



Photo by Rachel Emerson

Fountain demolished

University maintenance began tearing down the fountain located in the center of Northwestern's Alva campus on Monday. Vice President of Administration David Pecha said the fountain is broken beyond the point of being fixed and is an eye sore on campus. He also said that although the demolition of the fountain is the first step toward the renovation of the university mall area, renovations will not begin until all of the funds are available. For the time being, the fountain will be replaced with grass.

Bookstore offers ways to beat high book prices

By MEGAN GARNETT
Student Writer

A line extends to the back of the store, as students' arms are packed with necessary gear and anxious remarks about the hit to their wallets.

These are all things that can be heard at the start of each new semester in university bookstores across the country.

In a recent survey at Northwestern Oklahoma State University conducted for this story, 15 students with various majors shared their personal experiences when buying college textbooks.

Nicole Marema, an early childhood education major from McPherson, Kansas, said she chooses not to use the campus bookstore "because they are generally too expensive."

She is among the 80 percent of students surveyed who said they have bought their textbooks from other sources in the past.

Marema, like many students, buys her books

online for discounted prices. Others said they utilize online shopping when the bookstore is out of a specific textbook that they need.

Brianna McClure, a freshman psychology major from Alva, bought her first college textbooks at Northwestern's campus bookstore, where she worked for part of last fall semester.

Like Marema, McClure said she has decided to utilize the Internet to find a "very used" book for a more reasonable price.

For some students surveyed, simply renting their textbooks instead of buying them helped to support their budget. For others, buying used books and price matching were favorable options.

The majority of the students surveyed knew of the price matching option at Northwestern's bookstore; however, only four students said they used the system in the past.

Students can "find their textbook at a cheaper price online, print a copy of the page as proof and then turn it

in to the campus book store," McClure said. "Northwestern can then match the price and beat it by 10 percent."

Books eligible for price matching include new and used books, but not digital books. This works with companies like Amazon, Chegg and Barnes & Noble.

Fliers with more information can be picked up at the Northwestern campus bookstore.

Even with price matching, many students are frustrated with the price of textbooks, which has risen 1,041 percent since 1977, according to Ben Popken in an NBC News article from 2015.

According to one of Popken's resources, prices keep rising because students are "captive consumers...who have to buy whatever books they're assigned." Popken's research, however, did not include buying used books or renting.

Also interviewed in Popken's article was a University of...

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Hannaford to fill top academic post

Current Dean of Professional Studies, Dr. Bo Hannaford, will be recommended to fill the Vice President of Academic Affairs position at Northwestern.

Dr. Janet Cunningham, University President, announced Tuesday that she will be recommending current Dean of the School of Professional Studies, Dr. Bo Hannaford, to the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma as Vice President of Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2016.

Hannaford will replace the current Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Steve Lohmann, who will retire in June.

"Dr. Hannaford brings an impressive record of academic leadership and success to the position," Cunningham said in a press release issued by University Relations on Tuesday. "His experience as a division chair and dean provide him with a unique perspective in serving students and faculty. His knowledge of our academic programs and services will be most beneficial as we work to navigate through budget challenges and an ever-changing higher education landscape."

Hannaford graduated from Northwestern with an undergraduate degree in education in 1992. He then completed a master's degree in 1996 and a doctorate in administration leadership in 2010.

Hannaford then spent 16 years as a teacher and administrator at several universities and public secondary schools.

In 2011, Hannaford returned



Dr. Bo Hannaford

to Northwestern as the chair of the Division of Education and a year later was promoted to the Dean of the School of Professional Studies.

In his time at Northwestern, Hannaford has been successful in leading the reaccreditation efforts of the teacher education program. He recently played a role in the approval of the new doctoral program in Advanced Nursing Practice.

In a press release issued by University Relations, Hannaford expressed his appreciation for opportunity to play a larger role in the university's academic successes.

"I am honored and excited about the opportunity to serve as the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and I look forward to being able to work with an outstanding faculty and experienced senior staff," Hannaford said.

Feature photo of the week



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Fellow international students teach another student a traditional dance during the Festival of Colors event on Tuesday.

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Opinion

Let's Talk...



Photo by Jordan McLemore

During the week, cars pack the Vinson Hall parking lot, leaving little room for other commuters.

Parking at Northwestern

You pull onto campus for your class at 10 a.m. at 9:50 a.m., and there isn't a single spot where you need to park.

No worries, there is always parking in the compact car parking ... except you don't have a compact car, so you try across the street at the church. That's full as well, so you are stuck at the overflow lot by McDonald's for the day, which means you are rushing between classes to get the books you need and then make it to your job right after class.

None of this is what a busy college students need to worry about, but it's become an issue this year, as parking is very limited.

It is frustrating to try to park on campus with a commuter sticker and see spots full of students that live on campus with guaranteed spots in their respective lots, and yet they still see the need to park on campus when they could easily walk to and

from class. It would actually take longer to walk to your car, drive to campus, find a parking spot, and then walk to your class.

The most popular lot is the Vinson Hall parking lot, which is full most of the day.

Campus Police has started giving tickets to students that park in compact parking without a compact car. The guidelines for compact parking are simple: the car must be inside the lines painted and not parked on a sidewalk.

Another thing that is occurring more and more is that students are parking at the church across the street from Carter Hall.

