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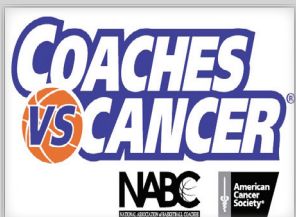
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Alumna killed in car crash along with her two children

By JESSICA VAILS
Student Reporter

Family and friends are mourning former Northwestern student Britanie Welty Bradshaw after she died in a Jan. 13 car crash.

Bradshaw, 28, was with her two children Addison Danielle, 5, and Aidan James Dean, 2, in a head-on collision with a tanker truck in Loco, Okla. Both vehicles combusted immediately. The three in the Bradshaw vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the truck was flown to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, hospitalized and later released.

Bradshaw attended Northwestern from 2004-2008 and was an active member in many clubs and organizations, but her love for Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority trumped them all. Bradshaw held many offices but ended serving as its chapter president. Close friend Kaylyn Hansen said Bradshaw "took on this unexpected task with poise and purpose."

Her "big," Chesnei Thomas, recalled the great amount of

leadership she showed and said, "With Britanie no matter what kind of mood she was in she always had a smile on her face." She also recalled a "grannies gone wild" trip to Shattuck, Okla., were the ASA used the house of a member's grandmother as a retreat, playing games, and singing karaoke.

Hansen said, "She was a genuinely sweet person. I don't think I ever heard her say one thing negative. She had a radiant smile that was contagious."

Bradshaw was born July 13, 1986, and attended high school in Freedom, Okla., then made the short drive to Alva to attend college. In 2008, Bradshaw graduated with a math education degree and became engaged to her college sweetheart, Jamie Bradshaw. She taught high school math for one year at Fort Supply, Okla. The couple married in June 2008 and moved to her husband's home town of Loco. Together they had two children.

Bradshaw ultimately decided that she wanted to be a stay-at-

home mother. Thomas said, "Her kids were her passion." Daughter Addison was talented and involved in many activities. Her favorite

taught Sunday school and helped with other church activities.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 at New Hope Baptist



Photo provided

Bradshaw pictured above with her two children Aidan and Addison.

movies were "My Little Pony" and, more recently, "Frozen." Aidan was an active boy who enjoyed riding the lawnmower around the block. The family was active at Loco Baptist Church. Bradshaw

Church West in Duncan, Okla.. A private burial was held at the Loco cemetery.

Alpha Sigma Alpha Alumnae is starting a scholarship fund in honor of Bradshaw.

Business office releases important dates for student deadlines

By WEI WU
Student Reporter

A number of important dates for students are soon approaching.

First, students should be aware that January 26 is the last day for 100 percent refund on complete withdrawals and it is also the last day to drop your 16 weeks classes without grade required. On January 27, the Business Office will start

processing students' financial aid. Afterwords, a late fee will be assessed to all unpaid tuition and fees balances after March 13. "Students who don't have financial aid to cover their balance need to make sure they are signed up for the payment program," said Mrs. Fawn Kingcade, Bursar of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The payment program is a monthly payment plan, and is available through Educational

Data Systems. This plan allows students to spread their payments and interest fee into monthly installments. Students can go online at www.edsinet.com to apply, an application fee is required each semester upon enrollment in the program, and our school code is 3163. March 13 is also the last day to drop second 8-week classes. Spring semester's final examinations will be held on May 5-8.

All important information about deadlines and events is included in the catalog, student can find the spring catalog copies in Registrar Office at Herod Hall. For the updated schedule information, students can check on Northwestern's home page www.nwsu.edu. Also current students can always view their class schedule, grade report, transcript and the amount of financial aid awarded through the RangerNet link on the school's home page. Dr. Steve

Lohmann will also send out the emails about last day to drop classes just to remind students. "Business Office will email students about their balance's due and need to pay by a certain time to avoid penalties, but it's students' responsibility to check their own email." said Kingcade. After March 13 there will be a 5 percent of current balance on tuition apply as late fee and \$25 per month on housing and meals' balance.

Payment is due on the first day of classes each semester. Student can pay off their balance by mailing and also online through RangerNet on www.nwsu.edu. The Business Office in Alva opens from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Enid campus are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Bursar's Office also provides a variety of services to students who have questions about their balance.

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Final Exams for Spring Semester	May 5 - 8

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OPINION

We should have a real college experience in Alva



JORDAN MCLEMORE
Columnist

Picture this: You get dressed for a night out, get in the car, drive around looking for anything that's happening and you end up back in your room, watching Netflix for the fifth night in a row. Does this happen to anyone else? This is a college town and if it's not Halloween or Homecoming, the lack of options is, frankly, frustrating. There's a huge portion of our student body going home every weekend. Is this because they actually want to go home, or is it because of the lack of anything to do here on the weekends? If there were more options, night life and activities, wouldn't it just make more sense to stay here and create those college memories everyone's always talking about, but you have yet to make?

