

Drop in oil prices hits hard

By **KATIE LACKEY**
Student Writer

She had just landed her first well-paying job.

Chelsea Bryant, a senior business administration major from Hope, Kansas, was hired on by TNT Safety Services as a gate guard in June of 2014. Her job was to monitor the entry and exit of an oil location as well as sign tickets and make sure employees had their safety equipment. Bryant's beloved job came to an end in February of 2015. The drop in oil prices was the only reason she was given before being laid off.

Oil prices have been dropping because of supply and demand, said Clifford Krauss in a New York Times article. In the last several years, United States oil production has nearly doubled, pushing out the usual oil imports from countries such



Photo by Rachel Emerson

With the fall in oil prices comes a fall in prices at the pump.

as Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Algeria.

Oil prices began their downward trend in late 2014. "The first and most noticeable [repercussion of the

recent decline in oil prices] is employment, with more than 13,000 job cuts here in Oklahoma and more on the way," said David Kimmel, who has worked as director of

communications for SandRidge for the past nine years.

Bryant knows firsthand about this effect. Her loss of a job caused her to have to switch houses and get a roommate in

order to reduce costs. She also had a truck payment that still needed to be made every month.

"It was a struggle to find a job after being laid off," she said. "I had previously waited tables, so I had experience, but I knew that would not pay near as well. I didn't have my bachelor's degree yet either so that made it even more of a struggle."

Oil companies and those associated with it are not the only ones affected by falling oil prices.

"You'll begin to see reduced capital expenditures by companies of all sizes," Kimmel said. "One of the more obvious far reaching consequences is currently being witnessed at the state capital as our leaders seek alternatives for dealing with reduced tax revenue."

Even a local shop in Alva has felt the effects of the drop

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Budget cuts double the expected amount

By **RACHEL EMERSON**
Asst. News Editor

Northwestern expected another 2% cut in state appropriations, but saw double that after February tax collection numbers were worse than expected.

In a press conference last week, University President, Dr. Janet Cunningham said that the university would see another cut in state appropriations. At that time, she had expected the cut to be another 2% decrease.

However, on March 3, she announced to faculty and staff that the state's budget office is requesting that all agencies, including Northwestern, cut an additional 4% from the current year's budget.

Since this amount is double what the university expected, Cunningham said that additional steps will be taken to effectively manage the university's budget through the remainder of the fiscal year.

In addition to reducing

traveling and operating expenses, Cunningham said that only purchases that are essential to the educational mission of the University are going to be approved. Eight open positions will remain unfilled for the time being.

Cunningham said that the main focus moving forward is to lessen the direct impact on students as much as possible and to protect the mission of the university, which is to provide quality education. She is asking that all staff and faculty become retention specialists in the classroom.

Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Bell, said he believes that Northwestern is doing what it needs to do for retention, which is providing a solid education for the students. He said the heart of retention is connection with the students.

"We've been proactive in determining what is essential or critical," said Bell.

The school of arts and sciences still actively recruits through theatre, band, robotics,

choir, etc.

Cunningham said that she is going provide as much information to the faculty and staff as possible.

She also said that the university plans to move forward with projects that are funded by charity funds, which cannot be used in other areas of the university.

The projects include the new Doctoral of Nursing Practice program, the renovation of Coronado Hall and the continued fundraising for the renovation of Herod Hall Auditorium and the mall.

Cunningham said that the university has a strong plan moving forward that it will continue to look at all opportunities to reduce expenses and enhance revenue.

"I remain confident that by working together we will weather these challenging times and emerge as a stronger institution," said Cunningham.

Cunningham is asking that staff or faculty email her with any ideas or suggestions on other ways the university could save money.

Is class attendance really that important?

By **KATIE LACKEY**
Student Writer

She woke up to a text from Northwestern, notifying her she was one absence away from failing her college algebra class.

Sara Bynum is not only a sophomore at Northwestern, but also an active competitor on the rodeo team and a Type 1 diabetic. Bynum said there are plenty of reasons a person should flunk out of college, but attendance should not be one of those reasons.

Bynum is gone traveling to rodeos throughout the semester and is constantly battling illness brought on by her diabetes. She said if a teacher thinks 75 percent of attendance is one absence away from failing in her algebra class, but is still maintaining a passing grade.

Does an attendance policy help her prepare for a real job? "No," she said, "because at this point they don't need to be

holding your students' hands." She said, "The difference between a job and school is for one you are getting paid to go to your job. If you don't show up they will fire you instead of holding your hand and telling you not to miss any more work. School is different. If you can attend minimally and still pass, then do it."

Dr. Bo Hannaford, dean of professional studies at Northwestern, explained the attendance policy as being the responsibility of the student to attend at least 75 percent of a course, which is set by the university, but faculty members have the ability to raise that attendance requirement to 90 percent.

Regional University Systems of Oklahoma, also known as RUSO, established the policy of 75 percent minimum attendance for students to earn credit from a course. Colleges under RUSO are then able to set their own policy as long as it is not contrary to RUSO's

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Opinion

Like him or dislike him, Trump is a phenomenon

By STONEY KALANGO
Columnist

The real estate mogul worth over four billion dollars has totally reshaped American politics.

Donald Trump kicked off his presidential bid last summer by accusing Mexico of sending drug dealers and rapists through the border in the form of illegal immigrants.

His remarks come off to so many people in the media as racist and xenophobic. What they didn't know was Mr. Trump was only getting started.

In the first Republican debate of the presidential election cycle, Trump got into a feud with a debate moderator and Fox News reporter after she had brought up disparaging remarks he had made in the past about women.

After the debate, Trump took to social media to call Mrs. Kelly a bimbo.

To a lot of onlookers this was a no brainer. Every politician running for office does their best to stay away from anything that has the potential to hurt their ratings. Well that doesn't apply to Trump.

Trump had not been actively involved in politics for one day in his entire life, but towards the end of the summer of 2015, he was leading in the Republican polls.

The other opponents running for the same office began hurling stones at Trump. Political juggernauts like Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Lindsey Graham felt he was easy fame and sought to use his comments to wage war against him, but instead his polls went up and theirs went down.

Suddenly everyone starts to wonder why nothing disparaging this guy says pulls him down.

It is March now and he is still topping the polls. He has won more than a dozen state primaries by a wide margin, and the Republican establishment is confused as to what strategy they can employ to halt the momentum.

Since last summer, Trump has made every single disparaging comment the brain can think of and none of that has halted his rise.

He called John McCain, a former Republican presidential nominee, a loser for being captured when he served in the military.

