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The 116th spring commencement at Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be at 10:30 a.m. May 9, at Ranger Field.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Percefull Fieldhouse.

Troy Brown, a 1987 graduate of Northwestern and successful entrepreneur, will deliver the

commencement address.

Music will be provided by the Ranger symphonic band.

Two hundred twenty-one students are candidates to receive bachelor's degrees, 15 will receive Master of Education degrees, eight will receive Master of Counseling Psychology degrees, and two will receive Master of Arts in American

Studies degrees.

Forty-one of those receiving bachelor's degrees will graduate with honors. Students with cumulative grade point averages between 3.70 and 3.79 are designated cum laude, those with GPAs between 3.80-3.89 are magna cum laude and those above 3.90 are summa cum laude.

Those honor graduates, their degrees and their hometowns are as follows:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Lindsey

Nighswonger, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

BUFFALO -- Yesenia Buckhaults, Bachelor of Science Education in mathematics.

CARMEN – Keyton Byrd, Bachelor of Business Administration.

FARGO – Taylor Bates, Bachelor of Science Education in elementary education.

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PONCA CITY – Michael Degan, Bachelor of Science in

psychology.

TURPIN – Amy Mikles, Bachelor of Science in chemistry.

KANSAS

TOPEKA – Karley Kile, Bachelor of Science in biology-health science option.

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News Brief: Earthquake hits Nepal; Red Cross accepting donations

By NATALIE SACKET
Staff Reporter

An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 struck Nepal Saturday. The tragedy rocked the nation and garnered international attention within hours. The death count has climbed to over 4,600 individuals, with millions injured and missing. It was a catastrophe that touched every Nepali individual and has shook the entire world.

As Northwestern is currently home to 61 Nepali international students, this catastrophic event has resonated with this university as well. Numerous posts on social media called for prayers and aid to be given to this nation in its time of great need.

Anyone wishing to support Nepal and its citizens during this time of tragedy can donate at <https://www.unicefusa.org>. American Red Cross is also taking donations at <http://www.redcross.org>.

The Baptist Student Ministries is also accepting donations on behalf of the Red Cross until May 6. The BSM is accepting the following items: protein bars and cereal bars, candies that have high calories, small bottle of pain, killer/fever reducers and multi vitamin bottles, first-aid kits / Band-Aids, blankets, tents, sleeping bags, masks and gloves.

According to Chandler Steckbeck, Northwestern sophomore, "I am a college student. I don't have a million dollars to offer in aid, and I can't fly over and offer to dig through the rubble. I know many who will read this are in the same position. Despite our limitations, we still have power. There is a small part of the grieving and hurting country of Nepal in our own university. We can offer smiles, hugs, and words of comfort. We can be there; we can listen. Kindness and compassion transcend every language and cultural barrier."

Northwestern choirs hit high note, showcase elite-level talent on Saturday

By NATALIE SACKET
Columnist

Choral Review

The Northwestern choirs graced the Herod Hall auditorium with their talents and hard work Saturday. Their highly eventful year, which included a successful recruitment tour and performances in New York and Nashville, culminated in an outstanding arrangement of Broadway selections.

Herod Hall was packed with individuals from the university, Alva and surrounding communities. The audience appeared thrilled at the performances, energetically applauding and cheering after each selection.

With lively selections like that

from "Grease" and "A Chorus Line" following more solemn selections like those from "Les Miserables" and "Ragtime," each performance provided the audience with further variety and entertainment. Even the brief time between performances was not dead space, as the integration of trailers of Broadway selections and background information about the songs captured the attention of the

audience.

Clearly, the Northwestern choirs possess great vocal talents and capabilities. Aside from the beautiful music they are capable of creating, each member performed with energy and enthusiasm. The University Singers are renowned internationally as not only talented choral members, but entertaining performers.

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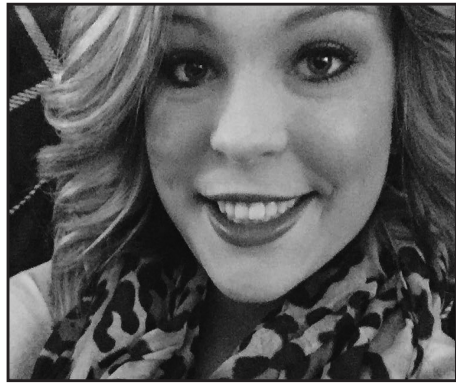
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OPINION

Student reflects on anniversary of OKC bombing, visit of the memorial



By VICTORIA SCHNAUFER
Columnist

Last week was the twentieth anniversary of the 1995 Oklahoma City Oklahoma Bombing.

Tylar Mead and myself took a girls day and went to Oklahoma City. While we were there we went to the Oklahoma National Memorial Museum. The museum is filled with artifacts from the bombing ranging from pictures of those who died to how they caught the two people responsible for the biggest attack on American soil until September 11, 2001.

