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## Northwestern imposes 'hiring freeze' Monday

By MICHAEL COLLINS  
Editor-in-Chief

On Monday Oct. 5 President Janet Cunningham addressed all faculty and staff through email with institutional plans that would effectively "freeze-out" all hiring effective as of Monday's date.

This action comes as a result of huge projected statewide budget cuts of around \$1 billion for the next fiscal year, which would mean cuts in excess of \$980,000 for the university.

According to Cunningham, The governing board asks to prepare for scenarios "to deal with a 10 percent cut in state appropriations".

Associate Vice President for University Relations, Steve Valencia reiterated Cunningham's message by saying around 40 percent of Northwestern's budget comes from state appropriations.

"All current and future faculty and staff vacancies will not be advertised or filled unless authorized by the Vice President for Administration. All vacancies will be evaluated at the executive level and only those positions determined critical to fulfilling the mission of the institution will be filled," said Cunningham within her message.

According to Valencia, enrollment numbers were also considered when making this decision.

"We've experienced a small drop in enrollment as we have released earlier this year," said Valencia. "60 percent of our remaining budget comes from tuition and fees, so

this drop was also a factor in our decision."

According to Cunningham, Northwestern will continue to develop proactive strategies to deal with the cuts in appropriations. The plan will also look to manage shrinking budgets. Cunningham also mentioned in her letter her stressing of importance of higher education to the future of Oklahoma and protecting funding as much as possible.

"The important thing is to be proactive in this situation," said Valencia. "The last thing we want to do is cause panic. That's completely unnecessary at this point."

According to Valencia, it is too premature to provide comment on whether or not layoffs are to be included in the plans.

"It's too premature to be discussing any sort of firing or providing early retirements because we won't know the true outlook on the projected numbers until December," said Valencia. "Really, until we get clarity on what the real shortfall of revenue is and where higher education sits on state priority through legislative sessions, we can't talk about layoffs."

He also went on to say that the amount of money given in wages to employees was not a factor in the freeze at all.

"I want to thank each of you for your commitment to Northwestern and its students during these challenging times. Your loyalty and dedication to Northwestern are truly appreciated," said Cunningham in her message to the faculty and staff.

## Homecoming week excites campus, community



Photo by Nick Villalobos

Joanna Fraire prepares a board for the Homecoming board decorating contest. Chemistry Club took first place in that contest, with Lady Ranger Basketball second and Psychology club third. Other decorating contest winners were Wellness Center for the building award, Jesse Dunn Annex for the window display, and South Hall as the dorm winner. See more Homecoming pictures on Page 6.

## In aftermath of Oregon shooting, Northwestern's readiness plan revisited

By JORDAN MCLEMORE  
News Editor

For college students, their campus is a safe, boring place that they go to spend a few hours each day for class and homework.

Many don't think about an intruder coming and destroying the relative peace and quiet of everyday life.

For some, this distant thought has become a reality, with campus shootings occurring more than ever these days. There have been 17 shootings on college campuses in 2015.

Caleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs, spoke about the campus readiness plan Northwestern has in place in case of a campus shooting.

According to Mosburg,

there are, in fact, books with emergency details and information in them that are put out at the beginning of every year, available for students to take.

They have detailed information in them about the steps to take in case of an emergency. Mosburg encourages everyone to sign up for the emergency alert system that is available through RangerNet that allows you to receive alerts on your phone, email, or phone calls. Faculty and staff can also get a phone call on their office phone.

In the case of an emergency, students are told to get in the nearest classroom if they are in the hallways and to turn the lights off and lock the door if you are able to. Emergency

handbooks are going to begin to be distributed better around campus. As soon as an alert is made, the sheriff's office and police department are dispatched to come assist campus police along with OSBI.

In the case of an active shooter on campus, the professors are to take charge. Faculty and staff go through a training every fall to prepare them for this event if it were to occur. This is to make sure everyone is as safe as possible.

Campus shootings and what to do in the case of one aren't covered in Freshman Connection, the mandatory class for freshman. There are many seminars for students but campus security isn't covered in class or in a seminar. Mosburg said he hopes to look

into changing that in coming years, to better inform and protect students.

There is an alarm set to sound in the case of a campus intruder, which has a distinct sound, different from a tornado siren or fire alarm to alert campus of an intruder. Everywhere on campus has the same response, regardless of where it is on campus. The goal is to make sure everyone is safe, no matter where it is occurring. We have two full time campus police on campus during the day and one full time at night. We have multiple agencies able to come to campus in the case of an emergency.

All shootings have different targets, and Northwestern's main goal is to make sure everyone is as safe as possible.



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**OPINION**

**No eggs, no milk, no breakfast: Student rants on lack of service in cafeteria**

By **RANDY OWENS**  
Columnist

When you pay for a service, you expect the service to be there. That's why I'm surprised, dismayed and a little unhappy when I'm greeted with my service in the morning when I go to eat breakfast at the cafeteria here.

I'm sorry, but we have no eggs, waffle-mix, peanut butter or even milk for your cereal.

