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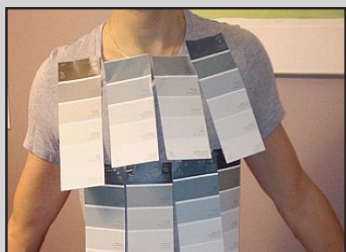
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# OPINION

## ‘A different breed’: Rodeo students make real sacrifices for the sport they love

By JACYLN BURKE

Columnist

When students come to college, the extent of their commitment to college is to feed themselves and earn passing grades.

Then there comes a completely different breed of college students. They are known around town as the rodeo team. They are a little different than most college students.

Thursday nights they can be found at the Backyard Billie’s Goat Roping. As for the rest of the weekend, they are sure to be out of town on the rodeo road.

The commitment rodeo students have is on a whole new level. These cowboys and cowgirls started off their college careers by choosing a school that would be able to support their rodeo needs. Going to college where they couldn’t rodeo was never an option.

Summer ends and they pack everything up, even their four legged athletes. Feed, hay, ropes, roping dummies, saddles, buckets and blankets all get packed into their trailers in addition to everything a normal college kid may require.

Before they know it, they are off to college with trailer in tow. They travel from the west coast, east coast, Canada, Australia and everywhere in between.

Choosing to go to a college that far from home to chase their dreams shows a lot about their character.

Although they have to worry about feeding themselves and passing their classes, they also have their horses to keep in check. The horses’ needs come before theirs, no matter what.

If a person has lab at 2 p.m. and they get a call at 1:15 p.m. saying their horse is injured to the point their anatomy is showing, they drop everything. That test they have to study for the next day, well that flew right to the back burner. The lunch they didn’t get a chance to eat before the incident, stays uneaten. They hook up to their trailer, take the horse to the vet and get them patched up. The



time commitment for incidents like this is unreal. Not to mention the financial commitment they must have to pay the emergency vet bills on top of the regular costs of owning such athletes.

Most college students spend all of their spare time watching Netflix. Meanwhile, the rodeo team is out in the practice pen working tirelessly to be the best they can possibly be. They spend countless hours taking care of

their animals, practicing and watching their practice runs on repeat. All of that on top of school work. They put a lot of time and money into preparing for their handful of seconds in the spotlight at a rodeo.

All the hard work will either pay off or they will have had one tiny mishap. The mishap will send them walking away empty handed and probably empty pocketed. No matter the outcome of a single rodeo, they head right back to the practice pen until the next rodeo rolls around.

The dedication cowboys and cowgirls have to their sport is incomparable. Although their commitment may seem a little extreme at times, this is their lifestyle and they wouldn’t trade it for anything.

At the end of the day they come home filthy and tired, but with a full heart because they are living their dream. They can’t wait to get up and do it all again the next day.



Photo by Trisha Price




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# News

## Miss Northwestern crowned; Stillwater freshman wins Outstanding Teen

Mary Shklar, Waynoka freshman, was named Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University 2016 during the annual Miss Northwestern Pageant on Sunday. Ducky Wyatt of Stillwater was crowned as Miss Northwestern’s Outstanding Teen.

Shklar sang a vocal solo, and her platform is “The Development of Children’s Health.” Wyatt’s talent was a dance performance, and her platform is “Joy in the Cause.”

Shklar will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship as Miss Northwestern. When Wyatt attends college at Northwestern, she will receive a \$1,500 tuition scholarship as well.

Temperance Bouziden, the Miss Northwestern Star, will accompany Shklar to the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant in Tulsa in June. Temperance is the daughter of Mitchell and Cassi Bouziden and the granddaughter of Bob Southerland and the late Gayle Southerland, Ron Bouziden and Jerri Dee Neal.

Miss Northwestern’s first runner-up was junior Cortney Lofton from Oklahoma City. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash

scholarship. Second runner-up was freshman Victoria Kimbrell from Enid. She will receive a \$1,000 tuition scholarship and a cash scholarship. Arriah Herrin from Blanchard, was first runner-up for Miss Northwestern’s Outstanding Teen and second runner-up was Natalie Yadon from Woodward. Each runner-up in the Teen category will receive a tuition scholarship if they choose Northwestern as their university of choice for higher education.

Contestants in both pageants were judged in talent, interview, lifestyle and fitness and onstage question categories. Each contestant in both the Miss and Teen categories will receive cash participation scholarship awards.

Kara Johnson from Guthrie also competed in the Miss Northwestern Pageant.

Harlee Newby of Woodward and Malayna Stober of Oklahoma City also were contestants in the Teen contest.

Other contestants for the Miss Northwestern Star program were Brinley Burt, Destiny Cook and Presley Reim.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Miss Northwestern, Shklar and Miss Outstanding Teen, Wyatt share a hug.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Ducky Wyatt is crowned the 2016 Miss Outstanding Teen.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto  
Miss Northwestern poses with runner-ups after being crowned.

## Evaluation of Northwestern’s strategic plan held Monday, students discuss improvements

By NATALIE SACKET  
Feature Editor

As Northwestern Oklahoma State University is reaching the conclusion of its current strategic plan, a new plan is now being developed that will lead Northwestern through 2020.

Stephen Reno, Ph.D., discussed with students on Monday to supplement his evaluation of the university, in an effort to help the university to continue to succeed and improve. “At the end of the day, we want the university to be here and to be doing a good job. We want the university to be known for doing a good job so people will want to come here to study, to teach, and to work,” said Reno.

Northwestern Dean of Students, Calleb Mosburg, places heavy emphasis on the strategic plan, saying, “a lot of things that we do here at the university are

based on its strategic plan.” Reno visited Northwestern five years ago in 2010 to assist in the development of the university’s current strategic plan. Reno is currently aiding with Northwestern’s upcoming plan, which will lead the university to the year 2020.

Reno met with several panels on Monday, including meetings with faculty, staff and student meetings.

“The university is very seriously asking itself right now: What do we need to do to better serve you and those students who will come after you,” said Reno.

The strategic plan will detail significant matters that affect both students and staff, such as where the university should spend its money.

“Should it spend it on people? Should it spend it on buildings? Should it spend it on equipment? Should it spend it on technology? Should it spend it on marketing?” asked Reno. “These

are the types of difficult questions we are having to ask ourselves.”

Over a dozen Northwestern students met with Reno Monday afternoon to speak about what they like about the campus and what they think could be improved.

The students pointed out that they appreciate the student to professor ratio and the warm community atmosphere on campus.