He called the people of Iowa who won't vote for him stupid. He has attacked the Pope, all of his opponents called for ban of Muslims entering the United States.

He even said "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, Ok?"

Every political pundit in the media shake their heads in disbelief after he makes these comments, and think he will



lose influence. Unfortunately, he grows stronger and stronger. They wonder how this is possible.

No politician running for an office ever acts like this. Trump does the opposite of what others will do and still stands head and shoulders above the rest of his opponents.

Trump's rise is not hard to understand. It is fueled by a deep hatred for the establishment. His base feels that Washington has betrayed them and they don't care anymore. They have been looking for someone who will go to Washington and shake it to its foundations.

They feel that the past politicians they have voted in are liars and don't fight for their cause. They believe Trump offers to do the opposite of what the others have done and will excuse his pattern to get what they want. To the Trump supporters, he is a savior. His brash, bold and tell it like it is style endears so many to him.

Trump knows how to use the media to his advantage, and he has done that for the past year. He knows he has to be in the headlines every single week. That is why even when there is no controversy he stirs up one.

What politician would want to take on the Pope in an election cycle?

Trump knows he has to keep his name always ringing in the ears of people whether it is in a positive or negative light.

He was the most mentioned person on Twitter by far in the month of February. He beat out the likes of Justin Bieber, Adele and Kanye West. Trump may never be the president. He may not even get the Republican nominee.

But, he has done something in American politics that has never been done. He has defied every political rule in the book. He has flipped the script and turned table around.

Love him or hate him, Trump has become an American phenomenon.

Selfies are good on social media, nowhere else

By RACHEL EMERSON
Columnist

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but that selfie game is only strong if you keep it to social media. That seems like a simple concept right? Apparently not. I hate that it came down to me writing a rant about this, but the people need be informed.

I was driving down a street in my hometown last weekend and I drove past a house that was for sale. The real estate sign had the name of the company, the contact information for the realtor and a selfie of said realtor.

Say what!? Yes, this lady put a selfie on the sign that she uses to sell houses.

I'd like to say this is the only time I've seen this happen, but sadly it's not. I've seen it happen on people's portfolio websites and company business cards. I've even seen one used on a resume.

Honestly, this draws me away from a business. Not to mention it's completely unnecessary. It makes people feel like the business is unprofessional and as a result they end up choosing the competitors company.

As far as the realtor that used a selfie on a sign, it makes someone who may want to look at the house skeptical about it because the picture doesn't depict her as a professional realtor, but more as a picture of a friend that you'd see scrolling through Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat.

Then there's portfolio sites or resume's, both of which you use when applying for jobs, internships or promoting yourself. Why would you want to use an informal photo on such formal documents?

That will never make since to me. It's like "hey, look at me. At least I can take a selfie right?" Ugh. I bet the first person in the decision making chain just throws that one in the garbage, or maybe uses it to wrap up his half eaten sandwich. Either way, you're done. No job for you. All because you chose to use that selfie, which by the way, probably isn't even good.

I know, I know. Don't judge a book by its cover. I'm not saying no one will ever use your business or service just because you use a selfie you promote yourself, but you'd just save yourself some trouble if you use an actual professional photo.

So, what are some other options? Well, first of all, the obvious. Use a professional photographer. It's really not hard to go to a photographer and have them take a simple professional use photo and I'm sure its not too expensive.

But, if you're absolutely against that set up a plain colored sheet or stand in front of a neutral background and have someone else take the picture. Even that looks better than a selfie.



News

Enroll now to study abroad

Now is the time to start enrolling in the 2017 Study Abroad Program with Northwestern Oklahoma State University to go to Australia and New Zealand.

Dr. Kathryn Lane, department chair of English, Foreign Language and Humanities and assistant professor of English as well as a member of the Study Abroad Committee, invites students and members of the community to be a part of the summer 2017 Study Abroad Program that will take them “down under.”

There is a limited number of individuals who can study abroad, so Lane encourages those who are sure they want to go to enroll sooner rather than later in order to help with costs.

“The official enrollment deadline is February 2017, but it’s going to be a lot cheaper if people sign up early and start paying little by little now,” Lane said.

A deposit of \$200 is required to enroll for the trip. The current discounted cost of the round trip that includes travel, hotel and most meals is \$4,755 for anyone under the age of 30 and \$5,020 for anyone over the age of 30. Waiting to enroll leaves room for the price to go up. Lane said individuals who are able to enroll in March can create a payment plan for \$10 a day or \$300 a month until the trip in May 2017. Through the EducationFirst (EF) college studies tours website, there is now an option

to start a “Go Fund Me” page that helps with expenses of studying abroad.

“Study abroad is a learning experience unlike any other,” Lane said. “The memories that you carry away you keep for a lifetime.”

Individuals who enroll early can help decide the specific aspects of the trip, like if the group wants to go snorkeling, explore a rainforest or hold koalas at a zoo as well as other options. The group will also decide on a fundraiser option to help with the daily travel expenses.

The study abroad committee asks those interested to take part in one meeting in order to answer questions and clarify travel times and dates. The next meetings will take place: Wednesday, March 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

at the Alva campus in Carter Hall room 107, and shared on ITV to the Enid campus conference room, Woodward campus room 141, and Ponca City campus room 116.

Another meeting option to learn more about the Australia and New Zealand trip will take place Tuesday, March 29, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Alva campus in Industrial Education room 128, and shared on ITV to other campuses: Enid room 221, Woodward room 114, and Ponca City room 118.

The Study Abroad Committee is cautious when planning the dates of the trips to not interfere with Alva High School graduation and other summer classes at Northwestern.

Students interested in using the

study abroad program for a three-credit course of Humanities (HUM 4480) will need to get approval from Lane to enroll.

“Three-quarters of students who study abroad have a better GPA,” Lane said. “Corporations across the world are looking for students who have studied abroad. It shows more experience and is an influential piece on your resume.”

To view a full itinerary for the Australian and New Zealand trip visit www.efcst.com/1763021zs.

To learn more about the study abroad program visit www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad-program or contact Lane at (580) 327-8470 or kelane@nwosu.edu.

Art show now on display in library



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Students look at photography art work in the 13th annual art show. All art will be on display until March 26 in the J.W. Martin Library.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Students discuss art work in the visual art category of the Northwestern Art Society art show.

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Offices to close for spring break

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will observe the traditional collegiate spring break from March 14-18. Classes will resume their normal schedule on Monday, March 21.

Administrative offices at all three campuses will be closed Monday through Thursday, March 14-17. Offices will be open Friday, March 18, with regular office hours.