This is unacceptable because even though you have already paid for these items with your student meal plan, there



**Columnist speaks with local businesses, enjoys the support of the Alva community**

By **KEATON KROOS**  
Columnist

We love Northwestern. We all have grown up here, graduated here, or have family from here, and it is a great place. That is what Alva businesses had to say about why they partake in the Ranger Homecoming Button sale. I love how much this town cares about its college.

Now I bet we all know about the Ranger Button sale going on, and I for one was curious as to why businesses had taken part in this sale, what do those businesses have to gain? Why would they support NWOSU? What made them decide to take part in these fundraisers? When did they start taking part in the fundraiser?

I set off to ask some of these businesses and employees what their thoughts were on the matter.

After walking in and being very nice, Cheryl Brown the manager of Brown's Shoe Fit was kind enough to let me interview her.

She tells me that her business has been going since 1972. She says that reason she says that partakes in the button sale is because it gets the people involved, even if the people don't go to the games then they still get to be a part of it all.

She says keep it local, that is what her goal is. To get people to see there are businesses in Alva and they are worth the time of the people. This fundraiser just helps people in the right direction to figuring this out.

Next I walked to the Rialto to find Brandon Ellis working. I found this to be the perfect moment to get the thoughts of an employee. Brandon, or

are none of these items on the counter today.

Why, you might ask?

"Well, it's not our fault, because the corporate office has said since eggs have gone up a few cents, we can't afford to give you any. Also for some reason we didn't order enough of the other things and there are no stores or places to get these other items in the Alva area. But don't worry, we have some hard day-old biscuits and some watery gravy for you to have every morning, so grab a plate of that and have a healthy day!"

In the beginning of the semester you had to ask nicely for some eggs, and they might fix you some.

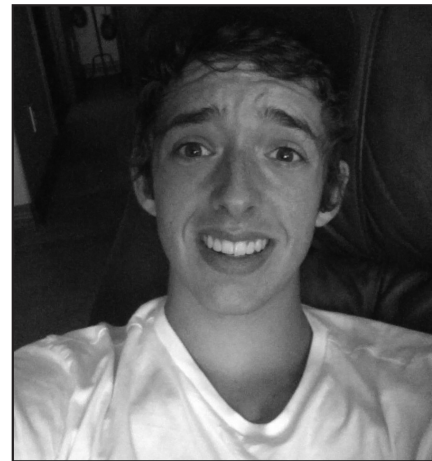
Now it's a strictly no eggs at all on Tuesday and Thursday policy in the school cafeteria. (The only days I eat breakfast in there).

"Oh, but you can go to the student center and get a breakfast burrito or a English muffin sandwich and pay the same one meal credit, that is approximately \$7.50 for one of those choices. Oh, and to be fair, you do

get one hash brown and a small drink. Where as you can go across the street to Mc Donald's and get 4 breakfast burritos for \$4.00, but we are not trying to rip you off or give you a bad deal. We just can't afford to feed you, even though we already have your money."

Okay, here is the thing I don't understand: yes there is a problem with the avian flu in some parts of the country, (mostly out east), but this is waning (it's not been in the news since July) so eggs are still widely available. I recently went to my local store in Tonkawa and the price has not jumped to record highs. The shelves were still full. I don't see how this is affecting milk and the other things like peanut butter, and waffle mix that are not available, but I'm not in charge. I'm just a dissatisfied customer that has to pay the fee for a ten meal package, just to be able to live in the dorm, and not have any of those choices for breakfast.

I won't even go into why we get baked potatoes at dinner and no sour cream to have with them. That's for another time.



"Big Red" says that he has worked at the Rialto for about a year.

He says that he thinks that Jesse Jones, his manager, does it because he is a past alumni and because fundraisers are something that Jesse always tries to take part in, that Jesse loves to help the town in any way possible.

I asked Dee Weibener owner of LaDeeDa whether or not she thought that the Ranger Button brought in much business, she had this to say, "Yes I think that it is a positive thing for homecoming and especially for local people to get discounts".

I asked whether she tended to get a lot more business or not because of this button, "I usually get parents of students at the college or relatives of students at the college"

After talking with all these businesses, I think it's fair to say that without our college, Alva wouldn't survive.

I love the support Alva has given to our school. It shows that we truly are one big family. Have a great Homecoming!

**Professor commends Northwestern News staff on last week's opinion articles**

*This Letter to the Editor comes from Dr. Steven Mackie, Associate Professor of Education.*

Hello News Staff,

The Oct. 1 edition of Northwestern News is the best, most informative, and opinionated issue this academic year.

It reflects the diverse array of views on all the NWOSU campuses. Thank you for producing thought provoking articles.

I especially enjoyed Kroos' piece on skating. I, too, think the skating ban is dumb. After all, campuses are a perfect place to skate, rollerblade, bike, walk, enjoy nature, and be active.

And my hat also goes off to McLemore's piece on Planned Parenthood. BRAVO to all the Northwestern News staff!

Keep up the fine work.

