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Investigation in rape case continues; University says policies being followed

By TRENTON JUDD
Staff Reporter

Officials said the alleged Jan. 27 rape of a 13-year-old girl in Coronado Hall is still under investigation, and the university will continue to uphold the safety policies that are in place.

Woodward Freshman and Biology major, Alejandro Martinez, 18, was arrested for second-degree rape of the girl Jan. 28 after they met online, and she came to the dorm the previous day.

Alva police said they are still investigating the incident.

Northwestern will continue to uphold and exercise the safety policies that are already in place, Associate Vice President for University Relations Steven Valencia said.

According to the Residence Hall Handbook, "any visitor under the age of eighteen must have the approval of the Hall Supervisor or the Director of Students. Violations of this policy may result in fines or suspension of university housing privileges."

Northwestern's Sexual Misconduct Policy says, "Northwestern Oklahoma State University is committed to addressing sexual misconduct. Northwestern Oklahoma State University does not condone any form of sexual misconduct whether physical, mental, verbal, or emotional in nature. This includes actions that are demeaning and includes but is not limited to: rape, acquaintance rape, sexual

battery, and sexual harassment.

Sexual misconduct by any member of the university community including students, faculty, employees, or staff is a violation of both the law and the Regional University's Policies."

Under the Investigation Process

section in the Sexual Misconduct Policy, it states, "The University reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary in response to an allegation of sexual misconduct in order to protect students' rights and personal safety. An investigation will begin once the victim has reported a crime and requested an investigation or the Sexual Assault Response Team has determined that an investigation will take place in order to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all students. The investigation may include, but is not limited

to, conducting interviews of the complainant, the alleged perpetrator, and any witnesses; reviewing law enforcement investigation documents, if applicable; reviewing student and personnel files; and gathering and examining other relevant documents

needed to render a decision."

Some students were shocked when they read about the incident, and other students, who claimed to have not read the paper, still believe the investigation is due to a supposed drug bust, but students questioned by



Photo provided
Alejandro Martinez (pictured above) was released on bond Jan. 29.

or evidence. The investigation will begin as soon as the complaint is filed and will be resolved within 60 days. The victim and alleged perpetrator will be notified if additional time is

a reporter appeared to be unaffected by the news of the incident.

Further details of the Coronado Hall incident will be revealed as the investigation continues, officials said.

Theatre to perform "Blow Me Up Jesus" this month

By KAYLEE HARRIS
Staff Reporter

The Northwestern Theatre Program will present a play written and directed by Jordan Lyles.

"Blow Me Up Jesus", will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19 and 20 and 2 p.m. Feb. 21 in Herod Hall auditorium. Doors open to the public 30 minutes before each performance. Admission is \$7 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for students with a student I.D.

"Blow Me Up Jesus" is about a man whose life is stuck in a constant cycle of boozing and womanizing, punctuated by periods of anti-socialness. When his brother and his niece come to live with him after his brother's wife leaves him, his life is drastically changed and tensions flair. The play focuses on

one question: Will this man continue on this road of self-destruction. or can he repair years of damage with his family?

Lyles, a Sapulpa senior, will direct her original play for her senior showcase.

"Comic book fans will have a lot to look forward to," Lyles said. The main character is a comic book junkie, and much of his extensive comic book collection will come from the director, Lyles.

The set also is unique. Lyles and her team have extended the stage 6 feet closer to the audience, and a complex-looking apartment scene has been crafted on stage. "All my actors and the people working on the crew for my show have put a lot of love into this show, and it is turning out better than I had envisioned it," Lyles said.

And that's not the only personal


touch she has given this play. Among the cast is her 11-year-old sister, Madelyn DeGraffenreid. It would seem that Madelyn shares Lyles' talent and love for the theatre; even though she is so young, she has managed to impress with skill and personality, said Lyles. As for how the girl feels about sharing in her sister's triumph, "She's over the moon!" says Lyles. Also among the cast are two Northwestern faculty members, mass communications instructor Tom Pantera, and assistant professor of psychology Karen Linstrom.

Lyles said she knew when she was a freshman here at Northwestern that she wanted to write her own play for her senior showcase. "Since my freshman year, I've always been a writer," she said. "I thought it would be really interesting to write a play, because I'd never

done that before." After years of brainstorming and writing exercises, a piece caught her eye. It looked like a monologue, and from there, the story took shape, said Lyles. She began writing this play the summer of her junior year, but Lyles said she didn't really sit down and write it until this past summer.

After she graduates, Lyles hopes to take the many skills she has learned from the Northwestern Theater Program to Tulsa, where there is a strong theatre community. Her broad knowledge of every aspect of theatre will allow her to have a diverse career. "I love it all," Lyles said, "if you asked me to specialize, I couldn't."

