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## Psychology professor recovers from severe car crash; canned food drive to be held Saturday for support

By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

This past Christmas break, Sherril Stone, a Northwestern psychology professor located on the Enid campus was rear-ended by a semi truck. This accident resulted in the totaling of her Jeep and her suffering various severe injuries.

Earlier this semester she underwent a grueling surgery in which several of the disks in her neck were fused together. Her service dogs Pistol and Pete also suffered injuries due to the accident. Stone will undergo several more surgeries within the next month.

Stone is unable to work due to the accident, and because she is recovering from a traumatic brain

injury, she is currently on strict bed rest. She has been staying with her parents during this time of recuperation. In March her father broke his hip, requiring emergency surgery. Because of this, Stone's mother has been attempting to care for the pair on her own.

The family is in need of items of food that will be easy to prepare, in order to help relieve some of the

responsibilities Stone's mother is facing.

Donations can be made to Jessica Blanchard at ATS Counseling at 1625 W. Owen K. Garriott in Enid. If necessary, she will be able to arrange for items to be picked up elsewhere.

According to Blanchard, "Dr. Stone wants to thank everyone in advance for their generous donations and concern for her health. She also sends regards to her students."

The Secular Student Alliance is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for Stone as well. Members of the organization will be at the SGA color run this Saturday to gather these goods from participants of the race. They ask that all runners bring one food item to benefit Stone. The organization will also hold a door-to-door food drive in Alva on Saturday, April 18. Further details in regards to this drive will be provided at a later date.

Gabriel Dunbar, vice president of the Secular Student Alliance states that "Dr. Stone is part of our "Northwestern family" and should be given the full participation of our campus to make her recovery time as stress-free as possible."

### Canned and Non-perishable Food Items Donations To Support the Stone family



Locations:  
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## Applications available for Future Teachers Scholarships

The Department of Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is now accepting applications for the Future Teachers Scholarships. The Scholarships are available to both new and returning education majors and the application deadline is Thursday, April 30.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must be an Oklahoma resident, have a GPA ranking in the top 15 percent of their high school class; or have an ACT or SAT score ranking in the top 15 percent for high school graduates of the same year; or admission to a professional education program at an accredited Oklahoma institution of higher education; or an undergraduate record of outstanding success, as defined by the institution.

Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for the scholarship, but higher priority will be given to full-time students. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and must reapply every academic year.

The Future Teachers Scholarship Program was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as an incentive to encourage the preparation of teachers in critical shortage areas in the public schools of Oklahoma.

For a full list of requirements and the complete application process, along with the application form contact Natalie Miller, assistant certification officer, at ndmiller@nwsu.edu or 580-327-8441.

## News Brief: Social Science to host program honoring anniversary of Lincoln's death, Lincoln statue donation

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Social Sciences is planning a short program to recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gift of the Lincoln bust to Northwestern from the graduating class of 1915.

The program is set for Tuesday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln bust on the Herod Hall lawn and is free and open to the campus community and general public.

A short recitation of the Gettysburg Address will be given along with information about Lincoln's influence on

the United States.

Handouts describing the Lincoln stained glass windows at the First United Methodist Church in Alva also will be made available.

Following the program, the film "Lincoln" will be shown in Jesse Dunn Hall 306.

For more information contact Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology and Department of Social Sciences chair, at (580) 327-8521 or kldecker@nwsu.edu.

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# OPINION

## Physics professor responds to last week's article "How effective are lecture-based classes?" in letter to the editor

*This Letter to the Editor comes from Associate Professor of Physics, Steven Maier.*

Rachel Emerson's opinion piece last week got my attention! It turns out that her question "How effective are lecture-based classes?" is timely and an interesting one that has been answered in research publications. I'm going to sound like an academic here, but please don't tune me out just yet. . .

One answer: lectures are terrifically effective at disseminating large quantities of information to the masses in a short period of time: one room, lots of people and a structured delivery. So in physics, for example, that means 400 years of advancements can be presented in 16 weeks. #efficiency!

A second answer clearly demonstrated in research literature: lectures in isolation are terribly ineffective for attaining deep understanding. Even for talented lecturers, if all that takes place in a course is lecture, class learning outcomes are capped at low gains (about 25 percent).

Surprisingly, adding entertaining demonstrations does not yield statistically significant improvements (they can improve affect, but that's another story).

