

New scholarship is available

By **RACHEL EMERSON**
Asst. News Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University is now offering tuition scholarships to those currently affected by the recent decline in energy prices.

As a result of decreasing oil and gas prices, many Oklahomans are being forced out of the workforce.

Families in Northwest Oklahoma, as well as the community, are suffering from the economic downfalls created by these layoffs. Northwestern realizes that these displaced employees may be looking to either start or return to school and is offering a tuition scholarship to make it easier for them to do so.

"The recent news of significant layoffs by area companies is a real economic blow to families and communities," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "We want these families to remain in the area.

By providing these incentives, we hope to provide the college education necessary for them to find meaningful

employment in other fields or to advance to other positions within the energy industry."

Northwestern is providing a tuition scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to any employee who wishes to attend classes at one of its three campuses.

The scholarship includes up to two consecutive semesters for applicants who meet the criteria for admission into Northwestern. Scholarship requires enrollment in at least 12 credit hours per semester (fall or spring semesters).

Enrollment is now closed for this spring semester, but anyone interested in enrolling for classes next fall can do so beginning on March 22, 2016.

The admissions and financial aid counselors are available to help new students with admissions and enrollment as well as applying for other types of financial aid to provide further financial assistance.

Northwestern classes are available during the day or the evening and allow students to attend class in a traditional classroom setting or online. New students are encouraged to contact and discuss educational

\$1,000 Scholarship Opportunity available to those affected by recent layoffs!

- Scholarship will be offered for up to two consecutive semesters.
- Must be enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester (Fall and Spring semesters)
- Northwestern Staff is available to help with admissions and other financial aid applications.

Enrollment for Fall 2016 opens March 22, 2016!

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or visit us online @ www.nwosu.edu

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options with admissions counselors on one of the three campuses in Alva, Enid or Woodward.

Northwestern's main campus is located in Alva at 709 Oklahoma Blvd. and admissions counselors can be

contacted at (580) 327-8546, or in the Fine Arts Building on campus.

Northwestern's Enid campus is located at 2929 E. Randolph. To contact the Enid campus by phone, call (580) 237-0334. In Woodward, the

Northwestern campus is located at 2007 34th Street and the contact number is (580) 254-2500.

For additional information about admissions or the university is available online at www.nwosu.edu.

Lohmann announces retirement

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Feature Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will lose part of its university family with the retirement of its executive vice president.

Steve Lohmann, Ph.D., will serve his last day as executive vice president on June 30, as his retirement was officially announced on Jan. 14. He has served in this position for the past 13 years.

Lohmann's legacy at Northwestern, however, began long before he received his title of executive vice president. Since 1985, Lohmann has been an integral part of Northwestern, beginning as an instructor of Health and Sports Science Education and serving as the head football coach of the Rangers. Lohmann managed the opening of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center, serving as its first director of facilities. After this, Lohmann moved to lead the Office of Student Affairs.



Photo by Michael Collins

Dr. Steve Lohmann announced on Thursday that as of June 30, he will be retiring as executive vice president.

In his time as executive vice president, Lohmann has helped shape

Northwestern into the university that it is today. He has helped lead

the introduction and expansion of new programs and fields of study, including visual art and agriculture education. He has also been a part in the formation of the intended new doctoral program in nursing practice.

Lohmann is recognized as an educational leader across the state of Oklahoma with his efforts in Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation and as a chairman of the statewide Council on Instruction.

His impact is evident in the kind words easily provided by students and faculty.

Brady Fields, a student of Lohmann's Leadership Northwestern class, said of Lohmann: "Even though most students on this campus have never had the pleasure to communicate with Dr. Lohmann, he has played a vital role to this university for many years. After having his leadership class, I learned the true passion he has for the students and the desire he has for them to succeed not only in college, but in future life. Not many college administrators could be described like this. He is

truly one of Northwestern's most valuable assets."

Northwestern President Janet Cunningham, Ph.D., has worked closely with Lohmann for years and speaks highly of his contributions to Northwestern. In her announcement of Lohmann's retirement, Cunningham said: "Personally, I have always been able to count on his expert counsel, his advocacy for the faculty and students and his commitment to always do the right thing. His professional integrity and love for Northwestern are without question."

Lohmann says he thinks fondly of his time at Northwestern. "I've truly enjoyed my experience at Northwestern," Lohmann said. "Not many people can say that they have looked forward to coming to work everyday, but I can. The faculty, staff and administration here have always had a focus on helping students succeed, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of the atmosphere and environment of the Northwestern campus."

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Dates for spring art show announced

By ALEXA GOODWIN
Student Reporter

The Spring Art Show is coming to Northwestern.

The 2015 13th Annual Northwestern Art Society Art Show will be held at Northwestern March 6th through the 26th in the J. W. Martin Library. The show will be open during regular Library business hours.

All entry forms are due at the end of the day on February 24th and all artwork must be delivered to the Library by 5:30 p.m. on March second. Any possible exceptions need to contact Angelia Case at 327-8577, by 5 p.m. on February 24th.

Entry forms are available under NAS art show link under the art society tab in the a to z index on the NWOSU website.

To be eligible to compete in the art show for prize money and ribbons, one must be a student on any of the Northwestern campuses; however to be eligible to compete, but not for prize money or ribbons, the requirements are one must be a current or retired employee, or a Northwestern Alumni.

Only students are eligible for prize money but all entries will be eligible for the People’s Choice award because it will be decided by the people who view the show who are allowed to vote once per

day. There are many forms of art so there are many different categories one could enter in the art show, the categories are as follows;

There are three main categories Visual Arts, Artisan Crafts, and Photography. In the Visual Arts category there is 3 dimensional sculpture art, cartoons and comics, digital art, drawing, mixed media and collage, painting, and watercolor. In the Artisan Crafts category there is crochet, knitting, and needlework as well as jewelry, pottery, quilts, and wildcard, a division for entries that do not fit in any other division in this category.

In the Photography category there is 13, this category is for the artist to depict the number 13 in a

creative way since it is the 13th annual Art Show. Other categories include action, animals, black and white, cityscapes, elements of design, landscapes, light, macro, Northwestern campus life, people, plants, and wildcard.

“The art show has many opportunities to show the community your talent. There isn’t a big art scene on campus so a show helps encourage those that wouldn’t dabble in their artistic side to do so.” Kate Henning, Northwestern Senior, English Major and art show participant said. Henning plans to enter an oil painting and hopefully win.