For more information on the Northwestern Theatre Program, contact Kimberly West, professor of theatre arts, at kkwest@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8462.



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OPINION

In wake of investigation, columnist asks “Are we really safe anywhere?”



TORI SCHNAUFER
Columnist

I have always felt safe and secure on the Northwestern campus and in Alva in general.

This past couple weeks’ events have widened my eyes to what being out in “the real world” is like. There is always something happening to other people until something hits close to home. In this case, things hit too close for comfort. With the rape that happened here on campus, I kind of altered my opinion about how safe we are anywhere.

The affidavit stated that the people involved met on a social media site named Meet Me. Just about everyone on campus uses social media in one form or another. Twitter, Facebook, Yik Yak, Snapchat and Tinder are the most common ones I am aware of.

Social media can be a good thing. Most of the time it is used to keep up with family and friends, but now some social media sites are being used to meet people for “hookups.”

What isn’t being taken seriously is that people can lie about anything they post online and everything posted online is there to stay even if it’s deleted. It is honestly an important thing to keep in mind when you post things, send a snap chat or when receiving one. No matter what, you should always ask people a number of questions when meeting them, especially before hooking up with them.

One of those questions is their age. I have a friend in the Navy and they even have a rule: ID her before you even talk to her. It may seem silly but it could save everyone a whole lot of heartache.

I still feel safe at Northwestern and in Alva but now I seriously think twice before I pick up my cell phone to do anything. I am a lot more terrified of the cyber world than I’ve ever been.

Letter to the editor in response to “Northwestern is a great school as it is”

This letter to the editor comes from senior Edmond and history major Jordan Evans.

I am writing this letter in response to Trenton Judd’s opinion article, “Northwestern is a great school as it is”.

Trenton, I enjoyed reading your article about your choice to stay at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Like you, I too had my doubts; Northwestern is a small university, which makes it is easy to feel alienated or bored. The thing I believe many people forget about a small campus is how easy it is to get involved. Northwestern is host to over 40 different clubs and organizations, and if you can’t find a club that pertains to your interests you have the ability to create one of your own. It is easy to become sedentary and hang out in your dorm all day playing videogames and studying, but joining groups and getting out of your comfort zone is what college is all about.

In your article you stated that “all of them (teachers) have a passion for teaching.” I could not agree with you more. I have heard stories of other universities where the teachers don’t care if you pass or fail, as long as they get their paycheck. The teachers here at Northwestern genuinely care about their students, and they are all very helpful when asked for assistance. So I join you in urging those who are considering transferring from Northwestern to give it another semester and to take an active role in making their college years memorable. College is what YOU make of it.

Columnist brings timely advice on love for Valentine’s Day



CHRIS AGBOLA
Columnist

Love is in the air, as tensions begin to flare. Expectations come to bear, for it’s the time to show you care. Tis the season we’re in, and all its reasons to grin. A moment of rhymes and not mimes ‘cause that’s not a crime for now is the time.

February has dawned on us once again, a period of bliss and pleasure for some, hiss and censure befall others. Valentine’s Day is imminent and the aura of love will surge. Many folks have a poetic feeling for the word LOVE. Usually, among college kids, love is seen with the “and they lived happily ever after” mentality. A tale of prince charming and the golden princess, where it’s only moments of hallucinations, butterflies in the tummy and dreaming about ponies. Inasmuch as I don’t disregard the essence of oxytocin and the other hormones for feeling love, I think there’s more to love than emotions only, to which we have limited it. It should be based more on actions than emotions. I’ll speak briefly about some areas pertinent to us students and how love should translate in them

To begin with, love for your future would define your priorities. The essence of gaining a college education is for an individual to attain that knowledge and skill for a career field. As such, all of his or her actions should be geared toward making his or her ambition a reality. Going to class, doing assignments and studying for those quizzes and tests should be important if you have a goal to reach in college. I’m not saying the college experience should be all about studies only. But the focus must be defined and a line drawn to decipher what is a priority. You can go to that party and have fun, but knowing that hangover would affect your 8 a.m. class the next day should aid you in deciding what or what not to do at the party.

Love for others makes you value them. Everyone you ever meet in your life has a role to play. Appreciating them for their uniqueness would help a great deal. No single individual is a quintessence of knowledge or wisdom. Have this in mind that to everyone you ever meet, he or she knows something you do not know. Therefore, it pays to be courteous toward them. I know personality is built for years based on nature and nurture. And as such, certain stereotypes, biases and conceptions we have regarding a group of people cannot change easily. But being open minded would make you realize how diversity makes life easier.