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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>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> 
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>Dia de la Hispanidad Student Center Ballroom 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Something Greater</p> <p>Coronado Hall Ranger Perk 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Emergency Nurse's day</p> <p>Bring Your Teddy Bear To Work/School Day</p> <p>Be Bald And Be Free Day</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>FALL BREAK!</b></p> <p>Grouch Day</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>FALL BREAK!</b></p> <p>Take Your Parents To Lunch Day</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pasta Day</p> <p>Sweetest Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Chocolate Cupcake Day</p> 

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## Northwestern homecoming week gets rowdy

Northwestern's 2015 homecoming is underway with a large array of events over the entire week. Events will include Rally 'Round the Ranger, the Homecoming Parade and the Ranger Royalty crowning.

Northwestern welcomes employees and students to Rally 'Round the Ranger at noon on Friday, Oct. 9.

At 11:45 a.m., captains from Northwestern athletic teams will meet to ring the bell in front of Herod Hall. After the bell ringing, students, employees and those who gather will head to the Ranger statue for the pep rally.

A free picnic-style lunch on the lawn near the Ranger will be provided for employees and students who attend.

Rally 'Round the Ranger is a pep rally funded by the university to increase spirit and express thanks during Homecoming week.

Following the rally will be the Homecoming Parade. The family of honorary parade marshal Dr. Charles White will lead the parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10.

White recently passed away on Aug. 3. He worked in various positions at Northwestern over a course of 23 years, retiring from the university in 1990. From 1967 to 1990 Charles worked at Northwestern as the dean of students, the director of the division of education, psychology and physical education, as well as a professor of psychology and education, followed by a part-time position for a few years after retirement.

"He was always happy," Pat remembered about her husband. "He had a real good sense of humor."

Charles' family includes Pat; his daughters Kay and her husband, Larry Kiner of Enid, and Terry and her husband, David Steele of

Wichita, Kansas; four grandsons and their spouses, Kyle and Jennie Kiner, Greg and Callie Kiner, Bryan and Abbie Steele, and Mike Steele; six great grandchildren, Anna, Caleb, Noah, and Lucy Kiner, Xander and Juliet Steele, and a sister Arlene James.

After the parade concludes, during halftime of the football game, the winners for Ranger King and Queen will be announced.

The first Ranger King candidate is Clayton Garcia, a graduate student from Rockwall, Texas, majoring in adult education management and sports administration management. He is a part of and sponsored by the Ranger baseball team and enjoys playing ping-pong and hacky sack.

The second Ranger King candidate is Isilei Ofiu, a senior from Anchorage, Alaska, majoring in music education. The Northwestern Choir is sponsoring Ofiu. He is a part of American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OMEA), Phi Delta and Northwestern Choir. Ofiu also loves music jam sessions and hanging out with his kids practicing soccer, softball and gymnastics with them.

The first Ranger Queen candidate is Shelby Boxberger, a senior majoring in health and sports science and biology. This Boswell, Texas, native is a part of and sponsored by Northwestern Cheer. She is a member of the Ranger Herd and a student-athlete training assistant.

The second Ranger Queen candidate is Hinton junior Kaci Hansen, who is majoring in early childhood education. She is a part of and sponsored by the Northwestern Lady Ranger Basketball team. Hansen

is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors (NSA), SOEA, the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society, and a Fryer Hall resident assistant. She enjoys hiking, running and hanging out with her family.

The final Ranger Queen candidate is Montana McCullough, a junior majoring in agriculture education from Kiowa, Kansas. She is a part of and sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha. She also is a member of the Ranger Herd. She enjoys all of her agriculture classes, working and hanging out with her friends.

The public is also welcome to attend other homecoming events throughout the week including the traditional Miss Cinderella Talent Show and Pageant. The Talent Show begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight, and the pageant begins at 8 p.m. tomorrow; both in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

Events for alumni and friends begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9 with the Alumni Baseball Dinner at Alva Golf & Country Club.

The Ranger Run in the Alva downtown square will kick-off the homecoming activities at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. The Alumni Association tent will have coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. The annual parade will start at 10 a.m. with the family of the Honorary Parade Marshal Dr. Charles White, who worked in various positions at the university for 23 years, leading the parade. Eleven bands and several floats will also take part in the parade.


Following the parade at noon at the Alumni Association tent on the

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downtown square, a \$6 barbeque lunch will be provided by the Northwestern Alumni Association and prepared by the Rowdy Rangers. All members of the President's Association will eat for free.

Members of the alumni band will have rehearsal at 1 p.m. on the third floor of the Fine Arts building. Also, other reunions will take place after the parade.

Ranger Royalty will be announced at halftime of the football game and Northwestern's band members will perform along with a massed band.

Anyone still needing to purchase

a homecoming button for \$10, a \$38 value, should contact Karen Koehn at (580) 327-0344. Wearing a button will provide admission to the Thursday and Friday Cinderella events, general admission will be \$10 for each night and Saturday's football game will be \$18 at the gate.

Each homecoming button is numbered and the owner has a chance to win \$500 in Alva Chamber bucks. The winning number will be drawn during the homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 10 and the drawn number must be present to win.

## Northwestern adds ezH2O water filling station to campus library as part of green initiative

By MEGAN GARNETT  
Student Reporter

Northwestern has a new filling station in the middle of its campus.

The J.W. Martin Library's newest addition is an Elkay ezH2O drinking fountain equipped with a water bottle filling station which is motion activated by a sensor.

