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Finals: students dedicate their time to studying

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Students Jade Jones, Jessica Tebow, Bailey Forell and Drew Slovak study for finals together. They study in the library to help them stay focused. By going to a place with reduced distractions, such as the library, students can spend more time focusing on finals and less time being distracted by the smallest of things that can draw a student's attention while studying in their room.

Students prepare for graduation

By **EMMARAE COOK**
Student Writer

The 15th Annual Fall commencement at Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, in Percefull Fieldhouse.

The speaker for this year is Mary Margaret Miller, a graduate of Northwestern. She is a former band member of the Northwestern Band and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in music for flute as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

Approximately 90 students are in line to receive their bachelor's degrees. Nine students will receive Master of Education degrees and three will receive a Master of Arts in American Studies.

About 14 students this year will graduate with honors. Nicole Marema, a student graduating with a Bachelor of Science Education in early childhood education, is one of these students.

"I chose this major because I

wanted to do something that had an impact and I love working with children to help them reach their potential and help them grow as individuals." Marema said, "I did not chose this major right away and did not know I wanted to be a teacher my whole life but I have loved every second of being in the program and working with the students that I have had the opportunity to work with."

This will be Marema's ninth semester here at Northwestern. She was behind a semester due to her choosing her major later in school. Marema said that she is looking forward to becoming a certified teacher and having a classroom of her own.

"I have worked with students in classrooms of cooperating teachers but I am excited to work with students in my own classroom." Marema said, "I am student teaching this semester and the experiences I have had this semester make me even more excited to graduate and work with future students."

Looking towards the future Marema's plans for after

graduation are to move to Norman, Oklahoma where her boyfriend is finishing up his degree and find a teaching job in the area.

While many students are looking forward to graduating like Marema there are some who have already graduated who are excited to see them walk. Caleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, is a former Northwestern fall graduate.

For words of wisdom Mosburg said, "Make sure you are there early you never know what may happen."

Mosburg said that graduating is a fun experience, and that he is lucky to have experienced both fall and spring graduation. While he enjoyed both, fall graduation was a closer environment which made it a bit easier for his family to take photos.

"Find the people you want to sit by." Mosburg said, "Enjoy and take it in. you only get your first degree once so enjoy it and know that all of your hard work paid off."