Furthermore, if you love sanctity, you’ll keep rules. I’m aware that college must be about exploration, thus being young, wild and adventurous. Common sense however should come into play. You wouldn’t want to break rules in the name of fun. All college rules should be obeyed to the letter, from not keeping alcohol in your dorm room to taking trash out or not smoking within a required range of school property. You cannot claim you love your school and disrupt the peace and order of it.

Well, I’m not against your date plan with your girlfriend or crush. Nor I am saying sending that bouquet of roses or card or gift to him or her is unnecessary. My point is, love should permeate every area of our lives through our actions. You don’t need to feel it, before you show it.

STUDENT LIFE

Students, teachers hit hardwood in annual Students vs. Faculty game

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

The annual Student versus Faculty game was held this past week, as part of Spirit Week held by SGA, Student Government Association. This game is played in Percefull Fieldhouse

and is open to any faculty and students that want to play. It’s always a good game, maybe not in quality players, but in the sportsmanship and comradery on the court. Many of the faculty players look forward to this game every year as a chance to keep their title as

champions. The students rarely win. This year, something that’s never happened, triple over-time, occurred. The game was eventually called as a tie game, but the players had the crowd at the edge of their seats waiting to see which team would score next.



Photo by Osam Sakamoto

Computer Science club opens invitation to all students for spring

By WEI WU
Student Reporter

Northwestern’s Computer Science club is now seeking new spring-semester members.

The club is open to all current Northwestern students, whether they consider themselves a pro gamer or just simply want to hang out and make new friends.

The club meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Shockley Hall Room 125.

“The Computer Science Club usually meets to have fun and game together,” said President Evan Vaverka. “We are a group that gathers to play ‘League of Legends’ as well as others that are trying to group together for raids in ‘World of Warcraft.’”

“The Club gets together to help with the BEST robotics competition. It also helps sponsor those with the game programming class to make the trip for Heartland Gaming Expo,”

more information, visit the “NWOSU League of Legends” Facebook group.

Club members will be eligible to join the Heartland Gaming Expo. That competition will take place April 10-12 at the Tulsa Convention Center. “The Club gets together to help with the BEST robotics competition. It also helps sponsor those with

the game programming class to make the trip for Heartland Gaming Expo,” said Vaverka.

Last year, the club represented won a third place People’s Choice Award but is seeking fresh blood to join the team and make it even better this year.

Northwestern has been officially approved to join the “League of Legends” College Championship Series.

New members will have a chance to win key chains, wristbands and club T-shirts. The first LAN party will be at end of February. For

Ranger Profiles: Artist in residence from New York visits campus for semester

By TAYLOR MORRIS
Student Reporter

Cartoonist Lauren Purje from New York is on the Northwestern campus this month as the Studio Art program’s artist in residence.

For the past six weeks, Purje has been spending time with Northwestern’s Arts Department. Jave Yoshimoto, assistant professor of art, saw Purje’s work online and invited her to speak to art students and give a video lecture. Purje say that though she sees that Northwestern has a small arts department, the school has some promising arts students.

Perje originally grew up in Ohio. From a young age she knew that art was what she was destined to do. She says, “I was one of those kids that always knew the answer to the question, ‘What do you want to be when you grow up?’” Art became a serious focus point for Purje in high school. After graduation, Purje attended Ohio University in Athens

and graduated with a BFA in Painting. She then moved to New York and has lived there for almost five years. She started posting her cartoons on social media.

Her biggest influence in the cartoon industry was Jeffery Brown. She found his art to be inspirational, because to her his work is honest, simple, and genuine and that is what she aimed for in her cartoons. Eventually, an art blog based in Brooklyn called hyperallergic.com saw her work and asked her to do a weekly comic for them. She has been working with them for almost two years.

She doesn’t necessarily consider herself to be a “professional artist.” She says she really is just making it up as she goes along, and fortunately, it has all gone really well so far. As a cartoonist she feels that she has quite a significant amount of freedom to do the work that she wants to do.

To see more of her work, visit laurenpurje.com.

Deadline for art show entries approaching

By JESSICA VAILS
Student Reporter

All faculty, alumni and current Northwestern students are encouraged to show their art at the 12th annual art show put on the by the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Art Society.

The entry deadline is Feb. 25 There has been an update in this year’s art show with six new additional divisions added. The new divisions will open up more opportunities for people to enter their work.

New additions to the show include an expansion on the painting division to include watercolor, acrylics and oil painting. There is also an expansion of the photography division to include still life, weather, and a specialized category of the “selfie.” Valarie Case, one of the show’s organizers, says, “We hope to see several entries from our students at all campus locations, as well as from our talented employees, retired employees and alumni.”