As a reminder to individuals who are interested in attending Northwestern in the summer or fall, enrollment currently is open for the summer session, and enrollment for the fall session will open March 22. Fall semester classes begin Aug. 22. Interim classes are May 10-27. Summer classes begin June 1; there are June only classes, July only

classes, and classes held in both June and July.

For a list of all available classes, visit www.nwosu.edu/course-schedules.

To enroll for any semester at Northwestern, all first-time freshmen and transfer students first must be admitted to the university, then obtain a class schedule and enrollment form, complete the form with an adviser and obtain the adviser’s signature prior to completing the enrollment process. The enrollment process must be completed in the registrar’s office.

Each first-year freshman must enroll in one of the Ranger Connection classes. This class is designed to help students connect to and learn more about the university. Ranger Connection

classes are listed under University Studies in the fall schedule.

Current students also must enroll through the registrar’s office except for those pre-approved by their advisers to enroll online.

Students admitted to the Graduate School may enroll in person or online using the RangerNet system on the Northwestern website. Students enrolling in graduate courses for the first time at Northwestern must enroll in person.

Students with enrollment questions may call the Alva Registry Office at (580) 327-8550, the Enid Registration Office at (580) 213-3102 or the main office in Woodward at (580) 256-0047.

News

Wellness center receives award

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Alva Campus recently was named a Certified Healthy Campus by the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Center for the Advancement of Wellness, a branch of the Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program.

On Wednesday, March 2, Northwestern was recognized with a Certificate of Merit at the awards ceremony in Norman.

The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program is a free statewide certification that showcases organizations and communities that are committed to fostering environments that support healthy choices. More than 2,000 applications were submitted this year to the program. The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program began in 2003 as a collaborative initiative with four founding partners — the Oklahoma Turning Point Council, the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma State Chamber and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

The Certified Healthy Campus Program began in 2011 in order to recognize both public and private post-secondary campuses and career technology centers that promote health and wellness for their employees, students and visitors.

Director of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center Richard Burdick and Assistant Director Catherine Engelken started the push for the initiative to become a certified healthy campus. Although the

Northwestern campus is now certified Burdick and Engelken want to continue to improve campus. A Wellness Committee, broken down into a student committee and an employee committee, helps to ensure campus wellness. The Student Wellness Committee meets monthly to come up with new challenges or class ideas.

"We're trying to improve and to change constantly," Burdick said. "We try as much as possible with all forms of health and wellness to incorporate our students as much as full-time faculty and staff. Receiving the certificate lets the community, students, staff and faculty know we are moving forward and trying to better the campus. "We're trying to create a healthier campus, not just getting a certificate, but putting the achievement into action by making leaps and bounds to improve on certain areas."

"It was a rewarding experience," Engelken said about receiving the certificate.

Burdick and Engelken encourage everyone, from beginners to experts, to use the wellness center to its full potential.

"Come check it out," Burdick said. "Don't worry about failing or not knowing what you're doing. The wellness center is a judgment-free zone, and we're here to help you. Our student staff members are as helpful as possible, especially with people who aren't as comfortable with the process



Photo by Rachel Emerson

Northwestern Alva campus was recently named a Certified Healthy Campus. The J.R. Holder Wellness Center continues to strive to improve the overall health of the campus with regular monthly Student Wellness Committee meetings.

of working out. Don't ever hesitate to come up and ask us questions."

To anyone on the fence about incorporating more physical activity into their lives Engelken said, "Try to find your place to plug in. We have group classes, six to seven different classes, at a varying skill levels. Our instructors are not only knowledgeable but incredibly welcoming... Come meet people, too. This is a great place to network if you are off-campus. It's a very positive environment."

The campus application consists of eight standards: integration with the

learning mission of higher education; collaborative practice; cultural competence; tobacco, drug, alcohol, and mental health issues; health, wellness, safety; and professional development/continuing education.

There are three levels of certification: basic, merit and excellence. The Certificate of Merit was rewarded to the Northwestern-Alva campus as a healthy campus.

The J.R. Holder Wellness Center is free of charge to full-time students and employees. For those outside of the

university, can get a membership on daily, monthly, semi-annual and annual basis. For more information on membership fees visit www.nwsu.edu/wellness-center-rates.

For more information about overall health wellness or events and exercise schedules "Like" the wellness center on Facebook www.facebook.com/JRHolderWellnessCenter. For questions contact Engelken at (580) 327-8117 or cakelly@nwsu.edu, and contact Burdick at (580) 327-8109 or rpburdick@nwsu.edu.

Applications now available for SGA executive offices

The Student Government Association at Northwestern Oklahoma State University is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 executive office positions.

Applicants can fill out applications in the office of the Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment management in the Fine Arts building, Room 126. Applications are to be turned in between March 28 and April 1, and will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on April 1.

Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are all available for application.

Candidates must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours at the time of taking office and throughout the term of office, a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, completed or be in the process of completing a minimum of 30 total semester hours at the time of taking office, properly submit completed petition by April 1 and only run for one office per election.

The campaigning period will be from April 4 at 5 p.m. through April 12, and the election will be held on April 11 and 12.

No more than \$75 may be spent on campaign materials and no more than six large posters (22x28 inches) will be allowed. The candidate will determine the placement of these posters. The number of small posters (no more than 9x12 inches) is not restricted. Permission for the placement of these posters must be obtained from the appropriate persons. All posters must be removed from the Student Center by 8 a.m. on April 13. No campaigning will be allowed in the Student Center on the days of the election by the candidate or any other person.

Violation of any rules may result in disqualification.

For more information about the Student Government Association election process, contact Kaylyn Hansen at (580) 327-8439 or klhansen@nwsu.edu

Oklahoma author to visit campus

Members of Northwestern Oklahoma State University's English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department will play host to the next Visiting Writer's Series on Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Vinson Hall Alabaster Room.

The event is free and open to the public.

Special guest Marcia Kay Preston, writing as M.K. Preston, will read from recent works and discuss the changing face of publishing.

Preston is the author of an Oklahoma mystery series featuring Chantalene Morrell, daughter of a Gypsy mother and a redneck father. Her novel, "Song of the Bones," (2003) won the 2004 Mary Higgins Clark Award for suspense fiction, and also the 2004 Oklahoma Book Award in fiction. The first book in the series, "Perhaps She'll Die," (2001)

was nominated for the 2002 Mary Higgins Clark Award, and for Macavity and Barry awards in the Best First Mystery division.

Preston earned degrees from University of Central Oklahoma, taught in public high schools for more than a decade, and worked for a time as public relations and publications director for the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

As a magazine writer for many years, she also edited and published "ByLine," a trade magazine for aspiring writers.