Alva is the same size as various

college towns around the state; yet driving through town, you would never guess it's a college town until you actually hit campus. On the other hand, driving through Durant, home of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, one of the first things you see is a sign touting the university. Weatherford, home of our rivals, has many more restaurants and a larger night life to participate in.

If Alva were to create more things to cater to the college students that make up this town,

it would only have a positive outcome. More activities would mean more job opportunities for students. It would also create more revenue for the town. When there are more options for students, they are more willing to go out and spend money. Many of the things in Alva are here because of the large student population.

Some things that would be worth adding to Alva are:

1. A late night café. Yes, we have Eva's, and I myself go there many times a week. We need someplace other than the library to study and work on projects. This would be beneficial to have close to campus and have open later at night when students are getting off work and need caffeine and a new atmosphere to work on projects.
2. Outdoor activities. If we had more options of things to do outside, we wouldn't sit inside all day and

waste the beautiful weather that we're given on a random January day. Hatfield Park is a great option with hiking/walking trails. If we had a disc golf course, or even mini golf, more students would want to go out and soak up sunshine!

3. More restaurant options. The lack of selection in this town is always disappointing for someone who loves to eat, such as myself! Open air/patio eating would also be a great option to consider.

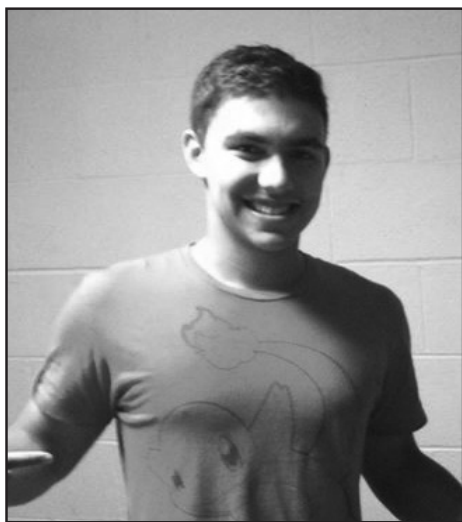
4. Volunteer opportunities. This is a great idea to help the town and for students to become involved. Alva has almost no options to volunteer. At OSU, there are many dorms that have a competition to see which one can log the most volunteer hours in a semester. This is easily something that could be implemented at NWOSU.

5. A hookah bar. These are becoming more and more popular around Oklahoma. Many towns have at least one of these and have food and a DJ. Many students go to loosen up and have fun on a night out.

6. Another nightclub. The Nite Lite is a great option to go have fun at, but there should be a country nightclub, with country hits. The other one should showcase current hits. This would create some competition between the two clubs to make them both better and make more people want to go out and spend money at them both.

I'm not writing any of this because I want Alva to change completely; I just believe that there are some improvements that could be made to make it better.

Columnist says Northwestern needs a fraternity



CHRIS PUNTO
Columnist

Over the past couple of semesters, there has been talk of a fraternity potentially starting back up at Northwestern. The only fraternity offered here was shut down almost two years ago now. But would rekindling the flame be something that this campus really wants, or would it be another pathetic attempt at making a few kids popular?

I am probably one of the few people that think a fraternity would bring more life into the NWOSU campus. With two sororities here in Alva, it is long overdue that Greek life expands for the men, but only if it is done properly.

What does that really mean? Well like any club or organization, for it to thrive we must have the support of our school and our community. Because Alva is such a small and tight-knit town, if word gets around that there is a fraternity of unruly boys that bring disgrace to NWOSU, there is no way a Greek chapter can survive. A true fraternity knows the value of service and teamwork. That's the kind of vibe that should be given off so that instead of the citizens of this town looking down on a potential frat, they would warm up to the idea of having young men that are willing to be of aid.

"But what about all the fun stuff like in 'Animal House?'" That is one of the questions that will probably be asked a lot by potential brothers. Well the answer is simple. As a famous rapper once said, "Work hard, play

hard". There is a time and a place for everything. And I'm sure along the road that a fraternity in Alva would have plenty of fun times, but that only comes after performing the obligations set on the frat by the Greek administration and the school. Trust me, there will be fun to be had.

As far as the social aspect of having a Greek community for men, there will finally be a place where guys can come together and be close to one another without the rivalries that are always present between the sports teams. A fraternity would transcend those petty feuds. There is also the possibility of social mixers with the sororities on campus. I can't speak for the women in that organization, but it seems to me that it would be a great idea to intermingle and plan events together.