Entry forms can be found online or printed off and mailed to Case or taken to

Fine Arts 211. All entered art work should be taken to the Alva library by 4:30 p.m. March 4. The art show will be March 8-27 in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.

More than \$800 dollars in prize money is available. The top three winners in each category will receive a ribbon and the top will receive a cash award. One entry will win the people’s choice award. People who attend the art show will have the chance to vote for their favorite piece of work. The people’s choice award winner will receive a \$50 cash award and a ribbon.

All winning entries will be eligible to have their art displayed at a community art show that will take place 6-8 pm April 3 in downtown Alva at Murrow’s FramArt during the First Friday Art Walk.

For additional information about the art show or Art Society can be found at the NAS website at www.nwosu.edu/art, through email or phone at arcase@nwosu.edu or 580-327-8577. NAS also has a page on Facebook.

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By **NATALIE SACKET & CHRIS PUNTO**
Columnists


Are ya’ ready, kids? Well set sails for this one because we are dropping anchors and all that other nautical nonsense! Our pick this week:
“*The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water*” (2015)

Natalie’s Review-


2.5 sea shells out of 5
Ohhhhhhh Whatttttt movie did we get to see for free?!

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS!
What movie was absorbingly decent but not that funny?!
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS!
If lame puns and nonsense be something you wish!
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS
Then come to this film, it flopped like a fish!
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS
Ah Spongebob Squarepants. The world’s most famous sponge. Don’t get me wrong, I love to indulge in a couple of episodes of mindless humor every now and then. I love the SHOW “Spongebob Squarepants.” That being said, there’s a reason this show excels in a 30-minute time

slot. It does not, however, fare so well in a movie. “The Spongebob Movie: Sponge out of Water” is an hour and 40 minutes long. It’s about forty minutes longer than it needs to be. The content and storyline of this film could have easily fit into two television episodes. Because of this, the last 30 minutes just become long and tedious.
I assumed this might be the case, which is why Chris and I argued over what we would watch this week. However, Chris has been fan-girling like a 12-year-old about this film for months and taking that away from him seemed cruel. See, I’m not a monster.
Yes, this movie is funny. Or, should I say, punny. Now, I love puns. But it seemed as though any time the writers didn’t know what jokes to include, they went back to square pun. At first they were PUNchy, but eventually I just wanted to PUNch someone. There were no outrageously hilarious moments; the hysterical legacy of Spongebob was lost.
Though the switch in animation from traditional Spongebob to reality was neat, the 3D effect added little to the film. I

would suggest you save a couple of dollars and just see this film in 2D.
Bottom Line: I’d recommend you stay at home and watch reruns of Spongebob instead.
Chris’ Review-

4.5 sea shells out of 5
So I loved spongebob as a kid. All those shenanigans were hilarious to a kid like me. But after a while, it got too stupid. Eventually, I just quit watching all together, but with the new release of a movie, I had to throw it old school. And I was not disappointed.
There is plenty of foolishness in this movie that will bring out the inner child in anyone who did some growing up in the last 20 years. There were also several other kinds of humor to really please everyone, whether you are laughing at Patrick’s butt or his puns, you will be holding your stomach.
Another thing about this movie that I loved was the various styles of animation used. The range went from 3D graphics to the retro Mickey Mouse style. Some

effects were weird, like in a time travel sequence that must have been made with the influence of some strong drugs.
Bikini Bottom line (See what I did there?): If you want to see a movie about deception, sacrifices, pirates, time travel, and an epic rap battle between a space dolphin and talking seagulls, then definitely catch this flick. And if you don’t like it afterwards, you may want to take a good hard look in the mirror. You may be taking life too seriously.



Photo courtesy of tvtropes.org

‘How did she know?’: Staff writer releases excerpt from original novella, “Watchman”

By **NATALIE SACKET**
Staff Writer

Editor’s Note: The following short story is an original work from a student-written novella. Any ideas, tones, or expressions depicted in this work are purely for entertainment purposes only and are not held by the Northwestern News.
You might ask: how did she know she was in love?
Although she had not felt it growing within her, she knew now that it existed, her love for him would never grow old. It would be eternal in its vivaciousness. She was certain if she were to die, she would certainly keep loving him beyond the grave, past the

next realm, beyond anything that one could comprehend. She would love him until her last breath, and then beyond. Their love would last longer than the stars. No celestial realms could comprehend or replicate this feeling The oceans would shrivel into the nothingness. The ages would pass on. The mountains would crumble into pebbles. The rivers would shrink into mere veins pattering the earth. The zombie apocalypse would have come and gone. Her love for him would pass their patterned love tale on to worlds beyond their long-deceased earth.
Compared to the beauty of their love, palaces appeared as simple huts. Chan-

