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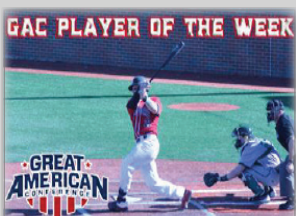
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## Northwestern releases men's basketball coach after 15 years with program

By JORDAN MCLEMORE  
Staff Reporter

Andrew Brown has been released as the head men's basketball coach at Northwestern.

After being at the helm of the Rangers for eight seasons, Brown accumulated a 119-112 record. The Ranger men tied for the Great American Conference in 2013 and since then have gone 21-32 in the past two seasons. This includes a 17-23 conference mark. The Rangers completed this season 9-18 and with a ninth-place ranking in the GAC.

Brown joined the program as a student assistant in 1995 before becoming a full-time assistant coach in 2004.

According to Northwestern's homepage, Brown was a full-time assistant for three seasons, helping Northwestern to a 57-39 record and making it to the NAIA National Championship "Elite Eight" during the 2006-07 season, a feat no other Ranger team has met.

Brown was also an assistant coach for two years at the University of Science and Arts. While at USAO, he was in charge of recruiting and helped with numerous other aspects of the Drover program.

Prior to USAO, Brown served as the assistant coach of the men's and women's program at Otero (Colo.)



Photo by Drew Slovak

Junior College. Both teams won the conference championship with the women going 27-5 and the men ending with a 21-9 record.

Northwestern's bio also mentions "during his inaugural year as head coach, Brown posted a very successful 18-11 overall record and a 13-9 mark in the Sooner Athletic Conference. He led the Rangers to a tie for fifth place in the SAC during that season, coached an NAIA Honorable Mention

All-American, an NAIA Academic All-American and five SAC All-Conference selections".

"We are committed to building a program that can consistently compete in the Great American Conference," said Andrew Carter, director of athletics. "A change in direction is needed to accomplish that goal. Coach Brown has made significant contributions to the basketball program during his time at Northwestern and

has helped guide the program during the transition phase to the NCAA. We wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors."

Carter said the search for a new head coach would begin immediately.

When asked for an interview to answer further questions, Carter responded with, "I respectfully decline this meeting as I do not discuss personnel matters publicly. We have issued our statement and stand by it."

## Longtime faculty member, dean announces retirement

By RACHEL EMERSON  
Student Reporter

Mike Knedler, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern has announced that he

will retire at the end of June.

Knedler has been a part of Northwestern for 32 years. During his time at Northwestern he has served as professor of music, director of bands, dean of the School of Humanities

and Social Sciences and currently serves as the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He also serves as the general manager of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.

He said that after thinking about it for a while, he decided that now is the "right time" to retire.

He holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Phillips University, a Master of Music degree from Baylor University

and a Ph. D. in music education from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University.

Knedler's career at Northwestern began in 1983 as an instructor of music and assistant band director. In 1989 he became the Ranger band director until 2005. Knedler served as the dean of Humanities and Social Sciences starting in 1990. He reconstructed the University's academic organization and was selected as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Knedler said he has many memories about his time at Northwestern as a band director, as a professor and as a dean. He has also seen many changes in the school. He shared that his favorite aspect of the University is that "Northwestern is a hard-working, supportive community, and I have had many opportunities

for both personal and professional growth."

Many of Knedler's students have gone on to become successful band directors and people

Knedler said he is grateful for his long journey as a Northwestern Ranger and all of the opportunities he received from the University throughout his career, adding that retirement doesn't always mean leaving and that he will always be a Northwestern Ranger.

Although he said he doesn't have any specific plans for his retirement yet, he did joke that his first project is probably going to be "cleaning out the garage."

Knedler said that there is someone set to take over his position, but that he couldn't release that information yet. He said that the University Relations office would release an announcement at a later date about his replacement.



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# OPINION

## Fame should be based on greatness, not a hashtag



**CHRIS AGBOLA**  
Columnist

What's the color of the #The-Dress? Is it #Blueandblack or #Goldandwhite? This question was viral last week as it divided the world into two teams; team blue and black and team gold and white. For a while, I wondered to myself why something as trivial as the color of a dress could earn so much attention across the world. The debate cut across all persons in society. What does it take for something to "break the Internet" or get trending nowadays? Does it have to do with its relevance or effect on the society? Or is it more about the number of individuals who share and like it. Has there been a paradigm shift in the structure and systems of society? There are more questions in this regard that I could pose. I'll attempt to talk about what fame or

influence means now as compared to earlier generations.

