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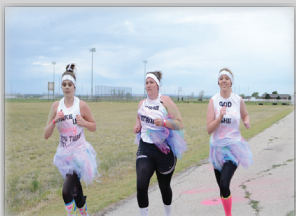
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## Computer Science Club brings home second place at the Heartland Gaming Expo in Tulsa

By CHARLES BOLDES  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Computer Science Club, along with other colleges and high schools across the state of Oklahoma spent last weekend developing video games at the Heartland Gaming Expo in Tulsa.

This was Northwestern's second year at the event, and the club was rewarded with three second-place prizes.

The Heartland Gaming Expo kicked off in 2013; the first two expos were held at the University of Tulsa, and both drew large groups. The event aims for further growth in the next few years.

The event is hands-on with guest speakers, vendors, a free-play arcade and gaming tournaments. The expo holds the largest game development competition in the region for students interested in developing or designing video games.



Photo provided

### News Brief: Recruitment office hosts Freshman Connection

By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

Dozens of future Rangers flooded the campus yesterday in attendance of Northwestern's annual Freshman Connection. This event consisted of two separate sessions for incoming freshman of Northwestern. Students were able to meet with academic advisors who prepared schedules and enrolled them in classes for the 2015 fall semester. Students were also able to take placement tests if needed. Numerous administrators, faculty, and students were present at the event to answer any questions the students might have.

The morning session began at 8:30 with a welcome at 9 a.m. The afternoon session began at 1:30 with a welcome at 2 p.m. Visitors were able to go on tours of the campus and dorms, if desired.

The Northwestern family was excited to meet these students and greatly look forward to welcoming them to the campus in the fall.

Experts were on-hand to help those wanting to learn how to create games.

Day one of the Heartland Expo started with the 24-hour code jam, where teams from colleges and high schools were asked to build a game based on a mystery theme chosen by the organizers of the Expo. This year's theme was "Fate." Teams were required to maintain a webpage during the competition so they could generate publicity for their game.

Scott Bartley, a junior at Northwestern and a first-time attendant at the expo, said, "It was a fun experience, I didn't expect the area to be small, I actually expected a much bigger crowd. I expected everyone to be nervous also, yet I could see everyone was in their own comfort zone."

This year Northwestern Team 2, which consisted of Garrett Logan and Matt Day, entered the 24-hour code jam. The theme was difficult, as it was open to almost anything, and every team wanted to have something unique.

Nine teams entered this year's competition providing a higher level of competition than last year.

"The 24-hour code

jam was fun. This year we brought the new concept of where people had to maintain a webpage. With it they could give the link out on social media and get their friends to vote for them in two rounds," said Roger Mailler, chair of the organizing committee. The first round ended Saturday morning; the first place prize was four Skullcandy headphones and the second place prize was a dinner provided by the event curators. Northwestern Team 2 won second place in the first round.

When the 24-hour code jam finished Saturday night, the second round prizes were given out; Northwestern Team 2 took second place there as well, winding up with four 32 GB USB drives.

The Expo also had a gallery show where students could enter their concept artwork for games they wish to make or are in the process of making.

This year's special guests included Chance Thomas, an American composer best known for scoring blockbuster video games like "DOTA 2," "Lord of the Rings Online" and "Dungeons & Dragons." Also appearing were Richard

Huenink, producer for the popular Steam game "7 Days to Die," and Eric Peterson, who was instrumental in building "Star Citizen" from the ground up after he helped generate \$70 million in crowd funding -- a new world record.

"The level of graphical interaction in the game was much greater than last year, so they had time to prepare a lot more since last year. So it was evident that people worked a lot hard for this year," Hogan said.

Computer games can represent one of the best displays of technological expertise and artistic expression. Evan Vaverka, captain of the Computer Science club and a senior at Northwestern, said, "It was really fun being in a room with a bunch of people passionate about the same thing. It was fun being able to test play other show case demos. It was an interesting experience giving them feedback on their demos, and they gave feedback on our own."

"I am just happy people recognized all that hard work. Hopefully we can do the same thing next year, maybe even do better," Vaverka said.



