

Breeden places first in show

By SEAN DOHERTY
Student Reporter

Northwestern is filled with aspiring doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers and entrepreneurs. Not many students dream of being graphic novelists after graduation, but Amanda Breeden is an exception.

Breeden received \$75 and a purple ribbon for "Best in Show" at the Northwestern Art Society Art Show for her charcoal drawing "Self Portrait".

The freshman biology major from Cherokee says she started drawing at young age with the encouragement of her parents. Around age ten she decided to really learn how to draw. "There was this guy at a church that I went to, and he taught me how to draw realistic people."

By junior high, Breeden fixated on one particular character and the beginning of a dream ignited. "I just kept drawing this one character over and over and over again, and I was like 'Ok, so what am I doing with this character?'" Breeden already has a couple of novels in the making focusing on post-apocalyptic future.

Being an Art minor, Breeden was required to submit artwork to the show. Breeden submitted four

pieces, all which placed in their respective categories. Breeden's cleverly named art, aims to brighten up the somber overtones of the art world. Her oil paintings "I Smell the Smelly Smell" placed first and "Does This Vase Make My Flowers Look Small?" placed third in the other subject areas category. Her watercolor painting "Mind Over Noodle" tied for third in the watercolor category.

"Self Portrait" started out as a homework assignment with a little twist. The assignment was a self-portrait, but face was to be distorted. Breeden used an eraser to reveal the two distorted faces and noses in the charcoal shading. She added an ear last minute to complete the work, along more shading at the urging of her professor Kyle Larson. When asked what if the piece held any particular meaning, Breeden replied with a typical artist's answer: it's up to interpretation. "Whenever I do art, it's just a way to express feelings, and a way to put everything that's in my head onto paper."

Breeden's award winning artwork plus over 100 others will be on display in The Runnymede, Friday, April 6, from 6-8 p.m., for the First Friday Artwalk event. This event is free and open to the public.



Photo by Sean Doherty

Amanda Breeden's self portrait that placed first and best in show in the art society's 15th annual art show. All of the art pieces that placed will be presented in the winners show at the Runny Mede on Friday from 6pm - 8pm.

Artist in residence finishes work

By ERIC ANDRES
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University and the Molten Capital Artist-in-Residence, Marianne Hoffmeister, will be having two shows that they will be on Friday.

Hoffmeister will be exhibiting her body of her work, titled "On the Marvelous Generic", from 3-5:30 p.m. in Jesse Dunn Room 325. At 5 p.m Marianne will be giving an artist talk and Q&A, also at 6 p.m. at the Graceful Arts, where Marianne will be exhibiting her series of small drawings that were inspired from direct observations around Alva and nearby towns.

The Director of Visual Arts,

Kyle Larson, wasted no time describing the mark that Marianne will be leaving on his student, "She did four session drawing laboratories, during each session she gave a lecture on specific concept of drawing, she gave students who attended these workshops different ideas towards drawing and their sense of what drawing can do and the possibilities of drawings.

"Seeing inspiration everywhere you go and everything you see. This is how Marianne sees the world around her.

"The whole city has inspired me, I've never been in town like this before in the United States and

how everything is displayed. The house, downtown, where the super market is and how the super market is structured even how people move around everyone drives, no one walks."

Marianne will be explaining her work and her decisions she made while being in Alva, how she doesn't like having loose ends in her work and also the book "One Hundred Years of Solitude," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and more in her artist talk Q&A.

"The Molten Capital Artist

Residency is an incredible resource to have because they have a vast number of artist to work with. I do plan on working with them in the future," Larson said.



Photos provided

Two pieces of Marianne Hoffmeister's art that she has worked on during her stay as the artist in residence in Alva.

Marianne Hoffmeister's art exhibit will be Friday at 6pm

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NWOSU community comes together to enjoy performance.



Photos by Greg Minor

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series, "The Patti Page Story", presented in Herod Hall Auditorium.

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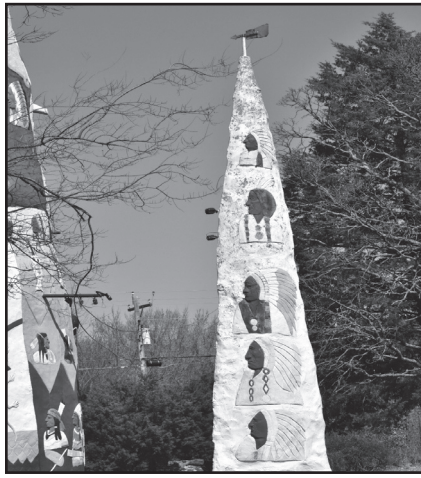
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News



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A peek inside the largest totem pole, a second totem pole, smaller than the other, but shaped like an arrowhead, and the tables throughout the park are all a part of the Totem Pole Park experience.

