

History made at Northwestern

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Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently granted Northwestern Oklahoma State University the approval for its first ever doctoral program.

Northwestern received approval to start offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree or DPN, on Thursday. This will allow nurses with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing or BSN the ability to become nurse practitioners.

"This is truly a landmark day for Northwestern as we take a significant step in the growth of our academic programs," university President Janet Cunningham, Ph.D., said. "We are excited about being able to offer our first doctoral program, especially a DNP program that will expand access to primary care providers in all parts of the state, particularly rural Oklahoma."

Northwestern is the second public university in Oklahoma to offer a DPN program. The program, which will provide emphasis on healthcare in rural areas, is expected to enroll its first class in the fall semester of 2017.



Courtesy of University Relations

Dr. Janet Cunningham, Northwestern president, and the Oklahoma State Regents approved the university's first doctoral program last Thursday. The approval will enroll its first class in the fall of 2017.

"I congratulate Northwestern Oklahoma State University and President Janet Cunningham on the State Regents' approval to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Advance Nursing Practice," said higher education Chancellor

Glen D. Johnson. "This new doctoral program and the excellent partnerships Northwestern has developed with regional healthcare providers will address unmet healthcare needs in under-served areas of our state."

The impact this program will have on the health of rural Oklahoma is expected to be drastic. According to a press release issued by the university, 55 of the 77 counties in Oklahoma are designated as federal shortage areas for primary health

care professionals, with a severe shortage in rural areas. The rate of primary care providers per resident is significantly lower in rural counties.

In fact, some counties in northwest Oklahoma have more than 3,000 residents for each primary care provider in the area. This shortage of primary care providers plays a large role in the poor health outcomes of rural residents.

The demand for primary care providers is expected to increase over the next five years due to a growth in population, aging and expanded health insurance coverage. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects the demand for Nurse Practitioners to increase by approximately 19 percent by 2020.

"As a regional university, Northwestern has an obligation to improve the quality of life for northwest Oklahoma," Cunningham said. "Providing additional primary care providers to serve small hospitals and clinics will help satisfy a critical need and in turn help protect rural Oklahoma."

The DPN program is a 3-year program. Students will be required

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TV station receives revamp

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

The Northwestern Mass Communications department is currently receiving improvements to its broadcast studio.

Progress on the NWTV 7 studio improvements began Jan. 25. It is still unclear, however, how long the studio upgrades will take.

According to Matt Adair, a Northwestern mass communication professor who emphasizes in radio and strategic communications, the

end of the upgrades will not be till approximately three weeks, or "till all the minor cable, visual and audio tweaks are complete."

The improvements that the NWTV 7 studio will be receiving include a brand new virtual studio, a new audio board and a new V-Mix

switcher. New TV camera upgrades are coming as well.

The decision to improve the studio has been long awaited.

Allison Zimmerman, a Northwestern mass communication professor who emphasizes in broadcast, said it was roughly a year and a half ago that the department decided to improve the studio.

The idea of improving came when Zimmerman entered the department back in 2014. Zimmerman said that upon arriving in her position, she began to look at the needs from both a personal view point and the students' viewpoints.

After determining what improvements were needed, Zimmerman and the department looked for the most viable company to come and install the upgrades. Enter Benson Sound.

"Benson Sound has worked in Alva on several churches before, and as a result they have received great reviews," Zimmerman said. "Then after contacting Benson Sound, they agreed to come in and access the areas in which we needed

improvements in the studio."

Following the official process of determining whether they were the best choice for the job or not, Benson was accepted for the job. "We felt that they were the best to offer us," Zimmerman said.

Adair has worked with Benson Sound on the daily upon their arrival last week. Adair said that the hardest part of putting these improvements in has been all the finessing with wires and getting everything dialed in.

Upon completion of the improvements both Adair and Zimmerman said that the area that will benefit the most from the upgrades will be that of the students.

"This [the upgrades] gives the students the ability to work with high end, computer-based technology, which is what the entire television industry is moving to at this point." Adair said. "So on the tech side these improvements are going to be working on the things and programs that students are going to see repeated in the real world."



Photo by Charles Boldes

The NWTV 7 broadcast room received a new virtual set to allow for more modern broadcasting.

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Opinion

Let's Talk...

Northwestern cafeteria

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Writer

Nothing ruins my day like finding something gross in my food. I'm not particularly a germaphobe, but I can 100 percent guarantee that finding a gnat in my salad was enough to make me want to run from Coronado Cafeteria, screaming all the way. (I did not run and scream, but my appetite definitely fled).

Unfortunately, this was not my first unpleasant experience in the cafeteria. This summer, while working for a summer camp on the Northwestern campus, a camper found a cockroach in his pizza. Yes, folks, the cafeteria has ruined pizza for me. I've found moldy bread, almost drank sour milk and dispensed orange juice that was not orange, but rather, brown.

Our generation has a reputation for being spoiled, whiney and entitled. Because of this, my following argument may be entirely discredited because of these preconceived notions. However, the following article is not merely an unsubstantial complaining session, but rather a supported argument for one solitary, unanimous viewpoint for Northwestern students: The cafeteria sucks.

Let me clarify ... The cafeteria is not solely disliked because of a lack of variety or because the food is typically quite bland. With many reports of students getting sick because of the food, the level of sanitation for the cafeteria has come into question. In an anonymous survey of students who typically eat in Coronado Café, 35 percent reported that they have become ill after eating in the cafeteria. 25 percent of the students surveyed reported that they have seen under-cooked meat in the cafeteria, likely a cause of the common reports of food poisoning.

So how do Northwestern students feel about Coronado Café? On a scale of one to 10, the average rating was a 4.6 satisfaction level. 35 percent of the students rated it a three or lower. Regarding how sanitary students found the cafeteria, it was rated a 6.2 on the same scale of one to 10. Though a percentage of students did not report a specific unpleasant experience in the cafeteria, several pointed out that the dishes are often unclean, there has been hair found in food and the food will either be significantly under or overcooked. One unfortunate student even reported finding a cricket in their milk.

"The food in the cafeteria is not only consistently bad, it is dangerous," an anonymous Northwestern student said.

"It is served at a range of temperature in which bacteria thrives. In addition to this, I have personally witnessed Chartwell employees engaged in unsanitary food handling practices such as touching food with their bare hands and picking up food from the counter and putting it back in the serving dish. I have repeatedly suffered food poisoning after eating in the cafeteria ... During the fall semester, I was hospitalized for food poisoning as a result of eating at the cafeteria. I have reported this to both the cafeteria staff and the administration."

Ted Robinson, director of dining, says he wants students to come speak with him if they believe they have become ill because of cafeteria food. He said he wants to ensure the health of students on campus. Robinson said that Chartwells, the dining company utilized on campus, requires strict safety and health guidelines, guidelines he says are strictly adhered to by the cafeteria workers.

Though the lack of sanitary measures is the most disturbing aspect of the cafeteria, it is far from the only complaint. 67.5 percent of the surveyed students reported that they leave the cafeteria hungry on occasion; others specified that this is a regular occurrence. The students also wish for a wider variety of foods, rather than the same repetitive menu. Several students recommended that there be more measures to include healthier foods.

Amongst the six men's and seven women's athletic teams, Northwestern is home to over 360 athletes. According to Fitness Magazine, the recommended nutritional input for active athletes is a diet rich in whole grains, lean protein and a variety of fruits and veggies. It recommends foods rich in antioxidants and iron. This diet cannot be promised by the lack of variety at Coronado Cafeteria.

