

Rangers drop the No.1 Tigers

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

Rangers knock off the No. 1 team in conference, 71-66, on Saturday at home.

Northwestern entered the contest coming off a dominant 94-79 win over the Bison of Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

When play began in Percefull Fieldhouse on Saturday, the Rangers started off slow. However, the White-and-Red managed to get their offense going and ramp up the pace of play after two key turnovers by the Tigers.

The Rangers pulled to a 21-10 lead on East Central with 8:06 remaining in the half with help from Rangers Laakeem Henderson, T'aires Taylor, Adrian Motley and Deiandray Martin. Both the Rangers and Tigers continued their high pace throughout the first half. The Rangers, however, would continue to build onto their lead over East Central.

With 2:12 remaining in the half, Henderson would convert the first of two free throws to stretch the Rangers lead to 15 over the Tigers. The conversion ultimately helped the Rangers continue their momentum for the remainder of the half.

As the half came to a close, Martin nailed a three pointer to lengthen the Rangers lead to 40-26 over East Central following a Tiger



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger Brandon Green cuts past a Tiger defender during the Rangers 71-66 win over East Central on Saturday. East Central came into the contest ranked No. 1 in the GAC.

turnover.

When the teams headed to the locker room, the Rangers shot 41.18 percent from the field, an impressive 60 percent from beyond the arc and a massive 72.4 percent from the free throw line.

The Rangers were led by Henderson and Martin in the first half.

Each totaled eight points. Motley and Taylor were close behind their efforts as they totaled seven points each.

Following halftime, the Rangers continued the offensive fire from the first half as they lengthened their lead on the Orange-and-Black to a game high 20 points.

At the midway point through the

second half, Ranger Zachary Dumas nailed seven straight points. Despite the effort from Dumas, East Central still managed to cut into the Rangers monstrous lead. Then out of nowhere, the Rangers struggled with poor shooting, several turnovers and fouls. The struggles allowed the Tigers to crawl back into the contest as they

found themselves trailing by five with 4:15 remaining in the game.

Just two minutes later, the Tigers managed to fight back to a one point lead. It was the first time the Tigers led in the contest since the 11:15 mark of the first half. It looked as if it was going to be another dismal performance for the Rangers as they seen their 20 point lead on the No. 1 ranked team disappear.

Motley would step up big for the Rangers however, as he converted a free throw giving the lead back to Northwestern.

The Tigers then tried to play the foul game for the remainder of the half, but the Rangers would not surrender their lead again. When the final whistle sounded, the upset of the No. 1 team was complete as the Rangers knocked off the Tigers 71-66.

The Rangers would finish the game shooting 38.6 percent from the field, 46.2 percent from beyond the arc and an impressive 72.4 percent from the free throw line.

Northwestern was led by Motley who totaled 17 points after struggling early on in the first half.

Northwestern (5-10 overall, 5-6 GAC) heads next to Searcy, Ark. tonight to face the Harding University Bison and then to Russellville, Ark. on Saturday to face the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys.

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Night at the Museum comes to Alva

By **JORDAN EVANS**
Staff Reporter

The city of Alva has enjoyed a rich and vibrant history this history was brought to life through the citizens who embodied the people of its past.

The Cherokee Strip Museum hosted "A Night at the Museum," Saturday. This is the first of two nights that the Cherokee Strip Museum will host this event. "A Night at the Museum" returns Saturday. The event begins at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$5 for adults.

"A Night at the Museum" featured various living, historical characters who told tales about various historical events, people and devices that influenced the Alva area.

The tour is comprised of historical figures such as a Nazi of the Alva Prisoner of War Camp, played by Arden Chaffee, and one of the prison guards represented by James Wiebener. There were informational

sections that described the appliances of an early 20th century kitchen and a 1940s hair salon.

Choir instructor Karsten Longhurst explained the background of the Northwestern Alma Mater and the Ride, Rangers, Ride fight song. He then performed the Alma Mater for the audience.

A true delight was to see Rose Blunk and Wes Smith as Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. Eleanor described her trip to Alva to dedicate Jesse Dunn, which was built as part of Roosevelt's New Deal. The pair was witty and clearly had fun representing the former President and First Lady.

The tour also displayed the museum's Train Room, Hospital Room, Fireman's Room, Ranger Room, Lincoln Room and many more.

"The museum boasts one of the best collections of pioneer exhibits and Indian art and artifacts in the state," as stated on www.travelok.com. "It features 40 rooms displaying



Photo provided

Wes Smith and Rose Blunk pose as Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt during the Night at the Museum event.

the history of Alva and the Cherokee Strip, such as an old school room, drug store, kitchen, Indian room,

Presidential room, Army room and a P.O.W. camp."

If interested in attending, one can

find tickets at Holder Drug, Alva's Market, Merrifield's Office Supply or the Cherokee Strip Museum.

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Near-death experience Crosswalk scare leads to outcry

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Columnist

After a morning of sitting through classes, contemplating life, and wishing I was on the golf course, I finally made it: the end of my school day. A glorious time for all college kids, the time of day when you realize you have no classes the rest of the day and can spend the rest of the afternoon doing absolutely whatever your heart desires.

I rushed down to the student center for some pre-Netflix-watching lunch, then headed off to my car to begin my afternoon.

However, one giant obstacle stood in my way: the crosswalk across a major road just to the east of campus.

Every day students push the stop



sign button to make the little, seemingly invisible, yellow buttons flash, hoping that these small, blinking lights slow down the speeding cars so the student can make it across safely. However, on this particular

day, I was about to be reminded just how useless those little blinking lights are.

With lunch in hand, I scooted across campus to make my journey back home, and as I approached the dreaded crosswalk, I noticed a few of my friends behind me so I stopped to chat for a while.