Research shows that outlier students who do excel in lecture courses don't really benefit from lectures alone. They spend additional time in self-study, working with others/instructors, thinking deeply on surrounding issues all while questioning what and how things are known in

that discipline. That takes time, effort and much of it occurs outside of class time.

Instructors can do much to create environments conducive to this. In fact, NWOSU recently hosted Dr. Eric Mazur of Harvard for a day of faculty professional development. He presented Peer Instruction (PI) and Just in Time Teaching (JiTT) as ways to engage everyone in the learning process, citing his own "Confessions of a Converted Lecturer." If your instructors are now suddenly asking you to vote on questions in class and to discuss items with a neighbor, it's likely connected to Mazur's work.

In short, the key to learning is

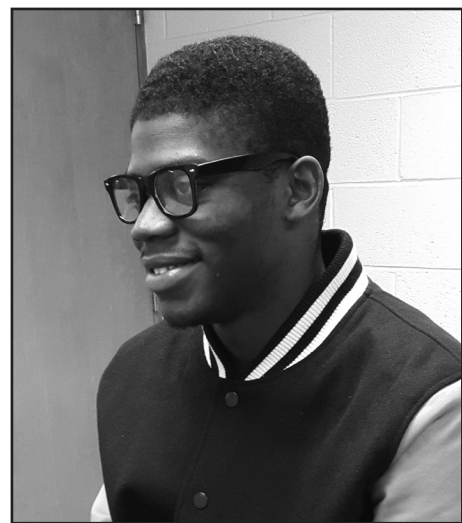
engagement, and it's a collaborative "ropes course" of sorts. If instructors make the content relevant in meaningful ways and students are engaged in the content, the stage is set for deeper levels of learning. The cost: this requires significant daily effort/attention from both instructors and students—it can't be achieved by lectures alone or just reading downloaded class PowerPoints.

Droves more could be said on this . . . Let me end by saying that if these issues truly interest you, then please consider becoming an educator! Oklahoma and the nation need engaging teachers to join the teaching profession as active stakeholders in education!



Photo courtesy of [nwsu.edu](http://nwsu.edu)  
Steven Maier demonstrating to students during a lab.

## Columnist says "don't be Kentucky; follow through on your goals"



By CHRIS AGBOLA  
Columnist

The finale of the 2015 NCAA college basketball renders the Blue Devils of Duke champions.

Apparently, everyone thought the title was unanimously and undisputedly for the Wild Cats of Kentucky until the Badgers of Wisconsin usurped their winning streak of 38-0.

No one saw that coming. Did anyone? The intention of this article is neither to eulogize nor ridicule any of the teams.

They all deserve to be applauded for even playing at that level because it isn't sheer luck but hard work.

I tend to draw cues from events, which serves as inspiration for me as an individual. From the tournament, we as college students could learn that starting something is not as relevant as completing it.

You could have begun well on the weight loss process, keeping up with your classes, breaking that addiction or whatsoever. In as much as the process is pertinent, it is the end result that matters.

Kentucky was only a game away from the glory before they fell short. It sure was hardwork, determination and consistency that got them there but they didn't make the story. Rather, they were part of the story due to their awesome record of 38-1.

I'm not implying mediocrity or apathy in any way because the basis for any conception is discipline. Thus, it cannot be ignored when one seeks to attain a goal or status.

The curtains on the semester are drawing gradually and there seem to be much more to do than ever. Let's keep up with the pro-

cesses and finish it well. Pressures from all angles might create despair but to be revered is braving them all and coming out successful.

That is the most important aim to reach right now. So to you out there down trodden in any form, I say keep your head up. You still got what it takes to complete right.

All the best to all students with the final weeks of the semester. And until finals, let your thoughts be "it's not over until it is over."

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# WHAT'S UP?

## Second annual color run to be held Saturday at football stadium

By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern's second annual color run/walk will be this Sat., April 11. The race will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Ranger Football Field tiers, south entrance.

The run is free to all Northwestern students and employees. Alva community members must pay a fee of \$15 to race. Funds will go to the Northwestern Student Government Association.

There will be two separate events: a 5K color run and a 1-mile color fun run or walk.

