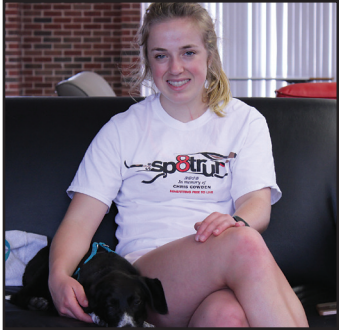


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Smile of the Week



Clara O'Connor is smiling because of the good freshman year she has had here at Northwestern with her friends and puppies.

If you'd like to be the Smile of the Week, please send in a photo of you smiling and a short description of why you're smiling to nwnews@nwsu.edu!



Northwestern softball team Senior Day

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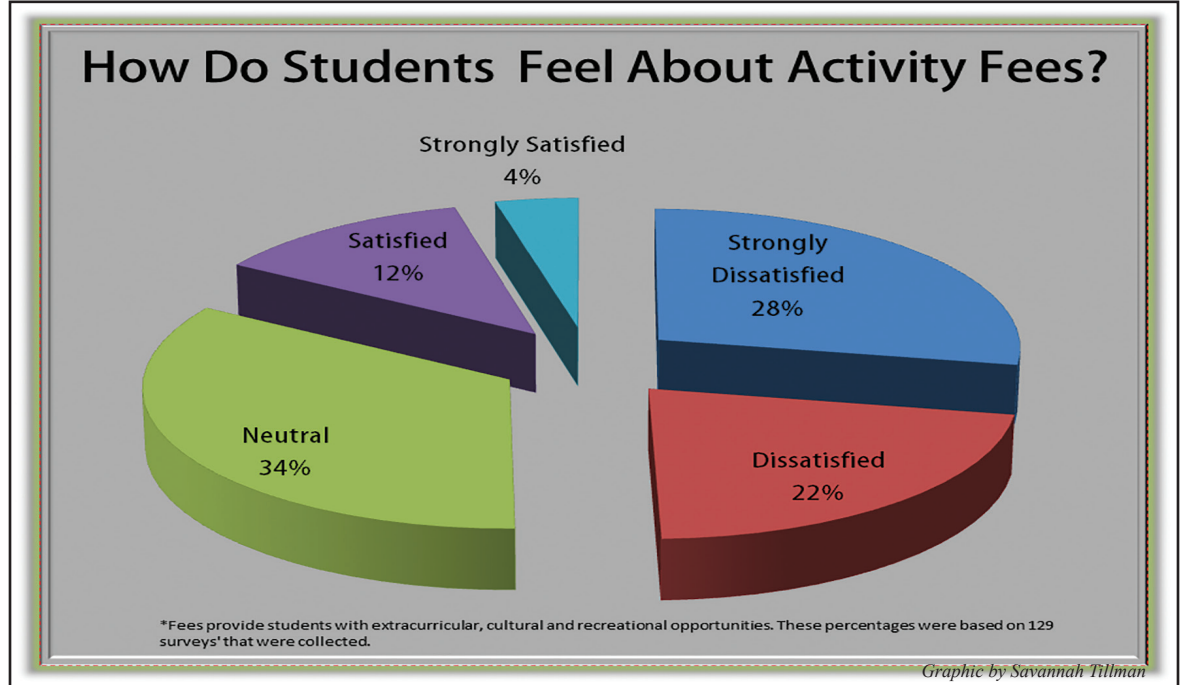
By RACHEL EMERSON, VICTORIA SCHNAUFER, JAKE GOODMAN & COLLIN STORK
Student Reporters

Northwestern is known as the cheapest four-year university in Oklahoma but cheap tuition comes at the cost of higher fees.

Oklahoma faces a crisis with the funding of education as a whole. Northwestern Oklahoma State University received a 16.4 percent cut in funding on June 30, 2016.

This cut bumped tuition costs to attend the university up 19 dollars more per credit hour. Along with tuition, students at Northwestern are charged fees each semester, though it is not always clear where those fees are being applied. An anonymous survey was used to determine just how closely students pay attention to their fees and how satisfied they are with the services they receive for them.

The survey results represent approximately 16 percent of the entire student body on all of Northwestern's campuses, including those in Alva, Enid, Woodward and Ponca City. The initial breakdown or concept of the fees may seem complicated to the average student, but the fees themselves are used to cover amenities which are not covered in the school's tuition. Dr. David Pecha, Vice-President of Administration at Northwestern, was willing to break down some of the fees, explain how they are split up, who sees the money,



what expenses the money cover and how the fees are created in the first place or even changed.

Pecha explained that the numbers are tracked. Each department on campus has a budget administrator, and it is up to that person to keep track of how the money is being spent for each individual department.

The fees are usually applied to benefit the campus; one fee that Northwestern students pay is the parking and safety fee, which is a total of \$35 per semester.

The parking and safety fee serves to manage parking lots, upgrade and add electrical sources, and repair sidewalks. Of the 127 students who participated in the anonymous survey,

24 percent were dissatisfied, while 30 percent were strongly dissatisfied, with the services provided through these particular fees. One of the biggest complaints among students was that while they are paying fees for parking, parking itself is crowded on campus, making it difficult for many students to find parking spaces.

Others were concerned about paying parking and safety fees during the summer while not even staying on campus.

Pecha explained that parking and safety involves more than the school's parking lots. The money from this fee is often used to buy lights and other materials needed across campus to make it a safer place, especially for

students walking mostly in the dark after late-night classes.

"The money is used to clear the parking lots from snow at Enid and Woodward to clear campus," he said. Students are still charged over the summer so that the campus has the funds to protect them properly, even outside of class. Students who have online classes only do not pay this fee.

In addition to the parking and safety fee, students are also required to pay activity fees. The student activity fee supports activities that provides students with extracurricular, cultural and recreational opportunities. Participants were 22 percent

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Childhood lesson leads Hannaford

By MONTANA MCCULLOUGH
Student Reporter

When he was 15 years old, Bo Hannaford learned dedication and passion from playing summer baseball and almost advanced to the World Series.

That dedication and passion has stuck with Hannaford ever since then and it has helped him reach the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Hannaford is completing his first year as the Vice President of Academic Affairs this year, but it is not the first time he has ever been on or held a position at Northwestern. Before he became the vice president, Hannaford held the position of dean of professional studies and business and he was always on campus as a child.

Hannaford has fond memories of spending time on campus with his grandfathers who were a professor



Bo Hannaford

and maintenance man.

His passion for Northwestern began on those days that he spent on campus. That passion continued to grow as Hannaford got older.

His passion for watching and playing sports led him to play sports throughout most of his life. The sport he had the most passion for was football. Hannaford played football for 17 years, four of those years played at Northwestern.

One person who saw the passion

Hannaford had for sports was Karen Koehn, former Alva High School guidance counselor. "Bo was a great athlete," Koehn said. Hannaford continued his love of football after college by coaching.

But sports are not the only things that Hannaford has been passionate about. "Being a lifelong learner is something I am passionate about," Hannaford said. After graduating from Northwestern, Hannaford was the principal and coach at Ponca City Public School while trying to receive his doctorate.

Hannaford was initially receiving his doctorate from Oklahoma State University. But seeing as he was a principal, coach and dealing with family matters while he was attending school, he decided to receive his degree another way.

He transferred to Walden University and received his doctorate

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Blood drive to visit Alva next week

By SAMI McGUIRE & TAYLOR MORRIS

One in seven people entering a hospital will need blood and although an estimated 38 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood at any given time, less than 10 percent do so, according to the Oklahoma Blood Institute website.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, in the Wyatt and Ranger Room, the Northwestern football team is sponsoring a blood drive. Students looking to donate simply have to show up on either Tuesday or Wednesday in the Ranger Room with a photo ID.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership, critical thinking, and fiscal responsibility.

News

Northwestern Featured

Wellness Center provides community opportunities

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Reporter

Northwestern offers students, faculty and staff an on campus facility that allows them to practice healthy habits free of charge.

The J.R. Holder Wellness Center is a gym that individuals can utilize for running, swimming, weight lifting and cardio workouts. Students, faculty and staff have access to the equipment and services by scanning their campus ID's at the front desk. Alva community members can also visit the Wellness Center but have to pay for their memberships.