Unbeknownst to me, this small pause for casual conversation is what ultimately almost led to my downfall.

After a brief conversation, I pressed the stop button, relying on those lights to protect me as I crossed the road and started to make my way across towards my vehicle. It was in that moment that I realized just how unprotected I was.

Cars come flying down that road everyday from outside of Alva; the drivers have no clue that students cross right there, and as they travel 35 miles per hour, they aren't looking off the side

of the road for yellow flashing lights, which is exactly what happened during my journey across the road.

I had made it about half way across the road when my friend behind me yelled something at me, and as I turned around and began responded, I heard the screeching of brakes. Now this wasn't just your average I'm going 20 over the speed limit and I see a cop so I have to slow down brake, it was a going from 35 to a complete dead stop because I'm about to nail this poor little short kid with what appears to be a sack lunch that his mom prepared for him.

After hearing the squealing of tires and feeling a gust of wind down my back, I turned around in the middle of the road and came face-to-face with an Oklahoma license plate. It was in that moment that I realized those puny flashing yellow lights did not have my back. If it wasn't for that driver's quality

brakes I was done for, a victim of the crosswalk.

After it was all said and done, the driver was not very happy with me but was obviously relieved he stopped just in the nick of time not to nail me.

This near tragic experience made me think, "are blinking lights the best thing this university can provide for us as far as protection from the crosswalk?" Sure, you should look both ways, but I took my eyes off of the road for maybe 15 seconds before I was almost wiped out.

In my humble opinion, I think the university should either provide us with more parking so we don't have to park across the street or give us some sort of better protection as we journey across the street just hoping to make it to our vehicles so we can enjoy the rest of our day.

How accurate are the election polls?

This election cycle is comparable with many of the strangest elections in our nation's history.

On one hand, you have a big-mouthed billionaire who admitted himself just the other day that he could commit murder and still have a huge national lead. On the other, the presumed "front-runner" is being plagued by bad favorability numbers and even an FBI criminal investigation, while the polls in New Hampshire and now Iowa say that a Democratic Socialist is in the lead. With these candidates leading the pack, it begs the question, how accurate are the polls these days?

In recent election years, we have seen the polls, which traditionally are able to pinpoint the winner of elections, drift further and further away from predicting the actual results.

One major poll, and arguably the most accurate poll in the country, the Gallup poll, had successfully predicted the winner of every single presidential election since its creation in 1936 except two elections (1976 and 1948), even if the numbers were within their margin of error. The 2012 election was different from the other two they missed though. In 2012, not only did they pick Romney to win, but they were completely off by how much he lost by. Gallup predicted a 50 to 49 percent Romney win, but in actuality, America voted 51 percent to 47 percent for Obama.

In the 2012 Iowa caucus polls, most had Rick Santorum hovering right at 7.7 percent, in fifth below Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, and Rick Perry. To the surprise of many, Santorum won.

Although these are just two examples of the inaccuracy of today's polls, there are more examples of the polls being incor-



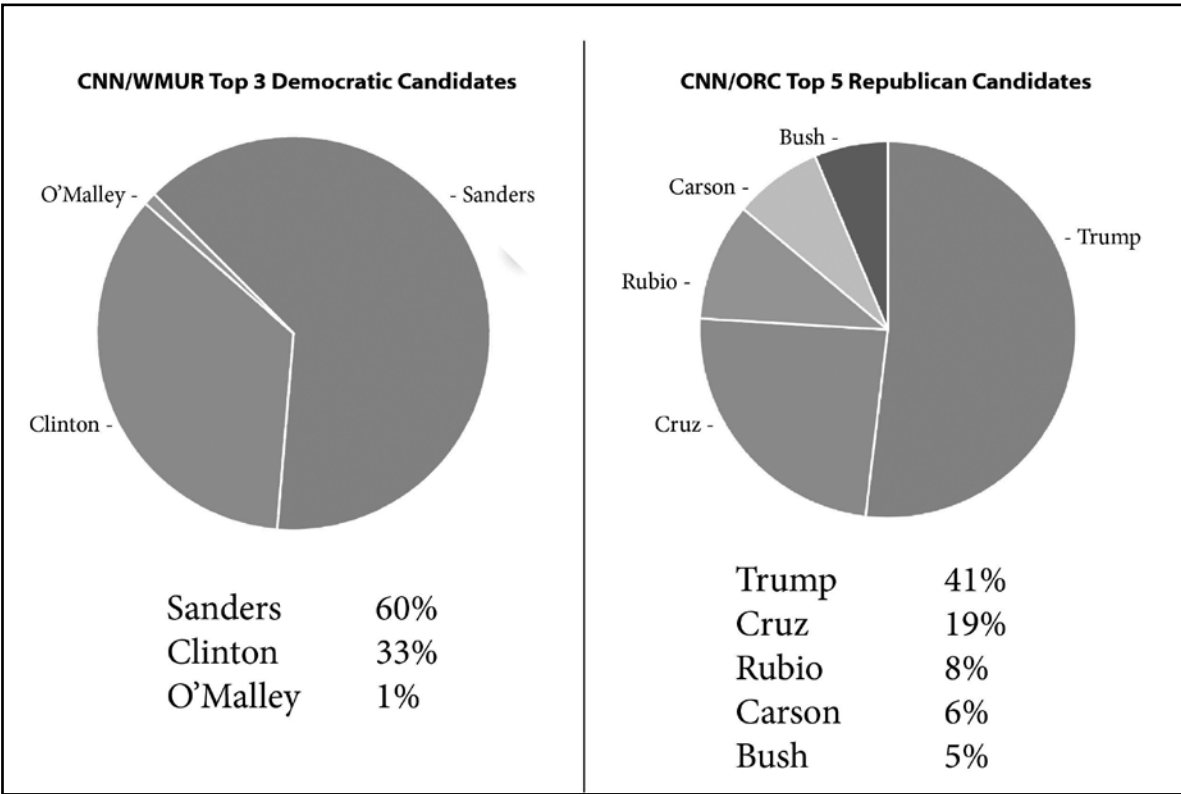
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Columnist

rect than there are of them actually being right, especially as time has passed and the country has moved into the digital age.

