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Northwestern basketball "comes full circle", hires former VP as men's head coach

By MICHAEL COLLINS
Editor

Only 11 days after releasing longtime coach Andrew Brown, Northwestern has found its next coach to lead the Rangers in the coming years.

After 19 years away from coaching the game of basketball, former vice president for student affairs and enrollment management Brad Franz was introduced Tuesday as the new men's basketball coach at a morning press conference.

"There was only one coaching position that could bring me back to the bench, and it was at Northwestern," Franz said. "My love for Northwestern began as a student and has stayed with me since that time. I am honored to be selected to lead the basketball program and want to thank Dr. Janet Cunningham and Andy Carter for this opportunity. My family and I are truly excited to be a part of the Ranger family again."

Announcing the new hire, Northwestern president Janet Cunningham said, "Sometimes life makes a full circle, and I believe that's what has happened here today."

Franz returns to Northwestern after leaving the university two years ago to accept the position of Vice President of Instruction at Otero (Colo.) Junior College in July of 2013. Cunningham praised Franz for his work as an administrator, especially in strengthening the University's student recruitment and



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retention strategies, along with efforts to improve student life.

"What we have in Brad Franz is a proven winner," Andrew Carter, director of athletics, said. "Brad has a great record as a collegiate coach, is a tremendous recruiter, and will bring an intensity and sense of urgency to our program. He knows our league, he knows the culture of Northwestern, and he knows what it will take to be successful."

Franz last coached in 1996 at Otero (Colo.) Junior College before moving into administrative roles there and at Northwestern, but he remained a visible part of the basketball scene as a nationally-respected talent scout, providing coaches with reports on the nation's

top junior college and high school players.

"There's a commitment to winning the right way at Northwestern. I know we can be competitive with great young men who will graduate and understand what an honor it is to wear a red and black jersey" said Franz.

Franz was head coach and athletic director at Otero from 1991-96, compiling an 88-56 (.636) record, while leading the school to its first-ever conference title and a pair of second-place finishes. His teams played in the postseason all five years, including two final four appearances in the NJCAA Region IX tournament.

The last three seasons of Franz's

tenure at Otero were particularly stellar. His 1993-94 team compiled a 22-7 record, the school's best ever, and was ranked in the top 25. That team also was ranked No. 5 nationally in team defense.

His 1994-95 team was 21-9, and seven of his sophomores signed early with NCAA Division I schools.

During that three-year period, all 25 of his sophomores graduated from Otero and moved on to four-year schools, including 15 that played at the Division I level.

Franz earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern. He and his wife Lisa, also a Northwestern graduate, have three children: a son Jordan, and daughters Cecely and Aleysa.

Fall enrollment to open March 24, scholarship opportunities offered

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's fall 2015 enrollment begins Tuesday, March 24, and summer enrollment is underway. Classes for the summer semester begin on June 1 and the fall semester on Aug. 17. All students are encouraged to enroll right away before classes close.

Printed copies of the course schedules are available at all of Northwestern's campuses, and PDF versions of the booklets are located on Northwestern's web site at www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules. At the top of that web page is the link "Updated Course Schedule" that will allow the user to find courses in all programs in a dropdown link format. This location will keep everyone aware of what courses are closed or canceled or if any changes have been made to course times,

locations or instructors.

All students must obtain a class schedule and enrollment form, have the form signed by an adviser and process the form at the registrar's office. Currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate students pre-approved by their academic advisers may enroll online or at the registrar's office, Herod Hall-first floor.

Enrollment at Northwestern-Enid, 2929 E. Randolph, and Northwestern-Woodward, 2007 34th St., will be processed at their registration offices during regular business hours.

New students—both transfers and first-time students—and those returning after being out at least one semester must enroll in the registrar's office.

Northwestern offers several

scholarship opportunities for transfer, continuing and first-time students. A number of participation scholarships also are given in areas such as band, choir, theatre, cheerleading, dance and campus media. Recommendations for these awards usually come from university department heads. Athletic scholarships are awarded through the athletic department. Find a list of available scholarships at <http://bit.ly/scholarships-list>.

Continuing students have until March 15 to apply for scholarships for the upcoming year.