To be honest, the notion of fame is one of the most misconstrued concepts. A look into history provides us with individuals who are worth studying and knowing about due to remarkable feats they accomplished.

Fast forward to 2015 and what do we see? The inverse of what existed formerly. It takes a day, if not minutes or seconds, for someone to render him or herself "popular". All it takes is make a video or share a picture on the net. Get as much approval as possible via likes, retweets, reblogs or shares, which would insinuate that a lot of other folks concur with you, and that's it. You've become famous.

What happens next? The electronic and print media share your "exploits" and so you've made history or have attained the status of a celebrity or societal icon. It is baffling because the world has been plunged into state that is onerous to decipher. History-making has been redefined in ways it shouldn't be.

For instance, the influence that news of that dress wielded, or the young employee of a Target store who made news last fall can be compared to, say, how we have come to know though the study of history how the founding fathers established the na-

tion, or maybe the achievements of Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King.

Ridiculous, huh? Sadly, that is how things are now. And I'm not the one saying so. Society runs that way now. Do you still disagree with me? If you do, let me explain it. When we talk about great presidents America has had, Abraham Lincoln would be mentioned. More so, when we discuss those who lost their lives in service to the land, John F. Kennedy or Martin Luther King would make the list here as well. Delving into the sciences will make us think of Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Marie Curie, among others.

Well, in 2015, when you talk about the dress, there again, everyone knows to what you are referring -- whereas, the earlier individuals changed the world through amazing discoveries and decisions for the good of numerous lives, the latter is also known because it went viral. And that's history as well. Isn't it?

The number of items or folks who influences masses in one way or the other is unprecedented. Making the archives of the world or being the model of emulation now does not require any major impact, discovery, service or decision that causes a major change in lives. It is only a click away. Is that what we have been leveled into? Think about it....

## Does 'Suicide Squad' actor Jared Leto have what it takes to become the next Joker?



**TRENTON JUDD**  
Columnist

How will Jared Leto make his rendition of the Joker different from Heath Ledger's and Jack Nicholson's?

The complete casting list of DC's Suicide Squad movie was released a few weeks ago and the biggest announcement to come from that list was that Leto would be playing The Joker.

So far there have been three actors who have played the Joker. Cesar Romero was the first actor to portray the Joker in live action. His Joker was goofy and comedic and embraced the hokey 1960s comic book nature of the Joker at that time and soon Romero's Joker became canon.

The next actor to don the purple suit was Nicholson, and many people

were skeptical of how he would portray the character because it was the '90s, and comics were starting to take a darker tone. Nicholson did a fantastic job playing The Joker because he still was able to have the goofy energy of the '60s, but the jokes were put into a context that was able to mirror the darker turn that comic books were taking. Soon Nicholson's Joker became the definitive example of what The Joker

should be. The Joker that Nicholson portrayed even became the template that was used to animate him in the animated series of Batman that followed the film.

When it was announced that Ledger would be playing the Joker in the sequel to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins" many people were in disbelief because they felt that Ledger was too young to portray the Joker, and that he wouldn't be able to fill Nicholson's shoes.

When "The Dark Knight" was released, everyone was absolutely blown away by Ledger's performance because he completely disregarded the goofy aspects of the character and made him dark, gritty and realistic. Ledger's Joker still managed to have comedic moments, but the comedy his Joker delivered was very dark. Led-

ger's portrayal earned him an Oscar and his Joker is still today said to be the definitive Joker.

Leto will be taking on the character sometime next year, but I'm positive that he will be able to pull it off. Something the film makers should think about is that instead of trying to tackle the realistic Joker, they should go back to his comic book origins and have a post-acid bath Joker which, would bring back the familiar origin story. Out of the many people they could have cast I think Leto is the best possible choice because he is an Oscar winner, he only likes to play characters that are very layered and every character that he has played, Leto just throws himself into the role. By these qualifications I don't think we need to worry about his portrayal, but instead embrace it and look forward to what Leto will bring to the character.



# WHAT'S UP?

## Student Government Association to host 'The Voice' tonight

By **KAYLEE HARRIS**  
*Student Reporter*

Northwestern's Student Government Association will host its annual talent show tonight.

