 1) SWOSU
- 2) Harding
- 3) Ouachita
- 4) ECU
- 5) OBU
- 6) SNU
- 7) NWOSU

Graphic by Adriana Bacerra

## Men's rodeo takes first in Colby College Rodeo; Women finish second

By SARAH OTTO  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern men's rodeo team claimed first place at the Colby college rodeo while the women's team took second.

The Rangers had 12 men competing in the championship round, three of those being rough stock riders.

Austin Graham finished fourth in the bareback riding. Jacob Marcell claimed fifth with Weston Wilson right behind

him in sixth in the event of bull riding.

The other nine men made their appearances in the timed events.

Bryson Sechrist claimed first overall for the weekend in the event of tie down roping.

Northwestern took control of the steer wrestling event. Laine Herl finished first with teammate Jacob Edler following in second. Joby Allen finished sixth, Brock White right behind him in seventh, and Maverick Harper taking eighth on the weekend.

Herl threw down his steer in the short round in 4.3 seconds to clinch the championship title. He said, "It felt really great to start the new year with a win. It was kinda nice to have it so close to where I'm from, so it made it that much better."

Herl's biggest rodeo inspiration comes from his father, and he was able to make it to the first rodeo of the season. "It was great to have all my family there throughout the weekend. My dad has always been my biggest supporter," he said.

Hunter Munsell and team roping partner Sawyer Barham finished the weekend fifth in the team roping. Wade Perry roped with Peyton Holliday from Oklahoma Panhandle State University and claimed sixth.

The ladies brought 5 women back to the short round.

In goat tying, Laremi Allred finished fourth, Shayna Miller claimed fifth, Tearnee Nelson sixth, and Elli Price ninth. Miller made a second appearance in the ending the weekend in the lead, and Allred made her second short

go appearance finishing ninth in the barrels.

Bynum, a sophomore, is pleased with her weekend. She said, "We, Loretta my horse and I, had a pretty awesome weekend. We had a rough summer on the road, so it was nice to take a first place back home." She has made the goals to stay consistent the rest of the season, to ride smart, and to make the college national finals in the summer.

The Rangers will be back in action at the Woodward rodeo October 1 through 3.

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**OCT. 8-10**

# Northwestern falls to East Central

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
*Sports Editor*

The Rangers traveled to the Tiger field in Ada, Okla. Saturday to face East Central for their second conference match.

Northwestern came into the match after a 2-1 win against Newman at home on Thursday.

The Tigers struck early in the first half with two goals. The first was at the 7:43 mark with the other coming at the 10:42 mark.

East Central pushed their lead to three over the Rangers at the 61:52 mark of the second half with another goal.

Northwestern had an unfortunate offensive day as they only managed nine total shots with three on goal.

East Central dominated the Rangers goal as they totaled 26 shots with 15 of them being on the mark.

Ranger goalie Briana Legaspi had another stellar day at the helm as she recorded 12 saves, making that now 71 saves on the season.

Ranger Kelsey Leveling led Northwestern's offense with two shots and one on goal.

Two Rangers recorded yellow cards as will during the game. Ranger Eliany Parra received one at the 27:20 mark and Clarrisa Hinojo received one at the 68:16 mark.

Northwestern (2-4-1, 0-2 GAC) looks to rebound tonight as they face number four ranked Ouachita Baptist starting at 6 p.m. at the Alva Rec Complex.



Senior Mid fielder Evie Fagan is shown here trying to stop Newman's offensive attack in the Rangers 2-1 win on Thursday.

(RIGHT) Ranger Andrea Palacios sets her sights down field after a defensive stand by the Rangers.



(LEFT) Ranger goalie Briana Legaspi boots the ball away after recording one of her five saves against Newman a week ago.

(Right) Ranger Kendra Wallace tries to stop one of many early offensive attacks during their 2-1 win over the Jets.