How are these polls so inaccurate? In the author's opinion, it's simple; the system of polling is extremely outdated. In many of the popular polls that you'll see on the news that are often implied as having pinpoint accuracy, they are so flawed in how they get their percentages that anyone would be able to guess that they'd be inaccurate.

The CNN/ORC poll is just one of many polls implied by the media as 100 percent true and correct. But if you look deeper into it, you'll notice something quite peculiar. When the pollsters asked the most important question of who the people would vote for president, you'll notice that the age group of 18 to 49 year olds not included at all!

To put this into context, in 2012, this age group summed up to about 39 percent of the voting population, yet CNN and many other polling institutions flat out exclude this age group.



Graphic by Rachel Emerson

Current CNN WMUR and ORC presidential candidate polls.

I'd like to reiterate, this isn't just a practice done only by CNN, in fact, most polling institutions practice this same, inaccurate habit of simply ignoring age groups that they didn't see as important. When this huge amount of voters is simply ignored, how could these polls be anywhere near accurate?

Unfortunately the exclusion of age groups is not the only problem with these polls. Again, referring to the CNN poll, you'll notice on the first page it describes how the people polled were actually polled. Since we already know that the 18 to 49 age group isn't in this, let's see how much more they can specify the people they poll. They admit that they poll roughly 400 people by cell phone and the other ~600 polled were by landline. \

Let's stop for a minute. Who has a landline anymore? Today, fewer than ever adults use land-

lines and completely depend on cell phones. Their poll now excludes all adults without landlines, yet contributes to over 60 percent of their polling data. Not only does this not make mathematical sense, this doesn't make sense period.

If these polls were designed to predict the opinion of your elderly, senile aunt that lives in the middle of nowhere by herself, then they'd most likely be pretty accurate. Unfortunately for everyone else, this skewed, outdated system of polling doesn't represent nearly everyone's opinion; instead showing only the opinions of a select few.

So when you contemplate not voting this election cycle because the candidates supposedly winning are a fear-mongering billionaire, a socialist, and possibly a criminal, it's important to remember, your senile aunt doesn't represent 39 percent of the population. You do.

Gallup Final 2012 Pre-Election Presidential Ballot	
Mitt Romney/ Paul Ryan	Barack Obama/ Joe Biden
%	%
Likely Voters	
49	48
Final Allocated Estimate	
50	49
Registered Voters	
46	49

Graphics by Rachel Emerson

Last Gallup poll results from the 2012 presidential election.

Features

The ‘T’ word



Graphic by Michael Collins

By MICHAEL COLLINS
Writer

We’re now well into the second decade of the “war on terror.” But who, exactly, are we fighting? And why do they want to hurt us? What does terrorism mean?

Terrorism as a term is notoriously difficult to define. The Global Terrorism Database defines it as “the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion or intimidation.”

After the attacks on Paris on Nov. 13, 2015, ISIS has become the front runner as the world’s villains, and for good reason. Their methods are vile, their message is destruction. But the question remains, do they actually pose

a threat to Americans? And is terrorism actually on the rise?

It has become easy to equate terrorism with violent Islamists. But according to the number of deaths and injuries caused by terrorist attacks in the U.S. from 1995 to 2014, terrorism is much more complicated than ISIS.

Roughly about 3,000 Americans have lost their lives to terrorist attacks in the last decade. This averages out to a loss of 300 people a year, which is a tragic figure and, as a country, it behooves us to do everything we can to reduce or eliminate the threat of terrorism. But based on current trends you’re three times more likely to be struck by lightning than to be killed in a terrorist attack. So who really are these terrorists?

By the definition of terrorism given by the GRD, the two most prolific U.S. terrorist groups over the past 20 years

are the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front, each responsible for more than 60 incidents.

These groups are actually environmental and animal rights extremists groups based in the U.S. Now, these two groups have mostly targeted institutions, not individuals — so although many buildings have burned, these terrorists are responsible for only two injuries and one death since 1995.

Yes, those waging a violent jihad against America are responsible for the largest number of casualties by far — but they are not alone.

Extremists motivated by their opposition to abortion have pursued a deadlier brand of single-issue terrorism. The most notorious was Eric Rudolph, now serving life without parole for bombing the Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympics, killing one spectator and injuring

110 more.

Rudolph acted in the name of the Army of God, later stating that he wanted to “embarrass the Washington government in the eyes of the world for its abominable sanctioning of abortion on demand.”

These extremists divide into two broadly distinct groups. One, typified by the 1995 Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, is driven by distrust of the U.S. federal government.

Then there are the white supremacists. They include Wade Michael Page, who stormed the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, in August 2012, killing six worshippers and wounding four more.

When the GTD is updated for 2015, it will also include the murder of nine black members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, gunned down in June by 21-year-old Dylann Roof, seen posing online with the Con-

federate flag.

According to the GTD, the number of terrorist incidents in the U.S. has declined markedly since the 1970s, when the most active groups included left-wing extremists such as the New World Liberation Front and the Weather Underground Organization, not Islamic extremists.

Far more pressing issues have arisen to the surface including a large increase in mass shootings over the last two years.