The Wellness Center tries to promote healthy habits by hosting different classes and challenges throughout the academic year. These classes are also free of charge for students, faculty and staff. The classes include Body Blast, Cardio Kick, Pilates, Spin/Cycle, Water Aerobics and Yoga. The classes change from semester to semester, and the Wellness Center staff is open to class suggestions from the individuals that utilize the facility. The days and time for these classes can be found at www.nwsu.edu/wellness-center-classes or they are posted in the Wellness Center.

"There's a lot of variety that we try to offer along with everything else that we offer," said

Catherine Engelken, assistant director of J.R. Holder Wellness Center. "We try to do at least two to three fitness challenges a semester to try to get people motivated to come up here."

The Wellness Center has been evaluated and compared to facilities on larger campuses throughout the state of Oklahoma.

"We just had Blue Cross Blue Shield come and evaluate our facility on our campus, and they compared it to the fitness center at OSU," Engelken said. "They kept saying how lucky we were to have that here in Northwest Oklahoma."

Although the Wellness Center sees students and employees throughout the day, the staff would like to see more people participate in classes and utilize their equipment.

"We would love to see the number of students increase as well as our community members," Engelken said. "We are always open to new ideas if there's anything that people are wanting to start, like a new class or challenge."

For more information about classes and upcoming challenges, students and employees can visit the front desk of the Wellness Center or email Catherine Engelken at cgkelly@nwsu.edu.



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Bella Donna performing at last concert series of year

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS), an organization that seeks to bring cultural performances and entertainment to northwest Oklahoma, will end its 2016-17 season with Bella Donna on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Herod Hall Auditorium on Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Alva campus.

Bella Donna is influenced by the Ozarks, the creak of tree limbs in the winter, and the summer sounds of cicadas. The traditional music that flows through the hills and hollows of the area the group was raised in helped them form their sound called "Ozark Jazz."

"As one may expect from the namesake, Bella Donna comes to your ears with a mysteriously intriguing and seductive sound. Rooted in jazz, the ensemble plays with a beauty and darkness that melodically winds itself around your ear drums and sensually sways you into submission," stated one review from feedbands.com.

Bella Donna has been busy playing shows through the Midwest and parts of the east and west coast over the



Photo provided

past six years. The band is composed of Liz Carney on vocals and guitar; Matt Guinn as lead guitarist; Mike Williamson on bass and cornet; B.J. Lowrance on drums; and Jeremy Chapman on the mandolin.

For those who did not purchase season tickets can get individual tickets from Holder Drug or Graceful Arts Center at \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students with ID and \$10 for senior citizens. Individual tickets may be purchased online at <https://nwocs.ticketbud.com>.

com a processing fee is included in the online purchase.

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

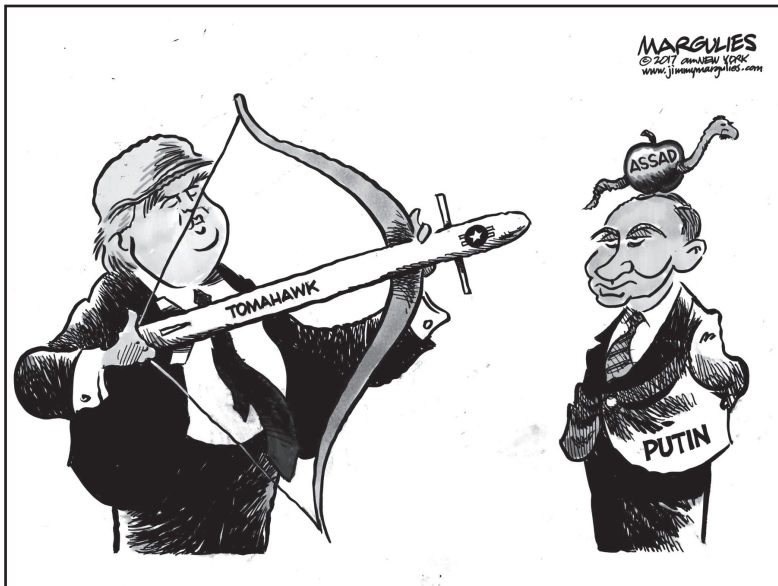
The line-up for NWOCS 2017-18 will be announced at this last performance as well as changes to the upcoming year for contributor packages.

Stay up-to-date with NWOCS by liking the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthwestOkCS/ or on Twitter at @NorthwestOkCS. Keep an eye out for the hashtag #NWOCS.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

For more information on Bella Donna and to hear a preview of their music visit www.belladonnaband.com.

For more information on NWOCS or how to become a contributor to the series, contact Kimberly Weast, director of NWOCS, professor of theatre arts and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at kkweast@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8462.



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News

Blood Drive

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Joy Frye, the account consultant of the Oklahoma Blood Institute expressed her admiration for the Northwestern community. "I always enjoy it when I go to Northwestern," Frye said. "Students kind of know that we are going to be there four times a year, so they are knowledgeable about our presence on the campus."

According to Frye, the Oklahoma Blood Institute has been able to impact the lives of several hundred patients in Oklahoma just from the Northwestern blood drives.

Additionally, she went on to say that 95 to 130 people come to donate with Oklahoma Blood Institute and every time the organization is able to receive three different blood products from that, so if one were to multiply that by three that would equal to the amount of people donating

just from Northwestern.

Although Frye has had great experiences working with Northwestern, she wants to inform students the overall importance of giving blood. She expressed that although it is great to receive extra credit for a particular class or receive a free t-shirt, it is important to remember the actual community service that they are fulfilling.

"The biggest thing I like to tell younger donors or people who have never donated before that this is such an easy way to help save someone's life," Frye said. "The impact that you have on patients in Oklahoma is incredible. It could be a baby, teenager, college student, mother, father or grandparent receiving the blood you donate. We provide over 80 percent of the blood products in Oklahoma including the Share Medical Hospital in Alva."

From her own experience, Frye expressed how when she was

younger she did not grasp what it really meant to give blood and how easy it can be for some people to forget that by donating blood they are actually saving a life.

Frye said this year's goal is 150 donations, which would make it the largest blood drive at Northwestern in several years.

Angie Henson, service learning coordinator, said students can not only donate blood, but also their time by volunteering to help. Many instructors will give students extra credit for volunteering or donating blood, she said.

Students who want to get through the line faster can make an appointment online at www.obi.org.

To receive extra credit students donating blood must take the sheet the Oklahoma Blood Institute gives them to their instructor. Students volunteering

Cinco de Mayo fiesta celebration

By NICK PERKINS
Student Reporter

The Spanish club and Sigma Delta Pi will be hosting the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on April 27 from 5-7 p.m. in the Ranger Room.

The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta is a dinner they put on. They will have beef, chicken and cheese enchiladas from El Maya; as well as rice and beans from there too. It will be five dollars for faculty and staff, and three dollars for students.

The dinner is put on as a community service learning project for the students, and to help raise money for the Spanish scholarship fund that go to the Northwestern foundation. "We have been doing this for a long time, we have raised more than \$10,000 for the fund," Dr. Martinez said, the professor of Spanish.

This community service learning project is split up into three parts. The first thing they do is go and figure out what the problem is and present this to the class, the problem is that a lot of people do not really know what Cinco de Mayo stands for. The second thing that they do is write about the history of Cinco de Mayo. The third part is to make a brochure that tells about the history of the Cinco

de Mayo.

Another reason that they put on the Cinco de Mayo fiesta is to help educate people about Cinco de Mayo. A lot of people think that it is this big holiday celebrated all across Mexico to declare their independence.

Cinco de Mayo actually commemorates the Mexican army's victory against France in the battle of Puebla during the French and Mexican war. In Mexico this holiday is usually only celebrated in Puebla.

Here in the United States the idea if the holiday is misrepresented because there are a lot of big corporations that use this holiday to try to sell their products. So a lot of people think that is a big holiday celebrated all across Mexico. "In the U.S. it is celebrated a lot more than it is in Mexico," he said.

The reason they do not do this on the 5th of May is because that is usually right at the end of the semester and they don't think that a lot of people would show up because of finals week and lot of students have already left at that point.

"This is a big celebration at the end of the semester," he said, "for people to come out and enjoy authentic Mexican food."

SSA reorganizes

By CAPRI GAHR
Student Reporter

The SSA stands for Secular Student Alliance and acts as an umbrella organization for students with the Free Thought Movement.

Anyone who agrees with the promotion of free speech and expression is welcome to join and be active in the group.

Northwestern has an SSA group that has participated in group exercises and community service in recent years.