So yes, I am one of the few that believes in a fraternity that is not just about partying but also about service and brotherhood. That is the only way it would ever work for such a small town like Alva. Who knows? Maybe someone awesome will pick it back up.

WHAT'S UP?

Tickets available for award winning a cappella group, Breath of Soul

Pop a cappella band and winners of the 2012 Lady Antebellum a cappella contest Breath of Soul will be at Northwestern's Herod Hall

Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. From Nashville, Tenn., Breath of Soul takes contemporary a cappella to new levels with their powerhouse performance style,

unexpected arrangements and well-crafted original songs.

Tickets to individual performances will be sold on an "as available" basis at \$15 for adults and \$10 for

students. The reserved seating section at each concert will be held until five minutes prior to the performance.

Comprised of lead vocalists David Kempton, Beck Martin and Jesse Upah; vocal bass Tony Marx; and beatboxer Jake Black, Breath of Soul has performed for Jonathan Cain (Journey), Jay Demarcus and Joe Don Rooney (Rascal Flatts), Guy Penrod (Gaither Vocal Band) and various other artists and celebrities. They have collaborated in the studio with writers and producers including Steve Dorff (writer / producer for such artists as Whitney Houston and Celine Dion).

As the winners of the Lady Antebellum A Cappella Contest, Breath of Soul was chosen as the opening act for the country super-group for a televised Holiday Special at the 1,860-seat Nashville Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

The group also is a recent recipi-

ent of awards such as Audience Favorite, Best Original Arrangement, and Best Original Song at the Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival in both Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Contact Irene Messoloras, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at 580-327-8692 or irmessoloras@nwosu.edu, to purchase tickets or pick them up at Holder Drug, the Northwestern Bookstore, Graceful Arts Center or Rialto.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by the Alva Tourism and Convention Development Committee, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust. The last concert this year will be on Tuesday, March 10, with Perpetual Motion, an Oklahoma-based modern and aerial dance company.



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Upcoming creative reading series to be hosted by the English department

By RACHEL EMERSON
Student Reporter

The English Department of Northwestern Oklahoma State University is presenting two series of readings this spring. The Creative Readings are: Hidden Artist series and the Visiting Writers series.

The Creative Readings Series: Hidden Artist is to have a total of four events, off campus, at Graceful Arts Gallery and Studio. These readings will occur once a month and are going to coincide with Alva's First Friday Art Walk each month. The first Creative Reading is scheduled for 6 p.m., February 6th, at Graceful Arts. The schedule for the rest of the events will be 6 p.m. March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st. Each session will feature a different theme, starting with Northwestern Oklahoma State University Staff members

Dawn Allen, Dr. Clarence Johnson, and Dr. Kathryn Lane in February, followed by NWOSU students in March. The readers will read from their own work, consistent of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. At each event there will be an "open mic," so anyone that wishes to read from personal work will have an opportunity to do so.

The NWOSU English Department is excited to announce that the Visiting Writers series will feature two artists this year instead of just one, as in previous years. Both visiting authors are natives to Oklahoma and will read from their own work. The first Visiting Writer will be Rilla Askew. This event is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., March 24th, in the reference section of the Library. Askew is a native to Oklahoma.

Askew has written many essays, short stories, a variety of journals, and novels. She has won many awards for her work. In March, Askew will visit Northwestern Oklahoma State University to read from one or more of her novels, answer questions, and sign books. This event will give students, staff, and the general public an opportunity to listen, discuss, and visit with an author about her stories.

The second event in the Visiting Writers series is set for noon on April 30th. The location is still undecided at the mo-

ment, but will be an "on the lawn brownbag" event on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus. This event will feature poet, Quryash Ali Lansana. Lansana, also an Oklahoma native, from Enid, now lives in Chicago. He writes poetry about both historical and current events and will read from many of his poems. April is National Poetry month, and according to Dr. Kathryn Lane, the English Department is trying to think of ways to celebrate that it around campus. Dr. Lane thinks that bringing

Lansana in to read some of his personal work is going to bring great closure to that celebration at the end of April.

All of these reading events are open to students and faculty of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, as well as the Alva community. The English Department is very excited about both the Creative Readings, and the Visiting Writers. They will be advertising the events as they get closer, both on and off campus. For more information contact Dr. Kathryn Lane at kelane@nwosu.edu.

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STUDENT LIFE

Applications due for Study Abroad trip to Wales

By HAYLEE BATES
Staff Writer

Northwestern is giving one student the opportunity to experience college life at the University of Swansea in Swansea, Wales.

To be eligible, students must be an Oklahoma resident, a full time student in good standing and must have completed 30 credit hours.