Transfer students have until July 15 to complete a scholarship application and provide verification of their cumulative grade point average.

For more information about scholarship opportunities and

scholarship application forms, please visit www.nwosu.edu/scholarships. Questions about financial aid and scholarships can be directed to Rita Castleberry, director of financial aid and scholarships, at (580) 327-8540 or rjcastleberry@nwosu.edu.

Students with enrollment questions may call the Alva registrar's office at (580) 327-8554, the Enid registration office at (580) 237-0334 or the main office in Woodward at (580) 256-0047.

More information can be found in the recruitment viewbook at <http://bit.ly/NWOSU-viewbook> or by visiting the university's website at www.nwosu.edu.

Questions also may be directed to the Office of Recruitment at recruit@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8546.

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OPINION

“Incredibly inconsiderate”: columnist rants on football’s “new era” practices



JORDAN MCLEMORE
Columnist

I am all for school spirit, but you're going to question that if you read this article. That's my disclaimer.

Apparently we are ushering in a “New Era” here at Northwestern, in regards to the new football coach and staff. This includes new plays, new field, and yes, multiple early morn-

ing practices during “Hell Week.” Notice I mentioned a new field. This means all early morning practices are held at the intramural field in the middle of campus. I should probably go ahead and say I live in the closest room in South Hall to said field.

This article might seem like I'm ranting about being awaked at 5:30 every morning they are out there; that couldn't be farther from the truth. I love that they are trying to turn around the football program, which definitely needs it.

With a record of 3-7 in the 2014-15 season, I would say some improvement is needed. But isn't this the “off” season? They are going harder now than ever before! With all of the hype behind the new head coach, field, and “New Era,” I seriously hope they pull off a few more wins this coming season, and it's worth getting up so early. Many of the new recruits have no idea what they are in for if they keep this

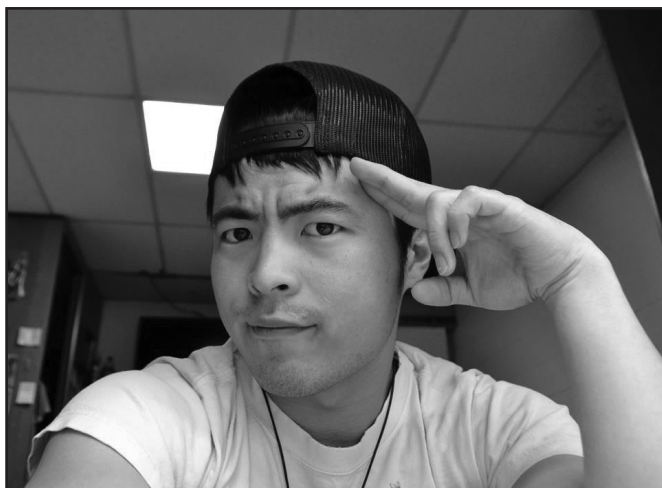
regime up in the fall.

I feel like the football team and even staff are incredibly inconsiderate of their fellow students. Just like the players like to get a good night's sleep on the nights they have to be up early, we like to be able to sleep until our alarms wake us up. Maybe one of these nights I'll park my car outside Ament and blare my horn, making it impossible to sleep. I shouldn't be taking out all my anger on the players; I'm sure you guys just love being up at 5 a.m. for early morning workouts. But the coaches mandating this early morning practice, especially during midterms, are crazy!

Speaking of midterms, where are the players finding the time to actually study? With several hours dedicated to early morning competitions and getting enough sleep to make it through them, class, and jobs, they aren't going to be able to commit enough time to studying for these incredibly important exams.

And the kicker (yes, punt intended) of being up so early? The air horn that ensures I stay awake, which sounded for every player quitting a specific drill during this so called “Hell Week.” Well, it's Hell Week for all of us here at Northwestern. Oh, and make sure to follow me on Twitter for a live update of their early morning practice.

Student gives tips to stay healthy for the upcoming spring break



OSAMU SAKAMOTO
Columnist

Happy March! A beautiful spring season (and break) is around the corner. I hope you enjoyed and survived a gorgeous yet ice-cold, illness-causing and skin-drying winter. I am a huge fan of winter, yet here I am -- I had a great combat against cracked hand skin and flu about a couple of weeks ago (shame on me).

