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Freshman student charged with second-degree rape of minor

By NATALIE SACKET
Staff Reporter

A Coronado Hall resident was arrested Jan. 28 for second-degree rape.

According to Woods County District Court documents, Alejandro Martinez, 18, a Northwestern freshman, engaged in sexual activity with a 13 year-old middle school girl while in his dormitory room in Coronado Hall.

The following day the girl informed an Alva Public Schools teacher and counselor that she had been sexually assaulted.

The two met via a social media site called "Meet Me," court documents said. On Jan. 26, Martinez contacted the girl. Martinez began to send her sexually explicit text messages. He soon suggested that the two should meet.

The girl reported that the two met at approximately 3:15 P.M. Jan. 27 in front of Coronado Hall on the Northwestern campus, after which he led her up to his room on the third floor.

Court documents said once the



Photo by Drew Slovak

two arrived at Martinez's room, he told her to perform oral sex. He then told her to remove her pants and lie on the floor; he put on a condom and had sexual intercourse with the girl. The documents said she told him to stop, but he did not.

The documents said she left

the dormitory and was picked up by her mother.

The girl did not inform anyone until the next day, when she spoke to the teacher and counselor.

In a videotaped interview, Martinez told authorities that he had engaged in sexual activity

with the minor, the documents said. Under Oklahoma law, when a minor younger than 14 and a person over 18 engage in penetrative sexual activity that is second degree rape.

The offense is punishable by imprisonment for one to 15 years.

Writer's Roundtable to start literary magazine

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

A Northwestern English club is in the beginning stages of creating a literary magazine showcasing the works of authors in the northwest Oklahoma area.

The Writers Roundtable is in charge of this new endeavor. President Natalie Sacket and faculty advisor Dawn Allen, adjunct instructor of English are accepting submissions. They are looking for short stories, fiction, non-fiction, poetry and essays, along with various

other genres.

They are accepting pieces from current Northwestern students, faculty and staff, along with any members of the surrounding areas.

Any submissions chosen for the magazine may be question to editing. According to Sacket, she and Allen will first discuss editing suggestions with the authors before any changes are made.

For more information on the publication, the club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Vinson Hall, room 200. Works can also be submitted via email at nwokliterature@gmail.com,

University Singers to perform in NYC

By TRENTON JUDD
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choir will take a five-day tour of New York City during Spring Break.

The Northwestern University Singers will perform at New York's very own Carnegie Hall over Spring break. Assistant Professor of Music, Irene Messoloras says, "Carnegie Hall is the best venue in the country. The hall is known for its history, acoustics and housing some of the greatest artists in the world. The opportunity to perform at Carnegie will provide the students initiative to present their musical art at the highest possible level."

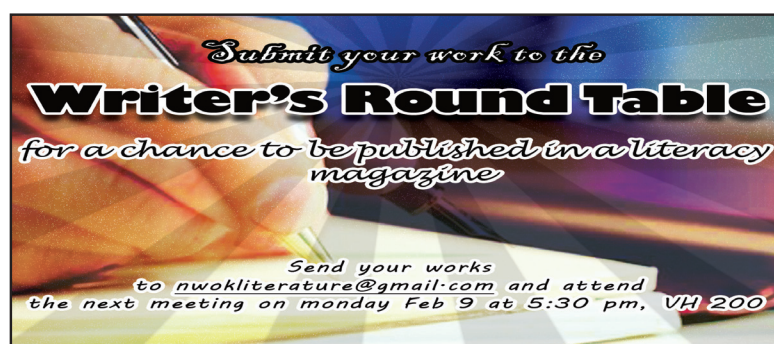
Carnegie Hall is not the only place the University Singers will be performing during the tour. According to Messoloras, "The Singers will be performing at The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, The Weill Recital Hall in

Carnegie Hall and a third venue that is to be announced."

When the University Singers are not performing they will be able to have a well-deserved break to visit iconic places in New York such as The Metropolitan Opera House and will even be treated to a live Broadway show.