The fountain has a digital display which shows the number of water

bottles reused or saved because of the fountain.

Since its installation, Northwestern's Elkay fountain has saved more than 210 bottles which is about 20 bottles a day. The fountain cost the library approximately \$883.76 according to the purchase order, the price almost twice as much as an ordinary drinking fountain.

Shawna Gilbert said, "We thought it was something the students would

enjoy to have so that they can refill their water bottles and have clean, cold, purified water." Gilbert continued, "We're kind of helping to save the environment."

The fountain can be found in Northwestern's library near the computers. The new filling station was ordered through Locke Supply Co., located in Woodward, Oklahoma and was installed by NWOSU's maintenance crew on Sept. 22.




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## Northwestern celebrates Homecoming Week



Carter Hall decorations.



SGA Officers (left to right) Jordan Evans, Natalie Sacket, Katy O'toole, and Nick Villalobos pose at Rialto Theater for free movie night.



Education building



Second floor of Fine Arts



Students wait in line for a free movie at Rialto Theater.



Building floats for the parade



Wellness Center won the building award.



Jesse Dunn Annex windows, painted by art students, won the window award.

Photos by Osam Sakamoto

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# SPORTS

## Soccer notches its first win Saturday; Falls to Southwestern Tuesday

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Sports Editor*

Northwestern net's a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma Christian behind Legaspi's 13 saves on Saturday but were not able to outlast the Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Reigning GAC goalkeeper of the year, Briana Legaspi came up big for the Rangers Saturday, as she filled the afternoon with amazing highlight saves against the Eagles.

As the back and forth first half was coming to a close, Legaspi made her first outstanding save of the game with an over the head two handed glove save.

The save kept the game at 0-0 as the game went to halftime.

Legaspi recorded her next highlight save at the 49 minute mark of the game when she faced a very crucial Eagle penalty kick.

Along with the great defensive play by Legaspi,

Rangers Arlet Polack and Alyssa Williams had great days on the offensive side.

Polack was a key offensive threat for the Rangers as she recorded two shots on goal, with one goal coming at the 48 minute mark.

Williams also made an offensive threat for the Rangers as she recorded three shots at the goal.

The win for Northwestern was head coach Craig Liddell's first NCAA win.

The Rangers then played arch rival and conference opponent Southwestern on Tuesday.

Unfortunately a very strong offensive performance from the Bulldogs was too much for the Rangers as they fell 2-0 on the road in Weatherford, Okla. according to swsuathletics.com.

Northwestern (1-3-1) will head home to the Alva Rec Complex to face the Newman University Jets tonight at 7 p.m.

## Pictures from Rangers soccer Saturday against the Reddies



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger Rebecca Jones outruns Reddie defender in Saturday's 1-0 win over Henderson State.

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# SPORTS

## Rangers fall to Bison 2-0; Focus turns now to two game road trip this weekend



(Left) Junior Alyssa Williams passes the ball away during the Rangers 2-0 loss to Harding on Saturday.

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Sports Editor*

Northwestern suffers back-to-back at home as focus turns now to a two game road trip.

The Ranger soccer team suffered their second loss in a row Thursday as they faced the now #1 ranked Ouachita Baptist Tigers.

The Tigers managed to seal a 4-0 win over the Rangers with help from their three goals in the second half along with their 21 total shots in the game.

Saturday the Rangers took to the field, facing #2 ranked Harding.

After a solid first half for the Rangers, the Bison began to pull away in the second half as they tacked on two goals which sealed their 2-0 win.

Like the Tigers were able to do when they played the Rangers, the Bison too outshot their opponent. Northwestern only recorded a recorded six shots while the Bison recorded a remarkable 21 which was spread between 10 Bison players.

The Rangers focus now turns

to a two game road trip. First they head to Shawnee, Okla. to face GAC opponent Oklahoma Baptist tonight at 6 p.m., then to Bethany, Okla. to face the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene on Saturday at 2 p.m..

Northwestern's conference matchup tonight against the Bison will be their first as a conference foe as OBU joined the GAC over the summer.

Saturday the Rangers look to get revenge on the Crimson Storm after a year ago the conference foe blanked Northwestern, 2-0.

Players to keep an eye on for the Rangers are senior Arlet Polack, who has recorded 10 total shots and scored one goal this season, along with junior Kelsey Leveling and Alyssa Williams who each have nine shots.

Ranger goalie Briana Legaspi is also one to keep an eye on as she has recorded 87 saves and has only allowed 18 goals so far this season.