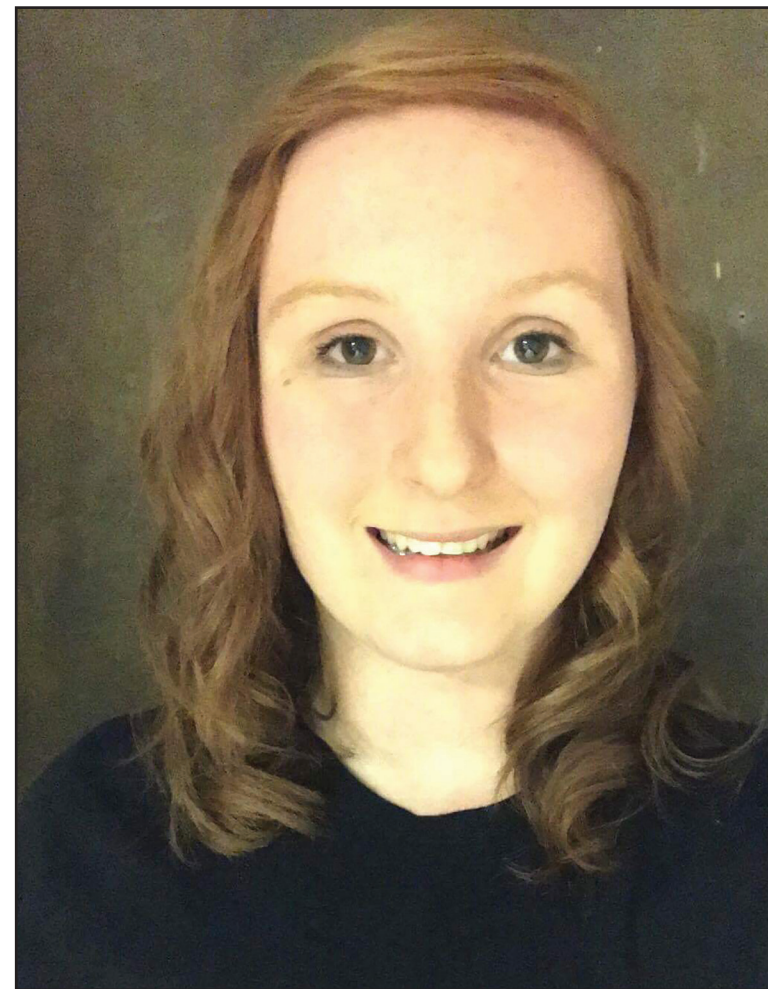


Photo provided by Nicole Marema

Nicole Marema is one of 14 students to graduate with honors.

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Editorial

Christmas or Halloween?

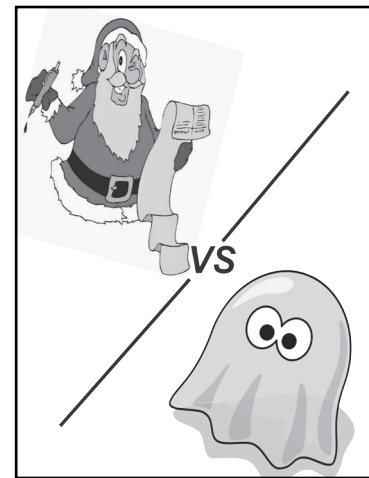
By **Tiffany Willson**
Columnist

Have you ever asked someone what their favorite holiday is? If you have, the answer you received was probably Christmas or Halloween. There are, of course, the few people who choose to be break the status quo but the majority will answer one of these two, but which holiday is better? That's a very simple question, Christmas is of course!

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus and generally has

a happy and joyful atmosphere, while Halloween is the exact opposite. Halloween originated as part of the Celtic religion at the festival of Samhain. The Celts thought the barrier between the living and the dead became thin at one point of the year. This allowed creatures to come and wander the earth. Samhain was a time where the Celts focused on scaring away these spirits. Christian religions picked this up and called in All Hallows Eve. While the popular belief that Halloween is a time to celebrate death is not correct, the holiday still carries a mostly negative connotation.

Not only is Christmas a joyous occasion, it only gets better as you gather with family and exchange gifts in hopes of making them smile. If you're my family, your goal is to see who can make mom cry..... tears of happiness of course. Christmas is a time of gathering with loved ones and celebrating together. Halloween is a time to dress up, which often is a solo event, and to



ask for candy from strangers. This holiday is focused on children which is great but the adults than are pressured to participate in the trick-or-treating portion of the evening. The focus on children and going out with friends is fine but the negative and sad connotation is overwhelming.

Christmas proves its dominance by being one of the only religious holidays that is recognized internationally and causes businesses close. While

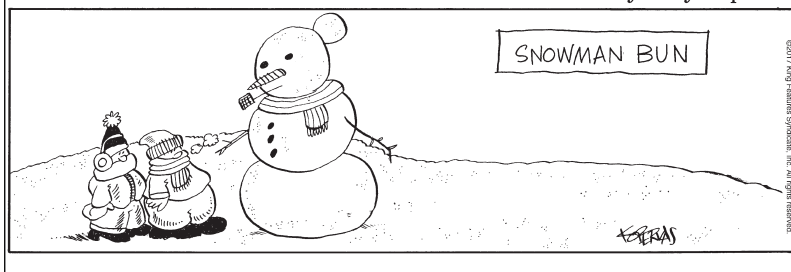
retail takes away from the true meaning of the holidays, it is the best way to document consumer success. According to the National Retail Federation consumer spending on Halloween 2017 was expected to reach a record \$9.1 Billion dollars. This sounds incredible, but Christmas 2017 was expected to increase up to \$682 Billion dollars. As the data suggests, Christmas has a much higher spending rate than Halloween, which could be contributed to the widespread popularity of the season.