After being asked why she thought the art show was important

to the art community at Northwestern, Academic Projects Assistant and Media Specialist, and sponsor of the NWOSU Art Gallery, Angelia Case said “We believe that sponsoring the art show helps us follow our mission. We want to make sure that we encourage all in our University community to have the opportunity to showcase their creativity and talent and expose and encourage others to express their creativity. Art is important.”

For more informations contact Angelia Case at 580-327-8577 or arcase@nwosu.edu or Katrina Henning at kmhenning81@rangers.nwosu.edu. Or go to www.nwosu.edu/nas-art-show.

Absentee ballot application forms are available now

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Reporter

Forms for Absentee Ballots are ready to be mailed out this week.

The applications will be available for Freedoms Annual School Election held on February 9th, 2016 and Presidential Preferential Primary Election held on March 1st, 2016.

Absentee ballot applications forms are available at the County Election Board office located at 410 4th St., Suite F, Professional Building, Alva, OK. You can also log onto www.elections.ok.gov to download and print the application and for more information about the absentee ballots, the elections, and where you can mail your ballot to.

Sandra Koehn, County Election Board Secretary, says voters must be registered and reside within geographical boundaries of a school district to vote in said school district. Any registered voter

may vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he/she is eligible to vote.

“While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several excuses, and it is to the advantage of some voters to use one of them,” Koehn states.

Reasons you may consider absentee ballots are if you are: physically incapacitated or a care taker for someone who is, voters who reside in nursing homes and military personnel and/or spouse/family member who resides overseas. Military personnel should contact the Voting Service office for more information. They can also log onto www.fvap.gov/oklahoma.

Voters who have requested an absentee ballot can track their ballot at http://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Online_Voter_Tool/. Ballots must be in the hands of county election board by 7:00 pm, on Election Day in order to be counted.

Northwestern history professor invited to be feature speaker at Enid museum

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid recently invited Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and co-executive director of the university’s Institute for Citizenship Studies, to be the featured speaker at the museum’s Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Program.

The program is held onsite each month for the general public at the little church in the Humphrey Heritage Village. The discussion with PowerPoint was entitled “Germans from Russia in Oklahoma and Family History Research.”

Schmaltz expressed his appreciation to Sarah Hardaway, museum assistant; Andi Holland, museum director; and Cody Jolliff, museum education director, for inviting him to speak and making all the necessary arrangements to hold this event.

“The turnout for this event was incredible,” Schmaltz said. “We were expecting perhaps 15 to 20 people to attend. As I arrived, I already realized that it was going to be a very strong turnout. I was informed shortly afterwards that over 80 people had attended the talk. We even had a number of young people attend with their parents. That is a real compliment to this region’s descendants of Germans from Russia who want to learn more about their family roots and ethnic heritage.”

Schmaltz offered a brief history of ethnic German migrations from Russia to Oklahoma during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Numbering around 10,000-strong by 1920, the German-Russians, including among them many Mennonites, created a significant presence in the region, especially in the agricultural sec-

tor, even introducing here the hearty red winter wheat variety from Russia.

Besides highlighting the group’s various cultural and economic contributions to the region and the country, he concluded his talk with how individuals and families can keep alive their heritage story through genealogical research.

“Individual, family and even local community histories can later provide a good foundation for more comprehensive, professional historical accounts to be written,” Schmaltz noted.

Schmaltz will be presenting on related topics in Shattuck, and Reno, Nevada, later in the spring semester.

For more information about Schmaltz’s presentations contact him at (580) 327-8526 or ejschmaltz@nwosu.edu.

Start early on FAFSA application to qualify for scholarships, grants

By KATELYNN BALL
Photo Editor

It’s that time of year again where we all must finish up our taxes and fill out a new FAFSA form for the new year.

The good news is, the earlier they get filled out the better. The FAFSA deadline this year will be on June 30th 2016 by or before midnight.

To start filling out your new 2016 application, go to fafsa.ed.gov. If you are a new freshman click on the “Start a New FAFSA” tab on the left hand side of the screen, if you are a returning student click on the “login” tab on the right hand side of the screen.

Northwestern’s code is 003163. You will need this code to fill out your new form. This code can be found posted online and on Northwestern’s social media.

FAFSA Application Steps

1. Go to fafsa.ed.gov
2. First time applicant: Click on “Start New FAFSA”
Returning applicant: Click on “Login”
3. Fill out questions prompted on screen

Northwestern’s FAFSA Code is 003163

If you need any assistance, contact the Financial Aid Office.

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If you have already began your FAFSA application and have completed the taxes that are necessary, the IRS tax retrieval tool will be available as of February 7th, 2016 to link your taxes to FAFSA easier. If the retrieval tool isn’t helpful you can plug in your tax information manually.

There are some changes to the application website. What formerly was called your PIN is now called your FAFSA ID.

If you complete your application early you can be qualified for possible scholarships and grants so get started as soon as

News

News Brief

Bachelor degree application deadline quickly approaching

Potential spring graduates who have not yet filled out an application for Bachelor's Degree need to do so soon. The first deadline for the spring 2016 commencement is February 22, 2016.

The Application can be found at the Registry Office at the Alva and Enid campuses, the Woodward office. It can also be found online by going to www.nwosu.edu clicking on the A-Z index and under "A" click Application.

There is a \$25 application fee (per degree) that is due when you turn in the application.

If you have any questions regarding the Application for Bachelor's Degree or the graduation ceremony, contact Cindy Foresman at (580) 327-8551.

Scholarship opportunity announced recently

In honor of H. Pettus Randall III, director of "Who's Who", scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 are available for three "Who's Who" students.