To pre-register for the event, email a registration form to Kaylyn Hansen at [klhansen@nwosu.edu](mailto:klhansen@nwosu.edu)

at [nwosu.edu](http://nwosu.edu) or drop a form off at her office in the Fine Arts building, room 207. Registration forms can be found at [www.nwosu.edu/nwosu-color-run](http://www.nwosu.edu/nwosu-color-run). Registration will also take place prior to the run from 10:40-11:15 a.m.

Kaylyn Hansen encourages all to participate in the event. "SGA is very excited about the event and we hope that everyone will attend for a fun day!"

There are numerous reasons to attend this year's color run.

According to SGA vice president, Paige Little, "We are so excited to see both the community and school body come out and run! This year we have

a cool new t-shirt design. Along with that, we will also have donations set up for a fellow ranger, Annie Hopper, as she is battling epilepsy. Come out and have some fun!"

For more information, contact Kaylyn Hansen at [klhansen@nwosu.edu](mailto:klhansen@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8439.



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## SGA to host Bahama Breakaway; \$600 in prizes to be given away

Northwestern Oklahoma State University students will be enjoying Bahama Breakaway on Alva's downtown square Thursday, April 23, from 1-4:30 p.m. Each year Northwestern's Student Government Association (SGA) sponsors this fun event for students before they dive into finals.

Free hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for students provided, cooked and served by Alva Chamber of Commerce. They also will have a chance for cash prizes in a volleyball tournament, water balloon toss, sack race, wheel barrow race and limbo contest.

The volleyball tournament signup ends at 1:15 p.m. that day.

This year the SGA has more than \$600 to offer in prizes as well as gift card giveaways throughout the event.

Obstacle courses and a photo booth with props will be set up on the square for student participation, and free Frosty Joe's Sno-Cones will be available to students provided by the Northwestern club Something Greater.

Bahama Breakaway T-shirts are still available in the Northwestern Business Office for \$10 per shirt. They also will be sold at the event.

Contact Kaylyn Hansen, director of student life and counseling, with questions about Bahama Breakaway at (580) 327-8439 or [klhansen@nwosu.edu](mailto:klhansen@nwosu.edu).



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## English department taking entries for poetry contest

By JORDAN MCLEMORE  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern English Department is holding a poetry contest and is taking entries now through April 26.

Poems will be judged on creativity, originality, and artistry.

Writers can submit up to three poems. The full-time English faculty will conduct a blind reading to decide the winners. The judges will not know entrants' names or any information about them while reading the poems.

To ensure anonymity, each entrant should submit two copies

of the poem.

The first should include name and basic contact information. The second should only have the title and the poem.

The copies should be dropped off at Vinson Hall 206 or left in the folder on the door.

There will be a first, second, and third place winner, with the first place winner receiving a leather-bound journal and pen and the second and third place winners receiving gift cards. Winners will be notified by email or phone call.

Prizes will be given out at the Quraysh Ali Lansana Reading at noon April 30 at the

Ranger Perk.

Anyone who wants to participate in the contest but unable to deliver the work to Vinson Hall may submit poems via email. The format of poems delivered via email must be the same as that for hard copies.

Entries should be sent to [english@nwosu.edu](mailto:english@nwosu.edu) with the subject line "NWOSU Poetry Contest."

Poems sent in via email will be retrieved by a non-judge and printed off to be reviewed by the judges at the end of the work acceptance period.

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Festival of Cultures offered international experiences from foreign students

By **TRENTON JUDD**  
Student Reporter

The International Student Association's annual Festival of Cultures was presented in the Student Center Ballroom April 2.

The festival featured seven meals prepared by people from five different countries, and as the students and guests were eating they were treated to nine performances presented by students from four different countries.

The festival opened with a welcoming address from the International Student Advisor, Megan Stratton, who noted that this year Northwestern enrolled students from 22 countries.

The first three meals served were from Nepal, and they were rice pudding, paneer

vegetable and mo mo, which are similar to dumplings. The next meal was from Ghana and it was waakye with spaghetti and cole slaw. The next three meals were from Mexico, and they were asado, choco-flan, and arroz con leche. The last meal in the line was from Venezuela, and it was a chicken salad. The favorite meal among students and guests was the choco-flan, which was gone after the first table passing. After everyone was seated after passing through the line they were treated to nine cultural performances.