Constructive criticism focused on the tired infrastructure of the campus, struggles for international students and the perception of the university in neighboring communities.

Reno will take the comments contributed by students into consideration in his evaluation of the university and will attempt to implement solution to the issues in the Northwestern strategic plan.

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## Outstanding Senior applications available for 2016 nominations

The Northwestern Foundation & Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for Outstanding Graduates in the categories of art, business/professional, education, humanitarian, Ranger Spirit and Ranger Recognition.

Nominees must be graduates who have demonstrated recognizable accomplishment in his/her profession, business, avocation or life service in a way as to bring pride and honor to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The Ranger Spirit award, formerly the Ranger award, is awarded to an honoree recognized for their exceptional support of the university who demonstrates true Ranger spirit. The Ranger

Recognition award is given to a recipient with significant achievements within five years of his/her graduation.

The nomination process and form can be found at [my.nwfoundation.com/outstanding-graduate-program](http://my.nwfoundation.com/outstanding-graduate-program). The form must be fully completed for consideration by the Outstanding Graduates Committee. This committee will review the nominations for selection, and includes Northwestern Alumni Association Board members. The nominations for 2015 close January 1, 2016.

The chosen nominees will be inducted at the Northwestern Spring Alumni Reunion banquet, Saturday, April 25, 2016.

## Heartland BEST robotics competition to be held Saturday for young students

By MEGAN GARNETT  
*Student Reporter*

High school and middle school students will come to Alva to compete in the Heartland BEST robotics competition on October 31.

“BEST stands for Boosting Engineering Science and Technology,” explained Steven Maier, who has a PhD in science education. Maier is the director of the Heartland BEST Robotics and has been involved in the competition since 2002. “BEST is an engineering competition that is high energy and a lot of fun”, he said.

Maier has been at Northwestern Oklahoma State University since 1998. He teaches several courses including physics and science education along with other general science education courses. When asked, he said he has always been interested in robotics, as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or STEM.

BEST’s event, called Game Day, occurs annually, and takes place on Halloween this year. It starts at 10a.m. and lasts approximately five hours.

Each year, the competition costs around \$20,000 to host. The high cost is due to the fact that the event is entirely free to the schools who are involved. Materials for each team’s robotics kit are provided without any charge.

Jenny Sattler, who has a PhD in Biomedical Physics, is

in charge of the kits. She explained that all teams are required to use a kit which is provided for them. “Everybody gets an identical kit to build their robot,” Sattler said, explaining that an identical kit provides a level playing field for all participating teams.

The competition is open to the public. Maier said, “We’d like to put the word out so people can come and see what’s going on. It’s a pretty exciting event. We’ll have teams that bring their own bands, pep bands, mascots, and cheerleaders. It’s basically a regional athletic championship, except it’s not athletic: it’s academic. We’ve got robots competing.”

This year, teams from Oklahoma and Kansas will participate in the competition. Perry, Pratt and OKC homeschool are among the groups who will compete. Alva has not had a team in the past, though this year Alva and Freedom, Oklahoma will form a combined team.

There are two categories that teams can compete in. Maier said, “They can compete in the Game Day competition, which is basically just how well the robot performs. The more prestigious thing they can compete in is called the BEST award.” Teams are judged on Game performance, table display, oral presentation, spirit and sportsmanship and their notebooks. All five criteria are scored and count toward the BEST award.

“If they win the BEST award, which is the most prestigious, then they get a bid to go to the regional competition which is in Fort Smith Arkansas,” Maier explained.

Students striving for the BEST award are required to give an oral presentation on the 30<sup>th</sup>. They also have to compete in a table display which is a presentation of their product. “The robots that they are competing with are meant to be marketable products based on the challenge that was given to them,” Maier said.

Members of Northwestern’s faculty, community members and some Northwestern student volunteers will help to judge and run the competition. Among the students helping are Willow Gahr, a physics minor who has helped judge for the past two years and Francis Declan, who is taking a service learning course built around the event.

Maier also talked about the talent and ability of high school and middle school students involved. He said, “I think it’s almost a lesson for college students...It’s amazing to see what middle school and high school students come up with. We worked on a demonstration robot and I guarantee you their designs are gonna outperform our robot.”

Sattler added, “It’s a surprise to us too, I mean, some of the ideas they come with, it’s like whoa, I would have never thought of that!”

Maier expressed that they hoped to continue to see the competition as a way to recruit and get people involved in STEM. He went on to say, “Even if you don’t know robotics, there are a lot of things we can use volunteers for.”

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# Teacher Fair held for Education majors to promote future careers in field

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
*Student Reporter*

On Oct. 20, Northwestern Oklahoma State University held the Teacher Fair to help education majors find potential careers with searching schools.

For the past six years every fall and spring semester elementary and high schools from all around Oklahoma and Kansas meet to create the Teacher Fair. Lisa Franz, Career Services Coordinator and Transfer Recruiter, said the fair was a complete success and “The school representatives were very complimentary of our education students and excited about our upcoming and future graduates.”

The purpose of the fair is to help students get in touch with potential employers by bringing them to Northwestern, according to Franz. Some of the schools that attended were Blackwell Public Schools, Fairview Public Schools, El Reno Public Schools, Woodward Public Schools, Guymon Public Schools and many others. Professional Oklahoma Educators also attended the Teacher Fair.

Professional Oklahoma Educators is a non-union, nonpartisan professional association for all Oklahoma school personnel. Members of the association receive liability insurance, legal services and lobby representation. According to Julie Coshow, Regional Education Professional, they have several members of Professional Oklahoma Educators at Northwestern, 10 members originally and eight more signed up during the fair. Coshow also said “We would like to start a chapter here soon, at Northwestern. We feel that it is important for student teachers to join some organization.”

Another school attending the Teacher Fair was El Reno Public Schools. Representing them was Julie Huber, Director of School Improvement. According to Huber El Reno Public Schools has been to the Teacher Fair many times and has had a lot of success. The school’s assistant superintendent, a

football coach and a second grade teacher there are all graduates of Northwestern.

Guymon Public Schools is a much more diverse school compared to others at the fair, according to Doug Melton, a Northwestern graduate. Guymon’s school has 25 different languages, and is 80% minority and only 20% Caucasian. According to Melton he has been coming to the Teacher Fair for 18 years, and this year he was successful in receiving 10 student resumes.