deliers were mere matches. Mountains of gold were a few simple coins lost in the cracks of the forgotten world. Perfume was the stench of a thousand corpses.
She loved him because of who he was. It was his faults she seemed to love the most... The crack in his chin... The birthmark on his arm... His inability to put his thoughts into words... The scar on his forehead... His lack of rhythm... The way he chattered his teeth when he slept... He always feared she would cease loving him because of these flaws, but what do flaws matter when it comes to the heart? It wants what it wants. We love what we love. Reason has no right to be involved

in matters of the heart. Isn’t it unwise love that is always the most passionate? To love another’s flaws is the purest form of love. That ability to recognize, accept, and even love another for what appears to the world as unlovable is rare and perfect and pure.
Her heart was like a fresh patch of snow, untouched. He was slowly treading pathways across her soul, causing all he touched to thaw. She knew that if he were to leave, her heart would once again freeze, this time capturing the chaos of the indentions he left behind.
She realized that his skin would one day be calloused and covered in the trails of protruding veins, no mat-

ter how often it was pressed against hers. She knew that his knuckles would one day be knotted and pained when clasping hers. She knew that his face would droop, no matter how much she stroked his cheek. She knew all this, and yet she cursed the thought that she might not be with him when this day would come.
With him, she felt steady, the emptiness purged from her soul. With him, she felt a floating, a slightly unreal sensation impossible in the dimensions holding her back. It was a power one could only feel in dreams. Then again, she had found a love possessed only in dreams.
This is how she knew she was in love.

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How not to get a second date: Ditch her before you kiss her

By **CODY RADER**
Student Writer

If at any point you’ve found yourself in the middle of a first date and the thought of bailing out through a bathroom window has crossed your mind, then this is for you, bros.

Dating stories are usually from the female perspective, typically trying to figure out what is going through the male’s head while over analyzing every motion and word. But have they ever stopped and considered that the guy is just looking for an eject button for the fastest way out of this downward spiraling date? In lieu of the upcoming Valentine’s Day desperation dates, here are a few options to ensure that there will NOT be a second.

The first step is identifying the problem and determining to what extreme you are dealing with. If it is just a personal preference issue, whether it be physical or you just don’t click; be classy and finish the date, part ways, and never contact her again as any respectable

man would. However, if at any point you realize what a terrible mistake you’ve made and that it’s likely she may have escaped from the mental institution, then you have a real dilemma and must act accordingly.

On a scale of one to ten, access your risk. A one on the scale would be a simple lack of interest. A ten would be serious fear for your physical well-being and that chick is concealing her butter knife to go psycho on the girl the smiled at you from across the room.

For girls one to three: Suck it up and finish strong. She may have compatible friends so don’t make a jerk of yourself, (or do, depending on the degree). Here are your choices: 1. Maybe use the words “sis, pall or buddy” to get the point across that you aren’t interested. 2. Maybe repeat every third word you say. 3. Don’t look at her, but rather focus on your phone the entire date. 4. Perhaps back-handed compliments might be effective i.e. “I like the way you do your hair, it really takes attention away from your nose.” Whatever you do, do your best not to



Courtesy of thegloss.com

lead her on or you may have the homeless puppy effect and you’ll never get rid of her.

For girls four to six: You are starting to recognize that you have started down the wrong path. She has named your four

kids (two girls and a boy, plus one surprise) and there are implications of having a cat... or multiple cats. She orders the most expensive thing on the menu and you know she expects you to pay for every bit of those two bites she ate. You don’t see yourself going to plays of her choice or attending farmer’s markets any time soon so you have made wise the decision to leave this one as a memory. Your options? 1. Feed imaginary guests at your table. 2. Talk about your ex fondly and consistently compare and contrast. 3. Ask to see her phone and nonchalantly delete your phone number from her contacts. 4. It may be appropriate to resort to obnoxiousness and possibly hitting on the waitress. 5. If she’s more of a six than a four, make her pick up the tab for that expensive meal and maybe chip in for gas.

For girls seven to nine: These are the girls that your mother warned you about. The ones that bring men to ruin in a matter of weeks. Your friends will hate you if you don’t already hate yourself at this point. There are many different characteristics of crazy but you’ll know her when you see her. There is something in her eye that screams to your subconscious that there are no good outcomes from continuing on with the evening. You’re devising plans in your mind to give her number to your enemies while at the same time trying to remember if that fore-mentioned bathroom window could be your

golden ticket. Frankly, either are reasonable options, however, this may be one of those times when you might want the evening to play out for better stories and this is the type of situation that could allow you to one-up your friends for life. If that option is not for you, you may have to get creative here because she may be desperate enough to put up with your games. If at this point you’ve run out of sudden ideas, it’s time to step it up. Think along these lines or even use this example: Get up and leave stating that you have to go pick up your wife from the hospital after having your third child. This also works best if you happen to have a ring in your pocket to slip on to sell the deal.