The first thing we walked into was a conference room, where we listened to a tape of a meeting going on in the building to the west of the one that was bombed. The recording caught the sound of the bang made from the explosion. From then on the museum went in chronological order following the bomb. There was constant streaming of news reporters from all over the world playing, a room that hadn't been cleaned from the bombing and then I reached the room that described how they found the two people responsible for all the chaos. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, two former military men, carried out the destruction, killing 168 people in a matter of two minutes by a

homemade bomb in a vehicle.

Following the explosion, people were running toward the explosion to help in any way they possibly could, or to grab on to their loved ones that were in the building. People started handing out teddy bears as a comfort mechanism for those whose lives that had been altered.

I learned so much from the destruction that was caused and the memorabilia left behind. My heart broke for the families and friends of those who went through that nightmare.

What hit me close were the children that didn't survive. There were children my age; I would have been four months old at the time. Families lost the ones they held closest.

After we left the museum I was left with feelings of disbelief. To be honest, I was in awe. Two people caused the nation to go in shock. Actually it was the world. The only reason McVeigh was caught was because of a missing license plate and a courageous cop that was in the right place at the right time.

If he wasn't caught, people would have been left with no justice and a lot of unanswered questions.

I sat back in my seat on the way home and thought, "wow, a single person is capable of so much." In my eyes people don't realize just what they can do. How much pain they can cause, or how much joy they could bring to thousands.

All I could say was, "wow." My life means so much more than I could have imagined. I can change the world by just a smile. The possibilities are endless. Be a positive change in the world or to someone else. That speaks greater than all the bad a person can do.

Always cherish every moment with the ones you love. We are never promised hours, much less tomorrow.

Northwestern president thanks Campus Cleanup volunteers

This letter to the editor was submitted by University President, Janet Cunningham.

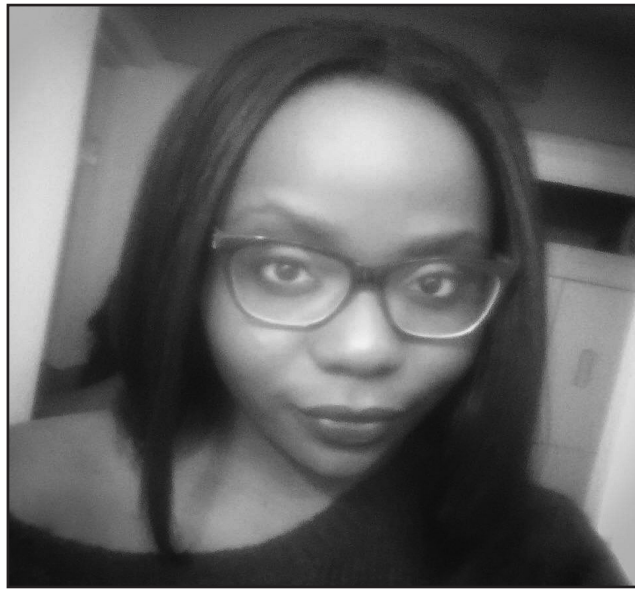
I want to thank the many students, faculty and staff who volunteered for the Campus Cleanup last Tuesday. The Cleanup this year was dedicated to the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial ideals of service, honor and kindness that became the Oklahoma Standard 20 years ago during that tragic event. Over 150 volunteers took that to heart and worked Wednesday afternoon on various projects, including painting, trash pick-up and planting flowers. It was heartwarming for me to see so many volunteers interested in campus beautification.

A special thank you goes to the Staff Council for organizing this event. Rachel Stewart spent countless hours preparing for and organizing the volunteers. The many beautiful flowers were provided by the agriculture education horticulture class taught by Dr. Mindi Clark. CORE, sponsored by Dr. Steven Mackie, provided tools and gloves and our grounds employees delivered mulch and paint to various areas on campus.

It was exciting to see the many student groups and individuals working together to accomplish a common goal. The afternoon was capped off with ice cream floats in the Student Center. Terri Talley, a survivor of the bombing, shared her story in the Ranger Room at the end of the day.

Again, thank you for demonstrating your Ranger spirit and pride.

The 'panty peril': school is ending, but some class still required



By TAYLOR MORRIS
Columnist

So recently I am walking into my afternoon class, I take a seat and get ready for the day's lesson. One of my friends walks in and asks me if I noticed a pair of woman's underwear left right next to the door.

Apparently I walked right past them, and my first thought is that there is no way that any girl would really leave her underwear on the floor for the world to see. I go back to the door and lo and behold, there they are just lying there.

To be honest, I went through stages of shock, confusion, disgust and just plain amusement all at the same

time. When you think about the circumstances a girl must have been in to leave her underwear on the floor of a building on campus the whole situation is pretty hilarious. But my question is, what excuse does a girl really have to leave her underwear anywhere?

Listen, I am by no means naïve. I completely understand that we are all in college, we are

young and we have hormones that are constantly raging. By definition of every college movie ever created it is pretty much expected and assumed that young adults are fornicating left and right.