Woodward Public School’s representative, Michelle McDonald, also a Northwestern graduate, was happy to tell me how the fair had gone for their school. She said “I’m impressed with the quality of applicants and candidates that walked around this morning. They were very well prepared, they were outgoing, they had a lot of questions and they were very knowledgeable.”

Melissa Moore, Blackwell’s Elementary School principal, was also a graduate of Northwestern. According to Moore she believed the fair was a big success and was happy to have gotten many applicants.

According to Franz, this coming spring there will be another Teacher Fair. The hope for the next fair is to be able to provide same day interviews between the schools and education majors. Franz believes this will be a huge advantage for the schools coming from a long distance to meet the education majors. Franz said “It will also be beneficial to our students as they will be able to, hopefully, secure employment for the upcoming year before they even graduate!”

Overall, this semester’s Teacher Fair had a good turn out of schools and students. Many of the schools had a large stack of applicants at the end of the day. Franz also said “From the response of the school representatives, our education students were well prepared for the event and many of the schools were interested in interviewing them for immediate openings and upcoming positions for the next year.”

# Students show appreciation to donors at this year’s Thank-a-Thon



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# C.O.R.E. to hold panel next week to discuss possible campus-wide recycling initiatives

By KATIE LACKEY  
*Student Reporter*

On Nov. 4 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., a recycling panel will convene to discuss recycling possibilities in northwest Oklahoma.

The panel is sponsored by Conserving Our Ranger Environment as well as Student Government Association and will be located at Education Center 108 in Alva, Room 210 in Enid and Room 143 in Woodward. The locations will be connected through ITV.

The panel will consist of Northwestern Oklahoma State University President

Janet Cunningham, Chris Feeney, president of Keep Enid Green, Dr. Deena Fisher, Woodward Dean, Dr. Bo Hannaford, Northwestern dean of professional studies and Alva city councilman, Eric Hemphill, the sustainability coordinator at University of Central Oklahoma, Dr. Wayne McMillin, Northwestern dean of Enid, Kelly Parker, Mayor of Alva and Nick Villalobos, Northwestern Student Government Association vice president.

The CORE president, Chris Satterfield, and Vice President Stephanie Quammen will serve as the moderators for this conversational panel.

Steven Mackie, associate professor of education, who is also in charge of CORE said, “We are really hoping to bring people together to brainstorm some ideas on how we could get either a Northwestern campus-wide recycling going or maybe even bigger for the whole city of Alva.”

Quammen said, “Our goal is to raise awareness about recycling on all the Northwestern campuses. Enid already has a recycling program, but we are hoping that even through this panel maybe they could expand on the program they currently have.”

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# SPORTS

## Fahey receives GAC honors; Volleyball wins 3-2 on Saturday

By ADRIANA BECERRA  
*Student Reporter*

One of Northwestern’s own, junior Natalie Fahey, was named GAC co-player of the week.

According to Riderangersride.com, Fahey has a total of 142 kills off 333 attempts for a hitting percentage of .306 this year. She has also recorded 27 service aces and 47 total blocks on the season.

With 20 kills, Fahey led Northwestern on Friday when they faced Henderson State. She added 12 kills on Saturday as well when they took on the Tigers of Ouachita Baptist.

“I am very happy that Natalie is collecting this honor, she has been playing well the past couple of weeks and it’s great that she is getting

recognized for it.” said head coach Fredrick Wagner.

During the match against Ouachita Baptist last Saturday, The Rangers took the game to all five sets.

Northwestern claimed the victory, winning 3-2. Ashanti Banks added 16 kills for the Ranger offense.

Korina Lillard led the defensive game with a total of 18 digs. Kaydee Yukawa led the team with 43 assists. Overall the Rangers finished with 81 kills, 14 blocks, 73 assists and 64 digs.

Northwestern took on Henderson State on Friday and went five sets as well, winning 3 sets over 2.

Hayley Brattain and Nora To’omalatai led the team with 13 kills apiece.

Carley Geer led defensively with 20 total digs. Yukawa led

one again in assist with 36 this match.

The Rangers finished overall with 65 kills, 10 aces, 62 assists and 60 digs.

Ranger Volleyball also took part in a three game tournament on Tuesday night at home.

In the first game, the Rangers squared off with the Fort Hays State Tigers and were swept three straight sets.

Folowing the loss, the Red-and-Black faced Oklahoma Panhandle State.

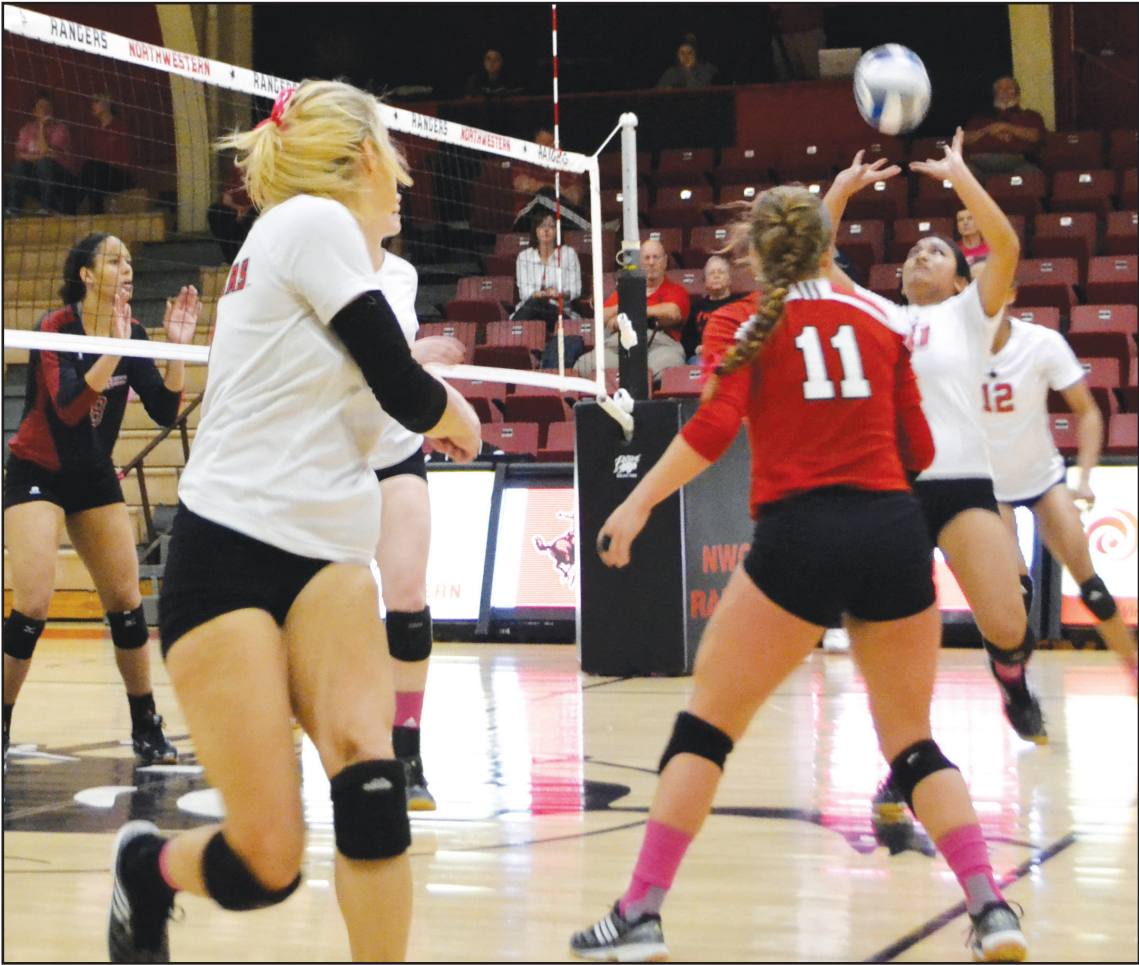
Northwestern made a quick sweep of the Aggies as they took the match 3-2 (25-15, 25-20, 25-16).