Christmas is by far the best holiday. In celebrating the birth of Jesus and gathering with family, Christmas offers a break after a long semester of school. It lifts spirits and encourages acts of kindness and gratitude. Whatever your opinion is, the most important thing to remember for both holidays is where it got its start. If we fall into the retail trap of the holidays, we become slaves to the stress and lose sight of the significance of the season.



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



A Final Farewell from Wales

By **PATRICA PIXLER**
Columnist

This is my last article from Wales. I return to Oklahoma in less than two weeks. It's strange to consider. I've been in Wales for three months now and it's become home. It's where I laugh, sleep, cook, worry, have fun, study. It's where I live. Now I'm hyperaware of the fact I will leave. It's as if I'm leaving home for a foreign place all over again.

Three months is a long time. Friendships form, friendships disappear; experiences are had, people are met. No one warns you how different life will seem once you've been living far away for so long. I've no real idea what to expect when I return to the United States. My day-to-day life has been British and, on the wider scale, European. Yet still I'm American and an outsider to it all.

I'll go back and be an outsider for another while. Struggle to adjust to who I am. An interesting mix of an American abroad back at home. One who will look the wrong way for a while when crossing the street. One who will miss British foods that are impossible to find in Oklahoma.

No one warns you about that, so I will.

That doesn't mean it's a bad thing. You change, you grow, you gain that wisdom adults always tell us we need more of. It's a good thing to live far from home. It's a better thing to live in another culture. It opens your eyes. It lets you experience things that are exciting, or scary, or that you wouldn't dare try in "normal" life.

You learn plenty. You pick up (or have, who knows) odd verbal tics and manners that confuse tour guides into wondering where you come from. You check off bucket list experiences and places. You try different foods. You see different insights into how people live. In several small ways, you live as another version of yourself.

One who must deal with constant moldy bread, or one who settles for different shampoo because they don't sell your favorite brand overseas.

You learn to be better. You focus on conversations more to understand accents better. You aren't as impatient because, here, you're the tourist in the way, trying to get that perfect picture



of a place you've always wanted to visit. You learn to not be as picky because they really don't sell your favorite shampoo. You learn to try new things because flavors can surprise you.

You learn to be more grateful about what you have in America because things aren't the same everywhere. You learn about what you want out of your life a bit better. You learn you're as capable as changing as you are holding onto what makes you, you.

You learn it probably would have been a good idea to have a

basic understanding of the metric system before you left.

You learn you really shouldn't have brought those boots or that jacket with you because Britain really does rain a lot.

You learn budgeting would have been great.

Most of all, you learn you're entirely capable of living alone, more than 4000 miles away from your friends and family.

Thank you to everyone who followed me along. This has been an amazing experience and I'm honored to have represented Northwestern in Wales.

**Interested in writing?
Share your opinions!**

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News

NWOSU students spend time studying for finals

By **MELISSA NOLAND and SABREENA BURKS**
Student Writers

Well, here we are again. It is officially that time of the year. Thanksgiving has passed, graduation is this Sunday and finals start on Tuesday, December 12.

Whether you choose to ignore them, or plan for them the entire semester, there is no denying that finals are a big part of the academic year for most college students. Some students have come up with some different tricks to help them while preparing for these final exams.

Emma Reed, a junior here at Northwestern studying Social work finds that her best way to prepare for finals is to manage her time wisely. "I like to study in half hour intervals so I do not get overwhelmed or too stressed out" Reed said.

"Prioritize for sure." Said Sierra McKinnon, a senior studying Psychology. "Prioritize your time. Also it is best to know the style and layout of the exam that way you can study accordingly, making sure that you feel the most prepared possible."

Rihanna Chesser, a sophomore Biology major, is trying out a new idea of eating while studying a certain subject. "I heard that if you eat chocolate while studying, then have little chocolate candies while taking the exam, then it will help your brain recall the information better."