Totem Pole Park: home to world's largest totem pole

By **CAPRI GAHR**
Student Reporter

Rogers County in northeastern Oklahoma is home to Ed Galloways Totem Pole Park. Ten miles northeast of Claremore and 3.5 miles east of Foyil. The park consists of eleven objects and one building that Galloway built in 1948. He died in 1962 and it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

The characters that make up the totem pole include 200 faces and expressions and large carvings of animals. The base of the totem pole is a large turtle. This large turtle is a representation of the native creation story about earth being on the back of a huge turtle.



The turtle at the base of the totem pole.

Galloway worked as a manual arts teacher at the Sand Springs Children's home for over twenty years before retiring and starting Totem Pole Park. He is also known for his skills at making fiddles and many of them are still on display at his eleven sided "Fiddle House" which is currently the gift shop at the park.



From the top of the historic totem pole down to the bottom an array of artistic carvings are displayed, from a display of an eagle and many expressional faces to native headdresses.

"Look at it this way, a totem pole is a decorated tree."
- Louise Bourgeois

Teachers go on strike after Fallin raises pay

By **BRADY KOKOJAN**
Student Reporter

To strike or not to strike has been the question going around the state of Oklahoma this past week. The Oklahoma Schools are ranked 49 out of 50 for teacher's salaries, and therefore many of our teachers here in Oklahoma are striking. On Monday, OEA estimated that 30,000 teachers and 500,000 students were not in school, with most of those schools being in the metro area. Gov. Mary Fallin on March 29 signed a \$424 million-dollar tax plan that would ultimately provide \$6,100 pay raises to teachers.

This pay raise was not enough to stop most of the teachers in Oklahoma from going on strike. KOCO news has already released the list of schools that will continue to be closed all the way up until the middle of this week. It's a touchy subject, but one thing is for sure, we can all agree on the fact that the Government needs to do something.

"I believe the Oklahoma teachers need to advocate themselves. They are terribly underpaid for what's requested of them" said Dr. Henry Trabuc Assistant Professor of Education At NWSU. "Most of my students understand the need to advocate for a better work environment, but that didn't affect them going into education. Some of them did state they might look elsewhere for higher paying jobs, but I was very impressed that they still wanted to go into education as if it was their calling."

Alva High School and several other schools around Northwest Oklahoma have not gone on strike; however, the teachers that are on strike are demanding a \$3.3 billion dollar raise over the next three years for school funding, benefits and pay raises for all public employees according to Alexia Fernandez Campbell and Kainaz Amaria. I feel like the government needs to do something and act on this issue immediately for the sake of our youth.