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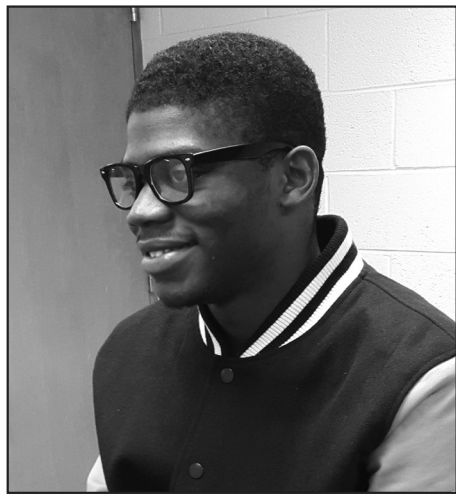
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Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership, critical thinking, and fiscal responsibility.

# OPINION

## Stop blaming teachers; Columnist calls for students to take responsibility for their learning



By **CHRIS AGBOLA**  
*Columnist*

We live in a society where there is a reason for everything that happens. According to our society, everything but ourselves are responsible for the challenges, plight or adversity we face in one way or the other.

There haven't been many talks about the extinction of a good education like now. More individuals attain degrees and qualifications in the shortest period of time now than ever, but has foolish conduct seen a decline? Certainly not! Society is filled with individuals who go through school without being schooled.

As they begin to gain a high sense of

knowledge (via books), they seem to lose the common sense that makes one fit well into society. I think what has been lost in the educational process is student responsibility. I am a millennial as most of you who will read this article and as such I know my viewpoint is unlike what our generation is dubbed as. We are the young, wild and free generation so truth said to us must be sugar-coated. Well, I'd try to say things as how they are for me. After I'm done outlining my points, I'd put my millennial coat back on. So I'd briefly about student responsibility.

Ranting and nagging are incessant on diverse issue such as: why doesn't the government deal with this; why do we have to pay such high taxes; why are cops everywhere nowadays; why is this class so hard and why are the RA's conducting room checks frequently?

We fail to look beyond these external factors and seem to be pointing fingers at why we should achieve success. Why has there been so much upsurge in looking at meaningless factors when things go wrong? Has technology taken personal responsibility for life from the society? Or there has just been a new breed of folks who are psychologically setup that way?

About two weeks ago, there was article about how lecture based learning is ineffective. With no intentions at picking on the writer, why can't we view it from the point of

how students have been apathetic to the learning process nowadays?

All you hear of is the professors, teachers and stakeholders making the educational process difficult. Where is the student fault in the story?

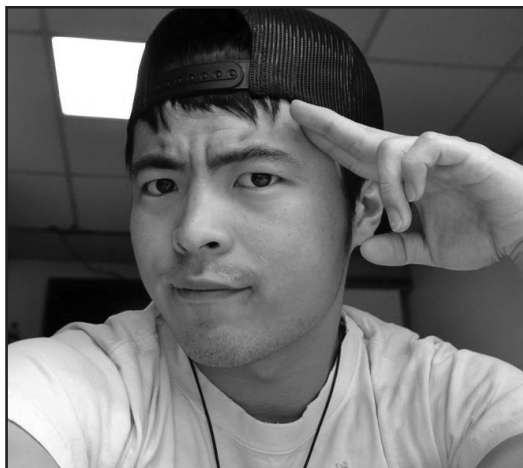
The educational process is held to gether by both parties. Each should adequately play their roles for its success. Students for instance should know what kind of learners they are be it auditory, visual or kinesthetic. As such, they would employ their learning techniques in such regard to grasp efficiently the content of the coursework rather than blaming the professors.

Another area of student responsibility should be approach to attending classes. In colleges per se, due to the fact that no one asks the students to go to class, some of them choose to when they want to do so. Well, you don't expect to pass those classes. And the professor is not the reason. You are!

The use of technology has disrupted the schooling process even though it has its merits. All I'm saying is let that tweet, snap or text wait when you're in class. No one dies keeping their phones away for 50 minutes. That way, you'd better understand what is being thought.

Students will have to develop discipline, prioritizing, focus, determination and learning of basic values that are not thought in class. That way, society will be a better abode with well-rounded schooled individuals.

## Student compiles a list of top movies from the past two decades



By **OSAMU SAKAMOTO**  
*Columnist*

Have you picked up your copy of the newspaper? You are awesome. Now go get you a bag of popcorn and be prepared. I am going to introduce to you the best movies of all time. Most of the movies I am going to list are from the '90s and I have no shame being a '90s kid. Let's go to a quick tour to the movies from the good old days and '00s.