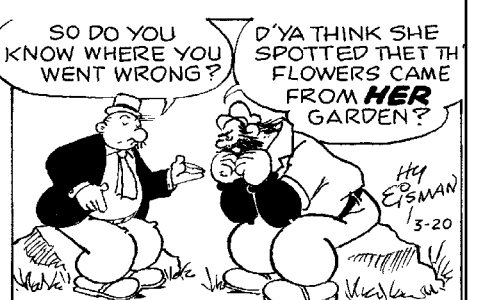
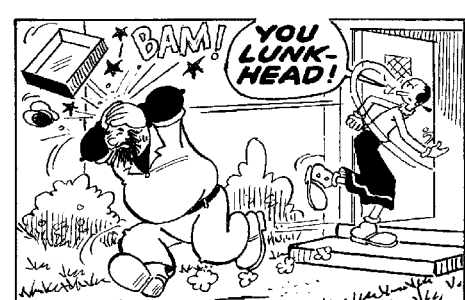
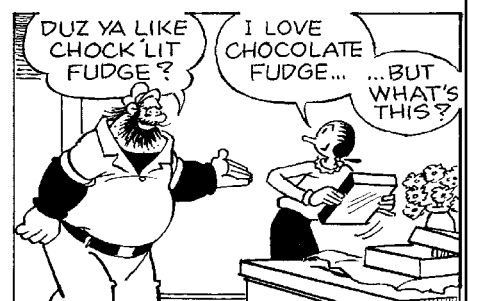
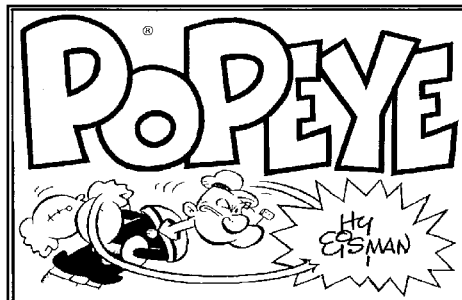
Why should the church be responsible for providing parking for campus students too while it seems that the university isn't trying to come to an arrangement for everyone?

Head of campus police, Leroy Burks, said that according to the number of stu-

dents and staff signed up for parking stickers is well within the amount of parking spots available on campus. He said that while some students balk at the idea of walking from where they park, it pales in comparison to how far students at larger universities have to walk.

No one can park at the Wellness Center unless they have that sticker, even though many times during the day when campus is the busiest, it is completely empty. If a person was to park there, they would surely get a ticket. While the front of the Wellness Center is off limits, anyone with a valid sticker can park behind in the large space.

Northwestern needs to start doing a better job of taking care of the students and not worrying so much about giving unnecessary tickets, unless the car has a dorm parking sticker which guarantees a spot there at all times.



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Opinion

Life after college It's all going to be okay

By NATALIE SACKET
Columnist

Each day, I remind myself it's going to be okay.

Maybe not great, but sometimes okay is the most you can hope for.

I've always been the gal with a plan, but the looming graduation date keeps reminding me that I have no idea what I'm doing next.

And I'm learning that's okay.

I believe many of us are beginning to feel the crushing worries caused by attempting to find a post-graduation job.

This is the official insertion into adulthood.

What is perhaps most frightening is losing my idealistic sense of "everything works out." We were the generation that grew up always hearing that hard work, dedication and hope will ultimately bring you the success for which we yearn. We are also the generation realizing that's not necessarily true.

You do everything you've always been advised to do. I've gone



my whole life, 4.00 GPA (except for a B in like... third grade), extensive volunteer work, being overly involved in extracurricular activities. My full resume is three pages, 9 pt. font. And yet, I am really struggling to find a job. I'm about three weeks out from looking for waitressing positions.

I've applied to probably at least three dozen jobs and counting and have heard minimal positive feedback.

Please don't misunderstand

me. I'm not naïve or conceited enough to think that I'm entitled to a slew of job opportunities. I just never imagined that searching for a job would be quite so scary. And it's not just me. I know of a 4.0, soon-to-be graduate of OSU who double majored in mechanical and petroleum engineering who is struggling to find job opportunities.

Don't think I am merely complaining about my current fears of entering the prospect-less job market. I swear there is a point to my ramblings.

Not everything goes as expected. Your plans may not work out, no matter how hard you might work for them. It's important to be flexible with your expectations. You might not get a dream job, or even a third-choice job, and that's okay. It's okay to work an entry-level job for awhile that you don't necessarily love. All of the cliché quotes about life's disappointments come into mind, and I'm finding that they are so true. Life will not go as planned, and that's okay.

It's all going to be okay.

Despite pesky health hazards, spring can still be exhilarating

By OSAMU SAKAMOTO
Columnist

To our readers, as of the weather getting warmer, the first seasonal change in 2016 has come (a crowd enthusiastically goes wild)!

I remember last semester, jokingly but half-hopingly saying, "winter is coming" because that is my favorite season. Now as of Sunday, it is officially time to retract that statement and instead say, "spring has arrived, prepare for fun outdoor activities!"

Now I am aware that a phrase such as "have fun" in a season like today may contain a hidden meaning of sarcasm to some of us, and I would not wish to become Mr. Sarcasm in public at all.

The reason that it might contain sarcasm is because some of us have to get bombarded by airborne pollen from the newly sprouting plants, which in no way, shape or form, is fun.

Along with the people affected by pollen, there are also individuals who tend to get sick from the seasonal shift. Although I do not have pollen allergies, I always become sick in this time of year, especially in the transitional period of winter and spring.

Despite those negative side effects, that does not necessarily mean that we should give up on things that are enjoyable.



So how can we make the best out of in the days of "sickening." First things first, it is often a wise idea to maintain our mental and/or physical health; Mental illness, for instance depression, is known to be associated with the weakened immune system, and poor physical health welcomes illness or infection into the body. Both types of illnesses can be healed by adequate exercise and eating healthy, which boost our immune system.

In order to avoid catching cold or any disease, let's make sure to stay warm and most importantly wash hands and gargle before meal and after coming back from outside because the change in temperature may already have been a burden to our bodies.

For those of you who have been fighting against pollen over the years, I have faith in you. Some tips that I heard of to

ease allergy reactions are avoid going out on a windy day, stay clean and maintain pollen-free environments by vacuuming, wiping, washing, etc., try to go out at a time of pollen inactivity, and wear protective glasses/sunglasses. Or you might as well wear a full-face motorcycle helmet wherever to go. It sounds like a sharp and "solid" idea.

As outside weather becoming gorgeous, we do not want to miss a great time to start working on the body for coming summer (a New Year's resolution is not too late yet!). In addition to our traditional option to go to a gym, spring creates a comfortable atmosphere to go on a walk or jog outside or for the adventurous ones out there, possibly even hiking.

The arrival of spring also and ultimately indicates more activities which often involve barbecuing, camping, and fishing. If you are in romantic relationship with somebody and are looking for a unique kind of date, a picnic is the way to keep it classy and simple. And yes, you're welcome.

