

Enrollment remains steady

By **KATELYNN BALL**
Staff Writer

In a press release last Monday, Northwestern announced their spring 2016 enrollment numbers.

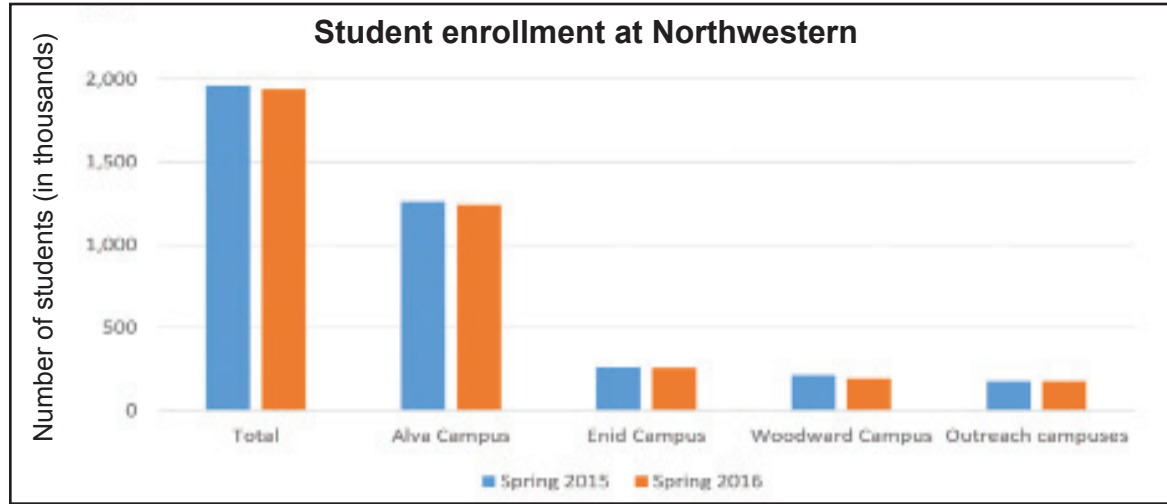
According to the release, the numbers are almost identical to last year's 2015 spring semester. In some areas the numbers are lower than the previous spring semester. The head count included the main Alva campus, Enid, Woodward and Ponca City campuses and also includes the concurrent enrolled high school students.

Northwestern's total enrollment number is 1,940 students for spring classes. This was compared to a year ago with 1,964 students.

Specifically on the Alva campus, the trend has stayed constant with 1,241 students enrolled, compared with 1,260 a year ago.

As for the rest of the campuses, enrollment at the Enid campus only has a three student difference with 256 students this year compared to 259 students last year.

On the Woodward campus,



Graphic by Rachel Emerson

Upon release, the spring 2016 enrollment numbers remained relatively identical to the spring of 2015's numbers.

there are 195 students enrolled this year compared to 215 last year. Enrollment was constant at the outreach campus of Ponca City with 177 students attending this year and last year.

The Northwestern press release also included concurrent numbers for this year with 84 high school students enrolled.

An interview with Steve Valencia, Associate Vice President for University Relations, revealed some of the reasons the numbers have remained about the same and

what we can do to help.

"It's not a problem, certainly we'd love to have huge numbers and I think that everybody has to remember enrollment runs in cycles," Valencia said. "I think there is a lot of uncertainty in the economy in Northwest Oklahoma which is where we get the majority of our students."

The good news is there may be an upturn next fall and following semesters because of this downturn. The loss of the oil field and other energy related companies has a lot of those

people who were laid off looking towards higher education for other job opportunities.

"We are starting to see more students who have gone to work, now inquiring about coming back to school," Valencia said. "I think we will see greater numbers in the fall than we did the spring."

The graduating class usually has no or nearly no affect in the spring to spring number ratio.

More good news is that not only the oil field decline will bring in more students in enrollment but in Ranger Preview as well.

"I think we are encouraged by the fact that we had a really good Ranger Preview event in the fall. We had near record numbers on that so I think that bodes well for potential enrollment," Valencia said.

Northwestern is looking to expand recruitment even further throughout Oklahoma. "We are looking at strategies to expand our recruiting base into more populated areas like Oklahoma city, Tulsa and Wichita to try to attract students there too," Valencia said.

Retention is also a huge part in keeping numbers constant at Northwestern as well as recruitment. "Making sure that the students come here that we retain and hopefully actually see them through to a degree," said Valencia. He also said that they try to make accommodations to help keep students at Northwestern.

What can students do to help?

"Having pride and showing pride in your institution goes a long way because those people back at home will know if you've had a good experience here at Northwestern," Valencia said.

Social media and terrorism

By **HAYLEE BATES**
Student Writer

One loud explosion, and chaos begins to spread as people start screaming and debris starts falling.

This is a scene that can be viewed in every part of the world, in every household and on every mobile device. Today's media coverage and technology allows acts of terrorism to be spread at the push of a button. People from one country can view video clips of terrorist attacks that happened in another country by simply turning on the TV or logging onto Facebook.

A calm fall night in Paris was filled with the loud buzz of a crowd at a soccer game or a concert hall filled with fans cheering turned into a terrorist attack in November. Citizens of the United States could view footage of flashing lights and victims running frantically

through the streets live from news channels covering the event.

When the media covers events like this, it makes it seem close to us when it's far away, said Cristina Gordon, psychology department chair.

The media was one of the sources that gave people throughout the world the opportunity to stay up to date on the information coming out of Paris.

"Sometimes the media shows the angle that they want people to see, and they show the gruesome side of things," Gordon said.

Social media also had an impact on the Paris attacks. Facebook showed support by creating a filter of the Paris flag that Facebook users could place over their profile picture.

"The Facebook flag was unifying, and it brought people together," Gordon said. "It has the power to connect us globally instead of locally."



Graphic by Natalie Sacket

Social media can make it easy for people to stay informed and have the freedom to voice their opinions without having to pay for the access, but it can also be taken advantage of. "Terrorist groups and their sympathizers are exploiting the freedom of cyberspace," said Ted Poe from CNN, after the arrest of a man who posted online about wanting to shoot President Barack Obama and his desire to join ISIS.

Terrorist groups like ISIS use social media sites like

Twitter, Facebook and YouTube to display their messages to a large amount of people in a short amount of time. "In August, when ISIS released the gruesome beheading of American journalist James Foley, it also used social media," Poe said.

Social media is so easily accessible, and they can influence people from afar without people actually having to experience firsthand what they are doing, said Shalyn Farrington, Northwestern

student.

Terrorist groups can use social media to accomplish their goal of instilling fear into people with a small amount of effort. Groups can use social media like YouTube to make it easier to get the messages out to the world, said Jeff McAlpin, instructor of sociology.

These groups can use the Internet as a tool to help benefit their push for a specific cause. "The Internet can be used as

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Let's Talk...

Participation in state government

Often as college students, it's unbelievably easy to become fretful about the future.

One second, we may be thinking about how nice the weather has been that week, which segways to thinking about what you're going to do that weekend, and then you think about what you're going to do next year, and it's a huge uncertainty, and then you think of student loan debt and the job market and panic mode ensues. We definitely understand; transitioning from a college student to a full-time member of the workforce can be frightening, particularly when decisions of the state government have made the future even more precarious.

But what if there was a way you could help to make the future a little bit better?

What if there was a way you could be an integral part of the state's betterment?

Well, we are pleased to tell you that there IS a way.