So why do students continue to utilize the cafeteria despite the general dislike of the facilities? All students who live on campus are required to have a meal plan, whether that is for 10, 15 or 19 meals per week. Of the students surveyed, 92.5 percent say they do not eat there by choice, but merely because of the required meal plan. 278 students pay \$2500 a year for 10 meals a week; 179 pay \$2700 a year for 15 meals a week; 84 pay \$2830 a year for 19 meals a week. While students who receive 19 meals/week pay only \$4.65/meal, students who are on the 15 meal plan pay \$5.63/meal and students on the 10 meal plan pay \$7.81/meal. This may not appear to be a substantial amount of money per each meal, but many students pay \$7.81 for dinner and may result in

eating a bowl of cereal because there is no fresh food. Those are some pricey Cheerios.

Granted, the meals also can be applied for use at the Student Center; however, this is only available for students at breakfast and lunch.

An anonymous senior at Northwestern said, "the cafeteria is one of the worst eating establishments I have ever had the misfortune of eating at. The pasta looks, at times, weeks old. I've found flies, moths and mold in food. If I didn't have to get a meal plan, I wouldn't."

So how does Northwestern's meal plan compare to universities of comparable size and enrollment?

Students at Northeastern Oklahoma State University can pay for 10 meals/week and \$350 of "flex points" for each semester, paying a total of \$3580. Though the sum is more than the plan offered at Northwestern, the student's \$700 yearly for use on snacks, fast food restaurants, coffee, etc. makes their plan only \$380 more than Northwestern's offer. The university also offers a Market Café, Food Court, Chick-Fil-A, SubConnection, Clubhouse Grill, and a coffeehouse.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students can get a standard yearly meal plan of 10 meals/week for \$2700, \$200 more than a Northwestern student pays. However, that student also has access to a food court with an Italian Café, a grill, a Mexican Cantina, a chicken strip joint and a bakery. Students can also use a "flex point" plan on an on-campus coffeehouse and convenience store. Their cafeteria also offers hot entrees, an international food line, Panini grill, fast food line, baked potato bar and waffle station.

Considering the current state of food services at Northwestern, it is apparent that measures need to be taken to further efforts to make the cafeteria more sanitary. A priority of Northwestern should be to preserve the health of its students.

There are ways that students can help to better the cafeteria as well, Robinson said. A food committee meets periodically throughout the year and is available to all Northwestern students. You don't have to wait until a committee meeting to voice your opinion, however, as Robinson emphasized that his door is open to students who would like to speak with him.

"Waste is a big problem too," Robinson said. "With the amount of food that students waste, that could be put into improvements."

What are your thoughts on how the cafeteria can improve? Let Northwestern News know your thoughts!

by Jeff Pickering

The Spats



Opinion

Columnist talks Iowa results

By COREY SHIREY
Columnist

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz won the Republican Iowa caucuses Monday, according to projections from The Associated Press, NBC News and CNN, beating back attacks from real estate developer Donald Trump and a late surge from Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

On the Democratic side, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton edged out Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders by fewer than four delegate equivalents, according to the final tally by the Iowa Democrats. Clinton said she breathed a “big sigh of relief” as the final votes were still being tallied, while Sanders hailed the night as a virtual tie and a testament to his rabid, grassroots supporters.

In the GOP race, with 99 percent of precincts reporting, Cruz leads with 28 percent, Trump has 24 percent and Rubio 23 percent, with those numbers seemingly showing a contest for second place.

“Tonight is a victory for the grassroots,” he told his supporters as his wife, Heidi, stood by his side and the evangelical leaders who helped deliver his victory stood behind him. “Tonight is a victory for courageous conservatives all across this great nation.”

A relatively humble Trump, speaking in West Des Moines, congratulated “Ted” on his victory and then took aim at the



Graphic by Natalie Sackett

Democrats.

“We finished second, and I want to tell you something. I’m honored. I’m just honored ... We’re just so happy with the way everything worked out.”

He added, “We will go on to win the Republican nomination, and we will easily beat Hillary or Bernie or whoever the hell they throw up there.”

For his part, Rubio basked before the enthusiastic cheers of his supporters and the reality of his better-than-expected finish. The latest poll before the vote showed him with the support of only 15 percent of

Iowa’s GOP voters.

“They told me I need to wait my turn, that I need to wait in line”, Rubio said to supporters with his family standing to his side. “But tonight the people of the great state of Iowa sent a very clear message: After seven years of Barack Obama, we’re not waiting anymore.”

Voting in the Iowa Caucuses got underway after months of debates and personal attacks that helped self-proclaimed anti-establishment candidates reach unlikely perches atop their political parties.

Caucus-goers began gather-

ing in long lines more than an hour before events were to kick off at 7 pm local time, and large turnouts flooded caucus sites with lines out many doors delaying the start of voting in some precincts.

With the Democratic winner not likely to be settled before Tuesday, Clinton addressed her supporters with her husband and former President Bill Clinton behind her with daughter Chelsea.

“There is so much at stake in this election, I don’t need to tell you,” she said crediting young, energetic organizers. “I am deeply grateful. It is rare — it is rare — that we have the opportunity we

have now to have a real contest of ideas, to think hard about what the Democratic Party looks like. ... I am a progressive who gets things done for people.”

Speaking at a Des Moines hotel near the Des Moines airport, where a plane was ready to take him to New Hampshire, Sanders said: “Nine months ago, we came to this beautiful state. We had no political organization. We had no money. We had no name recognition and we were taking on the most powerful political organization in the United States of America. ... It looks like we are in a virtual tie.”

The Iowa Democratic Party said early Tuesday morning that Clinton had been awarded 699.57 delegate equivalents, with Sanders earning 695.49. Results in Des Moines precincts, worth 2.28 delegates, were still outstanding.

CNN reported, based on its entrance polling, that the number of first-time caucus participants was up substantially compared to 2012 for Republicans but lower than 2008 for Democrats, when Barack Obama’s late surge won the state, and that evangelicals showed in numbers much larger than pre-voting polls had indicated.

GOP caucus kingmaker Bob Vander Plaats, who has shown the ability to deliver

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Bills all the focus for state legislators

By JORDAN EVANS
Columnist

Oklahoma’s Legislative session began on Monday.

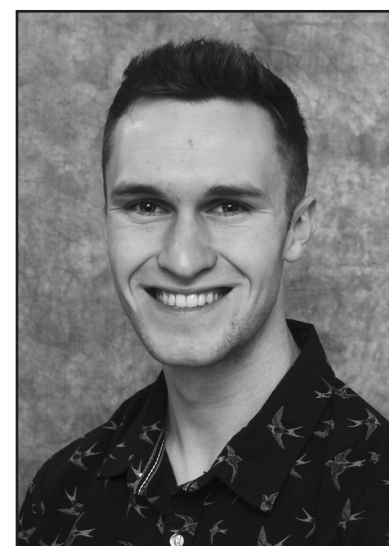
This year, the house and senate will face the challenges of a \$900 million deficit and its effects on education, corrections and the all-around public sector.

While there are major issues that need to be confronted, we still have legislators who instead focus on minor and unneeded bills.

Senator Ralph Shorty from Oklahoma City hopes to pass a bill that prohibits “motorcycle profiling.” This would forbid the discrimination of people wearing motorcycle-related clothing or accessories from unfairly being arrested or searched without legal basis.