Also when scheduling an outdoor activity, you might want to look at the weather forecast for possible incoming storms. It is always good to be alert for tornadoes. Speaking to that, storm chasing is another thrilling activity available in spring.

Anyways, spring is all about being outdoors and having a fun time. So be safe everyone!

So you consider yourself a man?

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Columnist

Alright, fellow male students, listen up and listen well.

In the words of Batman from 'Superman v Batman,' the new movie that hits theaters this week, "It's time you learn what it means to be a man."

First some context: I am informing men about what it means to be a man, because a lot of you have grown up to be only pampered swine, or spoiled pigs for those of you who don't know what that means.

You have looked at women with nothing but lust in your eyes. You tell yourselves "oh she's hot" or "oh she looks easy," and by doing that, you have given yourself a social status that is no higher than that of a pig. Well actually, even a pig might be too high of status for you, but for the sake of this article, that's what I will compare you too.

So now that the foundation of the problem has been established, it's time to fix your filth.

The first step that would move you closer to being a man is to make sure Jesus is who your striving to be like, and not the character from 'The Walking Dead,' but the one who died for you and me.

In order to do that I encourage you to plug into a church, or pick up a Bible and start reading in the New Testament, then constantly pray to Him.

The next step [if you're still reading after getting a face full of truth in step one] is to quit looking at women with the idea of dominance, violence, physical strength or sex on the mind.



Instead look at not just women, but everyone, with the ideas of empathy, kindness, compassion and love on your mind. If you did step one correctly, then this step would be no issue for you to accomplish.

The final step of becoming a man [if you're still reading], is to ultimately quit looking for one to call your own.

I know that one might have made your eyes bleed as you read it, but yet again it's the truth and sometimes the truth hurts, especially if it's that of the good Lord above.

What I mean by the final step, is that if your heart is in the right place with Jesus at its core, you have a sense of compassion, love, empathy and kindness in your mind, instead of their exact opposites, then there would be no need to look because the Lord will provide you with exactly the right woman.

So men, to tie a bow on it all, get your hearts right, minds right, be patient and let everything fall into place. If you do that, then you might just crawl from the status of a pig and also receive not what you always wanted, but what you always needed in terms of a woman.

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What's Up?!

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Friday

Baseball vs. Southern Nazarene University
in Alva - 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Softball against Southern Nazarene University
in Bethany - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Saturday

Softball against Southern Nazarene University
in Bethany - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday

Last day of NWOSU Art Society Art Show
Launch Team - Something Greater
Ranger Perk - 10 a.m.

Tuesday

FFA Interscholastic Contest
Percefull Fieldhouse - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Education Career Fair
Wyatt & Ranger room - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday

Psychology Movie Night
EC 109 - 7 p.m.

Apply now: Sophomore honor society applications now available

Applications for sophomore honor society are now available.

The Red & Black Scroll is an honor society for students who have completed between 40 and 59 credit hours. Students have to have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and cannot have more than 59 credit hours.

They also have to be active in two or more campus organizations or

activities, have attended Northwestern for at least one semester prior to the current semester, have never failed a college course and have no unresolved I's on their transcript.

Applications have been sent in mass email to students, but can also be picked up at Dr. Dena Walker's office in Shockley Hall, Room 220.

Applications must be turned in

by 5 p.m. on April 1 to Walkers office. Applicants who are accepted will be notified by email.

The induction of new members will be held on April 11 at 6 p.m.

For more information or for an application, email Walker at dewalker@nwosu.edu or stop by her office in Shockley Hall Room 220.

Guest speaker visits Enid campus, presents earthquake information

By JAKE GOODMAN
Student Writer

Northwestern's Enid campus hosted a presentation over earthquakes, put together by Angela Spotts.

The event was broadcast to all three Northwestern campuses via ITV.

Spotts is an activist who is against the earthquakes and believes that the cause of earthquakes is from hydraulic fracking. Spotts said that she finds fracking to be dangerous, which is why she decided to form the group "Stop Fracking Payne County."

The group is made up of Payne County citizens who are worried about the alarming number of earthquakes in Oklahoma. They

invite scientists and politicians to join in researching the connection between fracking and the earthquakes in Oklahoma.

Spotts presented a video titled "Oklahoma Shakedown".

The video included citizens from all over Oklahoma discussing what their biggest concerns are about earthquakes and drilling.

One citizen was the mayor of Cherokee Karen Hawkins. Hawkins said she thinks that the earthquakes are a part of the economic boom. Most people are worried about what the earthquakes will do to homes and businesses.

Many people worry about earthquakes because they do not come with any warnings.

Another issue that was addressed in the presentation is that oil companies are drilling close to cities. Citizens of Stillwater, Oklahoma are demanding that wells should not be placed near the city because they say that they think it could cause health issues, and put citizens in danger.

The film also showed how the Spotts' group has spoken out and protested at the Oklahoma State Capitol to stop hydraulic fracking across the state.

In the video, college students talked about what they think is causing the earthquakes as well as how they can be stopped.

The group has a Facebook page, which can be found by searching "Stop Fracking Payne County."

Oklahoma now recognizing Libertarian Party as official party

By JORDAN EVANS
Staff Reporter

On March 21, 2016, the Oklahoma State Election Board announced that the Libertarian Party has been officially recognized.

The Libertarians compiled a total of 30,517 valid signatures, exceeding the 24,745 signatures required. This recogni-

tion allows for Oklahoma voters to register as members of the Libertarian Party, and candidates can now run as a Libertarian for all partisan state offices. This is the first time the party has been recognized in Oklahoma since 2000.

The party stated it will allow all registered Independent voters to participate in their primary and runoff primary elections.

As the third largest and fastest growing political party in America, the Libertarians believe in minimal government involvement

in individuals' lives.

"Each individual has the right to control his or her own body, action, speech, and property," according to lp.org. "Government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud."

Those who want to change their political affiliation or register as a new voter in the Libertarian party can visit www.elections.ok.gov and fill out a Voter Registration Application.

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Features



Graphic by Natalie Sacket

Reporter explores history of Easter

By **SELENA ESTRADA**
Student Reporter

As Easter is right around the corner, this coming Sunday, many might wonder where this celebration and all of its traditions came from.