The group has been inactive this year due to low participation.

In 2013, Dr. Aaron Place organized the group to be a discussion based club, meeting to discuss and debate certain controversial topics without fear of censorship or limitations in speech. It evolved into a community service-based group.

In the past, the SSA has participated in community projects like painting houses and conducting food drives with the help of the Presbyterian church.

They have also been in charge of the haunted house

and corresponded with other groups to help with campus cleanups. The group hopes to be active again in the upcoming year and provide the services to students and the community once again.

Matt Schneider, a graduate of Northwestern, was an officer for the group for three years and currently is helping re-organize the group. "Our major goal is to set aside our differences of beliefs in order to work together and improve the world around us," Schneider said.

The Spats



South Hall gets creative



Above and Below: South Hall residents participated in a dorm event where they were able to paint clay pots and plant flowers, succulents and cacti./ Photos by Haylee Bates



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The Way We See It Editorial Section

We need to trust God and chill

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Editor-in-Chief

With the semester end quickly approaching, college students all across campus are becoming more and more stressed out.

Whether it's the thought of final exams that's causing the piercing headaches, or maybe it's the realization that graduation is just 16 days away and the rest of your life starts in 17 days that's got one fidgeting in their chair at this current moment, I want to assure you that there is one easy solution to the stress.

The solution is not an alcoholic beverage, or any type of medication. Sure writing or exercising are two good ways to relieve stress, according to WebMd, but neither of those will keep the stress away, like the solution I practice will.

The solution that I practice, and stand firm on is simply, Trust God and Chill.

Sounds simple I know, and with the right faith, it is simple.

God said in Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

As I began my final year here at Northwestern back in August, I was stressed, and panicking at the thought of not having an idea of what I wanted to do next after college.



That fear continued well into the latter part of the semester as well, as it was helped along with the various job opportunities being given to a few of my close friends, but then with the semester came to a close in December, something changed in me.

In January, I had no idea what to do after graduation, and God knew that. I was also burnt out on newspaper, and everything writing related, and He knew that too. Instead of stressing about what's to come however, I decided to change my approach to life after college.

I put my trust in Him, and chilled.

He seen I had no idea as to what to do after graduation, and that I was so done with newspaper mentally, so when I asked Him[God] why both

of those things are happening as entered my final semester here at Northwestern, He simply replied, "because I am calling you elsewhere now."

What did that mean? Well, when He told me that, I knew exactly where He was calling me. He was calling back to the area I have been for the last 11 years, which was working with kids in some manner, and in this case specifically, it was in the student ministries.

I have called the Northwestern News my missionfield for the last three and a half years, and during my time here, God has used me to share the gospel with many people, whether it was through a personal testimony, or through the story

behind one of the many Christian songs I listen to.

By God telling me that He's calling me elsewhere, I knew that both mentally and whole-heartily, He seen that I had finally put all my trust in Him and Him alone, and that is when the stress I had built up inside me was removed.

I applied that motto, Trust God and Chill, to my life and the stress of this world was removed.

If you are like I once was, which was stressed about what's to come, I just want to encourage you to simply, Trust God and Chill.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." —Proverbs 3:5-6

Same place, new perspective

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**
Staff Writer

A year ago, I never would have pictured myself where I am today. I had pictured myself hundreds of miles from Alva, surrounded by an entire new environment.

However, at the end of my senior year of high school last year, I made a decision that surprised myself—I chose to attend Northwestern and remain in Alva.

There were two factors that ultimately swayed me to choosing Northwestern: a place on the Lady Ranger's soccer team and the mass communication department.

Whenever I was offered the opportunity to become part of the soccer team, I looked into academics at Northwestern. I was almost certain in the beginning I wanted to do something with mass communication, especially anything that had to do with writing.

After talking with a mass communication professor and touring the department, I was convinced this is where I wanted to be. And, of course, wanting to continue my soccer career carried most the of the weight of my decision.

When I first began class and soccer in the fall, I had my doubts. Soccer was hard, time-consuming and the largest commitment I had ever made. I was also settling in with an entire new

group of girls, and trying to learn my place on the team.

There were times I questioned whether or not I had made the right decision. For a while, I was not sure if Northwestern was where I was meant to stay.

However, I began developing a rhythm with going to classes and soccer practices. After a while, it became easy to settle in. I met new people in my classes, I became good friends with my roommate and my other teammates and I became a better soccer player.

As my freshman year is almost over, I realize how right my decision a year ago had been.

I grew up in Alva, but as a col-

lege student at Northwestern, I see a whole new side of Alva that I did not know existed. I am involved in different activities and people around campus, who do not know who I am or about my previous times in Alva.

Being exposed to a whole new group of people has helped me grow as a person, and also make several new friends. Everything about Northwestern is different for me, even though the town is nothing new.

I have had people ask me if staying in Alva has limited me or is the same as I have known all my life. I can honestly no, the town may not have changed, but my perspective has been completely altered.

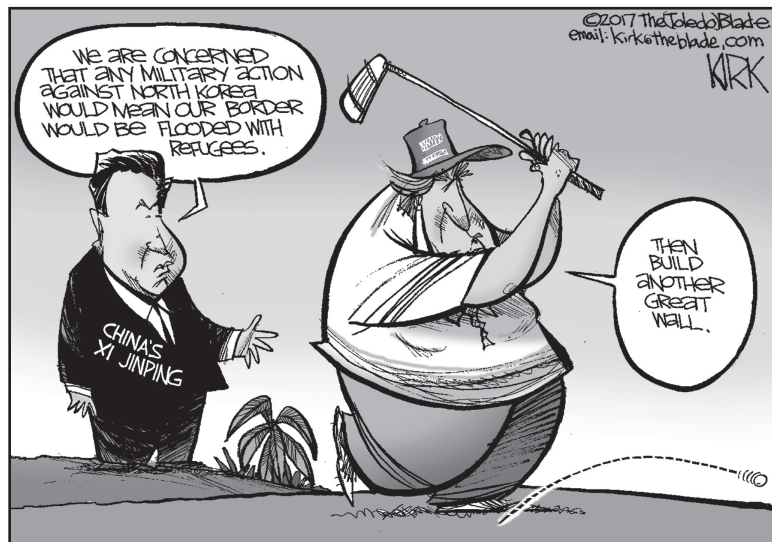
In the best way, of course.

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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...

—Matthew 28:19,20

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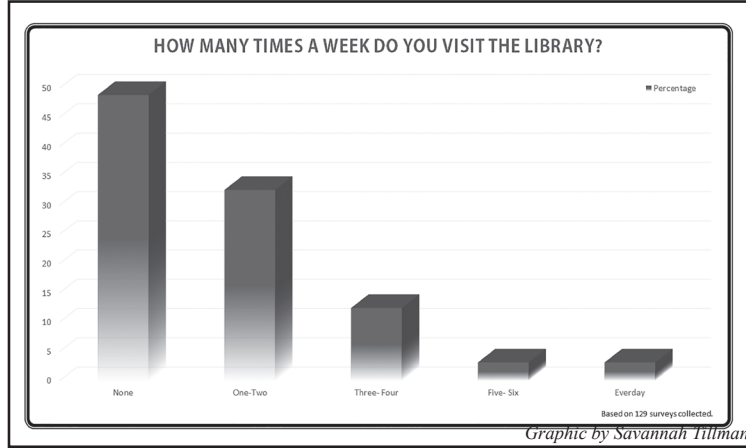
dissatisfied and 28 percent strongly dissatisfied. Over half of the students who participated in the survey admitted they either rarely or never participated in campus events, nor did many of them belong to any organizations on campus.

“It’s kind of annoying how much I pay for student activity fees, yet I have never been to any of the activities,” one anonymous participant said. “I can’t help but feel like I’m paying a lot for something I’ve never used and it’s a bit frustrating.”

Half of the students who participated in the survey never visit the campus library during the week; only 33 percent make use of the campus library once or twice a week, while 12 percent manage to make it three or four times a week. A large portion of students, 63 percent of those who took the survey, are enrolled in ITV classes.

The technology and library service fees provide financial support in order to fund computer labs, ITV studios, computer supplies, lab monitors, and library materials. The results show that number of students satisfied with these fees was equal to the number of students unsatisfied with the services they receive from the library and technology services fee.