The talent show will be at 6 p.m. in Herod Hall auditorium.

The talent show will be based on the popular TV show, "The Voice." Contestants will show off their talents, whether singing or some other onstage talent, and onstage judges will compete for their favorite contestants to be on their teams. The goal for the judges is



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to select the team they feel has the best chance of winning. Off-stage judges will then add up each teams' scores to select the winner. First prize is \$150, second prize is \$100, third prize is \$50 and the people's choice winner will receive \$50.

This year's onstage judges are Director of Athletics for Compliance and Student Services Senior Woman Administrator Wendy McManus, Vice President of Admission David Pecha, and Instructor of Mass Communication Matt Adair.

"It is a fun event that always has the viewers laughing and enjoying the talent that our students here at Northwestern have," said Kaylyn Hansen, director of student life and counseling.

For more information about Northwestern's "The Voice," contact Hansen at 580-327-3489 or at [klhansen@nwsu.edu](mailto:klhansen@nwsu.edu).

## 12th annual Art Show opens this weekend

By **KAYLEE HARRIS**  
*Student Reporter*

The 12th annual Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society (NAS) Art Show opens Sunday in the J.W. Martin Library in Alva and is open through March 27. The show is free and open to the public during the library's normal operating hours.

Students, alumni, as well as current and retired university employees will have everything from paintings, photography and quilts on display for the viewing public.

In the student area, Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said that 19 students have entered this year's art show with 127 individual pieces within the three divisions of Studio Art, Photography and Artisan Crafts. Students will be awarded ribbons and cash prizes in each category. The prizes are \$15 for first place, \$5 for second and

\$2 for third. The three division winners will each receive \$50 and the Best of Show winner will receive \$75. If all places in all categories are awarded, there is more than \$800 in prize money available to students.

Twelve current employees, one retired employee and five alumni have entered in the non-student area with 144 individual pieces. The non-students will be awarded ribbons for their winning pieces.

Everyone entered in the art show will be eligible for the People's Choice ribbon and \$50 cash prize. The People's Choice award is determined by those who view the art show and submit votes.

New categories in this year's show include three in the Studio Art division where the Paintings category has been expanded to Oil Paintings, Acrylic Paintings and Watercolor/Other Paintings. Three categories also have been added in the Photography division

with Weather, Still Life and a special category of Selfie.

At the close of the campus art show, all of the winning art entries will be on display at a community art show to take place in downtown Alva at Murrow's FrameArt on Friday, April 3, during the First Friday Art Walk activities, 6 to 8 p.m.

Non-winning art from the campus show may be picked up in the library on Monday, March 30, by 5:30 p.m. Artwork from the community show at Murrow's FrameArt may be picked up at the end of that show at 8 p.m. or from Fine Arts 211 on Monday, April 6, by 5:30 p.m.

For additional information about the art show or the Art Society, visit the NAS website at [www.nwsu.edu/art](http://www.nwsu.edu/art), join the club's Facebook group or contact Case at [arcase@nwsu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8577.

## RANGER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MARCH</b>						
				5	6 Rangers Readings Graceful Arts Center 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	7 Transfer Showcase Student Center Ballroom 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8	9	10 Something Greater Ranger Perk 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  Perpetual Motion - Concert Series Herod Hall - Herod Hall Auditorium 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	11	12 Regional Science Fair President's, Wyatt, Ranger & Ballroom 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  Band Concert Herod Hall Auditorium 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.	13	14

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# STUDENT LIFE

## University Singers kicks off NYC trip with concert

Students in the University Singers, Northwestern Oklahoma State University's premier choral ensemble, will be performing their New York City Kick-Off Concert on Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at the Alva First United Methodist Church. The concert will feature the same rundown as the group will be performing in New York March 15-19.

Dr. Irene Messoloras, assistant professor of music and director of the ensemble, said the concert will consist of a variety of repertoire ranging from renaissance to contemporary. Composers include Anton Bruckner, Claude Debussy, Jake Runestad and Ethan Sperry.

"The University Singers are excited to present their NYC tour," Messoloras said. "Rehearsing on average of 12 hours a week, the choir will perform a wide variety of

music. Our goal is to showcase the versatility of the group, as well as inspire our audience by maintaining the highest level of performance, mental focus and artistic musicality. We are honored to serve as ambassadors of our school, community and the state of Oklahoma."