Over a dozen Northwestern students from the Enid, Alva and Woodward campuses visited the Oklahoma State Capitol on Feb. 16. The occasion was Higher Education Day; the mission was preserving funding for higher education and lessening the erosion of the education budget that has already occurred this year.

Armed with fact sheets regarding the benefits of supporting higher education and proudly sporting stickers reading #ProtectHigherEd, Northwestern students spent a portion of the day touring the Capitol to speak with state legislators and senators about the value of higher education.

Higher Education Day is an annual event that encourages lawmakers to take the lives of students into consideration while making decisions concerning the affairs of higher education. The event promotes the importance of a strong system of higher education in Oklahoma.

It was made abundantly clear in speeches by Mary Fallin and Jeffrey Hickman that Oklahoma values higher education as an investment not only in Oklahoman youth, but also in the state's economy and prosperity. However, no promises were made that there will not be further cuts to the state's education budget.

Considering the \$1.3 billion deficit in the state's economy, it is understandable that all state agencies will have to be cut; however, higher education institutions are facing the possibilities of needing to cut programs and staff. With a cut in education budgets, there is



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Northwestern students from Alva pose with Jeffrey Hickman, the Oklahoma Speaker of the House, on Higher Education Day in the capitol last week.

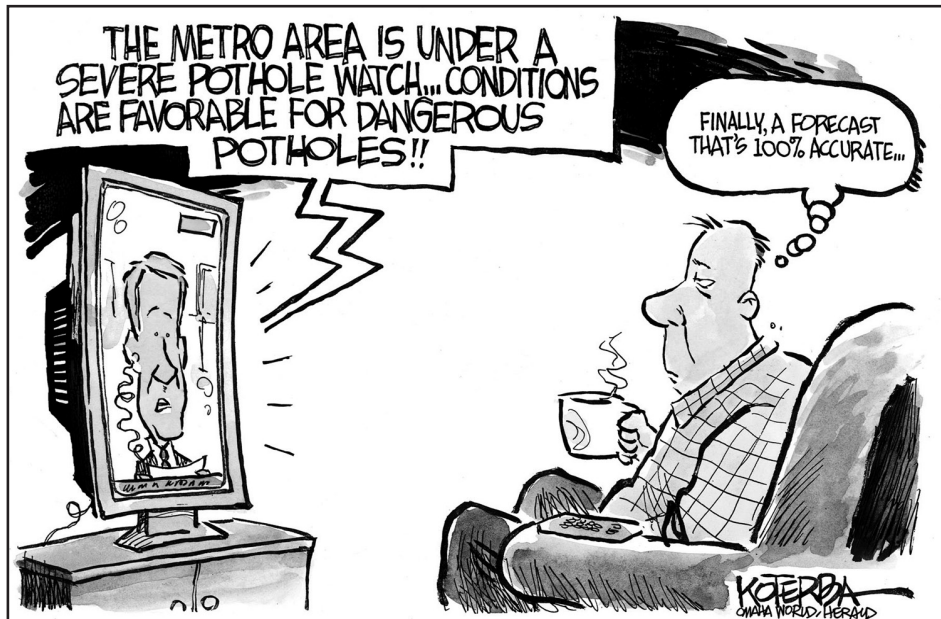
less of an ability to hire quality faculty, continue building extracurricular programs and supporting students through scholarships.

It is important that we become informed and involved in critical issues facing our state.

Fortunately, in a nation founded on principles of democracy, students have the ability to speak with legislators and senators about issues facing the state. In our technological era, you no longer have to rely on pen and paper to contact state officials. It can be as easy as sending a brief email or Facebook message. It is our state officials' responsibility to listen to the people of Oklahoma; it is our responsibility to provide a voice.

It is important that we do not brush off our responsibility as citizens to be

involved. The power to govern is given to the people, and that is not a right we should take lightly. Apathetic complaints do not bring results, but a unified voice has the power to make change.



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Scholarship drive nears deadline

The Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association continued the annual tradition of encouraging the Alva community to invest in the Northwestern Oklahoma State University students by kicking off the Scholarship Drive event Wednesday, Feb. 10.

During the month-long Scholarship Drive, off-campus teams consisting of a community member and either a University or Foundation & Alumni office employee and captains representing each campus building compete in raising funds to finance continuing student scholarships at Northwestern through the RISE (Rangers Investing in Students & Education) scholarship endowment.

The Enid and Woodward campuses also are represented by captains.

Thelma Crouch, co-



Courtesy of University Relations
Dr. Steve Lohmann, executive vice president (left), and John Barton (right), discuss materials together at the Scholarship Drive luncheon on Feb. 10.

chair, will lead the off-campus teams, including John Barton and Dr. Steve Lohmann, Phyllis Brunsteter and Karsten Longhurst, Deb Corr and Paul Corr, Thelma Crouch and Charla Turner, Ron Davidson and Calleb

Mosburg, Luke Gagnon and Shane Engelken, Rod Gourley and Dr. David Pecha, Dayna Jordan and Skeeter Bird, Darrell Kline and Dr. James Bell, Bettielou Lane and Dr. Janet Cunningham, Roland Pederson and Mindy Clark, Barbara

Rockenbach and Karen Koehn, Kendra Schnebel and Emily Williams, Don Thomas and Lawana Newell, Linda Tutwiler and Susan Holliday, and Jake Kelln and John Allen.

The on-campus teams are led by Dr. Bo Hannaford, co-chair. Team captains include Patrick Wilson, Angie Henson, Brooke Taylor, Dr. Jennifer Mahieu, Dr. Deena Fisher, Dr. Tim Maharry, Dr. Wayne McMillin, Dr. Chandler Mead, Natalie Miller, Melissa Brown, Dr. Venkata Moorthy, Jake Boedecker, Dr. Dean Scarborough, Judy Dollar, Markangela Kinnett and Debbie Anderson.

The 2016 Scholarship Drive will conclude March 9 as the off-campus teams and on-campus captains tally their totals.

RISE, introduced in Nov. 2015 during the #GivingTuesday online campaign that raised more than \$30,000 for Northwestern students, is the Northwestern

Foundation & Alumni Association's newest annual giving program. It replaces the former Millennium Club scholarship endowment and encourages every person to give at some level, without a pledge of time.

Those interested in giving to Northwestern students through the RISE program are encouraged to donate online with a credit card at my.nwfoundation.com/RISE or by check payable to the Northwestern Foundation and sent to 709 Oklahoma Blvd. Alva, OK 73717.

For more information about investing in students at Northwestern, the RISE annual giving program or to get involved with next year's Scholarship Drive, contact Skeeter Bird, Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association CEO, at aebird@nwsu.edu or 580-327-8599.

Election board secretary gives tips for voting day

The Presidential Preferential Primary Election is next Tuesday, and the Woods County Election Board Secretary, Sandra Koehn has tips on how to make your vote count.

One tip that Koehn gave is that it is important to completely fill in the boxes with either blue or black ink. She said that if there is a mistake made on the ballot, the voter should not try to correct the error, but should return the ballot to the precinct officials. The ballot will be destroyed, and the voter will receive a new ballot.

Another tip Koehn gave is that voters should take their voter identification cards with them to the polls. "Your voter ID card can help precinct officials find your name in the precinct registry, and it may help them resolve the problem if you are not

listed in the registry for some reason," Koehn said. The voter identification card is issued by the county election board. If you don't have a voter ID card, bring an unexpired photo ID card issued by the U.S. government, the state of Oklahoma or a federally recognized tribal government.