Other fees required of every student include the enhancement fee, facility fee and electronic media fee. Student reactions to



these fees were pretty equal across the board, with approximately 50 percent strongly dissatisfied to dissatisfied, 30 percent neutral, and 20 percent satisfied to strongly satisfied.

There are also some fees that are divided by what the student is charged with depending on what courses they decide to take. For example, all science labs have a fee attached to them; the money is spent on lab supplies. The student is off-setting the cost of those supplies by paying fees for that class.

Only the students taking those classes pay their fees, so each department’s budget is very dependent on students as well as faculty. On the other hand, the tech service fee is a mandatory fee. Every student that enrolls pays it as an hourly fee, and it is used to update the school’s technology.

Online fees are used to pay for online education, as well as Blackboard and staff support. Although many students had complaints about the fees, especially when they felt as though the fees were not worth what

they received, most students understand the need for these fees and why they’re important to Northwestern’s desire to stay one of the cheapest universities in Oklahoma.

“I don’t have a problem with campus fees,” said Taylor Johnson, a junior studying English Education. “They’re completely reasonable. I hear people complain about all the fees they pay, but I started college at OSU. There you pay fees for squirrels, for grass, and for everything else under the sun. In one semester, a student might pay upwards of \$1,000 in fees alone. At Northwestern, you might pay a couple hundred. I don’t see any kind of problem with that.”

Many of the specific complaints pulled from the survey were not about the amount of the fee, but rather what students feel they are getting for their money.

“In general, I understand the fees,” said Chad Woods, a junior Psychology student. “It helps to keep other services on campus running with maintenance and paying employees. They also do an okay job listing what the fees include, which helps me understand where the money is going. I would prefer a way to opt out of those services I do not use, and simply lose access to using them unless I decide to later pay that fee though, but that would probably be fairly complicated and hard to enforce.”

Over the years, Northwestern fees haven’t increased much. The university can only ask for an increase once a year, and the

state board is the only group that can decide whether to add or increase the amount of a fee. Pecha revealed that Northwestern has made some adjustments to student fees.

“For the 11 to 12 years I have been fiscal P.E., Northwestern has always tried to keep tuition and fees as low as possible, but have what is needed for the students, such as laptops and printers,” he said. “Even though our fees are costly, they are lower than other schools in the state.”

RUSO Schools

All universities have fees that students are required to pay, from university parking fees to online course fees. These fees range in price depending on certain things, such as whether the fees is for an online course, what amenities they are being used for, or how many classes a student is taking.

The Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) schools consists of East Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Of these schools, Northwestern is the cheapest school tuition-wise, but leans toward the more expensive side of fees. For example, Northwestern has a parking fee of \$35, while other RUSO schools are between \$20 and \$30.

Other fees that are applied to student’s bills can include development fees, instruction fees, and

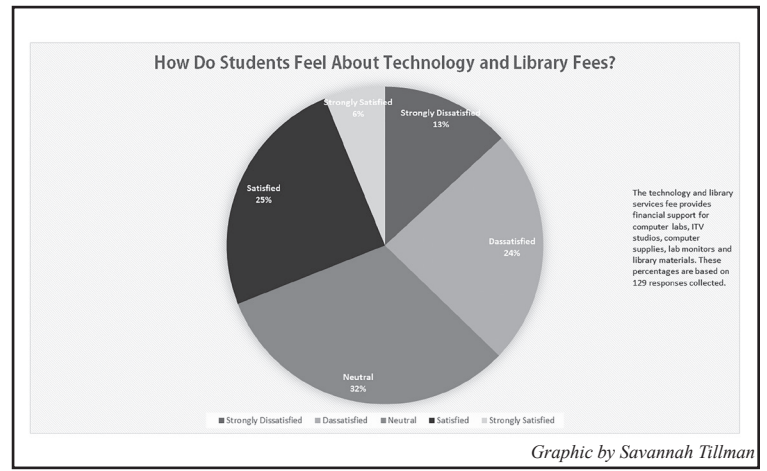
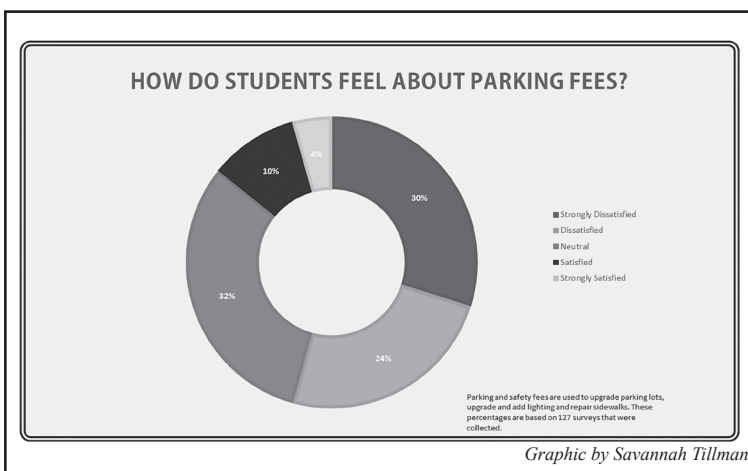
telecourse fees. A development fee is based on credit hours and aids in the development and bettering of the courses, like adding new technology in a lab setting or just simply new desks in a lecture course, if the fee is applied.

UCO has enhancement fees that are preset for each course a student takes, for example, if a student takes a Business Administration course, they will pay \$45.22, while a student taking the same course at Northwestern will pay \$7.00 per hour.

Instruction fees are optional; they are applied if the student requests a tutor in a specific course. Not every student pays these fees because not every student needs tutoring in classes. Telecourse fees apply to students taking ITV courses, or courses that are broadcast from other campuses.

A fee that every student pays is a parking fee, which goes to the improvement of the parking lots and buys students a parking decal to allow them to park on campus in designated areas. Other RUSO schools have fees such as Southwestern’s supplies fee, which differs from course to course, and pays for necessary access to supplies. East Central has a Cultural Act fee that is applied to all student’s bills and allows discounted entrance to Native American shows and exhibits in the area. A portion of this fee, based on number of credit hours taken on campus, is donated to the Chickasaw Tribe.

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Hannaford

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from Oklahoma State University. But seeing as he was a principal, coach and dealing with family matters while he was attending school, he decided to receive his degree another way.

He transferred to Walden University and received his doctorate through online classes. It was easier for Hannaford to get his degree online because of everything that was going on in his life. Once he got his doctorate, Hannaford decided he wanted to come back home and work at the school that he had known his whole life.

The passion Hannaford has for Northwestern and the city of Alva led him to come back so he could

raise his son. When Hannaford came back, he received the job of dean of professional studies and business. He was the dean for six years.

As the dean, Hannaford oversaw everything that went on in the professional studies and business departments. One of his coworkers while he was dean was Dr. James Bell, Associate Vice President of Academics. “Dr. Hannaford always kept me on my toes,” Bell said.

While he was the dean, Hannaford helped Northwestern get their first doctoral program. Hannaford understands the shortage of doctors in rural Oklahoma and that is one reason he was so involved in getting the Doctor of Nursing Practice program started.

Another reason Hannaford worked so hard on this project is that he wants to see the students

succeed. Hannaford says he loves to see students succeed. When the students succeed, Hannaford feels as if he has succeeded.

“Bo has a big heart and sees the good in everyone,” Koehn said. With having a big heart, Hannaford enjoys seeing people happy because of what they have done. As you can tell, Hannaford has a large passion for seeing Northwestern and its students succeed.

Anyone that has worked with Hannaford can tell you about his passion for this school. Dr. Janet Cunningham, President of Northwestern, has praised Hannaford for his work at Northwestern. “He has an excellent work ethic and falls in the category of senior staff,” Cunningham said.

Another person who sees how hard Hannaford works is Debbie

Skinner, Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Academic Affairs. “Dr. Hannaford is a great boss and he cares about the university, students and his community,” Skinner said. He likes to see students get involved in clubs and organizations that Northwestern has to offer.

Hannaford works to separate Northwestern from any other college. Hannaford works around the clock to help in anyway that he can. But that isn’t only working for Northwestern.

He is also very involved in his community. Hannaford helps his community by being a member of the city council. He wants to help make Alva a place where people want to raise their children.

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Feature

Campus Confessions

Craziest thing to happen to you

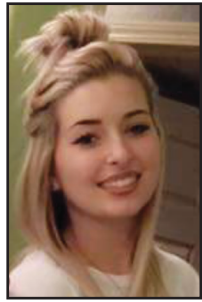
By **CAPRI GAHR**
Student Reporter

PAOLA PONCE-VILLALOBOS
Mathematics



“The craziest thing I have experienced would defiantly have to be writing a one-thousand word essay, in less than two hours. Which is a record for me.”