"Léon: The Professional" - The cast members include Gary Oldman (Norman of the Drug Enforcement Administration), Jean Reno (Léon) and Natalie Portman (Mathilda). The plot is that the hit man Léon takes in Mathilda, who lost her parents, murdered by Norman, and keeps her. As the story goes by, Mathilda starts learning how to live as a hit man. Even though the story is based on messed-up living, I really liked the humanity that a cold-hearted man has. This is the dude who can take care of his plant and a 12-year-old girl.

"Titanic" - This is a huge and famous masterpiece from 90s made by the director James Cameron and stars Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

People might think three and a half hours is slightly too much for a romantic movie. Truly, I remember the day this movie first came out in theatres and we decided to go watch; afterwards, I found myself sleeping on a comfy theatre seat, holding a large popcorn cup and wondering why people are on rescue boats.

"The Mask" - Stars Jim Carrey (Stanley) and Cameron Diaz (Tina). People may remember its iconic character as a green-faced rowdy in suits. I have to admit that this movie totally got me from the beginning to the end. The story begins when Stanley picks up the "mask," which has an evil spirit. Whenever he wears the mask, he transforms into a heroic clown (indeed, he does not have a honking red nose). This dude can make a tommy gun out of a balloon, pull a huge sledgehammer out of his pants and probably run 70 mph. "The Mask" is definitely a winning comedy movie that may be known for decades. If you are seeking the ultimate comedy movie, this is your shot.

"Black Hawk Down" - Booyah! This is my favorite non-fiction movie that I have watched more than 10 times. The story takes place in Mogadishu, Somalia, in the early '90s. The event is officially known as the Battle of Mogadishu today. This movie is about the U.S. soldiers and the Delta Force cooperating in a mission that supposedly lasts for approxi-

mately 30 minutes, yet it eventually turns into bullet-crisscrossing hell. The movie stars Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom and William Fichtner. A quote that I love from this film was, "No one gets left behind!"

"28 Weeks Later" - One shot, one opportunity. Being a fan of zombie movies, I had to list this. This is a great zombie movie that you want to watch. In fact, most zombie movies often fail to present the cause of the apocalypse and do not have a clear plot but continuous gore that only gives the audience nausea. This movie successfully reveals why and how zombie apocalypse started and the destination of the survivors. Jeremy Renner and Rose Byrne star. The movie "28 Days Later" came out beforehand.

These are some of the greatest movies that I have ever watched and thought werefantastic. Well, I am to finish my article right around here since good old movies are calling my name. Adiós!

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# WHAT'S UP?

## Salsa tasting contest will be hosted today in Student Center

Members in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Spanish Club are hosting a salsa tasting contest today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The cost to be a taster is \$1 and is open to the public.

There will be three categories in the competition

including sweet, mild and hot salsa. Only students can compete in the contest. Students must complete the pre-registration form with Dr. Claudia Young, assistant professor of Spanish. A maximum of 30 entries will be taken, and Young expects to have about 10 entrants per category.

First through third place

in each category will receive prizes, up to \$45 from El Maya, Taco Mayo and The Donut Palace.

For more information on the salsa tasting contest or to register to enter, contact Young at (580) 327-8464 or coyoun@nwosu.edu.



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## Students and faculty participate in Oklahoma City marathon service project

By HAYLEE BATES  
Student Reporter

Northwestern students and faculty participated in a service project in Oklahoma City Friday.

The project was aimed at helping pack supplies for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon that will be held later this month. Students and faculty worked together to create the pallets for the water stations that are placed throughout the marathon course.

There were over 20 pallets packed in two hours. Students were able to give back to individuals who were directly impacted by the bombing and a state that directly impacts each student who participated in the project.

Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Calleb Mosburg said, "I hope that students get to be part of something that is bigger than themselves. Getting to serve others is a learning experience that all students should be a part of."

The marathon and service project are centered around the remembrance of the Oklahoma City bombing of April 19, 1995. Mosburg said, "The Oklahoma City bombing is an event that rallied a nation." During the project students and faculty were able to tour the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum and were able to experience the impact the bombing had.

Students from six different

universities from the Regional University System of Oklahoma were given the opportunity to be a part of the annual event. Student Government Association officer Morgan Renbarger said, "I liked getting to work with other students the best. It was cool to have everyone come together and complete a task."

Northwestern participated in the project as part of their commitment to the Oklahoma Standard. To uphold the university's commitment to the Oklahoma Standard it will commit an act of kindness, honor, and service throughout the month of April. Mosburg said, "It does not take much for someone to be committed to giving an act of kindness, honor, and service."