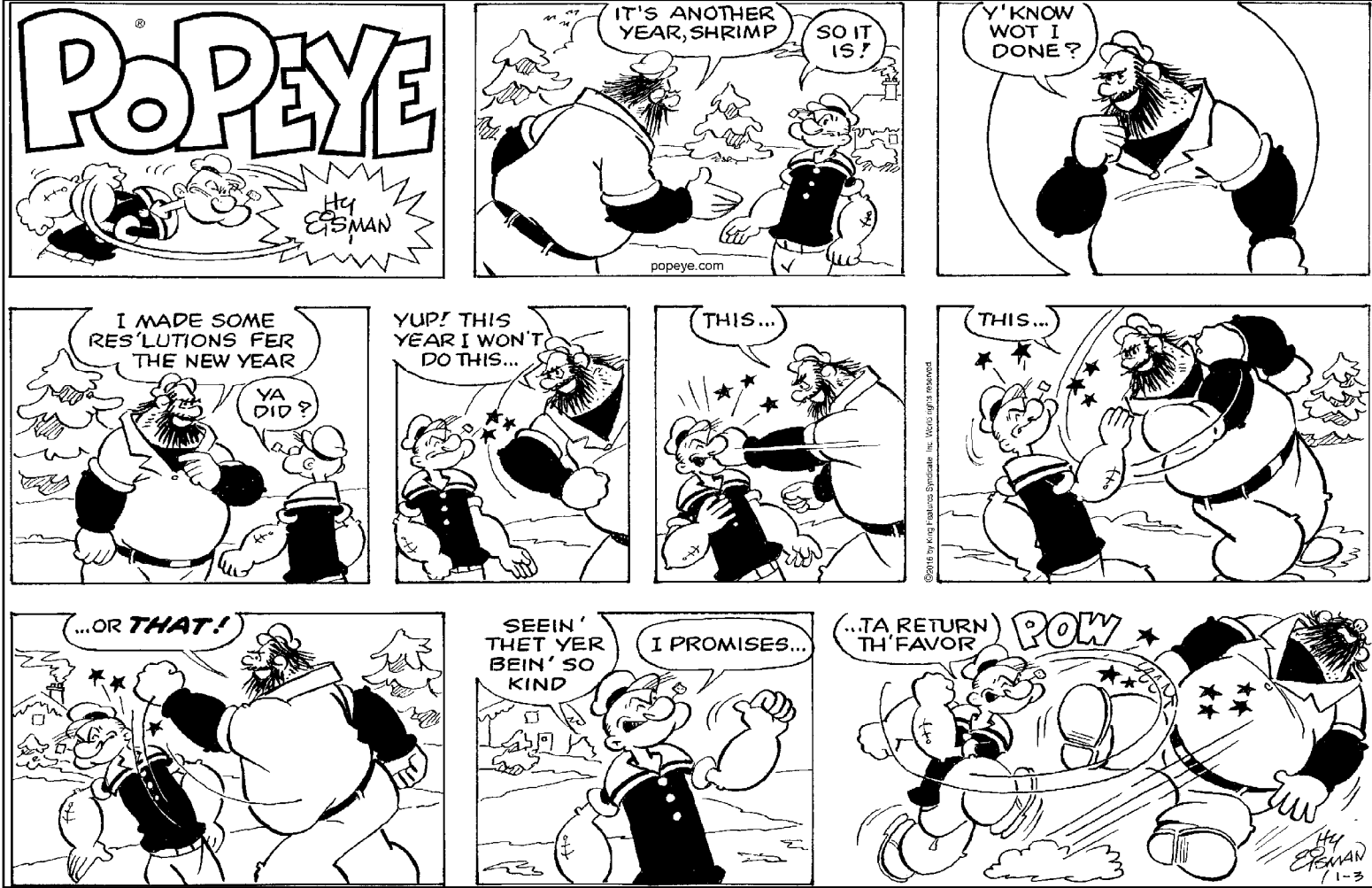
Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student with a GPA of 3.5 or above and has attended Northwestern for at least 2 semesters. The application deadline is noon on February 3, 2016.

Scholarships are awarded based on a random drawing in May, 2016. The winners of the scholarships will be contacted by phone.

Financial aid charges at bookstore to end soon

The last day to charge text books to PELL, loan, scholarship, BIA, VA or any other form of Financial Aid is Monday, January 25, 2016.

No charges are accepted after this date!



Northwestern students selected to participate in Honor Band

Three Northwestern Oklahoma State University music students have been selected to participate in the Oklahoma Music Educators Association's (OMEA) Intercollegiate Honor Band this week in Tulsa.

Earning a spot in this band are Arthur Bohlmann, Hooker senior playing trombone; Autumn Detamore, El Reno freshman playing saxophone; and Amanda Metcalf, Enid sophomore playing clarinet.

"This intercollegiate honor band is an elite ensemble comprised of students from dozens of universities throughout Oklahoma," Dr. Marc Decker, director of instrumental music and music education, said. "I'm sure they will represent our school and community with great pride."

Decker and the students will leave for Tulsa Wednesday where the students will be in rehearsals Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

The honor band will then perform in concert Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom. Admission will be charged.

Teacher of the Year Application Deadline

March 11, 2016

Nomination forms are available in the student services office or on the bulletin board of the Student Government Office in the Student Center.

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Friday22

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Speech Tournament

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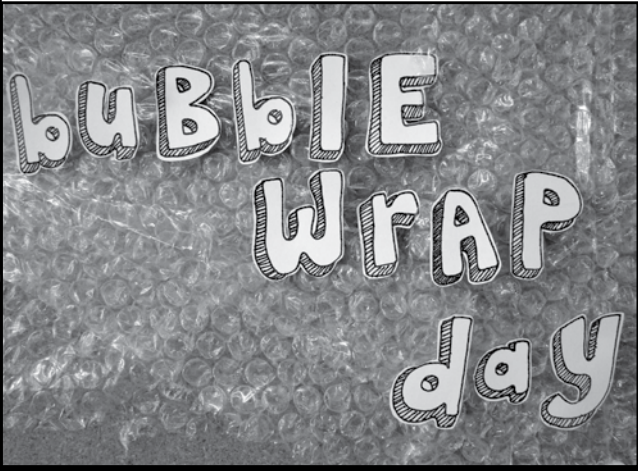
Monday25

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It's Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day.

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Saturday23

Lady Ranger Basketball
vs. East Central University
Percefull Fieldhouse - 1 p.m.

Psychology Club Meeting
Education Center 217A
11 a.m.

OSSAA Regional Speech
Tournament


Ranger Basketball
vs. East Central University
Percefull Fieldhouse - 3 p.m.

CEOE Teacher Testing
Industrial Education 119 & 110
9 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Northwestern High School
Speech Invitational

NWOSU Art Society Goodie giveaway at both basketball games!
The NWOSU Art Society's yearly group of fundraising events held at Ranger basketball games. They offer three tickets to try and win "Goodies" for a \$1 donation.

Watch history come alive at "A Night at the Museum"
Cherokee Strip Museum - 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets early at one of these locations!
The Cherokee Strip Museum
Holder Drug
Alva's Market
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Tickets: 3 years & under - Free
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Tuesday26

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Features



The TEACHER SHORTAGE

Oklahoma is short on teachers, even shorter on funding

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

Sleepless nights, missed lunch breaks and incomparable stresses are all realities for teachers.

Dedicated teachers have to put students first. Teachers like Dixie Meyer know when to make sacrifices for others, even if it may be inconvenient or unexpected. When asked to enter the classroom without previous experience as an educator, Meyer realized that the only right decision was the one that would benefit the community she loves. Previously a nurse, Meyer agreed to become a high school science teacher, despite having no professional background in education.