Oddly enough, I have heard that this particular pair of underwear is only one of many that have been left lying around Northwestern's campus. Honestly ladies, come on!

If you are planning on spicing things up with that special someone please just keep it within

the confines of your dorm room. Even if for some reason you really feel the need to wander from your room, please make sure you at least clean up after yourself. No one needs to see a pair of dirty underwear on their way to class, because for some reason it can just really bring down a day.

Let us all strive to keep it as classy as we can, ladies!

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Spring graduation ceremony to take place next week; commencement speaker announced (cont.)

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COLUMBUS – Brittany Earhart, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
NEPAL
SANKHUWASABHA—Jugmen Sherpa, Bachelor of Science in chemistry.
MAGNA CUM LAUDE
OKLAHOMA
BEAVER – Jeremiah Campbell, Bachelor of Science in health and sports science education.
BYRON – Delissa Hoffman, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
CHEROKEE – Michelle Penner, Bachelor of Arts in speech and theatre.
EDMOND – Erin Little, Bachelor of Science in biology-health science option.
ENID – Madison Diel, Bachelor of Science in nursing; Ashley Hutchcraft, Bachelor of Science Education in early childhood and elementary education; Aaron Pierce, Bachelor of Science in chemistry.
NEWKIRK – Paige Wells, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
PERRY – Micah Keith, Bachelor of Science Education in elementary education.
PONCA CITY – Christopher Satterfield, Bachelor of Science in chemistry.
WOODWARD – Hannah McKay, Bachelor of Science in health and sports science

education.
ILLINOIS
LEIGH ACRES – Emily Cecil, Bachelor of Science in computer science.
IOWA
TIPTON – Ashley Neville, Bachelor of Science in agriculture.
KANSAS
ATWOOD – Kayla Cozza, Bachelor of Science Education in early childhood and elementary education.
MCPHERSON – Abigail Daniel, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
CANADA
ONTARIO – Robert Martin, Bachelor of Science in biology-natural history and health and sports science education.
CHINA
JIANG XAN—Wei Wu, Bachelor of Science in computer science.
CUM LAUDE
OKLAHOMA
ALVA – Fawn Kingcade, Bachelor of Business Administration; Jessica Ortiz, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
CHEROKEE – Taylor Waugh, Bachelor of Science in biology-health science option.
HENNESSEY—Evan Vaverka, Bachelor of Science in computer science.
MEDFORD – Nathan Kilian, Bachelor of Science in mathematics.
MUTUAL – Kylie Pethoud,

Bachelor of Social Work.
PONCA CITY—Kara Polito and Kim Scholey, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
POTEAU – Alexandra Kirtley, Bachelor of Science in mass communication.
THOMAS – Darcey Kliever, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
WOODWARD – Linda Cline, Bachelor of Social Work; Benjamin Smith, Bachelor of Science in psychology.
KANSAS
KIOWA – Staci Stewart, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
MEADE – Tatum Hansen, Bachelor of Science Education in elementary education.
VALLEY CENTER – Natalie Malone, Bachelor of Science in biology-health science option.
MASTER OF EDUCATION
OKLAHOMA
ALVA – Emilee Beard, adult education management and administration.
DACOMA – Amy McClure, school counseling.
ENID – April Stanley, educational leadership.
GOODWELL – Tammie Breeden, school counseling; Amy Bryant, educational leadership.
GUYMON—Jenea Midgett, educational leadership; Sherry Stonecipher, school counseling.
HUNTER – R. Kendon Mulanax, educational leadership.

PONCA CITY – Rustin Storie, educational leadership.
RED ROCK – Julie Sulins, reading specialist.
SEILING – Whitney Jones, adult education management and administration.
WOODWARD – Jill Weidemann, secondary education non-certificate; Amanda Whitewater, school counseling.
GEORGIA
CLARKSVILLE – Kathryn Brooke Ciolino, secondary education non-certificate.
TEXAS
AMARILLO—Candace Reim, adult education management and administration.
MASTER OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
OKLAHOMA
ENID – Amie Berryman, Chris Polzin.
GOODWELL – Dianna Ramon.
MOORELAND – Sarah Weeks.
NEWKIRK – Kyrie Crippen, Kayla Johnston.
PONCA CITY – Adriana Dickson.
WOODWARD – Donovan Austin.
MASTER OF ARTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES
TULSA – Mark Sontag.
NEBRASKA
LINCOLN – Emily Yoshimoto.
BACHELOR OF ART

OKLAHOMA
ALVA – Ruth Fox, general studies.
ARNETT – Ross Royal, general studies.
BRODHEAD – April Guilbault, general studies.
EDMOND – Marian Payne, general studies.
ENID – Robert Akins, English; Holly Day, general studies.
FAIRVIEW – Malia McFadden, general studies.
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GARBER – Sean Swaim, general studies.
HELENA – Clifford Smith, history.
LAHOMA – Brittany Sharp, sociology.
MOORELAND – Shanell Hensley, general studies.
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PONCA CITY – Jessica O'Brien, general studies.
SAPULPA – Jordan Lyles, speech and theatre.
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STUDENT LIFE

Raquel Conway named social work student of the year

The Department of Social Work at Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced that Raquel Conway, Fargo, Okla., senior, was named the 2015 National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma (NASW-OK) Undergraduate Student of the Year.