The Rangers (9-14, 6-5) will be back in action tonight against Southern Nazarene at 7 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse tonight and then Oklahoma Baptist at 2 p.m. in Shawnee, Okla. on Saturday.

## Rangers rally for 3-2 win on Friday



Senior Megan Hentschke Serves the ball against the Reddies as the Northwestern fans look on.



Junior Venessa Maile sets up a shot for teammate Hayley Brattain during the Rangers hard fought 3-2 win over Henderson State on Friday.



Sophomore Maggie Ireton records one of her six kills against the Reddies.

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# Rodeo takes part in Kids Day rodeo on Tuesday in Alva



(ABOVE) Northwestern rodeo teams gave pony rides for kids in downtown Alva on Tuesday.



(ABOVE) Ranger cowgirl Shea Ransome leads the way during the pony rides around the square.

# Rodeo finishes first and sixth

By SARAH OTTO  
*Student Reporter*

The Northwestern Lady Rangers took control of the Oklahoma State University college rodeo by claiming first place team while the men finished sixth overall.

Shayna Miller won the all-around cowgirl title as she finished seventh in the breakaway roping and second in the goat tying.

Along with Miller in the goat tying, Tearnee Nelson finished fourth and Laremi Allred wrapped up the weekend seventh.

In the breakaway roping, Elli Price claimed the championship title.

Being Price’s first championship title win this season she said, “It felt really good to win the rodeo. Last year I struggled because I would make the short round, but not finish in the high places where the points are. With that being said, Stillwater was awesome for me to finally get over

that hump.”

Price has set goals for the women’s rodeo team to be team champions. She said, “We have a lot of talented girls so I think it is a good goal to shoot for.”

As for herself, Price wants to not only make the college finals, but to win the central plains region. She added, “It has also been a goal of mine the last three years to have enough points in two events to be in the running for the all-around cowgirl title.”

Sara Bynum was the only Northwestern cowgirl to make the short round in the event of barrel racing where she finished sixth.

Nine of the Northwestern cowboys made an appearance in the short round on championship Saturday.

In the team roping, partners Hunter Munsell and Sawyer Barham finished second on the weekend. Wade Perry was the only ranger in the finals in the tie-down roping, he claimed third.

Once again the men of Northwestern took the event

of steer wrestling by the horns, literally.

The Rangers brought home first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth out of 10.

Joby Allen claimed the championship, with Jacob Edler right behind him in second. Maverick Harper took fifth, JD Struxness in sixth, seventh to Grayson Allred, and Ty Batie finished eighth.

Sophomore, Allen, felt “awesome” winning his first college rodeo, and the feeling makes him want to continue winning more.

He said, “Looking back on my freshman year my goals were to not look like a freshman in the arena all the time, however; I recall messing up a lot and letting it affect my attitude. This rodeo season I came back with a positive attitude and work ethic, for now it has paid off for me.”

The rodeo teams next outing will be at home tonight through Saturday at the Woods County Fairgrounds.



Eager children try their hand at roping a dummy during the Kids Day rodeo.

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# SPORTS

## Soccer loses to Ouachita Baptist 0-3 on the road

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Sports Editor*

Ranger’s soccer continues to struggle this season after another 0-3 shutout loss to Ouachita Baptist over the weekend.

The Northwestern soccer team faced the OAU Tigers Saturday in Arkansas. The Rangers entered AllCare Field looking to end the nine game losing streak as well as redeem their prior loss to the Tigers earlier this season.

The Tigers had other plans however, as they attacked the Rangers goal right off the bat in the first half. Tiger Haley Hatcher fired the first shot at the Ranger goal at just the 1:28 mark in the game. Fortunately, the shot would end up in the gloves of Ranger goalkeeper Kylee Wallace.

Wallace would go on to finish the first half with seven saves as the Tigers continued to attack the Rangers goal.

After a hard fought, back

and forth battle in the first half, the score remained at a 0-0 deadlock heading into the half.

Of the first half, Rangers Alyssa Williams and Vianna Villa fires a shot each at the Tiger goal only to have OAU goalkeeper Lauren Llanes block both shots. Ranger Rebecca Jones recorded a shot at the Tigers goal as well but it would be saved by Llanes.

The Tigers continued to dominate the Rangers goal in the second half and keep the Rangers on their heels. Tiger Hatcher would break the 0-0 deadlock between the teams at the 56:29 minute mark of the half.

With momentum on their side, OAU added two more goal, one by Bryson Thomas and another by Hatcher. The second goal on the day for Hatcher was her 13 goal of the season.

Despite the 0-3 deficit that the Rangers faces through the midway point of the second half, they would not go down

without a fight. Northwestern recorded four shots in the half with three of them following the Tigers third goal.

The shots would be just off mark unfortunately, which left the Rangers with a 3-0 loss yet again to the Tigers.