Early in the month of August, just weeks before the start of semester, Meyer received a call from Alva High School administration asking her to fill the position of a science educator. Administration had attempted to find a certified science teacher, particularly in the field of chemistry, but had no success.

This is a situation that countless school systems have found themselves in, as Oklahoma is facing a significant shortage in educators. According to Oklahoma State Department of Education records, schools face a reality of approximately 1,000 teacher vacancies. If one accounts for a classroom size of 25 to 35 students, nearly 25,000 to 35,000 students

in Oklahoma do not have a permanent teacher.

With changes and growing issues in the Oklahoma system of education, schools have been scrambling to replace teachers who have decided on early retirement or to move to neighboring states that promise higher salaries to educators.

Jeffrey Dunn, who serves as a regent on the board of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, referred to the Oklahoma teacher shortage as “the single most drastic economic crisis in Oklahoma.”

This is an issue that will only be fixed with extreme adjustments in the education system of Oklahoma. Though no immediate solution is apparent, individuals like Meyer are helping school systems during these challenging times.

These impromptu educators are able to enter the classroom by taking an emergency certification test. Deana Silk, who serves as the director of communications at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, said in order to apply for an emergency certification test, a school must have already exhausted all possible attempts to find either a certified or qualified applicant to fill the empty position. According to records at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the department has issued 920 emergency certification tests since July. This is a significant increase since 2011, when the state only issued 32

tests for the entirety of the year.

This problem in Oklahoma has numerous layers and complexities. As the number of educators retiring or leaving the field of education is much greater than the number of individuals entering the field, significant vacancies have appeared in classrooms across the state.

A key factor leading to this predicament is the lack of competitive salaries for Oklahoma’s educators. “Our teachers need to feel respected and compensated accordingly,” Silk said. “In order to attract and retain top talent, we have to increase teacher pay to be competitive with surrounding states. Currently, only Mississippi, South Dakota and Idaho pay their teachers less than we do. Oklahoma teachers make \$10,000 below the national average.”

Oklahoma education is losing teachers for more reasons than low salary. Jennifer Oswald is an instructor of education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a former public school educator. “There has been a pervasive lack of respect for the profession and a steady increase in accountability,” Oswald said. “I recently read an article about a teacher resigning because she just ‘couldn’t make kids cry anymore.’ The emphasis on testing and disregard for developmentally appropriateness of curriculum is a common complaint. ... There have been a myriad

of factors that have contributed to this shortage and those are just a few.”

Because school systems around the state are struggling to find certified teachers, the quality of education has taken a blow. Christee Jenlink, Ph.D. in educational administration, serves as the chair of the Northwestern Division of Education. “Well-meaning people are being placed in teacher roles in classrooms, but they are not qualified to not only teach, but to deal with all the other aspects that go into teaching,” Jenlink said. “That is the overriding concern regarding the teacher shortage, that it’s having an impact on the children in the school and the quality of the education.”

Oswald is not only an educator, but also a mother with a young son about to enter the public school system. She also said she is concerned about the quality of Oklahoma’s education in light of the teacher shortage. “As a parent, this affects me deeply,” Oswald said. “Our children deserve highly qualified educators. I know the struggles of a teacher firsthand. Not everyone can be a teacher. I want Rett [my son] to have the best. Not just teachers who care about him, but teachers who can truly teach him, teachers who can challenge him to reach his full potential.”

Though this shortage has

affected Oklahoma in numerous negative aspects, Jenlink views a silver lining in the situation.

“The good thing about the teacher shortage is that it is forcing our lawmakers to really look at public education, what we call common education, in depth,” Jenlink said. “What I’m seeing is that they’re talking to administrators; they’re talking to teachers in interim studies. They’re bringing in experts who look from the outside and say, ‘here is your problem, Oklahoma. You’re in the middle of it and you can’t see it real well.’”

Legislators, administrators and teachers have been searching through interim studies for ways to fill the gaps in Oklahoma’s educational system while maintaining its quality. Northwestern Executive Vice President Steve Lohmann, Ph.D., emphasizes the need for a solution. “We have to continue to invest in our youth,” Lohmann said. “Education is the way that young people can succeed. ... The most important commodity any state or nation has is its children.”

People like Dixie Meyer are needed in a time like this to inspire students to grow and achieve. Meyer’s said this is her primary goal at Alva High School. “I love seeing a student grasp a concept,” she said. “To be able to watch a kid grow in maturity and knowledge is an awesome...

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Breathtaking Northwestern provides one of a kind scenery

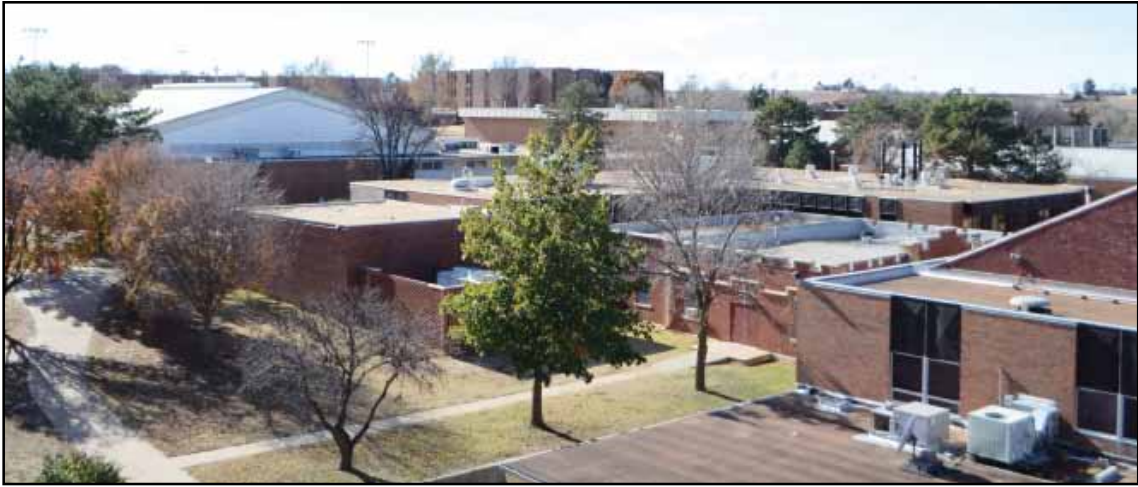
By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor-in-Chief

Breathtaking scenery in the everyday world is hard to come by if one is stuck to their phones, computer or the TV. Or even yet, if their eyes are not trained enough to see the beauty in even the simple everyday things in which they pass by between classes or while doing other everyday business.