Apparently there is a war between motorcycle enthusiasts and the Oklahoma Police Force that I am unaware of.

Another unneeded bill is to be



presented by Representative Kevin Calvey of OKC. Calvey is pushing that the Rosetta Nebula be our state’s official astronomical object.

Perhaps the most disappointing is from Representative Sally Kern, who is from the Bethany area. Kern has proposed half a dozen “anti-gay bills” that target the LGBT community.

These bills include the ability to

refuse service to an LGBT, prohibiting state employees from licensing same-sex marriages and forbidding a struggling student from seeing a pro-gay therapist.

These bills are hate-filled and completely against what Oklahoma should stand for. These bills show the inability of some lawmakers to focus on issues that matter to our state.

While there are a number of pointless bills, there are many more that look to improve the economic and social well-being of Oklahoma.

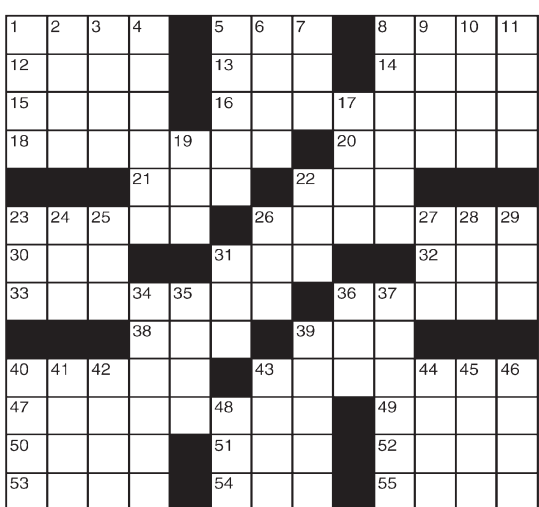
An example is Senator David Holt of OKC. Holt is proposing a \$10,000 pay raise for teachers by implementing a series of bills that will restructure the state education system. More legislators must follow Holt’s lead and strive to fix these problems at their foundation.

If our representatives can begin focusing on major issues, rather than the irrelevant fluff some of them call bills, we may begin to see some real progress in our state.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 React to gravity
- 5 G-man’s org.
- 8 Gym-floor padding
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 “— the fields we go ...”
- 14 Shrek is one
- 15 Paper quantity
- 16 Leave
- 18 Distinguish
- 20 Senate staffers
- 21 “Monty Python” starter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Intended
- 26 Faint
- 30 Noah’s boat
- 31 Actor Cruise
- 32 Omega preceder
- 33 Protract
- 36 Tablet bearer
- 38 Bagel topping
- 39 Yon maiden
- 40 Rice (Sp.)
- 43 Endure
- 47 Omit
- 49 Emanation
- 50 Logical
- 51 Ailing
- 52 “— It Romantic?”



- 53 Probability
- 54 Deposit
- 55 “Untouchable” Eliot
- DOWN**
- 1 Dress-maker’s dummy
- 2 Vicinity
- 3 Plumbing problem
- 4 Chinese noodle recipe
- 5 Concentrate (on)
- 6 Suspenders alternative
- 7 Anger
- 8 Aesopian
- 9 Enthusiastic, plus
- 10 Verifiable
- 11 Collections
- 17 Tarzan’s clique
- 19 Giant in Coopers-town
- 22 Group of whales
- 23 Crazy
- 24 Blunder
- 25 Alias (Abbr.)
- 26 Cauldron
- 27 Chances, for short
- 28 Work with
- 29 “— the sea son to be
- 31 Formal wear
- 34 Boxer’s gear
- 35 Seep
- 36 First name of 19-Down
- 37 Invest with authority
- 39 With ardor
- 40 Moreover
- 41 Peruse
- 42 McNally partner
- 43 Island dance
- 44 River of England
- 45 Coffee shop array
- 46 Skin art, for short
- 48 Lubricate

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Features

February is Black History Month

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Writer

This year marks the 40 Anniversary of Black History Month. Since being officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976, every year since has taken a different point of view on the past.

Through-out the history of America, African Americans have overcome diversity and fought for the freedom and privileges they have today. With this idea in mind, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or the ASALH, named 2016 as the year of Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories. According to ASALH.org, from arrival of the Mayflower to the freedom of higher education, "It's embedded in a narrative of the American past. These sites prompt us to remember and over time become hallowed grounds."

"From the perspective of African American History in the educational curriculum, much of the knowledge and history of African American has not been told fully. The antiquity past of African Americans have been ignored completely," senior Mass Communication student, Travis Harmon-Smith said.

In February 1926, founders of

the Association for the Study of Negro Life, or the ASNLH, Carter G Woodson (Historian) and Jesse E Moorland (Prominent Minister) sponsored a national Negro History week. They picked the second week of February to coincide with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. The memories of their history have stretched hundreds of years and it wasn't until 1837, that their fight to pursue higher education started to pay off. The Institute for Colored Youth was created by Richard Humphreys and today has become Cheyney University, according to infoplease.com

Over the next two hundred years the advance in education brought about several more opportunities. In 1956 Wilberforce University started and was owned and operated by African Americans. President of the University, Daniel A Payne, became the first African American President in the country. Jumping a hundred plus years to 1960 where SNCC-Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee began working against segregation and discrimination.

Then to 2012, when President Obama created the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. It is intended to improve the educa-



Graphic by Natalie Sacket

tional achievement of African Americans and give them an opportunity to complete high school, college, and embark on a productive career.

Colleges nationwide have many organizations that strive for the advancement of African American students. One of the top organizations is the National Black Student Union or also known as the Black

Student Association. The BSU got its start back in 1966 at San Francisco State College (now University) by James Garrett. There are now hundreds of BSU's spread out across the country. Various colleges and universities also offer classes that study the African American past, present, and future. In the Social Science Program at Northwestern,

are two different classes offered: African American History and Social Diversity Class.

"We have come a long way; however, still have lots of room to grow and advance. With the election of President Obama we are taking a step in the right direction," junior Mass Communication student, Taylor Morris said.

Nation unites to promote health, save Americans

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

February is a month of love, which is why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The American Heart Association, Million Hearts and other similar organizations are teaming up to spread awareness this February about heart-healthy practices.

Million Hearts is a national mission intended to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes in America by 2017. To do this, the mission is encouraging Americans to keep track of their blood pressures, and if they're high, to take measures to become more healthy. A health-conscious, enduring nation is the organization's goal.