The New York City trip will consist of a variety of performances, beginning March 16 at the Metropolitan Opera, where the University Singers will sing "Lucia di Lammermoor" by G. Donizetti. On March 17 at 8 p.m. the Singers will take the stage at Carnegie Hall, and on March 18, the ensemble will perform at the United Nations. The students also will have the opportunity to see a few attractions while in New York City, including the 9/11 memorial, the Statue of Liberty, and more.

The University Singers include: Austin Anderson, Beaver freshman; Scott Bartley, Enid senior; Erica Bertram, Havilland, Kan., sophomore; Rachel Carter, Alva freshman; James Faulkner, Hooker junior; Joshua Faulkner, Hooker senior; Aaron Ford, Cheyenne senior; Naicee Gugelmeyer, Hardtner, Kan., sophomore; Shayna Hamilton, Vici junior; Erin Hopkins, Fairview junior; Dalton Imberi, Woodward freshman; Bryce Lewis, Alva junior; Chance Mayhall, Ponca City freshman; Kenneith McIntosh, Del City junior; Isilei Ofiu, Anchorage, Alaska, junior; Alexandria Skinner, Burkburnett, Texas, junior; Adriana Tibbetts, Beaver freshman; Lauren Turner, Woodward senior; Cynthia Watkins, Laverne freshman; Riley Wiebener, Alva senior; and Morgan Biaggi, Boise City junior.



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### News brief: tuba recital date pushed back due to weather

Due to the poor weather conditions this past weekend, Dr. Kenneth Drobnak, assistant professor of fine arts, will now present his tuba recital at the Alva First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on March 7.

This recital will feature works by Puccini, J.S. Bach, Rimsky-Korsakov, Barbara York, Alec Wilder and Guido Papini. Drobnak also will provide a demonstration of the tuba and its various capabilities. A preview of Drobnak playing the tuba is available at [www.drobnakbrass.com](http://www.drobnakbrass.com). A reception will follow the recital.

Drobnak has performed throughout the central United States and is a featured soloist each summer with the Rapid City (S.D.) Municipal Band. In 2002, he performed at Carnegie Hall with the National Wind Ensemble. He also has performed at the National Music Museum, Mt. Rushmore National Monument and Severance Hall.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 628 Church Street in Alva. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Drobnak at (580)327-8191 or by email at [kpdrobnak@nwsu.edu](mailto:kpdrobnak@nwsu.edu).

## English department to host second month of Creative Readings

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University English Department brings the second of its four-month Creative Reading Series to the Graceful Arts Gallery this Friday for the First Friday Art Walk. This month's theme is titled "Ranger Readings" and will feature the creative works of five Northwestern students.

"We aim to inspire all who attend," Natalie Sacket,

Fairview junior, said. "We are extremely excited to be able to share a little bit of creativity with the NWOSU campus and Alva community, so we would love to have a great turnout. This is a new experience for many of us, so we are planning to have fun in a creative and relaxed setting. There will be a variety of genres and viewpoints, so we are very excited to share

an entertaining evening with everyone."

"Ranger Readings" will feature Dalton Imberi, Woodward freshman, reading an original short story; Kate Henning, Milton, Del., junior, reading a collection of poems and a short story; Sacket, reading a collection of poems and a short story; Ashley Urban, Enid senior, reading original poems; Rachel Rear-

don, Woodward sophomore, reading original poems.

The Creative Reading Series will return April 3 for "Poetry Night" and again May 1, theme to be announced.

For more information on this series, contact Dr. Kathryn Lane, English, foreign language and humanities chair and assistant professor of English, at [kelane@nwsu.edu](mailto:kelane@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8470.

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

Bloody hell! Grab a cup of tea and a tasty crumpet. We are reviewing one smashing flick this week!

*"Kingsmen: The Secret Service" (2014)*

Chris' Review-



4.5 umbrellas out of 5

So you know what's better than America's secret intelligence? Almost any other country's agency. This movie puts that on full display as we dive into the fictional, yet somewhat believable, tale of England's version of the CIA. The Kingsmen, who are even more secretive than MI6, are the cream of the crop when it comes to the spy world. So lets get on with it, governor.