To the trained eye, however, breathtaking scenery is not hard to come by at all.

For instance the simple statue of a horse and rider in the north-eastern corner of campus can be turned into a magnificent piece of architectural genius if looked at through the eyes of a little boy.

His imagination, you see, shows him not just a horse and rider but a cowboy that is living their dream or the cowboy that they hope to be when they grow up, whereas we adults see a piece of shaped concrete that represents the Ranger motto, "Ride Rangers Ride."



The fourth floor of Jesse Dunn provides a unique level of breathtaking that can only be experienced if actually up there.

Another instance of a simple everyday place that you pass by being a breathtaking scene is that of the north side entrance of Jesse Dunn. For the untrained eye, they see a stairway, a few sets of double doors, and a hand rail. But for the trained eye, they see a piece of symmetric beauty within the stairs, handrail, the overhanging light, the windows and the sets of doors.

One floor up from that symmetric beauty in Jesse Dunn is

the visual arts hallway. From the third floor looking down at the hallway, the average eye may see just another hallway in the most confusing building on the Alva campus, but to the one who is actually taking the time to look and break down what they are looking at, they might see something way different entirely.

For the trained eye, that hallway, with the hand painted letters high above the entryway, turns into a guessing game as the

floor tiles disappear through the doorway. It leaves them asking themselves 'what lies at the end of that hallway?' or 'where does that hallway go?' It sparks an interest to one's who actually take the time to look and that's why the view from the third floor of Jesse Dunn down at the visual arts hallway is breathtaking.

Another breathtaking view here at Northwestern lies on the fourth floor of Jesse Dunn-yes I said fourth floor. I know what

you're thinking "I didn't know Jesse Dunn had a fourth floor" and that mystery is why it is so breathtaking. The single room does not consist of much and the view through the window is not as nice as one would expect due to it being blocked by a chicken wire covering and trees on the outside, but just the fact that you are standing where only a select few are, is what is breathtaking about it.

The most breathtaking area here on campus though, would go to the scene from high above Northwestern from the Jesse Dunn roof. Few words describe what it's like to look out across the campus from that high. Only heart stopping, jaw dropping and of course breathtaking come to mind.

Each of these areas provides their own level of breathtaking power. Each have a unique characteristic to them that could actually provide a chance to break away from a phone, computer or TV. So if you're ever in one of these areas, then stop and take the time to actual digest what you are looking at. Who knows it might just be worthwhile to stop and stare at each of these places.



For one person, this might just seem like a regular horse and rider statue. For someone else, this might be seen as a dream job.



The fourth floor of Jesse Dunn provides a unique level of breathtaking that can only be experienced if actually up there.



The Visual Arts hallway in Jesse Dunn Annex adds a level of interest that no other hallway can.



The way that each feature is equally matched on both sides is where the breathtaking aspect comes from on the north entrance of Northwestern's Jesse Dunn.

Features

Student brings past to the present

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Feature Editor

1962: a year when John F. Kennedy served as president and Elvis ruled as The King.

It was a year of change, sorrow, progress and enthusiasm. Although 1962 came and went over 50 decades ago, a snapshot of this time remains in Alva, Oklahoma.

25-year-old Mickey Jordan has a nostalgia and a love for a time that existed long before his birth. His home, decorated with the style of 1962, is a time machine back to the era of Marilyn Monroe and Jackie O.

Visiting his home is abundantly cozy, from his welcoming southern drawl asking “do y’all want anything to drink?” to his friendly farewell. His manners reflect a cordiality from long ago.

Jordan’s love affair with the past begin at a young age. Rather than spending time playing videogames like other children, he would occupy hours by poring over his dad’s old 45s.

“It all started with the music,” Jordan said.

After the records, he became captivated by film. Then Jordan began to develop an interest in the houses, style and clothing. Many family trips were to flea markets, introducing Jordan to his love of replicating the past.

Jordan said, “People ask why I choose to live like this, and my thoughts on the subject are simply ‘why not?’ It’s kind of fun after a hard day to come back to my apartment and walk out of 2016 and into 1962.

He was not alone in his endearment with the 1950s and ‘60s. Jordan and a group of friends prone to nostalgia began to congregate at the Jordans’ nearby lakehouse, fondly renamed “Casablanca.”

In 2010, the club decided to begin in the summer of 1956. The group would meet periodically, sometimes weekly, for themed dinner parties and an evening in the past. Since that time, Jordan has recreated each concurrent year, leading him to this year,



Photos by Natalie Sacket

Jordan poses in front of one of the fallout shelter signs at NWOSU.

1962.

Of all the years Jordan has relived, so far his favorite has been 1960: a year, as he said, “the music got better.”

Last summer, Jordan chose to move to Alva, OK to complete his degree at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. What he found is that small-town Oklahoma encapsulated his nostalgia of the past. Because of this, he began affectionately referring to Alva as “Mayberry.”

“My daily use of the term ‘Mayberry’ comes from the idyllic town in which the ‘Andy Griffith Show’ was set,” Jordan said. “Alva, in a lot of ways, is like that quaint hamlet, and I’m so lucky to live in a town that could pass for a movie set.”

The atmosphere of Alva proved to match Jordan’s recreation of the past. “Small town life tends to move at a slower pace, and Alva seems wonderful in its early 1960’s time capsule... I love having time to hand wash the dishes,” Jordan exclaimed. “It’s like living in the twilight zone, and I mean that in the best way possible.”

Despite the quaint environment of Alva, the move has been an adjustment. “At first I was kind of homesick because our club would do things every weekend,” Jordan said.

However, Jordan did bring a Casablanca tradition with him to Alva.

Thanksmass predates Casablanca. “In high school, we had a very tight knit club. We were going to have a Thanksgiving dinner. I wanted all of us to dress up nice, and I wanted to get one picture of all of us as nice white kids. That’s a quote from Hairspray, by the way. That’s not a racist comment,” Jordan emphasized. “I bought all of the food and got the house ready, and



Pictured above is Jordan’s living room, which is styled in simplistic 1960s fashion, complete with a couch and chairs from 1962. The coffee table was made by his grandparents in 1963.

out of twelve people that were invited, it ended up just being me and one other person.”

Because so few guests were able to attend Thanksgiving, it was decided that the group would celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas in the same evening, therefore establishing their Thanksmass tradition.