Students can begin the process by filling out the Brad Henry Scholarship application. This scholarship awards a student \$10,000 to pay for tuition, rooming costs and one round-trip ticket. Any other expenses will be the student's responsibility and will not be covered by the scholarship.

Along with the Brad Henry Scholarship application, Northwestern is seeking an application supplement stating how students will fit the study

abroad trip in with their future degree plans. The Brad Henry Scholarship application and the Northwestern application supplement are due March 6 to Assistant Professor of Business Wei Zhou.

The student chosen for the scholarship will be accompanied on the trip by other students from different parts of the state and country. Northwestern's representative will be able to meet with some of these students before making the trip to Wales; students meet to get acquainted before moving into a dormitory reserved for American students on the college campus.

Credit hours from the University of Swansea will transfer to Northwestern. Students can choose which courses they want to take once the course schedule becomes available. Each class that is taken in Swansea is

only weighted on two grades. One of the assignments is an essay. The word limit is determined by the classification of the student. The second grade is the final exam. The average of these two assignments determines if the student passes the course. Individuals must pass their courses for credits to transfer.

The Study Abroad Program allows individuals to have unique experiences. Kathryn Lane, assistant professor of English, said, "We are living in a global society, and we hope that students can become more understanding of other cultures."

Students also get to have experiences outside of the classroom. Individuals are able to travel and see other parts of Europe. These trips are encouraged, but they are not paid for by the scholarship. Delta Farmer, the 2014 recipient of the

Brad Henry Scholarship, said, "I think my most memorable experience is when my close friend and housemate Susie and I would travel around Swansea and travel around South Wales."



Photo provided

Students can locate the applications on the Northwestern website. For any additional information students can contact any of the three members on the Study Abroad Committee. These individuals include: Lane, Zhou, and Wayne

McMillin, dean of the Enid campus.

Farmer said, "My advice to students who are considering applying is to do it. You never know, it may be the best decision you ever make."

SGA to put new twist on old traditions

By ERIN HOPKINS
Student Writer

Northwestern's Student Government Association has set new goals, priorities and events for this spring semester.

The current officers are Tatum Hansen (president), Paige Little (vice president), Morgan Renbarger (secretary) and Kaitlyn O'Toole (treasurer).

Hansen said the officer team has set goals "to keep tradition but also put a twist on those traditions. In other words, we hope to revamp tradition to match the generation we are coming into."

The team has also set priorities to increase the student involvement at events the organization hosts on campus. Hansen said, "We have seen a slight decrease in the numbers for student involvement. While we do put a lot of time and money into these events, we hope with new ideas and strategies we can increase the participation level by the student body."

As far as events are concerned, this will be the second year the SGA organization will host a Color Run. According to Hansen, "Since this is our second time, I know we can get rid of some flaws we had with the trial event and go full fledge with the Color Run. Of course we will still have events such as The Voice, Bahama Breakaway and others because of their success and how popular they are."

The first upcoming event will be Spirit Week Feb. 3-7. Spirit week will kick off Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in the Rialto Movie Theatre, where the first 100 students will get in free. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse, there will be a pep rally with games and prizes for the student vs. faculty basketball game. Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse the first 700 fans will receive a free T-shirt, and there will also be a spirit contest for clubs and organizations. Friday at 2 p.m. in Myers Stadium there will be free foam gloves and hot

cocoa. Saturday at 1 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse there will be halftime games and prizes.

Hansen said, "I have gained public speaking opportunities along with leadership styles from being a part of this organization. SGA allows students to plan events on a grand scheme with a bigger budget. Students can be a part of the organization that has the most impact on campus because we reach the entire student body, not just specific clubs. We also support the endeavors made by other campus organizations and clubs. For students interested in joining this organization make sure you have the time and dedication."

SGA holds meetings at noon every other Monday in the Senate Chambers on the second floor in the Student Center. The next meeting will be Feb. 9. Students who would like more information about SGA can contact the faculty advisor Kaylyn Hansen at 580-327-8439 or klhansen@nwosu.edu.

Surveys given on campus

By TRENTON JUDD
Staff Writer

Northwestern asked students to take two campus surveys last week.

The first campus survey was on the campus climate. The survey dealt with questions related to sexual assault and how safe the students feel on campus.

According to Northwestern Director of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness Brooke Taylor, "The campus climate survey is a new thing that all schools will soon be doing and it is to help make sure that our campus remains safe for the students."

Director of Student Life and Counseling Kaylyn Hansen adds that "The campus climate survey is part of the new Title IX campus regulation and it will become mandatory for all campuses next year. The reason we chose to send it out this year was to give it a test run in order to tailor it to our campus' specific needs, because we want to make sure that our students and the community feel safe on our campus."