Northwestern finished with a total of seven shots with only two of them being on the mark. They would have a total of 11 saves in the game thanks to the combination of goalkeepers Wallace and Briana Legaspi who replaced Wallace at the start of the second half.

The Tigers finished with a staggering 30 shots with 14 of them being on the mark. They would also record only two saves on the day.

The Rangers (2-13-1, 0-10) now focus on their last two games of the regular season as they host Oklahoma Baptist tonight at 6 p.m. and Southern Nazarene on Saturday at 11 a.m.. Both games will be at the Alva Rec Complex.

## Golf finish up fall season

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Sports Editor*

The Northwestern men’s golf teams finish with a 610 and 642 while the women shoot 729 to round out the Northwestern Invitational in Enid on Sunday and Monday.

On day one of the invitational, the first of two Ranger men’s teams finished the day in second as they shot a combined score of 301. The second men’s team finished in fifth after day one with a combined score of 324.

Rangers Tyler Miller and Brennan Montgomery led the team as they each fired 74’s on day one.

On day two of competition, the first men’s team finished with a combined score of 309 while the second team shot a 318.

Ranger Miller led both men’s teams again as he

turned in a round of 74 for the second day in a row. The second round 74 gave him a total of 148 to end the tournament.

On the women’s side, day one ended with the team shooting a 362 which slotted them in fourth.

Leading the Ranger women on day one was Ami Adkinson and Olivia Brock. Adkinson turned in a round of 87 and Brock was one stroke off as she turned in an 88.

Day two, the women were unable to better their day one score but they still managed to shoot a combined score of 367.

Brock would lead the team on day two as she bested her first round score by one stroke to finish with an 87, which gave her a two day total of 175 placing her in a tie for 11 as an individual.

Other notable individual

finishes for the Rangers was on the men’s team, that of William Ward. Ward shot a 76 in round one and a 79 in round two which gave him a two day total of 155 placing him in 10 as an individual.

The women’s team would finish the invitational in fourth. The men’s teams remained in their same positions as day one, finishing in second and fifth respectively.

Taking the tournament win on the men’s side was conference foe Southern Arkansas who shot 291 on day one and 292 on day two for a combined score of 583.

For the women, it was Southern Arkansas as well who took the tournament win as they shot 343 on day one and 336 on day two for a combined score of 679.

Both Northwestern golf teams will be back in action next in the spring.

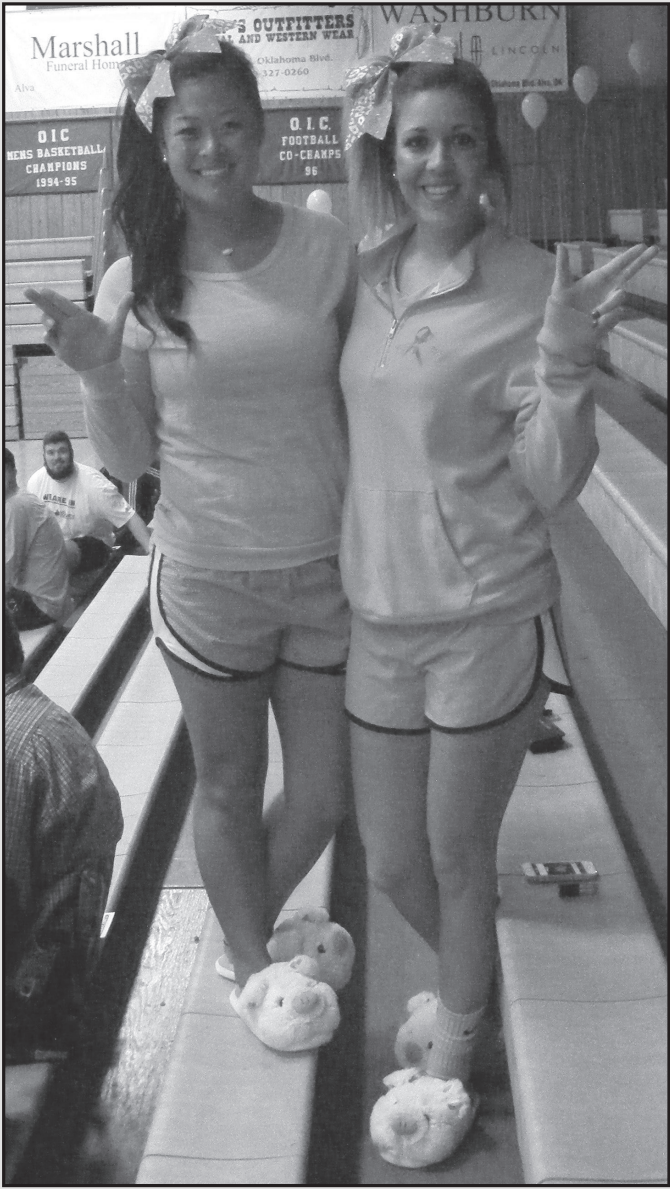


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## Volleyball fans dress in all pink last Friday

Chassidee Koehn and Morgan Renbarger support breast cancer awareness during the Volleyball’s Dig Pink night last Friday by dressing head to toe in all pink. According to Nationalbreast-cancer.org, each year an estimated 220,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed.

## Football rolls through Crimson Storm; 49-20

By NICK VILLALOBOS  
*Sports Editor*

Ranger football cruises to a 49-20 win on the road Saturday.

The Northwestern football team took on the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene in Bethany, Okla. over the weekend. The Rangers entered after a heartbreaking 38-41 loss at home to Oklahoma Baptist.

The Rangers were able to strike early in the first quarter when Ranger Horatio Smith caught a 61 yard pass from Reid Miller for the touchdown.

The Crimson Storm locked up the game at 7-7 after a 57 yard run, shortly

after the early score from the Rangers. Northwestern countered the SNU score by going on a scoring frenzy to end the first half. As they headed to the locker room, the Rangers held a 28-10 lead.

The Rangers picked up right where they left off in the first half, when they pushed their lead to 49-20 when the final whistle sounded in the game.

Ranger Miller led the offense with 293 yards passing and six touchdowns after completing 17 of 28 pass attempts.

Northwestern (3-5, 3-5) will face the No. 2 ranked team in the GAC, Arkansas Tech in Alva at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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# Features

## Halloween costumes aren't just for kids; Northwestern students dress up too

By MELISSA NOLAND  
Student Writer

Halloween is this Saturday. Here's a look at what some of your fellow Northwestern students are dressing up as for the holiday.