Let’s be honest, there is a very slim chance you’ll end up with a ten unless you are carousing the halls of a psych ward with a box of chocolates and a dozen roses. But in the case you find yourself on a date with a potential plot for a Lifetime channel movie: be careful, don’t make loud noises or sudden movements. If she knows where you live you are out of luck, but if she doesn’t, you better make your way to the nearest exit and change your identity just in case. On second thought you better stay. If she slipped past your radar when you were screening for crazy or your senses were numbed with desperation, then you deserve what you are in. Have a nice marriage and an Elvis theme wedding in Vegas.



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SPORTS

Northwestern splits doubleheader against Regis

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Rangers baseball team took on the Regis University Rangers in a double-header Sunday afternoon, taking game one 7-6 and falling in game two 4-2.

In game one, Northwestern jumped to an early 1-0 lead following a single by Ranger Matt Benn, allowing teammate Jason Freeman to score.

Northwestern would add two more to their lead in the third inning when Jeff Martin connected for a triple, driving in Logan Porter.

Following the triple by Martin, Ranger Jeremy Smith grounded out, allowing Martin to come across home plate to give the Rangers a 3-1 lead.

Trenton Earley continued the scoring for Northwestern in the fourth inning as he hit

an RBI single. Along with the single by Earley, Porter hit a sacrifice fly, allowing teammate Joshua Caruso to score. Then, yet again, Martin connected for another RBI single, driving in Earley from third base to give Northwestern a 6-2 lead.

The Rangers added one last run in the bottom of the sixth inning when Martin hit another RBI single, driving in Caruso, giving Northwestern a 7-3 lead heading into the seventh and final inning.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Regis Rangers began to spark a comeback against Northwestern. Regis managed to score four runs late to close to within one of Northwestern. Northwestern's closing pitcher Chase Randall would come in clutch, however, and put an end to the Regis comeback with a timely glove save at the mound to

record the last out of the ballgame.

The save by Randall helped the Rangers take game one 7-6 over Regis.

Game two unfortunately did not end with the Northwestern Rangers on top. Instead the Rangers were unable to get any offense going late in a 4-2 loss to Regis.

Despite the poor offensive showcase late for Northwestern, pitcher Thomas Sander had a very successful time on the mound.

Sander came into the game as a reliever for starting pitcher Brody Ausfahl after he went 3.2 innings, giving up three runs and six hits.

Sander went 5.1 innings, while only giving up two hits

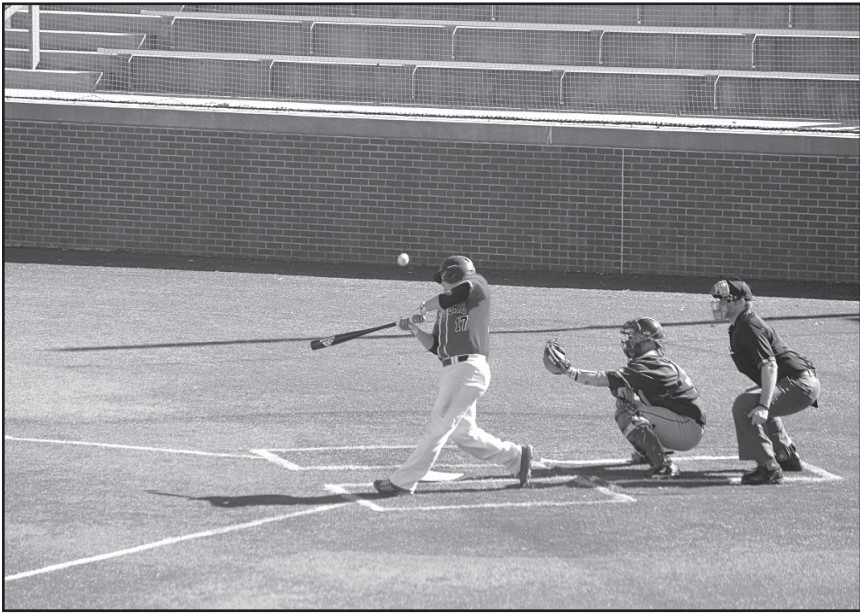


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and earning three strikeouts.