Taryan Robinson, a junior Chemistry and Biology major, agrees with Chesser's new thought process of studying. "I chew gum while studying and then also the same flavor while taking the exam." Robinson said. "It worked for me!"

Jade Jones, a health and sports science major, said she spends about three hours a week studying for finals. "Flash cards are the key when studying for finals," Jones said. "That and putting headphones in, with some music playing, helps when studying for finals."

Jessica Tebow, another health and sports science major, said, "I stay up studying until at least two in the morning when it comes time for finals."

Yeat another health and sports science major, whose name is Jacob Vap, said the amount of time studying varies depending on how hard the class is. "For the most part, I'll spend four or five hours for every final studying or at least one hour for classes that not much studying is required," Vap said.

He also said that he wont study past one o'clock because it's too late for waking up and being prepared for class the next day.

Caden Gacek, a computer science major here on campus, said that when it comes to the difficult classes he limits himself to staying up until twelve thirty or so to study for the finals.

If they give him a review sheet, Gacek said he just looks over that. "But if not I make my own outline or note cards so I can review the major points," Gacek said.

Vap said he does the same as Gacek but his routine for studying for finals is slightly different. "I like to break my study sessions into like 30 to 45 minute sessions, take a break and then come back in a little bit to go back over what I've studied and then study new information," Vap said. "I try to build off of it each time I take a break and come back to study more."

However you decide to study for your upcoming finals, best of luck Rangers.

Students have fun with watercolors



Photos by Sabreena Burks

Students and faculty gather together for a watercolor workshop.

Ranger Research Day results are in

Ranger Research Day XII has found its winning contestants.

Psychology: first place went to Shanely Russo for her project titled, "Stress in College: How Each Gender is Affected by Stress in Different Aspects of Life."

Second place went to Whitney Hake, for her project titled, "Interactions between Number of ACE Exposure, Treatment Effects, and Teenage Pregnancy."

Third place went to Kaylen McCary, for her project titled, "Life Satisfaction and Pet Ownership." Taylor was McCary's sponsor.

History: first place went to Brandy Hinesley-Chambers, for her project titled, "The Greenwood Massacre." Second place went to Clinton Shelton, for his project titled, "The Hitlerjugend (Hitler Youth): A Case Study of Manipulation and Indoctrination of German Youth, 1926-1945."

Biology: first place went to Willow Gahr, for her project titled, "Rattle Me This: One Trial Learning in Rattlesnakes."

Second place went to Audrey Estes, for her project titled "Bacteria and Spice Correlation."

Physics: Gahr won first place for her project titled, "AI: Arduino Investigation."

Nursing: first place went to Ashley Putnam and Tay-



Photo by Alexandra Gavitt

Ashley Putnam (left) and Taylor Kennedy (right) won first place in the Nursing category of poster presentations for their project titled, "Alternative Therapy in Decreasing Preeclampsia."

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Second place went to Whitney Johnson and Tanya Karnes, for their project titled, "Fighting the Prevalence of Heart Failure Readmission."

Third place went to April Troop and Jada LaFosse, for their project titled, "Quantifying Blood Loss in Postpartum Hemorrhage."

English: first place went to Ashley Wilson, for her paper titled, "Human Nature and the Western Frontier: Exposing the Inevitability of Groupthink and Vigilante Justice in Walter Van Tilburg Clark's The Ox-Bow Incident."

Second went to Cortney Emerson, for her paper titled, "Challenging Society: How Kate Chopin Changed Society's View of Women."

History: first place was awarded to Hinesley-Chambers for her research paper titled, "The Greenwood Massacre," which was also entered as a poster presentation.