"During her time at Northwestern, Raquel has embodied the ideal qualities of professional social work, and we are excited her contributions to service and social justice are being recognized in such a prestigious way," Dr. Kylene Rehder, social

work department chair, said.

Conway will be presented the award at the NASW-OK Annual State Conference on April 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman.

"I'm honored by this award and so privileged to be involved with the National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma," Conway said. "I credit the leadership opportunities, support for professional growth, demanding accredited curriculum and my social work professors as an important part of this achievement."

Conway currently is completing a practicum with Loaves and Fishes Food Resource Center in Enid. She will be graduating in May and attending the University of Oklahoma's Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work to obtain her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in Administration and Community Level Practice.

To learn more about Northwestern's Department of Social Work, please contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



Photo provided

Northwestern social work senior, Raquel Conway of Fargo, was named the 2015 National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma (NASW-OK) Undergraduate Student of the Year.

Potential fraternity seeks chartership next year

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**
Student Reporter

Northwestern has been a part of many big things in the past, and something some students are doing now might be the biggest yet.

Chris Punto, a sophomore, is starting a fraternity. If he is successful, this will be the only fraternity on campus, along with two sororities.

Punto has already made big strides in getting the endeavor off the ground. He held an info night in early April to gauge interest on who would want to join and 21 men attended the meeting. Four additional men expressed interest later.

With this larger number backing him, he contacted the national headquarters of the fraternity he is interested in bringing to campus, TKE, Tau Kappa Epsilon. While TKE headquarters were very hesitant in the beginning, due to failed attempts, Punto said they seemed supportive after a while. Punto informed headquarters about the support he has received from faculty and campus members, as well as from the

other members of Greek life here at NWOSU.

While a colony won't be able to start up until next semester, Punto wants to keep the male student body interested and recruit more men in the fall. He hopes to have a booth set up at Freshman Orientation in the fall to spread the word that a fraternity is coming.

Punto said, "Overall I want this to be a great experience for everyone. I want all these guys to grow and learn from this fraternity, but definitely have fun doing it. It'll be interesting to see what big thing comes next."



Photo courtesy of www.rio.edu

Bahama Breakaway offers activities for all

By **HAYLEE BATES**
Student Reporter

The Student Government Association hosted the annual Bahama Breakaway event April 23.

Students were able to participate in different challenges throughout the afternoon. The big challenges, the volleyball tournament and tug-of-war, required students to register before they could participate. For the mini challenges, anyone that was at Bahama Breakaway could participate when the challenge was announced.

The volleyball tournament started at 2 pm. Shelby Boxberger's team won and received \$120. The second place team was Zach Postok's, and they received \$80.

Another competition that teams of students participated in was tug-of-war. The winning team was Baseball and Two Girls. The second place team was United Nations. Those teams also won a cash prize.

The mini challenges had an average of 10 teams participate in each challenge. Some of the winners of the mini challenges received \$15 cash prizes.

Students and faculty were able to participate in the

photo booth that was a new addition this year. Student Government Association Outgoing Officer Morgan Renbarger said, "The sponsors of the photo booth mentioned that this group of students and faculty were the most excited that they had seen in their photo booth."

Participants got to take four pictures in the booth and then received a printed strip of the pictures they took. The Student Government Association also received a jump drive with all of the pictures that individuals took in the photo booth. Renbarger said, "There were a lot of pictures taken in the photo booth. I think this was one of the most popular activities at Bahama Breakaway."

When students arrived at Bahama Breakaway they were able to put their name in a drawing for gift cards. A name was drawn every 15 minutes. Restaurants, boutiques, and stores donated gift cards for the drawing. Renbarger said, "This is the first year that the Student Government Association did not have to spend money on the gift cards. Normally

we have to buy some of the gift cards to put into the drawing."

Students and faculty also got to enjoy free sno-cones that were made by Frosty Joe's sno-cone stand and sponsored by the campus club Something Greater.

This is one of the biggest events that the Student Government Association hosts for students. Renbarger said, "We start planning and brainstorming in August and the event is not until April. We put a lot of time and work into Bahama Breakaway."

The outgoing officers for the Student Government Association plan the event and the newly elected officers help them host it. The new officers help set up and clean up, and then they will plan next year's Bahama Breakaway. Renbarger said, "This is a good preview for the new officers to see how we host events for this organization."

"This was one of the best Bahama Breakaways that we have had since I have been attending school at Northwestern."