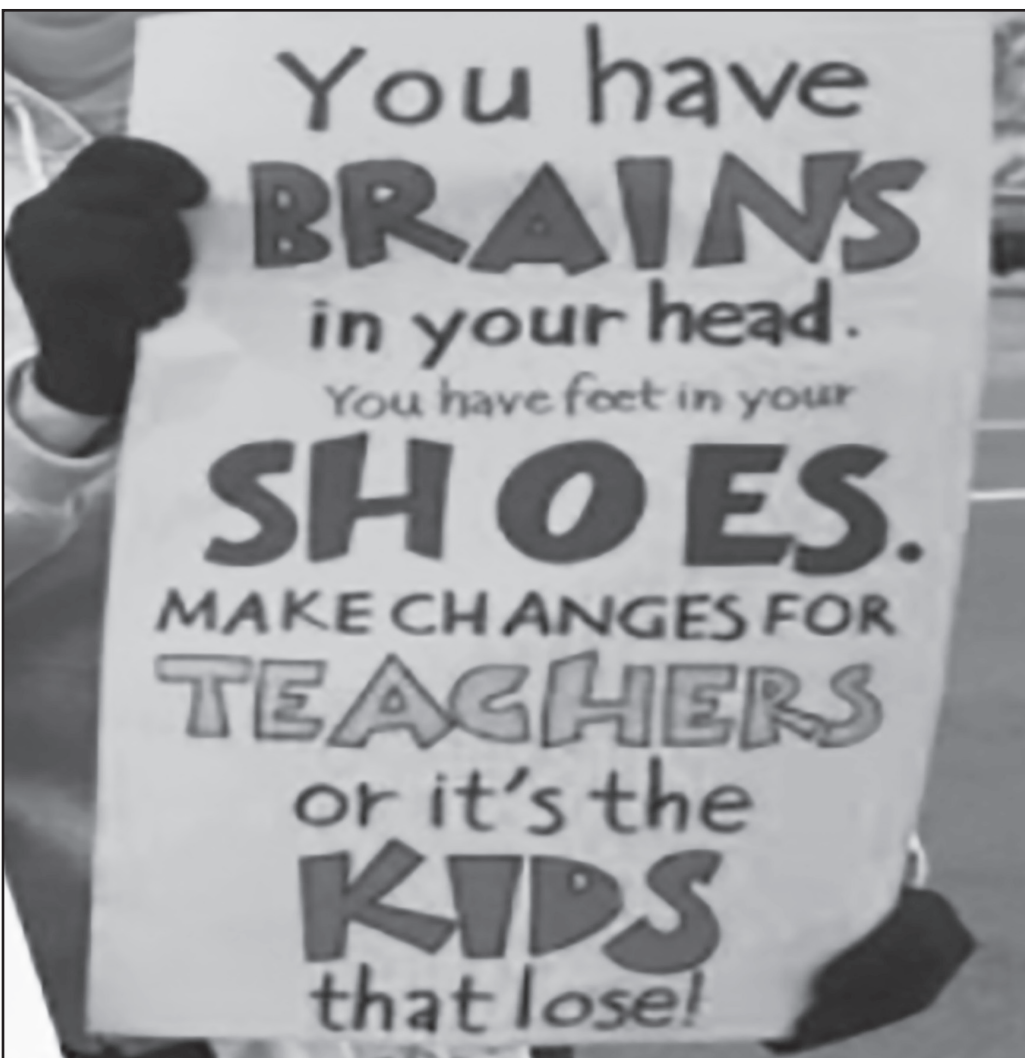


Photo by Oklahoma Teacher Walkout

A sign made by a femal contributing and showing her support of the teacher walkout.

Editorial

Other Voices

Trump lies and we believe

By **BAYLOR LARIAT**
Baylor University

When the boy who cries wolf is the president, Americans form a distorted view of reality.

President Donald Trump's constant lying confuses the American conscience, which acts to further his agenda and diminish truth. Trump is misleading and consequently failing to guide the country when he proclaims false information as fact. We deserve to know the truth, but when our public officials fail to offer it, we should persist in defending the truth in everyday conversations.

According to the New York Times, Trump has been cited lying in his State of the Union address and beyond, through his false statements and self-accreditation for phenomena a part of a broader movement outside of his efforts.

He has falsely described the conditions required for someone to be allowed to enter into the U.S. through the green card lottery program and family-based immigration visas, according to the New York Times. In his State of the Union address, Trump said the visa lottery "randomly hands out green cards without any regard for skill, merit or the safety of our people." In contrast, ThinkProgress reported that after being randomly selected, individuals must undergo multiple security checks, interviews, and meet the minimum requirements of either a high school education or two years of work experience. Family members of the lottery winner must also go through the process to be approved as

"derivatives" of the selected.

Trump has declared his tax cuts to be the largest in history. However, CNN reported more significant tax cuts by former presidents Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, John F. Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson.

He took full credit for the collapse of the Islamic State caliphate in Syria and Iraq in an interview with The Spectator, though it was actually a continuance of work done by former President Barack Obama, as reported by the New York Times.

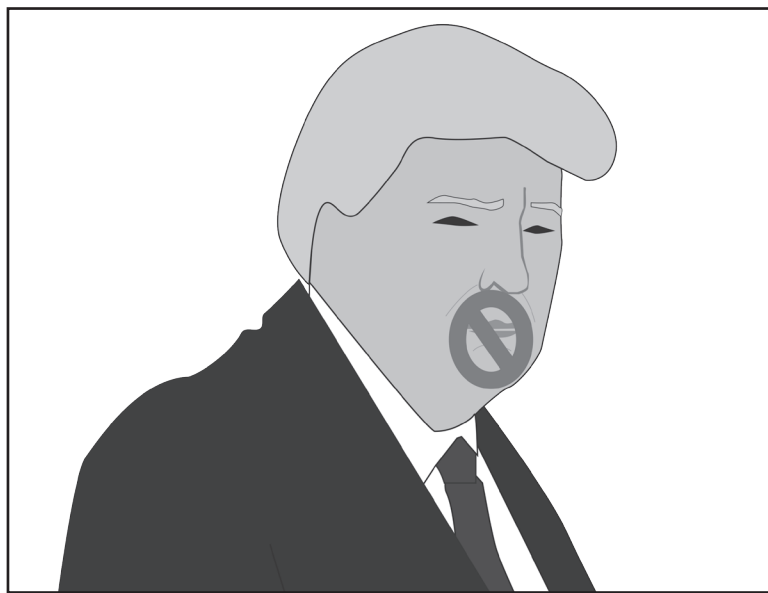
The New York Times also reported that although Trump boasted an increase in employment rates, especially among African-Americans, these improvements were already in progress before he took office.

Trump has claimed "serious voter fraud" in Virginia, New Hampshire, and California without any evidence, PolitiFact reports.

PolitiFact reports 69 percent of Trump's statements to be mostly or completely false and only four percent to be true. When a political leader lies at such a high frequency, they diminish trust between themselves and citizens.

The leader-member exchange model, reported on by Psychology Today, shows that a productive relationship between members and leaders requires trust. Trust empowers feelings of connectedness.

Psychology Today goes on to find that "When people in positions of power lie, you not only become disaffected with them, but you become disaffected with the institutions they represent."



In essence, Trump's lies reap and cultivate an image of government that people are less engaged in and begin to reject.

Incessant lying not only deteriorates citizens' motivation to externally engage in government, but also distorts citizens' internal understanding of ongoing policy.