The project in Oklahoma City

will contribute to the act of service that the university committed to participate in.

The act of kindness that the university will participate in is a campus cleanup day April 22. During this act of kindness for the Oklahoma Standard, Northwestern will host an individual that was directly impacted by the Oklahoma City bombing that took place 20 years ago. The name of the individual has not been released yet, but students and faculty will be given the opportunity to meet and interact with him or her on the day of the cleanup.

The act of honor that Northwestern will commit to is keeping students accountable for giving back to their campus and community.

Representatives from Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors, the President's Leadership Class, Alpha Sigma Alpha, the Student Government Association, and athletics made up the team of 10 students that participated in the project. Mosburg and Service Learning Coordinator Theresa Lemke were the faculty that supervised and participated in the project.

Northwestern Alpha Sigma Alpha representative Kodie Powell said, "It was awesome to see how our students and faculty were more like family than strangers. It was an opportunity that I will never forget, and I am truly thankful for attending this university."

## RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				16 12:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m. Salsa Tasting Contest Ballroom 6:00 p.m.- 7:30p.m. PMSMC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Ranger Room	17 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. DOB Awards Wyatt Room 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Theatre Production Herod Hall Auditorium	18 8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m A.C.T. Testing Education Center - All Rooms 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Theatre Production Auditorium
19	20	21 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Something Greater - Ranger Perk	22 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Oklahoma Standard - Guest Speaker Ranger Room	23 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Blood Drive - Alva Campus Ranger Room	24	25 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Spring Reunion Pinning and Awards Ceremonies Ranger Room 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Spring Reunion Dinner Ballroom

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# STUDENT LIFE

## SGA annual Color Run brings color to cloudy day

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**  
*Student Reporter*

The Northwestern Student Government Association held a Color Run April 11.

The event included both a 5K run/walk and a one mile fun run.

The run started at the top of the Ranger Stadium tiers at 11:30 a.m. For NWOSU students and employees, the run was free and shirts were \$10. For everyone else, the run was \$15 and shirts were \$20.

Morgan Renbarger, SGA secretary, said, "We



had a pretty good turnout of both students and community members despite the weather. I think everyone that came had fun. SGA is

super thankful for the Northwestern Staff that came out to throw color and to Alva's market for donating fruit for the runners after the race."



Photos by Osamu Sakamoto

## Division of Business faculty attends MBAA conference in Chicago

Eight Northwestern Oklahoma State University Division of Business faculty members attended the MBAA International Conference in Chicago from March 25-27. The annual conference draws 700-800 business faculty members from across the United States and abroad.

MBAA International consists of 12 academic organizations representing a variety of business disciplines. Dr. Steven Palmer, professor of business and chair of the Division of Business, serves on the MBAA International Advisory Board.

Dr. Ralph Bourret,

associate professor of accounting, and Dr. Wei Zhou, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper titled, "The Effect of Differing Philosophies on Employment in Minnesota and Wisconsin." Dr. Jim Breyley, professor of business, presented, "The 2007-2010 Financial Crisis: Another Explanation as to Cause."

Dr. Roger Brown, assistant professor of business, presented "Collective and Interpersonal Transformational Leadership and LMX." The paper was co-authored by Dr. Ankur Nandedkar of Cameron University.

Dr. David Hawkins, assistant professor of business, presented his paper titled "Government Regulations: Form and Function." Dr. Joseph Nnanna, assistant professor of business, co-authored and presented "Surviving to Thriving after the Global Financial Crisis: Evidence from the Developing World." His co-author was Dr. Wayne Smith of Argosy University-Dallas.

Dr. John Stockmyer, associate professor of business, presented "Amazon's KDP Select Program: Is it Illegal or Just Anti-Competitive?" Stockmyer

also presented a session with Dr. Lee Weyant, Kutztown University, titled "Introducing Social Media to the Neophyte."

Palmer and Weyant presented "Screencasting: An Application for Business Education." Palmer also presented the paper "Fairness May Return to Taxation: Is the Jock Tax Dying?" which was co-authored by Dr. Jordan Kobritz, State University of New York-Cortland. Palmer made a third presentation titled "Classroom Exercises in Teaching Affirmative Action."

In addition to the three presentations, Palmer

chaired a panel discussion on "Incorporating Social Media into the Classroom" and the "Getting Published Roundtable."