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Alva lights spread joy this Christmas season



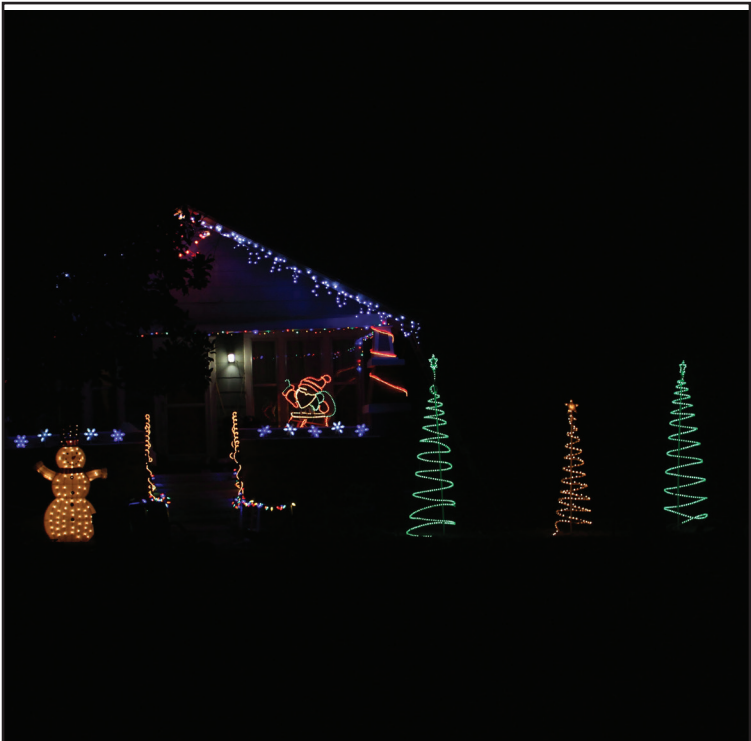
Photo By: Ashley Strehl

A cheerful house is located past the Alva cemetery features a light show that goes along with music from it's own personal Christmas radio.



Photo By: Ashley Strehl

Thank you Alva Community for showing your Christmas spirit through your decorations!
It gives the college students something to look at while driving around at night.



A small home showing big Christmas spirit. Photo By: Ashley Strehl

Quotes of the week

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."
- Calvin Coolidge

"Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves."
- Eric Sevareid

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."
- Charles M. Schulz



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Yard lights in the city of Alva, shining the way to a community members home.



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Entertainment

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Based on the New York Times bestseller, "Wonder" tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of brave young man August Pullman

'Wonder' worth seeing and inviting

By **MAXWELL ARCHER**
Movie Reviewer

"Wonder" is one of those films that are designed to make grandmas cry.



It's the most inoffensive, unchallenging movie I've seen in some time, for the film is composed entirely of feel-good fluff and touching familial moments.

Of course, that is not a criticism of the film; it performs its intended function very well. It makes everyone feel good and appeals to as wide of an audience as possible by being as sweet and noncontroversial as a movie can be. Who doesn't love a story about a sweet, smart, and shy little boy overcoming his physical abnormalities and a host of school

bullies while making a plethora of unlikely friends?

There's little doubt that the film does a perfectly fine job of ensuring the audience roots for the characters they're supposed to and dislikes the characters they're supposed to.

By the end of the movie, I felt well acquainted with all the film's protagonists and was invested in their well-being, so the film is inarguably competent. However, the movie holds your hand and ensures that every aspect of the

story is painfully clear as it moves through its narrative. For example, almost every major character is accompanied by narration in which their internal thoughts, feelings, and motivations are very clearly and intentionally spelled out, so there is not very much room for interpretation, thought, or participation on the part of the audience.

Additionally, when characters refer to events that occurred previously in the film, the footage is reshown just to ensure every member of the audience is following along.

If this movie was anything other than the feel-good family picture that it is, I might have felt insulted.

It's certainly not any sort of thought-provoking high art, but it's sweet and inviting and has something for just about everyone.

It's worth seeing if you're in the mood for something sweet and simple.