Preston lives beside a creek in central Oklahoma, where she gardens and dodges tornadoes.

Her most recent novels are general fiction. "The Butterfly House," under the byline Marcia Preston, hit No. 1 on

the HeatSeekers hit of debut fiction in the United Kingdom. Other writing pieces include: "The Piano Man" (2006), about the emotional and psychological results of a heart transplant; "Trudy's Promise," the story of a young mother's fight to regain her son when they are separated by the Berlin Wall; and "The Wind Comes Sweeping," set on a wind farm and cattle ranch in Oklahoma.

The Visiting Writer's Series is a way to bring Oklahoma Writers to northwest Oklahoma every spring to discuss writing, the publishing industry and to share their work.

For more information contact Dr. Kathryn Lane, department chair and assistant professor of English, at (580) 327-8470 or kelane@nwsu.edu.

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News

Choir holds concert in Alva

By **JAKE GOODMAN**
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Choir held a concert on Sunday at the Central Christian Church.

Northwestern's Choir Concert was directed by the Director of Choral Studies, Karsten Longhurst, and provided different songs that contained a rich history.

The first song, titled "Fields of Gold", was released by English musician, Sting, in 1993. The song was later adapted into an A Cappella version by Greg Jasperse and tells a love story about a couple with a strong commitment to not break their promise.

Next, the choir performed "Weep, O Mine Eyes," a song composed by John Bennet in 1599. The song is meant to portray sorrow, agony and love and tells the story of someone whose happiness has been crushed.

Following was "April is in My Mistress' Face," which was composed by Thomas Morley. The piece uses weather terms to describe the composer's relationship with a woman.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Members of the Northwestern Choir perform at their spring concert at the Central Christian Church last Sunday. The concert was titled "Gladsome Light" and featured Northwestern singers and chorale groups.

Proceeding Morley's masterpiece was another Greg Jasper song titled "Voice Dance," which celebrates the joy of the human voice and singing all together filled with a buzzy melody and harmony rhythms

that capture the essence of vocal jazz.

Ashley Litke conducted the Ranger choir in a song titled "Machet Die Tore Weit" or "Make the Gates Wide." It was written by German Composer Andreas Hammerschmidt in the 17th century and

is known today as Hammerschmidt's best motet.

The choir then sang "Hear My Prayer," a piece composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1844. The song tells a story about a part of Mendelssohn's life. The

piece starts with a petitioner calling upon the lord to protect Mendelssohn from his enemies.

Next, the choir sang "Saul," which was composed by Egil Hovland. He composed it in the 20th century when he was at the Glemmen Church in Fredrikstad, Norway. Hovland is one of the most performed Norwegian composers today.

"Gladsome Light" by Aleksander Kastalsky was the next song performed. The song is a text that can be sung as a hymn by giving an example of Kastalsky's sacred writing style.

"Carpenters of God" by Vijay Singh was the next song that was performed. The song is a jazz piece with a harmonic language.

The Northwestern Choir finished the show with a piece titled "Jabula Jesu." It is an African Zulu folk song, written by Stephen Hartfield, filled with upbeat, catchy and rich texture.

After the show was over, people met in the lobby area of Harold Hall Auditorium to talk to choir members and congratulate them on a magnificent performance.

Northwestern to bring back Black Student Alliance club

By **JORDAN McLEMORE**
News Editor

The Alva campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University is regaining a student organization on campus.

Several African American students approached Dr. Hardaway with their idea to form a group that would highlight black history and culture, along with drawing attention to the issues that they feel are important to African American students. This organization is to be called the Black Student Alliance and Dr. Hardaway is their advisor.

In 1991, one year after he started here, a group of students asked him to be the faculty advisor along with writing their constitution. He served as the advisor while the club was ac-

tive, about five years, before the students graduated or left NWOSU. Since then, the club has been inactive on campus. However, Dr. Hardaway is hopeful that this new generation of African American students is going to resurrect the BSA. He has rewritten the proposed constitution and submitted it to the administration of Northwestern, as well as the Student Government Association.

The BSA hopes to have their organization officially recognized before the end of this semester and to conduct at least two events: (1) a voter registration drive in late March and (2) a recycling effort of aluminum cans and plastic bottles in April in conjunction with a nation-wide Earth Day recognition.



Graphic by Rachel Emerson

Science fair winners announced



Photo courtesy of University Relations

Northwestern Senior Scholarship Winners are (left to right) 1st place April Kendrick; 2nd place Shanna Lamle; and 3rd place, Darian Nance.



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Beatriz Penaflor was the Grand Champion and will present at the Engineering Fair in Arizona in May.

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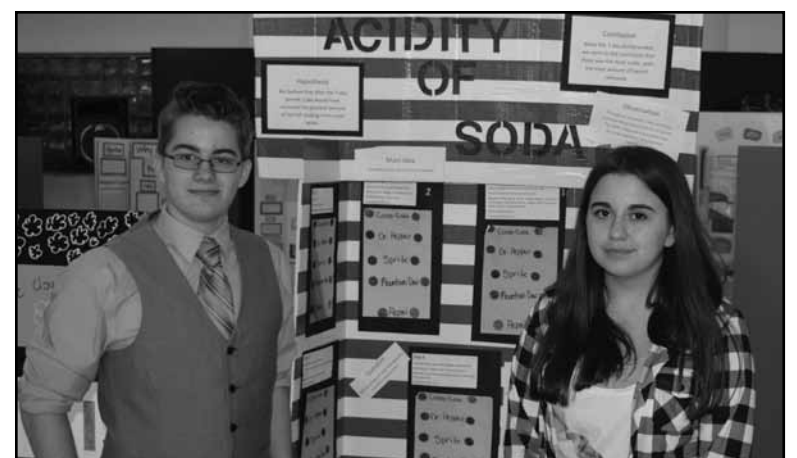


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Aline-Cleo ninth grade students (left to right) Cody Cosper and Elizabeth West pose with their project.

Sports

Softball falls to the Blossoms



Rangers headed to Arkansas-Monticello over the weekend to square off with the Blossoms for a four game series. The Rangers entered after a 1-3 series loss to East Central.



Rangers pitcher, Karly Murray, suffered her fifth loss of the season in the circle during game one on Saturday.



(Left) Ranger Jordan Haya connected for a three-run home run in game one of the series. Unfortunately, Northwestern still fell 3-4 in the contest Saturday

(Right) Stephanie Couser adjusts to fire a throw back to the plate to get the Blossom runner out.