Ranger head coach Sam Carol said Sander "did a great job. He gave us a lot more than we expected, in terms of the amount of innings pitched. He really did a great job out

there."

The Rangers will be back in action at home in Myers stadium tomorrow as they open up conference play against Southeastern Oklahoma State at 2 p.m.

Steer wrestler loses sight but not vision, continues rodeo dream

By SARAH OTTO
Staff Reporter

After being told he was blind in one eye, Brock White did not let that affect his rodeo career for a minute.

"September 2, 2013 is a day I will never forget, it was the start of the greatest journey God has given me," said NWOSU rodeo team member Brock White. That day White and a few of his friends thought they had a great idea to steer wrestle team roping steers that had

never been bulldogged before. After they followed through with their "great" idea, things would quickly take a turn for the worse for White. It was White's turn to steer wrestle, and the steer's horn stabbed White in his eye. "I literally thought my eye fell out. All I could see was black, and I could feel a terrible throbbing pain. I haven't ever felt a pain like it. People always tell me they could only imagine what the pain was like, but it isn't even imaginable because of how awful it was," White said.

White was taken to the

emergency room by his closest friends, and cared for by his friends and family. He soon went to an eye doctor, and received news no one would ever want to hear. "I was told I would never see again out of that eye. I tore my optic nerve and detached my retina," said White. He went on to talk about how tearing his optic nerve was by far the worst out of the two. "Once your nerves are torn there is not a way to fix the problem, or put them back together," White said with a grimace on his face.

These setbacks White has been faced with did not hold him back for long. He said he gets tired of running into things due to him not seeing. He brought up rodeoing with only one eye and said, "It really messes up my depth perception when I steer wrestle. The run may look good to someone else, but to me the

steer looks a lot farther away than it is." The depth perception issue is a frustrating misfortune for White, but he puts his trust before his frustration. He said without his trust he would struggle way more than he already does. "I really have to put my trust in my horse and hazer because all I can see is the steer. I can't see what is to my left or in front of me, and that is always in the back of my mind. The other steer wrestlers are real supportive, and that helps a lot." White said.

White got sentimental when he started talking about how his accident has improved his life. He said at first he felt worthless, but he looked past those thoughts and asked God to help him push through all his obstacles. He now owns his own rental business and is still rodeoing for the college and in the Professional

Rodeo Cowboys Association. Northwestern is in the Central Plains Region where White is splitting six and seventh overall in the steer wrestling standings.

White said, "God wanted this to happen to me so I wouldn't change it for the world. It has given me more confidence and is who I am. A friend of mine once told me 'God gives his toughest soldiers the toughest battles' and since that day I have pushed past the doubts I had in the beginning."

Support has been a huge factor in where White is today. He said, "Stockton Graves, Northwestern's head rodeo coach, has been the best coach I could ever ask for. He knows when and what to say in order for me to keep pushing forward," said White. He also thanked the Northwestern rodeo team, friends and family for all the help and support during his accident. Jesse Oberlander, a Northwestern rodeo team member and close friend to White, said, "Brock always pushes me to do better even after I make a bad run at a rodeo. He never let his accident stop him from being supportive and pushing me to do my best." Oberlander made it apparent that White impacts and pushes others more than he may realize.

White said with a smile, "To any rodeo contestant that faces a challenge and thinks they can't prevail past it, throw those thoughts away. If you put your mind to something, you can achieve it."



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SPORTS

Women’s basketball grab overtime victory; Ranger men fall in heartbreaker

By **TRAVIS HARMON-SMITH**
Staff Reporter

Northwestern Men’s and Women’s basketball faced the Tigers of Ouachita Baptist University in a double-header Saturday afternoon. The Lady Rangers prevailed in a four point overtime victory 63-59, while the men lost a one-point heartbreaker 70-69.

In the first contest, the Lady Rangers (9-12, 8-7 GAC) experienced an early scoring drought in the first six and half minutes of play as the Lady Tiger defense controlled most of the perimeter ball movement, disabling inside shooting opportunities for Northwestern.

At the 12:06 mark in the first half, the Lady Rangers found offensive rhythm, making better decisions in transition that resulted in numerous layups and jump shots to give the Lady Rangers their first lead of the half. Unfortunately,

with 1:29 left in the first, OBU’s Alexis Sharp hit two free throws that would tie it up 23-23 going into halftime.

Coming out in the second, both teams played rigorously on the defensive side of the ball, not scoring more than six points in the early minutes of the half. During the later minutes, the Lady Rangers rallied back within two with five seconds left on the clock. Northwestern senior forward Jonna Gregory was fouled and would go to the line to shoot two free throws. Gregory missed both attempts but Lady Ranger guard Jonae Isaac gathered a rebound off the missed free throw for a quick two point basket, tying the score 55-55 and resulting in overtime.