Newsweek reports that Americans whose pre-existing political views are supported by Trump's lies are more likely to accept his words as truth because of a phenomena called motivated reasoning. Motivated reasoning explains people's subconscious tendency to internalize false information if it aligns with their existing beliefs.

Trump's lies increase the amount of people that believe in his false information. People who hold views in conflict with Trump's statements are also subject to falling for this alternate version of reality.

Politico referenced a study

by Harvard psychologist Daniel Gilbert in his work "How Mental Systems Believe," in which he analyzes the way people view the world.

Gilbert said the first step someone takes to understand the world is to accepting everything as true. It's an instinct to take input for its worth in the very first moment you hear it. It is not until after automatically considering the statement as valid that the brain begins to intentionally analyze the statement.

Politico reported that the brain is unable to process a constant amount of lies, because it will reach a brink of "cognitive overload."

Through Trump's constant lying, Americans lose the psychological endurance to sort through which of his statements are true or false, and accept them as true by default.

His repetitive rhetoric additionally works to depict lies as

truth. Wired described the "illusory truth effect," which theorizes that the repetition of false statements decreases the brain's ability to recognize it as such. According to Wired, "The effect works because when people attempt to assess truth they rely on two things: whether the information jibes with their understanding, and whether it feels familiar."

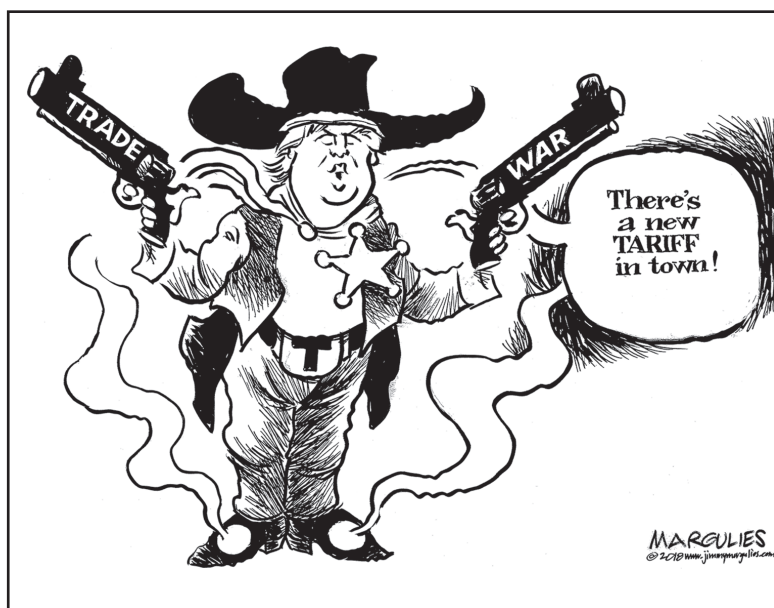
The brain assesses truth by comparing new information to past understanding, deliberating over which one is more trustworthy or credible. What happens when false information is repeated is that the repeated lies meld with past knowledge. As Wired explains, "familiarity can trump rationality."

Ultimately, Trump prompts a false sense of reality for all parties, which is detrimental to the individual, democratic opinions of citizens. Americans are entitled to the truth, and the president should not be the obstacle that keeps them from understanding it.

We need to demand integrity from our leaders, but during the absence of honesty in this administration, it is our responsibility to combat government-sourced lies with individually-found truths.

Sources such as the nonpartisan FactCheck.Org, Pulitzer Prize-winning PolitiFact.Com and nonprofit Associated Press News provide fact checks on politicians' public statements.

By initiating and prompting conversations that speak truth into current events, we can balance and outweigh the feedback coming from the White House, and promote a more accurate public understanding.



— **King Crossword** —
Answers
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Delta Zeta

By **SAVANNAH BREEDEN**
Columnist

Since our humble beginnings in 1902, Delta Zeta has grown to be one of the largest national sororities in membership. Our own chapter here at Northwestern Oklahoma State University actively participates in local philanthropy events. Oh no! Not the sorority lingo! Don't worry, we can explain. We define philanthropy as service towards our community, college, and our national campaign, Speech and Hearing.

On a national level, our sorority has set a goal to raise \$5 million in a 5 year span to fund our partners at the Starkey Hearing Foundation. So far, our 165 chapters from the United States and Canada have together raised over half of our goal in just over two years. But like Jessie J says "Its not about the money..".

As a chapter, we fundraise and support local causes here in Alva. We have assisted the local women's shelter in applying paint in one of their residences. Our sisters have also participated in yard cleanups for locals in the area who need a few extra hands. With all of this accomplished as a sisterhood, we are ready to get the rest of our Ranger family involved! Our next project is coming up in a few short weeks!

We invite all of Northwestern's students, faculty, and staff, to help us in our annual Learn to Listen Week, April 2nd-6th. While we are fortunate enough to utilize our ability to clearly speak and hear, others do not have the same privilege. During this week, Rangers will be able to become educated on ways they are able to help and support our international cause. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" -Nelson Mandela.