For Christians, Easter is a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and also the end of Lent season. For many, this is a time to celebrate spring with all the known traditions of the Easter bunny, candy and Easter eggs.

The first celebration of the Easter holiday was recorded back in the second century. Early Christians adopted Easter from the pagan festival that celebrates the ancient goddess of Spring and fertility, named Eostre. This goddess was associated with a hare, which is probably the reason that bunnies have become associated with this holiday. This, however, could just be a coincidence, and the Easter bunny might have originated elsewhere.

The bunny is an ancient symbol for life and fertility, which is associated with spring and Easter. German immigrants had a tradition of "Osterhas," which was when hares laid brightly colored eggs and children would make nests for them. This tradition was brought to

America in the 1700s by the German immigrants. However, now these nests have been replaced by colorful, decorated baskets for children.

One of the most common Easter traditions is decorating eggs. This tradition has been since the thirteenth century. For Christians, eggs were banned during lent season, and people would decorate them and eat them on Easter to celebrate the end of the Lent season. The egg was a symbol of new life, which could also be a reason for the egg tradition. Also, many people in the high society would give jeweled encrusted eggs to one another as gifts on Easter.

Another famous tradition is all the candy that is used on easter. Except for Halloween. Easter is the holiday where Americans buy the most candy. Some of the most famous Easter candies are the chocolate eggs, jelly beans and the marshmallow peeps. The chocolate egg has been around since the early nineteenth century Europe. Jelly beans started being associated with Easter a little later in the 1930s, mainly because they looked like eggs. The marshmallow peeps began selling in the 1950s and used to be handmade.

So now that you have more of an awareness of Easter, you will be better prepared to celebrate on Sunday.

Wellness Center offers new yoga class, instructor

By **KATE HENNING**
Student Reporter

The J.R. Holder Wellness Center is offering a new yoga class this semester.

Connie Bryant, a junior education major at Northwestern, has been studying the practice of yoga for about two years now. She has offered her time to instruct on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Different from the yoga classes previously offered, Bryant brings her own unique style to the class, and no two classes are the same.

One week, Bryant focused on teaching the different Warrior poses, and the next week, the class was about learning how to strengthen the back muscles for more flexibility.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of the class is learning that with consistency comes results. The students find them-



Photo provided

Pictured above, from left to right, are Shaq Harris, Connie Bryant, Kate Henning and Ana Parra, participants of the yoga class.

selves becoming more flexible, and the poses that were hard to master at the start of the class are now easier to form.

The atmosphere is relaxed and inviting, and no experience is necessary. Bryant is accustomed to provid-

ing modifications for those who are new to the art form. If you are looking for a different yoga experience, this class is a great opportunity for beginners or pros.

Student questions book prices

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Michigan's professor of economics, Mark Perry, who said, "College textbook prices are increasing way more than parent's ability to pay for them."

Perry noted an instance where a specialized chemistry textbook cost \$400 at his university bookstore.

Students at Northwestern have also reported similar prices.

"I spent nearly \$400 on textbooks earlier in my college career," Marema said. "Now that I am in classes for my major, the textbooks are getting [even more] crazy expensive."

McClure also said the prices were too high, and when she used the price match option in the 2015 fall semester, she saved more than \$300.

All of the students surveyed agreed that textbook prices are unfair. To help offset the costs, many students only rent their textbooks or sell them back after they finish the class for which the book was required.

Michelle Penner is the team leader for NWOSU's bookstore. Penner is also a graduate student at Northwestern who uses the bookstore to buy her textbooks for class.

Penner said she believes in buying books, rather than renting. "I have almost as many books at

home as we do in the bookstore," she said.

Still, Penner, Marema and McClure all agreed that the prices of textbooks were high.

Something else the three had in common were experiences with buying expensive textbooks and then never using them.

All of students surveyed said they had bought a required textbook for their college classes and then never used the book. The majority of students surveyed said this has happened to them a couple of times while a number confirmed that they "very often" had this problem with their classes.



Photo by Natalie Sacket

Above are this semester's books for one student who paid almost \$1000, even with discounts and rental options

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Features

Approaching tornado: Here's what to know

By NICK VILLALOBOS & NATALIE SACKET
Staff Writers

With tornado season rapidly approaching, it is time to inform oneself of the safety protocols utilized on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus. Alva, Okla. is in the center of tornado alley, so it is of utmost importance to be weather aware in the coming months. If you are not familiar with safety protocols, do not fear. We have compiled the most important facts to know about tornado safety at Northwestern, including shelter locations and safety tips

Northwestern has a recommendations as to what safety guidelines should be followed in the event of severe weather. Included in today's edition are tricks and tips that will help you remain safe in tornado season.



Graphic and photos by Natalie Sacket

Know the items recommended for a first-aid kit



- Absorbant Compress
- Dressings
- Adhesive bandages (assorted sizes)
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic wipes
- Aspirin
- Cold Compress
- Disposable nonlatex gloves
- Sterile gauze pads
- Tweezers
- First aid instruction booklet
- Rubbing alcohol
- Small pair of scissors
- Heating pads
- Butterfly wound closures
- Oral thermometer
- Ibuprofen
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Adhesive medical tape
- Super glue
- Eye drops

Storm Preparedness Kit



- Three days worth of non-perishable food
- Salt-free crackers
- Clean drinking water (one gallon/person)
- First aid kit (Refer to first aid kit supplies)
- Prescription medications (if currently using them)
- Copies of important documents, such as insurance policies, bank records, etc. Store in water-proof container.
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Complete change of clothes
- Matches, in water proof container
- Candles with long-burning wick
- Personal hygiene items
- NOAA Weather Radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Duct tape
- Pocket knife

Know your Northwestern Alva campus safety zones

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Vinson Hall
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Fine Arts
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Features

How one storm turned a town upside-down

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Staff Reporter

On May 20, 2013, Moore, Oklahoma, was forever changed by Mother Nature.

An EF5 tornado roared through the town, destroying an estimated 450 homes and businesses according to KOCO.com and killed 24 people and leaving 377 people injured.