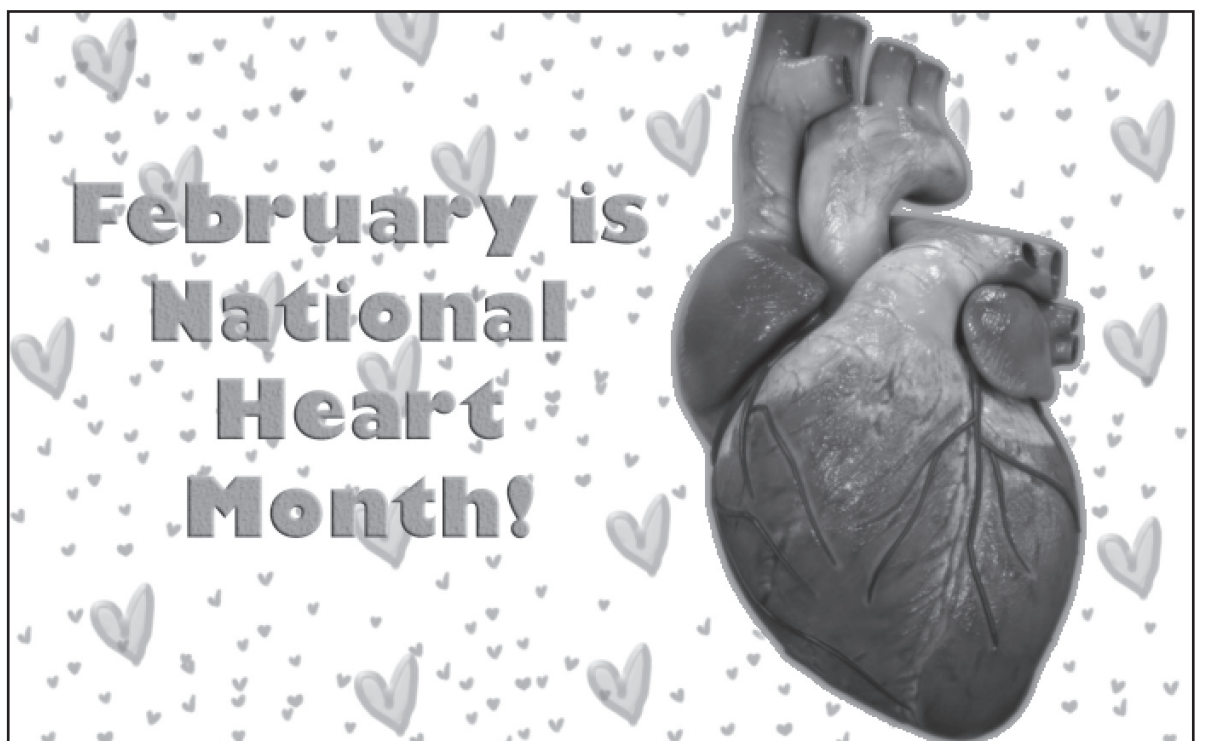
If tests reveal you possess a high blood pressure, Million Hearts recommends talking to your doctor about controlling blood pressure, quitting smoking, adding daily physical activity and eating healthier, cutting out high levels of sodium and salt.

Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention is spreading their message for Heart Month, with the slogan, "Make Control Your Goal." The mission of their message is to encourage all Americans to focus more on maintaining a healthy and consistent blood pressure level, preventing cardiovascular diseases.

The American Heart Association encourages healthy eating. The suggest that a healthy diet includes eating fruits, vegetables, beans, legumes, whole grains, fish and fat-free dairy products. The association recommends you limit sodium, saturated fats and red meats in order to maintain a healthier blood pressure. They also recommend becoming more active to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The American Heart Association reports that approximately 2,150 Americans die every day from cardiovascular diseases, heart attacks or strokes. This association, with numerous others, desire to reduce that number and help to create a healthier, more heart-conscious United States.



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Features

Standoff leaves Oregon public in a frenzy, one dead

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Reporter

Standoff leads to one dead and eight more behind bars.

The prosecution of two local ranchers near Burns, Oregon, Dwight Hammond, 73, and Steven Hammond, 46, has sent the state and other parts of the west into an anti-government frenzy. For nearly a month now, individuals in the ranching community as well of members of the Bundy ranch from Arizona, have stood in protest at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge against police, FBI, and other governmental officials.

Lavoy Finicum was shot and killed by FBI on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 according to Fox News. Eight other protestors, including the Bundy brothers, were arrested on the same day and face felony charges. Jason Patrick, one of the remaining protestors, told Reuters, "I've heard 'peaceful resolutions' for weeks now and now there is a cowboy, who is my friend, who is dead- so now prepare for the peaceful resolution."

Re-sentencing of Dwight and Steven Hammond, on charges of Larsen and Terrorism, have caused individuals to join together and protest these heinous prosecution terms.

Ammon Bundy, son of Cliven Bundy who was in an armed standoff with the federal government back in 2014, tells interviewers that the facility at the Refuge is nothing but an unjust control of the federal government on this land. Bundy has led the militia movement to fight for the Hammonds and for ranchers everywhere. How does Bundy go from an Arizona business man to helping a family he has never met? "God told him the cause was righteous," Bundy said.

Other supporters are backing the Hammonds and Bundy's. "The government is taking everything from these ranchers in Oregon just like they did in Arizona. This will continue to happen until we make a stand as one people and fight back," said Mark Henry, a volunteer firefighter and gas plant operator in Beaver, Okla.

There have even been political debates over the real reason why



Photo provided by theatlantic.com

Pictured is Ammon Bundy at a news conference at Malheur National Park.

the government wants to obtain this land. According to Dutchsinse, there are precious minerals like Uranium in the Hammonds and Bundy's land. This is why these two separate incidences are linked and not just a coincidence. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpkm6iSd-c> to watch the full video and other links tied to the Oregon and Arizona standoff.

There was an article posted on TheConservativeTreeHouse.com that gave a full backstory on what led to these events happening right now. In order to fully understand the situation the Hammonds have went through go to <http://theconservativetreehouse.com/2016/01/03/full-story-on-whats-going-on-in-oregon-militia-take-over-malheur-national-wildlife-refuge-in-protest-to-hammond-family-persecution/>. In an overview of the article, the Hammonds purchased their ranch in 1964, which consisted of 6000 acres of private property, four grazing rights on public land, a small ranch house, and three water rights. Throughout the next forty odd years, U.S Fish and Wildlife Services, or FWS, and the Bureau of Land Management, or BLM, have tried numerous times to get the land from the Hammonds.

In the 1970s, most ranchers who resided near the Refuge where bought out. The BLM told ranchers "grazing was detrimental to wildlife and it must be reduced." The ranchers who stayed were forced to pay higher grazing fees.

Flooding of the Silvies Plains, near the Refuge, came about in the

1980s. The Refuge personnel intentionally diverted water to the Malheur Lakes. Thirty-one ranchers land and homes were flooded and drove the people to beg FWS to acquire their "useless ranches."

By the 1990s, the Hammonds were one of the few ranchers who still owned private property adjacent to the Refuge. During that time, they were the main targets by the BLM and FWS.

In fall 2001, the Hammonds performed a routine burn on their ranch; however, the fire spread, burning 130 acres of grass on the Refuge. They were able to put the fire out without any more damage.

Five years later, in 2006, a massive lightning storm hit, causing multiple fires in and around the Refuge. Preventing all of their land and home from going up in a blaze, Steven Hammond started a backfire on their land. It worked and within a short period of time, the fires were out. They were soon arrested and accused of starting the fires in 2001 and 2006.

On June 22, 2012, Dwight and Steven Hammond were found guilty of Terrorism under the 1996 Anti-Terrorism Act and Larsen. Dwight was sentenced to three months and Steven sentenced to twelve in a federal prison. They were also forced to pay \$400,000 to BLM.

After serving their sentenced time they were released; however, not for long. In October 2015, the District 9 Court "re-sentenced" them both to return to prison and serve the entire five year sentence for Terrorism. They were ordered to report to prison on January 4, 2016, which was two days after the standoff at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge began.

Local Venezuelan student knows how to dream big

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Student Reporter

It all started with a father's journey and a little girl's dream.

Ana Gabriela Parra, a junior at Northwestern, can be seen in the wellness center on the regular. Her loose ponytail propped high on top of her head swings back and forth as she walks from each machine. She flashes a wide smile at people as she passes them. She looks like any regular American girl, but she is not.