JESSICA RICHARDSON
Nursing



“I needed my makeup bag but didn’t want to go all the way up to the way up to the third floor to get it. My friend ended up dropping it down the stairwell, three stories, where I was, waiting to catch it.”

BAILEY RANKIN
Mass Communication



“I witnessed a wave of student’s rush out of the student center all in union. Apparently, there was a fight outside, but it wasn’t near as exciting as seeing a rush of college students abandon their lunches to see the event.”

REBECCA PRESTON
Nursing



“The craziest thing I have heard about on campus had to have been the clown fiasco last semester.”

ALEJANDRIA KASPARIE
Nursing



“The craziest thing I have witnessed on campus, was probably a student riding a hover board to class.”

Alva native dedicates life to students he coaches

By **BRYANT VENOSDEL**
Student Reporter

“My life has had some ups and downs, but if it wasn’t for that I wouldn’t have gotten to where I am today,” Nick Bradt said. “Even when you don’t know what might be going on in your life, you can get past it and will be stronger.”

Being born with an identical twin and growing up on a farm outside of Alva, Nick Bradt is a man with a sense of humor, and always making someone laugh with either his jokes or stories. It wasn’t always that way though, as when he was young his shyness held him back from participating in most school activities. Now he’s a successful speech and debate coach with having produced 41 All Staters throughout his years of coaching.

Bradt was born in Alva on Nov. 11, 1980. Along with his twin brother, Jerad Bradt he has a sister named Lisa. Nick is married to Cara Bradt and they have two kids, their daughter Joplin and their youngest, that was born May 4, 2016, Memphis.

Bradt was a hard worker when he was younger. He and his twin brother, Jerad Bradt, spent most of their youths hanging out with one another. “We liked to watch movies and go play outside,” Jerad said. “We played catch, rode bikes and went fishing.”

Bradt has always been a fan of comic books and superheroes, which started when he read his first comic book, The Incredible Hulk. “I really liked The Incredible Hulk, and when I got the comic for my birthday, I started buying more and soon enough had a pretty good collection,” Bradt said.

The reason Bradt is such a good speech coach, is because he enjoys what he does and enjoys watching his student succeed and be the best they can be. Chase Jones, a senior at Alva High and on the speech and debate team, has worked with Bradt on many occasions outside of class and knows just how much work and passion he puts into what he does. “Mr. Bradt is always ready to help someone and practice with them,” Jones said. “He’s always coming up with blocking scenes and jokes that we can add to our scripts that make them stand out.”

Bradt makes an impression on whoever he comes across, whether it be his personality or his

overall appearance of 400 pounds and standing at a height close to 6’6, he is more of a gentle giant. “Mr. Bradt is always wearing one of those printed tee-shirts, with a superhero on it, or maybe a video game,” Jones said, “you wouldn’t think someone who is that big and tall would be wearing a shirt with Super Mario on it, but he does.”

Being a speech and debate coach, Bradt becomes close to the kids that he coaches throughout their 4 years of high school, and the kids become close to him as well. Mr. Bradt is known for pulling pranks on his students often. Shane Murrow, a student who graduated from Alva High in 2013 and did speech and debate all 4 years of high school under Bradt, recalls one of the times he got pranked by Bradt. “I was in Nick’s class and he printed something out to his printer that was in the other room in his class,” Murrow said. “He asked me to go get the paper he printed so I went to get it. When I opened the door to the room, a spider dropped down right in front of my face and it scared me pretty good. Of course Bradt has a fake spider on string.

Just because Bradt is a teacher and pranks his students, does not mean that he does not get pranked back. Murrow went on to say, “We pranked him all the time too, so it evened out. Nick always had a diet Coke that he buys from Rialto, and when he stepped out of class we would cut his straw so it would wouldn’t go all the way down to his drink but still looked like it was a normal straw,” Murrow said. “When we did our senior prank we literally rearranged his whole room, we unplugged his computer and moved his desk to the opposite side of the classroom, and moved all the tables and chairs to the other end, and took and hid a lot of his classroom supplies, that he probably hasn’t even found yet,” Murrow said.

With all the work of making sure students have scripts, practicing them and coming up with fresh material, Nick has a hectic schedule. That is why one of his fellow teachers and friends helps him along the way.

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From NAIA champion to Northwestern coach

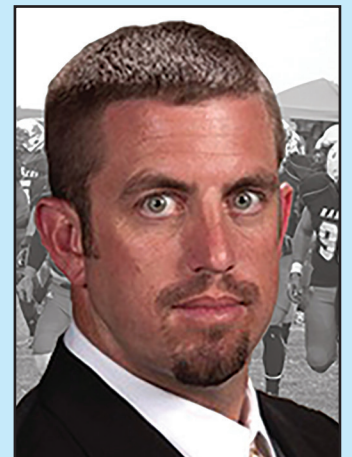
By **BRYANT VENOSDEL**
Student Reporter

In 1999, the Northwestern Oklahoma State football team won the NAIA National Championship and was experiencing the peak of Northwestern football to date. Little did the University know that the MVP of that game, Matt Walter, would one day return to his alma-mater to take the reigns as the head football coach.

Coach Walter has been the head coach at Northwestern for 2 seasons now with a record of 3-8 in 2015 and a record of 4-7 in 2016. Walter was the starting fullback at Northwestern in the 90’s and early 2000’s where he recorded no negative rushing yards in his whole career, was given the MVP award in the national championship and was also named Honorable Mention All-American during the 2000 season.

Walter was born in Oklahoma City on August 9, 1978 and adopted from a Catholic charity by his parents who then brought him to Azle, Texas, a small suburb right on the outskirts of Fort Worth, Texas. Walter spent the first 16 years of his life in Azle until he was recruited to play football at Northwestern Oklahoma State. Walter attended Northwestern Oklahoma State until he graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor’s of science degree as well as a Master’s degree in education.

Walter didn’t always want to be a coach. “I actually went to school to be a CSI,” Walter



Matt Walter / Photo provided

said. “My degree was in Natural Sciences and I really enjoyed it. I spent all my time in the science building with my undergrad and then when I got done playing I was doing my student teaching in Waynoka (OK), and that whole semester I found myself really missing football so I asked Coach Higgins if I could come back and GA, he hired me as a GA (Graduate Assistant) and I guess the rest is history.”

After Walter received his master’s, he got his first job at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. Walter spent a year at Louisiana Tech as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. He then went on to serve as the head strength and conditioning coach at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana for a year. “I really liked living in Hammond,” Walter said, “Just the French Cajun culture, the food, and the people were great.”

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Feature

Basketball coach's road to making his dad proud

By GREG MINOR
Student Reporter

Growing up as “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”, Shawn Dirden said “My relationship with my dad was so important but I made it worse during those years, when I made him feel like he couldn’t trust me.” Wanting the relationship to grow, Shawn knew he had to make some adjustments in order to keep from pushing his father away.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s Men’s Basketball Head Coach Shawn Dirden’s journey to make his dad, Jonnie Dirden, who is a former NFL player, proud.

Dirden’s basketball career first launched in Aurora, Colorado, where he attended Overland High School. Dirden’s raw talent made him the Blazer’s main star, leading his team in all aspects of the game. With hard work and dedication he became an All-State player. He wasn’t the biggest kid on the court, but his future was bigger than what he would have expected. With his dreams to become a professional basketball player and to make his dad proud.

Following his high school career, Dirden moved on to play basketball at Otero Junior College in Colorado after being recruited by Head Coach Brad Franz. At first, Dirden didn’t see junior college as an option, but he believed in Franz. Brad Franz wasn’t the typical junior college coach. His



Shawn Dirden and family./ Photo provided

message wasn’t only about basketball; it was about academics and growing as a person. Dirden said that touched him and his family. Dirden was also impressed that Franz fulfilled everything that he said he would during the recruiting process.

It wasn’t long after when Dirden became recognized as one of the top scorers in Otero Junior College history, bringing in the first conference championship. “Shawn was a very successful student athlete while I coached him in college,” Franz said. “He was a graduate for me that moved on to the Division I level.”