Terrorism in the middle east is a real threat. We cannot forget the lives lost because of the unrest, but it’s important to keep that in perspective. No matter what propaganda or statistics may tell you, your american way of life is not in danger from terrorism in the connotation it has recieved. In fact the word “terrorism” in America should mean something far closer to home.

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Features

Northwestern flashes back

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

Students of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campuses go to class (most of the time), settle into their dorm rooms and endure the cafeteria food.

Some will become highly involved, others will not. Some will graduate, some will not. Some have been a Ranger for a semester, a year, four years, eight years. (I don't judge, you super-seniors). They meander, day by day, throughout the campus. But often these students don't give a second thought to the vibrant history of Northwestern.

Some students may know a few obscure facts about this university, perhaps from a freshman tour years ago or a Ranger Connection class. Others remain completely blind to the fact that this university has a history rich in tradition and excellence ... a tradition that proves to be quickly fading with the passing of time.

For instance, how many students are aware that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former First Lady, visited Northwestern in order to dedicate Jesse Dunn. How many know that there used to be a square dancing club? A club that made outfits for the square dancing club? A harmonica club?

You don't have to be a complete history buff to become acquainted with the past. In exploring Northwestern's history, it is almost impossible to not develop an extensive pride for this university and its history. If interested, the library keeps a collection of yearbooks from nearly a century ago and newspapers from decades ago. You can also check out Wayne Lane's "Northwestern Oklahoma State University: A Centennial History."

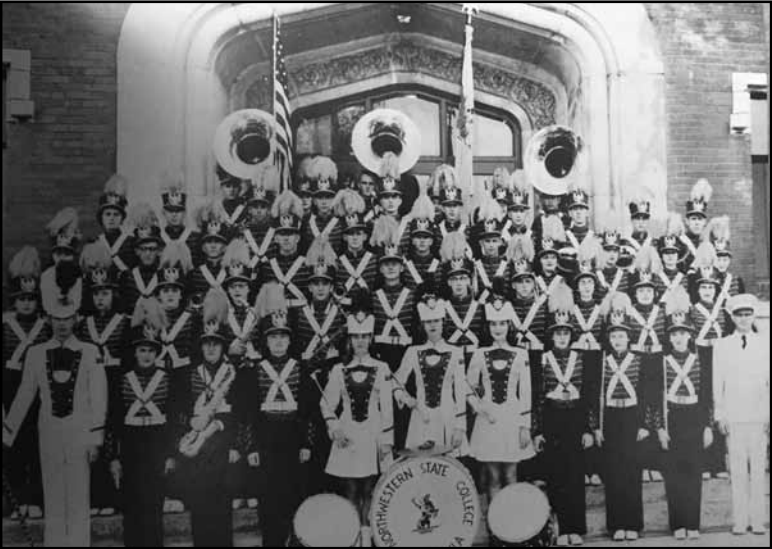
Explore the history of this university, commune with the past, and gain a better appreciation for the individuals who have shaped Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



Pictured above is the Northwestern News staff from 1946.



Photo is from 1946.



Pictured above are members of the Ranger Band in 1956.



Pictured is a Ranger using the aquatic center in 1956.

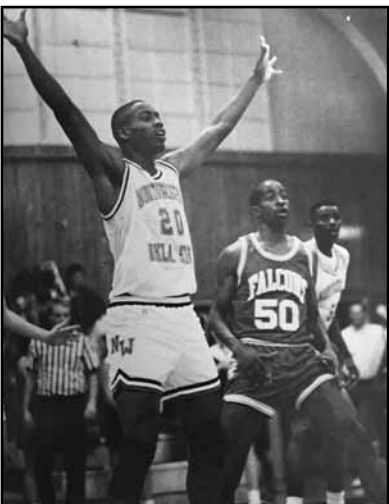


Pictured are twirlers from the Ranger Band in 1946.

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Pictured is a student playing pingpong in 1956.



Pictured is a Ranger from 1991.

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News

Evidence of ninth planet found

By SAVANNAH TILLMAN
Student Reporter

Evidence of a ‘ninth’ planet in our solar system was revealed last Wednesday.

The two scientists who “Killed Pluto” have discovered evidence that our solar system might possibly have yet another planet. Mike Brown and Konstatin Batygin, of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena, CA, state that Planet Nine has a mass about 10 times that of Earth and orbits about 20 times farther from the sun than Neptune. It would take about 10,000 to 20,000 years to make one full orbit around the sun compared to Earth’s 365 days.

The evidence was discovered through mathematical modeling and computer simulations. They discovered an object roaming beyond Neptune with a strange elliptical orbit. Scientists have also discovered other orbital patterns, like Sedna, prior to the evidence of Planet Nine’s existence. These two patterns follow different oval shaped orbits than our solar system. The gravitational pull that our eight planets follow is part of the Kuiper belt.

According to Caltech.edu, observers have noticed four objects

tracing orbits in a perpendicular line with Neptune. It would be like having a watch with six hands on it, going around in different speeds and then all of a sudden you look and they are all aligned.

Scientists have yet to confirm that Planet Nine is in fact a planet, but evidence is leaning toward that way. Jennifer Sattler, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics at Northwestern says, “There are three criteria for a mass to be a planet. They must: orbit around the sun, nearly be a round shape, and have cleared the neighborhood around its orbit.”

With the rise of newer and better technology, scientists are closer than ever to proving that there is more out there than what we know. The use of telescopes has been used to help aid scientific research and has been quite useful. “Science is constantly being revised.” according to Dr. Steven Meier, Professor of Physics at Northwestern. “It’s always changing.”

Scientists have yet to be able to study the planet directly. Brown and Batygin have shared their information in hope that other scientists can help confirm Planet Nine. Brown feels that if something is that massive in our solar system, it deserves to be considered a planet.