Taylor said, "Nothing has actually happened; we just want to see how the students respond to the survey." Hansen said, "Any information we can gain is good and it will help us become better because we are constantly working to keep our

community safe."

The second survey that was sent out is regarding intramural sports. According to Taylor, "The intramural sport survey is to help improve the various intramural activities that we offer throughout the school year. We are looking for ways to improve upon the current activities we have and we also are thinking about adding new activities to the list. The main goal of this survey is to improve our campus activities and to get people involved with our various activities because it helps students become more integrated into the college lifestyle here."



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ENTERTAINMENT

Tips to keeping your "selfie" game strong

By **SAVANNAH TILLMAN**
Columnist

Hair is done, check. Makeup's looking fantastic, double check. Outfit looking fresh, definitely a check. Time to take a selfie. Can anyone say checkmate?

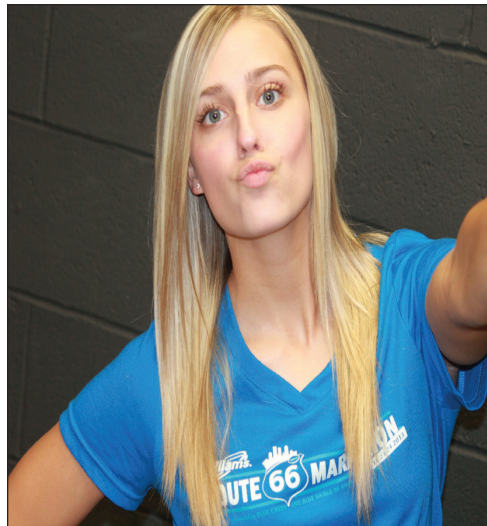
The selfie world has taken over, from Facebook to Instagram to Snap Chat. No one can go a day without seeing a selfie or taking one themselves. With the access of taking a simple photo on their smart phone and simply pushing a button to send it directly on the Internet it's hard to resist this growing epidemic. According to adweek.com over one million selfies are posted a day and the age group that is the usual culprit is 18-24.

With the growing rate of selfies there should be some dos and don'ts to think about when posting one. Do show off that new outfit but please keep it modest. Don't post your latest cleavage or butt shot that draws the wrong

attention to yourself. Do post pics with your friends going out and having fun, but don't post them if you're all doing something stupid or illegal. Do smile for the camera but keep the duck faces to a minimum. Don't post pictures of you crying/ mad and don't put a caption that says can't do this anymore or how much you hate someone. Everyone has their own problems and nobody wants to see you feeling sorry for yourself.

The biggest don'ts of taking a selfie is for goodness sake, don't take a bunch every day. No one wants to see a step-by-step of how your day is going. A couple is fine but when you get to posting one every hour or 20 times a day, people tend to get annoyed. Ali Kirtley, a senior here at Northwestern, says, "I don't mind selfies themselves as far as the concept and the need to admire yourself... But the excess of say, 15 a day, that is a bit much."

Selfies are taking over the media and that also



This is an example of the "duck face" in full effect. With lips puckered and cheeks sucked in, she seems to be literally sucking the creativity out of her photo.

puts pressure on people to post the perfect selfie. This also causes people to pay more attention to their looks than focusing on the world around them. Posting multiple ones often it causes friends, family, and peers to think less of someone then

they are. Self-confidence is everything and if you let a picture define who you are, then what else is there? Amanda Cutsinger, another senior here at Northwestern, says, "People become self-conscious of their selfie if it looks bad and will tend to put themselves down a bit more."

Regardless if you take selfies or don't, the main thing to think about is keep your head held high, don't worry about your looks and enjoy the world around you. Love taking a good selfie every now and then, but don't let it ruin your life. If you are one that takes them multiple times a day, just tone it down a bit and always think before posting them and ask yourself would you want your grandmother seeing this

picture. The "Selfie Game" doesn't look like it's going anywhere, so remember, common sense is key. Keep it classy, not trashy, Northwestern.



"Do smile for the camera." She appears full of life with a great smile and no awkward camera angles. She is confident in herself, and as a result, her "selfie" game is olympic strong.



By **NATALIE SACKET & CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnists

Keeping up with the kind of movies we've been watching, we decided to raise our American flags up

high, look down the barrel of some commie guns, and watch

"The Interview" (2014)

Chris' Review- 4 out of 5 Katy Perry's This movie has been surrounded by controversy. Yes, in case you haven't heard, North Korea threatened that if we show this movie, they would consider it an act of war and retaliate with full force. Well, guess what, you bunch of communists? I haven't heard any nuke sirens yet! And by the way, this movie was awesome.