The Rangers road trip action starts tonight at 6 p.m. in Shawnee, Okla. then shifts to Bethany, Okla., on Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

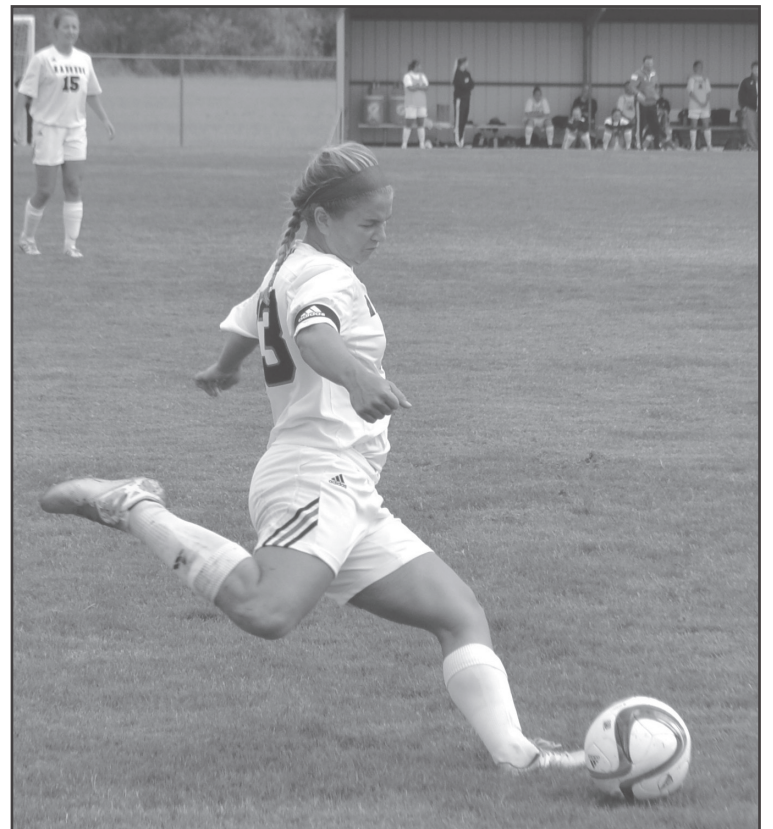
(Right) Junior Kelsey Leveling fights off a Harding defender.



(Left) Senior Evie Fagan battles a Harding defender for space in the Rangers game on Saturday.



(Right) Junior Kaitlyn Bell fires off a free kick towards the Harding goal.



(Above) Evie Fagan out-runs the Harding defense on Saturday as the Rangers fell for their third straight loss.

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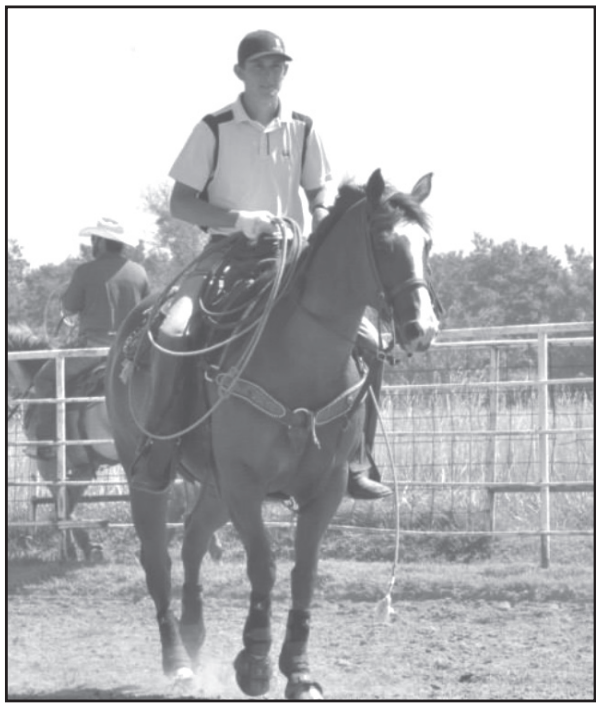
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# National champion now a Ranger



**Ranger Sawyer Barham saddles up for practice.**

Photo provided

By SARAH OTTO  
Student Reporter

Reigning college national finals rodeo team roping champion claims Northwestern as his new home.

Sawyer Barham, originally from Ochelata, Oklahoma, started his college career at Coffeyville Community College, and now has made the change to be a Ranger for his senior year.

Barham said, "Hunter Munsell (fellow Ranger and team roping partner) and Stockton Graves (Northwestern head rodeo coach) are both reasons why I chose Northwestern."

Barham claimed the team roping championship title in the 2014-2015 season, but he is not ready to stop his college rodeo

career there. He has set plans for this season, resembling his mindset last season. He said, "I plan on going in with the same game plan as I had last year. I want to have fun, be confident, and just let it be." Barham plans to not let the "pressure" of being the reigning champion to get into his head, or mess with his game.

"Sawyer is a great asset to the team. He has so much natural talent; it almost will make you jealous. People strive to rope like Sawyer, it's a great benefit to have him," said student assistant coach Trisha Price.

Other than his athleticism in the arena, she described how great of a kid Barham is to be around and be friends with. "Him winning the national finals last year at the collegiate level is just another notch on his belt, he will go far outside of college rodeo," Price said.

## Football eyes homecoming on Saturday

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

Northwestern football falls on the road to East Central 42-30 as focus turns now to homecoming on Saturday.

The Ranger's road trip to Ada, Okla. Saturday did not go as planned for the red-and-black.

According to riderangersride.com, Northwestern was able to total huge offensive yards, but seen interceptions from Reid Miller proved to be a huge game changer.