Parra is from a country in South America called Venezuela. Her accent has faded now, but she said at first people had a hard time understanding her Spanish accent. Uprooting her life and moving across countries was not something she randomly decided to do. It has been her dream since she was a child to come to America.

Forty-three years ago Parra's father came to America. First, he spent his time in Louisiana, but after running out of money he had to find a cheaper place to

go to college. Northwestern, being one of the cheapest schools in the country was where he was advised to go. Parra said that her father loved Oklahoma, and even named one of his ranches in Venezuela "Oklahoma."

That is where Parra's dream originated. She started school at Oklahoma University, but switched after one semester. Because of her love of exercise she not only runs on Northwestern's cross country team, but is pursuing a major in health and sports science.

Parra also loves to travel and has been to five countries and seven states. She also knows three languages, and plans to learn at least two more. With a wistful look she said "Whenever I graduate I'm thinking about selling everything I own to go and travel."

What was once only a little girl's dream has now become a woman's reality.

Student loves mechanics, football, trucks, Northwestern

By KATIE LACKEY
Student Reporter

He softly mutters to himself as he slowly and carefully attempts to jack the car up off the ground to replace a faulty, breaking caliber.

Cole Cronin, a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, spends most of his time consumed by football or class. He transferred here from Garden City Community College after they shut down the general mechanic program, leaving him two credits short of an associate's degree.

Decked out in Northwestern football attire and driving a big white dodge truck, Cronin is not someone you would expect to have had multiple colleges offer him scholarships to join their choir program.

It was a new, enthusiastic football coaching staff, along with a few close family members that persuaded Cronin to attend North-



Photo provided

Cole Cronin

western, where he now pursues a bachelor's degree in agriculture. After he obtains his agriculture degree, he hopes to attend the Northwestern Technology Center to finish up his general mechanic requirements and major in diesel mechanics.

Cronin's interest in mechanics began at an early age. He said, "I started out working on little bikes, then lawn mowers and then I moved up to bigger pickups while helping dad with the farm." Cronin says the most frustrating part of being a mechanic is when he isn't able to fix the problem.

It was his original plan to open his own garage after graduating, but because of a lack of funds, he is going to work for a man in Medicine Lodge.

For now, Cronin will continue to help out friends with their car troubles, even if it means squishing under a tiny car on a cold January evening.

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Entertainment

'13 Hours' takes over theaters

By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Trenton: 4 out of 5



"13 Hours" could lead to a successful film career for John Krasinski. Krasinski is best known as Jim Halpert on "The Office," where he plays a comedic office worker who flirts with a receptionist.

In "13 Hours," his character is a hardened soldier who just wants to get back to his wife and daughters. The film is based on the true story of how a team of CIA soldiers tried to defend their base from an army of Benghazi terrorists.

As I said before, this film is based on a true story, so naturally you would think the film is purely story driven, but I believe what truly drives this film are the actors and the people they are portraying.

Overall, the performances were captivating and solid, but the film had a small amount of forced humor, which didn't bother me too much considering that it was played off in a way that felt natural. All the main actors did a fantastic job, but the film defi-

nitely had two stand-out actors: James Dale, who played Tyrone woods, and Krasinski. Both of these actors had a natural feeling of comradery between them, and their stand-alone performances were incredible.

Out of the two of them, my favorite performances in the film were done by Krasinski because this is so different from the straight-laced characters he has played before. He definitely has a great talent that will not be ignored.

"13 Hours" is an overall great film with some outstanding performances that are definitely worth the price of admission.

Natalie: 3 out of 5



"13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" is a somber film based on the true story of six brave men. The film portrays the events of six contracted mercenaries on a CIA base in Benghazi who responded to the attacks on the American diplomatic compound in Libya in September 2012.

I went into the film with only a general knowledge of the events that occurred in Benghazi; I left with little additional information. Though the



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto. Graphic by Natalie Sacket

film follows the inside events of the attacks, the cloudy film that has covered the Benghazi attacks still remains.

The film is poignant, yet heartbreaking. The gore and violence portrays the horrific happenings at war. "13 Hours" is entirely engrossing, captivating, requiring the audience's attentions. Films portraying war always haunt my mind

and inspire me to become more informed.

The testosterone-dominant cast is spectacular, with John Krasinski doing a fantastic job in the lead. The cast inserts substance and emotion into a primarily action-packed film. The inclusion of the personal lives of these combatants makes the film more sentimental and emotional

Regardless of speculations that Michael Bay created and released this film as propaganda against democratic presidential candidate Hilary Clinton, this film is a great, albeit difficult, watch.

Bottom Line: Whether you're an action flick buff or not, this film is a great watch to learn about a piece of modern history of America.

'Grease: Live!' thrills audiences

By **BETHANY SYZEMORE**
Student Reporter

NBC made a "Grease: Live!" production that aired on Sunday.

The show had hype leading up to it in advertisements and commercials. To make the hype all that it was, they packed the cast with some top names in the music and film industry. Having a strong cast for the live play set a high bar in my book. "Grease" is a musical that is set in the late 50s about the high school lives of several individuals. "Grease" is a timeless musical that is a true American classic that continues to live on. "Grease" is known as a racy type of musical with sexual innuendos.

In the 2016 production of "Grease: Live!" Julianna Hough stars as Sandra D, the "new girl" at Ridell High. Sandra D has had a summer love with another main character Danny Zuko, played by the upcoming star, Aaron Tviet. In the high school of Riddell, there are cliques, and in the 50s the guys group or clique that fit the stereotype of a "bad boy" were called greasers. In the case of "Grease," their particular group is called "T-birds," which Danny Zuko

is the leader of. The other main actors playing major roles in the musical are Carlos Pera Jr., Carly Rae Jepsen, Keke Palmer and Jessie Jae. The 2016 version of "Grease" did not live up to the 70s version, but it was a good modern version with little changes to the original. Some of the songs from the original were taken out and some modern songs were added in.

Tviet had an amazing voice and good dance moves, but I think he had big shoes to fill coming behind the legendary John Travolta in the original "Grease." Hough, playing Sandra D fit the look to a T; she looked and played the innocence of Sandy just as the original. One major problem I had with watching "Grease: Live!" was the live modern audience; you could see the audience in almost every scene, and they had on modern clothes, so it threw off my whole old school vibe I like to feel when watching "Grease." The only positive part to having the live audience how it was, was that it gave the actors more hype and enthusiasm with the audience being right there with excitement. In contrast to the original, the new production was based more inside the gym and

schools vs. the outside feel of things, which was expected being a live play. What was really impressive for me was Vanessa Huges' role as Rizzo; you can tell she felt her character, and we felt it as well. Keke Palmer played a pink lady and had a solo that was very astonishing, but was not in the original. The ending number "One that I Want" ended with hype and excitement that made me feel like I was there. It definitely ended the production with a bang! If you do not know about "Grease," I definitely recommend watching it; it is a must!



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Sandy and Danny from the 1978 film versus the 2016 remake.

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News

Committee seeks 2016 theme

By **RACHEL EMERSON**
Asst. News Editor

It's time again think about the 2016 Alva/Northwestern Oklahoma State University Homecoming celebrations and enter ideas for the theme for the event.

This year's homecoming celebrations are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29 through Saturday Oct. 1. The homecoming committee is now taking suggestions for the theme. The deadline to submit a theme suggestion is Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.

The 2015 theme was "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame". The first place campus float was the Aggie Club.