Palmer served as president of two of the 12 organizations, the Midwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business and the Business, Society & Government Consortium. He was re-elected president of the Business, Society & Government Consortium.

For more information about the Division of Business or the MBAA International conference, contact Palmer at (580) 327-8507 or at [scpalmer@nwosu](mailto:scpalmer@nwosu).

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# ENTERTAINMENT



THERE, Dora. He's RIGHT THERE.

I will say that my least favorite aspect of this film was that it involved a lot of shameless self-promotion by Rihanna. I swear every other song was hers. Every time I heard her voice I cued a dramatic eye roll capable of dislodging my brain. That might have been preferred because I really did not want to listen to her sing.

As for adorableness, "Home" was a home run. Young children are sure to delight at these colorful and strange creatures.

Bottom Line: It's a great film if you want a night out with your little people. It's a wonderful, wholesome family movie that is surprisingly moving and worth your time.

Chris' review-



4 OMG cutes out of 5

So as you can tell, I love a good kid's movie. They really get to my feels. The simplest of messages somehow find a way to get to your heart the fastest. Home was no let down.

This movie is about an alien

who doesn't quite fit in with the rest of his species. While that's a kind of extreme measure to compare to bullying amongst children, it's pretty touching to see him find his friend, gain confidence, and get a new family. Oh by the way, spoiler alert.

My main problem with this adorably cute film is the ridiculous amount of music montages. I don't mind having a couple of them in a kids movie because it's a direct line to your heart strings. But there are like 5

or 6 in Home. Blah.

There were a few other underlying messages in the film like never giving up on family and some other Lilo and Stitch crap. Don't get me wrong. It's adorable. But my absolute favorite thing is how a misfit can find someone that loves him for who he is.

Bottom line: go watch this if your inner child is still alive. If not, steer clear. There isn't a lot of all-around family humor. It's still good though. Short, sweet, and to the point.

By NATALIE SACKETT & CHRIS PUNTO Columnists

This week we decided to get a little taste of home without actually going anywhere. Our pick this week:

"Home" (2015)

Natalie's review-



3 OMG cutes out of 5

"Home" was delightfully creative and creatively a delight. It was humorous, adorable, and highly entertaining.

Jim Parsons, more lovingly known of as Sheldon Cooper of "The Big Bang Theory," plays your favorite awkward-yet-lovable misfit. So essentially he is Sheldon Cooper in alien form.

Yes, the plot was predictable. Yes, the plot twists didn't really twist at all. It is a kid's movie, after all. If you're looking for one of those kid's movies that provides jokes and plot elements just for adults, this is not the movie for you. It's not quite as genial in entertainment and predictable as Dora the Explorer, but it is in the same ballpark. Swiper is RIGHT

### Top 10 Box Office movies

- Furious 7
- Home
- The Longest Ride
- Get Hard
- Cinderella
- The Divergent Series: Insurgent
- Women in Gold
- It Follows
- Danny Collins
- Kingsman: The Secret Service

## Threatre to perform annual "Potpourri: A Night of Laughs; opens tomorrow

By JORDAN MCLEMORE Staff Reporter

The Northwestern theatre program will present "Potpourri: A Night of Laughs."

The series of short plays

lasting 10 to 15 minutes will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday on the Herod Hall stage. Admission is \$1 and all of the proceeds will be given to the Children's Cancer Research Fund.

Taylor Morris, Pacoima,

Calif., sophomore, will be directing "4 a.m. (Open all Night)" by Bob Krakower. This play is about a man who wants to know if there is more to life than staying at home with his girlfriend.

Trenton Judd, Sapulpa junior,

will be directing "La Mouche" by Stephen Bittrich, a story of a man who finds a fly in his soup and causes a dispute between two waiters.

Michelle Penner, Cherokee senior, will be directing "Tis Not Me She Loves" by Steven Stack. When the feud between the Hatplains and McCroys falters, they are willing to do anything to get it back

Tracey Meza, St. Cloud, Fla., junior, will be directing "The

Chocolate Affair" by Stephanie Allison Walker, a show depicting the everyday struggle for a wife and mother to do the right thing.

Kimberly Weast, MFA, professor of theatre arts, will be the director of "While You Were Sleeping" by Alex Brown. In this story, surprises abound when Kim opens her front door one morning.