The real dagger for the Rangers, however, took place with just over nine minutes left when East Central connected for an 80 yard touchdown pass which furthered their lead from five to 12 and sealed a 42-30 win.

The Rangers focus now turns to homecoming on Saturday.

The Rangers enter homecoming this week riding a four game losing streak that they wish to snap as they face sixth ranked GAC foe Southeastern Okla. State University.

A year ago when these two teams faced off, it was the Savage Storm who bested the red-and-black as they took the contest 45-7. Players to watch on offense for the Rangers are junior quarterback Reid Miller, running back Zachary Doyle and running back Charles Davis Jr.

Miller has completed 132 of his 231 pass attempts this season as well as totaling 12 touchdowns and 1366 yards passing. Miller has also thrown 14 interceptions.

On defense for the Rangers, a few notables are redshirt sophomore Devin Peyton, junior defensive end Joby St. Fleur and defensive back Erick Cook.

The Rangers look to defend their turf Saturday at 3 p.m.

# Men's golf team finishes 7th in Arkansas

By JACLYN BURKE  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern men's golf team managed to pull off a seventh place finish at the Texoma Championship with a score of 937.

Trevor Montgomery and Cole Ward each finished day two of the tournament with a score of 233. Brennan Montgomery finished right behind them with a score of 234, Ryan Shumaker finished with a score of 239 and Drew Sims finished with a score of 247.

The men's coach, Kyle Ward said the tournament went well overall, especially the second and third rounds.

He said the men struggled in the first round with a very tough

golf course. "Had it not been for our shaky first round, we would have been in the mix," Ward said.

Trevor Montgomery, a junior from Bristow, Okla., said, "On our first round, we didn't play to our potential and it put us in a bit of a hole."

The tournament went well for the most part, but if the team can work on starting better in the first round, then they will be in contention with the other teams.

Montgomery has a couple personal goals in mind that he wants to improve on before the Newman Invitational.

He said he looks to improve his game from 100 yards and in.

He said, "That area of a golfer's game is very important, because that is where you can gain strokes very easily."

Montgomery said he also

looks to improve on keeping the ball in play, which is another important part of his game.

Montgomery said the team is "focusing on hitting good tee shots, keeping the ball out of trouble and looking to improve on our course management." He said if the team can successfully do this then they will be able to shoot a respectable score and will place well amongst the other teams.

The men recognize their current strengths as well as their weakness and are working towards their goals, hoping to place higher at the remainder of the tournaments.

The men will compete at their next tournament, the Newman Invitational, in Wichita, Kan. Monday and Tuesday.

The team hopes to work

out the kinks in their first round performances in order to place well at this tournament.

According to riderangersride.com, last year at the Newman Invitational, Montgomery was Northwestern's top finisher with a total score of 223.

He led his team to a seventh place finish with a total score of 937.

Ward said getting a good start in the round has been an ongoing issue for the men.

"I'm hoping this is the week we can break through and have a solid start and improve from there to become a team to be reckoned with," he said.

The Rangers women will be back in action on Monday and Tuesday as well in Okla. City for a GAC match up.

# Cross country focuses on Fort Hays

By BRANDON WILLIS  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State men's and women's cross country teams competed in the University of Arkansas Chile Pepper Fest this past weekend.

According to riderangersride.com, senior Sterling Broomfield led the way for the men as finished 292 place with a time of 27:22.89.

Fellow senior Luis Chavez was next for the Rangers as he ran at a time of 27:56.38 to place him 337.

Chavez says that he ran well considering the circumstances. "Individually I believe I ran

well overall," Chavez said. "With so much competition and over 400 runners in the race it's hard to run your pace and it cost me to finish strong in the last two miles. I don't like to make excuses but I need to run a smart tactical race."

Sophomore Brandon Hurst finished in 362 place with a time of 28:12.40. Senior Jordan Evans finished with a time of 28:55.04 for 398 place. Coming in 457 place was Jake Goodman who finished with a time of 32:38.16.

Finishing up for the men, was Anthony Jauregui in 459 with a time of 34:54.70.

Senior Brittany Urban led the Rangers, as she finished the course in 20:13.82 in 297 place.

Finishing with a final time of 21:57.96 to place in 397 was senior Kaitlyn O'Toole.

Junior Willow Gahr placed in 407 with a final time of 22:16.51.

Junior Rebecca Black finished in 413 place with a recorded time of 22:43.20.

Chavez said he is encouraged by the team's improvement. "I'm really impressed with how the team ran," Chavez said. "Placing may not show it, but our times are getting better and the workouts are paying off."