Suggestions for this year's

theme must be 10 words or fewer and should be something that can be illustrated through designs for floats, as well as dorm and campus building decorations.

The person with the winning submission will receive \$25 in Alva Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber Bucks.

To submit an entry, visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming-theme.

"Each year the homecoming committee looks forward to receiving creative, catchy ideas from Ranger alumni and friends," said Dr. David Pecha, chair of the homecoming committee and vice president of administration. "We are excited to see what will happen for this homecoming."

For more information and for a list of 2016 homecoming



Photo provided

The 2015 Homecoming theme was "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame," and Northwestern's Aggie Club won first place for the on-campus float category.

events, visit www.nwosu.edu/homecoming. The page will be updated as details are finalized. Questions regarding the home-

coming themes or homecoming celebrations should be directed to Dr. David Pecha at dmpecha@nwosu.edu or (580) 327-8528.

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New program to be funded by local trust

to complete 73 credit hours and more than 1,000 clinical hours. Also included in the program will be an online component and a required summer residency program.

"The program was designed to combine very high academic standards with the flexibility to accommodate the schedule demands of working nurses," Dr. Bo Hannaford, dean of the School of Professional Studies, said. "When you combine the convenience of online learning with the affordable tuition costs of Northwestern, you have a program that will be highly marketable."

In beginning this new program, Northwestern plans to employ a program director, two additional nursing faculty members and an administrative assistant over the next 3 years. Funding for the beginning of the program is being provided by the Charles Morton Share Trust of Alva. The Share Trust will provide the funding for the next five years.

Professor to publish in film journal

By **JORDAN MCLEMORE**
News Editor

Dr. Adams, assistant professor of English at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is publishing an article in "Film International: Thinking Film since 1973" in the February issue of the journal.

The article is called, "Cannibalized Chaos: Iago, The Joker and the 'Good Sport' of Post Modernism." This article searches the similarities between "Othello" the play by Shakespeare, and The Joker, portrayed by Heath Ledger, in

the Christopher Nolan directed film, "The Dark Knight."

Dr. Adams says that while they are villains, they don't have the important motive for the upheaval they bring.

"Such lack of motive, especially regarding Ledger's Joker as opposed to that of the clearly driven Joker played by Jack Nicholson in 'Batman' (1989), in turn suggests criticism of recent cultural movements centered around what came to be called 'postmodernism,'" Adams said.

"While its criticisms of unjust social and cultural relation-

ships have much to commend it, postmodernism's logic of subverting without replacing opens civilization to the destructive chaos, as both Iago and The Joker—via Alfred Pennyworth, Batman's confidant and adviser—suggest. More ominously and even beyond their bringing about a descent into chaos, both Iago and The Joker make clear their motiveless actions are done simply for the sake of 'sport,'" Adams said.


"Given the ongoing discussions concerning Nolan's second film in his Batman trilogy and Ledger's Academy Award-

winning performance, coupled with the lack of scholarly discussion over links between Iago and The Joker and their possible implications for our ongoing post 9/11 world, such connections are ideas worth exploring," Adams said.

This will be Dr. Adams fourth published article since he started teaching at Northwestern, and he is already planning for future works of his to be published coming up.

For more information on Adams' publication please call (580) 327-8428 or email him at rbadams@nwosu.edu.

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News

Floors waxed after 20 years

By KATELYNN BALL
Staff Reporter

So let's talk waxing, waxing the floor in Jesse Dunn that is. Floor waxing is a "long and grueling process," Deb Anderson said, when I got to sit down and get the details about just what exactly is going on in Jesse Dunn. Anderson has been a custodian on campus for about 13 years and is now the custodial supervisor of the entire Alva campus.

The last time the entire building has been waxed was 20 years ago, although it has been waxed in sections here and there. That may not be a big deal to some, but it is to the custodians of the Alva campus. Long before the waxing can even take place, the custodians have had to work long hours stripping the entire Jesse Dunn building. Yes, even the stairs too. Stripping has taken two weeks just for the one building alone. Each custodian has their own building to upkeep, which includes buffing, sweeping and mopping the floors to keep them nice. "I am really pleased with the custodians taking care of the floors after they have been redone because it does entail a tremendous amount of work."

Anderson said.

Waxing on the other hand is a whole other subject. Waxing took place this last weekend starting at 5 p.m. on Friday through Sunday until it was completed. Anderson did all this by herself. "She loves waxing" said Jeffery Lee, a custodian of Jesse Dunn for two years. They have been able to strip and wax every building in the past two years except the library which will be the next building to conquer. All carpets are cleaned every summer and via request during the school year. When asked who had the nicest floors on campus, Anderson said, "I wouldn't say any one floors are nicer than the other, all [the custodians] are doing a good job."

What can you do to help? Lee answered this question saying "they are pretty easy to maintain just be careful dragging anything on the newly waxed floors and be easy with boots and spurs and high heels." If the floors are kept nice by students, faculty and custodians alike, the floors will last for up to four years or more. "I want to thank everybody on campus for being so considerate while we are doing this process... I appreciate everybody campus wide." Anderson said.



Photo by Patrick Inkpen

The hallway floors in the Jesse Dunn building got rewaxed over the weekend for the first time in 20 years.

Application for memorial scholarship now available

By RACHEL EMERSON
Asst. News Editor

The Student Government Association at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is now taking applications for the Randy Murrow Memorial Scholarship.

Randy Murrow served as Student Senate president at Northwestern from 19-67-69. A permanent scholarship was

established after his untimely death on Dec. 20, 1969. Funds were provided by Phi Lambda Chi Fraternity, as well as other campus student organizations and voluntary gifts from students, faculty, alumni, family and friends.

Consideration for the award selection includes academic achievement, participation and leadership in student activities and organizations and general attitude. Applicants

must be an undergraduate student actively involved in campus activities at Northwestern to be a selected recipient. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the scholarship committee of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and notified upon selection.

The deadline to turn in an application for the scholarship is March 11. Applications can be taken to the Fine Arts building, room 126.

Local organization offers scholarship opportunity

By RACHEL EMERSON
Asst. News Editor

The American Association of University Women is offering a \$250 scholarship to Northwestern Oklahoma State University students and the deadline is approaching quickly.

To be selected for this award, applicants must be a junior or senior currently enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) at Northwestern, have a GPA of 3.20 or higher, have participated in student activities and shows evidence of leadership qualities and be a

potential AAUW member upon graduation from college.

The application process will include filling out an application form, acquiring recommendation letters from two faculty or staff members and a copy of current transcript. A semi-finalist candidate interview is possible as well. The deadline to apply is Fri., Feb. 12.

For more information about the scholarship or to apply, go to the AAUW website at alva-ok.aauw.net, or contact Dr. Cindy Pfeifer-Hill at capfeifer-hill@nwosu.edu or Jen Oswald at jdoswald@nwosu.edu.

Teacher of the Year nominee form now open for submission

By RACHEL EMERSON
Asst. News Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Student Government is taking applications for the John Sheffield Teacher of the Year Award.

When nominating a teacher keep in mind that the recipient of the award must display effectiveness to the student body by showing a genuine enthusiasm for people, courage to give himself/herself to others and faith to trust

in his/her honored profession. The recipient must also display service to college and country, willingness to support the student body and to work hard, high professional standards and be dependable.

Applications must be submitted with at least one letter of recommendation not by the student submitting the application.

Applications will be distributed by the Student Government Association and need to be returned by the submission deadline on March, 11.