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Ranger Amber Mills narrowly misses the tag out on the Blossom baserunner. Arkansas-Monticello defeated the Rangers 1-12 in game two, 0-3 in game three and 0-5 in game four, moving the Red-and-Black's overall record now to 2-18 and 1-11 in conference play.

Photos by Walt Watham

Sports

Rangers avoid first sweep

By **RYAN SHUMAKER**
Sports Editor

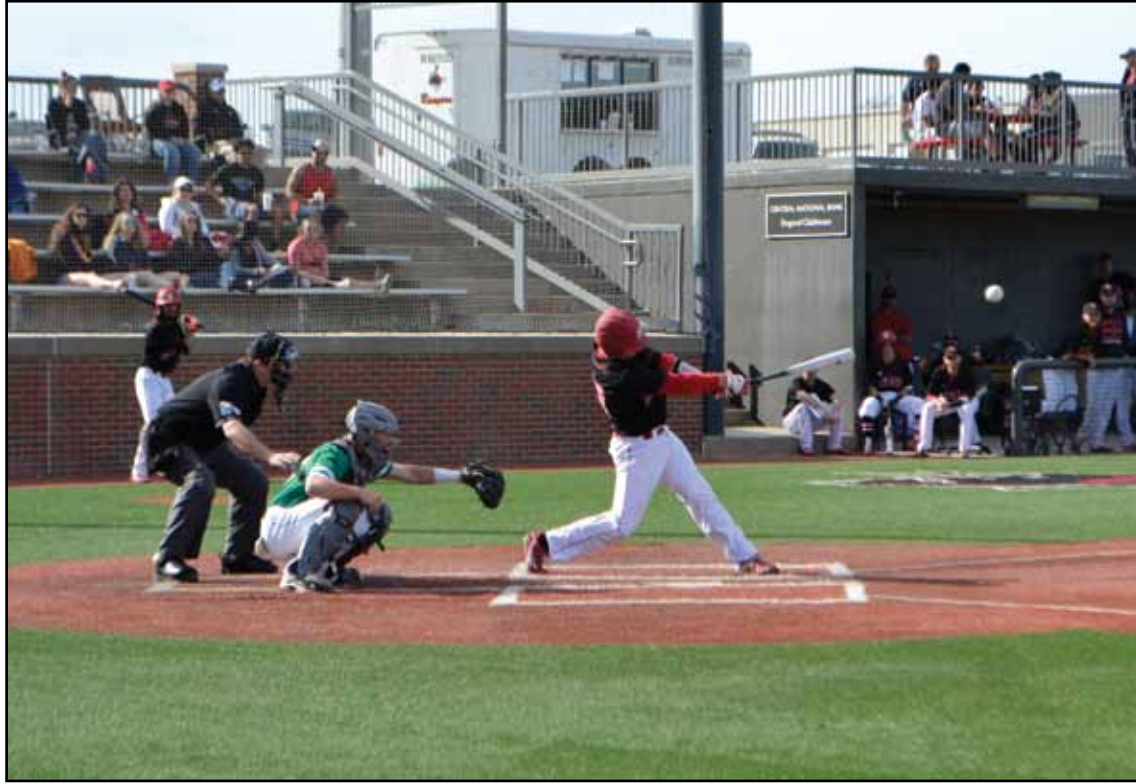
Northwestern baseball defeated Arkansas-Monticello University on Saturday afternoon to avoid the series sweep this weekend at Myers Stadium.

After winning their first two conference series of the year, the Rangers stumbled in the first two games of the season losing 4-3 and 7-2. The Rangers regrouped in the second half of the double-header and defeated the Boll Weevils, 4-0.

In the first game of the series the Boll Weevils jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on Ranger starting pitcher Walker Wharton. Senior Zach Postoak came on in relief for Wharton in the fifth and pitched four innings of baseball, which included only one earned run to go along with five strikeouts.

The Rangers offense finally put some runs on the board in the seventh when shortstop Xyruse Martinez hit a sac-fly to deep center which scored center fielder Thomas Bess. After a lead-off double and a fly-out which advanced the runner to third, the Boll Weevils regained a three run lead when Arkansas native Cole Anderson let a ball slip by him behind the plate.

In the bottom half of the inning the Rangers narrowed the lead down to only one run behind



The Rangers took on the Boll Weevils of Arkansas-Monticello University and won the final game of the series to avoid the sweep. The next conference series will be against Southern Arkansas in Magnolia, Arkansas.

junior Jacob Long's two RBI single to center field. The inning would end when Long got caught stealing second.

The Rangers entered the ninth inning trailing the Boll Weevils by one and after the top half of the inning where reliever Stetson Buller would come on and strikeout all three batters he faced the score remained the same.

In the bottom half of the inning all three Rangers that stepped up to the plate would strikeout giving the Boll Weevils a 4-3 win.

The Rangers would send out starter Robert Lawhon in the second game of the series. Lawhon pitched six innings which included eight strikeouts, but ultimately took his third loss of the season as the Rangers defense would allow

four errors during the course of the game, leading to a 7-2 loss.

Two bright spots that emerged for the Rangers during the game were right fielder Garrett Douglas' stellar performance at the plate and Canada native Cooper Stanley's home run in his only appearance at the plate of the season. Douglass and Stanley produced four of the five hits the Rangers had during the game.

Things would finally look up for the Rangers in the third game as they won 4-0 to avoid the series sweep. The star for the Rangers during the contest was starting pitcher Dakota Stanek, who pitched five innings while allowing no earned runs and only four hits.

Long scored on a passed ball in the second inning, giving the Rangers their first lead of the series. The next scoring play for the Rangers would come in the bottom of the fifth when catcher Cole Anderson hit a line drive off of the second baseman's glove which scored two Rangers. The Rangers would score one more run on a wild double play in which second baseman Casey Dickerman would bunt a ball back to the pitcher who threw him out a first, but then Douglas got caught trying to advance to third base and was eventually tagged out.

After their first lost series of the year, the Rangers drop to 7-13(5-4 GAC), but are still right in the middle of the pack in conference play. The Rangers will hit the road Friday for their first road series of the year against pre-season conference favorite Southern Arkansas University. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by a double-header that will begin at 12 p.m. Games will be available for live streaming on www.riderangersride.com under the schedule section of baseball.



Rangers huddle around head coach Sam Carel before game one on Saturday against Arkansas-Monticello.



Junior Garrett Douglas (Right) is welcomed at the plate by teammate Casey Dickerman (Left) after a solo home run in game one on Saturday.



Freshman, Steven Deckard, drops the bat and heads down the line after firing a shot out to right field.