Alexia Geer and her roommate Shelby Boxberger are going to dress like matching sugar skulls.



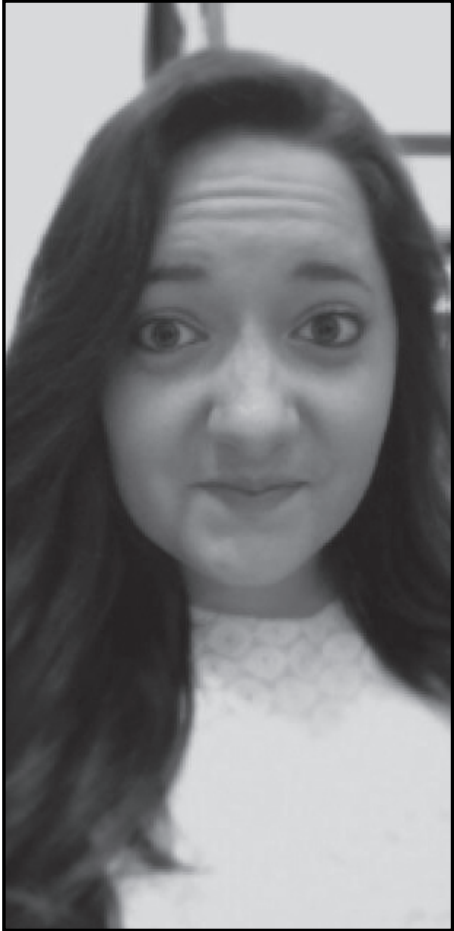
Bruce Wright and Morgan Renbarger are going to be the infamous "Netflix and Chill."



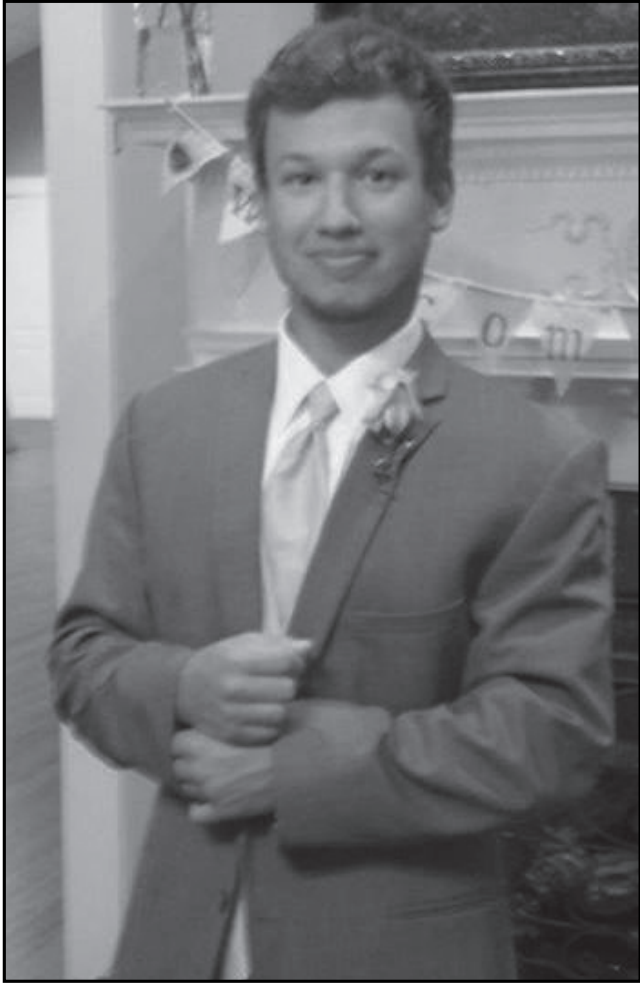
Dakota Nusser is going to be a lumberjack.



Jessica Carpenter is going to be a Native American.



Jordan Coffman is going to be Russel from the movie Up. She saw it on Pinterest and thought it was the perfect costume.



Trenton Earley and a couple of his friends are going to be the famous 90s boy band, NSYNC.



Andrew Lesnick is going as superman because the costume comes with built in muscles.



Chassidee Koehn loves cheetah print so she is going to be a cheetah.



Aleah Lasker is going to be Princess Tiana, because, "every girl deserves to be a princess."

## Home away from home, chasing childhood dreams

By SAMANTHA MCGUIRE  
Student Writer

He walks the halls of the science building, smiling big, saying few words and subtly head bobbing "hello" to fellow students.

Fifi Neizgr-Ashun, a junior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, spends most of his time working on becoming what he has always dreamed of: a neurosurgeon.

There were many things in his life to lead him to where he is today. He is cur-

rently a biology major with hopes of going to medical school after he graduates from Northwestern.

Accra, Ghana was where he called home until he moved to America in 2013. According to him, Ghana is more strict and doesn't let people express their intelligence or talents quite as freely as America. For him, Alva has been a completely different experience compared to large cities he has lived in his whole life.

At age 12, his interest in neurosurgery was sparked

due to a close friend of his dying from a brain condition called hydrocephalus. It was obvious for him that he would need to pursue his dreams away from Ghana. He said some of his first thoughts were Hedrix College, Herderson State or Marshalltown, but Alva caught his eye with its smaller class sizes and small town feel.

Just like all of us, he juggles school, work and homework. He traveled across countries to follow a childhood dream and make it into a reality.

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## 5 fun things to do for Halloween

By ALEXANDER REYES  
Student Writer

Halloween is almost here! Here are five things you can do for the occasion.

1. Visit the hay bale maze at the Menagerie. It hosts the “largest hay bale maze in the state!” You can do this during regularly scheduled petting zoo time as an add-on for an additional four dollars. The petting zoo’s hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Sunday’s 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is a flashlight variation that you can do from 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Price of admission is six dollars per person.

2. Get spooked at the on-campus haunted house! The haunted house will run from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Located at

the basement of Vinson Hall.

3. Throw a costume party and have a contest with different categories and prizes. A masquerade ball/murder mystery, however you can get it done.

4. Spend time with family and revisit old traditions you may have. If you don’t have a tradition, maybe try to start one with your friends or family. If you intend to start one, it doesn’t have to be a huge event or party. It could be something as simple as watching scary movies with your family or investigating scary stuff with friends.

5. Watch a scary movie! There’s something about Halloween that makes a scary movie that much scarier. It’s the atmosphere, the feeling that for this one night a monster might actually become

real. Here are seven movies to give you the creeps this Halloween. Even better, all can be found on Netflix! (Not recommended you watch these with parents.)