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Sports

Baseball ready for first game

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State baseball will kick off its season tomorrow afternoon in a double header against the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

The Rangers have been working hard this off-season sticking to two simple philosophies to ensure success, committing to a process and competing every day.

Second year head coach Sam Carel defines competitiveness in the Ranger baseball program as, "We define competitiveness by how we as a team and we as individuals can maximize what we have each day as it pertains to the process of achieving the goals we want to achieve."

The process of building a winning program and developing that competitive nature Carel defined enters year two, with some pieces from year one returning. Second-team All Great American Conference selection Matt Benn, a senior outfielder from Teulon, Manitoba, Canada, will be back and ready to produce in the heart of the line-up for the Rangers. A

selected captain by his teammates, Carel is very excited to have Benn returning as a leader for the team both on and off the field. "It's a tremendous asset whenever you have a returning player with his tenacity, grit, and skill set that has been selected as a captain by his peers, that says a lot about the individual."

Joining Benn on the diamond will be a slew of new faces that possess two key attributes that Carel says he and his staff look for every year during the recruiting process. "Every year our recruiting philosophy is to bring in guys that exhibit either one of two things, either speed or power," said Carel. "Speed and power are the two things that you can't teach, you can only enhance it."

Speed and power will be crucial when the Black-and-Red take to the diamond against conference foes as the Great American Conference is known as one of the toughest conferences in the nation for baseball. Northwestern baseball has been tabbed eleventh in the preseason coaching poll, however throughout the season Carel maintains his club will only be



Photo courtesy of RideRangersRide.com

The Rangers baseball team will look to use their speed around the bases and power at the plate to help them achieve success during a tough Great American Conference baseball schedule.

worried about themselves and sticking to the process of winning and developing the competitive nature he previously defined. "I say this all the time, there is no team that is on our radar, we worry about ourselves, period."

That mindset will be evident throughout the season as the Rangers look to work through

the process of getting to their main goal, winning the last game. Wherever that final game occurs or whenever it happens the Rangers will have months of baseball to prepare for that test.

After their opening road contest with Arkansas-Fort Smith the Rangers will return home to Glass Family Field at Myers

Stadium to take on Northeastern Oklahoma State and West Texas A&M during opening weekend Feb. 13-14 in Alva.

After that the Black-and-Red will jump directly into conference play as they will head down to Durant, Okla. for a match-up against Southeastern Oklahoma State University Feb. 19-20.

New coach brings winning past

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

The Rangers softball team will take to the field this weekend in their opening series in San Angelo, Texas under the new leadership of coach Charlie Zeilman.

Zeilman comes to Northwestern after a four year reign as head softball coach at LSU-Alexandria. While at LSU-Alexandria Zeilman led the program to many of its first time accomplishments including the program's first World Series appearance.

In 2014, Zeilman was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's College Coach of the Year as well as the A.I.I Conference Coach of the Year. Zeilman looks to implement that formula for success he developed at LSU-Alexandria in order to build a consistent winning program here in Alva. "Since I've been coaching since 1997 I've tried to do things the same way, and that's to treat the kids with success, try and instill self-discipline in our program and try and have fun while doing it." Zeilman said.

Zeilman has been a part of building two other programs throughout his coaching career and has a few core players already here at Northwestern to

help him continue developing that winning formula. Senior Jordan Haya, who was a 2015 Second-Team All Great American selection as well as the conferences Newcomer of the Year, will be back to headline the Rangers line-up. Zeilman expects Maddie McGraw, a sophomore from Broken Arrow, Okla. to be pivotal in the team's success as she will bat in third spot in the line-up while also roaming the outfield in left field.

As well as some players that are returning from last year's squad, Zeilman has brought in a few players at the semester break which will make a huge impact for his team. Zeilman credits his experience at previous institutions for his success in bringing in so many quality players that will make an immediate difference.

"The last place I was at, at LSU-Alexandria, is in the middle of nowhere and when I first got there everybody told me that nobody will come here and play, we were 8-37 and hadn't had a winning record in the history of the program," said Zeilman. "When I left we were the number one ranked team in the country two years in a row, number one ranked seed at the college world series two years in a row."

Zeilman learned at LSU-Alexandria that you can only

sell to recruits what you do have and saw Northwestern as an affordable university that good quality players would be attracted to.

That attraction has led to the acquisition of five new players, many of which will make up the core of Zeilman's pitching staff.

Brittany Olender, a transfer pitcher from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas, will be the number one pitcher to begin the year for the Rangers. Following Olender in the pitching rotation appears to be Jalena Arthur, a freshman out of Antlers, Okla, followed by two promising young transfer pitchers including sophomore Madison Garza, a transfer from the University of Houston-Victoria, who earned Second-Team All-Conference honors while there.

Zeilman will test his formula for success here at Northwestern beginning this weekend in San Angelo, Texas with a double header Saturday against host San Angelo University and then against Adams State University before concluding the road trip on Sunday against Texas-A&M International University. The Rangers first home series won't be until Feb. 19-20 at the Alva Rec. Complex when they begin conference play against the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

NORTHWESTERN SOFTBALL

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Texas A&M International University		2/06
Angelo State University		2/06
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Sports

Basketball travels to Arkansas

By **RYAN SHUMAKER**
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team headed east for two pivotal conference road games and picked up a key win to begin the second half of conference play.

The Rangers first headed to Searcy, Arkansas to face off against the second place Harding Bison and even though the black-and-red had a strong performance from the bench, totaling 30 points, the Rangers lost the contest 84-64. Freshman Zach Dumas had a career day with 21 points while Junior Adrian Motley continued his elite play with 15 points to go along with 13 rebounds. The Bison shot an impressive 50.1 percent from the field which ultimately propelled them past the Rangers.

On Saturday the Rangers squared off against Arkansas Tech, which pitted two teams right in the middle of the conference race against each other. The black-and-red used balance scoring and another strong performance from Motley who went 4-10 from the floor and also knocked down all 10 of his free throw attempts, totaling 18 points. The Rangers put forth a balanced scoring attack behind Motley's effort with five other Rangers reaching double digits in the scoring column.

The Rangers used their stifling defense to cause havoc in the Wonder Boy's front court and would use those turnovers to create 28 points. The win also marked Northwestern's first win over Arkansas Tech since 1971.

With the conference race heating up the Rangers (6-11,6-7) are within one game of three other

teams in the conference standings. Harding and Ouachita Baptist still stand atop of the conference with a 11-2 record each in conference play, but with the second half of conference play just beginning it is anyone's ball game.

This week the Rangers take on Southern Arkansas University tonight at 7:30 in Percefull Fieldhouse, then turn around and welcome Arkansas Monticello Saturday at 3:00. With Southern Arkansas a game ahead of the Rangers and the Boll Weevils of Arkansas Tech just one game behind of the Rangers, both games are crucial as conference play continues.

The women's basketball team took the Harding Bison down to the wire before ultimately losing to them 80-77 and Arkansas Tech 90-48 over the weekend.

The Rangers went on the

road and faced the Bisons of Harding last Thursday and once again came out on the short end of the stick in a tight contest. The Rangers were led by post Kamera Bozeman who had a season high 28 points to go along with nine rebounds. The Bison jumped out to a 40-23 halftime lead but the Rangers came out hot in the second half and made it a 58-56 game at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter also produced a tight race to the end with the Bison riding their solid free throw shooting percentage of 80.1 percent to close out the Rangers. The Rangers shot an impressive 61.1 percent from the field in the second half, while sophomore Jaylan Robinson put up 14 points to compliment Bozeman's scoring effort.