Photos by Nick Villalobos

**Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series**

*Season Tickets* - Students \$20 - Adults \$40  
*General Admission* - Students w/I.D. \$10 - Adults \$15  
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# SPORTS

## New basketball jersey's unveiled for Thunder; Sceptics criticize the new look

By BRANDON WILLIS  
Student Reporter

The Oklahoma City Thunder unveiled their third alternate jersey for the 2015-16 season. The Thunder will debut the sunset colored uniforms on Nov. 1 in Oklahoma City against the Denver Nuggets according to NBA.com.

The Thunder is one of the most popular teams in the NBA.

With stars like Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, a lot of attention has been brought to the Oklahoma City franchise. With added attention brings new jerseys in today's NBA.

According to NBA.com, the new uniform's bold color pairs with "OKC" in navy block lettering on the front to showcase the team's hometown pride and

reflect the saturated, blended colors of the Oklahoma skies at sunset.

Brian Byrnes, Thunder senior vice president of Sales and Marketing said. "This new uniform not only features another of our primary team colors, it also reinforces the strong connection our team has to our hometown and home state." "The 'OKC' on the front of the jersey echoes the chant that rings through Chesapeake Energy Arena during Thunder home games. This sunset-colored uniform adds a fresh perspective on the identity our team has built over the past seven seasons," Bryrnes said.

Passionate Thunder fan and Northwestern senior Luis Morales isn't a fan of the new look. "I don't like them, I think they are too generic and if you're going to get alternate uniforms

then make them pop," Morales said. "I like the effort of trying to add to the jerseys we already have but I think they shouldn't be so conservative."

In a recent article, Zach Lowe of Grantland.com ranked the OKC Thunder logo dead last in the NBA. "No team has worse art, top to bottom, and Nike will push for an overhaul once it replaces Adidas as the league's apparel partner in 2017. Nike and the Thunder are already talking," Lowe said.

According to NBA.com, the Thunder will wear these uniforms 18 games this season and all of the other alternate uniforms will be worn throughout the season, which kicks off Oct 28 against the Spurs.

Preseason action starts Oct. 7 against the Timberwolves at 7 p.m.



Photos provided

Kevin Durant, OKC guard, and Russell Westbrook, OKC guard model the new sunset colored uniforms for this season which kicks off Oct. 7 with a preseason game against the Timberwolves.

## Volleyball continues to battle this season

By JACLYN BURKE  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Volleyball is facing challenges as they adjust to a new coach and battle through the most difficult part of their season.

Change is not always an easy transition, especially for athletes. "A new coach brings a new coaching style and a new volleyball system. It takes time for the team to learn all the nuances of the system," Northwestern head volleyball coach Fredrick Wagner said. He also said the team started off with a tough schedule, but he appreciates the team's hard work thus far.

The team knows where they struggle the most and they "are ironing out the kinks and working to get better each day," Wagner said.

Asia Pipkin, junior from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. said team chemistry is something they are still trying to get used to, but she believes things will start to look up for the team.

"We started the season with

a new coach and new material to learn and adjust to," said Carley Geer, a sophomore from Stillwater, Okla.

Although the team has been challenged greatly all season, Megan Hentschke, a senior from Granite Bay, Calif. said, "Once we finally get everything down, Northwestern Volleyball will be unstoppable."

Despite the struggles of the tough first matches and getting used to a new coaching style, "the team understands what it will take to be successful in this conference and they are striving to improve every day," Wagner said.

The players have kept their heads up and look forward to more successful meets in the future. Hentschke said, "We are working extremely hard to make each day better than the last and this will hopefully transfer into our games."

Pipkin said they need to build together as a team. However, she also has some personal goals in mind. "I'm going to improve more on my kill zones, focusing on a high hitting percentage and being consistent for my team," she said.

Volleyball is a sport where it is vital for the players to be well rounded because no one skill is more important than any other, Wagner said. "In volleyball we need every skill. If you can't pass the ball then our offense will suffer. If you can't block the ball then our defense will suffer," he said.