"We wanted to do something different and comedic for this production," Weast said. "Everything else we have done this year so far has had serious undertones. We really encourage everybody to come to 'Potpourri: A Night of Laughs.' The short stories are hilarious, and the money is going to a great cause."



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# SPORTS

## Rodeo team finds success in Weatherford; Stockpile short round

By SARAH OTTO  
Staff Reporter

Sixteen Rangers made it back to the championship round at the Southwestern college rodeo.

Two Northwestern cowboys made it back to the championship round in calf roping.

Maverick Harper was ninth in the long round and fifth in the short round. Dalton Richards split 10th, 11th and 12th in the long round, but suffered a no time in the short round.

In steer wrestling, Laine Herl claimed seventh place in the long round, and ended up eighth in the short round. Grayson Allred split fifth and sixth in the long round and finished fifth in the short round.

Five cowboys represented Northwestern in the team roping short round.

Robert Olson and Scott Day finished the long round splitting eighth and ninth, but endured a no-time in the short round. Mike McGinn and Stephen Culling claimed third place in the long round, but also had a no-time in the short round. Dustin Searcy took control of the team roping with his partner Hunter Munsell from W-C. The team won the long round, the short round and the average.

Searcy has goals of still

making the college finals this summer and was happy with how his weekend turned out.

He said, "Winning the long round, short round and average helped us a lot for our chance to make the CNFR. We needed to do good this weekend, and thankfully we did."

Searcy didn't let the pressure of needing to do well hold him back. "I felt some pressure, but it was just pressure I put on myself. I didn't make the CNFR last year and that made me hungrier to not let it happen again this year since it's my senior year," he said. When Searcy backed into the box during the short round, he had one thought on his mind, he said. "I just needed to do my job. I've roped thousands of steers practicing and there's no reason I didn't have one more left in me in the short round. I knew we had to be faster than 7.0 to win the short go and average. I took that approach to stay aggressive and not overthink anything. I just let my instincts take over."

In breakaway roping, Elli

Price split seventh and eighth in the long round and finished fourth in the short round.

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Shayna Miller split fourth and fifth in the long go but suffered a no-time in the long round. Sage Allen faced the same issue. She was third in the long round but faced a no-time in the short round.

Karley Kile claimed fame when she won the long round, placed second in the short round and won the average.

Three Northwestern cowgirls made it back in barrel racing. Sara Bynum and Kelsey Harper were in a sixth, seventh and eighth-way tie in the long round.

Bynum finished eighth in the short round and Harper finished 10th. Kelsey Cloud was third in the long round and third in the short round.

Kile and Miller made another appearance in the championship round in the

goat tying. Kile finished fifth in the long round, but placed ninth in the short. Miller was third in the long round, and was in a three-way tie for first place in the short round. She was also second in the average.

Miller was focused on keeping her spot in the lead this weekend. She said, "It was raining during my first run, which made it a struggle to keep my hands and string dry for my run. I just wanted to be smart and make two solid runs to stay in the lead." Her horse has been sore, but worked really well for Miller, which she considered a blessing.

She credited a lot of her success this year to her horse. She said, "My horse, Holiday, just turned 8. I got him from some neighbors in South Dakota when he was 4 and not very broke. He learned really fast; I took

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him to some jackpots then started hauling him and winning some money. He has really stepped up his game this year and made me step up mine

too." Out of the eight rodeos the Rangers have competed at this season, Miller has claimed two first-place finishes, three second places and two third places; with her mind set to make the college finals.

The Rangers will be back in action April 17-19 at the Fort Hayes State University rodeo before heading to Guymon, Okla. for the OPSU rodeo on at the end of April, the last stop before the College National Finals rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

### Upcoming Sports Events

#### Friday April 17

Softball vs East Central 2 p.m.  
Softball vs East Central 4 p.m.  
Baseball @ Arkansas Tech 7 p.m.  
FHSU Rodeo @ Fort Hays, Kan.

#### Saturday April 18

Softball vs East Central Noon  
Baseball @ Arkansas Tech 1 p.m.  
Softball vs East Central 2 p.m.  
Baseball @ Arkansas Tech 3:30 p.m.  
FHSU Rodeo @ Fort Hays, Kan.

#### Sunday April 19

W. Golf @ Hot Springs Ark. 8 a.m.  
M. Golf @ Hot Springs Ark. 8 a.m.  
FHSU Rodeo @ Fort Hays, Kan.

#### Tuesday April 21

Softball vs Fort Hays St. 3 p.m.  
Softball vs Fort Hays St. 5 p.m.  
Baseball vs Hillsdale Baptist Enid, Okla. 7 p.m.