If a voter doesn't have a voter ID or valid photo ID, their name is not found in the precinct, or they disagree with the information shown in the registry, they can always cast a provisional ballot, which will be counted after Election Day.

Koehn also said that voters who are in a rush and want to get through the line quickly should vote at mid-morning or mid-afternoon, because there is not as much voter activity at this time.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Tuesday.

"Anyone who is eligible and in line at the polling place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday will be entitled to vote," Koehn said.

Following is a list of the precinct polling places in the presidential Preferential Primary Election on March 1, 2016: Precinct 760001 – Northwest Technology Center, 1801 S. 11th St., Alva, OK 73717; Precinct 760002 – Waynoka Housing Authority, 1237 Main St., Waynoka, OK 73860; Precinct 760003 – Homestead Retirement Center, 901 Homestead Dr., Alva, OK 73717; Precinct 760004 – Dacoma Community Center, Dacoma, OK 73731; Precinct 760005 – Alva City Hall, 415 Fourth St., Alva, OK 73717; Precinct 760008 – Methodist Fellowship Hall, 10836 Kiowa Rd., Freedom, OK 73842.

Unknown president focus of upcoming lecture series

By **BETHANY SYZEMORE**
Student Reporter

The Department of Social Sciences and the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Institute for Citizenship Studies will be holding an insightful event on Tuesday.

The 2016 installment of the annual Presidential Lecture Series will focus on James Knox Polk, America's most important unknown president.

The program's feature speaker is Dr. Michael Cohen, Associate Research Professor of History at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Dr. Cohen is a published author and an accomplished scholar.

He will discuss the life of Polk, as well as career opportunities in the field of public history.



Photo provided

Dr. Micheal Cohen

This event has been held every year since 2009.

It is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

The event is at 7 p.m. in the Education Center (EC 109).

For more information on the event contact Dr. Aaron Mason by email at mason@nwsu.edu or by phone at (580) 327-8522.

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Alva business recognized nationally

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Oklahoma will be recognizing outstanding Oklahomans at its award ceremony March 5 at noon in Norman.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kay Decker, Social Sciences Department chair and professor of sociology at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Freedom West Community Development Corporation (Freedom West CDC) in Alva will be recognized this year as Social Services Organization of the Year.

Decker is the executive director at Freedom West CDC where the organization's mission is to "revitalize the rural communities of its five county service region in

Northwest Oklahoma to increase community sustainability through pro-active social and economic change efforts."

The annual NASW conference will be held March 3-5 at the Embassy Suites. Conference registration is still available at the Association's web site. Continuing education credit is available for social workers and other professions.

NASW is the largest professional social work organization in the United States, with members employed in more than 50 different fields of practice—including mental and behavioral health, health care, aging, child and family safety, schools, homelessness, veterans

support, research and public policy. There are 650,000 social workers in the United States who serve 10 million clients a day.

NASW and its 55 Chapters support members of the helping profession by ensuring they follow consistent practice standards, complete advanced professional training, participate in grassroots issues advocacy and develop organizational leadership skills.

"Freedom West CDC was founded over 16 years ago with the primary purpose of developing additional affordable housing options in the five county service region that it serves," Decker said. "Since that time, Freedom West has built and preserved over 170 housing units, and has worked dili-



Photo provided

Dr. Kay Decker

gently to focus attention on the region's arts and cultural heritage as economic drivers for communities.

"It is a multi-million dollar non-

profit that maintains its focus of assisting communities with revitalization efforts, improvements in housing options, and increased sustainability. The Freedom West CDC staff and board are to be commended for their hard work and dedication by providing non-profit leadership and creative solutions to problems facing rural northwest Oklahoma. I would like to thank Dr. Kylene Rehder and the NASW Oklahoma Chapter for recognizing our efforts at this year's annual awards ceremony."

For more information about Freedom West CDC contact Decker at 580-327-2150 or kldecker@nwosu.edu.

Guests welcomed to transfer showcase

By JAKE GOODMAN
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State will be holding the 2016 Spring Transfer Showcase Saturday at 10 a.m. in the second floor ballroom of the Student Center.

The Transfer Showcase is Northwestern's way of saying hello to newcomers and helping incoming transfer students or potential incoming transfer students learn more about what the Alva campus has to offer. It also gives the incoming students the chance to interact with other students.

The showcase is also great for transfer students who attend, because it gives them the opportunity to meet with the administrators as well as get

an inside look of the Northwestern campus while on one of the scheduled campus tours that the Northwestern Student Ambassadors will be providing.

They will also have the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff and many of the student organizations.

Attendees also receive a waived application fee, a free Northwestern T-shirt, a free catered lunch, a chance at a \$500 scholarship and free admission to the Ranger baseball game at noon on Saturday.

To start the showcase off, registration will begin at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the student center in Wyatt Room.

At 11 a.m., Dr. Cunningham will welcome the guests in the Student Center ballroom.

Following the welcome, guests will get the chance to browse many of the campus clubs, organizations and department booths that will be set up in the ballroom.

At the same time, lunch will be provided in the snack bar in the student center and guests can stop by whenever they are ready to eat.

Following the leisure time, the students will also have the opportunity to tour the campus. The tours will take place in 15 minute increments.

The Transfer Showcase will wrap up at 1 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending the showcase must fill out an application online before Saturday. They can also check out the Northwestern website or call Liza Franz at (580) 327-8606 to learn more information about the Transfer Showcase.

Northwestern to host two band events soon

By NICK KIMANZI
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University community band and jazz band will hold a concert on Sunday.

The concert will be held at Herold Hall auditorium on Sun., Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. The doors open at 1:30 p.m. The performance is open to the public. Dr. Ed Huckleby, who is guest conducting the concert, composed the pieces that will be played.

Huckleby is an arts consultant and freelance composer, arranger conductor and clinician. He currently holds the title of Emeritus Professor of Music at Northwestern, where he served for two decades as Music

Department Chairman and dean.

"He has a very industrious career; now we are having him helping us with conducting the band," said Dr. Marc Decker, director of Instrumental Music and Music Education at Northwestern. "The exciting part is that Ed Huckleby will be the conductor," Decker said. "It will be great for our students."

Another upcoming band event is the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) District Band Contest.

The contest is scheduled for Tues., March 1. Northwestern is hosting this contest, which will take place in Herold Hall Auditorium.

The concert judges will be Darby Cassaday, Edward Dixon and Tony Martinez and the site-

reading judge will be Curt Wieland.

The participating bands are mostly high school bands from the northwest Oklahoma region.

The bands come to this contest to receive ratings and comments and to qualify to go to state competitions.

"It's not a contest; it's a festival. We are not competing against each other, and we are competing against the standard of performance," said Dr. Karsten Longhurst, Director of Choral Studies. "It's great to see Northwestern as a hub of western art where high schools come to perform and get rated."

The contest will start at 8:30 a.m. and will be open and free for the public to attend.

"It would be really a fun day. Come support your school, it's free," Decker said.

Spanish club to offer movie night next week

By SELENA ESTRADA
Student Reporter

Northwestern has many clubs and organizations that host fun events for students. Next week the Spanish club and HALO are hosting a movie night Thursday, March 3 in the Alabaster Room of Vinson Hall at 6 p.m.

The Spanish club is sponsored by Professor of Spanish, Dr. Martinez, and HALO is sponsored by Associate Professor of Spanish, Dr. Claudia Young.

This movie event is free to all who wish to attend. The movie that will be played is "Mariachi Gringo". "You are going to love it because it's sort of a love story" said Martinez.