Performances included a dance from Nepal performed by Lakpa Doma; a song from Mexico sung by Viviana Andazola and Andres Riojas; a song from Nepal sung by

Janu Shrestha and Adish; a dance from Africa performed by Precious Okeke and Betty Abbey; a song from Nepal sung by Adish; a dance from Nepal performed by Pawraj and Yejeshwi; a song from Nepal sung by Bidur; a song from Zimbabwe sung by Faith and Johnathan; and a song from Nepal sung by Sadhana.

Stratton returned to the podium to close the festivities, and she even opened up the ballroom floor for a free-for-all dance and during the dance all of the international students



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

joined in.

"The Festival of Cultures provides a great opportunity to know about the different cultures that the students come from" said Professor of

Spanish Francisco Martinez.

Assistant Professor of Spanish Claudia Young added, "The Festival had delicious food and very enjoyable songs."

## C.O.R.E proposes campus recycling center

By **KAYLEE HARRIS**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern's C.O.R.E is asking the Ranger community to help implement a recycling program on the Alva campus.

Conserving our Ranger Environment, or C.O.R.E, is a student-led group on the Enid and Alva campuses that promotes environmental awareness and sustainability. They have already done things to help our campus become "green," such as placing recycling bins around campus and holding book drives to donate used books to impoverished areas.

C.O.R.E now wants to help Northwestern lessen its effect on the environment by setting up a recycling center for waste items that the campus produces.

"One of the major waste items is paper," President Jeff Martin said, "When I go home, I will take shoe boxes of paper to recycle, because there isn't anywhere to do that here."

Martin, who was raised in Canada, says he finds it strange that there is nowhere to recycle something as important as paper here.

Steven Mackie, associate professor of education and C.O.R.E. advisor on the Enid campus, said that Enid's campus is much farther ahead in recycling than the Alva campus.

In Enid, there are three stations with bins for plastic, aluminum, and paper. The Enid chapter paired up with Keeping Enid Green to help recycle the items collected in these bins, said Mackie.

C.O.R.E now hopes to implement a program similar to this on the Alva Campus. Recycling isn't

a new thing, said Aaron Place, associate professor of biology and C.O.R.E. advisor on the Alva campus. The Alva campus has had recycling programs before, but they failed because of a lack of resources and manpower, said Place and Mackie.

Not having more recycling opportunities places our campus 20 to 30 years behind other universities, said Place, Mackie and Martin.

Northwestern's Strategic Plan for 2011 to 2015 states in Strategic Direction 3 that Northwestern will "expand current procedures and initiate new efforts to develop an eco-friendly institution" and will "explore methods of recycling at all campus sites, examine the implementation of energy-saving procedures, and research the implementation of green energy resources."

Without support from students, faculty and administration, however, this program cannot be realized. Place said that the students pay attention to the faculty of Northwestern and should be led by example.

"It's the right thing to do," said Mackie.

C.O.R.E. asks that students help make their vision a reality by attending C.O.R.E meetings and expressing an interest in a new recycling program. Students can also help by emailing the Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Caleb Mosburg at [cnmosburg@nwosu.edu](mailto:cnmosburg@nwosu.edu) and start the conversation about more recycling opportunities on campus.

For questions or concerns about C.O.R.E, contact Place at [ajplace@nwosu.edu](mailto:ajplace@nwosu.edu) or Mackie at [swmackie@nwosu.edu](mailto:swmackie@nwosu.edu).

## Northwestern professor to be published

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Dr. Richmond B. Adams, assistant professor of English, wrote an article that will be published this month in the 2.1 (April 2015) edition of the online journal "Ethos: A Digital Review of Arts, Humanities and Public Ethics." The title of his article is "All Code is Local: Irvin Cobb's 'The Mob from Massac' and the Edging Shifts in Post-Bellum American Culture."

In the article Adams discusses Irvin Cobb, a Kentucky writer in the early part of the 20th Century. Cobb based most of his work around the relationship between his principal character of Judge William Pittman Priest and his fellow townspeople of Fairfield, a small hamlet along the Ohio River. While a well-known figure throughout American life in the first three decades of the last century, Cobb has almost been completely forgotten since his death in 1944 for

reasons that have to do with a basic misunderstanding of his fiction. Instead of lauding the Lost Cause, a southern American cultural movement after the Civil War that commemorated the Confederacy, as so many other white southern writers did from 1880 through at least 1940, Cobb created a narrative that undercut the Lost Cause's ideological framework while apparently still supporting it.