For the one's that survived the tornado, their stories continue to be told today. One in which involves one of Northwestern Oklahoma State University's former students, Jake Spradling.

In 2013, Spradling was just finishing up his senior year in high school. The particular day that the tornado hit, Jake and his little brother were still in school, while their parents sat at home keeping watch on the weather.

"They planned on just riding it out," Jake said.

A few hours went by, and the weather took a turn for the worse. The clouds began to change and funnel clouds started to form. One funnel cloud in particular built up just enough and touched down.

"The tornado touched down about 30 minutes away from my house in Moore," Jake said. "My parents told me to go to my grandparents' house in Norman to wait out the storm."

After picking up his brother from school, they both left for Norman.

Two days went by after the tornado ripped through Moore. Jake and his family went back to Moore to assess the damage.

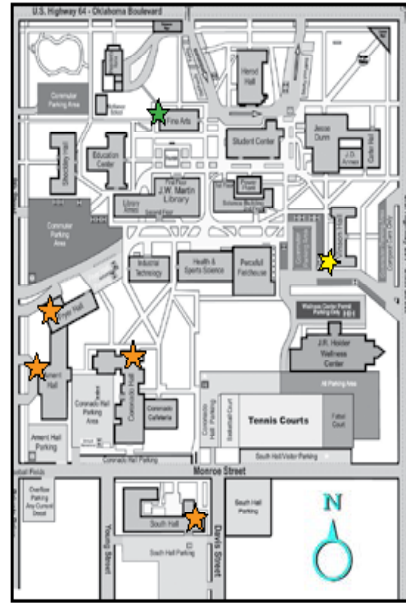
"I went back to help find a friend's little sister at her elementary school," Jake said. "Seeing all that damage, just a mile from where I lived was just jaw dropping."

He said, "there was no time to mourn. It was more of an 'okay, well it happened; now let's get to work.'"

A year after the tornado, the Spradlings finally moved into their newly built house.

FEMA, local fire departments, numerous safety crews and neighboring towns (one being Alva) provided relief efforts for Moore. They brought clothes, water, food and other basic necessities for the residents who lost all of their belongings in the tornado.

Do you know where you're going? NWOSU Tornado Procedures



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- ★ First floor and interior hallway of all Residence Halls.

If you are unable to get to any of the designated shelters on campus, get inside the closest building and get to the nearest interior hallway or bathroom



Photo by Natalie Sacket

It is important to stay aware, even after the severe storm has passed.

Aftermath of storms can present peril too

By NATALIE SACKET
Student Reporter

As the clouds fade, rains dry and skies clear, it may appear as though all immediate threat has dispersed; however, it is quite important to remember that hazards also may ex-

ist in the aftermath of severe storms.

When emerging from a safety zone after severe weather, one should remember to remain observant of surroundings, watching for potential hazards. Such hazards might include chemical spills, flammable liquids, exposed wires, loose animals, exposed gas pipes and sharp objects. All may serve as a threat to your safety.

After a storm that has caused significant damage to surroundings, only use a battery or electric powered light source. Exposed flames can spark any flammable liquids or hazardous chemicals that might have become exposed in the area.

If there might be damage to the building, shut off the natural gas, propane tanks and electrical power in the building. This will prevent any potential fires, electrocution or

explosions. It is important to contact the local fire department if there is a gas leak.

If cleaning up a damaged area, one should wear sturdy shoes or boots, thick pants, long sleeves and gloves. This will help to avoid potential injury as a result of sharp objects.

In the event of severe weather on the Northwestern Oklahoma State University campus, the Northwestern weather safety committee will utilize the emergency text system. Students and faculty can register cellphones by logging into their RangerNet account. Then, enter the Cell Messaging tab, enter your cellphone number and answer the following questions.

Contact the campus police office after a severe storm if you notice any potential perils.

In severe weather, it is necessary to remain alert and observant.

Tornado precautions: Before and During

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Staff Reporter

Severe winds and heavy rains rip through Alva several times a years.

At any point during the storms that move through Alva, a tornado could touch town, causing serious damage to resident's homes, the town business or schools.

To make sure you are prepared for tornadoes before they occur, ready.gov says you should build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan. It

also says to listen to the NOAA weather radio or any local station. Being alert to changing weather conditions is also a tip they give to being prepared for a tornado.

In any circumstance that a tornado does touch down, everyone should take the following precautions according to accuweather.com: Take shelter in the lowest interior room, lie flat and use mattresses as cover if possible, and if in case you are driving, do not try to outrun the tornado. Instead, move from the path of the tornado in a right angle.

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Sports

Baseball swept by Bison

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

While most students headed home or out to the beach for spring break, the Rangers baseball team stayed busy.

The Rangers struggled despite some solid individual performances throughout the five games contested over the break. The Rangers went 1-4 throughout the week to move their season record to 9-20 (6-9 GAC).

The Rangers welcomed the Beavers of Bemidji State University from Bemidji, Minnesota, to Alva on Tuesday for a two game series. In the first game the Rangers lost 5-3 in extra innings despite a two-run homer from centerfielder Thomas Bess in the bottom of the sixth.

Reliever Stetson Buller moved from his usual set-up role in the bullpen to start the ballgame and struggled, allowing three runs in less than two innings of work. The Rangers would then go deep into their bullpen as six other pitchers would step onto the mound for the Rangers.

After nine innings the game entered extra innings tied at 3-3 and would remain tied up until a two-run single in the twelfth inning gave the Beavers a two-run advantage. Senior Brody Ausfahl was charged with the loss.

In the second and final game



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger baseball struggled over the break despite solid performances from catcher Jacob Long and senior Thomas Bess. The Rangers next series will be at home March 25-26 against Southern Nazarene.

against the Beavers the Rangers picked up their only win of the break, 14-9, behind 14 total hits for the team. Catcher Jacob Long and lead-off batter Garrett Douglas continued his strong play going 3-4 on the day.

The Rangers jumped on the Beavers pitching early, jumping out to a 3-1 lead in the first and never looked back. Senior Jason Barlett got the start for the Rangers, however

Dakota Stanek earned the win, his second of the season.