Messoloras says, "I am very excited to go with the students and share with them the sights of a beautiful city and the experiences they will take away from it. The group going has been recognized nationally and internationally. I know my singers are ready to be ambassadors for the University."

Twenty-one students will participate in the performing arts tour, and over 75 percent of the group is made up of upperclassmen. The University Singers will be performing a wide variety of musical selections from the Renaissance to the present day. Messoloras adds, "Our goal is to present an exquisite concert at three absolutely beautiful locations."



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OPINION

Northwestern is a great school as it is



TRENTON JUDD
Columnist

I have been here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University for three years now, and in those three years this campus has really grown on me since I was a freshman. I've heard many people talk about how much they dislike it here at Northwestern, but what I want to get across is that if you give this campus a chance then it can be a really great place to attend college.

I will admit when I first arrived in Alva I thought I made a mistake in

the college I chose, and since I didn't really know anyone here, I ended up regretting my decision to attend Northwestern. But I chose to at least give it one more semester before I gave up on this college, and the truth is I am very happy that I chose to stay here.

Things finally started looking up during the second semester of my freshman year because that's when I met Tali and Micah. They turned out to be two of the best people I would ever know because they showed me the best of what Alva and Northwestern had to offer. The three of us would see great movies at the Rialto, go to the exciting games at Ranger Field and we even participated in the plays at the Herod Hall Auditorium. The best play I participated in was "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which Tali directed for her senior show.

After a rough first semester I was finally living the stereotypical kind of college experience, complete with great friends and crazy misadventures like going to Enid to see a midnight movie with Tali and Micah the night before an 8 a.m. final. Another great aspect of the campus I noticed was how much history is behind this

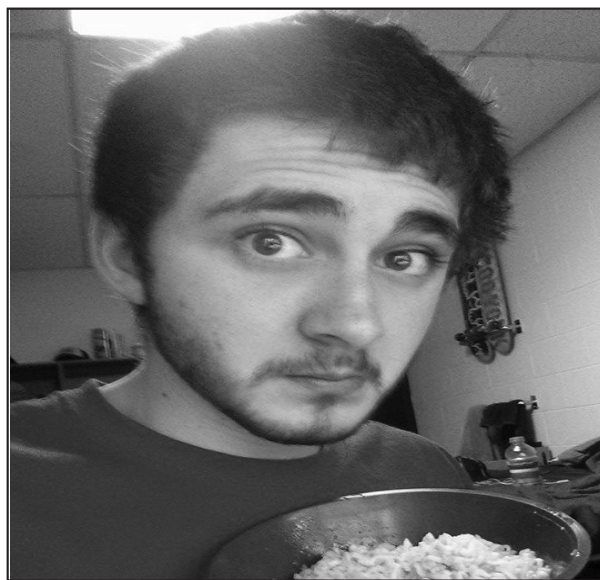
campus and how prestigious it is.

Since I've been here I had the privilege of taking classes with some really great teachers. The unique thing I noticed about the teachers at Northwestern is how talented and diverse many of them are. The teachers here are from all over the country; some of the teachers here have attended national conferences, are internationally known for their talents and all of them have a passion for teaching, which is something that is very hard to find at other colleges.

Another thing many students criticize are the dorms. Well, my first semester I really didn't like the dorms either, but after a semester of getting used to them they're really not that bad and Gretchen, the head RA, is really cool if you get to know her because no matter what you need she will help you adjust to living in the dorms and if you have any sort of problem she is more than happy to help you.

I guess the point of all this would be to say that if you have your doubts about Northwestern and are thinking about leaving or transferring, then just reconsider it and give it another semester or two. If you give this campus a chance then things will start looking up sooner than you think.

A columnist's simple creed: help those in need



NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Well, hello all. It sure has been awhile since I shared my opinion with you guys. The reason is not because if don not want to, but simply I just did not have one over anything, until now.