Planet Nine (middle) in size comparison to Earth (left) and Neptune (right).



This graphic shows what Planet Nine may possibly look like.



Assistant Professor of Physics at Northwestern, Dr. Jennifer Sattler, poses in front some photos from our galaxy.

Teacher of the Year Application Deadline

March 11, 2016

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

Graphic by Rachel Emerson

Students, faculty prepare to go head-to-head at annual game

By KATELYNN BALL
Staff Reporter

A pep rally and Student vs. Faculty basketball game is scheduled for next Wed., Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Percefull Fieldhouse.

The pep rally will introduce the upcoming spring sports including men and women’s basketball, baseball and softball. This includes entertainment and a statement from coaches and players involved.

Students will get a chance to partake in games including basketball musical chairs, bat spins and half court shots. As a bonus there will

also be prize giveaways. The players of the games will be determined by a drawing with the student’s names that are collected at the beginning of the pep rally.

The student government association has prepared for this upcoming pep rally by focusing on getting more students involved in spring sporting events. They began preparing for this pep rally early. “We prepared by taking what all we’ve done from years past and just improving it” said Nick Villalobos, Vice President of the Student Government Association.

This year will include a student vs. faculty basketball game directly after the pep rally. Students are en-

couraged to stay after the pep rally to cheer on your fellow students and faculty or to participate and make your team proud. . “It’s fun to see faculty and students interacting” said Kaylyn Hansen, director of student life and counseling. If you would like to be a part of this game, email Kaylyn Hansen at klhansen@nwosu.edu.

On Thurs. Feb. 4, join in on the “White-out” event. Wear white and support the Lady Rangers at 5:30 p.m. and the Rangers at 7:30 p.m. The games are held at Percefull Fieldhouse. Doors open at 5 p.m. The first 650 fans to arrive at the game will receive a free t-shirt.

Oklahoma to see temperatures rise into the weekend

By JAKE GOODMAN
Student Reporter

As January continues in Okla., the cold air seems to be taking its time.

Starting at the beginning of the month, Okla. had just started recovering from what was one of the worst ice storms the state has ever dealt with. The ice storm affected much of Okla. just after Christmas, leaving thousands of people throughout the state without power and causing millions of dollars in damage.

According to Electric Co-op Today, many electric cooperatives were working around the clock to restore power to the state as companies such as Western Farmers Electric had reported \$10 million worth of damage to electric poles and lines. Electric Co-op Today also reported that 61,000 customers of 12 distribution companies were without power.

Crews have gone into the month of January with debris still left to pick up. Contractors predict that clean-up could last

up to another month.

Even though temperatures have been getting as low as the teens at night this month, the state has not seen much in way of precipitation. The cold temperatures continued this past week as a reminder that winter is still here.

Last weekend, the east coast witnessed a snow storm that brought up to 40 inches of snow to some parts of the Atlantic coastline while the arctic blast we’ve been experiencing in Okla. the last two weeks took a break as we saw highs in the 50s and 60s last weekend.

These warmer temperatures seem to have stayed with us this week with highs in the upper 40’s. According to the KOCO 5 News weather forecast, Oklahoma could see more warm weather as temperatures are expected to reach 60 degrees again this weekend.

In case you need a reminder, the weather in Okla. is so unpredictable, so enjoy the spring-like weather while you can. Winter could be far from over, so stay aware of winter weather as we approach February.

News

Final two acts to perform in annual concert series

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will play host to the second half of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series this semester.

The Justin Pierce Jazz Quintet will bring a taste of jazz to Alva on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Justin Pierce is a saxophonist and professor of music at Oklahoma Baptist University. He currently is completing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of North Texas (UNT), where he also earned a Master of Jazz Studies degree. While at UNT, he served as lead alto saxophonist in the One O’Clock and Two O’Clock Lab Bands. As a freelance woodwind performer, Pierce has performed with The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, The Temptations, The O’Jays and Wayne Newton. The Justin Pierce Jazz Band performs jazz standards with a contemporary jazz flavor.


The Celtic band RUNA on March 8 is the last performance in the season’s diverse lineup. RUNA is a group of five musicians who come from a variety of musical backgrounds ranging

Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series

Only two more performances left this season!!

Justin Pierce Jazz Quintet.....Feb. 16

Runa.....March 8



Tickets:
Adults - \$15
Students - \$10

Both performances will be held in the Herod Hall Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
Check out nwosu.edu/nwocs for more information!

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from folk, classical, rock n’ roll, Middle Eastern and more. The Celtic band’s pure rhythm will send chills through the spine as the members dive into the songs from their albums for their performance. Recognized as “an incredible masterpiece” by “The Celtic Crier,” RUNA will finish the concert series with a bang.

All concert series performances are in Herod Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to individual performances will be sold on an “as available” basis at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be bought at the

Graceful Arts Center, Holder Drug, Rialto Movie Theater and the Northwestern Bookstore.

For more information about the concert series go to www.nwosu.edu/nwocs or please contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at (580) 327-8462 or by email at kkweast@nwosu.edu.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by the Alva Tourism Convention Development Committee, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

Social work students partake in on-the-job field training for credit

Field experience for social work students from Northwestern Oklahoma State University recently began for the spring semester.

Eight senior social work majors entered practicum agencies within northwest Oklahoma to complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 43 practice behaviors and master the program’s 11 core competencies.

Field experience is the signature pedagogy for social work degree programs, which connects theoretical and conceptual course curriculum with the professional practice setting.