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ENTERTAINMENT



By **NATALIE SACKET & CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnists

Alright you loyal fans, all 3 of you are in for a treat. We wanted to end this year right, and because we couldn't watch the release of, "Avengers: Age of Ultron" until tonight, we chose the prequel to hype you for what is to come. Our pick this week: "The Avengers" (2012)

Chris' Review-



4.5 "hyped out of my mind shields" out of 5
So I have to say, it feels good reviewing the movie that is the third highest-grossing movie of all time. It makes me feel like on of the big shots. So you better be ready for this movie knowledge I'm about to drop.
The Avengers was amazing. From beginning until end, it felt like a great ride. On cinema, this is one of the biggest steps anyone has ever made. Now so many

other movie companies are trying to rush to get on Marvel's playing field. Sony tried, and failed, at creating an entire cinematic universe based on Spider-Man, FOX Studios is trying to create a universe with the Fantastic Four and X-Men, and DC is going to throw a cluster of heroes into the next Superman film just so it can get a Justice League movie out as soon as possible, and then they are going to go ahead and give us more solo films. If you ask me, or really any comic book fan, Marvel took the right path. They went slow and steady, released a bunch of solo films to create better characters, and really brought this world to life before they put them all in one movie. Masterpiece.

Speaking of the characters, each actor did a great job with their persona. Each hero was played as I imagined him or her in the comics, and that's just the beginning. The chemistry on screen was phenomenal. It truly looked like these guys had fun doing their job. But who wouldn't go to work with a smile

on their face knowing that they get to be Captain America or Iron Man? Whether these guys were fighting each other, or having heart to heart moments, the audience was always immersed in it. There was so much going on, and usually that's not a good thing, but these actors really made you stay interested in every detail.

The only thing that I can complain about is that we've already seen this villain. The only difference is that he has a new weapon. This is really only a minor flaw to me because Tom Hemmington does such a great job as Loki. I didn't even mind seeing him for a third time in Thor 2.

Really fast, I want to talk about how this movie sowed seeds to make sure that they would be successful for a very long time. First of all, Iron Man and Captain America are already having some troubles getting along. This paves the way for the much anticipated Captain America: Civil War, which debuts in 2016. Agent Collsin's "death" created a mystery to dive into with Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D, currently running on ABC. And most importantly, Thanos is shown as being the mastermind behind the entire evil operations. His endgame will be revealed in Avengers: Infinity Wars Part 1 and 2, coming to a theater near you in 2018 and 2019.

Bottom line: go watch this movie. Then get up, and go buy your tickets to Age of Ultron, because you wont want to be that guy that gets there 20 minutes early and still missed 15 minutes of the movie because you were

waiting in line for tickets. Take my word for it, and thank me later. We'll see you next year guys.

Natalie's review-



4.5 justice shields out of 5

Hold on as I apply my glasses and hike up my high-water pants, because it's about to get real geeky in here. For those of you who haven't become fully immersed in the world of Marvel movies as I have, you have no idea what you're missing out on.

Perhaps the most successful movie franchise of this decade (if not ever), the Marvel films have taken over Hollywood, avenging (ha ha) movie makers for inflicting us with series such as "Twilight." But anyway, I'm off on a tangent, as usual.

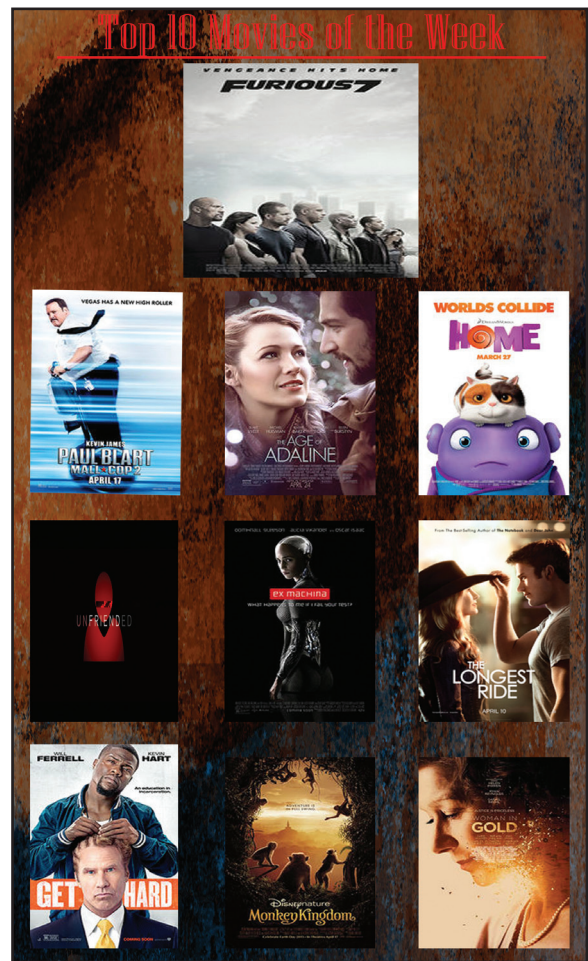
I'm not going to tell you go watch every single film of the current franchise right away (though I definitely wouldn't discourage it.) Starting off strong with the first "Iron Man" film, much was expected from the series. I'm pleased to say none of the films have let me down since the start in 2008.