The Rangers returned to conference play over the weekend against Oklahoma Baptist University and couldn't avoid the sweep against the Bison. Sophomore Matt Bickford pitched seven innings of quality baseball, however a ninth inning rally wasn't good enough as the Rangers lost 5-3.

Despite 11 hits, the Black-and-

Red were unable to capitalize on the multiple scoring opportunities they had throughout the game. In the ninth inning it finally seemed like the Rangers would convert after putting runners on, but back to back fly-outs stranded runners on second and third to end the game.

In the first game of the double header on Saturday the hot bats for the Rangers turned ice cold in a 8-0 loss. The Black-and-Red could only

manage two hits throughout the game and starting pitcher Robert Lawhon turned in his first bad outing in conference play, allowing six runs in five innings of work.

A back and forth battle in the third game provided the most excitement for the Rangers over the break. The final score ended up 10-9, as the Rangers turned eight hits into nine runs and battled all the way to the end.

Senior Matt Benn got back on track after struggling the first part of the season and provided the Rangers a 2-0 lead after one inning with a RBI single. The Bison came back and made it a 7-2 ball game heading into the sixth before shortstop Xyruse Martinez hit a two RBI triple to right field, immediately followed by a Benn home run to make it a one run ballgame through six innings.

The Bison added two more runs in the bottom half of the inning, but another triple from the Rangers, this time from Bess would make it a run one ball game once again. A wild pitch would score Bess, tying the game up at nine runs apiece. The Rangers bullpen would walk in the winning run, ending an otherwise exciting performance for the Rangers.

The Rangers will host Southern Nazarene this weekend at 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday at Myers Stadium.

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Lawhon driven by emotions

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor-in-Chief

Students in the business and professional communication class are shuffling to their seats while Robert Lawhon sits in the back, scanning his iPad, not saying a word.

"In class, I show up, keep to myself and learn from listening," said Robert Lawhon, a current grad student and member of the baseball team at Northwestern.

In class he is always quiet, but when he steps out on the field for game time, Lawhon's



Photo by Ranger Athletic Department

Robert Lawhon

true personality shows.

"I enjoy playing baseball because I excel at it, unlike in the classroom where I seem to just do well," Lawhon said.

As Lawhon fires in his pitches to the catcher, he is dynamic. He is aggressive, and oftentimes, if a pitch is just off the mark, he becomes aggravated.

He gets heated because that's the competitor in him.

Lawhon said he strives to be the best player because he has big dreams of landing on a professional baseball team after his time in college is up.

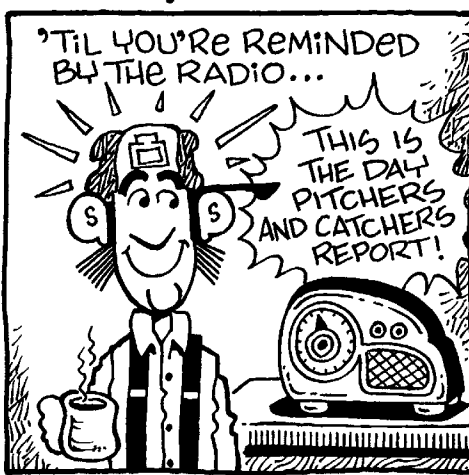
As of now, said he has the Cleveland Indians, Boston Red

Sox, Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Brewers and the San Francisco Giants looking at him for a post-college career.

Besides focusing on baseball, Lawhon also strives to pursue the development of his entrepreneurship qualities with his small online business selling shoes.

"If I manage only a short career playing ball, then I want to invest in stocks and find a financial adviser so he can help me in making more money," Lawhon said. "The last thing I want to do is just show up to work. I want to enjoy the work that I am doing."

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by Mike Marland

top ten

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3. North Carolina
4. Connecticut
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6. UCLA
7. Michigan
8. Michigan State
9. Notre Dame
10. Wisconsin

SOURCE: The Harris Poll

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Sports

Softball picks up key wins

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

Northwestern softball gained some momentum over the break with three wins in six games to double their season wins.

The Rangers competed in three double headers, winning one game and losing one game in all three.

The first series pitted the Rangers against Newman University in Wichita, Kansas.

In the first game lead-off batter Alexis Hayes put together a 2-3 performance, but the rest of the Rangers line-up could only manage two other hits, leading to an 8-0 loss.

Pitchers Madison Garza, Karly Murray and Erin Norrie all saw time on the mound and struggled to put away Newman batters.

The second game of the doubleheader against the Jets would be a complete different story as this time the Jets would be the ones to struggle behind the plate, resulting in an 8-0 Ranger's victory.

The game would remain scoreless until the top of the fifth inning when Hayes once again came through for the Rangers with a RBI single that scored sophomore Peyton Garrett.

A Jordan Haya homerun later on in the inning would increase the Ranger lead to



Photos by Walt Watham

Northwestern played some of its best softball of the year over the break. The Rangers picked up three wins, which included two conference wins against Oklahoma Baptist University.

six, before Hayes struck again in the sixth tacking on another run after Garrett scored on a throwing error.

Garza was phenomenal on the mound, throwing all six innings and only allowing two hits throughout the course of the game.

The Rangers returned to conference play on Saturday and faced off against Oklahoma Baptist University.

Garza picked up her third win of the season after a 7-4 victory for the Rangers.

Murray was credited with her first save of the season after retiring all but one of the batters she faced in the final two

innings.

Second baseman Stephanie Couser homered and Garrett went 2-3 with a triple and two RBI's to show off some much needed power in the middle of the Rangers line-up.

The afternoon portion of the doubleheader wouldn't be as friendly to the Rangers as the first game, as the Rangers bats once again struggled, leading to a 5-1 loss.

Hayes scored off of a Haya single in the first to match the run the Bison also scored in the first inning, but a huge second inning for the Bison put the Rangers down 4-1.

In the bottom half of the

second, sophomore Madison Mcgraw led off with a single and then stole second and third.

Garret followed with a walk and then also moved herself into scoring position stealing second base, but the Rangers hitters were unable to get them across home plate.

The Rangers only produced one more hit throughout the rest of the game.