The team also focuses on attitude, effort and enthusiasm. Wagner said, "If we have those three things then the performance part will come."

The team runs drills to improve mentally in the middle of a play, Wagner said. "We also scrimmage with a focus on a certain mental aspect of the game that we are working to improve," he said.

The team looks forward to matching Southwestern Oklahoma State University at home on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., which is also senior night, Fredrick said. "Playing SWOSU at home is always the most exciting because we always get the biggest crowds," Hentschke said. Geer said, "They are our rivals, and it is always good competition when playing them."

The Rangers come home on Friday and Saturday to take on conference foes Southeastern Oklahoma State and East Central. Friday the match will start at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, the match will start at 3 p.m.

Both matches will be in the Percefull Fieldhouse.

## Football heads on the road to face East Central

By ALEXANDER REYES  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Rangers heads to Ada, Okla. take on the Tigers of East Central University this Saturday.

The Rangers are coming off a loss to Ouachita Baptist. The Tigers only loss of the season is to Ouachita Baptist this year in a close one.

The Tigers have also beaten Henderson State and Southern Nazarene. The Rangers are on their third consecutive loss.

Can Northwestern pull off some "Ranger Magic" against East Central at their stadium? Or will the Rangers chalk up another loss to a tough opponent?

The Northwestern passing offense can't seem to get going this year. They passed just 71 yards above Ouachita Baptist who held the Rangers to just 10 yards of net rushing.

Meanwhile, the rushing attack of Ouachita Baptist put up a staggering 374 yards on the Ranger defense. While

putting up 210 pass yards with no interceptions.

The Rangers will have to bring the pass rush and cover well. East Central plays a pass-heavy offense putting up 1180 yards in just four games.

The Rangers are currently ranked near the bottom of the Great American Conference, avoiding the bottom with their win over Arkansas-Monticello.

East Central is fighting for a spot at the top at three wins and one loss. If the Rangers can slay this Goliath, then they have a chance at a spectacular rest of the season.

If the Rangers should fall but make it a close game then the loss still doesn't look that bad. East Central as one of the top teams doesn't necessarily make Northwestern a bad team rather, they are playing a team that is extremely good.

Any way you look at it the Rangers are having a tough season, but the Ranger faithful shouldn't lose hope just yet. They still have a lot of upperclassmen and returning leaders who want to end this season right.

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# Features



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Custodian Jeffery Lee vacuums in Jesse Dunn. He said students wiping their feet would make a great difference in the custodial work.

## Thank custodians, but help them out

By NATALIE SACKET  
Feature Editor

They are perhaps the most underpraised and underappreciated individuals on campus; yet they are the superheroes of sweeping, the marvels of mopping, the winners of washing.

They ensure cleanliness and comfort in our buildings.

They take on unpleasant tasks and strenuous work hours... Yet how often do we, as students and employees of NWOSU, take the time to thank our custodians?

For those of you who just felt a tiny pang of guilt, now is your chance to thank these hard working individuals!

Friday is Custodian Appreciation Day, and the perfect opportunity for us to show gratitude to these underappreciated staff on campus.

Not only should we express thanks to our custodians, there are also many little things we can do to help make their jobs a little easier.

Mary Barker, custodian of the science building, encourages all to not "throw drinks in the trashcans that have liquid in them."

Leslee Bradt, custodian of Fine Arts, agreed in saying, "a lot of times those cups leak and make a mess. Just dump them in the bathroom sinks before you throw them in the trash. Also, don't have food or drinks in the rooms your not supposed to have them in," said Bradt.

Marvina "Marty" Molby of Shockley Hall and the Education Center, reminds students that, "your mother doesn't live here." She says that not leaving papers all over the floor would help her immensely.