Martinez explained what the

movie is about and said "The plot is about an American: Edward (Shawn Ashmore) who is following his dream to become a mariachi singer. Since he was not happy with his life, he decided to move to Guadalajara to accomplish that dream. When he is pursuing that career he met a Mexican girl Lilia (Martha Higareda) and Sophia (Lila Downs). These girls helped him make his dream come true. That's when it turned into a romance story. It has received good reviews. As the DVD says, "One Gringo's Dream of Being Mexican."

If you don't have anything going on Thursday evening everyone is welcome to stop by and watch it.

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Entertainment

'How to be Single' struggles

By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Trenton: 0 stars out of 5



"How to Be Single" is promoted as being a comedy, but this movie has no idea what it wants to be.

The plot, or lack there of, is about this girl named Alice, played by Dakota Johnson, who is dating this guy named Josh, played by Nicholas Braun. After Alice and Josh have been dating for four years, she suddenly decides to try and rediscover what it was like to be single by taking a break from their relationship, so she gets a job at a law firm in order to meet other people because that's what any normal person would do, and she ends up meeting Robin, played by Rebel Wilson, who shows her the perks of a single life.

According to this movie, a single life means that if you're single then you only go to places with the intention of hooking up with a random stranger and get them to buy you enough drinks until you feel the need to sleep with them. This movie has no direction even though it's marketed as a comedy. The only jokes in the movie were clearly shot for the trailer. In the actual context of this movie, the jokes are out of place and do nothing for the development of the story or characters.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto, Graphic by Natalie Sacket

Natalie: 2 stars out of 5



"How to be Single" has followed the guide of "How to be a Carbon-Copy Romantic Comedy."

Though it is far from original, I still found the film entertaining. There's something to be said for following the formula of a film, if it's effective. This film is sort of a mash-up of "Sex in the City," "The Back-up Plan" and "Bridesmaids."

"How to be Single" is a bit raunchy at times, earning its R-rating. It's funny and witty, keeping me entertained throughout the film.

This movie is definitely not a drama, but the actors really overact to get you to feel bad for them. This simply causes a lot of groaning and a lot of looking at how much longer this thing could possibly go on for. By the way, this movie is about two hours so you will be groaning and waiting for a very long time or it will at least feel like an eternity.

There is not a single well-written character in this movie. All of these characters are carbon copy stereotypes, and they are all just using each other for a quick one night stand or just sleeping with each other for the purpose

of self esteem. This movie does not understand the single life at all, and this movie doesn't understand real human beings at all. Relationships don't work like this in the real world.

The camera work was terrible, and at times it seemed like a child was making a home video with how much the camera was shaking. The soundtrack was obviously a top 40 playlist on a teenage girl's iPod which was on shuffle, because none of the songs really synced up with what was happening on screen.

"How to Be Single" was not a comedy or a drama and it was not enjoyable. I do not recommend this movie at all.

'And the winner is...' Oscars awarded this Sunday

By **CHRISTINA MUNSTER**
Student Reporter

The 88th Annual Academy Awards will be broadcasted Sunday, February 28, 8:30 pm ET on ABC.

This year, comedian Chris Rock will host it. Every year, the Oscars comes to you at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, Calif. This year it will to honor the best films of 2015. The Oscars will name everything from Best Actor in a Starring Role to Best Picture to Best Writing (Screenplay).

Some favorite actors, actresses and movies have been nominated this year, arriving to the Red Carpet in elegantly, beautiful gowns and suits from today's top name designers.

Actors contending for Best Actor in a Leading Role include Bryan Cranston ("Trumbo"), Matt Damon ("The Martian"), Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Revenant"), Michael Fassbender ("Steve Jobs") and Eddie Redmayne ("The Danish Girl"). This could possibly be Leo's first Oscar; it's only taken two and a half decades of an acting career to receive one.

Actresses nominated for Best

Actress in a Leading Role are: Cate Blanchett ("Carol"), Brie Larson ("Room"), Jennifer Lawrence ("Joy"), Charlotte Rampling ("45 Years") and Saoirse Ronan ("Brooklyn"). Is there a possibility Jennifer could epically trip and fall again? Sunday will show us.

Movies contending for Best Picture include some of the biggest movies of 2015. "The Big Short," featuring big names like Brad Pitt, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling and Christian Bale is about the mid-2000s credit and housing bubble. Next to be nominate is "Bridge of Spies," starring Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Aida and Amy Ryan. Directed by Steven Spielberg, it follows the story of an American lawyer recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy during the Cold War. "Brooklyn" is third to be nominated, set in 1950s Brooklyn, following the love story of an Irish immigrant woman. It stars Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen and Domhnall. "Mad Max: Fury Road" is a more action/adventure nominated film featuring Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron and Nicholas Hoult. Set in post-apocalyptic

Australia, it follows a woman rebel against tyrannical ruler in search of her homeland. "The Martian," starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Kristen Wiig, follows astronaut Mark Watney and his journey home to Earth after being presumed dead. Next to be nominated is "The Revenant" featuring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy and Will Poulter. The thriller follows a 1820s frontiersman on a fur trading expedition, fighting for survival. "Room", featuring Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay and Joan Allen, is a drama about a woman and her 5-year son gaining freedom after being captive in a room for years. Last to be nominated is "Spotlight," a true story about how the Boston Globe uncovered a child molestation cover-up in the Catholic Church, featuring Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton and Rachel McAdams.

Screenplay nominees are "The Big Short" (Charles Randolph and Adam McKay), "Brooklyn" (Nick Hornby), "Carol" (Phyllis Nagy), "The Martian" (Drew Howard) and the "Room" (Emma Donogue).

Be sure to tune in Sunday, February 28, 8:30 pm ET on ABC to discover the winners.

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- 47 Fawn's mama

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Features

Social media, terrorism

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a recruiting ground for these groups, and it makes the process of recruiting easier," McAlpin said. "They can recruit people who feel like they don't belong anywhere, and they can then provide them with a sense of belonging."

While terrorist groups are using social media to show their images and recruit others to join their cause, the United States government is not closing

the accounts. Legislators believe that it could infringe on their free speech rights.

"My own belief is that the Constitution does not apply to terrorists," Poe said. "These thugs gave up their right to free speech the first time they killed innocent civilians. Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations should not be allowed to use private American companies to reach billions of people with their violent propaganda in an instant, all for free."

Views around campus



Photo by Charles Boldes
Boldes captures a unique angle of Horse and Rider statue.



Photo by Adriana Becerra
Pictured are winter trees located on campus.

Freshman dreams big with Northwestern rodeo

By SAMANTHA MCGUIRE
News Editor

Her voice was barely a murmur through the clamor of chutes banging, boys shouting and wind howling.

She sat in a lawn chair on the back of a flat-bed truck. Dust blew around her, making it hard to see as she announced the team roping jackpot. Her blonde hair whirled loose out of her pony tail; she wore dirt stained jeans and an old sweatshirt.

She isn't always just announcing though. Ashton Johnson, a freshman at Northwestern, is an active member of the rodeo team. She breakaway ropes and goat ties, but breakaway roping is her main event.

Johnson's grandpa used to team rope, but no one else in her family rodeos. She got into rodeo because of her love for horses. She said, "when we were little, we went to youth rodeos for fun with a bunch of our friends, and I've loved it ever since."

Johnson's goal for the year is to be in the top 10 college rodeo standings in the breakaway, and she is



Photo provided
on her way there. During last semester she placed third in the breakaway at Woodward's college rodeo.