The Black-and-Red came out in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader action and jumped out to an early lead, but were unable to string together any other runs and ended up losing 3-1.

Haya went 2-3 and provid-

ed the only RBI for the Rangers.

Murray took the mound for the second game of the doubleheader and didn't allow an earned run in a 4-2 Ranger victory.

Haya once again began the Ranger's scoring in the first inning with a triple off the right field wall that scored Couser and Mcgraw.

The two run lead held until the fourth inning when a costly error allowed two Bison runners to score.

However, the Rangers would also capitalize on a Bison error and put two runners across the plate off of a Garret single.

The Rangers record stands at 5-23 (3-15 GAC.) With six conference series remaining the Rangers are still very much alive in postseason contention.

The Rangers are just three games back of eighth place in the conference, which would qualify them for a berth in the GAC tournament championship.

The next few series for the Rangers will pit them against some of the lower ranked teams in the conference.

The Black-and-Red will look to continue to gain much need conference wins when they head down to the city to take on Southern Nazarene on Mar. 25-26 in two days of doubleheader action.

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Golf's season low round, Rangers struggle in Texas

By RYAN SHUMAKER
Sports Editor

Sophomore Cole Ward fired a season low 71 during an otherwise abysmal performance for the Ranger golfers.

In a tournament where low scoring seemed to be easy to come by, the Rangers could not match the rest of the field finishing in last place.

The tournament was hosted by St. Mary's University on March 14-15 at The Golf Club of Texas in San Antonio, Texas. The tournament featured four teams ranked in the top 50 in division two golf, as well as a top-10 ranked division three team and the top ranked junior college team in the nation.

The Rangers shot rounds of 326, 317 and 309. Ward's 71 helped him lead the way for the Rangers, finishing with a three-day total of 230.

Freshman Tyler Miller continued his consist play with two rounds in the 70's to finish

with a total of 239. Upperclassman Trevor Montgomery, Drew Sims and Ryan Shumaker continued to struggle and rounded out the team.

Ward's season-low score for the Rangers of 71 featured three birdies to go along with just two bogeys. The other bright spot from the Rangers turned out to be Montgomery's remarkable turnaround on the first day of competition when in the first round he shot 93, but then came back in the afternoon round and fired a 76.

A similar turnaround is obviously needed for the whole team as the other two conference teams dominated the Rangers. Indian Hills Junior College took home the team trophy finishing at an impressive 13-under par 851.

The Rangers have just a few weeks to figure something out as they will head to Fort Smith, Ark., on April 11-12 to compete in the Hardscrabble Open at Hardscrabble Country Club.

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Sports

Softball wins one in Wichita



Junior Alexis Hayes lays down a bunt against Newman University during doubleheader action. The Rangers would split with the Jets on the day.

The Rangers softball team looks to continue their strong play in the field led by sophomore Peyton Garrett. Just a few games back in postseason contention, the Rangers look to lean on strong fielding to propel them into the GAC tournament.

Photos by Walt Watham

Baseball takes on Beavers



The Rangers were able to consistently get runners on, but were unable to score when it counted.



The Rangers battled all break but came away with a 1-4 record.



Coach Sam Carel gets down on all fours to inspect the upcoming call from the third base umpire. The Rangers continued their aggressive base running throughout all games during the break.

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Entertainment

'Allegiant' falls short, disappoints critics

By TRENTON JUDD & NATALIE SACKET
Columnists

Natalie: 1 out of 5



Wait, this series is still going? In a cinematic world where novel adaptations and post-apocalyptic worlds dominate the box office, "Allegiant" falls short. This film is the third in the "Divergent" series ... and hopefully the last. (Though I'm certain they intend to drag the series out for one more film).

So far, I've reviewed the first three films of the "Divergent" series. I enjoyed the first film, as its plot development was quite strong. Unfortunately, the series has been on a burning rollercoaster downward ever since. The second film was a huge disappointment, and honestly, I debated copying and pasting last year's review for the third film. Both reviews were filled with disappointment and sassy critiques.

I'm not certain I can blame the poor acting on the actors. The characters are just too one-dimensional for any intrigue. Whether it is the original book series or the screen adaptation to blame, these characters are just one big snooze fest. Perhaps the snooziest of them all is Tris, played by Shalene Woodley. I appreciate a strong heroine, but Tris is just a less intense copy of Katniss from "The Hunger Games."

I will say that if you intend on watching this film, you need to have watched the first two placements in the series. Otherwise you will be more lost and out of place than Tris in the company of strong female characters.

"Allegiant" relies way too heavily on CGI effects, most of which are not convincing or



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto, Graphic by Natalie Sacket

enticing. Overall, I was left with a sense of "blah" at the visual aspects of the film.

I've not read the book series, but based off of the responses of several friends who have, this film does not stay true to the original storyline in the slightest. Granted, Hollywood has rights to make changes, but the author's original plot should stay intact. If you're a fan of the novels, prepare to be underwhelmed.

Bottom Line: Allegiant? More like Alleg'aint' gonna get those two hours of my life back.

Trenton: 3 out of 5



"Allegiant" continues the story of Tris, played by Shailene Woodley, as she looks for a way to escape a post-apocalyptic Chicago, which is currently crumbling under anarchy amongst the factions, that has been walled off from the rest of the world and Tris will discover that the grass is not greener on the other side.

"Allegiant's" story is nothing new amongst today's audiences due to the overflow of post-apocalyptic films and unfortunately for "Allegiant" it feels like a watered down version of many of these films, but it does have unique elements in the style of the film that somewhat separates it from other post-apocalyptic films. The design elements of the film are unique with how they chose to

design a radioactive earth complete with bloodied rain and terrain that was red due to radiation and corrosion. The costume design for the military uniforms was visually interesting to look at, but many of the other costumes were basic and uninteresting. The CGI on the buildings was very well done and blended very well, but a majority of the CGI in this movie looks fake and out of place. The worst example of CGI gone bad are these orange bubbles and they look so out of place that it may pull you out of the movie with how distractingly bad they look. There are three great things about this movie and their names are Jeff Daniels, Octavia Spencer, and Jonny Weston. Jeff Daniels gives an excellent and diverse performance as the governing authority of Chicago. Octavia Spencer gives a few strong and memorable lines as the leader of the new allegiant faction. Finally Jonny Weston gives a great over the top performance as a minor antagonist, but it is clear he is having fun with the role. The worst actor in the movie is Ansel Elgort due to the way he forces emotions and it is very clear that he is not invested in his character at all.