Jeffery Lee, custodian of Jesse Dunn, wants students to know that "every little bit counts. I would love our jobs

### How you can help:

\* **Dump drinks in the sink**

\* **Pick up after yourself**

\* **Wipe your feet**

to be recognized. We work hard to keep this college clean, and I have pride in the hard work that I do too." One thing that Jeffery says would help is making sure one wipes their feet off when entering the building, rather than tracking in dirt.

Debbie Anderson is the custodial supervisor of NWOSU. She encourages students to be "mindful of trash. When a trashcan is full, take it to a different one or to a dumpster, instead of piling on more.

Anderson would also like to extend her gratitude to the hard work of the NWOSU custodians. "I appreciate all of the custodians who have gone above and beyond in helping out while we've been short-handed. They are awesome."

So don't simply express gratitude this Friday; continue to do so every day. And don't forget, you can do your part to help as well.

## 'Visit' scary AND funny

By CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET

All right, boys and girls. The horror movie season is upon us, and we are kicking off with "The Visit."



Chris: 4 out of 5 stars

Finally! A movie that I really enjoyed! I can't tell you how bad I've wanted to review this movie! And not just to make Natalie pee herself, but because this movie looked great.

Let's start with the directing of this film. It was an M. Night movie, which means that it could be really good, as evidence from films like "The Sixth Sense" or "The Village," or it could have been as bad as his take on "The Last Airbender." Luckily for us, everything was beautifully shot and directed.

The acting in this film was nothing great, which means it was something amazing as far as horror films go. Usually actors in horror films are just getting their careers started, and usually you can tell. But this movie did a good job of convincing me there really is something to fear.

As far as the content of the movie, it really did scare me. And it wasn't because of cheap jump scares. It was that something like this really could hap-



pen. It's probably unlikely, but still possible. And aren't those the scariest movies out there?

Bottom line: I really enjoyed this movie. The only issue with it is that it's a typical M. Night movie in the sense that you can really only watch it once because the suspense and twists in the film can only be lived once. But it's still a great experience. So grab your friend that you can squeeze when you get scared and head to this film!



Natalie: 3.5 out of 5 stars

We went over the river and through the woods (errr, across campus and downtown to Rialto) to visit grandma's house this week with "The Visit." Unfortunately, instead of being greeted by warm hugs and a dish of cookies, I was given multiple mini heart attacks and a dish of doubts as to how sweet my grandparents really are. (Sorry, Grandma.)

This movie is creepy, yet comedic, with a wonderful balance between humor and horror. It's definitely not what I was expecting. I'm usually a chicken in horror movies, and I must admit I watched parts of this film solely between the cracks in my fingers. Yet despite the spooks and the creepiness, there is great

comedic relief in this film.

M. Night Shyamalan created three separate versions of "The Visit": a strictly comedic version, a strictly horror version and then the mix of the two that he used on screen. This film was a comeback for Shyamalan, considering his past few films have not appealed to audiences and critics. Despite its lower budget, this film proves Shyamalan is not done creating some of our most beloved horror/thriller films quite yet.

There's a great build of suspense as well as great surprises throughout "The Visit." This film is peppered with a variety of entertainment: rap battles, great laughs, spectacular spooks and bizarre moments. Shyamalan effortlessly found a way to get under the audience's skins while making you laugh at the same time.

I was thoroughly impressed with the acting as well, particularly because the majority of the film fell on the shoulders of Ed Oxenbould (14 years old) and Olivia DeJonge (17 years old.) I believe there's a lot to expect from these young talents.

Bottom Line: Whether you want a good laugh or a couple scares, "The Visit" is the perfect film for you. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go call my grandma.

## Explain research in one sentence – Go!

By KATE HENNING  
Student Reporter

An intriguing trend online is circling through various social media sites, asking those who have worked hard obtaining a doctorate's degree to explain their dissertation research in one sentence.

Some of the responses were as follows:

"A community garden

provides a community with a garden." – Geography student, University of Otago.

"Here's an awesome sci-fi novel written before 1900 – said no one ever." – French student, Yale University.