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Sports

Ward essential for success

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

As they walk up to each tee box, down each fairway or up to each putt, he is right there with them.

Kyle Ward, the Northwestern men's golf coach, follows his guys through each hole of each tournament throughout the season.

Last fall, Ward arrived with the team for the first time and upon his debut at the helm, Ward has led the men's team to a steady improvement in each tournament.

After finishing in a disappointing tenth place in the Great American Conference Preview back in September, the team gradually worked their way up the ladder over the entirety of the fall season to finish an impressive second place at the NWOSU Invitational in October.

Now golf has often been considered an individualized sport, but that begs the question, how important is a coach if golf is indeed based



Photo by Ranger Athletic Department

Kyle Ward returns for his second semester as head men's golf coach.

off of the individual's efforts?

Trevor Montgomery, Northwestern senior, health and sports science major and Northwestern golf team member, and his teammate, Cole Ward, Northwestern sophomore and history education major, this question has brought about the same answer from either player.

Montgomery said a head coach is important because he can help the team's game climb to new levels and keep them from unraveling mentally while out there on the course.

Ward agreed as he said it's awesome having a coach because he can talk to the team out on the course during tournaments and keep them on track so they can all post a good number.

Despite the agreement and positive argument by Montgomery and Ward, professional golfer, Tiger Woods has shown what the negative side effects to having a golf coach may have.

In an article by, Brian Wacker, PGA Tour Digital writer, Wacker asked Peter Kostis about Woods' struggles during the 2015 season -and previous seasons- after Woods switched coaches. Kostis said, "Each time he made a change of instructors, from childhood to Butch Harmon, from Butch to Hank Haney, from Haney to Sean Foley and now Foley to Como it seems

like there's a regression before there is progression, but each time the regression has gotten worse and this time it's the worst."

It is not 100% certain whether Woods struggled because of his coaches alone, or because of other personal issues outside of the sport, but it is clear that through the span of 2010 to 2015, that Woods would have his worst finishes in his career to date.

Woods, since moving from coach to coach, has also been plagued by injury in his back and has been forced to undergo several surgeries to repair it.

The injury will cause him to miss some time this season, and with his timetable still not clear on when he will return, a new question arises.

The question is would a coach prove to be a vital asset if a team has one?

"He [Coach Ward] is able to give us important information about how the course is playing, what hitches we have in our swing,

and most importantly, he is able to calm me down on the course when things might not be going my way," Montgomery said.

Cole also followed his teammate when he said, "Having a head coach is good because you have someone to look up too especially when they are better than you."

For Woods though, it is unclear whether a coach would be vital or not due to him being injured, but after a dismal 2015 season where he only played in 11 events, posted one top 10 finish and missed the cut four times, a coach might just prove to be a positive gain to building his golf game back to what it once was in the early 2000s when he dominated the tour.

So this spring season, the Northwestern men's golf team will be led by Kyle Ward, who has been there with them since the fall season began; the one who has been there for each drive, chip and putt, whether he is a necessity or a negativity.

Bison end Rangers' season

By **RYAN SHUMAKER**
Sports Editor

Northwestern's basketball team was knocked out of the Great American Conference championship tournament on Thursday when they were defeated by Harding University.

Despite playing a solid first half against the conference's top-seeded team, the Black-and-Red were unable to answer ten second-half threes by the Bison, leading to a 76-61 loss. The loss knocked the Rangers out of the tournament and ended the season in which

they finished with a record of 9-18(9-13 GAC.)

The Rangers found themselves down 7-0 within the first minute of game, forcing head coach Brad Franz to call an early timeout. The Rangers regrouped and settled down and took their first lead of the ball game at the 16:08 mark when junior Deiondray Martin hit a three-point basket.

The game would remain close throughout the final minutes of the half with neither team extending a lead behind three points. A jump shot by California native Austin Klug at the 2:00 would give the Rang-

ers a 30-29 lead, which they would maintain all the way into halftime.

11 turnovers in the half were not good enough to take advantage of the usual sharp-shooting Bison's poor shooting in the first half. The Bison shot eight percent from the three-point line while First Team All-GAC selection Jacob Gibson was held to only two points.

The Bison would make the Rangers pay for not ceasing a big lead when they had the chance in the second half of action. Halftime would mark the last time the Rangers would hold a lead.

After two made free throws from Gibson, back to back three-point buckets would give the Bison a 56-44 lead with just under eight minutes to go in the ball game. After two made free throws from freshman Zach Dumas, the Bison hit yet another three, effectively making the game out of reach for the Rangers.

Klug lead the way for Black-and-Red with 15 points while leading scorer Adrian Motley was held to just five points for the contest. In his final game as a Ranger, senior T'aries Taylor had 11 points for the Black-and-Red.

Looking forward to next year the Rangers should make a huge turn around after a respectable opening year under coach Franz. Motley and Dumas will both return after leading the Rangers in scoring.

Point guard Brandon Green will return to lead the offense, while some incoming help will be expected to back him up next year. After going mostly unnoticed at the beginning of the year, Martin finally earned some extensive playing minutes towards the end of the season and will be looked upon as the main compliment to Motley next season.

Fast, healthy meal ideas

By **COOPER STANLEY**
Student Reporter

Cure the busy all day class-to-class hunger with these on the go protein-packed healthy snacks.

It's no secret that students are busy. Most are too bothered to pack their own meals and would rather just go pick up some fast food in-between class; but it doesn't have to be that way. Packing quick and easy healthy snacks that are perfect for the average busy on the go college student is simple; you just have to know what to eat.

Tuna packets are a great source of protein that can slip

right into a backpack and be taken out in between classes for a quick and healthy meal. A good old-fashioned protein shake is also a solid meal replacement for students who don't want to keep heading to the drive-thru for lunch.

Beef jerky is another meal alternative. Not only is beef jerky packed with protein, but for meat lovers it has great smoky taste while maintaining it's easily storable size in a backpack. Eating more jerky for a full meal can provide all the protein needed for one day.

Another quick on the go meal is a protein bar. Protein bars are basically a healthy chocolate bar packed with vitamins and nutrients. After all,

who doesn't love a chocolate bar? These delicious bars a no brainer for a healthy meal on the go, especially for those with a sweet tooth.

Understanding that eating healthy doesn't take much effort and is actually ideal for quick and easy meals can take the unneeded stress of eating off students. Preparing these little meals ahead of time can allow for a student to skip the cafeteria every now and then and indulge in something that isn't filled with grease.

Grab a tuna packet, a protein bar, a protein shake, or even some beef jerky for a quick easy meal in between class, and say no to the drive-thru.