"It's worth seeing if you're in the mood for something sweet and simple"

Billboard November Top 10

- 1 - "Rockstar"**
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- 2 - "Havana"**
Camila Cabello Featuring Young Thug
- 3 - "Perfect"**
Ed Sheeran
- 4 - "Gucci Gang"**
Lil Pump
- 5 - "Thunder"**
Imagine Dragons
- 6 - "Too Good At Good-byes"**
Sam Smith
- 7 - "Bodak Yellow"**
Cardi B
- 8 - "No Limit"**
G-Eazy Featuring A\$AP Rocky & Cardi B
- 9 - "What Lovers Do"**
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Games

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- Ultra-modernist
- Meadow
- Dressed
- State of matter
- Infamous lyre player

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- Soothe
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- On the rocks
- Apportion (out)
- 90 degrees
- Overact
- American emblem
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King Crossword

Answers

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MAZE

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Sports



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Junior Treyvon Andres, who had 17 points against Arkansas Tech and 18 points against Harding University, guards the ball against the opposing point guard.

Men drop first game of season on road

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's basketball team took to the road to play two games against Harding University and Arkansas Tech in Arkansas. The men went one for one, taking down the Harding Bison, but falling short in the game against Arkansas Tech.

The men continued their undefeated record with a 79-57 win over Harding University. The Rangers lead Harding throughout the first half, quickly pulling out to six-point lead. Their lead jumped intensely in the second half.

The Rangers came out firing after halftime, shooting an impressive 66.7 percent. The offense dominated Harding in the second half, taking a lead as large as 24 points.

Sophomore transfer AJ Jones lead the team with 21 points, shooting 6-of-11, including going 3-for-5 from the three-point arch. He also recorded two steals and helped hold Harding to just a 39 percent shooting rate.

Jones and several other

Rangers set a season-high record of 13 steals throughout the game.

After a red-hot start, the Rangers dropped their first game of the season in a nail biter against Arkansas Tech, 86-83.

Arkansas Tech are unbeaten and came off a hot win against Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Arkansas Tech had an impressive shooting percentage of 50 percent throughout the game.

The Rangers trailed in the second half by 21 points, but made the impressive comeback to get within three points before the final buzzer.

The Ranger offense shot well and several players had

double-digit points. Senior Greg Minor lead the team with a high of 18 points. Junior Treyvon Andres followed with 17 points. Senior Brandon Green and junior A'Keem Oglesby had 16 and 13 points respectively.

Despite the single loss, the Rangers remain highly ranked in the GAC standings at third.

The Rangers will look to get wins back when they face non-conference opponent Newman University on the road on Dec. 9.

The Rangers have a long stretch before the return home on Jan. 4 to face GAC opponent Southern Arkansas University.



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Red Baron frozen pizza 2 for \$7.00	Simply Potatoes (dairy) 20oz. \$1.79
American Beauty 16oz pasta \$1.15	Bagged Halo mandarins 2lb bag \$3.49

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Freshman Selena McDonald, who had 10 points against Arkansas Tech, squares up on defense.

Women lose both on road

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Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Lady Ranger basketball team faced off against GAC opponents Harding University and Arkansas Tech on the road. The Lady Rangers had an unfortunate run, going 0-2. The match against Harding University on Thursday ended in a 93-63 loss for the Lady Rangers.

The Lady Rangers were led by freshman Aneli Thomsen with 13 points, going 4-for-9 in the

field. Redshirt junior Jade Jones had 10 points on the night.

The Lady Rangers met Arkansas Tech on Saturday and took a 80-45 loss. The Lady Rangers once again struggled to get ahead. Arkansas Tech jumped out to an early lead and the Lady Rangers worked their way to within 12 points in the second quarter. The halftime deficit was cut to 39-24 in favor of Arkansas Tech. T

he Lady Rangers could only convert on 5-of-32 attempts from the three-point line throughout

the game. The Lady Rangers were led by freshman Selena McDonalds who earned herself 10 points by going four-for-six field goals and two free throws.

Redshirt junior Jade Jones grabbed a team high of seven rebounds. Despite the tough road losses the Lady Rangers will look to rebound as they take on non-conference opponent Oklahoma Christian on the road on Dec. 5.

The next time the Lady Rangers play at home is against GAC opponent Southern Arkansas on Jan. 4.



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Freshman Aneli Thomsen dribbles the ball in for the 2 pt. layup.