Moving his talents to the

Division I level Dirden signed to the University of Idaho where he earned his bachelor’s degree in secondary education. After finishing college basketball, he went home to Texas. Not losing sight of his goals and aspiration’s in life, he said he worked on his game day in and day out, spending multiple hours in the gym to take his game to the next level.

Dirden’s hard work finally payed off when he received a call that changed his life, he said. The call was from the Phoenix Suns,

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Teaching drives Allen

By ERIN HOPKINS
Student Reporter

Blisters formed on her feet as she danced the night away for 36 hours. When Dawn Allen was in college, she and her future husband, John Allen, completed a dance marathon. They laughed a lot and had a blast. Allen got blisters but persevered and finished.

Allen persevered with her education as well and received her undergraduate degree in English Education from Pittsburg State University in 1980. She taught in the Olathe School District for 18 years before earning her MFA in Writing from the University of Nebraska in 2009. In 2009 she joined the English Department at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan. Since coming to Northwestern in 2012, she has taught Writing and Literacy and Composition I and II.

Allen is currently in her second year as the composition coordinator at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Her passion for writing led her to teaching where she developed a passion for kids and learning focused on outside factors rather than within her.

Professionally a short term goal in her life is to help kids get the skill sets they need in order to be successful. Long term she hopes to be the best educator she can be with the tools provided. In her personal life is a goal to find more of a balance between work

life and home. Being raised by Type A parents she is a workaholic.

The road to teaching at Northwestern began with the decision to move closer to her kids. She felt comfortable with the decision after meeting Dr. James Bell who respected her as an educator and she could tell the department was strong.

“When you find the right job, when it feels like a team, you’re in the right place,” Allen said.

Allen says her biggest strength is her passion for teaching. In this rush, rush society people are losing out on higher critical thinking skills to a certain degree. She says in teaching it is vital to help students question and not just accept things for how they are done. Students have got to be able to vocalize and think as a communicator in society.

“I strive to be structured but I think I come off as the Absent Minded Professor,” Allen said.

Her co-worker Dr. Jennifer Page describes Allen in the work field as reliable, considerate and very competent in her profession. Likewise as a friend to Page, Allen is described as delightful, easy-going and fun to be around.

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A day in the life

Physics major

By CAPRI GAHR
Student Reporter

A day in the life of the first person to minor in physics in thirty years at Northwestern.

With the help of DR. Jennifer Sattler, Willow Gahr has been able to complete a physics minor at Northwestern. As the first student to attempt this in thirty years, Sattler and Gahr went about instituting the program for future students.

Gahr keeps physics on her mind constantly. As a Northwestern women’s cross country runner, she passes the time while running by contemplating physics problems in her head. Running isn’t just a sport to her, it is relaxing and counts for most of the free time she can find.

Her other free time is devoted to raising money to help sea turtles. Gahr visited Costa Rico last summer to help scientists try to conserve sea turtle nests and protect the baby turtles until safely in the ocean. They monitored turtles, protected nests from poachers, and kept track of the local population. She planned to return and volunteer again this summer but is unable to make the trip. Instead, she will continue raising money for the scientists while balancing school and work.

Gahr is a full time student and employee, working sixty-five hours a week between



Willow Gahr/ Photo by Capri Gahr

tutoring at the Academic Success Center, and managing at the local Sonic. She keeps busy but has still managed to maintain a 3.9 GPA. Gahr has, so far, accumulated one-hundred and twenty hours at Northwestern. “I was so scared to do bad that I devoted every ounce of free time to studying,” Gahr said.

Gahr graduated in 2013 from Aline-Cleo high school. As a high school student, she was very active in the school and community. She played sports and was even an FFA chapter officer. “I really didn’t prepare for college,” She said. “I stayed extremely busy in high school which helped me learn time management for college.”

She plans to graduate next spring and then hopes to be accepted into OU’s medical physics program.



Above: Dawn Allen is featured with her husband John Allen and two sons.



Left: Dawn Allen with Natasha Hanova/ Photos provided

Entertainment

Taking lessons from a baby in 'The Boss Baby'

By Deitra Wedd
Staff Writer

his parents.

A rivalry immediately starts between the two, until Tim realizes Boss Baby is a spy on a mission.

If the mission is completed Tim will never have to see Boss Baby again. The two siblings set out on a journey together to complete the mission so that they no longer have to be siblings.

Just as the take on sibling rivalry is a bit weird, the concept of this story was a little strange at first as well. Even looking back on it now it was still a strange story.

However, some of the quotes used throughout the movie were quite enjoyable and memorable.

Some of the quotes that I found enjoyable were very humorous, while some of the other ones were about lessons that each of us should learn.

The symbolism used throughout the movie was done in a way that it was easy to spot the symbolic value and what exactly the symbols meant. One such symbol is the talking baby.

While at first the baby with the adult like qualities was just a strange idea, later in the movie it's easy to see how the talking baby was being used as a symbol.

Boss Baby symbolizes how

an only child might think of their new sibling.

A new baby is in the house constantly screaming and crying indicating to the parents that it needs something done in return for some silence. In this way, the movie is comparing a crying baby to a demanding boss.

By comparing the two it helps show how a child who's always gotten attention might feel when they are suddenly denied the very thing they've always gotten.

By "bossing" the parents around, the newborn may be seen through the child's eyes as getting all the attention, just as Tim did in the movie.

Another symbol was the special desk and the toilet. These were used as symbols of the goals that one might think will bring pleasure once accomplished, and the inanimate objects thought to bring happiness once owned.

The lesson to learn from the desk scene in the movie is that as humans we can be blind to what can truly makes us happy. If someone's never had something that truly makes them happy, it's difficult to see what will.

As Boss Baby said in the movie, "You can't miss what you never had." So it's important to be open to the type of happiness that comes from animate objects.

Overall this was actually a really good movie, a little strange at first, but once you're able to look past that it becomes a cute movie with plenty of important life lessons that each and every one of us should learn.

The Boss Baby is a very weird take on sibling rivalry, and in this movie babies secretly come from a baby factory.

While at the factory they are tested to show if they should be sent to live with a family or to work at Baby Corp.

Tim is a seven-year-old with a strong imagination, and as an only child he is used to having all his parent's attention and love for himself.

When Boss Baby shows up at Tim's home carrying a brief case Tim is unprepared to share



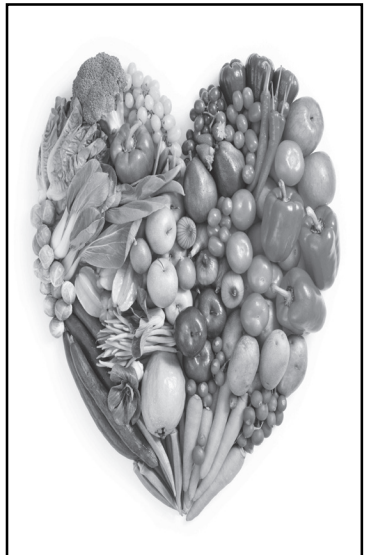
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'POWERHOUSE' FOODS

1. Watercress
2. Chinese cabbage
3. Chard
4. Beet green
5. Spinach
6. Chicory
7. Leaf lettuce
8. Parsley
9. Romaine lettuce
10. Collard green

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How to work out a Sudoku

By Deitra Wedd
Staff Writer

Rule 1: The same number cannot be in the same bold square box.

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Rule 2: For every square box in bold, the numbers 1-9 must take up one of the smaller squares inside the bold squares.

1	5	9						
4	7	3						
8	2	6						

Rule 3: The same number cannot be in the same row or column.

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Rule 4: In each smaller square making up the rows or columns of the puzzle, there must be the numbers 1-9.