I want to share some little tips on how to survive the rest of winter without getting any cold or flu and have fun as much as possible. Those four tips on how-to-avoid flu are totally worth knowing. You will not miss an important event in the coming spring break due to illness and there will be no need to curse at flu anymore. Remember that you have to be your body's own CDC.

Rule Number 1: Keep your body warm. Boom! This one is easy as pie. It is an everlasting rule to avoid catching cold/flu. Even though our body can adjust its temperature, it

should not be an option to go out wearing shorts with flip-flops. Imagining that we are in a tropical island could help refresh our minds, but dressing yourself in summer outfits in days of the freeze definitely does not help us maintain our health. Yet, showing off your shiny tropical outfits is an option if you want to be remembered/known as “that person who always wears shorts in winter.”

Rule Number 2: Wash your hands, especially before meals or snacks and cooking. I can hear someone yelling, “Thank you, Cap'n Obvious.” Well, I am happily ready to counter-argue that. Do you ever wash your hands before helping yourself to food? Most bacteria that we can find on our hands are certainly not to be eaten by us for whatever reasons. Moreover, if you are to cook something for the possibly 24/7 hungry stomach, washing the hands has to be come at the very beginning. It is very important to know that we may reduce the chance of getting food-borne illness by washing the hands.

Rule Number 3: Maintain a healthy body. This is going to be tricky for busy college students. We do have many choices of food. We can go to a fast-food restaurant, grab snacks and choose yummy things over fruits/veggies at the Coronado

Cafeteria. Moreover, we as college students are often mentally overwhelmed. To know how to deal with stressors may make a difference in one's health.

Rule Number 4: Constantly drink water to avoid a dried throat. The key isn't amount, but the frequency of drinking water. All we need is a fancy sip from a bottle of Great Value Purified Water 500 ml to keep our throat moist. Whenever we have the dried and painful throat, that is when we are more likely to catch cold/flu. Carrying a bottle of water seems to be essential throughout the year.

These rules are just a few parts of getting/keeping a healthy body. It can be useful to add some more rules that you find legitimate and make a list of your own. It is no one but you who can truly take care of the body. Have a good spring break!

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WHAT'S UP?

English professor's essay to be published this summer

This summer Dr. Kathryn Lane, assistant professor of English, will have an essay titled "Now Watson, the fair sex is your department" published in the book "Sherlock Holmes and the Curious Case of Gender Studies." The book is being edited by Nadine Farghaly and published by McFarland Press.

Lane said this piece is another item to go along with the department's popular culture ideas. Lane referred to popular culture as the English department's niche.

"My essay looks at the depiction of the interpersonal relationships in BBC's series 'Sherlock,'" Lane said. "I examine the relationship between John and Sherlock, as well as the depiction of the female characters in the series. I specifically look at how the BBC 'interpretation' is playing with the Holmes canon and interpersonal relationships. It fits into the book as a whole

because the collection is looking at depictions of gender in the modern depictions and revisions of Holmes, previously played by Robert Downey Jr., Benedict Cumberbatch and Johnny Lee Miller."

The essay was chosen through a double blind peer review conducted by the book's editor and publisher. In this process, two or more peers read and provided feedback on each piece without knowing the author's identity. From there, the editor requested revisions where necessary and chose which pieces would best fit in the book.

"The book is now headed to press, and we should be looking at proofs in the next few months," Lane said.

For more information on this book or the English department, contact Lane at (580) 327-8470 or kelane@nwsu.edu.



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Northwestern's coral ensemble to perform during the break

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**
Student Reporter

The University Singers, Northwestern's choral ensemble, has been preparing its New York City Kick-Off Concert.

The group has scheduled a trip to New York, where it will be performing March 15 through the 19.

Irene Messoloras, assistant professor of music and director of the ensemble, said the concert will consist of a variety of music ranging from renaissance to contemporary.

"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 University Singers will perform at Carnegie Hall and the United Nations. It won't be all work and no play, though; they have quite a lineup of sightseeing to do while in New York.