Bottom Line: "Allegiant" was not a bad movie to watch, but it is definitely not a movie that could do well as a movie on its own so before seeing this movie it might help if you re-watch the previous "Divergent" movies in order to make this movie feel far more complete than it turned out to be.

Superhero genre takes over the world of entertainment

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superman (and Batman)!

Tonight's release of "Batman v. Superman" is yet another film installment in a long line of superhero films. Superheroes have delighted and intrigued audiences since the 1930s across many mediums. However, the past decade has seen a dramatic surge in superhero movie and television adaptations.

Superhero adaptations have come a long way, from comic strip, to graphic novel, to the big screen. Now, it seems as though a new feature on superheroes is being released every other month.

With shows like "Daredevil," "Jessica Jones," "The Flash," "Arrow" and "Supergirl," television has been dominated by superhero adaptations. Each year, more series are released with superheroes as the primary focus. Some can fly, some have super strength; some have powers, some don't. There is one constant: all attract large audiences.

With the massive surge of Marvel and DC films, superheroes have dominated the big screen for years. Just in 2016, there are six prominent superhero films being released. Many more are to follow in coming years.

So why is there a massive resurgence in superhero adaptations? Perhaps it is merely that technology has changed enough that it can translate the exciting imaginations of the comics.

Charlie Wylie is a Northwestern senior who can be considered an expert on superheroes. He has been an avid comic reader for 28 years and watches almost every recent superhero installment. He won first place at Ranger Research Day last semester for his presentation on the cultural

adaptations of Lois Lane.

"We now have the technology to bring these incredible stories to life," Wylie said. "Superheroes have always been portrayed in the medium of comic books. That medium is only limited by the imagination of the writer and the artist."

Superhero adaptations relate to a wide variety of audiences for many reasons.

"Superhero movies have action, science fiction elements, romance, drama and comedy all rolled into one," Wylie said. "It contains a little bit of everything, which is why I think it appeals to so many people."

Superheroes give audiences something to hope for and someone to look up to. They are the Greek gods of modern entertainment.

The superheroes have changed throughout the decades. Superman used to battle Nazis, as he was a symbol for the resurgence of the Jewish community. The heroes have adapted to social conditions. In some decades, they have been comical; in others, they have been cynical and serious. As most forms of pop culture, the superhero genre has adapted within its cultural conditions. Now, our heroes have become far more morally complicated and flawed. None of these heroes are entirely pure. Perhaps we need these heroes to be flawed, as it displays the human experience. Since September 11, 2001, superheroes have become a more prevalent aspect of our entertainment.

Wylie is optimistic about the future of superhero adaptations.

"I think these kinds of movies will continue to be popular," Wylie said. "There were low expectations for 'Guardians of the Galaxy' and 'Ant-Man.' Both of these movies have done phenomenally well. Look at 'Deadpool.' I have to admit, I wasn't expecting that movie to blow up like it did. But, yet again, another big success. 'Batman vs. Superman' is probably going to do fantastic at the box office as well. This success carries over to television as well ... This genre will continue to be popular because people want to watch these stories."

Regardless of why this genre has a newfound popularity, it is certain that these heroes are saving the box office.

Even though these superheroes may only exist in fiction and are unable to save us, they are the heroes we need to help us escape our daily lives.

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Increase in international students

By HAYLEE BATES
Student Writer

The engines rattle the plane as they prepare for takeoff, and tears roll down a young girl's face as she leaves her family behind.

This is an experience similar to the one Princess Adenuga, junior international student from Nigeria, had as she made her journey from Nigeria to the United States. Her goal for this journey was to continue her education at the collegiate level.

The United States is starting to see a trend of international students enrolling in classes at universities throughout the country. International students made a new record for the 2013-2014 academic year as the United States welcomed in 886,052 undergraduate and graduate students,

which equaled about 4 percent of the student population, said Devon Haynie, U.S. News reporter.

Universities throughout the country have seen a 72 percent overall increase of international students since 2000, Haynie said.

Northwestern is among the universities that have seen a drastic increase of international students in recent years. It has seen a 147.9 percent increase of international students from 2012-2015, said Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management.

Northwestern hosted representatives from 17 different countries on its campus for the fall semester of 2015, Mosburg said. The largest international student population on Northwestern's campus is from Nepal, which includes 70 students. Nepal is

followed by Canada with 17 students and Ghana with 10 students.

International students come to the United States to study for different reasons. "Some students come to the United States for something different and to experience something new beyond what they are used to," said Rebecca Cook, international student advisor.

"I came to the United States for a better future," said Pawana Itani, freshman international student from Nepal. "The political system is bad in Nepal, and the government is not caring for the students."

International students come to Northwestern, specifically, for different reasons. "I came to Northwestern because it was affordable," Adenuga said. "We also have a better opportunity for our education here."

Students that come from foreign countries to study at Northwestern have to learn to adjust to a new culture. "It is still hard from me to adjust," Adenuga said. "People don't understand me when I talk and it makes it hard to communicate when I have to repeat myself multiple times."

Northwestern offers an orientation class called Ranger Connection to help students adjust, and this allows international students to become familiar with the university as well as faculty and staff members, Cook said.

Building relationships with professors allows students to make connections and help them adapt to the university. "The faculty and staff are fantastic with our international students," Cook said. "They care about them and are willing to help

them if they need it."

"I have become their mother away from home," Cook said. "I want to be the person that they can constantly go to and depend on."

As the international student population continues to grow Northwestern is looking for ways to help students adapt to the university and the culture that surrounds them. In the future we want to develop a mentoring program for international students, so they can be in contact with and receive advice from someone who has been in their position, Cook said.

International students may have to fly halfway across the world and leave their families behind to study in the United States, but "a certificate from the United States is highly valued in my country," Adenuga said. "So I know I am doing the right thing."

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