“The vintage decoration part of Thanksmass comes from my love of the 1950’s and my own Grandmother’s holiday handi-craft. I have a lot of things she made in the ‘50s, and Christmas was our favorite holiday. Each year I love hosting Thanksmass Dinner and inviting friends to come, because it ends up being like a real life Christmas Special.”

So how does Jordan recreate the past?

“It’s a lot of research and history.”

He frequents flea markets and thrift shops, and he said, “The quickest way to my heart is an antique store.”

Jordan’s extensive background in theater, particularly his work as a set dresser, has supplemented his love of the past. “A lot of décor I could buy and justify that it was for work,” Jordan said.

Jordan has just begun to adjust to 1962. “Every year it’s easy to transfer into the next year, because it pretty much stays the same, just as it does now. It’s just a different day,” Jordan said.

“What I’m super excited for this year, and I cannot wait for October, is the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Jordan said. “That was a huge moment in American history, and the world almost came to an end in October of ‘62. This year, I’m looking forward to the fallout shelter adventures.”

When asked his views on Kennedy, he responded, “personally I liked Eisenhower better. There’s lots of changes with

Kennedy. Like I say all the time, the world honest to goodness changed when Kennedy died.”

“I am crazy, because last year, on the 20 of January, I actually listened to the entirety of his inauguration speech,” Jordan said. “He was a wonderful public speaker, and he had a lot of ideas that were great. One of the quotes that really stuck with me from that speech was that ‘let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.’ And last year that just really resonated with me.”

Though Jordan thinks fondly of the past, he prefers modern life. “I honestly think that I would prefer the present,” Jordan said. “I think I would like to go back one day just to observe everything.”

Jordan believes that although the past can be fun and romanticized, it is important to learn from history. “Even now, people tend to paint the past as something perfect and something great, but the past is just like today,” Jordan said. “They had the same problems we do; things were not better by any means. Being able to live now and pull from the past is more fun, I think, than to go and live there.”

After graduating from Northwestern with his degree in theater with an emphasis in visual art,

Jordan hopes to work in a prop house or get a position with one of the larger motion picture companies as a dresser.

As Carson McCullers once aptly articulated, “We are homesick most for the places we have never known,” describing Jordan’s love of the past.

“To me, its classy, fun, and life just seems to be a little simpler with a vintage mind set,” Jordan said. “Someday my taste may change, or I’ll do something different, but until then, Mayberry circa 1962 and Northwestern are my home.”



Pictured is Franciscan china, the same pattern used on “I Love Lucy.”



Pictured is Jordan’s television set, a “Muntz” model from 1953.



Jordan’s kitchen is a piece from the past, complete with dishes from decades past. Framed Pyrex ads from the ‘50s and ‘60s line the walls.

Entertainment



By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Trenton: 5 out of 5
☆☆☆☆☆
Get that man an Oscar! The man I’m referring to is, of course, Leonardo DiCaprio, the protagonist of “The Revenant.” The movie is an excellent combination of the classic revenge story mixed with the man-versus-wild story, but the stakes are raised higher and the satisfaction is so much sweeter. DiCaprio plays Hugh Glass, a member of a team of fur traders. Hugh and his son, Hawk, played by Forrest Goodluck,

are part of a team of fur traders who are trying to earn a paycheck while attempting to survive the winter elements. DiCaprio’s performance is Oscar-worthy because he utilized a lot of nonverbal and physical communication.
Even though DiCaprio gave an incredible performance, I would say he is not the star of the film. The true star of this film would have to be the cinematography. Every shot was able to tell you the story without having to rely on dialogue or actions. Within the first 10 minutes of the film, I witnessed some of the best tracking shots that I’ve seen in recent years. The musical score was hauntingly beautiful and it captured the tone and feeling of each scene

utilizing simple, but very somber sounding stringed instruments that kept me on the edge of my seat. This film has everything audiences look for. This film has action, adventure, mystery, and an incredible story that will keep you glued to your seat. I would highly recommend that you see “The Revenant.” When it comes to making a great film it has certainly raised the bar.

Natalie: 4.5 out of 5
☆☆☆☆☆
With its 12 Academy Award nominations, “The Revenant” doesn’t need me to speak on behalf of its awesomeness, but I’m going to do so anyway, because it truly is an amazing movie.
“The Revenant,” meaning a man who has returned from death, is an epic survival tale of legendary explorer, Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio). This film is a wonderful film filled with adventure, drama and gore, so you might want to be careful if you’re watching it on a full stomach. (I mean, the poor guy gets attacked by a grizzly bear and sleeps inside of a dead horse, so be prepared for blood and guts.
Also prepare to become 100 percent invested in this film. It cannot even be described as an emotional roller coaster.. more of an emotional free-fall. Your heart will break for Glass as many times as he breaks a bone.

I have to agree with Trenton on this: Give the man an Oscar! DiCaprio does so much in a movie lacking dialogue, conveying strong emotions with just facial and body language. That is a true actor. As stated in the movie, “The wind cannot defeat a tree with strong roots,” so too can DiCaprio’s performance not be defeated at the 2016 Oscars.
Tom Hardy also does a fantastic job as the movie’s primary antagonist (aside from nature).
Speaking of nature, the scenery of this movie is the true star of this film. Alejandro G. Iñárritu creating an absolutely stunning film, one worthy of its numerous nominations.
Bottom Line: This is a beautiful, yet gruesome film, one definitely worth viewing.

| Anticipated Movies in 2016 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| MOVIE | RELEASE DATE |
| The 5th Wave | 1/22 |
| Deadpool | 2/12 |
| Batman Vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice | 3/25 |
| Captain America: Civil War | 5/6 |
| X-Men Apocalypse | 5/27 |
| Warcraft | 6/10 |
| Suicide Squad | 8/5 |
| Doctor Strange | 11/4 |
| Rogue One: A Star Wars Story | 12/16 |
| Assassin's Creed | 12/21 |

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Netflix is a student’s best friend