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J.C. for SGA

By **COREY SHIREY**
Columnist

On April 9, we students here at Northwestern will elect next years officers for our Student Government Association. It's an opportunity for us to share our voice for the future we want here in Ranger Nation. This year we have quite a few folks running for the different offices, but I want to take this time to talk to you about one individual running for Vice President.

I am proud to call J.C. Wells one of my closest friends. From the moment we met three years ago, being suite mates in Coronado Hall as freshmen, I have the seen the passion he has for helping others. When someone is in need, he doesn't skip a beat to offer assistance, whether it be tutoring someone who is struggling in math or helping out with a personal problem.

J.C. has served in SGA since he was freshman, and this past year he has served us a member of their executive team. Throughout his time serving our student body, he has pushed SGA to be more transparent, to reach out and get more students involved, and to



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actively hear what concerns we students have about our school. He also serves as an RA in Coronado Hall, a position he has held for two years now. His entire life since enrolling in college has been devoted to bettering our student body.

I can think of no better person to serve us as our next vice president. His heart and passion for Northwestern knows no bounds, and the willpower he posses I know will go to bettering our Campus and ensuring that tomorrow is better than yesterday for all of Ranger Nation.

I urge each and every student in the Northwestern Community to vote for J.C. Wells to be the next Vice President on April 9!

King Crossword

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- 5 Greek vowel
- 8 Heap
- 12 Cooling drink
- 14 Smell
- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Not quite upright
- 20 Big name in California wines
- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way
- 30 Playwright Levin
- 32 Beat decisively
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Answers on page 4



Photos by Ashley Strehl

Imogene Peterson and her husband, John Peterson, on their wedding day, along with both sets of parents of the two.

A woman made stronger

By **ASHLEY STREHL**
Feature Editor

A woman, a mom, a wife, who loved once, and a woman lived alone for 50 years.

In the WWII era, women lived their lives getting an education, and awaiting for their husbands to return from war. Imogene Fender-Peterson was one of those women, and went to school at Northwestern, but when her husband, John Peterson, returned from war she quit her schooling and decided to become a mother of three children and a wife, who stayed home, loved her family.

When her husband returned from war, she was met with his kind smile and a “You’re the most beautiful woman I’ve ever seen” from John, when he died of heart disease she lived alone, with her faith, in that someday her and the love of her life will be reunited again. She is now living in Beatles nursing home with dementia, with regular visits from her daughter and grandchildren.

She can’t remember where she is but she can tell you the full story of how she and John came to love each other.

This photo essay encapsulates some of Imogene’s pictures and belongings to show how strong she really is.

Her silver and little trinkets have kept in shape all these years, and at the age of 90, so has she. Her strength in life, much like the silver, is inspiring and begs a photographer to make an art of it.

She is an inspiring tale that love and faith can make it through anything.



Pictures of Imogene and her husband along with some sliver from their home



Imogene Peterson in her early 30s.



A picture of Imogene Peterson with her family members, and a plate she hung in her kitchen



Imogene Peterson and her husband John Peterson

Las Vegas beyond the lights

By **KIMBERLY BELL**
Student Photographer

Traveling is something that almost everybody aspires to do, but not everybody gets the privilege to do it. Because of our lack of money and/or time, taking a vacation is always a treat. Fortunately for me, I had the opportunity to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada with my fiancé over spring break. Previously, the furthest west I had ever been was only to Phoenix, AR.

I am a very unexperienced flyer, and my fiancé had never been on a plane before, ever! So for the both of us, just stepping into an airport was all new terrain. The process was a lot easier than expected, but the coffee was extremely over-priced! The beautiful window-seat pictures we got, though, were worth it!

After landing in LV, we were scooped up by my two good friends Kendra and Kylee

Wallace, and immediately went for lunch. My fiancé and I stayed for a total of about 4 and a half days, and not once did we eat anything but delicious food. Although much of our trip was spent relaxing and watching movies on the couch with our friends, the most vivacious of the pictures I had taken over the trip were the ones from "The Strip." On The Strip, there are multiple ginormous hotel resorts and shopping centers that just scream luxury. It was quite a sight to see. I enjoyed every minute of being a tourist (even though we got lost for over an hour!).

I am glad to have taken this photo diary of my experience of Las Vegas. In my opinion, having my camera by my side, documenting most of the evening, enhanced my overall impact of the trip. I definitely recommend visiting Las Vegas with some close friends if you haven't already



Photos by Kimberly Bell

Walking along The Strip of Las Vegas.



"Las Vegas BLVD" in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Looking up at the Eiffel Tower restaurant on The Strip.



Standing in front of the "Bally's" shopping center and hotel resort



On the airplane, en route to Las Vegas!