“Practicum students will complete approximately 420 hours in the field giving them an excellent opportunity to practice the skills they have learned throughout the social work program,” said Shelby Hall, director of field education. “They will work to connect theory to real life experience in diverse practicum settings while working with a variety of different populations.”

Listed below are senior students studying field experience, hometown and their practicum agency placements:

- Joby Saint Fleur of Winter Haven, Florida - Bill Johnson Correctional Center (Alva)
- Candace Ong of Garber Millennium Services (Enid)

- Jynelle Martin of Enid NorthCare (Enid)
- Chasity McFadden of Waukomis - Department of Human Services (Enid)
- Jennifer Mitchell of Enid PreventionWorkz (Enid)
- Marcie Sierra of Enid Millennium Services (Enid)
- Brittany Stewart of Enid - Department of Human Services (Enid)
- Shelby Lamberth of Sharon Department of Human Services (Woodward)

Each student in field experience is assigned to a field instructor, someone with specific credentials in the agency to reinforce social work ideals, practice behaviors and competencies.

“This program has fantastic field instructors who work closely with the director of field,” Hall said. “These instructors work to provide social works students with a comprehensive experience that aligns closely with social work curriculum.”

For more information about Northwestern’s social work program contact Dr. Kylene Rehder, associate professor of social work and department chair of social work, at (580) 327-8135 or by email at kdrehder@nwosu.edu.

Limited spots open for teacher workshop; apply now for a spot

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Teacher’s Workshop on the American Revolution and the Early American Republic scheduled June 6-9 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva.

The workshop will cover the period from George III’s accession to the British throne in 1760 to Thomas Jefferson’s transformational presidential victory in 1801 and should provide relevant content to all interested teachers.

Due to budgetary constraints, the workshop will only be available to 20 attendees. Each attendee will receive a \$50 stipend to defray travel expenses. Those interested should complete and return applications by email to Dr. Aaron Mason, associate professor of political science, at mason@nwosu.edu or through regular mail no later than Friday, April 15.

Applications for admission to the workshop can be found at www.nwosu.edu/nwics.

Those attendees who choose to lodge on campus will have all meals and lodging provided at no cost.

“Some of you might recall that in summer 2012 we held a similar Teachers’ Workshop on the American Civil War,” Mason said. “It was an unquestionable success, and we look forward to hosting a similar effort in summer 2016. Understanding that summer break is important to you, we would appreciate if you would consider continuing your education by joining us for this excellent learning opportunity.”

Any questions should be directed to Mason at (580) 327-8522 or Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history, at (580) 327-8526.

This event is sponsored by a generous grant provided by the Oklahoma Humanities Council and in part by the Northwestern Social Sciences Department and the Northwestern Institute for Citizenship Studies.

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Deadline for study abroad program quickly approaching

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s students, as well as the general public, have the opportunity to visit Paris, Barcelona, Madrid and Provence May 18-29 through the university’s study abroad program.

Dr. Wayne McMillin, dean of the Enid campus, said there is still a chance to sign up, although, the deadline is quickly approaching. Anyone interested in visiting Europe this summer through Northwestern has until Feb. 11 to enroll for the trip online at www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad-program.

Students interested in earning three hours of humanities credit will need to contact McMillin to enroll in the class.

McMillin is working with EF College Study Tours to make sure those going will have the best experience possible and already has a very busy schedule set in place. The trip will begin in Paris where the group will visit major historical sights. They will then travel by train to Provence to see Avignon and study the culture of the French countryside.

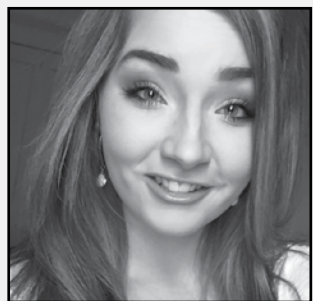
In Barcelona, McMillin plans to make a stop at the Salvador Dali Museum, and the last stop before returning home is Madrid.

“Many times we get a student and members of their family who want to travel together,” McMillin said. “It’s a fun and very well-organized trip, and we will see a lot of France and Paris on our journeys.”

For more information about the study abroad program, contact McMillin by phone at (580) 213-3116, or by email at wlmcmillin@nwosu.edu.

Features

Dreams of Northwestern How would you change Northwestern's campus?



"Another food option in the evening. I cannot eat in the cafe without getting sick."
- Riley Pearce
sophomore



"Public transportation [in Alva]. I also wish there were more scholarships for international students."
- Kriti Pahari
freshman



"The cafeteria, because it sucks. I shouldn't be afraid of getting food poisoning."
- Jade George
senior



"I like everything about Northwestern."
- Biraj Aryal
sophomore



"More student participation. It benefits the students and the campus."
- Chandler Steckbeck
senior



"During the second semester, I wish there were more on-campus events."
- Bailey Rankin
freshman



"Elevators in the dorms."
- Tyrel Cline
freshman

"More social events on campus."

- Xyruse Martinez
junior



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Temperatures have dropped, leaving a frozen landscape.

Student gives advice on staying safe and warm

By BETHANY SYZEMORE
Student Writer

Some of us beach bums wish we could go into hibernation, just like the big grizzly bears do. Unfortunately we cannot, so when the weather does get harsh in winter months, we should all be prepared. If anyone has had car troubles in harsh winter weather, you know what supplies are needed to make it until help comes and where the problem is fixed. First thing needed is a phone charger; always keeping a charger in your car so that if you do have problems, you can call for help immediately.

Like sweltering heat, low, bitter temperatures present a danger to our body. In frigid temps, it does not take long to cause harm to the body, or even freeze to death. Always keeping hand warmers and extra blankets in the vehicle is a way to be prepared for the bitter winter weather. In freezing temperatures, hypothermia can take up to 30 minutes to develop. Keeping an emergency kit for your vehicle should include other useful tools along with essentials for warmth. I have noticed when ice and snow are predicted, people carry cat litter. The cat litter is used for traction on the ice and snow for your vehicle.