By **BETHANY SYZEMORE**
Student Reporter

We all know about it, watch it and binge it. Netflix: everyone’s fuel to the fire of procrastination. Once a series is started, it is game over. Say goodbye to social lives and tasks that need to be accomplished. I know for me, when I started Orange is the New Black, I was always watching the clock at work, dying to go home and get at least an episode in. I even ran my data up on my phone over 100 dollars due to a Netflix binge. I asked two Northwestern students about their past binges and other show recommendations they had.
Northwestern student Victoria Shnauffer, junior Mass Communication major had a popular recommendation: Grey’s Anatomy. She said the longest binge of the show she had was two days. What had drawn her to the show was its story-line drama. The show is on its 12th

season, so there’s a lot to binge. Victoria also mentioned another show she loves, called IZombie. It’s a show about a girl who is turned into a zombie and lives day to day working in the morgue and helping the police. Originating from a comic book, I would say IZombie would be a perfect recommendation to all the Sci-Fi lovers out there.
Blaine Tomberlin, a Northwestern Sophomore and Ag Business major had a different perspective. Blaine’s interests seemed to be more comedic. He said Blue Mountain State was his favorite. This show is a comedy based on a fictional fraternity. It only aired for 3 seasons, but it was a popular show with the demographic of men as the target audience. Netflix has boomed in our society and is extremely popular with college students.
Netflix is constantly putting out new shows from regular T.V. stations and, more recently, their Netflix originals. There are many things to look out for in February

of 2016 on Netflix. The show “Love” is going to debut on Netflix Feb. 19. Another show that everyone has been familiar with from the original “Full House,” comes a Netflix original, “Fuller House,” which is set to debut on February 26. “Fuller House” has most of the cast from the ‘90s original series. The show is set out to rediscover the familiarity of what some of us had grown to love in the original series. Though many are excited about new releases, some titles will sadly be leaving in February.
Some of the more famous titles like Stephen King’s “Bag of Bones” is set to leave in February, “Inside Secret America” is also set to be removed from Netflix in coming months. Netflix has grown to an empire in which most people just have Netflix instead of buying cable or satellite TV. Netflix is great, but make sure this semester you keep your Netflix binges to a healthy minimum!

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Sports

Women’s basketball struggles

By **RYAN SHUMAKER**
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women’s basketball team took to the court multiple times over the break and came closer and closer to breaking through for their first victory of the season in the Great American Conference.

The Red-and-Black used balanced team scoring and tough individual defensive performances from forward Kamera Bozeman to put together some of their best performances of the break.

The Rangers started out the break with a home match against Cameron University and lost 83-41.

After the holidays, the women put up a better effort against GAC opponent Ouachita Baptist University, but ultimately lost 73-60.

Dallas, Texas native Ashley Pride and Shawnee, Oklahoma native Micaela Yu both had double digit scoring efforts while Bozeman provided the power underneath with 12 points and eight rebounds.

On Jan. 9, the Rangers took on the Reddies of Henderson State and despite an early game lead, lost 82-64.

Bozeman’s presence in the paint kept the Reddies from scoring underneath as she tallied 11 rebounds and three blocked

shots. late in the game.

The following week the Rangers put together their best performance to date and almost came out of Bethany, Oklahoma with their first victory of the season.

However, the Crimson Storm came out and played a tough fourth quarter, setting up for a wild finish.

With .5 seconds left on the game clock, ahead 72-71, Southern Nazarene fouled sending Johnson to the free throw line with two shots to take.

She would end up missing the two shots but the Rangers left Bethany with new found confidence and some more momentum going into their next contest.

The first Saturday of the spring semester set the stage for the Rangers matchup against Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The low scoring first half ended up at 23-22, with the Rangers getting the upper hand.

The Rangers put themselves in a position to make the comeback but some clutch late game free throws ultimately sealed the game for Southeastern as they took the victory, 71-63.

Guards Pride and Jaylan Robinson provided some spark from the perimeter, each reaching double figures while commanding an improving offense.

The Rangers record stands at 1-13 overall and 0-9 in the GAC.

| 2015-2016 Great American Conference Standings | | | | | |
|---|-----|---------|-----------------------------|-----|---------|
| BASKETBALL | | | | | |
| MEN | | | WOMEN | | |
| Team | GAC | Overall | Team | GAC | Overall |
| East Central | 6-2 | 10-4 | Arkansas Tech | 8-0 | 10-2 |
| Harding | 6-2 | 7-6 | Harding | 7-1 | 9-3 |
| Ouachita | 6-2 | 6-8 | Southern Arkansas | 5-3 | 9-3 |
| Southern Arkansas | 5-3 | 8-6 | Arkansas-Monticello | 5-3 | 8-4 |
| Southern Nazarene | 5-3 | 6-8 | Southwestern Oklahoma State | 5-3 | 9-5 |
| Arkansas Tech | 4-4 | 9-5 | Henderson State | 5-3 | 6-8 |
| Southwestern Oklahoma State | 4-4 | 8-6 | Oklahoma Baptist | 4-4 | 6-8 |
| Arkansas-Monticello | 3-5 | 5-9 | East Central | 3-5 | 3-9 |
| Southeastern Oklahoma State | 3-5 | 5-9 | Ouachita | 2-6 | 5-9 |
| Northwestern Oklahoma State | 3-5 | 3-9 | Southeastern Oklahoma State | 2-6 | 4-10 |
| Henderson State | 2-6 | 3-10 | Southern Nazarene | 2-6 | 3-8 |
| Oklahoma Baptist | 1-7 | 5-7 | Northwestern Oklahoma State | 0-8 | 1-12 |

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Men grab two conference wins

By **RYAN SHUMAKER**
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s men’s basketball team stayed busy over the break and picked up some key wins during the beginning of Great American Conference play.

Junior Adrian Motley continued to be a key leader and contributor on the floor for the Rangers throughout the break. Motley averaged 19 points during the stretch, which included two wins over GAC foes Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Henderson State University.

The Rangers began the holiday break with a visit from the Aggies of Cameron University and played a hard fought game until a shot at the buzzer gave the Rangers a 72-70 loss.

Junior transfer Jamal Lafond tied the game at 70 with four seconds left before the last second lay-up handed the Rangers a loss. Motley lead both teams in scoring with 21 points while Brandon Green, a sophomore out of Houston, Texas, provided a balanced game with eight points, eight rebounds, six assists, and 3 steals.

Up next on Jan. 7, Ouachita Baptist University made a trip out to Alva and took down the black and red 83-73. The Rangers kept it a close game in the first half before the Tigers rode a huge 14 point second-half run to a victory.

The loss was not without some bright spots for the men as transfer Austin Klug emerged as a valuable and consistent scoring option, going five for seven from the field, on his way to 13 points. Motley had his biggest scoring performance of the break, lighting up the stat sheet for 24 points.

The following Saturday the Rangers welcomed Henderson State to Percefull Fieldhouse and came away with their second victory in GAC play. A more balanced attack proved to be the key for the Ranger’s 64-56 victory as Green, Lakeem Henderson, and Zachary Dumas all netted 11 points along with Motley’s 12 points. Henderson came out on fire with a 7-0 run before the Rangers gained control and took a three point lead into half-time. After the intermission, the Reddies once again came out hot on another solid five point run before Motley and company took over and pulled out with the victory. Motley scored all 12 of his points in the final 20 minutes of

the game to help provide the Rangers with their first victory in 2016.