This film was definitely making fun of the outlandishness of other spy movies, especially James Bond. From a super villain with a fear of blood and a distaste for murder, to heads exploding in an array of vivid colors, this film picks at all the dumb parts of classic spy movies that we all love. And that is perfectly aye with me.

Many people may not know this, but this film is based off a comic book series, and a Marvel company owns that comic book series, also being the same guys that brought us Kick-Ass. That being said, I really didn't expect anything less than

great. Samuel L. Jackson makes an amazing villain by anyone's standards, and Colin Firth and Taron Egerton were both great spies in their own regard, one being the wise mentor and the other being the rambunctious youth. Plus, a small role from Michael

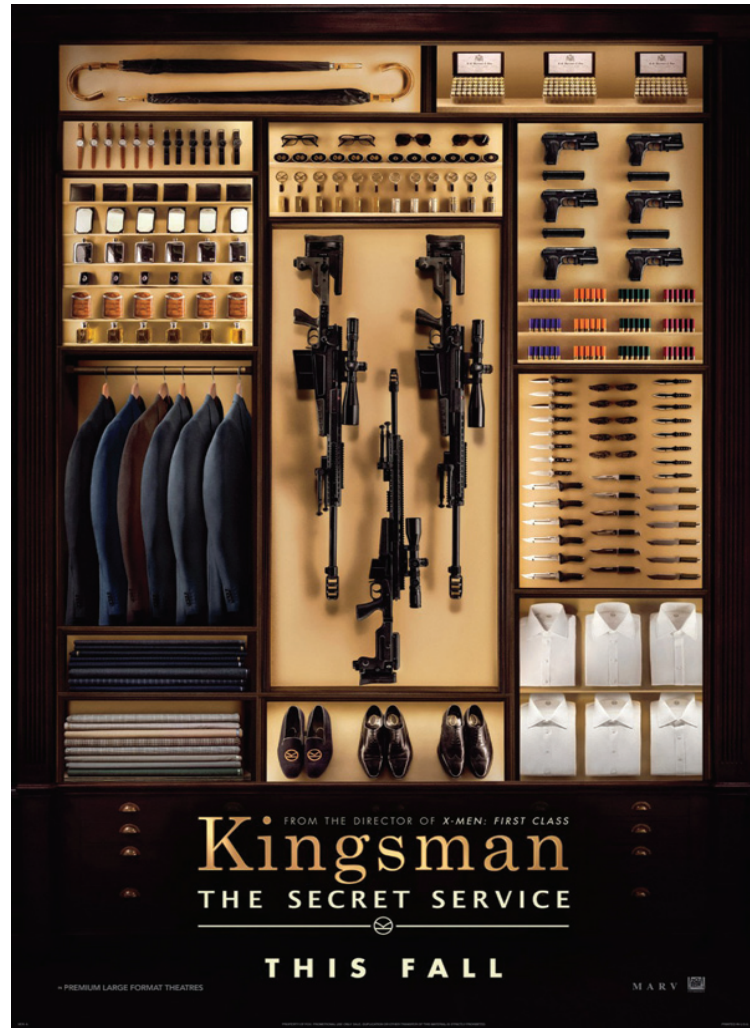


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Caine never hurt a film. Am I right, Christopher Nolan?

So here's the bottom line. If you are into the kind of gritty, raw, R-rated superhero movie that has recently been coming to light, go watch this movie. It's funny, sexy, and actually quite action-packed. If you prefer your heroes to wear a star on their chest and stand for the American way of life, you still have two more months to wait.

Natalie's Review-



It's like James Bond, but more fun; Austin Powers, but much smarter. "Kingsmen: The Secret Service" is very self-aware of the cliché world of spy movies into which it is delving and chooses to combat the stereotypes by embracing and spoofing them.

The film is highly entertaining and enjoyable... and a ton of fun. The unique style is comparable to that of Quentin Tarantino: quirky and

sharp, never dull. If you're a fan of the obscure, this film is for you.

There's a line in the film that says a spy movie is only as good as its villain. In this aspect, this movie succeeds. Samuel L. Jackson plays one of the most effective villains of film history, right up there with Darth Vader, the shark from "Jaws," and the iceberg in "Titanic." His character is delightfully strange, complete with a lisp and a crippling fear of blood. His sidekick is a vicious and athletic woman with razor-blade prosthetic legs. I told you it gets weird.