So far this semester has only been 16 hours of classes, 15 hours of work, which includes a ton of writing and going to sports events, weekly meetings, and then church on Sunday. As you might imagine, all that can get quite overwhelming from time to time, and believe me it does, but whenever it does I remind myself that all this is part of God's plan for my life.

Among all the chaos each week though, I attend the weekly Something Greater meeting on Tuesday nights.

If you have never attended Something Greater, or even heard about it till now, then you are missing out on a great experience for both inner being and outer being. It contains great worship time and awesome devotionals

that are both encouraging and challenging.

Over the past few weeks at Something Greater, we have been discussing about what it means to actually live by what it says in the last part of Acts 20:35, which reads, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Now, I live a pretty busy life, or so I thought until my sister asked me to come over and help change a tire on her truck last Friday.

You see, whenever she asked me for help, my first reaction was not to say "no," honestly! So as I went over there to help her, I just thought to myself, over all these past months, I have said "no, I can't do that 'cause I am busy," a lot when in reality I have had all the time in the world, because that is how God plans things for us all.

Now, don't get me wrong. I have said no to some things because I really was in the middle of doing something already or it was something that a person asked me to do that was dumb or not that important.

But going back to when my sister asked me to help her, I did not hesitate to go over and help her do that, because at that moment I received her text asking me that, Acts 20:35 popped into my head.

So with all that being said, my opinion is that we should all be willing to go and help someone knowing that it will take time out of our "busy" schedules.

If we would all do that, and live by what it says in Acts 20:35, then

the word "busy" would become a less common word in our everyday vocabulary and more people would be less self-centered as well.

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WHAT'S UP?

Free prizes and T-shirts to be given at 'Red Alert' events

By **PATRICK INKPEN**
Student Reporter

Spirit Week is in full swing at Northwestern.

Festivities started Tuesday with a free movie night at the Rialto movie theatre. Students had the option to choose between "American Sniper," "Paddington" and "The Wedding Ringer." Freshman Elizabeth Dwyer saw "American Sniper." "Chris Kyle's story is so inspirational, and it gave me a better understanding of the war in Iraq," she said. "I loved the movie so much, I would probably see it again."

On Wednesday there was a pep rally for the second-semester sports. These include baseball, softball, rodeo and basketball. "It left me really excited for the upcoming games. I can't wait to get out and support my fellow Ranger athletes," said freshman

Bailey Cook.

Tonight the spotlighted event will be the men and women's basketball games beginning with the women at 5:30 p.m. The first 700 fans will receive a free Red Alert T-shirt and fans are also asked to wear red at the game. A spirit contest will be judged during the game. Senior point guard Darrian Dempsey said, "It is important for us to get the win and more so because it is Spirit Week, so we can give the fans what they want to see."

Rounding out the last two days of Spirit Week are the baseball game tomorrow at 2 p.m. with free foam gloves and hot chocolate given out before the game and Saturday afternoon more basketball action starting with the women. At 1 p.m. there will be a chance to participate in half time challenges with prizes for the winners.



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Entry forms available for NAS art show coming soon

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Columnist

"A University without the Arts has no soul," said Northwestern President Janet Cunningham.

Northwestern supports this ideal with numerous arts endeavors throughout the campus. One such event is rapidly approaching, as the NWSU Art Society prepares for the 12th Annual NAS Art Show.

The NAS Art Show

will begin March 8 and art works will be presented until March 28. All works will be displayed in the Northwestern Alva campus library.

Entrants for the Art Show turn in an entry form by Feb. 25. Actual art pieces will be due on March 4.

The Art Show is open to nearly every medium, whether photography, painting, sketching, or other. The show also serves as a form of competition, with both monetary and ribbon

prizes. There will be a first, second and third-place place winner for each category.

The first-place winners from each category will compete for a division award. From that point, pieces will be in competition for the Best of Show award. Student work will be ranked separately, as only student competitors will be awarded monetary prizes; however, Northwestern faculty, staff, retired employees, and alumni have the opportunity to enter work as well. The only award that

non-students can win prize money for is Best of Show.