#### Thursday April 23

OPSU Rodeo @ Guymon, Okla.


#### Friday April 24

Softball vs Ark. Monticello 2 p.m.  
Softball vs Ark. Monticello 4 p.m.  
Baseball vs Southwestern 7 p.m.  
OPSU Rodeo @ Guymon, Okla.

#### Saturday April 25

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Football Spring Game 7 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Rangers swept at home by Harding; handle Southern Nazarene on Tuesday

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

The Rangers were crushed at home by the Hardin Bison last weekend as they suffered a three-game series sweep.

The Bison domination of the Rangers started Friday night in a doubleheader.

The Rangers were unable to get any offense going in both game one and game two as they managed only two runs total between both games.

Harding was able to capitalize on the Rangers' poor offense on day one, getting the game one 13-1 win and game two 9-1 win.

On day two of play Saturday, Harding continued its domination of the Rangers, this time getting the win 13-6.

In game three of the series Harding put an early run on the board. The Rangers, however, answered back with a run of their own.

Ranger Matt Benn hit a solo home run to tie the game at one apiece.

Harding's pitching shut down the Rangers bats for the next four innings, holding them to zero runs scored.

During the scoreless

drought for the Rangers, Harding jumped out to an 8-1 lead.

It was not until the sixth inning when Ranger Stetson Buller fired a two-run home run over the back wall to end the scoreless drought and get the Rangers offense going again.

Trenton Earley continued the Rangers scoring in the sixth inning after he crossed the plate following a single by teammate Jeremy Smith.

Following the productive inning for the Rangers, the Bison continued to pile on the runs in the seventh inning as they pushed their lead to 11-4.

Ranger Joshua Caruso singled in the seventh inning allowing both Jason Freeman and Benn to come across the plate.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Despite the Rangers closing the Bison's lead down to 11-6, the two RBIs by Caruso would be it for the Rangers' scoring.

Harding would add on two more final runs in the closing innings to seal the game three 13-6 win and the series sweep over the Rangers.

This past Tuesday the Rang-

ers faced Southern Nazarene in a non-conference match up at home to prepare for their game tomorrow against Arkansas Tech.

The Rangers destroyed the Crimson Storm, taking the contest handily 21-13.

The win moves them to 17-23 on the season and 8-16 in

the GAC.

The Rangers will head on the road to Russellville, Ark. tomorrow to take on Arkansas Tech before returning home to play Hillsdale Baptist in Enid Tuesday in preparation for their final series of the season against Southwestern at home April 24 and 25.

## Ranger softball falls to Southeastern, 3-1

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Reporter

The Southeastern Savage Storm hosted Northwestern last weekend in Durant, Okla., for a four-game conference match-up.

Despite taking a game three 3-2 win, the Rangers were not able to take the series as they fell 3-1.

In game one Friday afternoon, the Rangers were able to strike first in the third inning by scoring two runs.

Southeastern answered back with two of their own in the fourth inning, tying the game at two apiece.

The Rangers added another run in the fifth inning to break the deadlock.

The Savage Storm would not go away, though. In the sixth inning, they added another run, tying the game at three apiece.

Neither team was able to break the deadlock in regulation, sending them into extra innings to decide game one.

Both teams would add two runs apiece in the ninth inning to lock the game up once again, this time at five apiece.

The game would eventually be decided in the eleventh inning

as the Savage Storm recorded a walk-off single to get the 6-5 game-one win.

Following the fireworks of game one, the Savage Storm would take game two from the Rangers again, this time 5-2

In game three on Saturday, however, the Rangers managed to grab a 3-2 win.

Leading the Rangers in game three was Madison McGraw. McGraw went 2-for-3 from the plate with a big three-run home run.

The home run by McGraw came in the fourth inning after the Rangers were down by one after Southeastern scored in the

second inning.

Southeastern added on a late run in the fifth to close to within one, but starting Rangers pitcher Allora Miller would close it out.

In game four, the Rangers managed to collect only two runs as they fell to the Savage Storm 5-2.

The 3-1 series loss to conference foe Southeastern moves them to 13-19 in the GAC and 18-25 overall.

The Rangers will be back at home for the rest of the season and next up for Northwestern is the Tigers of East Central starting at 2 p.m. Friday and at noon Saturday.

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