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Answers from last week

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Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

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- 12 Quarrel
- 13 - budget
- 14 Color quality
- 15 Think about
- 17 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 18 Mean
- 19 Animal shelter
- 21 Corroded
- 22 H.H. Munro's pseudonym
- 23 Handy Latin abbr.
- 26 Bobby of hockey lore
- 28 Celebrate
- 31 Cheer (for)
- 33 Still
- 35 Guns the engine
- 36 Literary category
- 38 With 46-Down, shared fairly
- 40 Scarlet
- 41 Bound
- 43 Billboards
- 45 Black eye, e.g.
- 47 Proof that you're who you say you are
- 51 Galley lineup
- 52 Shopper, e.g.
- 54 Thing
- 55 Part of "to be"
- 56 Part of N.B.
- 57 Metallica drummer Ulrich
- 58 Homer's neighbor
- 59 From the start
- 4 Bewildered
- 5 Unsteady, as from old age
- 6 Inseparable
- 7 Report card data
- 8 Scoundrel
- 9 Underhanded one
- 10 Fairy tale starter
- 11 Blue hue
- 16 Grooving on
- 20 Listener
- 23 Work unit
- 24 Pirouette pivot
- 25 Magician
- 27 Agt.
- 29 First lady
- 30 Leary's drug
- 32 Platitudes
- 34 Coached
- 37 Type measures
- 39 Probability
- 42 Pie nut
- 44 Diving gear
- 45 Seethe
- 46 See
- 38-Across
- 48 Prayer ending
- 49 Actress Russo
- 50 Sketched
- 53 Tramcar contents

DOWN

- 1 Spore cases
- 2 Word after 10-Down
- 3 Carry on

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LAFF - A - DAY

"Gosh, Alice, aren't you carrying our quarrel a little too far!"

Entertainment

Nominees for the Good-Looking Award

Clara O' Conner

Freshman

"She's beautiful inside and out"

Macie Malone

Junior

"Macie is a one of a kind girl. I think she's beautiful inside and out."

Greg Minor

Junior

"Can you say dimples?! He is sooo cute! If I could make him smile every day, I would. Does he have a girlfriend?"

Haylee Bates

Senior

"That girl has style. I dig her wardrobe. She also has a cute lil smile. Wassup girl? ;)"

Austin Klug

Senior

"He seems really fun to hangout with and he's really cute. Plus, I love basketball boys."

Maddi McGraw

Junior

"THOSE EYES <3. She's just a beautiful girl with a fun personality! She's awesome."

Megan Maharry

Freshman

"I'm a sucker for red hair. Plus, she seems tough."

Branon Green

Junior

"I've had a crush on B Green for awhile now. He's gorgeous and makes me smile."

Kelsey Shumpert

Junior

"I think she is so pretty. Hi Kelsey."

Nick Villalobos

Senior

"He is manly and his beard is very comfortable. He also has a sexy volleyball technique... hey nickii <3"

Hayley Brattain

Senior

"She always looks happy and like she's having fun. Her smile is f(reaking) amazing too. B-E-A-UTIFUL."



Stay tuned next week for the responses from the nominees.

Calendar of events

April 25

Blood Drive
9 a.m - 4 p.m.
Student Center - Wyatt Room and Range Room

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Herod Hall - Herod Hall Auditorium

April 26

Blood Drive
9 a.m - 4 p.m.
Student Center - Wyatt Room and Range Room

FCA Meetings
8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Coronado Hall - Ranger Perk

April 27

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Student Center - Student Center Ranger Room

Psych Club & EPIC Movie Night: Accepted
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Education Center - Education Center 109

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

Sports



Macy Madwell standing on base waiting to run home during weekend game against Ouachita Baptist University. /Photos Provided

Softball advances to GAC

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Softball got a much needed doubleheader sweep over Great American Conference opponent Ouachita Baptist as they make their late-season playoff push to move up in the standings.

Newly appointed head coach Jill Webb's Rangers had their high powered offense on full display April 14 as they swatted six home runs led by Macy Madewell who had herself an afternoon, launching three home runs in her 3-for-4 performance.

Northwestern took game one 9-0 before staving off a Tiger rally to hang on to an 8-5 win in game two.

Game 1

Northwestern needed just an hour and four minutes to handle Ouachita in the series opener on a windy afternoon at the Alva Recreation Complex. Madison Garza picked up her eighth win after tossing five innings of shutout softball. Garza held the Tigers to just three hits without walking a batter and notching four strikeouts in the run-rule shortened contest.

The Rangers capitalized on a trio of Tiger errors in the opening frame as they picked up a pair of early runs. Despite ranking near the top of the conference in fielding percentage, Ouachita Baptist's defense struggled all day long while uncharacteristically committing eight errors over the course of two games.

Northwestern got the bats going in the second when three straight hits were capped off by Madi Parrott and her two run double to the fence in left.

Madewell kicked off her banner day in the fourth by crushing a three run shot over the wall in dead center for her seventh home run of the 2017 campaign.

Entering play hitting .258 as a team, the Tigers were unable to solve Garza as the right hander kept the visitors at bay for the better part of the afternoon. Ouachita almost cracked Garza in the fourth when a leadoff single



Amber Mills and Brittany Corrales high fiving after weekend win.

by Sarah Johnson was followed by a stand-up double from Macy Nantz, but the junior pitcher sat down three straight to end the threat, stranding runners at second and third.

A 9-0 contest was ended early by run rule as the Rangers handed the Tigers their third straight loss.

Game 2

The long ball was the theme of the second game as the Northwestern offense combined to hit an impressive five home runs. Madewell stole the show as the right fielder clobbered two more to bring her season total to nine, good enough for a tie for fourth in the GAC.

Karly Murray was in the circle for the Rangers in game two and Murray cruised through the first three innings before the Tigers broke through for their first run of the day in the fourth inning. A leadoff single and an error by Parrott came around to score, but that would be all in the frame.

Northwestern got the crowd into it right from the get-go when Madison McGraw sent one into the jet stream with one out in the first. Madewell, not to be outdone, tagged her second of the day to give the Rangers a 2-0 first inning advantage.

After Megan Sanders reached safely in the bottom of the

second, Peyton Garrett sent a charge into a ball for her second home run of the season. Madewell would launch another one in the third inning just before junior Jordan Sutton got in on the action as the designated hitter took a 2-0 offering over the wall in left center for her first of the season.

All was going well for the Rangers until Ouachita gave Webb a scare by putting up four runs on Murry in the sixth inning to narrow the lead to 8-5 in favor of Northwestern. But Webb elected to send the right hander out there to try to close out her seventh victory and she did just that.

Northwestern hung on to take game two 8-5 for their second doubleheader sweep of the year.

The next day of the series was an emotional day as Ranger Nation gave their four seniors a proper sendoff.

Before the games, Alexis Hayes, Morgan Lewis, Amber Mills and Sanders were honored for their dedicated service to the Softball program, accompanied by family and friends from all over the country.

The Rangers picked up a much needed victory in game one, handing Ouachita

Baptist a 5-2 loss before falling 15-4 in the series finale.

Game 3

Garza picked up her ninth win as the Rangers continued to solidify their place in the Great American Conference tournament held May 4-6 in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Garza was spectacular once again as the right handed slinger continually crushed Ouachita Baptist's would-be rallies, holding the Tigers to just one earned run on their seven hits.

Northwestern's four graduating seniors were the story of the day and they did not disappoint in their farewell. Sanders drove in the game's first run when she smacked a base hit up the middle to score Audrey Estes in the second. Sanders ended an 0-for-11 slide in a big way on senior day as the four-year Ranger raised her season average to .257 by driving in her 18th run.

The Tigers would get their only runs in the third when a two-out error on the infield scored a pair of unearned runs off of Garza. That gave OUA starter Kelsey O'Brien a lead that she was able to hang on to until the Rangers tied it up in the fifth thanks to a Madewell.

A three run sixth knocked

O'Brien from the game after Mills smoked a ball over the center fielder's head to score Garrett and senior Hayes. Parrott added an insurance run with a seeing-eye double that flirted with the left field line, allowing Mills to score from second.

Despite going 0-for-2 at the dish, senior Lewis put together two quality at bats in her first start of the year. Lewis almost took O'Brien deep when she took the first pitch she saw all the way to the wall for a deep lineout in the second.

The Rangers took game three 5-2 to guarantee a series win over Ouachita Baptist.

Game 4

Looking to roll over the Tigers for a series sweep, the Rangers sent Murray out for the series finale. Northwestern was downed 15-4 after the Tigers managed eight runs in the top of the sixth, putting what was a close contest out of reach for the Rangers.

Mills made her last game at the Alva Recreational Complex one to remember as the senior went 4-for-4 including a first inning home run that bounced off the top of the fence and out for her fourth deep fly of the season.

Mills raised her average 17 points this weekend to .237 and her three RBI's in game two brought her season total to 21. Designated hitter Sutton also hit her second home run in as many days when the junior gave their Rangers their second straight inning with a leadoff homerun.

But what was once a close game got away from Northwestern late. The Tiger offense broke out for 16 hits between Murray and reliever Jalena Arthur, including a sixth inning that saw the visitors put up eight runs on seven hits that effectively thwarted any chance of a Ranger sweep.