Johnson also wants to get a degree in elementary education and get a job teaching second or third graders. She dreams of one day moving back to Benton, Iowa to start a family. Also, she plans to continue rodeoing on her summers off.

Besides rodeo, Johnson also played basketball and ran track in high school. She said rodeo is the sport she is most passionate about because, "It's a sport that you have to work at instead of just having natural talent."



Photo by Brandon Willis
Pictured is Men's Basketball in their locker room.



Photo by Natalie Sackett
Pictured is the view from the fourth floor of Coronado.

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Features

Student shows how to make mirror with basic supplies

By **SAVANNAH TILLMAN**
Student Reporter



Photo by Natalie Sacket

Pictured above is the Walmart located in Alva, Okla.

Many Walmarts close; student is relieved that Alva Walmart still here

By **JORDAN McLEMORE**
News Editor

Growing up and living in a small town is hard for many people, but those who stick it out and make the best of it, love the small-town atmosphere.

The communities band together and support one another.

This includes the idea of shopping local because many times this is the only option. The small “mom and pop” stores are where many of the townspeople spend their money to buy the essentials for their families. But all of this changed when the conglomerate chain stores come rolling into town: Walmart. Many times it is cheaper to shop here, and the smaller stores can’t compete.

This means that many times these small businesses shut their doors permanently and give in to losing their livelihood. Numerous small towns are like this, relying on the smaller stores to accommodate their needs then moving to Walmart when they come in with cheaper prices. But what happens when even Walmart decides it is more cost-effective to shut down many of their stores in the smaller towns, leaving them without a store in sight for miles around?

When Walmart came into town and shut down the hometown stores, it left many with the only option of shopping at Walmart, and even employing much of the town. In 2016, Walmart announced that they would be closing 154 stores in the U.S. and another 115 globally. This includes six in Oklahoma, all of them in small towns, according to USA Today. With these closings, there are 16,000 employees that are out

of a job. What will these small towns do?

Luckily, Alva isn’t one of those small towns that would suffer from a Walmart closing in town. Even so, Alva still has a strong community that supports the local stores, such as Alva’s Market. If there wasn’t a Walmart or Alva’s Market, the community would have to drive to Enid, an hour, away to do any kind of shopping, including stocking the essentials.

Whenever asked, an unnamed Walmart official here in Alva said that around 80 people are employed through the store in Alva, but could support as many as 125 employees to be able to run the store efficiently. It is hard to tell how many shoppers come through the store every day but as many as 1,000 can come through on a busy day. When compared to Alva’s Market, these numbers seem huge, when they have around 200-300 shoppers on a daily basis.

Walmart employee Christopher Punto works in the electronics department at the Alva location, and he said that on a regular shift, he has as many as 100 shoppers seeking electronic help. This number would have to shift to Radio Shack to meet their needs, but since they are only open regular business hours, they would have a hard time meeting the needs of the community.

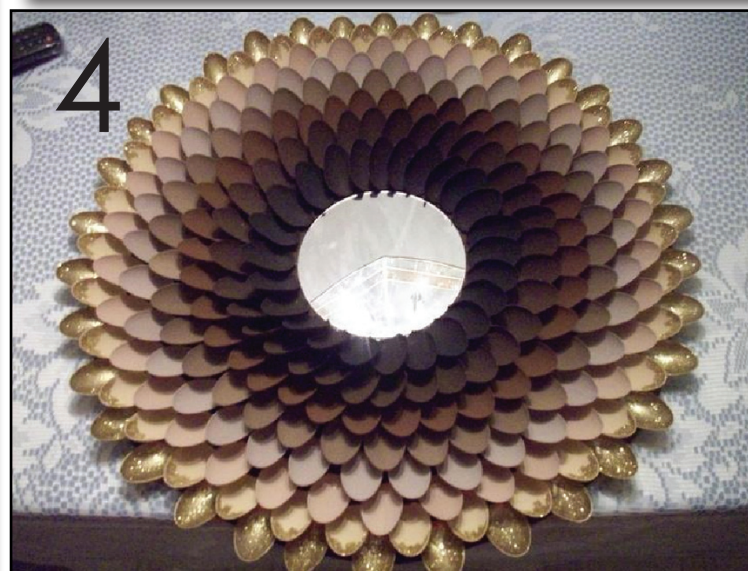
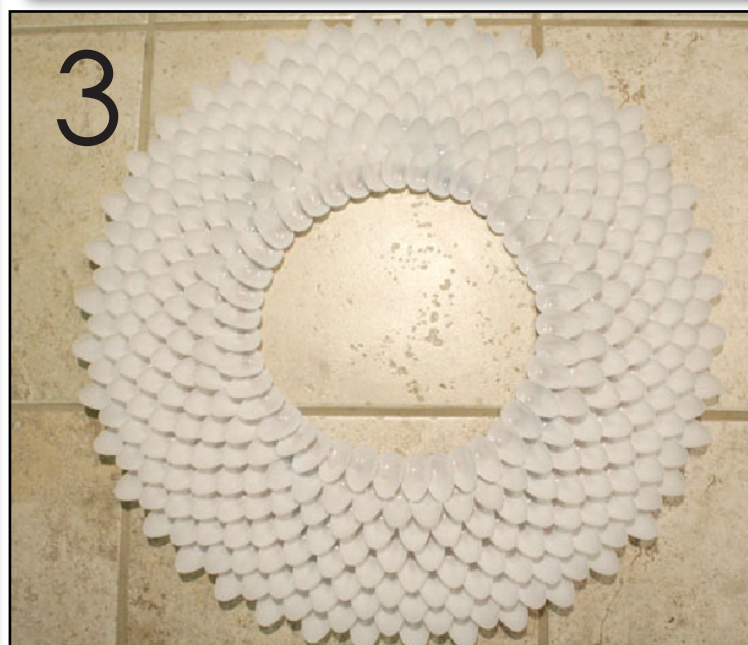
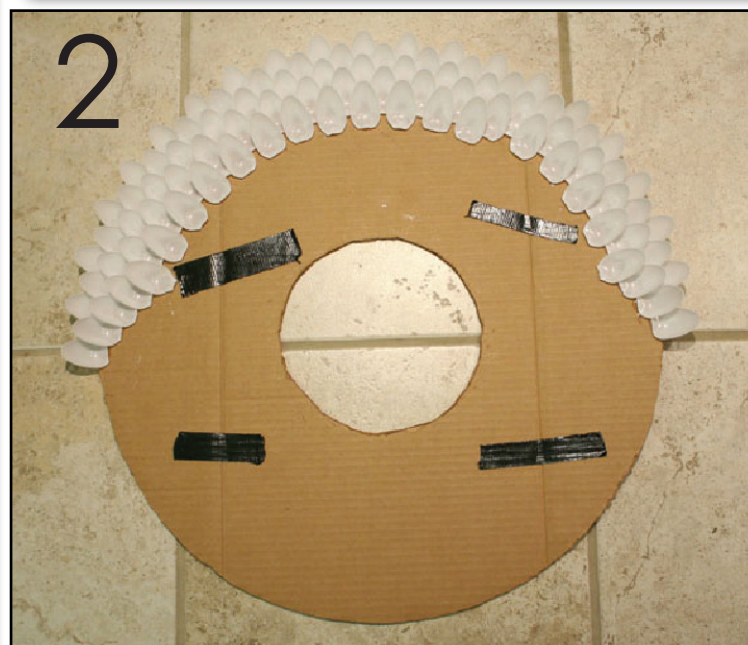
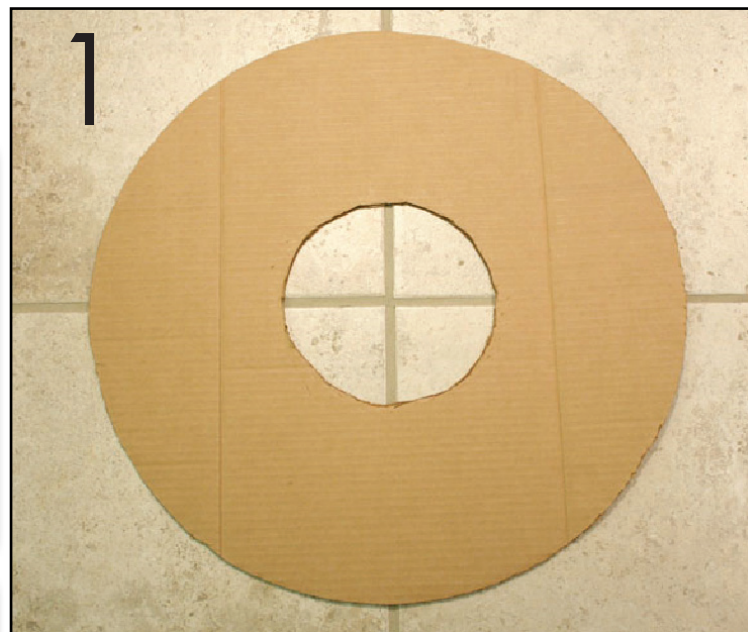
The Alva Walmart caters to the college students that attend Northwestern with their low prices and sales for the items they require to attend college, many times far from home. Sophomore Jessica Carpenter says she usually goes to Walmart about 1-2 times a week and spends on average \$45 each time on essentials such as snacks and laundry detergent.