Viewers of the works will have the opportunity to vote for Best of Show.

The monetary prizes will be \$2, \$5, and \$15 for third, second and first places, respectively; \$50 for division winner; \$50 for People's Choice; and \$75 for Best of Show.

Each winner of a category will have their winning work displayed at a winner's show. That will take place April 3 at the Downtown Alva Mall.

Angela Case, Northwestern Art Society Advisor, encourages all to submit works. "We want to encourage people to be creative, and to use that creativity they already have. We think that by doing this, we are encouraging others to be active in creativity and art. I would love it if we had to find a way to display more art because we had so many entries!"

Entry forms can be found at www.nwsu.edu/

RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY				5 NAS Goodie Give-away Red Alert- Spirit Week 5:30 & 7:30 PM Women's & Men's Basketball Double-header vs. Harding, Ark	6 2:00 PM Baseball vs. North-west Missouri State Creative Readings Series: Hidden Artists	7 1:00 & 3:00 PM Women's & Men's Basketball Double-header vs. Ouachita Babtist, Ark. 2:00 & 4:00 PM Softball at Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas
8 12:00 & 3:30 PM Baseball vs. Regis State University, Colorado 2:00 PM Softball vs. Texas A&M 4:30 PM Softball vs. Angelo State (San Angelo, Texas)	9 Campus Blood Drive- Enid 3:00 PM Softball at Taurleton State	10 W or F issued on dropped 1st eight week classes Something Greater	11 Refund check released for dropped classes	12 5:30 & 7:30 PM Women's & Men's Basketball at Arkansas Tech in Russellville	13 2:00 PM Baseball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State 3:00 & 5PM Softball (Bentonville, Ark.)	14 12:00 & 2:30 PM Baseball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State 1:00 & 3:00 PM Softball (Bentonville, Ark.) 1:00 & 3:00 PM Women's & Men's Basketball at Henderson State in Arkadelphia

STUDENT LIFE

Administration plans to overhaul campus mall in future

By TORI SCHNAUFER
Student Reporter

Northwestern administrators envision a major renovation and

overhaul to the campus mall area over the next few years.

Vice President of Administration David Pecha said the biggest hurdle yet to overcome is acquiring the

money necessary for such a large makeover. Pecha said, "We have some private donors but are not able to start right now."

According to Pecha, there are plans for a new clock tower, a new smaller fountain and a gazebo in the area starting on the west side of the Education Center and ending on the east side of Jesse Dunn Hall.

Although plans have been made, the process is just in its beginning stages.

"We are

working with an architect to get the layout formed, but there are a couple smaller projects that have to be done before we can start with the mall area -- starting with the windows of the Fine Arts building. They need to be replaced so we do not have to worry about bringing in large equipment," said Pecha.

Students want to know what will happen with the dry abandoned fountain in front of the library.

Sophomore Don Holly said, "The fountain is a good idea, but that's all it is -- a

good idea. There is so much more that space could be used for. With all due respect the fountain is just an eyesore."

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The fountain is a piece of Northwestern's history. It was a centennial project for the Northwestern class of 1998. Pecha said, "We plan on keeping the historical pieces from the fountain now and incorporating that into our new plans." Stories of the legendary

fountain still float around campus but not many students have never actually seen it run.

"It is in disrepair and has lived beyond its years,"



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

The fountain, located in the mall area, was a centennial project for the class of 1998.

Social work practicum begins spring semester

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

Students enrolled in Northwestern's social work program have been placed in their practicum positions and have begun the hours needed to complete their degrees. This field experience is vital to the students as it gives them hands-on practice.

Once applicants have completed classes for the program, they must then apply to the field program with letters of recommendation in addition to the application. If chosen, they then interview for the program. The field experience is completed in the final semester of senior year.