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; Kenneth 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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C.O.R.E announces upcoming activities for spring semester

By **KAYLEE HARRIS**
Student Reporter

C.O.R.E, which stands for Conserving Our Ranger Environment, is the environmental activism group on the Northwestern campus. It focuses on ways to keep students informed about how to reduce waste, as well as pushing Northwestern to be as "green" as possible.

Jeffrey Martin, president of C.O.R.E, said that the group is very student-led and always welcomes new members. "We are unique in where we are," said Martin.

Martin, a Northwestern senior, has been a member of C.O.R.E since his freshman year.

This semester, there are four ways that you can be a part of what C.O.R.E is doing for Northwestern. The first will be on April 21. C.O.R.E will show an environmentally sustainable energy documentary, "Cowspiracy," and hold a Skype session with the director. The film focuses on the impact of the farm industry on global warming. This event will be on two campuses, Alva and Enid.

The second opportunity will be at the end of the semester. C.O.R.E will be holding a book drive to send books that would otherwise be thrown away to impoverished areas. The group will accept any unwanted textbook.

The third opportunity is scheduled

for May 7, 8, and 9. During this time, if you are moving out of the dorms, or just trying to downsize, C.O.R.E will be accepting donations of all kinds. Any clothes, cleaning supplies, books, non-perishable food, etc. will be donated to local charities such as the domestic violence shelter.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25 in the Science conference room. Martin described the group as a collection of "all sorts of people" who "share the same underlying belief that doesn't get a lot of attention." The meetings are held over Skype with C.O.R.E members in Enid, and held in an "open forum" style, said Martin.

For those worried about their individual impact on the environment, Martin offered some tips on how to reduce the amount of waste produced.

"My big thing is two-sided printing," said Martin noting that printing on both sides of the paper reduces paper usage by 50 percent. Other ways are to only print syllabi when needed, purchase reusable water bottles and forgo using plastic utensils and paper plates.

For more information on C.O.R.E., contact Place at 580-327-8673 or ajplace@nwsu.edu or Associate Professor of Education Steven Mackie at 580-213-3121 or swmackie@nwsu.edu.

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STUDENT LIFE

Perpetual Motion hypnotizes Northwestern with aerial show

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**
Student Reporter

Wrapping up the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series was Perpetual Motion, an Oklahoma based non-profit dance company. They were founded in 2002 and have grown to incorporate premier modern and aerial dance. They are known for their innovative choreography and three-dimensional performances.

The dance company encompasses the minds and imaginations of humans. Perpetual Motion performs the works of nationally-acclaimed artists. They are the first company in Oklahoma to include aerial

dance. This dance company began the Annual Oklahoma Contemporary Dance Festival in 2006. This festival brings local dancers and choreographers for a series of rehearsals and classes. This unites the various members of the dance community in Oklahoma.

Irene Messoloras, the general manager of the concert series, introduced the dancers to the Northwestern stage. Each dance had a different makeup between the dancers, and each dance had a different theme.

The act opens with the full cast of dancers, seven in all, who dominate the stage with their hypnotic moves, set against a

stark backdrop with melancholy music playing. Their synchronized movements revolved around each other and used a ladder as a prop in this particular dance. There were many aerial dances; some with scarves hung from the ceiling and some using a metal contraption that they used to climb on and move around while spinning.

These dancers aren't the carbon-copy ballerinas you might be thinking of. They are all of different ethnicities and body types, with different hair and visible tattoos. These are real women, portraying the every-



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

day emotions we go through as humans. They are clearly changing the public's view on modern dance. Many of the dancers have been work-

ing together for many years, contributing to their obvious chemistry on stage and the control they have over their bodies.

SGA's 'The Voice' ends in "epic" night

By **JAKE GOODMAN**
Student Reporter

The Student Government Association hosted the 2015 "The Voice" contest Thursday inside Herod Hall to crown the 2015 talent champion of Northwestern.

Claiming the first place award was the talented Faith Changara.

A number of students participated, displaying a wide variety of talents, ranging from stand-up comedy to bands performing classic songs.

"It was the biggest adrenaline rush I have ever had," said Nick Perkins, who performed a

Led Zeppelin song on his guitar.