"I came to Mr. Cobb's fiction quite by accident when I took a graduate class on the films of the American director John Ford eight years ago," Adams said. "One of the films seen by our class was based upon three of Mr. Cobb's stories, including 'The Mob from Massac,' which is subsequently one of Cobb's best examples of how the relationship between literature and history can explore broader cultural issues such as race, gender and class."

Adams said in preparing this article he discovered that

Cobb and Ford were friends for more than 20 years and that they had collaborated on several projects including the 1934 film "Judge Priest" starring Oklahoma's own Will Rogers.

Adams earned his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and joined Northwestern last fall. For more information about the article, please contact Adams at [rbadams@nwosu.edu](mailto:rbadams@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8428.



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# ENTERTAINMENT



By **NATALIE SACKET & CHRIS PUNTO**  
*Columnists*

Well this week we are closing the chapter on a movie franchise that spanned throughout most of our entire childhoods:

“Furious 7” (2015)

Chris’ Review-



4 cars out of 5

So I’m gonna try to get through this without talking about Paul Walker until the end. Here we go.

“Furious 7” seems to be the last movie of the epic franchise that a lot of kids grew up with. The question is: did it measure up? My answer is no.

Let me explain. I love this franchise, but sadly this movie did not feel like a F&F film. The plot was a little far fetched, even for one of those movies. I can actually picture

someone robbing a Brazilian drug cartel for a million. I can’t imagine a secret government organization recruiting the help of former convicts so that they can cut a deal. Doesn’t seem like a Vin Diesel move.

Speaking of our bold hero, did anyone notice that he only spoke in clichés? Like I know it happens a lot in all the other films but this was just a bit overkill. And another brawny hero, AKA Dwayne Johnson, only spoke in clichés and sexist catchphrases. Way to go guys.

So if I’ve been bashing it, why did I give it four stars? Because of the chemistry. When Dom says that he only has family, that’s not just a line. The cast of this movie has grown extremely close over the last several years, and all respect each other’s as actors and as people. They compliment each other so well in this movie that you’ll

rarely see that kind of flow in any other movie. Despite the bad script, these characters seem real.

Okay. So now let’s talk about Paul. Before anyone goes off on me about how I shouldn’t put such value into the lives of a Hollywood actor, I don’t. People die every day. I’m a big boy. I get it. What I put value in is the relationships that are lost, or at least put on pause

depending on your beliefs, by a death. The one that was most tragic was the relationship lost between Diesel and Walker. Without getting too far into it, they were brothers. Both of them saw each other as such and it’s sad to see one’s reaction to losing his sibling. If you don’t like the movie after the last five minutes, I consider you a soulless creature, and I’m keeping an eye on you. Monster.

Bottom line. Watch this movie if you’ve grown up with the films. If you decide to watch this movie without watching the other 6, you’ll be lost and you’re probably going to be the dumbest person in the theater, which is probably hard to do anyways.

Natalie’s Review-



3.5 cars out of 5  
I am probably the last

person who should review this film, as I’ve seen zero of the first six Fast and Furious movies. However, a friend explained the rest of the series to me as “cars, explosions, more cars, more explosions, and more cars,” so I’m basically caught up. This comes as a surprise to me, as I’ve always resisted watching the series, but I thoroughly enjoyed “Furious 7.”

I will admit, I was completely lost as to who was who or what was going on. I would recommend actually watching the first six films before heading to theatres. This is only 704 minutes out of your life. (Yes, I added it up.)

It had the stereotypical

car chases and action, but this film had heart as well. As expected, this film was somewhat of a tribute to the late Paul Walker. It was a surprisingly touching film in that aspect. I felt as though it was a fitting farewell to this beloved member of the franchise. That being said, as I have very little connection to the series or the character, I was disturbingly dry-eyed in a theatre of blubbering fans. (Yes, Chris is a very ugly crier.)

Bottom Line: If you’re a fan, I’m sure you’ve already seen it or have made plans to. If you’re not a fan, watch this film; it might change your mind. Now I’m going to go free up the next 704 minutes of my life.

# SPORTS

## Baseball takes series at home against Henderson

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

Northwestern baseball hosted Henderson State last weekend and grabbed the 2-1 series win.

The Rangers entered Myers Stadium Friday night after struggling on the road for much of the month of March.