In overtime, Northwestern came out to a slow start, going down four. However, the Lady Rangers would find themselves back in rhythm for two more baskets, giving them a four-

point 63-59 overtime win.

During the Men’s contest, Northwestern (6-16, 5-10) and Ouachita Baptist displayed tenacity during the first 20 minutes of the half. OBU would climb their way back with numerous transition baskets down the stretch, giving the Tigers a 12-point lead with 5:13 left in the first. The Rangers returned the favor, going on a late 9-4 run, trimming the score to seven at halftime.

OBU came out fiery in the second half, pushing the lead to 13 with five minutes left in the game. Northwestern would respond late in the second half with an 11-3 run cutting the lead down to four. Moments after, Northwestern guard T’Aries Taylor hit a late three-pointer with four seconds left on the clock. OBU’s Micah Delph capped off the game for the Tigers, hitting two free throws and giving OBU a close



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

70-69 decision over the Rangers.

Thursday evening during Spirit Week festivities, both teams faced Great American Conference opponent Harding University. The Lady Rangers fought hard against the Lady Bison who are ranked 20th in the nation according to

NCAA Division II polls, but could not sustain the effort, falling 64-45. The Ranger Men’s defeated the Bison by one, 66-65.

Both teams will be on the road this weekend in Arkansas, facing Great American Conference opponent Arkansas Tech and Henderson State.

Rangers softball open season in Texas; Fall to a 2-3 record

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**
Sports Editor

The 2015 softball season began for the Rangers Saturday in a double-header against UT Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas.

The Ranger women managed to sweep the Falcons with a game one score of 3-1 and game two score of 4-3.

Then the Rangers moved to San Angelo, Texas on Sunday to take on Texas A&M International and Angelo State in another double-header.

Despite the series sweep against UT Permian Basin the day before, the Rangers were not successful this time around against either the Texas A&M International Dust Devils or the Angelo State Rams. The Rangers fell to the Dust Devils 9-5 and then 5-0 to the Rams.

The Rangers wrapped up their play in Texas in Stephenville as they took on the Texanns of Tarleton State Monday afternoon.

The Rangers only managed to score one run for the game after Ranger Shelbie Anderson singled to left field, allowing teammate Payton Garrett to score.

The score by Garrett tied the game up at 1-1 in the top of the third inning.

Following the score, however, the Rangers offense would then fall into a scoring slump, as they left nine runners on base during the game.

The late slump by the Rangers allowed the Texanns to break the 1-1 deadlock in the bottom of the fifth inning after Texann Katelyn Conlee score off an RBI single.

The late score by Tarleton State was the nail in the coffin for the Rangers as the Northwestern women fell 2-1.

The 2-1 loss to the Texanns gave the Rangers a 2-3 overall record to start the season.

Softball will be back on the road this weekend as they start the UAM 8-Game Classic.

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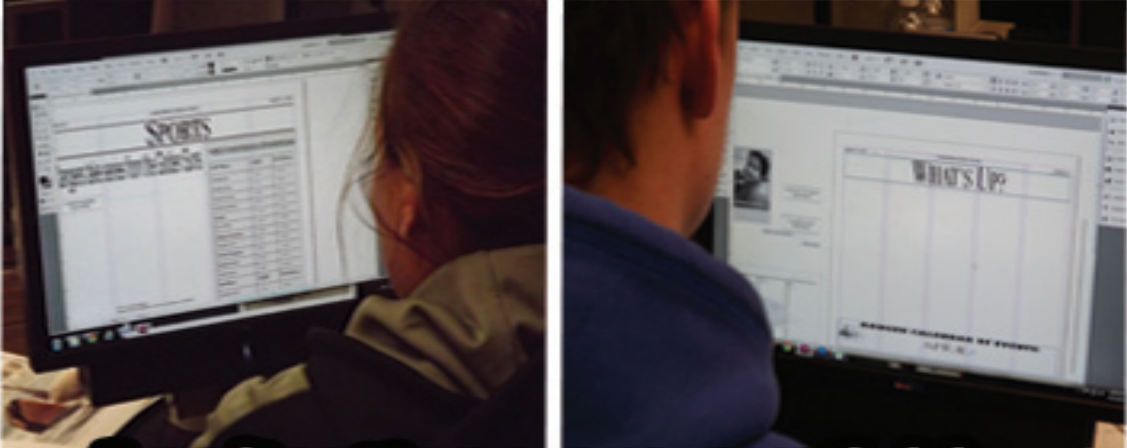


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