Motley named onto second team after stellar season ends

By **RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

After helping the Rangers claim a spot in the Great American post season play and leading the way for the Rangers in scoring, Junior forward Adrian Motley was named All-GAC Second Team as voted on by the conference.

Motley, a native of Humble, Texas, averaged 18 points per game while grabbing 8 rebounds per contest. Adrian also finished sixth in minutes played aver-

aging 33.5 per game and 12th in free throw percentage at 76 percent.

Motley also recorded six double-doubles on the year for the black-and-red in the points and rebound categories.

This is the first year Adrian has led the Rangers in scoring and he has also improved his point production from a year ago.

"Adrian works very hard offensively and defensively. He brings great effort to the court everyday as a Ranger. I am very proud of him receiving this honor." Coach Brad Franz said.

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Need something to do over spring break?

Go camping at a location like the Great Salt Plains or the Beaver's Bend Resort.



Visit an Oklahoma museum, such as the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma Science Museum or Oklahoma History Center.

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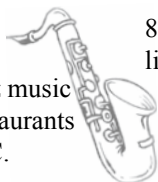
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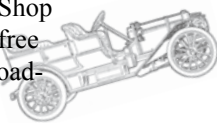
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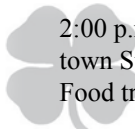
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SGA President talks about life, Northwestern

By BETHANY SYZEMORE
Student Writer

Northwestern is a place that is bound for success.

Many people here are driven and hold a very bright light toward leadership, like our Student Government Association president, Kaitlyn O'Toole.

Kaitlyn is senior health and sports science major from Watauga, Texas. She is involved in many organizations here at Northwestern, holding presidency in the Student Government Association and Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She is also very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Kaitlyn is a person full of the utmost positive energy, smiling at everyone and sharing kindness everywhere. Being a Ranger to Kaitlyn is very personal and carries many meanings to her life.

"Being a Ranger is being fearless, prideful, caring and being a family," Kaitlyn said. "One of the greatest meanings of all of those is being family. The town, the university, the professors, the students, the faculty, everyone on this campus shows what family is. I have seen this campus come together as a family for many different things, and it is extremely inspiring."

Kaitlyn has accomplished many things in our student government. The main things she strives for is getting the students more involved and helping the students recognize what the people not only at the university do but what the community does for them as well.



Kaitlyn O'Toole

Kaitlyn plans to stay at Northwestern, get her master's, and hopefully return back to Texas long term, carrying on her positivity and leadership skills to the high school in her hometown.

Having leaders like Kaitlyn at our university is a key component in getting more people involved and the making of more leaders.

Everyone has a spirit animal, whether you have thought about it or not. Everyone has characteristics that can be directly related to some animal.

When asked, Kaitlyn said: "My spirit animal is an eagle. I have always aspired to possess the qualities of an eagle. They are fearless, they're tenacious, they possess vitality, and many other aspects. I wouldn't say that I possess all of these qualities but I do try to live up to every single one of their characteristics."

Standing out and making a difference is something Kaitlyn has done and is doing here at Northwestern. She is a person that many can look up to with her leadership qualities.

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Features

Student talks attendance, cont.

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requirements.

Dr. James Bell, dean of arts and sciences, explains how Northwestern allows different departments to set different attendance policies and Northwestern will support that. For example, the English department has set an attendance policy at 80 percent.

Bell said, "I like the fact that departments have a say in the attendance policy and that the university sets a minimum, but it doesn't dictate that you can't have a more rigorous policy."

Hannaford said he believes this attendance policy is an effective one. He said, "It is part of our mission to produce effective and responsible citizens. People need to show up for jobs, so I believe we are helping by providing a culture of being responsible with our attendance policy at Northwestern."

In response to how Northwestern's attendance policy stacks up against other schools, Hannaford said, "Since there are demands for higher graduation and retention rates, many schools are raising standards in regards to attendance policies, so I believe we are fairly liberal with ours at 75 percent."

Bell said: "At the most basic level, a student can't learn if they are not there. When a department requires a more rigid attendance standard, it may be because certain contents and activities may build on each other."

Bell said he wouldn't want to



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see the standard lowered. It goes back to the effectiveness of each department being able to make its own attendance policy since faculty members know what is best for their department.

"You can look at a powerpoint and maybe pick that up" Bell said. "But there is something magical about conversations or activities that is hard to recreate. If the professor has structured the course to be a face-to-face course that is high in engagement, it would

hard to be successful [without attending]."

Bell does warn about a policy becoming too restrictive. He said in reality, students are involved outside of class. If faculty members start to set a standard that is too high, such as 95 percent and no excused absences, that is not realistic since students at Northwestern work and are involved in many activities.

Could a better type of attendance policy be created? Bell said: "We have our minimum.

Departments have freedom. I don't know that I could name a better policy across the board."

Derrick Thompson, a football player at Northwestern, can think of a better attendance policy. His main complaint comes from Northwestern counting the days they spend traveling to games as absences.

"I think that is a bit much," he said, "because some of us are traveling trying to pursue a career." He explained how other students choose to chase careers by not playing sports and going to class. As a student athlete, he is expected to attend class, play sports and find time to study.

"There has been plenty of times where I have had to skip class in order to study," he said.

Thompson recommends that absences for traveling should be monitored by teachers according to an athlete's schedule, excuse game days and travel days, and the student is responsible for recovering work that he or she missed. If absences exceed the required attendance after excused days have been factored in then the student should be dropped one letter grade, but not fail.

If a regular student falls short of the minimum attendance policy, then he or she should also receive a reduction of one letter grade, not fail the class.

Dr. Steve Lohmann, executive vice president at Northwestern, said, "Our goal is to turn out a responsible citizen, so when they get out into the workforce they know how to show up to work, be there on a daily basis and be on time. That is part of the college process."

Lohmann said the campus has focus groups, especially for business, that come in to talk about

what they expect from graduates. "One of the top three inevitably, can you give me someone accountable for their actions that they will come every day to work and they will be on time and can they write a letter using appropriate grammar," he said.

That is what the business world wants. Any type of industry is going to want employees there on a daily basis.

"We are here to prepare you for the next step because now mom and dad are gone," Lohmann said, "but here is a policy just like you are going to face in the work world."

Northwestern has an early alert system that is geared to making students successful. The early alert system in a reporting mechanism where faculty members can report a certain student has not been in class or unresponsive to emails they can send in a report to student affairs, a retention coordinator will get the report and call to check on students.