On the mound to start game one of the series against the Reddies was Matthew Bickford. Bickford would go four and a third innings after giving up three runs and striking out only two batters.

Bickford's replacement on the mound was Alexander Svetgoff, who recorded his fourth win of the season as he went four and two-thirds innings and not allowing a single run.

Leading the way for the Rangers from the plate was the trio of Jeff Martin, Logan Greenwalt and Logan Porter.

Martin finished going 2-for-4 from the plate with one run and two RBIs. Porter was close behind as he went 2-for-4 with two runs and one RBI. Greenwalt finished going 2-for-3 and crossing the plate three times.

The Rangers started the scoring early as they put three on the board in the first inning.

Henderson State would knot it up at three apiece in the top of the

fifth inning, but in the bottom of the inning the Rangers bats came alive again as they added two more runs, pushing their lead to 5-3.

An RBI by Martin would add on another run in the seventh and in the eighth Ranger Christian Hammerl fired a double out to left field, bringing in another run and ending the Rangers scoring for the night.

After the Rangers built a 7-3 lead over the Reddies, Svetgoff would finish them off from there and seal the victory in game one.

In game two of the series on Saturday, the Rangers were unable to seal up the series win as they fell 4-9 to the Reddies.

In game three however, the Rangers managed to shrug off the game two loss and get the bats firing.

Leading the way for the Rangers in game three were Porter, Matt Benn, Joshua Caruso and Jason Freeman.

Benn went 3-for-4 from the plate, while recording three RBIs and three runs. Both Caruso and Freeman were close behind as they would each go 3-for-4 from the plate while recording two runs and three RBIs. Porter had a great day as well as he went 2-for-3 from the plate while recording one run.

It did not take long for the Rangers to jump out to an early lead as in the first inning. They took a 4-0



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

lead over the Reddies with help from a RBI by Benn and a three-run home run by Caruso.

Henderson State would answer back however. In the second and third innings they collected six total runs, giving them the 6-3 lead over the Rangers.

The Rangers were not down long as Martin grabbed an RBI double and Benn fired one over the back wall for a two-run home run in the fourth inning, giving them a

8-7 lead.

Henderson State would add another run in the fifth inning, closing the deficit to within one.

The Rangers however would get the bats firing yet again as in the fifth and sixth innings they scored six more runs.

Despite a late charge by the Reddies, the Rangers were able to hang on and get the 14-11 game three win and 2-1 series win behind the arm of Ranger pitcher Chase

Randall, who came in as a reliever midway through the third inning.

Tuesday the Rangers played Newman as well for a non-conference tune-up game and unfortunately found themselves on the low end of the scoring as they lost 12-4.

The Rangers will be back at home Friday to face GAC opponent Harding starting at 5 p.m. with the conclusion of the series starting at noon Saturday.

## Ranger cowgirls on top of standings; Cowboys in top five

By SARAH OTTO  
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern rodeo team has three rodeos remaining to finish the 2014-2015 season.

Once the season comes to a wrap and the placings are determined, the athletes will learn who gets the chance to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo this summer in Casper, Wyo. The top three in each event will advance to the college finals.

Northwestern's women's team is currently winning the

region by 574 points and the men's team is sitting fourth. There are 21 Northwestern athletes in the top 15 of their events in the Central Plains Region Standings.

In calf roping, Northwestern has three cowboys in the top 15; one of them is in the top 3. Hayden Pearce is currently sitting third, with 260 points. Wade Perry is splitting tenth, eleventh and twelfth overall, along with William Whayne, each having 130 points.

The Northwestern cowboys have taken control of the steer wrestling standings.

Seven of the top 15 cowboys are from Northwestern. John McGinn is currently third overall with 315 points, Jon Laine Herl follows right behind in fourth with 275 points. Grayson Allred, Stephen Culling and Ty Batic claim sixth, seventh and eighth respectively. Allred has 245 points, Culling has 220 points and Batic currently has 200 points. J.D. Stuxness claims tenth overall with 183 points, with Brock White right behind him sitting eleventh with 180 points.

There are four Northwestern cowboys in the top 15 in the team roping. On the heading side, Dalton Richards is sitting second with 395 points. On the heeling side, Dustin Searcy is sitting eighth with 180 points, Whayne has 130 points claiming eleventh and Perry is in a four-way tie for fifteenth with 100 points.