I'm not

certain what more you could desire in a movie. I mean, "Avengers" has adventure, strange villains, and a shockingly attractive cast. Chris Hemsworth AND Scarlett Johanson?! You'll be blinded by good looks and abdominal muscles.

Each actor did a phenomenal job. This is not entirely surprising considering many of the actors are previously established in Hollywood.

Bottom Line: Tonight at 10 p.m., The Rialto will be hosting an early showing of "Avengers: Age of Ultron," so this will be a perfect opportunity for you to go watch "Avengers," buy tickets for tonight, and hop aboard the Marvel bandwagon. It's just one more reason for you to watch this incredible series.



Northwestern choirs hit high note, showcase elite-level talent on Saturday (cont.)



Photo by Natalie Sacket

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Columnist

Northwestern was given a glimpse of that talent at this spring concert. Even beyond the music,

the choirs skillfully managed demanding choreography and stage directions. Yes, they CAN tap-dance. Beautiful and unique costuming provided visual appeal matching the incredible music. Matching the

choir's talent was the wonderful instrumental section, proving the great appeal of live music. Bravo to the Northwestern choirs for an outstanding performance and an incredible year of accomplishments.

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Spring graduation ceremony to take place next week; commencement speaker announced (cont.)

Mojica, technical management.

BACHELOR OF ARTS EDUCATION OKLAHOMA

BLACKWELL – Cash Anthony, social science.

ENID – Ashley Ross, social science; Carrie Vega-Hughes, English.

KINGFISHER – Matthew Blundell, social science.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Ricky Diefenbach.

BUFFALO – Brenda Mata; Megan Thomas (accounting).

CHICKASHA – Priscilla Kandeh.

DACOMA – Melissa McOsker.

ENID – Jaxson Johnson.

MOORELAND – Katelyn Thomas.

MORRISON – Jessica Meeks.

PONCA CITY – Brenton Carney, Amanda Montenegro, Lilly Younge, Brent Goldsmith.

POND CREEK – Alanna Morris.

SEILING – Lacey Davidson.

WOODWARD – Brittany Matthews.

KANSAS

ASHLAND – Arasely Quintana (accounting).

HOPE – Chelsea Bryant.

CHINA

JIMO—Junjun Sun

(accounting).

JAPAN

KYOTO—Tomoyo Inoue

(accounting).

NEPAL

KATHMANDU – Sohan Saud.

MYAGDI—Kamal Poon.

LALITPUR—David Lakhay.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Madison Bird, biology-health science option; George Bouziden, computer science;

Scotty Cox, criminal justice-law enforcement; Connor Martin, agriculture; Tylar Mead, mass communication; Amisha Wagle, psychology.

BARTLESVILLE – Elizabeth Post, biology-health science option.

BEAVER – Zach Nelson, health and sports science education;

Arron Williams, chemistry

BLACKWELL – Teniah Puza, psychology.

BLANCHARD – Bailey Trammell, health and sports science education.

BUFFALO—Kadi Leonard, health and sports science education.

BYRON – Elizabeth Guffy, computer science.

CALUMET – Emily Eaton, health and sports science education

CHEROKEE – Giana Evans and Jordan Penner, both psychology.

CHESTER – Jessica Feaster, psychology.

COLLINSVILLE – Steven Majike, health and sports science education.

ELGIN – Kyle Enis, agriculture.

ENID – April Burshik, Allison Butler, Jessica Taylor, Cally Winburn, all psychology.

FAIRMONT – Jessica Lounsbury, psychology.

FARGO – Kendra Price, psychology.

HAWORTH – Kasey Campbell, agriculture.

JET – Matthew Ridgway, criminal justice-law enforcement.

KREMLIN – Bailey Craig, biology-health science option.

LAVERNE – Steven Starling, psychology.

LEEDEY – Chase Hensley, agriculture.

MOORELAND – Gregory Peterson, psychology; Dustin Searcy, agriculture.

MUTUAL – Timothy Vaughan, criminal justice-law enforcement.

NORMAN – Jason Miller, agriculture.

PONCA CITY – Timothy Cockrum, psychology; Jeremy Gory, criminal justice-law enforcement; Julia Hays and Chandra Kimble, both psychology.

RALSTON – James Hadlock, Jr., agriculture.

RINGWOOD – Honorio Rojas, Jr., computer science.

THOMAS – Cody Bryen, agriculture; Adam Jones, biology.

TONKAWA – Dustin Lindsey, agriculture; Nancy Reyes and Sage Wojcik, both psychology.

TULSA – Luci Wilson, health and sports science education.

TUTTLE – Braden Williams, health and sports science education.

WAKITA – Jon Elliott, agriculture.

WAUKOMIS – Phillip Ott, criminal justice-law enforcement.

WAYNOKA – Shelly Wingo, psychology.

WOODWARD – Chelsay Adams, mass communication; Debra Bishop, psychology; Jonna Gregory, health and sports science education; Alyssa Troy, psychology.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX – Kayleigh Crowe, health and sports science education.