There are eight students enrolled in the program and they are placed in various locations in Northwest Oklahoma. Each must complete 410 hours of work experience over the spring semester.

The students and their

placements are: Amber Cook, Youth and Family Services; Britanee Clark, Western Plains Youth and Family Services; Jasie Randol, Preventionworkz; Kylie Pethoud, Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Linda Cline, Woodward Public Schools/OKDHS; Nicole Schacher, Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Raquel Conway, Loaves and Fishes; and Whitney Austin, Horizons Mental Health Center.

The students will be working in adult and child services, drug reduction and mental health services. Shelby Hall, assistant professor of social work and field education, said the students interview with the agency they would like to go to and get placed based off of that interview.

For more information on the social work program, contact Kylene Rehder at 580-327-8135 or by email at kdrehder@nwsu.edu.

Woodward campus hosts lieutenant governor

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Reporter

Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb visited the Northwestern campus in Woodward Friday afternoon during his statewide tour.

The tour is aimed at acquainting him with officials throughout the state. After meeting with these officials he will make a list of problems and concerns that are brought up. He will use that list to generate policies and issue a report to Gov. Mary Fallin. The governor can then address needed improvements and issues throughout the state.

Throughout that tour he will make appearances in all 77 counties, 36 of which he has already visited this month. His tour began at the beginning of January. His initial goal was to visit the 77 counties of Oklahoma in 77 days but after realizing the difficulty doing that, he

arranged to visit each county in a reasonable amount of time. Lamb said he does not consider driving through a county as making a visit. He wants to set up a conference to meet with people who live or work in each county.

Lamb addressed two major topics during the conference in Woodward. One was Oklahoma's tight 2015 budget. He said, "There will be plenty of challenges that we face this year due to our strict budget, but we will look into the future and try to address these challenges that accompany the tight budget."

The second topic was marketing strategies for the state. Oklahoma bought billboard space in Houston that promotes the job opportunities here. Lamb said, "There has been plenty of positive feedback on the billboard in Houston." The state plans on using more marketing strategies this year, he said.

Before arriving in Woodward County, Lamb visited Beaver, Harper and Ellis counties Friday.

Forty Woodward County residents attended the conference. Those in attendance included public officials, law enforcement, Northwestern faculty and media. Lamb addressed the audience for 15 minutes to explain the tour's goal, then

opened the floor for discussion of any concerns or problems that may be occurring in Woodward County.

He has made several visits to Woodward in the past and said he now is comfortable enough to call it home. He said, "Northwestern is the prime example of an accessible education for students who have the desire to learn." He plans on making another trip there toward the end of the year.



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By **NATALIE SACKET & CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnists

When we decided to continue feeding our comedic side this week, we also decided that it would be a good time for one of our slightly obnoxious, romantic double dates. Hooray for being practically married in college! Our pick this week:

"The Wedding Ringer" (2015)

Chris' Review-



4 wedding rings out of 5

Let me start off by saying that I'm a bit biased in this film because I am a huge Kevin Hart fan and I have been since 2010. That being said, this movie was not a letdown. I was actually a bit skeptical going in because one of his last films, "Ride Along," was a bit of a flop for me.

Aside from the little man, Josh Gad put on a hilarious performance

as the stereotypical chubby nerd. Although I must admit that it is weird seeing the man who voices Olaf from "Frozen" drop some swear words and smoke weed.

There are also a lot of movie/television show references that make this film even funnier to those in the know, but you don't have to be a cinema dork like Natalie and me to be able to enjoy this film. It's definitely not a family film but if you want a good chuckle, go for it.

Bottom Line: This movie requires a certain kind of humor. It's not one of those films that has to rely on swearing every five seconds to get the crowd to laugh, but it isn't a highbrow comedy either. If you are a Kevin Hart fan or you have \$5 and an evening to kill, go watch this film. I think most people would be surprised.