Richards, a senior from Hawkinsville, Ga., has hopes of making the CNFR. "I have never made it. It would be a pretty neat experience, mainly because this is my last chance to make it," Richards said. The game plan to say in the

top three is the same as it has been at the last seven rodeos. Richards said, "We just have to keep going at them the way we have been. Now is not the time to back off and safety up."

Richards ropes with Ben Whiddon from SEOKSU, but the two cowboys still get practice time. He said, "We make a point to get together and rope. We actually get to rope a fair amount together. We have roped together for three years, and know what each other is going to do." Richards owes a thank you to many who have contributed to his success this year. "The support from my family is great, and being able to run plenty of practice steers thanks to Wade Perry. Also, thank you to Trisha Price for letting me use her head horse," Richards said.

In barrel racing, Sara Bynum and Shea Ransome are in a three-way tie for 14th and 15th with 105 points. Four cowgirls represent Northwestern in the top 15 of breakaway roping. Taige Trent is sitting third with 200 points, Karley Kile has 156 points claiming seventh, Samantha McGuire is splitting 12th and

13th with 135 points and Elli Price is sitting 14th with 120 points.

In the women's event of goat tying, Northwestern claims first and second. Shayna Miller is winning the region with 695 points, but Lauren Barnes is right behind her with 635 points. Kile has 170 points sitting eighth, Laremi Allred is splitting 10th and 11th with 140 points, and Price has 95 points splitting 14th and 15th.

Miller, a junior Faith, S.D., native has her goals set to make the CNFR this year. She made it her freshman year, but was too nervous to do any good. She said, "I have goals to actually do good at the finals. I would feel like I definitely didn't give it my all if I don't make the finals." Her competition keeps her motivated, but so do her family, boyfriend and coaches. Miller said, "I am working out and tying goats every day, I have to stay mentally confident in myself, and remind myself that I have what it takes," Miller said.

The Rangers will be back in action at the Southwestern rodeo tonight through Saturday in Weatherford, Okla.

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# SPORTS

## Head Volleyball coach Gene Krieger resigns after two seasons

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State Women's Volleyball will look to fill a head coaching void after Gene Krieger resigned from his position, according to Ranger Athletic staff reports.

Krieger first came to Northwestern on April 16, 2013, after acquiring the head coaching position from Northwestern Director of Athletics Andrew Carter.

During Krieger's previous coaching tenure, he earned numerous accolades coaching in the state of California where he was a two-time National Coach of the Year at both the NAIA and NCAA Division II level.

After 14 successful years of collegiate coaching between California Baptist University, and University of Cal Poly Pomona, Krieger entered Northwestern with a 318-164

winning record in addition to a .660 winning percentage.

Krieger departs from Northwestern Women's Volleyball with a 22-37 record over the course of two seasons.

According to Northwestern Director of Athletics Andrew Carter, the hiring process for a new head volleyball coach has begun.

"We will begin the process of finding a coach of the highest integrity, who is committed to building a program at Northwestern, and who will embrace the University and the community," Carter said.

"The anticipation that Northwestern will receive full active membership in Division II and the Great American

Conference later this year makes this an attractive position."

In addition to Krieger's coaching success, Krieger also worked at numerous All-

American volleyball camps across the country scouting the top volleyball recruiting prospects, while also coaching internationally with Athletes in Action.

Krieger has recently accepted a similar head coaching position in Anderson, South Carolina at NCAA Division II Anderson University S.C.