On Jan. 14, the Rangers traveled to Bethany, Oklahoma, to face Southern Nazarene University and lost 99-79 before returning home the next Saturday to defend their home court with an 82-77 victory against the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The Rangers kept the game in reach most of the game using some key 3-point buckets to stay out of the reach of the Storm. The team used multiple offensive looks to provide scoring opportunities for the two big men inside Klug and Motley. Klug led the

way in scoring with 21 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds to record a double-double. Motley also had an efficient game going nine for eleven from the field and putting down 20 points. The Rangers got the lead all the way up to 10 points, however at the 12:30 mark of the second half the game started to get away from the home team before Freshman guard Zachary Dumas hit back to back 3-point shots to effectively put away the Storm.

The black and red hit the road again and headed into hostile territory as they took on arch rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Rangers handled the environment well early but faded away late, losing 90-72. The contest was pretty much even at the midway point of the game with the Bulldogs only up five, however the home squad exploded in the second half despite the onslaught of Ranger three balls which include T’aries Taylor going 5 for 7 from beyond the arch.

The Rangers (3-5, 3-9) will be in action tonight against KOLahoma Baptist in Shawnee, Okla..

Then on Saturday , the Red-and-Black host the East Central Tigers at 3 p.m. in historic Percefull fieldhouse.



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Sports

Rangers host baseball camps

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

ALVA, Okla. – The Northwestern Oklahoma State Baseball program will be hosting their hitting and pitching camps this upcoming January.

“There are not many places where players can come in and learn how to develop their skill set from a highly experienced playing and coaching staff,” said head baseball coach Sam Carel.

Eleven time Coach-of-the-Year, head coach Sam Carel, will be conducting hitting camps for three different age groups.

Those participants who are ages 6-10 will go from 5-6 p.m. Those participants who are ages 11-14 will go from 6-7 p.m.

Those participants who are ages 15-18 will go from 7-8 p.m.

All three age groups will have camp on Jan. 10, 17, 24, and 31.

“Jason Wood’s experience as our hitting coach produced an offense last year that finished top five in the league in doubles, triples, home runs, and total bases,” Carel said.

Nine-year Major League Baseball pitcher, pitching coach Shaun Marcum, will be conducting pitching camps for two different age groups.

Those participants who are ages 14-18 will have camp on Jan. 16 from 6-8 p.m. and then on Jan. 17 from 3-5 p.m. Those participants who are ages 9-13 will have camp on Jan. 18 and 20 from 5-7 p.m.

“Our pitching coach, Shaun Marcum’s, nine-year



Photo provided by RideRangersRide.com

Rangers baseball will host pitching and hitting camps that will offer major league level experience this January in the Northwestern Baseball Indoor Facility in the Percefull Fieldhouse.

Major League experience, including three starts in the 2011 postseason, is unparalleled in this part of the country,” Carel said.

All camps will be held in the Northwestern Baseball Indoor Facility located in the Percefull Fieldhouse, on the campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State.

All campers may register at camp, or can fill out the form online at Riderangersride.com and send to: Northwestern Baseball Office, 709 Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, Okla. 73717.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact head baseball coach, Sam Carel at 580-327-8124.

Ford accepts first coaching job

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University has recently announced the hiring of Aaron Ford as the head women’s golf coach. The hire took place over the winter break and Ford will begin coaching responsibilities immediately.

A native of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, Ford recently graduated this last December with a degree in Health and Sports Science Education from Northwestern.

Ford participated on the men’s golf team for four years and was respected among his teammates.

“I developed a great relationship with Aaron in the two years that we were teammates at Northwestern and I believe he will be a great supportive and emotional leader for the women’s golf team,” said Kyle Ward, former men’s golfer for the Rangers and current head men’s golf coach.

Ford believes his experience as a Ranger and the connections he developed on the golf team are ultimately what provided this new opportunity for him as head coach. “Some of the steps I took in the process of getting this job were being a four year letterman and having connections through the university,” Ford said.

With a new job title in hand Ford is looking for some immediate improvement in the girl’s golf program and believes that more consistency throughout the team is vital for that improvement to happen.

“I expect from my team some more consistency... over the past couple of years I’ve noticed we’ve had some inconsistency in scoring and as a first year coach I’d just like to see some consistency through each player which will affect my team score as a whole being more consistent.”

A few tweaks in the practice regimen for the golfer’s will be expected under Ford, “I’m bringing in some new things, a

few new drills, a little bit tighter schedule, I’m not sure what previous coaches have done with the girls but I’m just looking to give them the best environment in order to succeed.”

That new environment will be well received by sophomore golfer Olivia Brock. “We are very excited to have Aaron Ford as our coach this year,” Brock said. “I believe we will benefit tremendously with his golf experience and his love for the game.”

As a graduate from the Health and Sports Science program, Ford believes a Northwestern education is exactly the kind of preparation he needed to accept this position.

“It prepared me a lot, I learned a lot of philosophies of coaching in this program and the biggest thing I learned from the program I graduated in was how to handle certain coaching situations and the difference in coaching women’s sports as compared to men’s sports, which I have participated in all my life.”

Ford will have just a few weeks to implement all he has learned before the Ranger women take to the course in Guymon, Oklahoma on Feb. 27, during which they will take on Oklahoma Panhandle State University in a dual match which will serve as Ford’s coaching debut for Northwestern.

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Meyer receives praise from pupils

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...opportunity.” Meyer’s positivity and endurance in this unknown setting is evident, as she has made an impact across the state as well. Joy Hofmeister, the

Oklahoma State Superintendent of Education, met Meyer earlier this semester. “I was in Alva ... and was able to meet with one of these true, remarkable emergency-certified teachers,” Hofmeister said. “She just was beaming with joy, and it

was really inspiring for me. We have great examples of people stepping up to serve the children of Oklahoma.” Callie Duncan, a sophomore in Meyer’s chemistry class, also speaks highly of Meyer. “I enjoy the new and different

way she teaches chemistry,” Duncan said. “I think being a nurse gives her a unique look at science. I’m very glad the school brought her on as a teacher.” Though Meyer enjoys her position as an educator, she said

she is still learning and growing along with her students. Despite the challenges, Meyer’s dedication to this unexpected and challenging task has been worth it, as she is making a difference in the lives of numerous students.



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Compare the national average pay for teachers (\$52,535) to that of Oklahoma (\$44,120) and surrounding states.