- “Day of the Dead” - Turning back time with good ol’ fashioned flesh devouring. A walking sandwich is not a fun thing to be in a hungry mob.

- “The ABC’s of Death 1&2” - These don’t necessarily fall under scary as much as deeply disturbing. Some are well done independent shorts and others are done for laughs but all will make you feel a little gross.

- “The Babadook” - That thing in your closet has come to life in the form of, The BABA-DOOK! When you finish watching, avoid dark places and the basement.

- “Cropsey” - An urban leg-



Photo by Menagerie

The hay bale maze at the Menagerie offers something fun to do this weekend.

end... or is it? A documentary that delves into real murders possibly connected to an urban legend.

- “Dead Silence” - That creepy doll your grandparents have? Imagine that times 50.

- “A Nightmare on Elm

Street” - You can’t even go to sleep to reassure yourself after a movie like this.

- “Would You Rather”

- Forced to play a game of would you rather, and you have to actually do it. How would you fare?

## On campus haunted house compares to ‘Nightmare in the Country’

By TRENTON JUDD  
Student Writer

The Secular Student Alliance is taking the lead on running the annual haunted house out of the Vinson Hall basement.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s haunted house is an annual tradition. The Student Secular Alliance is sponsoring the event this year. “The SSA is a campus organization that promotes tolerance and diversity while respecting everyone’s right to practice his or her own faith,” said Gabriel Dunbar, President of the SSA. “We strive to remain secular and focus on community service projects that unite us all in a common goal regardless of whether you are irreligious or a devout Protestant.”

This is the first year that the SSA will be sponsoring the haunted house in the absence of REAL, a former student organization. “We decided about two weeks ago that we wanted

to do the haunted house because it is our largest source of income for the group, but we couldn’t find anyone in REAL or GOLD. My vice president and I went to Caleb Mosburg to see if we could sponsor it and he gave us the green light,” said Dunbar.

The haunted house is used as a fundraiser by many of the participating clubs on campus. “All proceeds will be distributed fairly and evenly among the participating clubs,” said Dunbar. “The money the Secular Student Alliance earns will be used to buy supplies for local community service projects, such as painting a home for a disabled person and cleaning a yard for an elderly Alva resident. We also intend to install new bike racks and

encourage students to ride their bicycles to campus not only to promote well-being, but to be environmentally responsible.”

The haunted house will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight starting Oct. 29 and ending Oct. 31. Admission for the haunted house will be \$5, or \$4 when you bring a canned food donation, which will be donated to a local food bank. The haunted house is an integral part of Northwestern’s Halloween festivities. “I went to Nightmare in the Country in Woodward, Okla. to see what a renowned haunted house looks like, and I can safely say what we have on the NWOSU campus is just as spooky when you consider the resources we have available to us and the short time span we’ve had to make it possible,” said Dunbar.



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By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
*Columnists*

“Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension”

Chris: 1 out of 5 stars  
☆☆☆☆☆  
This movie was a let down. I’m just gonna go ahead and say it. We were all thinking it, but I’m going to go ahead and say it. With Halloween right around the

corner, we deserve a. better scary movie. Can we replay “The Visit” please?  
Let’s start with acting. Horror movies have never been the go-to for Oscar worthy actors, but most are forgivable. This one was not. The acting was not even close to realistic. I did not believe for one second that those people were in any danger or even scared. Maybe I’m just picky or jaded but this did not meet expectations

Now moving on to the plot. Is this movie anything we haven’t already seen? Adding “the ghost dimension” doesn’t make this a new movie. We’ve seen the same boring story drug across the rest of the series and even other series like “Insidious.”  
Was it scary? Well, if you consider jump scares really scary, then yes. But other than that, no. It has some scenes that keep you interested on what is going to jump at you next, and that’s what gets this movie one star for me. But nothing else made me want to sleep with the lights on when I got home.  
**Bottom line:** Take those \$5 you were going to use to watch this movie, and go get a classic horror film from Walmart. Money much better spent for the holiday. Happy Halloween.

Natalie: 1 out of 5 stars  
☆☆☆☆☆  
Just in time for the spookiest holiday of the year is a spooky film. “Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension.” Yes, there’s another one. Unfortunately, the film’s scare tactics aren’t the spookiest part about the movie, but rather its unoriginality.  
As I’m a chicken and scare easily, I’ve never watched a horror movie by choice. Because of this, I have not watched any of the “Paranormal Activity” films, so I had no context going into the film. That being said, if this sixth film of the franchise is any representation of the rest of the series, I’ve no interest in seeing the previous five films.  
The film seemed to make an emphasis on linking the other five films together. There was a focus on the plot, but the storyline seems tired and over-done. Then

again, I suppose this genre doesn’t thrive on originality. It seemed like one of those sequels where the makers wanted more money but had run out of ideas.  
I was, however, quite impressed with the acting abilities of the young (and adorable) Ivy George. At least, when the young star wasn’t demon possessed and absolutely terrifying.  
The film’s scare tactics seem to rely mostly on jump scares. It’s an unnerving movie, one I was required to cower through the entirety of. That being said, as I previously stated, I’m a chicken in horror movies, so for all I know, it could have been very low on the scale of scary.  
**Bottom Line:** The filmmakers say this will likely be the last film of the series, and I say good riddance. If you’re a fan of the series, watch this sixth installment, if only for some (anticlimactic) closure.

## Halloween is about more than trick-or-treating and dressing up

By **KEATON KROOS**  
*Student Writer*

Halloween is a day that Americans adore, but how many of us know why this holiday that we love so much started?  
I was very interested to learn how the history of Halloween had come about, so I looked into it.  
Actually, weird enough, it isn’t just one thing that contributed to the holiday we tend to love so much.  
The first contributor is a day that Pagans used to celebrate to signify that the days were turning from mostly warm sunny days, to cold longer nights.  
When they were celebrating this holiday, they would often have bonfires, these bonfires would attract bugs and, with bugs, bats. This is how bats came to be a part of Halloween.  
Another holiday started May 13<sup>th</sup> called All Saint’s Day. This season had such a success that they moved the holiday to the first of November. They called this day All Hallows Day, the next part is that the day before, October 31<sup>st</sup>, they called All Hallows Eve, then Hallows eve, and afterward Halloween.  
On Hallows day, it was common for people to go to