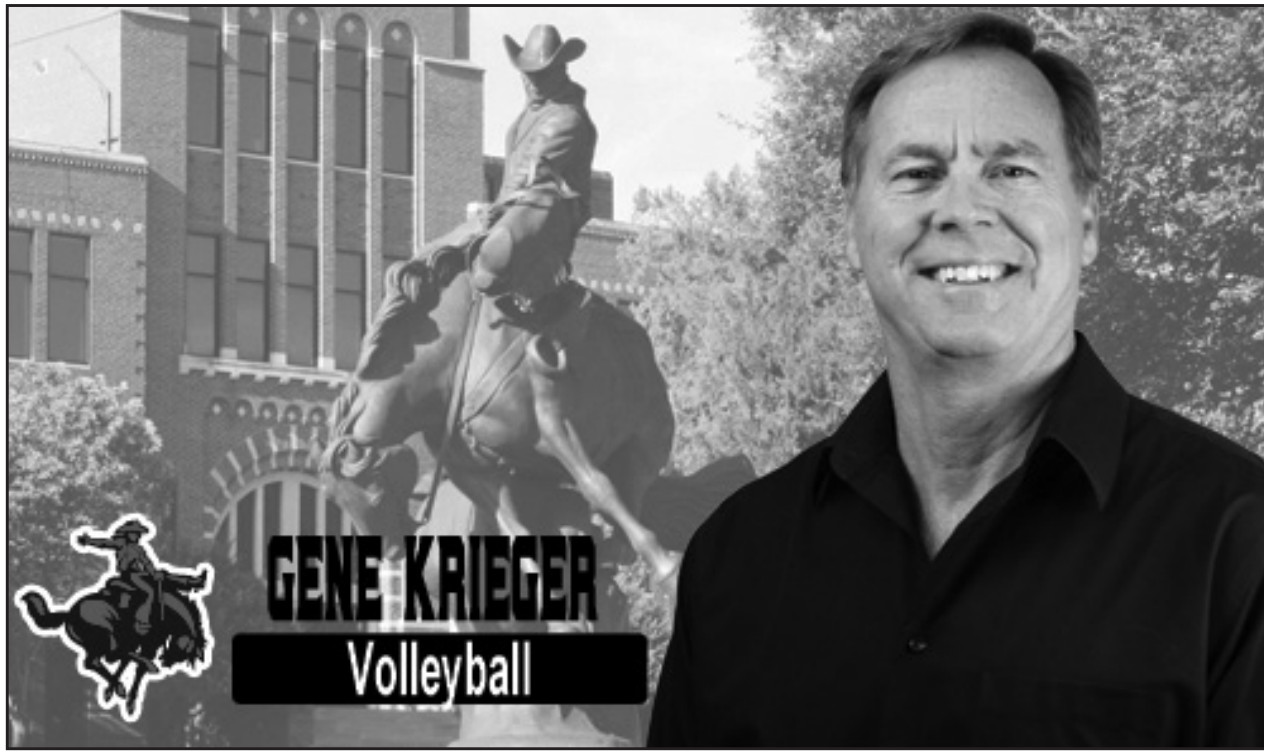


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## Softball takes series against Golden Suns; Fall to Bulldogs

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

Northwestern softball took on Arkansas Tech over the weekend and walked away with a 3-1 series win.

After falling in game one to the Golden Suns the Rangers quickly turned things around in game two on Thursday afternoon at the Alva Sports Complex to split the series at one apiece entering day two of play.

In game two, the Rangers were led by Jordan Haya and Shelby

Anderson at the plate.

Anderson got the start on the mound as well but would be replaced by Erin Norrie after she went four and two-thirds innings, giving up four runs and allowing eight hits.

The Rangers struck early in the first inning when Anderson

connected for a two-run home run, driving in teammate Haya.

Northwestern added three more in the next inning when Haya connected for a three-run home run.

Rangers Alexis Hayes would score the final run in the third inning after a wild pitch.

Arkansas Tech would close to within two of the Rangers late, but Erin Norrie was able to hold off the charge as she went two and a third innings, allowing one hit, zero runs and recording one strikeout en route to the Rangers game two 6-4 win.

Day two of the series was dominated by the Rangers as they took both games 3-2 and 6-5.

In game three the Rangers were able to put two up early in the first inning and one in the fourth inning as they grabbed the 3-2 win.

The Rangers continued their hot offense in game four as they sealed a 6-5 win behind the bats of Allora Miller and Megan Sanders.

Sanders went 2-for-3 from the plate, with one run and two RBIs. Miller would lead the way though as she went 1-for-2 from the plate, with two runs, one RBI and a solo home run.

Anderson grabbed redemption on the mound from her game two mishap as well as she went a complete seven innings, allowing 10 hits, only five runs and collecting four strikeouts.

After a dominating 3-1 series win over topped ranked Arkansas Tech, the Rangers then headed to Weatherford, Okla. to finish the series against rival Southwestern on Tuesday.

Unfortunately it was not to be for Northwestern as they fell 12-11 in game one and 15-4 in game two.

The Rangers (17-22, 12-16 GAC) will be back in action Saturday in Durant, Okla. as they face conference foe Southeastern starting at 2 p.m.

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