Some of Northwestern's Alva campus professors also chimed in.

"MacArthur spent a lot of time in the places he wrote about. I spent a little time there. Except Mexico. No habla espa-

ñol." – Dr. James Bell, dean of Arts and Sciences.

"Spence was a bastard to the Irish, but d\*\*n that poem was beautiful." – Dr. Myers, visiting author.

"Some rattlesnakes are very smart. Others not so much." – Dr. Aaron Place, biology professor.

"Dudes do dude stuff. Sometimes chicks do dude stuff too." – Dr. Jennifer Page, English professor.

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# Features



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## It's about Mc-time! McDonald's finally offers all-day breakfast

By **JORDAN EVANS**  
*Student Writer*

If you are like me and could eat breakfast food for every meal, then the all-day breakfast menu at McDonald's probably brightened your day.

For those of you who haven't heard yet; the new menu which was supposed to be implemented on October 6, but opened earlier in Alva on September 29,

McDonald's now offers a few of their breakfast food option for every meal! This includes Hotcakes, Hash browns, and either breakfast McMuffins or Biscuits (depending on local preference).

For Alva, McMuffins are the choice of the community. McDonald's clearly took the phrase

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day," and is changing it to "Breakfast is the only important meal of the day."

So you may be asking yourself: "How will this change my life?"

Well let me tell you! Imagine waking up on Saturday morning at 10:25. Instead of thinking, "OH NO, I missed out on a delicious, buttery McDonald's Hotcake."

You will think, "Hmmm, I can still sleep another few hours before having to make my trek to McDonald's for a savory sausage, egg, and cheese biscuit."

This will create a world of happy, over-rested individuals. This means more patience and less hostility. Crime will drop. Road rage will be extinct.

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# Freshman queen, finalists for Ranger queen announced at Royalty banquet

By SELENA ESTRADA  
Student Reporter

An Alva elementary education major will reign as Freshman Queen at Homecoming next week.

Sadie Vore heard the news Tuesday night at the Ranger Royalty banquet. The Ranger Queen finalists were narrowed to three candidates: Shelby Boxberger, Kaci Hansen and Montana McCullough. The king finalists are Isileli Ofiu and Clayton Garcia. Final voting for king and queen takes place Monday and Tuesday online.

Last year's Ranger King Bruce Wright, Ranger Queen Morgan Renbarger and Ranger Freshman Queen Emily Harris also attended the event Tuesday night.

After being announced new Ranger Freshman Queen, Vore said she felt kind of shocked, but it felt awesome. Vore said she campaigned for Ranger Freshman Queen because she wanted to reach out to people who she might have not reached out to if she had not campaigned. "[While] campaigning I got

to meet tons of new people," she said, "and I have a lot of new friends just because I campaigned for this."

SGA President Kaitlyn O'Toole said the Ranger Royalty event is a long-standing tradition that brings the campus and the community together. For two years in a row the Ranger Freshman Queen has been from Alva.

The Ranger Royalty will reign over Homecoming activities next week. O'Toole said Homecoming has a huge value to the campus and is one of the biggest events held by SGA. "Not only does it recognize our football team," she said, "it also recognizes other efforts that go into this campus considering our volleyball team, soccer team and any other sports that are in season."

Kaylyn Hansen, director of Student Life and Counseling, is SGA's co-adviser and will be emailing a link for Ranger King and Queen Final voting to all students. The Ranger King and Queen will be announced at the Homecoming football game Oct. 10.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Sadie Vore is crowned Freshman Queen by former queen, Emily Harris.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Everyone awaits the Freshman Queen announcement.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Ranger Queen candidates (from left to right) Abbie Tillman, Shelby Boxberger, Kaci Hansen and Montana McCullough receive certificates for running.



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Stuffed porkchop and grilled potatoes were served for everyone in attendance.



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All the Freshman Queen candidates receive their congratulatory certificates.

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