Our favorite secret agents are played by Colin Firth and Taron Egerton. Firth is wonderful, as usual, and Egerton is sure to be a rising star.

"Kingsmen: The Secret Service" is humorous and quirky, with enough action for the most bloodthirsty of folks. Speaking of which, beware all ye squeamish of bloodshed; you'll have to look away from the screen on occasion.

Bottom Line: "Kingsmen: The Secret Service" is offensive and witty, rude and intelligent, delightful and disgusting, so definitely go check it out.

**TOP 10 BOX OFFICE MOVIES**

1	FOCUS
2	KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE
3	FIFTY SHADES OF GREY
4	THE LAZARUS EFFECT
5	THE SPONGBOB MOVIE
6	MCFARLAND, USA
7	AMERICAN SNIPER
8	THE DUFF
9	STILL ALLICE
10	HOT TUBE TIME MACHINE 2

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# SPORTS

## Rodeo finishes top five; Ranger wins Goat Tying

By SARAH OTTO  
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern rodeo team not only competed at Manhattan, Kans., but claimed a few titles while they were there.

The women's team placed third overall, while the men's team came in fifth overall.

Northwestern had ten athletes made it back to the short round.

The Northwestern cowboys took over the steer wrestling. Four of the 10 cowboys that made it back to the short round were from Northwestern. Ty Batie won the long round with a time of 3.8. Jon Laine Herl followed close behind him, coming in second with a time of 4.0. Stephen Culling split fourth and fifth in the long round with a time of 4.8 and James Struxness followed with a time of 5.0, splitting sixth, seventh, and eighth. Herl took control of things in the short round, finishing his weekend first overall. Batie finished third overall, Culling finished sixth, and Struxness finished the weekend splitting eighth and ninth.

Herl, a Junior from Goodland, Kansas, said, "Overall it was a good weekend. It is good to be starting the semester off on a good note. Now I need to keep the ball rolling the rest of the spring rodeos. I'm just going to keep making the best runs possible for what I draw."

In team roping, Northwestern was represented by two cowboys in the short round, William Wayne and Dustin Searcy. Wayne roped with Connor Osborn from Connors and had a time of 6.2, placing third in the long round, which qualified them for the short round. Searcy and his team roping partner, Hunter Munsell from Western, had a time of 5.4, which won the long round and advanced them to the short round. Wayne ended up third in the average for the weekend and Searcy finished the weekend fifth overall.

In each of the women's events, two cowgirls made it to the short round representing Northwestern. In barrel racing, Shea Ransome and Kelsey Driggers were the two NWOSU cowgirls that claimed

a spot in the short round. Ransome ended up second overall and Driggers finished the weekend fifth overall. In breakaway roping, Elli Price and Karley Kile made it back to the short round. Price came in third for the weekend, while Kile endured a no-time in the short round.

Shayna Miller and Karley Kile represented Northwestern in the short round of goat tying. Kile finished the weekend ninth overall, while Miller claimed a title and finished first overall.

Miller, a junior from Faith, S.D., is focused on being consistent at each rodeo so she can pick up points and win the region. She said, "I plan to work hard through the week, stay focused on what I am doing, and show up ready to compete at each rodeo." After winning the goat tying at the first rodeo of the spring semester, Miller wants to keep a good mindset for the upcoming rodeos. She said, "I am going to go make one run at a time and I can't beat myself."

The Rangers' next rodeo is at Garden City, Kans.