If you are not a fan Seth Rogan and James Franco, skip my side of the article. Go straight to Natalie's side. Do not pass go. Do not collect

\$200. However, if you are one of those people with a raunchy funny bone then we have a lot to talk about. This movie, although slow to get started, was absolutely hilarious.

Aside from all the crude humor in this film, the acting was great. James Franco plays the equivalent of a male bimbo talk show host and Seth Rogan, who wrote, directed and acted for this movie, was the voice of reason. There were also some pretty funny performances by Randall Park and Lizzy Caplan that might not have been the structural pillars of the comedy, but still held some weight.

Bottom line: If we risked a nuclear war to support our constitutional right to distribute and watch this movie, it is the job of every red-blooded American to watch this movie at least once.

Natalie's Review- 2 Stars of 'Merica out of 5

"The Interview" is a subpar, comedy that has only garnered so much publicity because it managed to anger one of the most feared men on earth.

For those that have not been keeping up with current events, Sony was hacked after releasing

"The Interview" due to the film's direct satirical attack on North Korea, particularly its leader, Kim Jong Un. Due to the country's threat on the United States, a patriotic uproar commenced. WE HATE CENSORSHIP. I understand why North Korea would be offended, but threatened by it? The only thing this film truly threatens is the quality of comedy in America. Of course, knowing this is a James Franco and Seth Rogan film, I was expecting a balance between crude and silly humor. There was no balance, simply crude and poorly crafted jokes and stupidity. There were way too many jokes about things coming out of/going into rear ends.

This cheap humor was perpetuated by the performance of Franco as Dave Skylark. This character was so outstandingly obnoxious that I caught myself cringing and rolling my eyes on numerous occasions. His strange and slightly humorous relationship with Kim Jong Un was the only comedy I enjoyed about this film. Apparently Kim, the fearless leader of North Korea, is a huge fan of puppies, margaritas and Katy Perry music.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a fan of

political satire. There are just some lines in such a genre, all of which "The Interview" crossed. The film instantly begins with a young Korean girl singing about how overjoyed she would be if Americans are killed, raped and drowned in blood and feces. Not a particularly pleasant way to start a film, and it didn't get much better from there.

What frustrated me about this film is that it had so much potential to send a deeper message. Obviously Franco and Rogan sent one: "We don't care what anyone, even Kim Jong Un, thinks." "The Interview" was obviously created with the understanding that toes would be stepped on. With the conscious decision to cross that line and leap over boundaries, a much deeper message in regards to politics and the effects of propaganda could have been conveyed. Instead, "The Interview" chooses the easy route of slob comedy and gutter humor, leaving me very disappointed.

Bottom Line: Watch it if you want to promote the attitude of "We're America, so we do what we want." If you're looking for a good laugh and an enjoyable film, look elsewhere.

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SPORTS

Rangers dominate the Bulldogs; Coaches honor cancer victims with suits and sneakers

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH
Staff Reporter

Cancer is a harmful condition that has taken the lives of millions globally.

Each year in college basketball, coaching personnel from around the country demonstrate the importance of saving individual lives from perhaps the worse medical condition that can happen in the human body, cancer.

Coaches versus Cancer is a nationwide event in which various basketball coaches in the (NBA) National Basketball Association, and (NCAA) National Collegiate Athletic Association unify together to wear sneakers with their desirable suits of choice to raise awareness on the fight against cancer.

Ideally, the event is scheduled on a yearly basis during the week of January 19th until January 25th. As a part of Coaches versus Cancer, numerous nationally televised sporting events accompanied by local broadcasts will assist the American Cancer Society to help save the lives of cancer patients, as well as research how to fight against cancer and its harmful effects.

During last week's excitement at historical Percefull Field house, the Ranger's basketball coaches Andrew Brown, and Eric

Bozeman showed their support for Coaches versus Cancer during the anticipated rivalry of GAC conference opponent and in-state foe Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Historical Percefull Fieldhouse looked as if it had reached capacity as students, faculty, and staff gathered together for a magnificent evening of college basketball to witness both the Men's and Women's Ranger basketball teams collect victories last Thursday evening.

Starting off the Coaches versus Cancer event for Northwestern would be head coach Eric Bozeman and the Ranger basketball with an annihilating 30 point win over the Lady Bulldogs of Southwestern 61-31.

Northwestern (6-10, 5-5 GAC) women's basketball hasn't defeated the Lady Bulldogs in a five year span, since 2010.