Ouachita designated hitter Macy Nantz was the Tiger's best bat as she went 4-for-5, driving in two runs and hitting a home run.

Northwestern would drop the run-rule shortened contest 15-4 to wrap up their 2017 home campaign.

Sports



Baseball team lined up during National Anthem before Ouachita Baptist University series game. /Photos Provided

Baseball team defeated

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State baseball and the Ouachita Baptist Tigers took the field for the final two games of the series where the Rangers came away with an opening win, 5-3, but took the loss in the series finale, 5-2.

The Rangers had five batters go for multi-hit days with Greg Carrington and Jacob Long leading the way, both going 4-for-7 at the dish.

Jorin Van Amstel followed them up with a 3-for-7 doubleheader, while Cole Anderson and Steven Deckard each collected two hits.

Game 1

Sean Rydell started on the bump in game one of the doubleheader where the freshman went eight fantastic innings, giving up just three runs, all of which crossed in the first two innings.

Four Rangers had multi-hit games, led by Carrington who was 3-for-4 at the dish. Long, Van Amstel and Deckard were the other Ranger hitters to collect multiple hits.

The Tigers started off the game with an early 2-0 lead on a triple to right field and two previous walks.

The hosts scored a third in the very next inning, but the resilient Rangers would answer in the third.



Sean Rydell pitching at the start of game one.

Following a single by Carrington to lead off the inning, a wild pitch moved him up to second and he was eventually scored on a single to shortstop by Long.

More would come for the visitors, but not until the top of the sixth inning where a single by Kassner plated Delano for the Ranger's second run of the game.

Two more runs were plated on a SAC fly by Carrington and a wild pitch by the Tiger hurler, scoring Deckard to make it a 4-3 advantage.

Through eight full innings, Rydell remained strong, shutting down the Tigers for six straight innings, while his team continued to provide insurance on his second double of the day, making it 5-3 in favor of the

Rangers.

An opening double by OBU knocked out Rydell and Ranger head coach, Sam Carel elected to go with Nick Llorente who finished it off in just four batters faced, earning the save in the process.

The game two win of the series for Northwestern led to a rubber match in the series finale.

Game 2

David Sanchez started on the hill in game two of the day for the Rangers and went 5.2 innings, surrendering five total runs in the game.

Leading the Rangers at the plate in game two were Long and Anderson who were both 2-for-3 at the dish.

The Rangers began the game with a single, but weren't able to plate any runs, but the

Tigers again started off with an early run, making it 1-0.

Ouachita Baptist scored another in the bottom of the third on a hit-by-pitch, but with the bases juiced, Sanchez was able to get out of it with a double play groundout.

Northwestern found home plate in the top of the fifth when Kassner crossed home plate on a SAC fly by Carrington, his second of the day. The run made the score 2-1 in favor of the Tigers.

OBU put up another run in the sixth inning on a single through the left side and was followed up by SAC fly to left field to make it a big 4-1 lead. The Tigers added another on a roped double down the left field line.

The double off Sanchez brought Llorente into the game in the bottom of six.

Delano started off the final frame for the Rangers with a double to left field and was followed up by a single to left by Anderson moving him to third.

Kassner then singled home Delano in the very next at bat, but that would be the only run the visitors could muster, falling in the game 5-2.

The Rangers will take on Henderson State University at 7 p.m. Friday night at the Myers Stadium. The series will continue into the weekend with two games on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Athletic Events

April 21

Softball

2 p.m. Rangers at Henderson State University

4 p.m. Rangers at Henderson State University

Baseball

7 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

Rodeo

Rangers at Fort Hays State University

April 22

Softball

12 p.m. Rangers at Henderson State University

2 p.m. Rangers at Henderson State University

Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Henderson State University

Rodeo

Rangers at Fort Hays State University

April 23

Men&Womens Golf

Rangers vs Great American Conference in Hot Springs, Ark.

Rodeo

Rangers at Fort Hays State University

April 24

Men&Womens Golf

Rangers vs Great American Conference in Hot Springs, Ark.

April 25

Men&Womens Golf

Rangers vs Great American Conference in Hot Springs, Ark.

Baseball

1 p.m. Rangers vs Oklahoma Panhandle State University

April 27

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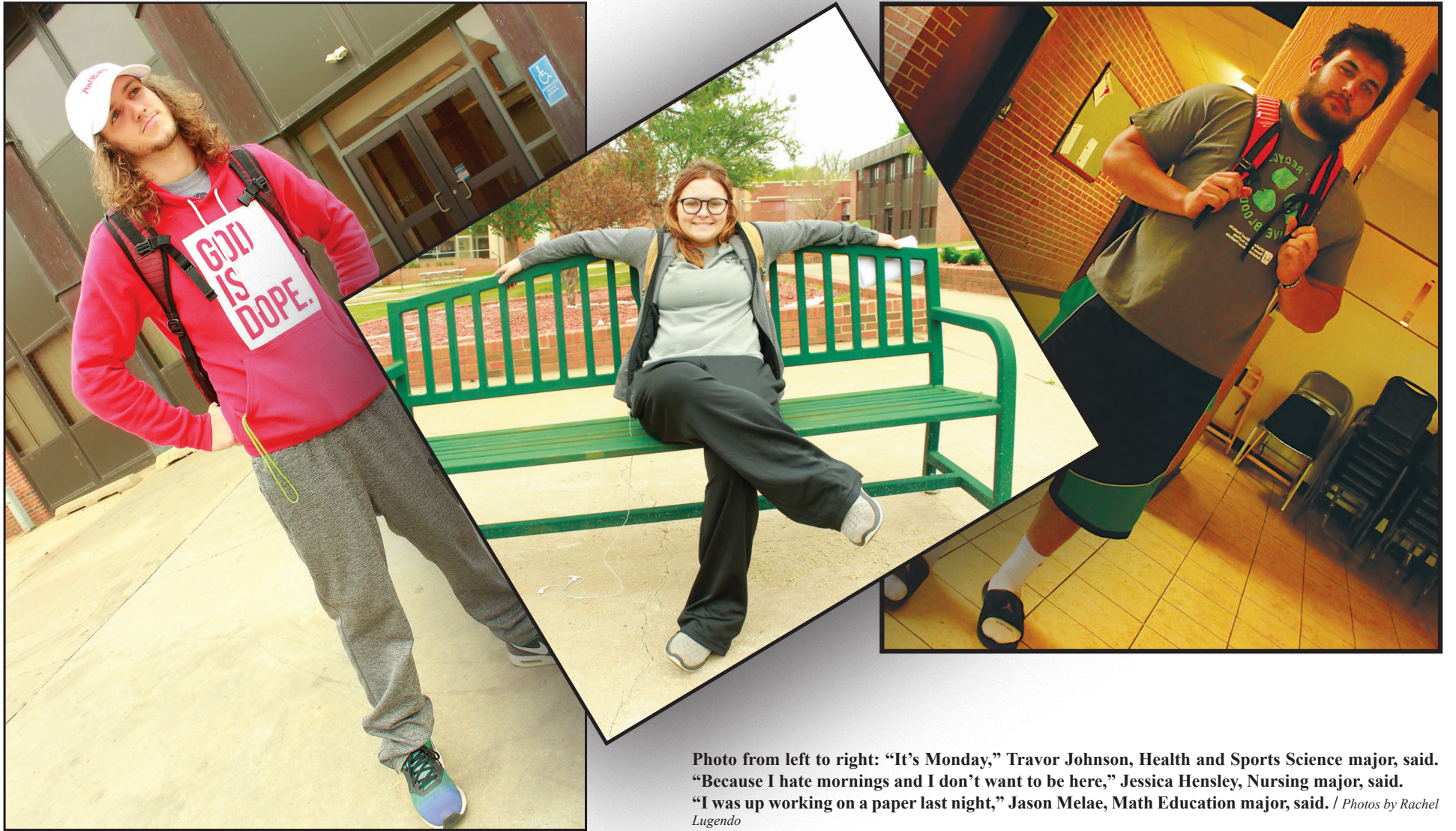


Photo from left to right: "It's Monday," Trevor Johnson, Health and Sports Science major, said. "Because I hate mornings and I don't want to be here," Jessica Hensley, Nursing major, said. "I was up working on a paper last night," Jason Melae, Math Education major, said. / Photos by Rachel Lugendo