Going to have your car battery checked is important because the cold is hard and wears on the car batteries, as well as your tires. It's

important to make sure you have the proper air pressure to avoid getting a flat. Another important factor to take into consideration is topping off the antifreeze along with all other fluids in your car; your antifreeze should be checked every year in the winter months. Proper maintenance during the winter months can save a headache and keep the wheels turning to get you home safely to the fireplace.


The home preparations are also important during the winter months. It's always a good idea to keep the fridge and pantry stocked with food and water for the family. Canned foods are always great to keep around during winter months in case of a power outage. Another rule of thumb is leaving the faucets dripping to avoid frozen pipes, which can lead to costly plumbing repairs and the pain of not having running water. Buying gallons of water will come in handy to stock up in the case that you do not have running water. We have all grown accustomed to the luxuries of having electricity and cell phones at our fingertips so that we do stay warm or that if something in case of an emergency does happen, we can call for help right away. Being prepared is a big factor not only for your comfort, but also for your safety, health and wellbeing! So take heed to the tips given above, watch the weather forecast and be prepared for the bitter winter weather in and outside of your home!



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The trees on the Northwestern campus reflect the bitter weather.

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Entertainment

Reviewers argue over ‘Sisters’

By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

We wanted a laugh, so this week we turned to the comedic geniuses of Amy Poehler and Tina Fey. Did they succeed in making us laugh or were we disappointed with “Sisters”?

Trenton: 1 out of 5

It is universally agreed that Fey and Poehler are at their best when their together. The two of them were regarded as queens of comedy on “Saturday Night Live,” and many people would agree that’s where the two of them were at their best.

“Sisters” is basically a two hour long comedy sketch with Poehler and Fey as the leads, but it also serves as an “SNL” reunion with both old and new alumni from the show ... so this should be hysterical, right? Well, unfortunately the ingredients to a perfect comedy

were spoiled by a poorly written script. This script is filled with too many sex jokes, a lot of unnecessary swearing and way too much unnecessary drama that tries to shove heartfelt feelings where they don’t belong. “Sisters” tells the story of how two siblings in their 40s are reconnecting while staying at their childhood home, but during their stay, Kate, the older sister (Tina Fey) tries to hook up Maura, the younger sister, played by Amy Poehler, with James, the guy next door, played by Ike Barinholtz. In this movie you can tell who is trying to have fun just to make people laugh and who is hamming it up for the camera in a failed attempt to tug at your heartstrings.

The best comedians in the movie are Fey, Poehler, and many of the “SNL” alumni. There is a surprise cameo by a celebrity who you can tell is having fun with role which makes him on par with the few good comedians in this movie.

The overall bad acting in the movie is done by the characters that are just there to tug at your heartstrings. The so called serious subplot of the movie

comes across as awkward because so much of the movie is made comedic. The way the comedy and drama is mixed causes a majority of the movie to come across as clunky and awkward. I would not recommend this movie, but if you’re forced into seeing this then I am truly sorry and I would at least recommend you stay for the five minute bloopers reel during the credits because that five minutes is funnier than a majority of the two hours you just wasted.

Natalie: 4 out of 5

If you’re familiar with “Saturday Night Live,” “30 Rock” or “Parks and Recreations,” (I highly recommend you become acquainted with these fantastic comedies!) you should know that Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are a gold mine of comedy. Yet again, these two magnificent ladies have not let me down in their latest collaboration, “Sisters.” They are an incomparable comedic duo.

Just a disclaimer for the review, my evaluation of any performance of



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Tina Fey and Amy Poehler will always be slightly biased. These two women are my role models in all things comedy and writing. Together, they are my spirit animals, and I aspire to be both of them. (No joke, I invited Amy Poehler to Jordan’s and my wedding.)

Fey and Poehler have absolutely impeccable chemistry on screen, making for a hilarious experience for the audience. This film plays on the pair’s strengths, allowing for many laughs. I laughed consistently throughout the film, pausing only for a few awe-worthy moments.

Though the film’s primarily strives

for laughter, it does present a few moral lessons regarding the importance of family, second chances and learning to move on.

Keep in mind, the film is rated R for crude humor, including sexual content and language. There is also drug use at times. Prepare yourself for some raunchy humor. There are some moments where it seems as though there is vulgarity only for the sake of vulgarity, bringing this film down a notch, in my opinion.

Bottom Line: This film is hilarious, perfect for a girls’ (or guys’) night out.

App claims to measure ‘hotness’

By **SAVANNAH TILLMAN**
Student Reporter

Finding out an individual’s level of attractiveness is just a click away.

How Hot is a website that can tell your level of “attractiveness” and guess how old you are by a simple photo. The researchers behind the site claim that this detection system can predict 76 percent accurately of how

attractive someone is based on a worldwide database. The site uses images that have been gathered from the internet to put together a common look of attractiveness and base your results on the data collected.

The website is very simple and easy to use. Visit How Hot at <https://howhot.io/>. You can use the images provided to test the theories or upload any of your own. By adding your own photos, you can see how “attractive” you are based on the research.

When you upload pictures of celebrities, the database is familiar with those images and rates them accordingly. When a photo of Channing Tatum was uploaded, he received HOT ratings and showed to be 29 years of age. Jennifer Aniston received HOT ratings and showed to be 35 years of age. When a photo of myself was uploaded, I received OK ratings and showed to be 21 years of age.