"Even with all your athletic absences there is no reason for you to miss another class because that is your job," Lohmann said, "You need to be in class. If that attendance policy is stricter, lets say 90 percent, then you are operating in a different type of framework. That faculty member will be more likely to work with those students."

Finally, Lohmann said, "There is a lot better chance of students being engaged if they are there than if they are not there."

Bynum admitted her teachers are willing to work with her on absences, whether it is a truck that broke down coming home from a rodeo or a rough morning caused by her diabetes. Most of the time, it is as simple as sending her teachers a quick e-mail.

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'Zootopia' is fun, inspirational

By **TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET**
Columnists

Once again Disney gives us a heartwarming story with adorable animals, but is the story as good as the animals are cute?

Trenton: 4 out of 5



"Zootopia" is the story of a small town rabbit named Judy Hopps, voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin, who has big dreams of being a police officer. During her first day on the job, she comes across a sly fox named Nick Wilde, voiced by Jason Bateman, and this leads to a mysterious and dangerous case. Have no fear! Judy Hopps is on the case, but she will find a secret that not even Zootopia is ready to handle.

"Zootopia" is an enjoyable children's movie, and that's not a bad thing because we could use more decent children's movies like this. The message is clear and powerful, the pacing and story development is child friendly and the ending has a good lasting feeling on you after you've left the theater.



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The reason I specify that it's a good children's film is because as a stand alone film, it does lack a few key things. To start off, I really would have liked to have seen more world building.

The next thing would have to be the lack of attention given towards the characters' development. This is not just referring to the main characters, but to all of the prominent characters that were just given these straightforward stereotypes.

I did enjoy the developing relationship of Judy and Nick, but I just wanted to see more of their story unfold and along with their story some of the side characters were unique in

such a way that I just wanted to see more of the interactions between them and the main characters.

The final thing I'll touch on is the fact that the song at the end of the movie feels forced. I was just thrown off because there was a really great ending space for this movie, but the ending song sequence kind of cancels it out.

Bottom Line: "Zootopia" is the best children's movie that I've seen this year, and I hope that it turns into a franchise for children, but as a stand alone movie it was a decently made movie despite a few missing pieces and I can honestly say I enjoyed it and it ended up tugging at my heartstrings.

Natalie: 4.5 out of 5



If you carrot all about fun, thought-provoking films, you should visit theaters to see "Zootopia."

This film is fun, adorable and entertaining, all while inserting powerful social messages about racism, gender roles and acceptance.

Disney has done it yet again. I never though that the story of a bunny determined to become a cop would be the most inspirational film I've seen all year. Judy Hopps is the adorable, yet determined rabbit with a dream to get off the carrot farm and into the big city of Zootopia. She pictures Zootopia as a utopia where all animals can achieve anything, where both predators and prey can live in perfect harmony. Once coming to the city, however, she discovers the city needs some bunny to save it.

Humor is abundant throughout the film, making kids and adults laugh. The theater in which I watched this film was filled with children, most of which giggled throughout the entirety of the film. It's clever and witty, as funny as it is furry.

"Zootopia" is highly

imaginative. It is clear that an immense amount of world building went into this film. The animation is clean, colorful and enticing. Children will be delighted by the wide variety of animated animals, and adults will be intrigued by the clever design of the film.

"Zootopia" stands out most for me because of its extremely relevant messages. This film provides more than the typical moral lesson for kids; it provides a wake up call for adults. With its social concern regarding "predator vs. prey," this movie presents a clear allusion to issues of racism in our society. This message is extremely timely, one that is needed. With themes of feminism, overcoming prejudice and peacefully coexisting with different types of people, or animals, this film is both empowering and inspirational. I know that I left the theater determined that I could achieve anything with enough hard work and determination, as long as I channel my inner Judy Hopps.

Bottom Line: "Zootopia" provides plenty of laughter and entertainment, all while leaving you feeling inspired. That's the epitome of a great kid's movie. I encourage all to go watch this film; it's the best pep talk you could ask for!

'High School Musical 4' Because the series just won't stop

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It's "The Start of Something New," as Disney Channel announces its new movie in the works, "High School Musical 4."

In 2006 Disney Channel debuted "High School Musical," and it was a huge hit. Instantly it developed a cult following

filled with tweenage girls fawning over Zac Efron.

Following right after, about a year later in 2007, "High School Musical 2" came out and was also a hit. Another year later in 2008, "High School Musical 3" came out, and now in 2016 "High School Musical 4" is in the works.

There has been rumor since 2010 that a "High School Musical 4" would continue the

series, and now the long rumored movie is actually happening. It has been 10 years since the beginning of the popular High School Musical movies, and now High School Musical fans will get the chance to see this beloved series continue, but with a different cast.

In the fourth movie, an entirely new group of students will be featured at East High. Disney Channel has officially

started casting for the fill of these new acting positions.

There will be no more Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens to continue the series.

Peter Barsocchini, writer of all the past three movies, will return with Dan Berendsen, screen writer of "Hannah Montana: The Movie," as the screen writers of "High School Musical 4." Jeffrey Hornaday, who directed both

of Disney Channel's Teen Beach movies, will be the director and choreographer. Returning executive producers will be Bill Borden and Barry Rosenbush. Casting directors of High School Musical 4 will be Jason LaPadura, Natalie Hart, and Kendra Patterson.

The series that was a large part of our generation's entertainment will continue on to the next generation.

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Oil prices decline

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in oil prices. Will Fox, an employee at The Sandwich Shop for two years, has watched business slowly decline. Fox said not only has the shop seen fewer oil field workers come in, but now the regulars are coming in less often as well.

Fox said even with business being slow, they still use the same quality products to make sandwiches. Is there any talk of the Sandwich Shop closing? "Not right now; we are still solvent, thankfully," Fox said reassuringly.

What will be the solution to the current economic woes in Oklahoma?

"Different people will offer different answers about the future of the oil market," Kimmel said. "Prices will return to a level that makes sense for operators to explore and produce oil and natural gas. When that will be, however, is unknown."

Bryant said she learned some important lessons from her experience.

"After working for an oil company, it really showed me how things can change very quickly," Bryant said. "Another thing that I learned from working in the oil field is that it is always good to save your money because you never know when you might not have a job."

Art show to continue throughout the month



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Students look at the art work that's on display in the library on Northwestern's Alva campus. The art show will continue until March 26.

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(Left) Visual art is one category that the art show features. There is a total of 26 people who have entered artwork into the visual art category of the art show.



(Right) Photography was another category. Photography also had sub-categories. Pictured is the "people" sub-category. More photography is on display at the library on the Alva campus.

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