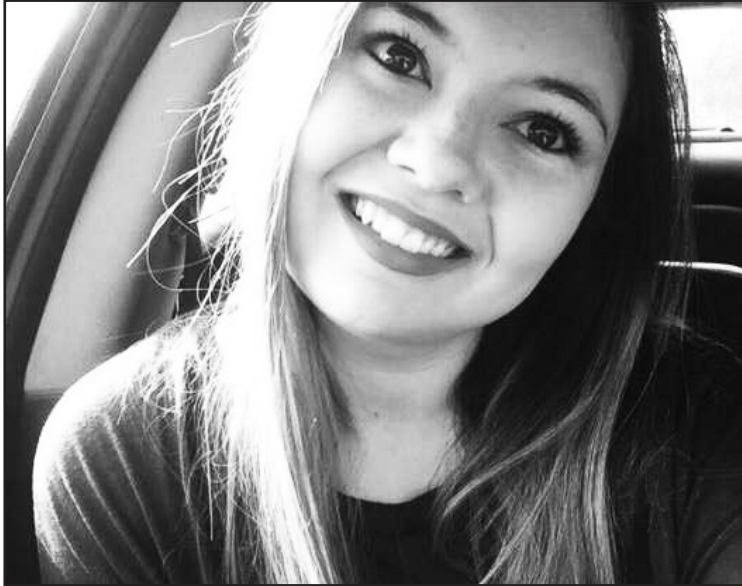
Feature

Celebrating National Siblings Day

By **LOGAN JONES**
Student Writer

The little known National Sibling day gives all of those who have brothers and sisters a chance to show appreciation to our closest family members.

Northwestern siblings get to experience something that very few college students get to do; experience college life together. The Northwestern News managed to track down a few Ranger siblings and got their opinion on what it is like to attend the same college.



Shannon Nesseralla says it is a little weird seeing each other every day while walking to class but they also see some advantages.

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“Brother and sister together as friends, ready to face whatever life sends”

National Sibling Day is April 10th

Campus clean-up



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Brandon Nesserella, a junior criminal justice major from Alva, Oklahoma. “We both have history together and it works out pretty well because of how smart she is,” Brandon said, “It also helps because it reminds me of the assignments that we both need to do.”



Photo Provided by University Relations

A lot can be accomplished when several people come together to work for a common goal as they do here last year during the Northwestern Staff Council’s annual Campus Cleanup event. Students, faculty, staff and administrators join in each year to help plant flowers, pick up trash, paint curbs and more to help the campus look more beautiful. This year’s event on the Alva campus is April 18 with Staff Council members joining volunteers at the Enid and Woodward campuses on April 25 for a similar cleanup event.



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“Even though we don’t have any classes together, it’s still good to know that she can come help me out quickly if I ever need her for anything,” said senior agriculture major Collin Fouts.



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“And the same goes for me,” Chesney said, “Having my older brother there to help me on certain things always seems to make things a little easier.”

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The film is set in 2045, with the world on the brink of chaos and collapse. But the people have found salvation in the OASIS, an expansive virtual reality universe created by the brilliant and eccentric James Halliday, played by Mark Rylance.

2 reviews 1 amazing movie

By **LOGAN JONES**
Movie Reviewer

In the year 2045 is where the science fiction movie Ready Player One takes place in Ohio.



The movie is based off a book called "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline. Cline published this book as his first book ever written. He is from Ohio and that's where this movie and story takes place. Instantly when this book was put on the market it became a huge hit.

The movie is about people going into a virtual reality game but also having a real life, and the creator of the Oasis dies and leaves behind a mystery for everyone to figure out. When I first saw the previews, I thought it should be a decent movie.

Honestly, I didn't have very high expectations going into the movie. But the movie proved me wrong. With lots of action and mystery's I was engaged to the movie the whole time.

If you're a gamer, you would like this movie, but I took a friend who's not a gamer and she loved it as well. It's a movie for everyone. It has real life lessons in it with a big mystery with clues and all sorts of interesting things in it with even some love in it.

The movie has characters in it I have never recognized, which was pretty cool to have totally new actors. I don't know if having such low expectations made it so awesome but in my mind it's a must see movie.

I know there are a lot of great movies still to be played in the year of 2018 but I could very easily see "Ready Player One" as one of the top movies of 2018. Overall Fantastic movie.

By **BRADY KOKOJAN**
Movie Reviewer

Ready Player One breathes new life into an era that so many Gen X-ers grew up in and remember so fondly almost 40 years ago.



For those who don't know, the film directed by Steven Spielberg, is an adaptation from the 2011 novel of the same name by author, Ernest Cline. Both pay homage to pop culture that was ever present in the '70s, '80s and early '90s even with a few hints of more contemporary pop icons.

If Netflix's Stranger Things is liked because of the '80s nostalgia it provides, then Ready Player One provides that and then some. The number of character cameos is so large that it could probably take a couple of years to pick out each and every one of them. Even though the film is set in the not so distant future, there are countless pieces of '80s pop culture placed in every scene including music, movies, video games, toys and even the clothing.