Items Needed:

- Plastic Spoons
- Large, flat cardboard box
- Plate (roughly 12 in. across)
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Ruler
- Scissors (industrial)
- Pencil
- Duct tape
- Box cutter

Instructions:

- 1 Use a box cutter and cut the circle out.
- 2 Cut the handles off of the spoons with the scissors. Cut all the way to the base of the round
- 3 Place circle mirror in the center of the cardboard cutout. Draw circle around mirror
- 4 Begin laying spoon rounds on cutout with hot glue, working from outside in. Alternate.
- 5 Spray primary color of paint on spoon rounds.
- 6 Allow ample time to dry.
- 7 If you want multi-color spoons, paint other layers with a hand brush.
- 8 Allow more time for paint to dry.
- 9 Line up the mirror with the hole.
- 10 Hot glue the mirror behind the cutout.
- 11 Hang decor mirror with hooks or command strips.
- 12 Enjoy your stylish new mirror! Also works for framing.



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Features

Scalia's death impacts nation

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Reporter

The fight between liberals and conservatives has heated up since the sudden death of United States Supreme Court judge, Antonin Scalia.

Since his passing, there has been much debate regarding who his successor will be and who will appoint him/her.

Appointing judges has always been a topic of previous presidential races; however, with the vacant spot on the Supreme Court, the push for a new one is a great concern.

According to The Fredrick News Post, the highest bench in the American government may be forced to operate with only eight jurists for the rest of the year until a new president has taken office. The Republican Party is attempting to avoid a third Democratic Supreme Court judge, and with

their GOP being immensely strong, they can reject any of President Barack Obama's nominations.

President Obama nevertheless plans to name a nominee. "I plan to fulfill my constitutional responsibility to nominate a successor, in due time. The issues at stake are bigger than any one party. They are about the institution to which Justice Scalia dedicated his life," Obama told The New Yorker.

The constitution states that the President has a right to present a candidate to the Legislature to vote on when there is a vacant spot in the jurisdiction.

"I hope to see President Obama choose a moderate candidate that can be voted through and give the courts a political equalizer," said Jordan Evans, senior history major at Northwestern.

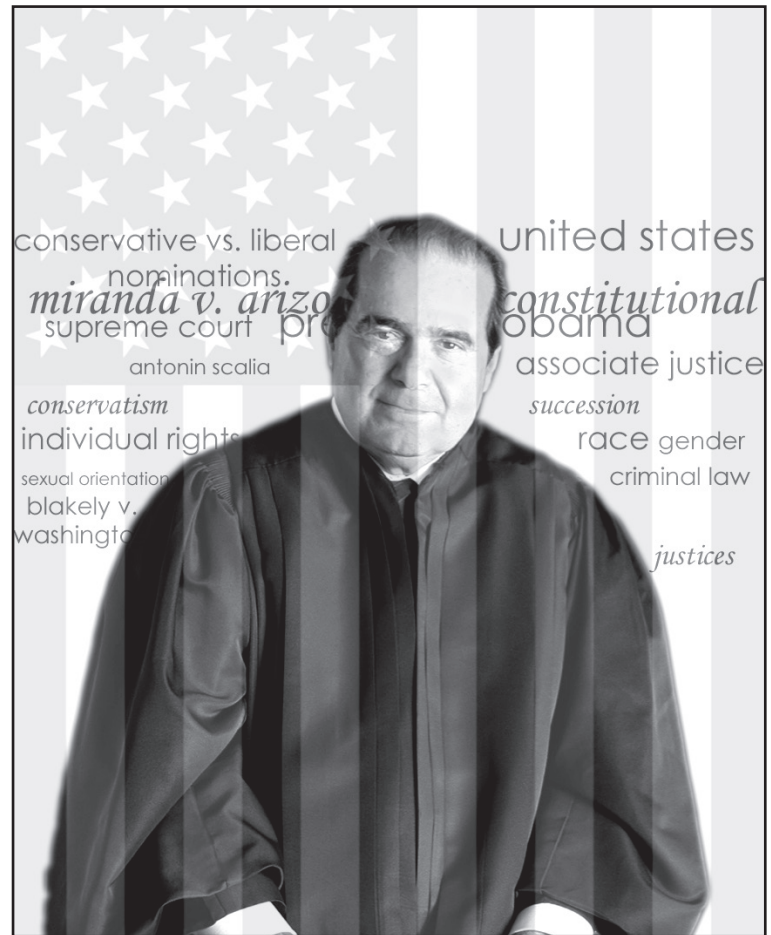
While the feud between

both parties continues, many believe Scalia was not given ample time to be remembered for the man he was and celebrated for his life given to what he believed in.

"Scalia was the longest serving Justice, and since he was nominated by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, he dedicated himself to combating the notion of a "living" Constitution that evolves in step with the nation," according to the New Yorker.


"It's a travesty that we as a nation went straight into politics of the court before Scalia's body was even cold," said Corey Shirey, a freshman political science major at Northwestern.

The loss of such a dominant part of The Supreme Court system has brought about a huge vacancy that will have to be filled; however, with emotions running high, the challenge has become quite substantial.



Graphic by Natalie Sacket

Chocolate PB Mug Cake



Ingredients (Chocolate cake)

2 tablespoons butter	2 tablespoons peanut butter
1/8 teaspoon salt	2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon vanilla	3 tablespoons cocoa powder
1 egg	1/8 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar	3 tablespoons chocolate chips

Ingredients (Peanut Butter Pie Mousse)

- 1 tablespoon softened cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon Peanut Butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons whipped cream or cool whip
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Instructions (Chocolate Cake)

1. Melt butter in small dish. Add peanut butter and mix well.
2. In mug, mix vanilla, egg and sugar. Combine flour, cocoa, salt, baking powder..
3. Pour in peanut butter/butter mixture and chocolate chips.
4. Cook in microwave for 1-2 minutes.
5. Top with Peanut Butter Pie Mousse and hot fudge (optional)

Instructions (Peanut Butter Pie Mousse)

1. Mix together cream cheese, peanut butter and vanilla.
2. Fold in the whipped cream.
3. Sift in the powdered sugar and fold that in too, trying not to over stir.