According to RideRangersRide.com, the Rangers will be back in action Saturday in the Fort Hays University meet in Fort Hays, Kan. at 9 a.m

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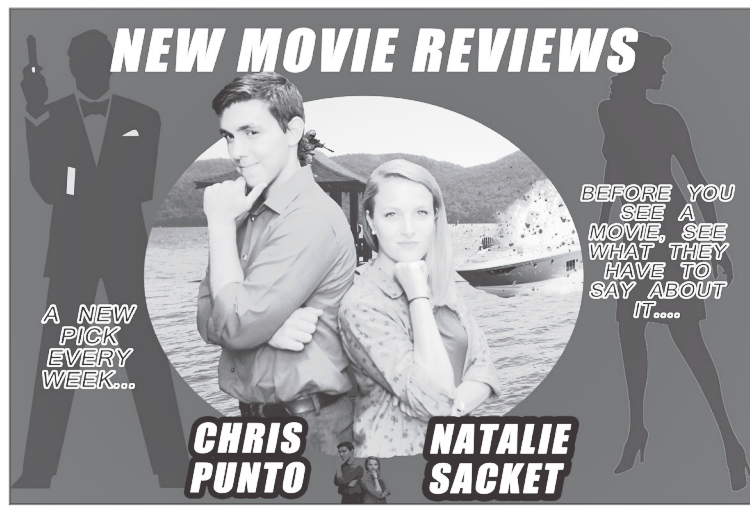
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# Features



## Northwestern students, faculty contribute short poems in honor of National Poetry Day

By **NATALIE SACKET**  
Columnist  
&  
Various Authors



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There was once a time when poets were the lifeblood of culture and literature; yet now, they receive little appreciation. Well, today is the day to change that!

It's National Poetry Day. So today we are featuring poetic works by various Northwestern students and faculty. They're poets, and they know it.

**(An) Infinite Matter** by *Katrina Henning*

Do you think the universe wishes she was tiny? Instead of multitudes, it contained far less. Surely that memory exists.

Can you imagine one day it woke up like Gregor Samsa and realized impossible changes, rapid growth.

celestial flesh expanding, comets shooting across the flesh like spider veins, black matter cellulite jiggles. A tired universe. Here come another ripple of supernovas

Her scream is lost in the black, swallowing expanse. Astronomers, physicists, stargazers all love the universe's body; ever changing and constant. So many gaze upon many folds sighs real universes have curves. Big, beautiful universe.

The universe awaits death.

**Glass Box** by *Dalton Imberi*

I come home every day and I see her in that glass box. She knows I'm on the other side peeking in seeing if she's okay. I watch as she puts that needle in her arm

I scream, I yell stop.  
I scream, I say Claudia stop!  
I scream, I yell stop!  
I scream, I yell Claudia stop!  
Why do you do something like this to me?  
Knowing I'm on the other side of this glass box, but yet you don't stop!  
I watch as you put that needle in your arm and that pipe up to your mouth.  
I watch as you consume a waterfall of liquor and a mountain sized pile of coke. But what can I do from the other side of this glass box when I yell stop!  
But you don't listen.  
I watch as everyday you waste and fade away.  
But I promise you that I will cleanse the corruption from your soul.  
But as of now, all I can do, is scream and yell.  
Stop.

**Half** by *Dr. Richmond Adams*

Doc Willoughby drank in Shinbone, so Feeney told. A lot, too much, not enough: he remembered. Said Gettysburg, half a sentence, remember? Hancock, Meade, Chamberlain, the 20th Maine; Pickett, Longstreet, Lee, 1 PM on July 3. Drink some more, Doc. Boone in Stagecoach. Holliday in Tombstone. Lake in Fairfield. Mandalet: books and wisdom. Practice for the young, they don't remember. Trescott and Henry. The Monster is, was what? Drink some more, Doc. Even John's wall of paper. A sentence, half without mate. Doc Willoughby drank

in Shinbone. Remember Gettysburg? "Two hundred and fifty amputations in one day." Sawed, cut, "next" like demons. The screams never left. Drink some more, Doc. He remembered. Doc Willoughby drank in Shinbone.

**I Want the Woolf's Best Coat** by *Patricia Pixler*

The psychosis won't be felt. So long and my love, dear. My favorite spot. I don't want the ice, but I like this tomb. Better than marble and needles. They lobotomize me, dear. Don't tell me they won't. The voices -- too loud to lie. The stones twinkle, diamonds in salvation. I'm sorry, dear. One, two, three. I don't bother counting.

**Our World is Not a Play Thing** by *Natalie Sacket*

I hold the world in my hands My middle finger on Finland My palm covers Paris Nose grazes Greenland

I give the globe a spin & Hope you don't get dizzy. I squint and see you & I wonder if you see me too.

But you can't, & my tears form your oceans. The flutter of my eyelashes causes crevices.

My fingerprints are your cities. Distinctly me, yet I only see spirals.

I gently set you down. Don't roll away.

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
Columnists

With Homecoming right around the corner, take a trip with us to see an out-of-this-world film! This week we are reviewing yet another movie where Matt Damon has to be rescued...seriously Matt, why can't you ever just be where you're supposed to be? Our pick this week:

"The Martian" (2015)

Chris-



4.5 out of 5 stars

Does anyone else hate these corny intros? Anyways, this week's pick was "The Martian," a great film that stars Matt Damon making NASA people very angry with fake science.

Just kidding, guys. I really enjoyed this movie. To me, this movie was the version of "Interstellar" that we deserve. There's no long, drawn-out story to immerse us in a world that we don't care about. It's action packed and just an overall great film.

Matt Damon definitely makes a better astronaut than anyone in the last 5 space movies (sorry Sandra Bullock). His performance in this film has convinced me now more than ever that he would make a great Big-Screen superhero. Maybe the Green Lantern that gets it right.