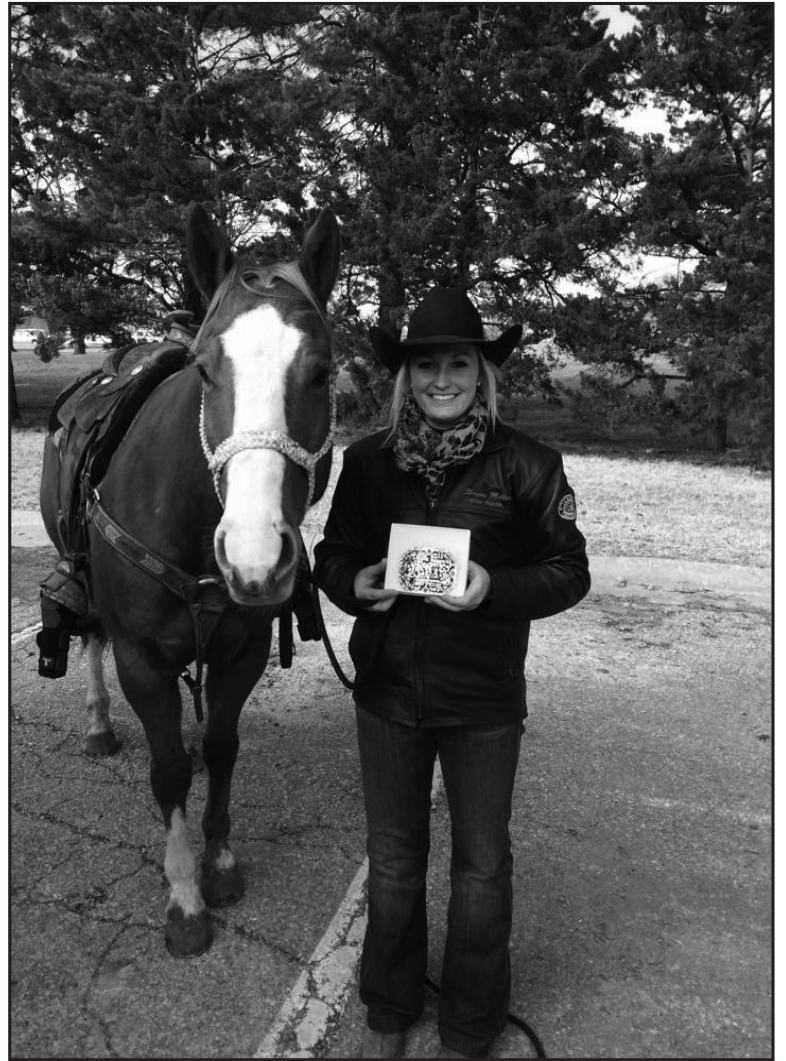


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Shayna Miller, Goat Tying Champion.

## Rangers basketball swept by the Bulldogs to end the season

By TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern women's and men's basketball traveled to Weatherford, Okla., Thursday evening to face Great American Conference opponent and arch-rival Southwestern Oklahoma State.

In the Women's contest, Southwestern produced quickly with a quick 11-1 run to start the scoring attack for the Lady Bulldogs.

Northwestern would finally get things in order, responding with a few transition baskets down the stretch.

Even though the Rangers responded on offense, the Lady

Bulldogs shot incredibly from the field throughout the first half, which caused a 16-point Southwestern lead going in at halftime.

During the second half, both teams came out unable to produce offensively, but the

Lady Bulldogs continued to dominate the Ranger defense in three early minutes of the second.

Northwestern guards Kaelea King and Relina Johnson hit three-pointers to put the Ranger back within nine, 53-44.

Shortly after, Northwestern shooting guard Relina Johnson scored five straight points with five minutes left, bringing the Rangers within three, 69-66. Unfortunately, the Ranger defense had nothing

left in the fuel tank to stop the Lady Bulldog three-point shooting attack, which resulted in an 83-72 Lady Bulldog victory.

The Northwestern men struggled also against the Bulldogs, as both teams were tied up 6-6

In the early minutes of the first half. The Bulldogs erupted on a 26-1 run throughout most of the first half, which caused the Rangers to be down an enormous 32-7. However, Northwestern would come back toward the end of the half attempting to trim down the Bulldog deficit, which caused Northwestern to go in at the half down 44-20.

During the second half, Southwestern took matters into their own hands by dismantling the Northwestern defense, producing numerous scoring runs that discombobulated the Rangers entirely throughout the second half as the Bulldogs took a massive 77-46 victory over Northwestern.


Both teams concluded the 2015 season in the Great American Conference, with the men finishing the regular season with a 9-18 record, while

finishing 8-12 in the Great American Conference.

Alongside the men, the women finished with a regular season record of 10-16 and 9-11 in the Great American Conference.



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# SPORTS

## Baseball wins series against Boll Weevils; Focus turns now to Muleriders at home

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

The Rangers went on the road over the weekend to face the Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils in Monticello, Ark. They made the most of their road trip as they grabbed a 2-1 win in game one and a 4-2 win in game three.

In game one, Ranger Tito Montano Jr. led the way in offense as he went 1 for 4 from the plate with one RBI and one double.