Tenaciously, the guard play in the backcourt of the Ranger's fueled Northwestern throughout the evening after struggling early on during the first three in a half minutes of play. During the first half, neither team produced offensively early in the game, as Northwestern played effective defense down the stretch. Northwestern eventually went on an early 6-0 run. Before Southwestern would respond with a few baskets in

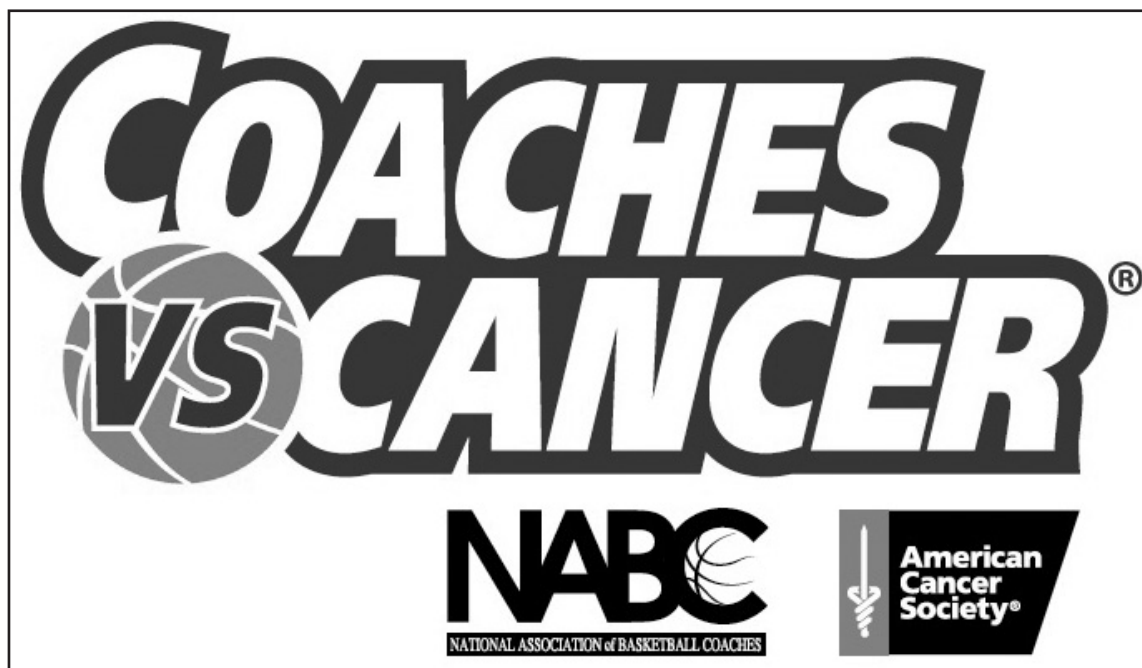


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transition to tie the score immediately 11-11 at the 12:55 mark.

It didn't take the Ranger's long to regain rhythm, as they capitalized on the Lady Bulldog mistakes extending the lead 18-11 on a 7-0 run.

Perhaps offensive rebounding was a major component for Northwestern during the first 20 minutes, as the Ranger's crashed the boards effectively which gave Bozeman and his crew a favorable 24-21 halftime lead.

Moments after intermission, the Ranger's dominance contin-

ued defensively as Northwestern came up with key deflections to put eight quick points on the board.

With the tenacity that Northwestern displayed on defense, Southwestern fell into a deep hole as the Ranger's would take a 15-4 run in 12 minutes extending the lead to 18. The effectiveness of Northwestern's defense played a huge decision during the win, as Northwestern forced the Lady Bulldogs to 15 first half turnovers, alongside 12 turnovers during the second half.

Three Ranger's had double digit scoring on the evening, as Relina Johnson led all scorers with 14 points, followed by Jonae Isaac and Kalea King adding 12, and 10 points respectively. In addition to the double-digit scoring, each of the three ladies contributed five rebounds.

Coach Bozeman and the Ranger's return to Historical Percefull Fieldhouse this Thursday evening in a doubleheader against the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State. The ladies will tip-off at 5:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Rangers routed on the road by East Central

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Northwestern men's basketball suffered a loss to East Central over the weekend.

The Ranger's basketball team entered Ada, Okla. last Saturday after a thrilling win over conference rival Southwestern last Thursday. The men's 61-56 comeback win over the Bulldogs meant their fourth win in the GAC.

Despite their heroic win however, the same result could not be said against the Tiger's of East Central last Saturday.

As play began against the Tiger's, the Ranger's found themselves in an early deficit, as East Central opened to a 15-8 lead.

The Tiger's continued their pace on the Ranger's building their lead to 31-21



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

with only 2:52 remaining in the first half.

Northwestern was able to close the lead down to six before Tiger A.J. Moutry

nailed a three point basket within the closing seconds of the half, giving East Central a 36-27 lead.

When play continued in

the second half, East Central was able to open with a 12-2 run giving them a 48-28 lead early in the half.