Natalie's Review-



3 wedding rings out of 5

"The Wedding Ringer" follows a standard formula for a comedy, full of misunderstandings, comical deception, and plenty of cheesy gags. This film in particular seems to borrow from other films such as "Wedding Crashers" and "Hitch." That being said, there's a reason this is a formula for a comedy; it has all the components to make the audience laugh.

Josh Gad and Kevin Hart team up together as groom and hired best man to attempt to pull off a fake groom's party when Gad realizes he has no friends to stand beside him at the altar.

Gad and Hart have surprisingly great chemistry. Gad's socially awkward (I feel his pain), yet lovable and charming (can't relate as much there) character contrast nicely with Hart's charismatic and smooth persona. The two have a brilliant on-screen comedic chemistry. I'll admit that I laughed out loud numerous times. I'm not typically a fan of Kevin Hart, so I was pleasantly surprised by this film.

It does have a significant amount of adult content, including sexual references, language, drug use and brief nudity. Basically the same things you hear on a regular basis on a college campus, though this probably isn't the type of film you'll want to take little cousin Billy to.

Bottom Line: It's a very strange tale of an unlikely friendship, one that's sure to provide many laughs.

TV SHOW OF THE MONTH: "ARROW"

By **CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnist

Long have the days passed when we as a culture had to set aside 30 minutes to an hour on a specific day to catch up on our favorite shows, just to be disappointed when the episode ended and we feel empty for a whole week. Now we can stream shows whenever and wherever we want. Well, if you are like me and you can't wait to start a new show as soon as you finish your previous one, then I'm here to help by recommending my personal favorites.

This month's recommendation goes to my favorite show that is still currently running: "Arrow."

"Arrow" follows the journey of Oliver Queen, who gets a rude awakening from his playboy-style life when his father's ship goes down and he is forced to survive on a deserted island off the coast of China. Five years later, he returns to his city to save it from all the organized crime and destruction that poisons the streets.

Now, you really could have gotten that description from IMDb, but let me tell you why I personally like it. As a nerd, which most of you by now should know that I am, I love this show because it follows the DC comic book hero Green Arrow. The story has been shifted and changed quite a bit from the original tales, but most people really won't mind. This series is action-

packed, witty and full of twists that throw everyone off guard. The first season is a bit like a soap opera with all the romantic strings everywhere, but if you can ignore that for the time being, the show eventually finds the right tone and becomes something great.

The style of the show is also pretty fun to watch. Each episode is comprised of what current-day Oliver is up to and flashbacks to what shipwrecked Oliver had to endure. Each episode's flashbacks are usually shown in chronological order, meaning that in episode one, we see the emerald archer being marooned and almost every episode after that is showing the next part of the five years that he spent there. And since the show is still going, I myself have only seen his first two and a half years away from home.

The show does have a few flaws. They are easy to look past but you can't help but ask yourself "really?" from time to time. Stephen Amell, who plays Oliver Queen, has some weird pauses in his speaking that make his speech seem kind of broken and overdramatic. Another problem is that there is too much irony. I don't want to spoil it, but you'll see what I mean if you watch the show.

So if you trust me at all as far as entertainment, watch just one episode of "Arrow" on Netflix. Odds are that you will get hooked by the intense action, the drama, or Amell's abs if you are into that kind of thing.



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STUDENT LIFE

Nursing program strives to give students optimal exposure

By **TAYLOR MORRIS**
Student Reporter

Northwestern is known for its prestigious nursing program. According to the school website, the nursing division is ranked at number 18 as one of the best nursing divisions in the nation based on academic quality, affordability, accessibility, and its high passing

percentage.

Leslie Collins, assistant chair of the division of nursing, junior and senior students will be starting clinical experiences in various areas. Those involve students spending time with a specified nurse and patient. This experience will give students hands-on understanding and content.

The juniors are now in the Nursing Care and Family

course and their second Medical Surgical course, so they be performing clinicals in these areas. Seniors they are in a Community course in which they study community health care in communities in Northwest Oklahoma. They are also doing their leadership capstone, when the students spend 120 hours in a 12-week period, two times a week with a specific nurse in a specific area of

their choosing.