The judges would sound their horns whenever they were interested in the performer. Each judge would give a description of what they liked about the performer in order to persuade them to be picked as the performer's coach.

"It was epic," said judge Matt Adair. "I will always think I should have won the judge's trophy. My team was stacked with talent. All the participants were great and the event was so much fun. I can't wait until next year."

At the end of the night, the People's Choice Award was handed to the participant that

the audience cheered for the most. The People's Choice Award was given to Mikayla Zook, who sang "Because of You."

Members of the audience attended to support their friends and said they were amazed by the performances.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

English program welcomes Rilla Askew for reading

Faculty members in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's English program invite the Northwestern and surrounding communities to the Visiting Writers Series where Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame Recipient Rilla Askew will be reading from a collection of her fiction works Tuesday, March 24, from 6:30-9 p.m. in the J.W. Martin Library at Northwestern-Alva. This event is free and open to the public.

Askew is an American novelist and short story writer born in the Sans Bois Mountains of Southeastern Oklahoma and grew up in Bartlesville. She graduated from the University of Tulsa with a bachelor's degree in theatre performance and went on to study creative writing at Brooklyn College, where she earned a Master of Fine Arts degree.

"We're thrilled that Ms. Askew will be visiting Northwestern to do a reading for us," Dr. Kathryn Lane, English, Foreign Language and Humanities department chair and assistant professor of English, said. "An inductee

to the Oklahoma Writers Hall of Fame, Rilla Askew is a renowned writer with a number of works to her credit. She's not afraid to take on controversial topics and depict them with a humanity that is compelling."

"The Mercy Seat," Askew's first novel, was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Dublin IMPAC Prize, was a Boston Globe Notable Book and received the Oklahoma Book Award and the Western Heritage Award in 1998. Her second novel, "Fire in Beulah," a novel about the Tulsa Race Riot, received the American Book Award and the Myers Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights. Askew's third novel, "Harpsong" received the Oklahoma Book Award, the Western Heritage Award, the WILLA Award from Women Writing the West, and the Violet Crown Award from the Writers League of Texas. Her newest novel, "Kind of Kin," was published in January 2013.

Askew's essays and short

fiction also have appeared in a variety of journals, and her story "The Killing Blanket" was selected for the "Prize Stories 1993: The O. Henry Awards," a collection of O. Henry Award-winning short stories. Her collection of short stories, "Strange Business," received the Oklahoma Book Award in 1993.

Among being the author of four novels and several essays and short stories, she also received the 2011 Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for the Book (OCB), a state affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Askew is coming to Oklahoma from New York, where she resides with her husband, Paul Austin.

"We hope Northwestern and surrounding communities will show their support by attending," Lane said.

For more information on Askew or the Visiting Writers Series contact Lane at (580) 327-8470 or kellane@nwsu.edu.

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can't really say anything else stood out to me. The story was bland. The acting was bland. The popcorn had more flavor than this film... and I got little butter.

Bottom line, don't watch this movie unless something in your heart

deeply compels you to, which I don't know why it would. Go watch "Kingsmen" again. That was a good movie.

Natalie's Review-



1.5 out of 5 gavels
"Black or White" felt more like a made-for-TV style film. I could get more entertainment out of watching the Hallmark Channel at my grandma's.

The film's heart is clearly in the right place, as it does attempt to confront several social issues, but it was just too much. The characters were all a bit too cliché, the story much too predictable. It's more of a soap opera than anything.

I will say that the actors did embrace their characters wholeheartedly. I would expect nothing less from Kevin Costner and Octavia Spencer, both Academy Award winners. It's not their fault that the characters

they portray are so one-dimensional.

This brings me to my next point... whoa, the terribleness of this script! The characters were so blah. (I can't even think of a better adjective, that's how lacking of depth these characters are.) There were occasions where I was just overly annoyed with Elliot Anderson (Costner) and Rowena (Spencer.) For instance, Anderson's wife passes away in a car accident, yet we see him drink and drive numerous times with his granddaughter in the vehicle. There are only two sides to Anderson in this film: drunk and barely sober. The only bright side to this film was the charming Jillian Estell,

who plays the lovely 7-year-old Eloise.