The researchers have also created a dating site that is part of

the How Hot experience. BLINQ is similar to Tinder in the fact it allows you to swap yes or no to potential dating candidates. The differences in this site however, are that there are more stipulations to joining the community. With other dating sites you can either join for free or pay but with BLINQ you have a three day period where the researchers behind the site and other BLINQ members judge whether or not you can join. When swiping right or left on someone, BLINQ refers it to Hi or Bye. If in the three day period you get too many Byes, you cannot join. Rasmus Rothe, Radu Timofte, and Luc Van Gool, the researchers behind How Hot, believe that first impressions of someone are the images we hold onto.

After receiving ratings, Brenda Hearn, Records/Admissions Assistant at Northwestern, commented, “I believe this website is aiding in the already growing problem our society faces. It

is allowing people to bully one another.”

With bullying being a very serious issue in the world, it’s important to remember not to take these apps seriously. It is alright to be OK and to love yourself regardless. So whether your hot or not, give How Hot a shot and let’s see what you got.



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Channing Tatum ranks as “Hot.”

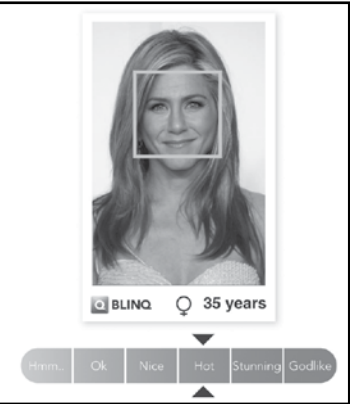


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Jennifer Aniston ranks as “Hot.”

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Sports

Rangers handle Tigers at home



Ranger Adrian Motley squares up a Tiger looking to drive to the post in Saturday’s home victory.



Ranger Lakeem Henderson dribbles past the Tigers defensive player on his way into the paint during Saturday’s contest.

Photos by Osamu Sakamoto



Freshman Zach Dumas boxes out as junior Adrian Motley lays in a basket Saturday in Percefull Fieldhouse.

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Get rid of that holiday fat with cardio

By **COOPER STANLEY**
Student Reporter

Cookies, egg nog, turkey dinners and pie. There’s only one place all those holiday treats go after they go down the hatch, and that is straight to the belly.

The only way to counter-

act it is with some good ol’ fashion cardio. Nobody enjoys cardio, but in order to drop those unwanted added holiday pounds, cardio is a necessity.

There are many different ways to get a great cardio workout done, it doesn’t just have to be going for a jog outside, there are many different ways to get a sweat going and

feel a lot better about the donut you ate earlier.

Jason Freeman, a senior business administration major said, “Sprint intervals on the treadmill are my favorite way to break a sweat; quick and easy.” For those who don’t enjoy long runs switching up the usual jog routine for some sprints is a smart way to go.

Brad Drury, a senior from Mississauga, Canada said, “Running poles at the baseball field is what I do for cardio, mostly because I have to, still counts though.” Cardio is cardio.

For those of you that don’t care much at all to do any sort of cardio, than you have the same mentality as junior

business administration major Christian Hammerl. “I don’t do cardio; it sucks,” Hammerl said.

For some, cardio is a way of life; for some it’s a chore, and for some it doesn’t even exist in their realm of thought, either way when unwanted fat arrives at your door and invites itself in for a stay, you know who to call... Cardio.

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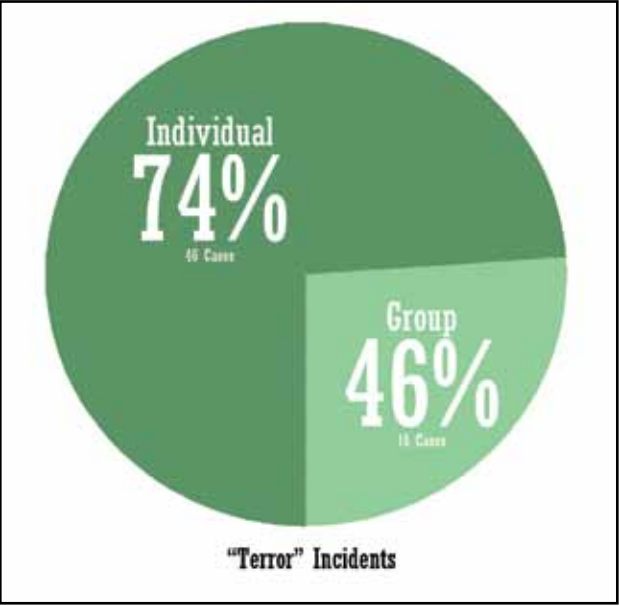
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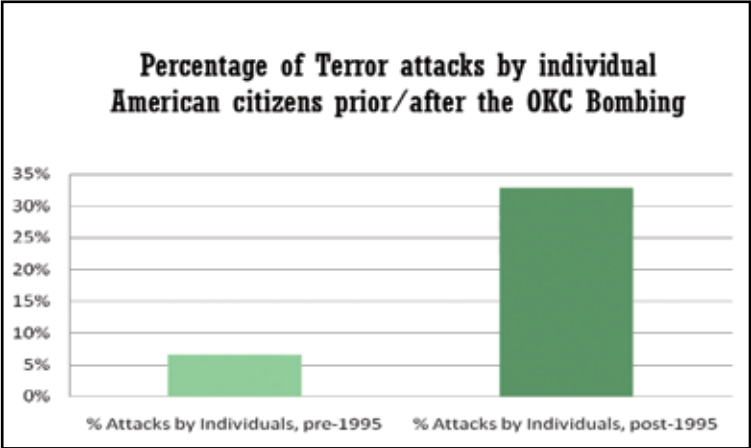
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Terrorism by the numbers



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Maybe our scope of terrorism should look something more like this.