Senior nursing students also attend an annual event known as Nurse Day. Nurse Day is when seniors get the opportunity to learn about legislation and other events that will impact nurses and healthcare. It will be held Feb. 24 at the Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Nurse Day was begun by the Oklahoma Nurses Association. The event also

gives upcoming nursing students the opportunity to discuss state questions that will effect nursing at large and also covers the topic of how to be a leader in health policy. Collins said, "Northwestern Nursing strives for our students to not only have a bachelor's degree but also to be leaders and professional leaders."

Enid Campus adds disc golf course and student lounge

By **RACHEL EMERSON**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Enid campus recently gained two new additions.

The Northwestern Leadership Council in Enid and Student Services Coordinator Candace Reim took on a couple of projects in the last year, one of which not only benefitted the campus itself, but also the Enid community. The two projects are a new disc golf course on campus and the new student lounge.

In January 2014 the Leadership Council was looking for something fun for students to do that would also bring more exposure to the school and recruit more students. Enid campus Dean Wayne McMillin had the dream of a

disc golf course. They began fundraising to build the course and received a great deal of support, donations and sponsorship from the Enid community.

When the project first began, Reim posted on Facebook about the Leadership Council's efforts to raise money for a disc golf course. She said, "The first person to come forward was our very own Dr. (John) Stockmyer." They learned Stockmyer, an associate professor of business on the Enid campus, is actually a member of the Professional Disc Golf Association, so they sought his input in the project.

The next person to respond to the announcement of the new course was David North. A citizen of Enid, North had been trying to get a course built in town for a

while and was interested in assisting the council. He put in numerous hours helping with this project. Not only did he help with the fundraising for it, he also designed and built the course.

"Without David we would not have been able to make this dream happen so fast," said Reim.

The course consists of nine holes. Each hole was paid for by a sponsor and named after that sponsor, with the exception of the ninth hole. The first hole was named after North because of his dedication to the project. The ninth, and last, hole was named after McMillin. The Leadership Council thought they should name a hole after him, since it was his idea to build the course in the first place. They also feel they are lucky to

have a Dean who spends time getting involved with the activities of the students because that is not something you see often at most Universities.

One reason the council wanted to build the course was to bring some recognition to the school. Since opening earlier this month, it has done just that. People are out playing most of the time and there are even people from all over the state coming to play.

The course is open and free to the public. Discs are available for purchase from the Leadership Council. The Council is in the process of planning a tournament at the course April 19 and The Tulsa Disc Golf Association has agreed to help host the tournament.

The Leadership Council and Reim also has begun

work on a new student lounge for their campus.

They raised all of the money through fundraising events and began working on the project in October 2014. They painted the walls, including a mural of the "Ranger," and the ceiling tiles in a red and black checker pattern. Wanting to get as much out of the money they'd raised for the lounge, Jessica Lounsbury, a student on the council, and Reim stood in line for five hours on Black Friday to buy TVs for the lounge. Also included in the lounge is a pingpong table and computers for students who don't prefer the quiet of the library to have somewhere on campus to work. The council was able to complete the project just in time for classes to start in January.

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SPORTS

Rangers sweep the Aggies in season opener

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Northwestern baseball opened the season Sunday on the road in Goodwell, Okla., against the Aggies of Panhandle State.

In game one against the Aggies, the Rangers dominated the game from start to finish, grabbing a commanding 8-2 victory. A big part of the offensive display for the Ranger's was senior Jeff Martin, who finished the day going 2-5 hitting, with one home run and three RBIs. Jeremy Smith also had an outstanding performance, as he went 2-5 hitting as well, with a home run and two RBIs.

Northwestern then played a back-to-back double-header Monday afternoon to finish out the series against the Aggies, grabbing 8-0 and 3-0 victories.

In game two, the Rangers were able to continue their previous dominance of the day before with another high-powered offensive showcase.