The visual effects were also pretty good. If there was any lapse, it was forgivable. I can imagine that most of the budget went to getting a good cast.

Bottom line: Short and simple, go watch this movie. It's a little lengthy and might even stress you out at times with suspense. But you get to see "Saving Private Ryan" in space,

so it's totally worth your time and money.

Natalie-



4 out of 5 stars

"The Martian" is a-Mars-ing, simply out of this world! At its core, is an epic movie about the power of survival and knowledge. When I first saw trailers of this film, I was under the assumption that it would be a mediocre remake of Sandra Bullock in "Gravity" last year. Fortunately, I was galaxies off in my guess.

"The Martian" is highly scientific, but not to the point that it ostracizes the everyday viewer.

Though I'm an English major who is extremely dense when it comes to scientific matters, particularly matters in this film like botany, astronomy, chemistry, and physics, I managed to keep up with the plot of the film. I will say that I was amazed by the intelligence of character Mark Watney, played by Matt Damon.

He made living on Mars, growing food, doing surgery on yourself, building shelter, and making a spaceship look easy. It was like a really intense version of "Cast Away," but in space, and there isn't a volleyball.

Matt Damon did a stellar (no pun intended...well kinda) job in this role. He managed to capture the drama of the situation, while inserting bits of unexpected humor. Damon transitioned between the levels of emotion with ease.

"The Martian" is a truly beautiful film, with impeccable filming and special effects. This adaptation of the novel by Andy Weir is sophisticated and truly a work of art.

Bottom Line: It's a fun outer-space adventure, so climb aboard your spaceship and head to theaters to see this film.

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# Features

## Theater review: 'Cinderella Waltz' cast gives strong performances

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Student Writer*

Northwestern's theater season kicked off with "Cinderella Waltz," a production directed by senior Tracy Meza.

The doors opened for "Cinderella Waltz" last Thursday, Friday and Saturday with larger crowds than usual.

Senior Speech/Theatre major Tracy Meza from Orlando, Fla., brought to life the whimsical, fun-filled extravaganza of a play written by Don Nigro. Meza said, "This process has been educational, challenging, emotional and extremely time consuming."

The hard work by Meza, as well as the others who helped bring this production to life, paid off in a huge way.

One way this play was set apart from many in the past is its creative utilization of special effects and audio throughout the duration of the play. This really benefitted the production, spicing it up. There were splashes of water from a life-size well (using a hydraulic system) and stuffed ducks falling from the ceiling. The special effects were extremely effective and creative. My only negative note would be that the audio did seem to struggle in a few parts throughout the production, volume wise, but not so much that it affected the comedy and effectiveness of the production.

Lighting was also a key attribute on the technical side that contributed to the success of the play. The lighting crew did a great job at using the lighting system to portray what time of day, as well as directing the attention of the audience to where the dialogue was taking place.

My favorite aspect of the technical side of "Cinderella



Photo by Osam Sakamoto

Waltz" was the overall appearance and decoration of the stage. Meza did a phenomenal job designing the set. It was clear that she and her technical crew took great time and attention to detail in creating the set, right down to hand-thatched roofs and a painted stage floor. Mickey Jordan, an actor in the production, assisted with the scenic design of much of the set, particularly the painting.

Costumes and makeup were appropriate and looked great. Costume designer Alicia Hall, also an actress in the show, did a great job of sewing and reconstructing all of the costumes. Makeup

artist, Michelle Penner did a wonderful job aging several of the characters.

Now to the acting side of the production, I felt that every actor played their character very well. Senior English major Natalie Sacket did an amazing job as the lead role, Rosey Snow. The way she portrayed her character was very well done. This was Sacket's fifth and final performance on the Northwestern stage.

Trenton Judd, senior Speech/Theatre major at NWOSU, as Zed, and Hayden Nickel, junior Speech/Theatre major, as Goneril, also did an amazing job at portraying their characters.

This was Judd's sixth

performance and Nickel's fifth on the Northwestern stage.

Charlie Wylie, senior English Education major, as Mr. Snow; Karlie Klager, sophomore nursing major, as Reagan; Nathan Sacket, senior computer science major, as Prince Alfred; Mickey Jordan, junior Speech/Theatre major, as Troll; and Taylor Morris, junior mass communications major, as Mother Magee, provided great hysterical comic relief with their characters.

On the script side, the jokes were hilarious for the most part, though some were a bit on the dirty side, contributing to this production's rating of PG-13. The audience was

laughing aloud for much of the production. The script did a great job connecting with the audience. The use of many references did a great job appealing to both an older and younger generation. The jokes were well-executed by the actors. The inclusion of intellectual and educational jokes was a great addition to the script.

For those who missed "Cinderella Waltz," you certainly missed a great performance by the actors and a wonderful creation by the director. Meza did a wonderful job at designing and directing the production, and made a great creation.

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# Women take to field for Powder Puff



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**Ranger women hit the field Tuesday night to show off their own football skills in Power Puff flag football on Newby Field.**

**The yearly event is part of the 2015 Homecoming activities taking place all week around campus.**

**The men will be on Ranger Field, Saturday at 3 p.m.**