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO – Lindsay Thorstenson, health and sports science education.

COLORADO

KIM – Hayden Pearce, agriculture.

LASALLE – Ashely Karns, psychology.

FLORIDA

MCALPIN – Joshua Hannah, agriculture.

GEORGIA

HAWKINSVILLE – Dalton Richards, agriculture.

KANSAS

ABILENE – Micah Samples, agriculture.

ARGONIA – Alex Hemberger, agriculture.

COLDWATER – Jerrica Glenn, health and sports science education.

WINFIELD – Connie Miller, psychology.

CONCORDIA – Layne Lagasse, agriculture.

CONWAY SPRINGS – Alexa Osner, criminal justice-corrections.

ROLLA – Chase Boekhaus, agriculture.

TOPEKA – Ryan Domer, agriculture.

LOUISIANA

HAUGHTON – Kenneth Smith, Jr., health and sports science

education.

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN – Michael Brown, health and sports science education.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE – Erika Baca, health and sports science education.

NEW YORK

PORT JERVIS – Rachel Samuels, biology-natural history.

TEXAS

HOUSTON – Traveon Kelly and Avery Morris, both health sports science education.

LEFORS – Keenan Lott, health and sports science education.

MCKINNEY – Bruce Wright II, mass communication.

MESQUITE – Chase Randall, health and sports science education.

HALTOM CITY – Colten Dickerman, biology-health science option.

ROWLETT – Clayton Garcia, health and sports science education.

CANADA

ONTARIO—Michael Figueiredo, health and sports science education.

SPAIN

BARCELONA—Patricia Iranzo Rona, health and sports science education.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION OKLAHOMA

ADA – Tyler Frizzell, agriculture education.

ALVA – Christine Vickers, elementary education.

BLACKWELL – Morgan Wolfe, elementary education.

CLEVELAND – Brittney Crump, elementary education.

DRUMMOND – Kaylee Lynch, elementary and special education.

ENID – Christopher Campbell, health and sports science education.

HENNESSEY – Larin Davis, special education.

MOORELAND – Mary Matthews, early childhood education.

MOORE – Dylan Jackson, agriculture education.

PAWNEE – Christopher Griesel, agriculture education.

PONCA CITY – Derra Bishop and Irene Payan-Sanchez, both early childhood education;

Denise Tyson, elementary and special education.

WAYNOKA – Rachel Beck, elementary education.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING OKLAHOMA

ALVA – Corie Kaiser.

BUFFALO – Katherine Stewart.

CARMEN – MacKenzie Flowers.

CHEROKEE – Stephanie Mast.

EDMOND – Madison Nichols.

ENID – Gayle Bachman, Drew Bartel, Juliana Sismon Cooley, Liesl Maloy, Lori Shearer.

HENNESSEY – Angela Mewherter.

MOORELAND – Benita Coffin.

PONCA CITY – Jermaine Bell.

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CALIFORNIA

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SPORTS

Baseball swept at home to end the season; Seniors say farewell

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Ranger baseball ended the season last weekend as rival Southwestern pulled off a series sweep.

As play began Friday evening at Myers Stadium for the final series of the year, the Rangers quickly

in the second inning after a solo home run by Jeremy Smith.

Southwestern would add another run in the third inning, stretching their lead to 5-1.

After a ground out by Senior Jeff Martin, the Rangers would add another run when Cody Jones came across the plate.

Senior Joshua Caruso would bring in another run for the Rangers

game.

The Bulldogs would close the game by scoring six runs in the ninth inning, pushing their lead to 12-3. The late runs was just enough to silence the Rangers.

Games two and three each saw the Rangers falling again but it was not without a fight from the red and black.

In game two of the series,

the Rangers fell in a dramatic heartbreaker in extra innings.

After falling behind early in the third inning, when the Bulldogs pulled out a to a 6-0 lead, the Rangers' bats came to life.

In the fourth inning, following a double by Jason Freeman, Logan Porter was the first to get on the board for the Rangers. Freeman would also follow Porter

across the plate, when senior Joshua Caruso connected for a single.

Southwestern added three more runs in the fifth to stretch their lead to 9-2.

The Rangers however would not go down easily as in the next four innings they would rally back

for eight runs, giving them a 10-9 lead.

The Bulldogs unfortunately would spoil the charge by the Rangers as they added on two more runs in the ninth and tenth innings, giving them the 11-10 game-two win.

In game three, the Rangers fell 7-3 to the Bulldogs as the four graduating seniors said goodbye to their time at Northwestern.

Seniors Mike Figueredo, Joshua Caruso, Jeff Martin and Christian Lafontan were honored with a framed jersey, each

displaying their own number, before the game three series finale.

Both Caruso and Martin finished their senior season with a combined 51 total runs and 118 total hits. Martin led the team with a .382 batting average while Caruso was close behind with a .310 batting average.

Figueredo finished with a 6.35 ERA in his senior season while Lafontan finished with an unfortunate 8.75.