the graves of the dead relatives and give them milk or little cakes to keep them from haunting us, just like zombies or ghosts. This is where we got those customs.  
Okay, so you still might be wondering why little kids and young adults go up to random strangers’ houses for candy, because I for sure wondered why.  
Well, you see, Pagans and Catholics believed that there was a place that we go to after death and this place is called Purgatory (a fiery place that you do not want to go to chill.)  
The way that it was believed to leave this place was with the prayers of multiple people. So a tradition started for beggars. Beggars would go up to homes and ask for foods, and in return they would pray for the deceased of someone the giver knew. The most common “goodie” was a cake called a soul cake.  
November 5, 1605, Guide Fawkes tries to blow up the House of Lords in London. Key word: “tries.” Well you see, he was caught in the act and ends up dying a shameful and painful death, but we won’t go into too much detail about that.  
After this, it was a yearly event for the town kids made fun of him by wearing masks

around the town and bothering people, pretty much being pesky kids like we are now-a-days. I bet most of us can relate to this. (Heck, most of us could name a few people we know like this.)  
You might be thinking, “okay, this is interesting, but this is a few days too short, and this is true, but are you ever so excited about an event that is going to happen later in a week except you have so much energy that you have to use it in any way possible? Well that is what these people did! They let out this energy on October 31<sup>st</sup> and after a while November 5<sup>th</sup> lost its popularity.  
This is all stuff that people went through, and I bet you that none of those people ever thought that they would become a part of history. You never know you might become history and it would be nice for people to find you interesting.

## It’s not too late to dress up; last-minute costume ideas

By **SELENA ESTRADA**  
*Student Writer*

Halloween is right around the corner, and many are still scrambling to get a costume! No need to panic though, here are ten easy last-minute costumes.  
1. A cat costume can easily be done. Wear all black, paint a nose and whiskers on your face, and make a set of ears with a black headband and either black paper or felt.  
2. Reusing is totally an option as well. Use last year’s costume and make yourself look like a zombie. Use some makeup to make your face look like a zombie face. Tear the costume up a little and add a few stains.  
3. Go back a few decades and become a person of the 80s. Surely, finding neon clothes or jewelry, some leg warmers and big earrings can’t be too hard.  
4. A ghost. Ah, a classic. A ghost costume is easy to build with a white bedsheet.

5. Have a pair of suspenders and wear glasses? Be a nerd! Tape the middle of your glasses, pull your pants up and maybe fold the bottoms up, wear some long white socks and add some suspenders.  
6. Puns are always fun, so why not make an easy pun costume?  
7. That Hawaiian shirt that is never worn can definitely be used to create a “tourist” costume.  
8. Be a scarecrow and use clothing you already own. Use a plaid top, a pair of jeans, some brown boots and a straw hat.  
9. Dressing up as a bundle of grapes is also a super easy idea for a costume. Simply blow up some purple balloons and stick them on your clothing.  
10. A spider is an easy last minute Halloween costume. Simply wear all black clothing, stuff three pairs of panty hoes and put them on your sides.

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# Mosburg: Student success makes me proud to be here

By TRACY MEZA  
Student Writer

A supersized mug of coffee is what it takes to get through a day as the dean of Student Affairs at NWOSU.

On a typical day at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Dean Calleb Mosburg arrives on campus at 8 a.m. to check emails and make his to-do list for the day, even though he realizes that most likely his day will be in a constant change because of last-minute needs.

However, the day does not officially begin until he has made his way to Herod Hall to fill his supersized Yeti mug with coffee.

Mosburg spends a lot of his time working closely with his directors within the student services umbrella; he makes it his goal to let his staff know that he is here to support them and that he is grateful for them. “I have an absolutely wonderful staff that makes everything possible. They make things happen. It’s not me,” Mosburg said.

Along with his daily duties of running the Student Affairs office, Mosburg also serves as the ADA coordinator, the Title IX coordinator, and serves on the Academy for Student Assistance and Completion, Heritage Month Committee and the Commencement Committee.

Considering all of that, the most important part of Mosburg’s job is to help the students. “The administration—Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Lohmann, Dr. Pechi, and Mr. Valencia—took a chance on bringing in a young guy into a senior executive position,” he said, “and for two years I try every day to live up to the standard to ensure that the students are getting the best possible support. They took a chance on me. My return is to help students in what they want to do, whether it is to be a student, be in the band, be an athlete, I am here to support them. I am here to make sure that they have a great college experience.”

Mosburg absolutely loves his job, and he



Caleb Mosburg, Student Affairs dean

believes that it is not only helping students but also helping students succeed. Therefore, the reason he gets out of bed every morning and comes to work each day is to watch a student get the degree that they are going to carry with them for the rest of their life.

“My role at a graduation is to take the diploma cover and hand it to the president so she can hand it to the student,” he said. “To watch students walk across that stage and know that they have a degree from Northwestern. To watch them go out and succeed, to see them join a family of alumni that bleeds red and black and makes me proud to work here. That is what I get up for and come to work for every day is to see that happen.”

It may take a whole lot of caffeine to get Mosburg through his day, but he truly loves his job and loves being a part of the students’ lives here.

## WHAT’S UP?

### THURSDAY

- Thank-A-Thon continues in the Ranger Room of the Student Center, 5-8 p.m. Take some time to thank donors who help make your education possible.
- Donor Appreciation Dinner, 6-8 p.m., Student Center Ballroom.
- Haunted Hall, 8-midnight, basement of Vinson Hall. \$5 admission, \$4 with food donation.

### FRIDAY

- Thank-A-Thon continues in Ranger Room of the Student Center, 5-8 p.m.
- Haunted Hall, 8-midnight, basement of Vinson Hall. \$5 admission, \$4 with food donation.

### SATURDAY

- Haunted Hall, 8-midnight, basement of Vinson Hall. \$5 admission, \$4 with food donation..
- Watch for trick-or-treaters as you travel around Alva. Be safe!



### SUNDAY

Before you go to bed Saturday night, remember to turn clocks back one hour. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday!

### MONDAY

- National Author’s Day: The Department of Commerce first recognized this day in 1949 though the General Federation of Women’s Clubs suggested the day about 20 years earlier. To celebrate, you could write your favorite authors a note to thank them for what their work has meant to you.
- Family Literacy Day kicks off National Literacy Month. The day was first celebrated in 1994. Many libraries and schools throughout the country will be celebrating throughout the month. It might be a good day to visit Northwestern’s library to practice your literacy skills with a good book or two.