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Apple faces controversy in battle for user privacy

By CHRISTINA MUNSTER
Student Reporter

In December, the FBI ordered Apple to help unlock an iPhone used by an attacker in a mass shooting in San Bernardino, Calif.

The company's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, sent out a letter to the press deeming that they would not set up a backdoor for privacy rights of a customer. Other technology giants, such as Google, Facebook and Twitter are backing Apple and Cook's decision. Facebook stated, "[Apple will] fight aggressively against requirements for companies to weaken the security of their systems."

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veillance stated about Apple's stance, "remain committed to providing law enforcement with the help it needs while protecting the security of their customers and their customers' information."

Apple is a firm believer in preventing the infringement of customers and meeting personal needs.

On the issue of privacy, Cook wrote, "A few years ago, users of Internet services began to realize that when an online service is free, you're not the customer, you're the product."

A new case against the FBI and Apple is ongoing; if Apple were to lose, it would give way to backdoors in the entire security industry for technology giants.

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Sports

Men take first in Manhattan

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

It's been a long time coming for steer wrestler Brock White.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University senior earned his first college championship this past weekend at the Kansas State University rodeo and helped propel the Rangers men to the team title in Manhattan, Kan.

"I really wasn't expecting much out of it, because I've been kind of lacking on practice to start this year," said White of Earlville, Iowa. "I wasn't even in the standings, so I wasn't sure what to expect. I decided to look at it like I do ProRodeo: Take a straight

look on things and just make your run."

That's one of the many things he learned from Northwestern rodeo coach Stockton Graves, but it came in handy in Manhattan.

As one of the first bulldoggers to compete last Friday, White set the pace early; his 4.5-second run held up to win the first round.

He then followed that with a 5.0-second run in the championship round Sunday afternoon to clinch the title.

"I knew I had a pretty decent steer on my first one, then I just hung out the rest of the weekend," White said. "I never really got nervous.

"When we got to the short round, I just sat in the back and let everybody make their runs.

I didn't panic and didn't pressure myself.

"I knew I had a really good steer, and I just needed to score sharp and make a good run.

"I knew I had to be 5.5 to win it."

He did better than that, and so did the rest of the Northwestern men.

While White won the bulldogging title, teammate Chase Lako of Hunter, N.D., finished second. Another Ranger, Jacob Edler of State Center, Iowa, finished sixth.

Lako also placed sixth in tie-down roping and won the all-around title at K-State.

Three other Northwestern tie-down ropers also had great success in Kansas, including event titlist Bryson Sechrist of Apache, Okla., who roped and

tied two calves in 22.6 seconds to win. Mason Bowen of Bullard, Texas, finished second, and Wade Perry finished third.

Bareback rider Austin Graham of Jay, Okla., placed third, while heeler Sawyer Barham of Barnsdall, Okla., placed fourth, and the team roping tandem of Taylor Munsell of Arnett, Okla., and Bubba Allred of Kanarrville, Utah, finished fifth.

The men scored 488.3 points, distancing themselves by more than 100 points over the No. 2 team, Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

The women finished third. Munsell won the women's all-around title, also earning a spot in the short round in breakaway roping – she was 2.5 seconds to finish in a four-way tie for

second.

Other women in the short round were barrel racer Sara Bynum of Beggs, Okla., and three tie-down ropers: Tearnee Nelson, Shayna Miller and Katy Miller, all of Faith, S.D.

Shayna Miller finished second with a two-run cumulative time of 13.2 seconds, while Katy Miller finished in a tie for fifth.

"We definitely dominated the weekend," White said, noting that both the men's and women's teams sit second in the Central Plains Region standings. "We came away with a strong advantage."

Stockton always pushes us to go out and win. He's been there and done that, and he's taught us how to win."

It's working.

Ranger golfers confident heading into new season with Ward as head coach

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor-in-Chief

The Northwestern men's and women's golf season kicks off in Goodwell, Okla. this Saturday.

The men enter the second half of the season coming off a steady improvement in the fall.

They started back in September with a tough tenth place finish in the GAC Preview, but since then, they have improved to finish the fall season in an impressive second place and fifth place at the NWOSU Invitational in Enid, Oklahoma.

"I would like to see our team put together some good scores and compete to win a tournament," Northwestern senior, health and sports science major and Northwestern golf team member, Trevor Montgomery said about the second half of the season. "I would like to see our team make it in to the top three teams at conference."

Following the spring sea-

son opener at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, they will travel to Russellville, Ark., for the Dave Fulconer Classic March 7-8.

"I am hoping to get some of our young guys motivated to make a good showing in conference," men's head coach Kyle Ward said.

"I feel like if we can get our young guys to get some motivation and leadership from both myself and our senior leaders, then I think we can make a good showing this year."

The women's team will enter the spring coming off of a fourth place finish in the NWOSU Invitational.

New head coach Aaron Ford notes that the first tournament of the year for the girls may in fact be the toughest test of the season.

Their season will get started in the OPSU Duel and then move to the Diffe Open in Edmond, Okla. at the same time the men are in Russellville.

Van Vickle to coach Ranger cheer team

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Cheer and Dance Coordinator, Kaylyn Hansen announced over the weekend that Tyler VanVickle would be the new Northwestern Oklahoma State Head Cheerleading Coach.

VanVickle will be entering

his first year of coaching following a two-year career here at Northwestern as a member of the Ranger cheer squad.

Prior to becoming a Ranger, VanVickle spent his first two college seasons at the University of Kansas where he was part of the Jayhawks cheer program where he competed at the D1 UCA Nationals in

Orlando, Fla.

He was also very successful at the high school level before moving on to college. As a student at Lexington High School in Lexington, Ill., VanVickle competed in several different competitions including ICCA State where he took first place in the 2009 ICCA State Partner Stunt Championship.

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Sports

Southeastern sweeps Rangers

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

The Rangers softball team was swept at home against the Savage Storm over the weekend.

Northwestern entered the weekend after losing seven of their first eight games with their most recent win coming against Missouri S&T in the 8-State Classic on Feb. 12.

Southeastern, however, entered winning four of their first 10 games with their latest win coming off of Minnesota State University-Mankato in the UAM DII Softball Classic.

When play got underway at the Alva Recreation Complex Friday, the teams squared off in a double-header.

In game one, Southeastern dominated the Red-and-Black. The Savage Storm jumped on the Rangers pitching early and never let up.

Jalena Arthur, the Rangers starting pitcher in game one, allowed an opening double by Southeastern which led them to an early 1-0 lead. Southeastern then added a second run in the third and a third in the fourth.

The Rangers finally managed to get on the board in the sixth when Ranger Jordan Haya doubled to centerfield allowing teammate Stephanie Couser to come home.

Unfortunately, the Savage Storm had a dominant seventh



Photos by Walt Watham

Junior Lacey Hudson fouls out at third base during the Rangers' 2-7 loss in game two on Saturday afternoon. Hudson finished the game going 0-3 at the plate.

inning as they earned six more runs, pushing their lead to 9-1 over the Rangers.

The Rangers tried to cut into the lead in the final inning, but Southeastern pitcher Emily Cudd remained solid. Cudd pitched a full seven innings and allowed only four hits.