The way the story is written also pays tribute to the 1980s, complete with some campy '80s slang, dialogue and story line which just goes to add to the pleasure of the film. The visuals in the movie provide just as much story as the writing does. The real world is depicted as a cold and dull place with its gray

tones and cloudy skies. However, once inside the virtual world of the Oasis, the screen becomes filled with color that adds life and emotion that is not seen in the real world. Even the casting in the film was spot on. Spielberg's inclusion of young, lesser known lead actors does a great job of allowing the audience to put themselves in the shoes of the main protagonists which is something that a lot of movies have a tough time doing properly. This also adds to the film from the basis that you're not watching an

actor play a character in a story. Instead, you're actually watching real characters taking part in an actual adventure.

"Ready Player One" is a return to a time to when we were kids full of imagination. It's the idea of what we thought the future of video games would be like; an escape from our seemingly dull normal lives into a world (or worlds) full of color and excitement, and "Ready Player One" allows us to go back and feel that way even if its just for two hours and 20 minutes.

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Sports



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Steven Deckard, a junior hits the ball during the three-game series against Oklahoma Baptist University.

Early lead ends in loss

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Ranger baseball team played a three-game series on the road against Oklahoma Baptist University. In game one, the Rangers fell 15-5, despite their early lead in the first inning.

The Rangers started off hot in the top of the first.

Judah Zickafoose drove in an RBI to score Justin Bundy and Daschal Johnson.

Brenden Kates and TJ Kassner both added RBI's singles to score.

Zickafoose went 2-for-3 at the plate, along with 2 RBI's and a BB.

Unfortunately, OBU turned around to have their own dominant first inning.

The Bison put up six runs, part of which came from two home runs. OBU would add nine more runs to overcome the Rangers, 15-5.

On Saturday, the Rangers played a double-header, going 0-2 against the Bison.

The Rangers dropped game two, 15-8 despite an early 2-0 lead thanks to a two-run shot by TJ Kassner.

Ranger pitcher Cole Jackson started in the circle.

He sat down the Bison in order in the first, and gave up only a walk in the second.

OBU had a big third inning, scoring seven runs.

The Rangers answered back in the fourth when Johnson nailed a two-run homer, his



Baron Phillips, sophomore, pitches the ball.

sixth homer of the season.

The Rangers offense, however, was unable to overcome the Bison as the Rangers took the loss in the ninth inning.

In the final game of the series, the Ranger dropped 8-5.

The Rangers once again started off in the lead. Johnson lead off with a double that scored Bundy, and Johnson once again drove in two runs in the second.

Pitcher Walker Wharton started off for the Rangers and

kept the 3-1 lead for the Rangers, while striking out four.

Unfortunately, a big inning for OBU in the fifth scored seven runs, which would be too much for the Rangers to overcome.

The Rangers are back in action Friday and Saturday in a three-game series against Southern Nazarene University at home.

To keep up with the Rangers go to riderangerside.com.

Top Players



Judah Zickafoose



Dashal Johnson



TJ Kassner

Athletic Schedule

April 6

RODEO

Rangers at Garden City Community College

BASEBALL

7 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Nazarene University

SOFTBALL

2 p.m. Rangers at Southern Nazarene University

4 p.m. Rangers at Southern Nazarene University

April 7

RODEO

Rangers at Garden City Community College

BASEBALL

1 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Nazarene University

4 p.m. Rangers vs Southern Nazarene University

SOFTBALL

12 p.m. Rangers at Southern Nazarene University

2 p.m. Rangers at Southern Nazarene University

April 8

RODEO

Rangers at Garden City Community College

April 9

M. GOLF

9 a.m. vs UFAS Hardscrabble Invitational

W. GOLF

9 a.m. vs UFAS Hardscrabble Invitational

April 10

M. GOLF

9 a.m. vs UFAS Hardscrabble Invitational

W. GOLF

9 a.m. vs UFAS Hardscrabble Invitational

April 12

RODEO

Rangers at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Sports

Lady Rangers take one victory

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Lady Rangers softball team hosted Oklahoma Baptist University in a four-game series on Thursday and Friday. The Lady Rangers fell in the series 3-1.

On Thursday, the Lady Rangers lost in double-headers 8-4 and 4-2.

In game one, the Lady Rangers started off hot on offense, as five batters collected multiple hits. Jordan Sutton led the team going 3-for-4 at the plate. The Lady Rangers out-hit OBU, but were unable to capitalize any runs.

Pitcher Madison Garza was strong in the circle until OBU hit a two-run homer in the third inning. A combined six runs in the fourth and fifth inning was enough to overcome the Lady Ranger's four runs for the victory.

In game two, the Lady Rangers fell in a close 4-2 game.

The Lady Rangers did not have the red-hot offense like during the first game. The lone runs for the Lady Rangers were scored in the sixth inning.

Pitcher Karly Murray gave up eight hits and four runs.

In Friday's double-header, the Lady Rangers split the games, falling 16-8 and then coming back to win 6-3.

In game three, OBU dominated the Lady Rangers in just five innings, 16-8.

The Lady Rangers jumped out to an early 5-1 lead in the bottom of the first. A home run blast from Macy Madewell gave the Lady Rangers three of the five runs in the bottom of the first.