Moantano showed his offensive power early in the second inning as his double brought in teammate Matt Benn to give them a 1-0 lead.

Ranger Jeff Martin would connect in the eighth inning, driving in Logan Greenwalt to give them a 2-0 lead.

The Boll Weevils would add a run in the ninth inning, but the Rangers closing pitcher Chase Randall would shut down the final batters to secure the 2-1 win.

In game two Saturday afternoon the Rangers would grab a 4-2 win in dramatic fashion.

After falling behind 2-0 early in the fifth inning, the Rangers would begin to close in the next inning.

In the sixth inning Ranger Trenton Earley would score after teammate Martin connected for a single.

The Rangers would surpass the Boll Weevils in the seventh inning as Greenwalt singled and Earley laid down a sacrifice bunt that brought in two runs, giving them a 3-2 lead.

Ranger Joshua Caruso would drive in the final run in the ninth inning, lengthening their lead to 4-2 and securing the game-two win.

In game three, the Rangers would fall 1-4.

The Boll Weevils jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but it was not for long as the Rangers would tie the game up with a double by Caruso, which drove in teammate Blake Jones.

In the fourth inning the

Boll Weevils would add two runs on to give them a 3-1 lead and then another in the next inning, extending their lead to 4-1.

Despite the 4-1 loss in game three the Rangers still took the 2-1 series win.

After opening conference play with a 3-6 record, the Rangers baseball team looks to improve upon their start.

The Rangers will get their chance to turn their start around as they will face the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas Friday afternoon.

Leading the way for the Rangers against the Muleriders is the trio of Jeff Martin, Jason Freeman and Logan

Porter. Martin leads the trio with 23 hits and 15 RBIs. Freeman, however, leads in runs scored with 10 total, followed by nine apiece for Martin and Porter.

In the Rangers' last meeting with Southern Arkansas last season, Northwestern was able to take a dominant 10-5 win in game three after falling in game one and two the day before.

The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Myers Stadium. Game two will follow with a scheduled start time of 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon the Rangers will close their series with Southern Arkansas out at noon.

## Softball opens home play against Muleriders

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
Sports Editor

Ranger softball opened conference play with a 3-1 series loss to Southern Arkansas over the weekend.

Play began against the Muleriders with a doubleheader on Friday, followed by a doubleheader Saturday as well.

In game one on Friday, the Rangers took a 3-1 advantage in the fourth inning after Rangers Jordan Haya and Madison McGraw would cross home for the score.

The Muleriders, however, would soon strike with four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, lifting them to a 5-3 lead.

They would add on another run in the sixth inning, allowing them to seal the 6-3 game one win over the Rangers.

In game two, the Muleriders opened with three runs in the first inning, followed by six more in the second inning. Then they would add on two more in the fifth inning giving them a massive 11-2 win.

The Rangers' two runs came from Haya and Jordan Baughman. Play continued against

Southern Arkansas with another doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

In game one Saturday, the Rangers managed to grab a 6-3 win. Coming up big for the Rangers was Haya again who scored twice, followed by single runs by McGraw, Stephanie Couser and Lindsay Thorstenson.

In game two though, the Rangers were unable to continue their success, as they fell 14-8.

The Rangers (8-5 overall, 1-3 GAC) will be back in action this weekend as they begin play at home against Southern Nazarene starting at 2 p.m. Friday.

## Benn nabs GAC Player of the Week

Northwestern Oklahoma State outfielder Matt Benn was named Great American Conference Player of the Week, Tuesday, following a solid conference series against Arkansas-Monticello.

The 6-2 junior out of Teulon, MB, Canada, finished the successful series batting .333 with three total hits, one double, three runs, one stolen base, .455 on base percentage, .444 slugging percentage and four total putouts.

Benn is the second GAC Player of the Week selection for the Rangers in the 2015 season and rightfully so after the black-and-red took the conference series from the

Boll Weevils 2-1.

"We are beyond thrilled for a Ranger being named GAC Player of the Week for the second time this season. Matt's success is a testament to his passion, work ethic, and respect for the process. He has trusted his training from both Coach Wood and Coach Freemyer and we are looking forward to his continued growth and development," Coach Sam Carel said.

Northwestern Baseball (8-8, 3-6 GAC) continues their conference campaign this weekend as they host Southern Arkansas in a three game series beginning Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.



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