"Black or White" tried to overcome stereotypes and prejudices, but it ended up perpetuating them. This film had the potential to make a very strong social statement, but I think the audience missed it because they were asleep by the end of the film because of sheer boredom. It attempts to portray several double standards, whether it was about addiction, race, or gender. However, it was not handled in a convincing manner.

Bottom Line: If you want a heartwarming film, go watch "Lassie" or "Dead Poet's Society" or "Forest Gump" instead.

By **NATALIE SACKETT & CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnists

This is the second Kevin Costner movie we have seen in a row. But doesn't everyone love a feel-good Costner movie? No. The answer is no. This week we watched

"Black or White" (2014).

Chris' Review-



1 out of 5 gavels

So for those of you who don't know, which is probably the majority of you, "Black or White" is the story of an alcoholic grandfather trying to keep sole custody of his half-black granddaughter after the passing of his wife. The child's paternal grandmother, played by Octavia Spencer, believes that her grandbaby should be spending more time with family and getting to know her roots. What ensues is a court battle

that brings out the ugly side of both families.

First off, what the crap? Why is this a thing? This movie, unlike other Octavia Spencer movies, has no decent social commentary to add. They try to make the grandfather seem like a racist when he actually just does not like one black person. And he states this fact repeatedly! So one could argue that the point of the movie is to bring light to the dynamics and workings of an ethnically mixed family. Well you would also be wrong there because both families wanted sole custody of the child. They did not feel the need to create one mixed family out of two. And this movie also failed to do the main job of a movie and entertain us, so again I ask: What the crap?

I can name two good things about this movie. The first is the fact that I got to see another trailer for "Chappie" (oh that cute little robot). The second is that I got to see Costner act like a drunk. That's always fun. I

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SPORTS

Rangers fall to Muleriders at home

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Ranger baseball fell to Southern Arkansas two games to one over the weekend.

Northwestern faced the Muleriders Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Myers Field.

Play began Saturday with a double-header that saw the Rangers falling in game one 10-4 and winning game two 3-2.

After the devastating loss in game one, the Rangers were ready for redemption in game two.

Leading the way for the Rangers in game two was senior Jeff Martin, who went 2-for-2 at the plate, grabbing two runs, two RBIs and one home run.

The scoring began for the Rangers early in the first inning, when Matt Benn came across the plate on a Martin sacrifice fly.

The Muleriders would answer right back in the second inning with a home run into deep left field.

With the Muleriders' score, the game was deadlocked at 1-1.

In the third inning, the deadlock was broken after Martin hit a solo home run, accompanied by an RBI by



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Jason Freeman.

The Muleriders tacked on a run late in the seventh inning, which closed the lead down to just one for the Rangers.

Northwestern's closing pitcher Chase Randall fortunately earned the save and helped seal game two for a 3-2 win.

As both teams entered into Sunday afternoon, the series was notched up at 1-1.

In the final game of the series, the Rangers would fall 8-6 in a back-and-forth scoring affair.

Southern Arkansas would get on the board first in the first inning, only to have the Rangers tie the game back up at 1-1 the very next inning.

The Muleriders would hit a solo home run in the third inning, reclaiming a 2-1 lead.

The Rangers answered right back in the fifth inning as Martin recorded a huge RBI double that allowed teammate Logan Porter to score.

The Muleriders would pull out to a 6-2 lead in the sixth inning, just to have the Rangers come right back yet again after

a massive three-run home run by Joshua Caruso.

Despite the monstrous shot by Caruso late, the Rangers were unable to complete the comeback as they fell 8-6 to the Muleriders.

The Rangers (9-10 overall 4-8 GAC) will be back on the road this weekend as they face Hillsdale Baptist in Moore, Okla., at 1 p.m. Friday.

Baseball GAC Standings

Teams	Record
1. Ouachita Baptist	5-0
2. East Central	7-2
3. Henderson St.	6-3
4. Southern Arkansas	6-3
5. Harding	4-3
6. Arkansas-Monticello	4-3
7. Southeastern Okla. St.	3-4
8. Southwestern Okla. St.	5-7
9. Northwestern Okla. St.	4-8
10. Southern Nazarene	2-7
11. Arkansas Tech	1-5

Softball tops the Crimson Storm in home opener

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Ranger softball grabbed a 3-1 series win against Southern Nazarene over the weekend.