The Rangers finished with a 19-29 overall record and a disappointing 8-22 GAC record.



Photo by Nick Villalobos

found themselves in a deficit.

The Bulldogs jumped on starting Ranger pitcher Matthew Bickford, as he allowed four runs through the first two innings of play. The Rangers got on the board

in the sixth inning when he connected for a RBI double.

Despite the Rangers closing the deficit to three in the sixth that would be all the Bulldogs would allow for the remainder of the

Rodeo season comes to a close; Four Rangers head to Nationals

By SARAH OTTO
Staff Reporter

The rodeo season has come to a wrap and four Northwestern rodeo team members have qualified for the College National Finals rodeo this summer.

This past weekend at the Panhandle State University rodeo, Northwestern was represented by 12 athletes in the championship round. The women's team claimed fourth place, while the men finished the weekend third.

Maverick Harper made it back in the calf roping and finished the weekend splitting eighth and ninth. In steer wrestling, Grayson Allred claimed first place, Laine Herl took third, Stephen Culling finished fourth and John McGinn wrapped up the weekend in eighth place.

Dalton Richards and Dustin Searcy were the two Northwestern cowboys that made the trip back to the short round of team roping. Richards and his partner Ben Whiddon from Southeastern Oklahoma State finished sixth, while Searcy and Hunter Munsell of Western Oklahoma State claimed third overall.

In barrel racing, Cassy Woodward finished the weekend splitting seventh and eighth with Elli Price finishing ninth. Samantha

McGuire was the only Northwestern cowgirl in the short round of breakaway roping, where she finished her weekend sixth overall. In goat tying, Lauren Barnes took first place, while Tearnee Nelson finished fifth.

The women's team won the Central Plains region by a great lead, and have high hopes to win a national title too.

Shayna Miller won the region in goat tying. The men's team finished the season third overall. The four Northwestern members that qualified for the CNFR are seniors Lauren Barnes and Dalton Richards, junior Shayna Miller and freshman Grayson Allred. Miller and Barnes will be competing in goat tying, Richards will compete in team roping and Allred will compete in steer wrestling.

Miller said, "It feels great to accomplish my goal of making the CNFR! All my hard work has paid off, but I'm not done yet. I have more expectations for myself and our team at Casper. Hopefully I'll bring home a national goat tying title, and the women's team will bring home the national title as well."

Allred feels extra thankful making the CNFR as a freshman. He said, "It is a really big privilege to make the finals especially for being a freshman. I will go home this summer, but I plan to keep myself

and horses in the best shape I can while practicing as much as possible. I plan to stay as consistent as I can and see what happens at the finals."

Barnes can finally let the stress after making the finals her senior year. She said, "It is very relieving to make the college finals, but that is only the start. Now it is time to bring a national title back to Northwestern."

Richards felt the same feeling as Barnes. He said, "It feels pretty good to make the finals, since this year was my last chance to make it. I plan on going and roping my same game, and keep spinning steers for my heeler."

The CNFR will be June 14-20 in Casper, Wyoming.

Seniors shine in softball's sweep of Arkansas Monticello

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

As play began on Senior Day Saturday afternoon at the Alva Sports Complex, Northwestern took on Arkansas Monticello in the final softball series of the year.

Starting things off on the mound was senior Allora Miller.

Miller would have a phenomenal game as she went the distance, allowing only four hits and recording 11 strikeouts en route to her twelfth win of the year, a game-one 5-2 win over the Cotton Blossoms.

Ranger Jordan Haya would have a stellar game at the plate as she went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two home runs.

Ranger Madison McGraw would have a great game at the plate as well, going 2-for-3 with one RBI.

In game two, the Rangers handily took control as Anderson had a solid game on the mound and Haya continued her solid day at the plate. Northwestern took the contest 8-2.

Anderson went the complete seven innings, allowing seven hits and recording four strikeouts.

Haya would kick off the fireworks in game two with a solo home run.

Haya would also be a key contributor in the last runs scored as she connected for a two RBI

double in the sixth inning, driving in teammates Stephanie Couser and senior Lindsay Thorstenson.

The late score was just enough to seal an 8-2 victory in game two for the Rangers.

In game three on Sunday, the Rangers rallied back late to take the contest 8-7.

After falling to a 4-1 deficit through four innings, the Rangers began to make a comeback on the Cotton Blossoms.

The Rangers added a run in the fifth inning, but were countered by a three more runs by the Cotton Blossoms in the sixth.

Heading into the last inning, the Ranger bats came alive. With the bases loaded and the score tied at seven, the Cotton Blossoms catcher would record a costly error that would score Thorstenson from third.

The catcher balk gave the Rangers an 8-7 walk off victory in game three, giving them the series win with just one game to play.

In the conclusion of the series, the Rangers took a dominant 9-1 win to complete the four game sweep of Arkansas Monticello.

Getting the highlight from game four was Anderson, who pitched a complete game, grabbing her 10th win of the season.

Northwestern softball finished with an impressive 23-26 overall record and 17-19 in the GAC.

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