The Black-and-Red then travelled over to Russellville,

Ark. To take on the Golden Suns of Arkansas Tech. The conference leading Golden Suns beat the Rangers 90-48 in a contest that was never close. Arkansas Tech came out shooting well and never looked back. The Rangers found themselves down 43-25 at the half and could not slow down the Golden Suns offense as they shot 57 percent from the field for the game. Robinson and Dallas native Ashley Pride led the way for the Rangers in the scoring category with 12 points each while Bozeman had a solid defensive outing pulling down nine rebounds.

The Rangers (1-17,0-13) will search for their first conference win tonight when they take on Southern Arkansas University in Alva at 5:30. Then on Saturday they will face off against Arkansas Monticello at 1:00.

Motley, Bozeman honored

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Northwestern Oklahoma State athletics is now through the first month of the spring semester and following big months on the court, Kamera Bozeman and Adrian Motley of the Ranger basketball teams have earned Athletes of the Month honors for the month of January.

Bozeman was a force under the basket for the women's basketball team as she averaged 13.8 points per game for the Rangers, while also pulling down a solid 6.3 rebounds per contest. She also had the best

shooting percentage of everyone on the team as she was a solid 61 percent from the field, while also knocking down 34-of-43 free shot attempts for 79 percent.

Bozeman had a stellar game against Harding in the second to last contest of January for Northwestern as she was just a couple numbers short of a triple double. She posted a 28-point performance and brought down nine boards and rejected eight shots on the night in a close three-point game.

Motley was once again a big presence for the men's basketball team in the month of January as he averaged 18.6 points per game. He also led the team in

rebounding, bringing down 8.2 boards per game. At one point during the month of January, Motley also went a perfect 25-for-25 from the charity stripe before missing.

Motley was very instrumental in the Ranger's success for the month of January as the team went 5-4 and climbed to within one game of .500 in Great American Conference play. He has also had 10 straight contests where he has scored 10 points or more, with arguably his best performance coming on the road against Oklahoma Baptist where he put up 24 points on 12-of-19 shooting and crashed the glass for eight rebounds as well.

Scholarship honors Shuck

The Ranger Dugout Club presents a new scholarship for outstanding members of the Ranger baseball team.

Former Northwestern baseball players, Jake Kelln, '00, and Ryan Hintergardt, '99, are the co-founders of the Ranger Dugout Club and began to raise funding for the scholarship in 2008.

Both former members were highly active Rangers and wanted to do something in honor of their memories on the team.

"I enjoyed everything about Ranger baseball," Hintergardt said. "It was one of the best times of my life."

The years on the field are limited and were great times, but the friends you make and the memories you have last a lifetime."

With the recent passing of Ranger baseball player Britten

Shuck, 19, Seiling, in a car accident in the spring of 2015, the scholarship was renamed the Ranger Dugout Club / Brit Shuck Memorial Scholarship in his honor.

Shuck was the example of an outstanding Ranger athlete in a number of ways, possessing discipline, great work ethic, integrity and character.

The student who receives the annual scholarship will be chosen based on similar criteria.

He will be expected to exhibit a combination of hard work, discipline, character and academic and athletic excellence.

The recipient must be a full-time student at Northwestern, a member of the Ranger baseball team, maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 and complete an application, which can be obtained from the Athletic

Department.

Hintergardt hopes that the scholarship will serve as a sufficient award to outstanding members of the Ranger baseball team.

"We believe the recipients will have a great deal of pride and represent the Ranger baseball team in the finest way," Hintergardt said.

Applications must be completed no later than March. The recipient will be chosen by the Ranger Dugout Club. The scholarship will be applied toward University related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, room and board.

For more information on the Ranger Dugout Club, Brit Shuck Scholarship, or about investing in Northwestern students, call Skeeter Bird, Northwestern Foundation CEO, at 580-327-8599 or email him at aebird@nwosu.edu.

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'White out' encourages students to show spirit this evening at games

Students are encouraged to come early and receive a free t-shirt and cheer on the Rangers basketball teams as they take on the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas.

Women's games start at 5:30 with the men's game tipping off immediately after.

The men's team is in the middle of the pack of the conference race with the women searching for their first conference win. Students are encouraged to wear white and cheer loud as both games are crucial for both team's conference standings.

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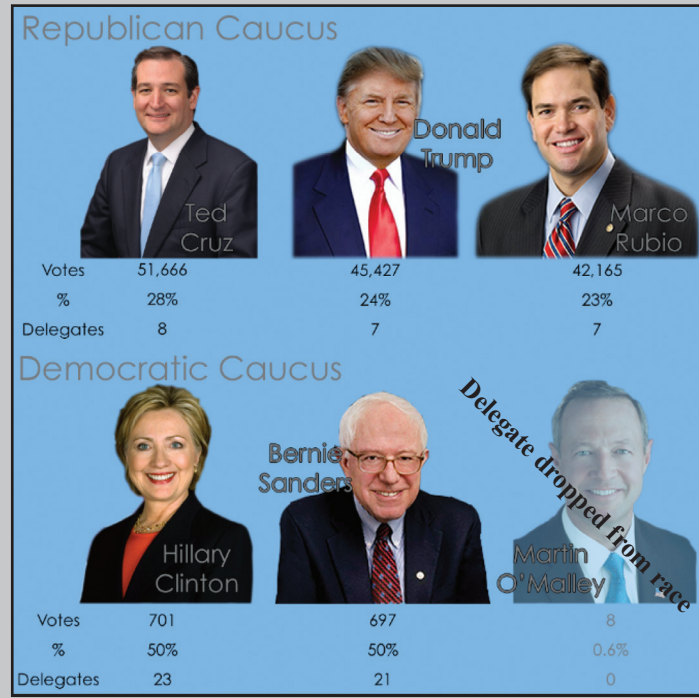
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tens of thousands of evangelical voters, supported Cruz as did Congressman Steve King and Iowa talk-radio host Steve Deace, who also hold sway with Iowa's most conservative voters.

Clinton and Sanders entered the day in a statistical dead heat, according to The Des

Moines Register/Bloomberg News Iowa Poll. Trump led Texas Sen. Ted Cruz by five points.

Pollsters predicted the finish would be close, regardless of who ends up on top, though no one projected a finish like the 2012 Republican caucus, when it took two weeks to declare Rick Santorum the winner.



Band seeks community members to participate

Collegiate students, high school students and community members alike are welcome to participate in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Community Band each Tuesday from 6:55-8:45 p.m. in Fine Arts 310 on the Alva campus.

Marc Decker, Ph.D., director of instrumental music and music education, said 10 community members and 25

college students attended the last practice. New members are welcome to attend.

"The reason for the ensemble is to gain interest within the community," Decker said.

The Community Band performs a variety of music including older and newer selections, Decker said.

The first concert will feature guest conductor, Dr. Ed Huckeby on Sunday, Feb. 28,

at 2 p.m. Huckeby served as the director of bands at Northwestern for a number of years before moving into an administrative role at the university prior to his retirement in June of 1998.

For more information on the Community Band or the instrumental music program at Northwestern, contact Decker by phone at (580) 327-8191 or by email at mddecker@nwsu.edu.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Dr. Decker, Northwestern Director of Bands, leads members of the current Ranger band as well as members of the community band on Tuesday.