The end result in game one was 9-1 in favor of the Savage Storm as the Ranger's Arthur collected her fifth loss of the season in the circle and Cudd earned her four win.

In the second game of the double header on Friday, the Savage Storm continued their offensive domination from game one. In the first two innings, they collected five runs coming by way of a multiple RBI home run, a solo home run and a RBI fly-out.

Then in the fourth inning, Southeastern stretched their lead to 7-0 over the Rangers following another Southeastern home run and a ground-out RBI.

After falling into an early seven run deficit, the Ranger's

bats would get fired up in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Rangers scoring began when Peyton Garrett crossed the plate following a line-out to the in-field by Haya. Then in the sixth, Couser connected for a two-run home run to bring the deficit to four.

Heading into the final inning, Southeastern added another run pushing their total to eight. The Rangers continued to cut into the Savage Storm lead, but it was too little, too late as the best they

could do was close to within three of them.

The 8-5 final completed the day one, two game sweep of Northwestern and gave the Savage Storm momentum heading into day two of play.

When play continued on day two with game three, the Savage Storm opened up with an early two runs. The Ranger rallied back to tie it at two all in the fourth, but Southeastern fired back out front in the seventh when they collected a two RBI single off a throwing error by Ranger senior, Taylor Watham.

The Rangers sparked a minor comeback in the last at bats of the game, but like in game two, it was too little, too late for them. They managed to close to within two of the Savage Storm, but senior Caitlin Coody could not connect for the clutch last at bat performance, leaving the Rangers with a 3-5 loss.

In the final game of the series, the Rangers managed only two runs against a dominant Savage Storm defense, but it would not be enough to overcome the seven runs by Southeastern.

When it was all said and done in game four, the Rangers 2-7 loss moved them to 1-11 on the season and 0-4 in GAC play.

Next up for the Rangers is a trip to Ada, Okla. to face GAC foe East Central tomorrow at 1 p.m. and then Saturday at noon.



Senior Taylor Watham and sophomore Peyton Garrett share a conversation during the Rangers softball double-header on Saturday.



Amber Mills readies herself to apply the tag on a Southeastern base runner during Saturday's doubleheader action.

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Freshmen Jalena Arthur had a rough outing in the circle for the Rangers during game one on Saturday as she gave up two runs and allowed five hits during her five innings pitching against Southeastern.



Sports

Rangers struggle this weekend

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

Both men and women's basketball teams had disappointing results when each team lost both of their games over the weekend.

For the men's side, the two losses could not have come at a worse time, as now they must win one of their final two games or have a whole host of tiebreakers work out in their favor in order to make the conference tournament.

Last Thursday the Rangers lost to the last place team in the conference, Oklahoma Baptist University, 87-82.

The Bison came out and shot a blistering 67 percent from the field and jumped out to a 52-38 half-time lead.

The Rangers clawed their way back into the game in the second half behind 15 points from junior Adrian Motley and some key 3-point buckets from guard Deiondray Martin.

The second half resurgence was in full effect when Martin hit a three-point shot with 11:09 left on the clock, closing the Bison lead down to 11 points.

The Rangers continued



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Senior T'aries Taylor pulls up for a jump shot on Senior Night in Percefull Fieldhouse. The Rangers lost to the Bison and then went on the road to drop yet another contest to East Central.

on to outscore the Bison 21-12 in the next ten minutes of the ballgame before the Bison ultimately closed out the win.

Motley along with seniors T'aries Taylor and Lakeem Henderson all reached double-digit scoring for the Rangers while point guard Brandon

Green produced his usual quality stat line with nine points, seven rebounds and four assists.

The following Saturday the Rangers dropped a road contest to East Central University, 81-62. East Central jumped out to an early 15-1 lead in the first five minutes of the ballgame and

never looked back.

The closest the Rangers narrowed the lead to was eight points, but the Tigers shutdown of Ranger's leading scorer Motley was evident.

The second half wouldn't prove much different as the Rangers continued to struggle

on the offensive side of the ball and ended up playing a few players at the end of the game that haven't seen much playing time all year.

Motley was held to his lowest scoring total of the year and the Rangers gave up 46 points in the paint while only scoring 26 of their own.

The women's basketball team wouldn't fair much better as they dropped both contests, which leaves them with only two more opportunities to get their first conference win of the year.

The Ranger's lost 78-53 against Oklahoma Baptist University and 71-46 to East Central University.

Juniors Ashley Pride, Kamera Bozeman and Jonae Issac led the way in scoring against Oklahoma Baptist with 11 points each. Hinton, Okla. native Kaci Hansen provided a solid stat line against East Central with 10 points and seven rebounds against the Tigers.

Both teams will finish off the season with two road games this weekend against Ouachita Baptist on Thursday and then Henderson State on Saturday.

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Baseball wins first road series

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One down, ten to go.

The Northwestern baseball team took care of business this weekend and picked up their first conference series win of the year.

Conference play consists of teams with-in the Great American Conference competing against each other in three game weekend series, usually with one game on Fridays and then a double header on Saturday.

For the first conference series of the year the Rangers baseball team headed south to Durant, Okla. and took on the Savage Storm

of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The Rangers won the first game 3-1, dropped the second game 4-0, and then clinched the series with a 4-0 victory Saturday afternoon.

The Savage Storm jumped out to an early lead during the first game when a lead-off single scored against Ranger starting pitcher Walker Wharton, putting the Storm up 1-0.

The Rangers quickly responded however in the top of second when freshman Steven Deckard drove in shortstop Xyruse Martinez and then later scored when senior Matt Benn reached on a Southeastern fielding error.

Wharton took advantage of the early lead and didn't give up a hit

during the next four innings while Deckard scored again in the top of the fourth inning. Right-handed Trevor Rakers relieved Wharton in the bottom of the seventh and faced just one batter, who grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Junior Stetson Buller once again came in to set-up closer Jonathan Bauer, who sealed the Rangers 3-1 victory with his second save of the year.

The next day the Rangers and Savage Storm faced off in a double-header that featured some dominate pitching.

In the first game the Rangers could only manage six hits and left all of those runners on base in a 4-0

loss. Junior Dakota Stanek came on in relief of starting pitcher Pat Delano and retired all six of the batters he faced in another strong showing for the Rangers bull-pen.

In the second game of the double-header, the strong pitching continued for the Black-and-Red and the bats finally seemed to catch fire as well.

The Rangers got four of the nine base runners around to home plate this time out, leading to a 4-0 victory. Martinez led the way, going 2-3 from the plate with two RBI's.

The star of the game for the Rangers however was South Carolina native Robert Lawhon. Lawhon threw a complete game two hitter

for the Rangers, striking out nine Southeastern batters along the way.

The strong performance was much needed for Lawhon, as he struggled in his first three appearances of the season. The complete game gave the Ranger's bullpen some much needed rest after a great weekend of pitching.

The Rangers (4-7, 2-1 GAC) take the field this weekend against East Central University at home at Glass Family Field.

Friday's game is set for a 3 p.m. first pitch, and Saturday's double header well begin at noon, with the third and final game to start immediately following the conclusion of the first game.

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Women's basketball falls again



Ranger Jakeria Otey drives past the Oklahoma Baptist defender last Thursday night at home.

(RIGHT) Ashley Pride fires off a three pointer over a Bison defender. Pride finished the night with 11 points.



(LEFT) Ranger Renee Contreras goes up for the layup during the Northwestern's final home game. The Rangers fell 53-78 to the Bison.

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