OBU came back in the third inning with a grand slam and three more runs, totaling



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Top: Peyton Garrett slides in to second base while OBU baseman catches the ball. **Left:** Pitcher Karly Murray celebrates with the team after a good play. **Right:** Brittany Corrales lines up to hit the ball during the OBU game. The Rangers lost the series, 2-1.

seven. Eight more runs in the top of the fourth push OBU's lead to 16-5.

The Lady Rangers fought back in the bottom of the fourth with back-to-back home runs from Madi Parrott and Morgan

Kirk, but were unable to avoid mercy rule.

In the final game of the series, the Lady Rangers took the victory 6-3.

Pitcher Karly Murry held OBU to three earned runs and

collected seven strikeouts.

The Lady Rangers struck first in the bottom of the first with a leadoff double by Parrott, who then scored on a single from Kirk.

Three runs scored in the

third and two in the fifth would be enough for the Lady Rangers to take the 6-3 victory.

The Lady Rangers will next face rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University in a double-header on the road.

Women finish ninth in HSU invite

Northwestern Oklahoma State women's golf team finished up its final round of the HSU Spring Invite after posting a final round 337, placing them in ninth overall in the field.

The final round of 337 gave the Rangers a total of 655 in the toumey.

After a record-breaking first round, firing a 318, the Rangers came down a little on day two, but with tougher conditions than the first round.

Brittani Casement showed out at Big Creek Country Club where she broke the single round scoring record with a 73 on the first day, and followed it up with another solid score of 83 to finish in a tie for 16th.

Kelsi Wilson and Olivia Brockwho were just one stroke apart

at 165 and 166 respectively.

The final two Northwestern players to turn in their cards were Ashley Watts and Rylie Eller, rounding out their tournament with rounds of 87 and 86 respectively.

After a tie for the lead on the first day, Texas A&M Commerce emerged in the final round to take home the team title.

For the men's golf team, it was a tough second day at Big Creek Country Club, but Northwestern Oklahoma State held strong, finishing in third overall in the seven-team field.

The Rangers finished the final round shooting a 312, putting them at 915 overall, keeping them ahead of Missouri S&T by three strokes.

Once again, coming through for the Rangers, Ben Snelgrove had another quality outing, finishing in a tie for 8th and leading the men after a solid round of 74.

Tyler Berryhill finished with a 229 overall and in 14th place.

The next two men's golfers to come in were Parker Rehorn and Cole Ward who finished two strokes apart at 230 and 232.

Rounding out the Ranger scoring in the HSU Invite was Keiton Hoster who shot a final round 81 to bring his total to 237, placing him in 32nd in the field.

Henderson State went wire-to-wire in their own tournament, winning by 14 strokes, firing a sizzling 888 for the toumey.

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The Buzz

Campus safety is top priority

By SAMI MCGUIRE
Sports Editor

School shootings are trending. It is a scary thing to say, but there have been 18 school shootings or incidents so far in 2018, according to CNN.

On April 10 and 12 Northwestern Oklahoma State University will take action to protect our campus. The Northwestern police department and student services have joined forces to hold a "Response to Active Shooter Incidents on Campus: A Guide for NWOSU Campus Safety Authorities, Faculty and Staff."

Each training session will be one hour long on each day at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Heading this event is Joel Johnson, Northwestern chief of police, with the help of Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs. This event is only for staff and faculty, but in the near future training will be offered to the student body.

"The exact content, structure and format of that training is currently under discussion and development,"

Johnson said.

Although the event is closed to students it is strongly encouraged that staff and faculty attend.

This workshop is a condensed version of the CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training. Johnson is a certified instructor

for CRASE as well as ALERRT.

ALERRT is Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. This program is currently in use on campus, and is accredited by the State of Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

Northwestern's

protocols are constantly evolving to remain state of the art. All protocols are based upon research from industry experts. Protecting campus is what campus police is here to do. The workshop aims to help the staff and faculty become a part of that protection for the school. Northwestern have a low crime

average, but that doesn't mean it is immune from the threat of a shooter.

"Preparation and safety mindset are two of the most important components to ensuring safety and minimal loss of life in the event of this type of tragedy," Johnson said. "The *'Response to Active Shooter Incidents on Campus'* workshop is designed to prepare all campus staff and faculty to respond in a timely, coordinated, and efficient way to best protect students and other innocent lives on campus."

Since the year 2000, there have been 220 mass murders in the US involving an active shooter. About 25 percent of those incidents occurred at educational institutions.

"Nothing is a higher priority to the NWOSU Police Department than the protection of human life and overall safety of the University's students, faculty, staff and guests," Johnson said.

For more information about the event contact Joel Johnson at (580) 327-8511 or jjjohnson@nwosu.edu. To learn more about campus safety visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/campus-safety>.

Topics Covered

- Brief Overview of the NWOSU Police Department's Structure and Functions
- Nature and Scope of the Problem
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Incidents: Avoid, Deny, or Defend
- Understanding Law Enforcement Response to an Active Shooter Incident
- Bomb Threats and Explosions
- If you See Something, Say Something
- A concluding Question and Answer period