The Rangers softball team opened home play Saturday at the Alva Sports Complex with a double-header against the Crimson Storm.

In game one Saturday, the Rangers were unable to get any offense going against the Storm's pitcher Kayla Wyatt and suffered a 5-0 shutout.

In game two of the double-header, the Rangers managed to shake off the loss and hang on late for the 5-4 win.

Leading the Rangers offense were Shelby Anderson and Peyton Garrett.

Anderson went 2-for-4 at the plate with one RBI as well as pitching a complete seven innings. Garrett was not far behind Anderson as she went 2-for-3 at the plate with one RBI as well.

When play began in game two, the Rangers did not wait long to get on the board as they scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The first was by Ranger Jessica Sandoval, who came across after Anderson singled into right field. Allora Miller would record the next run after Stephanie Couser connected for the RBI double. The third run was by pinch runner Alexis Hayes, as she came across the plate after Garrett connected for a single.

After Hayes scored, the Rangers were up 3-0.

In the next inning however, the Rangers would add on their final two runs of the game.

After reaching third base off of a double and an error at second base, Ranger Lindsay Thorstenson would come across the home plate when Sandoval flied out.

Ranger Jordan Haya would come across the plate for the fifth and final run after Miller singled off an error.

The Crimson Storm was not done, however, and would begin to cut into the Rangers 5-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Southern Nazarene would add on a run in the fourth followed by another in the fifth to cut the deficit to just 5-2.

The Crimson Storm added on two more in the final inning, closing the Rangers' lead to just one.

Northwestern would hang on and grab the 5-4 game two win. After splitting the series at one apiece, both teams were primed and ready for a conclusion on Sunday afternoon.

In game three of the series Sunday afternoon, the Crimson Storm was able to jump out to an early 1-0 lead on the Rangers.

In the third inning, the Rangers managed to knot it up at one apiece



Photo by Nick Villalobos

as Garrett came across for the score following a single by Miller.

Both pitchers would lock down the game after that holding the game at 1-1, which eventually sent the game into extra innings.

In extra innings, Anderson hit a walk-off RBI single, allowing teammate Madison McGraw to score and give the Rangers the 2-1 game three win.

Upon the conclusion of game three, game four followed.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Rangers were able to jump out to an early 1-0 lead after Thorstenson doubled into center field, allowing Couser to come across for the score.

Southern Nazarene would answer in the next inning however, adding a run of their own and locking the game

at 1-1.

The Rangers would have a big fifth inning as Jordan Baughman, Haya and Morgan Lewis would come across to score, ultimately sealing the game four 4-2 win and the 3-1 series win.

In game four, Rangers Taylor Watham and Sandoval would lead the way for Rangers hitting as Watham would go 2-for-3 from the plate with one RBI and Sandoval 3-for-4.

The Ranger women will be back in action at 2 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday at the Alva Sports Complex against conference opponent Ouachita Baptist.

Softball GAC Standings

Teams	Record
1. Arkansas-Monticello	6-0
2. Southeastern Okla. St.	6-2
3. Southern Arkansas	6-3
4. Arkansas Tech	4-2
5. East Central	6-4
6. Northwestern Okla. St.	4-4
7. Southern Nazarene	4-4
8. Henderson St.	3-3
9. Harding	1-7
10. Ouachita Baptist	1-8
11. Southwestern Okla. St.	0-4

SPORTS

Ranger women tee off at Kickingbird; Finish 13th overall

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women's golf team teed it up at Kickingbird Golf Course, Monday for their second outing of the spring semester and came away with a 365 total.

Skylar Arnold led the Rangers in scoring, firing an 82, good enough for 35th place after the first round of play.

Olivia Brock and Ami Adkisson were next on the list, shooting 89 and 96 respectively to take 58th and 75th.

Rounding out the Rangers on the day were Klarissa Vela who posted a 98 and Shanell Hensley who recorded a 99 in the opening round.

The 365 put up by the Rangers placed them in 13th after day one, 15 strokes behind Southern Nazarene and 44 shots ahead of Southwest Baptist.