The Tiger's continued

their dominance midway through the second half as they went on a 19-6 run which ultimately sealed the Ranger's fate.

The Ranger's were unable to get any offense working against their conference foe as they suffered a 85-60 loss to the Tiger's.

The Ranger's loss moved them to 5-13 on the season and 4-7 in conference play.

The Rangers will be back in action tonight as they take on conference opponent Southeastern Oklahoma State University at home in historic Percefull Fieldhouse at 7:30.

Northwestern rodeo team prepares for new season

By SARAH OTTO
Staff Reporter

The Ranger's rodeo team will kick off the spring semester with their first rodeo at Kansas State February 20-22.

They have two rodeos in March, one at Garden City, Kan., February 27 through March 1 and Fort Scott, Kan. March 6-8. April will be a busy month for the rodeo athletes as they will have three rodeos on back to back weekends. The first of those rodeos will take place at Southwestern Oklahoma State University April 9-11. Then they will head on to Ft. Hayes, Kan. the 17-19. Finally, the rodeo athletes will wrap up their season April 23-25 at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Once the season is all wrapped up and points and placing's are in, the athletes will find out who will make it to the College National Finals Rodeo. Northwestern currently has 19 rodeo athletes in the top 15 of their events. Hayden Pearce is

the only cowboy and Karley Kile is the only cowgirl to be in the top 15 in two events. The women's team heads into the spring semester first overall, as the men's team heads in as fourth overall.

John McGinn, also known as Big Mike, is a Junior from Oregon and has taken control of the steer wrestling where he is sitting first in the standings. McGinn

"I'll just take each rodeo one at a time and let the chips fall where they may."

talked about his goals for the rest of the rodeos this season and he plans to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo. He also said, "I just want to keep practicing and critiquing myself on my performance. I also want to keep my horses working good." He talked about how tight the race is to be first overall in the steer

wrestling, and his plan to stay on top is to keep placing at all the upcoming rodeos.

Taige Trent is a Sophomore from Kansas who is leading the breakaway roping heading into the final six rodeos of the season. Trent faced a setback during the winter break while trying to stay on top of her game for the upcoming rodeos. Her main horse "Thunder" got hurt so she spent

her time doctoring him, and roping off of young horses so that she could stay as sharp as she could. Thunder is still being doctoring but Taige said

he will be better soon. She was talking about the pressure of being in the lead and how to stay in the lead when she said, "I will practice everyday and be sure to make smart throws at the rodeos. I'll just take each rodeo one at a time and let the chips fall where they may."

Hall of fame inductees to be honored at basketball game

A women's basketball star, a standout baseball pitcher and a state coaching legend will comprise the Class of 2015 in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Sports Hall of Fame.

Debbie Holmes Chappell, Fred Schamburg and Milt Bassett will be enshrined in ceremonies on Saturday, Feb. 21. The twenty-third Hall of Fame class will be honored at a luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom at 11:30 a.m., and formally inducted during halftime of the men's basketball game vs. the University of Arkansas-Monticello later that afternoon in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Holmes, a native of Dover, was a star on the 1980-81 women's team that was ranked No. 1 in the nation during the regular season and finished with a 21-2 record. She averaged 9.4 points per game that season. Holmes finished her career playing in 115 games and scoring 839 points.

Vici native Schamburg

played baseball from 1978-82 and is the all-time career leader in victories (24) and innings pitched. In 1979, he won 11 games and established the school record for victories in a season. He also fanned 79 hitters in that campaign.

Bassett is a native of Woodward and showed great ability during his freshman season in 1964, scoring touchdowns as both an offensive and defensive player. He shined as a wingback and kick returner his sophomore season before a knee injury ended his career. He went on to become a legendary high school football coPast inductees will be recognized during halftime of the women's game.

The women's game will tipoff at 1 p.m., and the men's game is scheduled for 3 p.m.ach in Oklahoma and is executive director of the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

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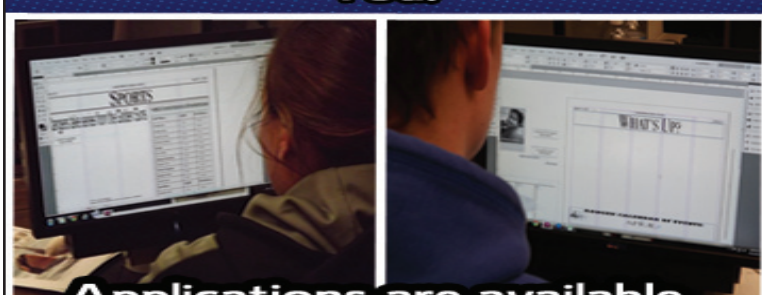
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