The showcase kicked off in the top of the fourth inning when Ranger Jason Freeman connected for single, driving in both Logan Porter and Martin.

The scoring continued with the Rangers' Smith coming home after Matt Benn grounded out. Ranger Joshua Caruso connected as well for a single, which brought in Jason Freeman, giving Northwestern a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

Ranger Christian Hammerl drove in another run as he laid down a sacrifice bunt that allowed teammate Blake Jones home from third base.

The Rangers grabbed their last three runs in the fifth inning, when Martin connected for a single that drove in Benn, followed by a single by Jones that forced in both Benn and Caruso, giving the Rangers an 8-0 advantage.

Despite the hot batting by the Rangers in game two, it was Ranger pitcher Matthew Bickford who lead the way offensively. Bickford would finish with seven innings pitched, five strikeouts, three hits and three walks in the 8-0 rout of the Aggies in game two.

As game three got underway, directly following



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game two, the Rangers would attack early offensively after back-to-back RBIs by Ranger Trenton Earley and Hammerl giving the Rangers a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

The Rangers would continue to strike in the top of the third as Martin would hit an RBI double, bringing in Earley,

which gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead.

Ranger Pitcher Brody Ausfahl would then finish off the Aggies as he would go a complete seven innings pitched, with six strikeouts, two hits, and only one walk.

The great offensive display by both Ausfahl and Martin

would wrap up the three-game series against Panhandle State as they got the commanding 3-0 win, as well as the 3-0 series win.

The men will be back in action at 2 p.m. tomorrow as they host Northwest Missouri State in Myers Stadium.

Basketball squares off against Harding tonight

By NICK VILLALOBOS
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Rangers will do battle tonight against Harding during Red Riot Week.

Both men's and women's basketball will take to the hardwood tonight inside Percefull Fieldhouse against a conference foe, the Harding Bison.

For the women, who take to the court first tonight, a win over the Bison would mean their third straight win. The win would also mean revenge for their 73-53 loss to the Bison earlier in the season.

Leading the Ranger women tonight is the duo of Jonae Isaac and freshmen Kalea King.

Isaac is coming off a dominant performance over Southern Nazarene, as she went 6 of 12 shooting from the field, 4 of 4 from the free throw line and totaling 16 points. King is coming off a double-digit shooting performance as well as she went 5 of 11 from the field and totaled 12 points.

Following the conclusion of the women's game, the Ranger men will take to the court.

For the men, a win tonight would mean only their sixth win this season. The win would also avenge their prior 72-92 loss to the Bison earlier this season.

Leading the Ranger men tonight is the trio of T'aries Taylor, Darrian Dempsey, and Laakeem Henderson. Each of the three is coming off a double-digit scoring game against conference opponent Southeastern last Saturday.

This week is also Red Riot Week on campus, which is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

The first 700 fans in attendance tonight for the women's game will receive a free t-shirt.

There will also be a spirit contest during the game, so Northwestern Student Life and Counseling Director Kaylyn Hansen asked for all in attendance to wear red in support of the Rangers.

The women will tip off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men at 7:30 p.m. in historic Percefull Fieldhouse.



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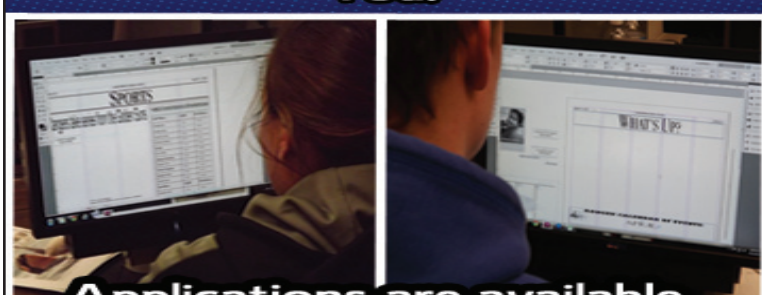
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