It's a tight race at the top with

Oklahoma City leading the way with a 304, but Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma Christian are just one and two strokes back following the first 18.

Ally Harris of Great American Conference foe Henderson State was the low round of the day, firing a sizzling one over par round of 71 to take a three-stroke lead going into the second day.

Play at the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invite will conclude tomorrow.

In day two of the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invite Northwestern Oklahoma State improved their score by 18 strokes to close out the tournament with a 712 total, to finish in 13th.

Arnold led the way for the Rangers for the second straight day, shooting an 82 and finishing in a tie for 41st overall.

Brock wasn't far behind her

teammate, as she posted an 85 to close out her tournament with a 174 total, good enough for 59th place.

Adkisson and Hensley were neck-and-neck throughout the tournament and finished just three strokes apart overall, following their identical 90's today.

Vela rounded out the Rangers' scoring, as she posted a 101 on day two, finishing with a total 199 for the tournament.

The Rangers were not far behind tournament host and Great American Conference foe, Southern Nazarene who posted a 697.

Central Oklahoma took home the hardware at Kickingbird Golf Course, following an amazing 293 on day two. The Bronchos were a



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stroke back of Oklahoma City to start the day and wound up beating the Stars by 12 strokes to take the title.

Anna Arrese Cortadellas was the top individual in the

tournament, shooting 75-68—143 to win it.

Northwestern will hit the course again on March 23 and 24 at the Lions Classic in Fort Smith, Ark.

Ranger cowgirls take top honors in Garden City; Men finish seventh

By SARAH OTTO
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern cowgirls braved the cold weather and took control of things Feb. 27-March 1 at the Garden City college rodeo.

The women's team came in first overall, while the men's team claimed seventh place.

In the women's all-around race, Lauren Barnes brought home the title. Northwestern had six cowboys and nine cowgirls make it back to the championship

round.

The Northwestern cowgirls dominated the goat tying. Laremi Allred brought home the championship title, ending the weekend first overall. Barnes followed close behind Allred, coming in second for the weekend. Shayna Miller claimed third overall and Karley Kile finished eighth.

Allred, a sophomore from Kanarrville, Utah, was pleased with her weekend after being faced with a setback. She said, "Considering the fact that my good goat-tying horse is hurt,

I had to tie off my brother's bulldogging horse. I was really happy with the overall turn out of the weekend." Allred has set the goal of being in the top three in the region and making the College National Finals Rodeo. She said, "I have to make every rodeo count. I came in behind as a transfer and have no room to back off. I want to be focused at every rodeo."

Allred believes firmly in going to the gym, to keep her mentally and physically where she wants to be. She said, "I

ground-tie goats every day and get off my horses two to three times a week." Allred made it apparent that it is going to come down to how bad she wants it and what she will give to achieve her goals.

In breakaway roping, three cowgirls represented Northwestern in the short round: Samantha McGuire, Jana Sampson and Ashley Neville. McGuire finished second overall, Sampson split seventh and eighth and Neville wrapped up the weekend ninth.

In barrel racing, Barnes made another appearance in the short round, as did Paige Winnett and Cassy Woodward. Barnes finished fourth overall, with Winnett right behind her claiming fifth for the weekend. Woodward finished the weekend eighth overall.


In steer wrestling, Jon Laine Herl and Stephen Culling made it back to the short round. Herl wrapped up his weekend third overall, while Culling finished fifth.

Two Northwestern cowboys, Wade Perry and Chase Lako, made it back to the short round in calf roping. Perry finished his weekend second overall and Lako came in sixth.

Perry, a junior from Lamont, Okla., won the long round, but fell to fourth place in the championship round. He said, "I should have took a better start in the short round, and been more aggressive on my flank." Perry, who ended the weekend second overall, was very pleased with his draws. "I felt like I drew about as good as a person could draw. I definitely had the best calf in the long round," he said.

In team roping, Northwestern's Dustin Searcy and Dalton Richards made an appearance in the short round. Searcy and his team roping partner, Hunter Munsell from WOKSC, finished the weekend seventh overall. Richards and Ben Whiddon from SEOKSU wrapped up the weekend third overall.

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